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Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	1803
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	28848
Total RAM Bits	608256
Number of I/O	328
Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	0.97V ~ 1.03V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	484-BGA
Supplier Device Package	484-FBGA (23x23)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep4ce30f23c8l">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep4ce30f23c8l</a>

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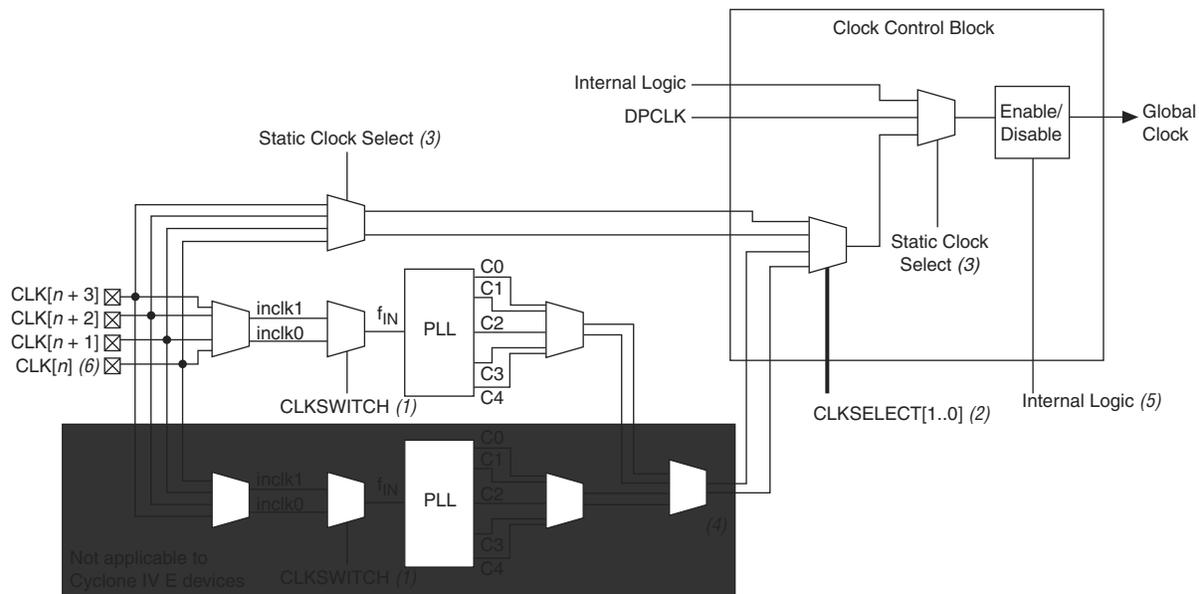


**Table 5-3. GCLK Network Connections for Cyclone IV E Devices <sup>(1)</sup> (Part 2 of 3)**

GCLK Network Clock Sources	GCLK Networks																			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CLK15/DIFFCLK_6p <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
PLL_1_C0 <sup>(3)</sup>	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_1_C1 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_1_C2 <sup>(3)</sup>	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_1_C3 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_1_C4 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C0 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C1 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C2 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C3 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C4 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_4_C0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
PLL_4_C1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓
PLL_4_C2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—
PLL_4_C3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—
PLL_4_C4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓
DPCLK0	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK1	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DPCLK7 <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CDPCLK0, or CDPCLK7 <sup>(2), (5)</sup>	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Figure 5-1 shows the clock control block.

**Figure 5-1. Clock Control Block**

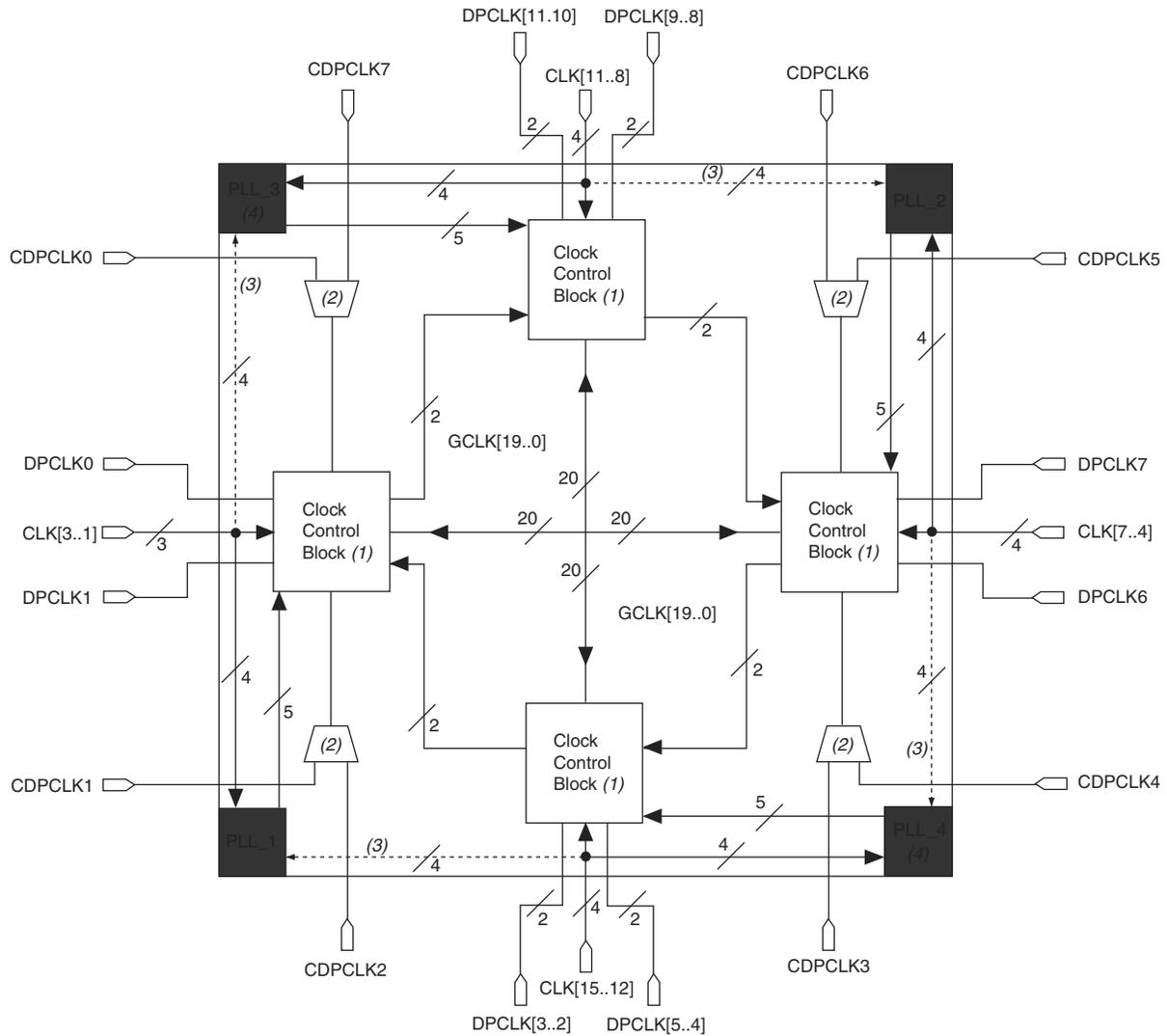


**Notes to Figure 5-1:**

- (1) The `clkswitch` signal can either be set through the configuration file or dynamically set when using the manual PLL switchover feature. The output of the multiplexer is the input clock ( $f_{IN}$ ) for the PLL.
- (2) The `clkselect[1..0]` signals are fed by internal logic and are used to dynamically select the clock source for the GCLK when the device is in user mode.
- (3) The static clock select signals are set in the configuration file. Therefore, dynamic control when the device is in user mode is not feasible.
- (4) Two out of four PLL clock outputs are selected from adjacent PLLs to drive into the clock control block.
- (5) You can use internal logic to enable or disable the GCLK in user mode.
- (6) `CLK[n]` is not available on the left side of Cyclone IV E devices.

Each PLL generates five clock outputs through the `c[4..0]` counters. Two of these clocks can drive the GCLK through a clock control block, as shown in Figure 5-1.

For more information about how to use the clock control block in the Quartus II software, refer to the *ALTCLKCTRL Megafunction User Guide*.

**Figure 5-4. Clock Networks and Clock Control Block Locations in Cyclone IV E Devices****Notes to Figure 5-4:**

- (1) There are five clock control blocks on each side.
- (2) Only one of the corner CDPCLK pins in each corner can feed the clock control block at a time. You can use the other CDPCLK pins as general-purpose I/O (GPIO) pins.
- (3) Dedicated clock pins can feed into this PLL. However, these paths are not fully compensated.
- (4) PLL\_3 and PLL\_4 are not available in EP4CE6 and EP4CE10 devices.

The inputs to the clock control blocks on each side of the Cyclone IV GX device must be chosen from among the following clock sources:

- Four clock input pins
- Ten PLL counter outputs (five from each adjacent PLLs)
- Two, four, or six DPCLK pins from the top, bottom, and right sides of the device
- Five signals from internal logic

Table 6-6 and Table 6-7 summarize which I/O banks support these I/O standards in the Cyclone IV device family.

**Table 6-6. Differential I/O Standards Supported in Cyclone IV E I/O Banks**

Differential I/O Standards	I/O Bank Location	External Resistor Network at Transmitter	Transmitter (TX)	Receiver (RX)
LVDS	1,2,5,6	Not Required	✓	✓
	All	Three Resistors		
RSDS	1,2,5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	3,4,7,8	Three Resistors		
	All	Single Resistor		
mini-LVDS	1,2,5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	All	Three Resistors		
PPDS	1,2,5,6	Not Required	✓	—
	All	Three Resistors		
BLVDS <sup>(1)</sup>	All	Single Resistor	✓	✓
LVPECL <sup>(2)</sup>	All	—	—	✓
Differential SSTL-2 <sup>(3)</sup>	All	—	✓	✓
Differential SSTL-18 <sup>(3)</sup>	All	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-18 <sup>(3)</sup>	All	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-15 <sup>(3)</sup>	All	—	✓	✓
Differential HSTL-12 <sup>(3), (4)</sup>	All	—	✓	✓

**Notes to Table 6-6:**

- (1) Transmitter and Receiver  $f_{MAX}$  depend on system topology and performance requirement.
- (2) The LVPECL I/O standard is only supported on dedicated clock input pins.
- (3) The differential SSTL-2, SSTL-18, HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12 I/O standards are only supported on clock input pins and PLL output clock pins. PLL output clock pins do not support Class II interface type of differential SSTL-18, HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12 I/O standards.
- (4) Differential HSTL-12 Class II is supported only in column I/O banks.

## Differential SSTL I/O Standard Support in Cyclone IV Devices

The differential SSTL I/O standard is a memory-bus standard used for applications such as high-speed DDR SDRAM interfaces. Cyclone IV devices support differential SSTL-2 and SSTL-18 I/O standards. The differential SSTL output standard is only supported at PLL#\_CLKOUT pins using two single-ended SSTL output buffers (PLL#\_CLKOUT<sub>p</sub> and PLL#\_CLKOUT<sub>n</sub>), with the second output programmed to have opposite polarity. The differential SSTL input standard is supported on the GCLK pins only, treating differential inputs as two single-ended SSTL and only decoding one of them.

The differential SSTL I/O standard requires two differential inputs with an external reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ) as well as an external termination voltage ( $V_{TT}$ ) of  $0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$  to which termination resistors are connected.

 For differential SSTL electrical specifications, refer to “Differential I/O Standard Termination” on page 6–15 and the *Cyclone IV Device Datasheet* chapter.

 Figure 6–8 on page 6–15 shows the differential SSTL Class I and Class II interface.

## Differential HSTL I/O Standard Support in Cyclone IV Devices

The differential HSTL I/O standard is used for the applications designed to operate in 0 V to 1.2 V, 0 V to 1.5 V, or 0 V to 1.8 V HSTL logic switching range. Cyclone IV devices support differential HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12 I/O standards. The differential HSTL input standard is available on GCLK pins only, treating the differential inputs as two single-ended HSTL and only decoding one of them. The differential HSTL output standard is only supported at the PLL#\_CLKOUT pins using two single-ended HSTL output buffers (PLL#\_CLKOUT<sub>p</sub> and PLL#\_CLKOUT<sub>n</sub>), with the second output programmed to have opposite polarity.

The differential HSTL I/O standard requires two differential inputs with an external reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ), as well as an external termination voltage ( $V_{TT}$ ) of  $0.5 \times V_{CCIO}$  to which termination resistors are connected.

 For differential HSTL signaling characteristics, refer to “Differential I/O Standard Termination” on page 6–15 and the *Cyclone IV Device Datasheet* chapter.

 Figure 6–7 on page 6–15 shows the differential HSTL Class I and Class II interface.

## True Differential Output Buffer Feature

Cyclone IV devices true differential transmitters offer programmable pre-emphasis—you can turn it on or off. The default setting is on.

### Programmable Pre-Emphasis

The programmable pre-emphasis boosts the high frequencies of the output signal to compensate the frequency-dependant attenuation of the transmission line to maximize the data eye opening at the far-end receiver. Without pre-emphasis, the output current is limited by the  $V_{OD}$  specification and the output impedance of the transmitter. At high frequency, the slew rate may not be fast enough to reach full  $V_{OD}$ .

Table 7–2 lists the number of DQS or DQ groups supported on each side of the Cyclone IV E device.

**Table 7–2. Cyclone IV E Device DQS and DQ Bus Mode Support for Each Side of the Device (Part 1 of 3)**

Device	Package	Side	Number ×8 Groups	Number ×9 Groups	Number ×16 Groups	Number ×18 Groups	Number ×32 Groups	Number ×36 Groups
EP4CE6 EP4CE10	144-pin EQFP	Left	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Right	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(1), (3)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Top <sup>(1), (4)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
	256-pin UBGA	Left <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Right <sup>(2)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Bottom	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top	2	2	1	1	—	—
	256-pin FBGA	Left <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Right <sup>(2)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Bottom	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top	2	2	1	1	—	—
EP4CE15	144-pin EQFP	Left	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Right	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(1), (3)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Top <sup>(1), (4)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
	164-pin MBGA	Left	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Right	0	0	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(1), (3)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
		Top <sup>(1), (4)</sup>	1	0	0	0	—	—
	256-pin MBGA	Left	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Right	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Bottom <sup>(1), (3)</sup>	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top <sup>(1), (4)</sup>	2	2	1	1	—	—
	256-pin UBGA	Left <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Right <sup>(2)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Bottom	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top	2	2	1	1	—	—
	256-pin FBGA	Left <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Right <sup>(2)</sup>	1	1	0	0	—	—
		Bottom	2	2	1	1	—	—
		Top	2	2	1	1	—	—
	484-pin FBGA	Left	4	4	2	2	1	1
		Right	4	4	2	2	1	1
		Bottom	4	4	2	2	1	1
		Top	4	4	2	2	1	1

devices. The internal oscillator is designed to ensure that its maximum frequency is guaranteed to meet EPCS device specifications. Cyclone IV devices offer the option to select `CLKUSR` as the external clock source for `DCLK`. You can change the clock source option in the Quartus II software in the **Configuration** tab of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box.

 EPCS1 does not support Cyclone IV devices because of its insufficient memory capacity.

**Table 8-6. AS DCLK Output Frequency**

Oscillator	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
40 MHz	20	30	40	MHz

In configuration mode, the Cyclone IV device enables the serial configuration device by driving the `nCS0` output pin low, which connects to the `nCS` pin of the configuration device. The Cyclone IV device uses the `DCLK` and `DATA [1]` pins to send operation commands and read address signals to the serial configuration device. The configuration device provides data on its `DATA` pin, which connects to the `DATA [0]` input of the Cyclone IV device.

All AS configuration pins (`DATA [0]`, `DCLK`, `nCS0`, and `DATA [1]`) have weak internal pull-up resistors that are always active. After configuration, these pins are set as input tri-stated and are driven high by the weak internal pull-up resistors.

The timing parameters for AS mode are not listed here because the  $t_{CF2CD}$ ,  $t_{CF2ST0}$ ,  $t_{CFG}$ ,  $t_{STATUS}$ ,  $t_{CF2ST1}$ , and  $t_{CD2UM}$  timing parameters are identical to the timing parameters for PS mode shown in Table 8-12 on page 8-36.

four devices. During the first configuration cycle, the master device reads its configuration data from the serial configuration device while holding `nCEO` high. After completing its configuration cycle, the master device drives `nCE` low and sends the second copy of the configuration data to all three slave devices, configuring them simultaneously.

The advantage of the setup in Figure 8-4 is that you can have a different `.sof` for the master device. However, all the slave devices must be configured with the same `.sof`. You can either compress or uncompress the `.sof` in this configuration method.

 You can still use this method if the master and slave devices use the same `.sof`.

**Table 8-19. Configuration Pin Summary for Cyclone IV E Devices (Part 2 of 3)**

Bank	Description	Input/Output	Dedicated	Powered By	Configuration Mode
1	DATA [0] (1), (2)	Input	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	PS, FPP, AS
		Bidirectional		V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
1	DATA [1] (2) /ASDO (1)	Input	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	FPP
		Output		V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AS
		Bidirectional		V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
8	DATA [7..2] (2)	Input	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	FPP
		Bidirectional		V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
8	DATA [15..8] (2)	Bidirectional	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
6	INIT_DONE	Output	—	Pull-up	Optional, all modes
1	nSTATUS	Bidirectional	Yes	Pull-up	All modes
1	nCE	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	All modes
1	DCLK (1), (2)	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	PS, FPP
		Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AS, AP
6	CONF_DONE	Bidirectional	Yes	Pull-up	All modes
1	TDI	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	JTAG
1	TMS	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	JTAG
1	TCK	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	JTAG
1	nCONFIG	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	All modes
6	CLKUSR	Input	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	Optional
6	nCEO	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	Optional, all modes
6	MSEL []	Input	Yes	V <sub>CCINT</sub>	All modes
1	TDO	Output	Yes	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	JTAG
7	PADD [14..0]	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
8	PADD [19..15]	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
6	PADD [23..20]	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
1	nRESET	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
6	nAVD	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
6	nOE	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
6	nWE	Output	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	AP
5	DEV_OE	Input	—	V <sub>CCIO</sub>	Optional, AP

The remote system upgrade status register is updated by the dedicated error monitoring circuitry after an error condition, but before the factory configuration is loaded.

**Table 8-26. Control Register Contents After an Error or Reconfiguration Trigger Condition**

Reconfiguration Error/Trigger	Control Register Setting In Remote Update
nCONFIG reset	All bits are 0
nSTATUS error	All bits are 0
CORE triggered reconfiguration	Update register
CRC error	All bits are 0
Wd time out	All bits are 0

### User Watchdog Timer

The user watchdog timer prevents a faulty application configuration from indefinitely stalling the device. The system uses the timer to detect functional errors after an application configuration is successfully loaded into the Cyclone IV device.

The user watchdog timer is a counter that counts down from the initial value loaded into the remote system upgrade control register by the factory configuration. The counter is 29 bits wide and has a maximum count value of  $2^{29}$ . When specifying the user watchdog timer value, specify only the most significant 12 bits. The remote system upgrade circuitry appends 17'b1000 to form the 29-bits value for the watchdog timer. The granularity of the timer setting is  $2^{17}$  cycles. The cycle time is based on the frequency of the 10-MHz internal oscillator or CLKUSR (maximum frequency of 40 MHz).

Table 8-27 lists the operating range of the 10-MHz internal oscillator.

**Table 8-27. 10-MHz Internal Oscillator Specifications**

Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
5	6.5	10	MHz

The user watchdog timer begins counting after the application configuration enters device user mode. This timer must be periodically reloaded or reset by the application configuration before the timer expires by asserting RU\_nRSTIMER. If the application configuration does not reload the user watchdog timer before the count expires, a time-out signal is generated by the remote system upgrade dedicated circuitry. The time-out signal tells the remote system upgrade circuitry to set the user watchdog timer status bit (Wd) in the remote system upgrade status register and reconfigures the device by loading the factory configuration.



To allow the remote system upgrade dedicated circuitry to reset the watchdog timer, you must assert the RU\_nRSTIMER signal active for a minimum of 250 ns. This is equivalent to strobing the reset\_timer input of the ALTREMOTE\_UPDATE megafunction high for a minimum of 250 ns.

Errors during configuration are detected by the CRC engine. Functional errors must not exist in the factory configuration because it is stored and validated during production and is never updated remotely.

## Document Revision History

Table 10-3 lists the revision history for this chapter.

**Table 10-3. Document Revision History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Changes</b>
December 2013	1.3	■ Updated the “EXTEST_PULSE” section.
November 2011	1.2	■ Updated the “BST Operation Control” section. ■ Updated Table 10-2.
February 2010	1.1	■ Added Cyclone IV E devices in Table 10-1 and Table 10-2 for the Quartus II software version 9.1 SP1 release. ■ Updated Figure 10-1 and Figure 10-2. ■ Minor text edits.
November 2009	1.0	Initial release.

Figure 1–35 shows the datapath clocking in the transmitter and receiver operation mode with the rate match FIFO. The receiver datapath clocking in configuration without the rate match FIFO is identical to Figure 1–34.

In configuration with the rate match FIFO, the CDR unit in the receiver channel recovers the clock from received serial data and generates the high-speed recovered clock for the deserializer, and low-speed recovered clock for forwarding to the receiver PCS. The low-speed recovered clock feeds to the following blocks in the receiver PCS:

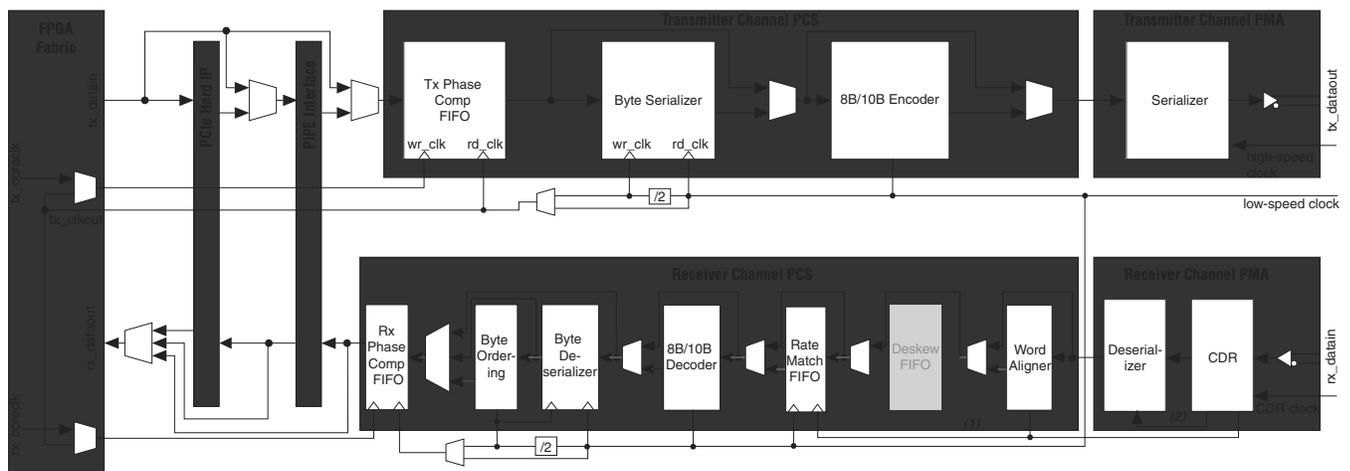
- word aligner
- write clock of rate match FIFO

The low-speed clock that is used in the transmitter PCS datapath feeds the following blocks in the receiver PCS:

- read clock of rate match FIFO
- 8B/10B decoder
- write clock of byte deserializer
- byte ordering
- write clock of RX phase compensation FIFO

When the byte deserializer is enabled, the low-speed clock frequency is halved before feeding into the write clock of RX phase compensation FIFO. The low-speed clock is available in the FPGA fabric as `tx_clkout` port, which can be used in the FPGA fabric to send transmitter data and control signals, and capture receiver data and status signals.

**Figure 1–35. Transmitter and Receiver Datapath Clocking with Rate Match FIFO in Non-Bonded Channel Configuration**



**Notes to Figure 1–35:**

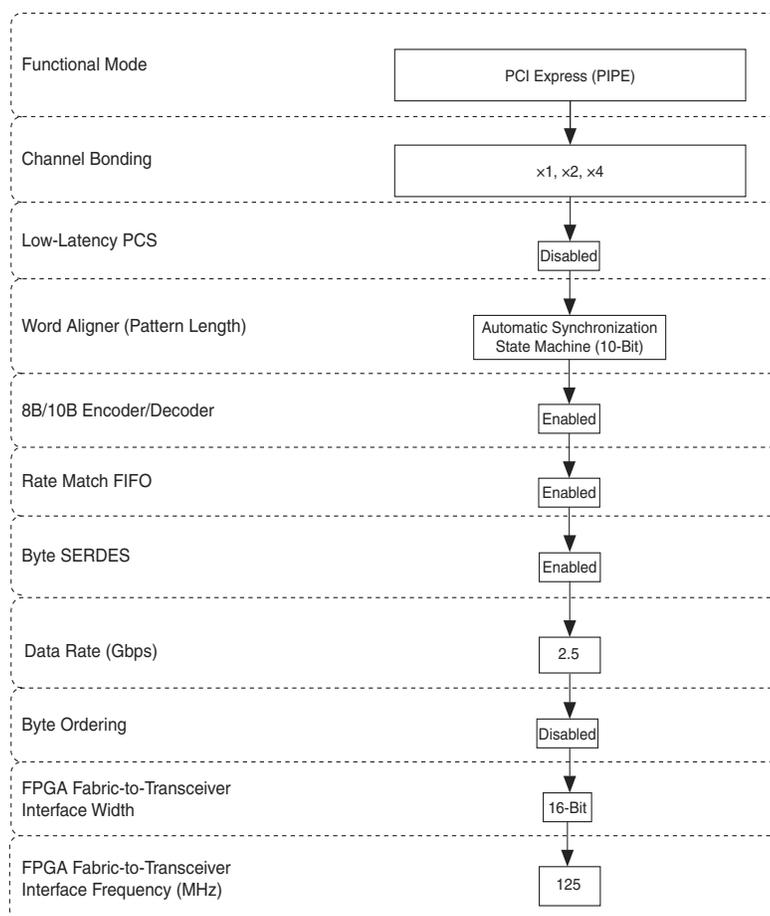
- (1) Low-speed recovered clock.
- (2) High-speed recovered clock.

Configuring the hard IP module requires using the PCI Express Compiler. When configuring the transceiver for PCIe implementation with hard IP module, the byte serializer and deserializer are not enabled, providing an 8-bit transceiver-PIPE-hard IP data interface width running at 250 MHz clock frequency.

 For more information about PCIe implementation with hard IP module, refer to the *PCI Express Compiler User Guide*.

Figure 1-49 shows the transceiver configuration in PIPE mode.

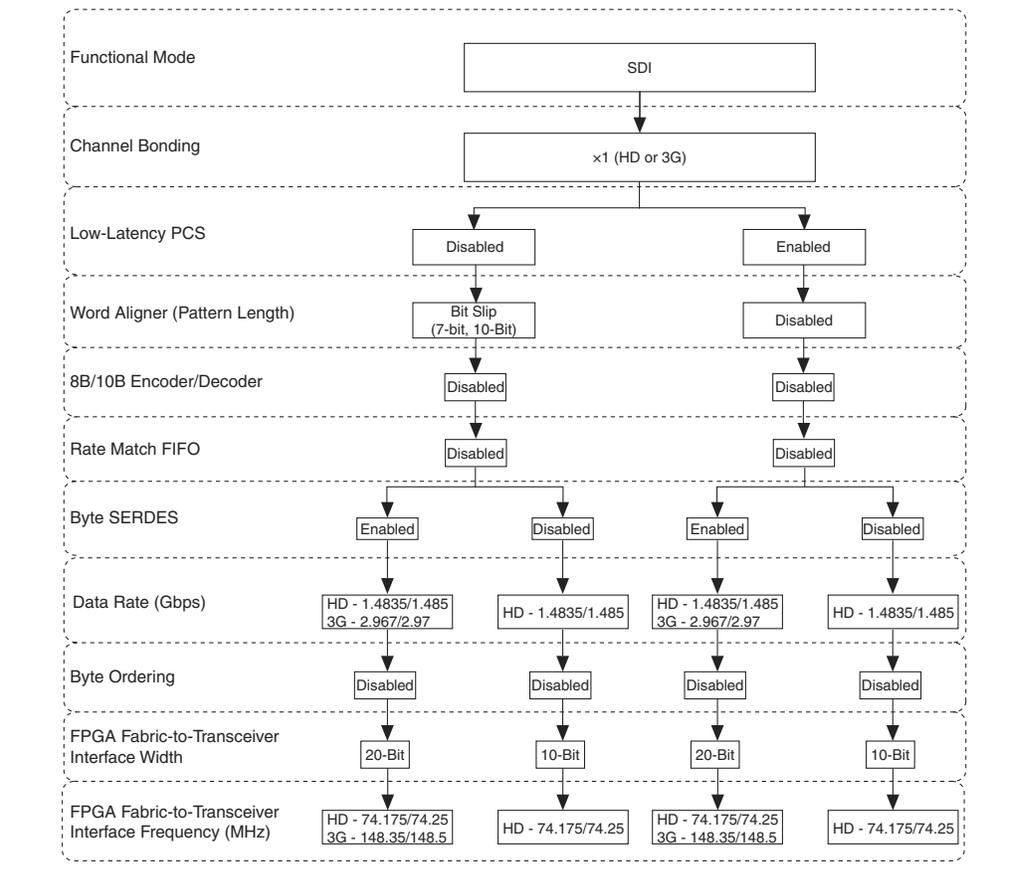
**Figure 1-49. Transceiver Configuration in PIPE Mode**



 When configuring the transceiver into PIPE mode using ALTGX megafunction for PCIe implementation, the PHY-MAC, data link and transaction layers must be implemented in user logics. The PCIe hard IP block is bypassed in this configuration.

Figure 1–69 shows the transceiver configuration in SDI mode.

**Figure 1–69. Transceiver Configuration in SDI Mode**



 Altera recommends driving `rx_bitslip` port low in configuration where low-latency PCS is not enabled. In SDI systems, the word alignment and framing occurs after descrambling, which is implemented in the user logic. The word alignment therefore is not useful, and keeping `rx_bitslip` port low avoids the word aligner from inserting bits in the received data stream.

## Loopback

Cyclone IV GX devices provide three loopback options that allow you to verify the operation of different functional blocks in the transceiver channel. The following loopback modes are available:

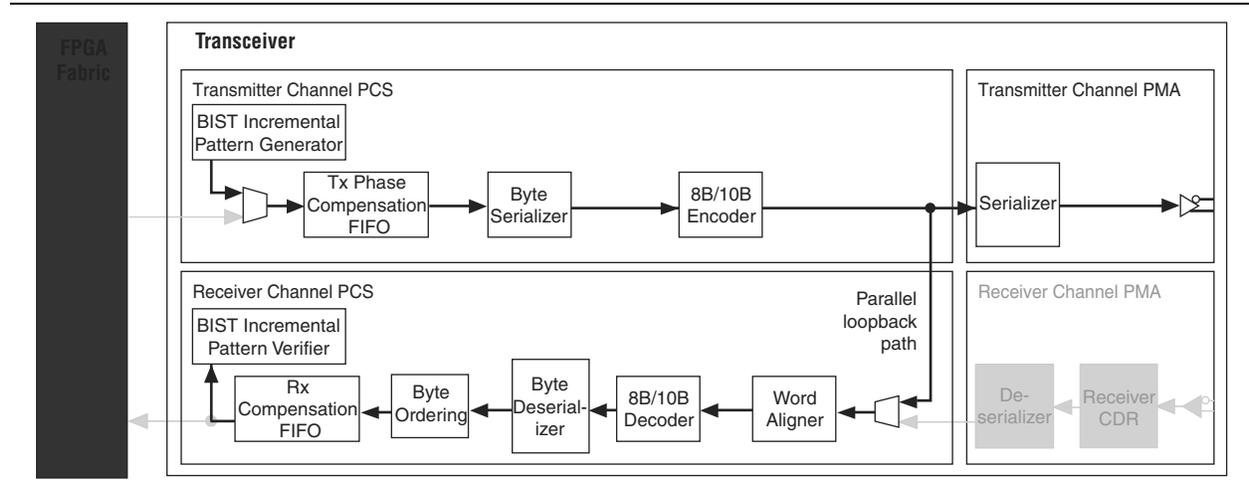
- reverse parallel loopback (available only for PIPE mode)
- serial loopback (available for all modes except PIPE mode)
- reverse serial loopback (available for all modes except XAUI mode)

 In each loopback mode, all transmitter buffer and receiver buffer settings are available if the buffers are active, unless stated otherwise.

## BIST

Figure 1-73 shows the datapath for BIST incremental data pattern test mode. The BIST incremental data generator and verifier are located near the FPGA fabric in the PCS block of the transceiver channel.

**Figure 1-73. BIST Incremental Pattern Test Mode Datapath**



The incremental pattern generator and verifier are 16-bits wide. The generated pattern increments from 00 to FF and passes through the TX PCS blocks, parallel looped back to RX PCS blocks, and checked by the verifier. The pattern is also available as serial data at the `tx_dataout` port. The differential output voltage of the transmitted serial data on the `tx_dataout` port is based on the selected  $V_{OD}$  settings. The incremental data pattern is not available to the FPGA logic at the receiver for verification.

The following are the transceiver channel configuration settings in this mode:

- PCS-FPGA fabric channel width: 16-bit
- 8B/10B blocks: Enabled
- Byte serializer/deserializer: Enabled
- Word aligner: Automatic synchronization state machine mode
- Byte ordering: Enabled

The `rx_bisterr` and `rx_bistdone` signals indicate the status of the verifier. The `rx_bisterr` signal is asserted and stays high when detecting an error in the data. The `rx_bistdone` signal is asserted and stays high when the verifier either receives a full cycle of incremental pattern or it detects an error in the receiver data. You can reset the incremental pattern generator and verifier by asserting the `tx_digitalreset` and `rx_digitalreset` ports, respectively.

## Transceiver Top-Level Port Lists

Table 1–26 through Table 1–29 provide descriptions of the ports available when instantiating a transceiver using the ALTGX megafunction. The ALTGX megafunction requires a relatively small number of signals. There are also a large number of optional signals that facilitate debugging by providing information about the state of the transceiver.

**Table 3-2. Dynamic Reconfiguration Controller Port List (ALTGX\_RECONFIG Instance) (Part 6 of 7)**

Port Name	Input/Output	Description															
rx_eqdcgain [1..0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	<p>This is an optional equalizer DC gain write control.</p> <p>The width of this signal is fixed to 2 bits if you enable either the <b>Use 'logical_channel_address' port for Analog controls reconfiguration</b> option or the <b>Use same control signal for all the channels</b> option in the <b>Analog controls</b> screen. Otherwise, the width of this signal is 2 bits per channel.</p> <p>The following values are the legal settings allowed for this signal:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>rx_eqdcgain[1..0]</th> <th>Corresponding ALTGX settings</th> <th>Corresponding DC Gain value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(dB)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2'b00</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2'b01</td> <td>1</td> <td>3 <sup>(2)</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2'b10</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All other values =&gt; N/A</p> <p>For more information, refer to the “Programmable Equalization and DC Gain” section of the <i>Cyclone IV GX Device Datasheet</i> chapter.</p>	rx_eqdcgain[1..0]	Corresponding ALTGX settings	Corresponding DC Gain value	(dB)			2'b00	0	0	2'b01	1	3 <sup>(2)</sup>	2'b10	2	6
rx_eqdcgain[1..0]	Corresponding ALTGX settings	Corresponding DC Gain value															
(dB)																	
2'b00	0	0															
2'b01	1	3 <sup>(2)</sup>															
2'b10	2	6															
tx_vodctrl_out [2..0]	Output	<p>This is an optional transmit V<sub>OD</sub> read control signal. This signal reads out the value written into the V<sub>OD</sub> control register. The width of this output signal depends on the number of channels controlled by the dynamic reconfiguration controller and also the configuration of the <b>Use 'logical_channel_address' port for Analog controls reconfiguration</b> option and the <b>Use same control signal for all the channels</b> option.</p>															
tx_preemp_out [4..0]	Output	<p>This is an optional pre-emphasis read control signal. This signal reads out the value written by its input control signal. The width of this output signal depends on the number of channels controlled by the dynamic reconfiguration controller and also the configuration of the <b>Use 'logical_channel_address' port for Analog controls reconfiguration</b> option and the <b>Use same control signal for all the channels</b> option.</p>															
rx_eqctrl_out [3..0]	Output	<p>This is an optional read control signal to read the setting of equalization setting of the ALTGX instance. The width of this output signal depends on the number of channels controlled by the dynamic reconfiguration controller and also the configuration of the <b>Use 'logical_channel_address' port for Analog controls reconfiguration</b> option and the <b>Use same control signal for all the channels</b> option.</p>															
rx_eqdcgain_out [1..0]	Output	<p>This is an optional equalizer DC gain read control signal. This signal reads out the settings of the ALTGX instance DC gain. The width of this output signal depends on the number of channels controlled by the dynamic reconfiguration controller and also the configuration of the <b>Use 'logical_channel_address' port for Analog controls reconfiguration</b> option and the <b>Use same control signal for all the channels</b> option.</p>															
<b>Transceiver Channel Reconfiguration Control/Status Signals</b>																	
reconfig_mode_sel [2..0] <sup>(3)</sup>	Input	<p>Set the following values at this signal to activate the appropriate dynamic reconfiguration mode:</p> <p>3'b000 = PMA controls reconfiguration mode. This is the default value.</p> <p>3'b001 = Channel reconfiguration mode</p> <p>All other values =&gt; N/A</p> <p>reconfig_mode_sel [] is available as an input only when you enable more than one dynamic reconfiguration mode.</p>															

Table 1–44 and Table 1–45 list the IOE programmable delay for Cyclone IV GX devices.

**Table 1–44. IOE Programmable Delay on Column Pins for Cyclone IV GX Devices <sup>(1)</sup>, <sup>(2)</sup>**

Parameter	Paths Affected	Number of Settings	Min Offset	Max Offset						Unit
				Fast Corner		Slow Corner				
				C6	I7	C6	C7	C8	I7	
Input delay from pin to internal cells	Pad to I/O dataout to core	7	0	1.313	1.209	2.184	2.336	2.451	2.387	ns
Input delay from pin to input register	Pad to I/O input register	8	0	1.312	1.208	2.200	2.399	2.554	2.446	ns
Delay from output register to output pin	I/O output register to pad	2	0	0.438	0.404	0.751	0.825	0.886	0.839	ns
Input delay from dual-purpose clock pin to fan-out destinations	Pad to global clock network	12	0	0.713	0.682	1.228	1.41	1.566	1.424	ns

**Notes to Table 1–44:**

- (1) The incremental values for the settings are generally linear. For exact values of each setting, use the latest version of the Quartus II software.
- (2) The minimum and maximum offset timing numbers are in reference to setting **0** as available in the Quartus II software.

**Table 1–45. IOE Programmable Delay on Row Pins for Cyclone IV GX Devices <sup>(1)</sup>, <sup>(2)</sup>**

Parameter	Paths Affected	Number of Settings	Min Offset	Max Offset						Unit
				Fast Corner		Slow Corner				
				C6	I7	C6	C7	C8	I7	
Input delay from pin to internal cells	Pad to I/O dataout to core	7	0	1.314	1.210	2.209	2.398	2.526	2.443	ns
Input delay from pin to input register	Pad to I/O input register	8	0	1.313	1.208	2.205	2.406	2.563	2.450	ns
Delay from output register to output pin	I/O output register to pad	2	0	0.461	0.421	0.789	0.869	0.933	0.884	ns
Input delay from dual-purpose clock pin to fan-out destinations	Pad to global clock network	12	0	0.712	0.682	1.225	1.407	1.562	1.421	ns

**Notes to Table 1–45:**

- (1) The incremental values for the settings are generally linear. For exact values of each setting, use the latest version of Quartus II software.
- (2) The minimum and maximum offset timing numbers are in reference to setting **0** as available in the Quartus II software.