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Understanding [Embedded - FPGAs \(Field Programmable Gate Array\)](#)

Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details

Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	-
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	516096
Number of I/O	221
Number of Gates	3000000
Voltage - Supply	1.425V ~ 1.575V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	324-BGA
Supplier Device Package	324-FBGA (19x19)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/m1a3pe3000-2fg324i

Single Chip

Flash-based FPGAs store their configuration information in on-chip flash cells. Once programmed, the configuration data is an inherent part of the FPGA structure, and no external configuration data needs to be loaded at system power-up (unlike SRAM-based FPGAs). Therefore, flash-based ProASIC3E FPGAs do not require system configuration components such as EEPROMs or microcontrollers to load device configuration data. This reduces bill-of-materials costs and PCB area, and increases security and system reliability.

Instant On

Flash-based ProASIC3E devices support Level 0 of the Instant On classification standard. This feature helps in system component initialization, execution of critical tasks before the processor wakes up, setup and configuration of memory blocks, clock generation, and bus activity management. The Instant On feature of flash-based ProASIC3E devices greatly simplifies total system design and reduces total system cost, often eliminating the need for CPLDs and clock generation PLLs that are used for these purposes in a system. In addition, glitches and brownouts in system power will not corrupt the ProASIC3E device's flash configuration, and unlike SRAM-based FPGAs, the device will not have to be reloaded when system power is restored. This enables the reduction or complete removal of the configuration PROM, expensive voltage monitor, brownout detection, and clock generator devices from the PCB design. Flash-based ProASIC3E devices simplify total system design and reduce cost and design risk while increasing system reliability and improving system initialization time.

Firm Errors

Firm errors occur most commonly when high-energy neutrons, generated in the upper atmosphere, strike a configuration cell of an SRAM FPGA. The energy of the collision can change the state of the configuration cell and thus change the logic, routing, or I/O behavior in an unpredictable way. These errors are impossible to prevent in SRAM FPGAs. The consequence of this type of error can be a complete system failure. Firm errors do not exist in the configuration memory of ProASIC3E flash-based FPGAs. Once it is programmed, the flash cell configuration element of ProASIC3E FPGAs cannot be altered by high-energy neutrons and is therefore immune to them. Recoverable (or soft) errors occur in the user data SRAM of all FPGA devices. These can easily be mitigated by using error detection and correction (EDAC) circuitry built into the FPGA fabric.

Low Power

Flash-based ProASIC3E devices exhibit power characteristics similar to an ASIC, making them an ideal choice for power-sensitive applications. ProASIC3E devices have only a very limited power-on current surge and no high-current transition period, both of which occur on many FPGAs.

Combinatorial Cells Contribution— P_{C-CELL}

$$P_{C-CELL} = N_{C-CELL} * \alpha_1 / 2 * PAC7 * F_{CLK}$$

N_{C-CELL} is the number of VersaTiles used as combinatorial modules in the design.

α_1 is the toggle rate of VersaTile outputs—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-11 on page 2-11](#).

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

Routing Net Contribution— P_{NET}

$$P_{NET} = (N_{S-CELL} + N_{C-CELL}) * \alpha_1 / 2 * PAC8 * F_{CLK}$$

N_{S-CELL} is the number of VersaTiles used as sequential modules in the design.

N_{C-CELL} is the number of VersaTiles used as combinatorial modules in the design.

α_1 is the toggle rate of VersaTile outputs—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-11 on page 2-11](#).

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

I/O Input Buffer Contribution— P_{INPUTS}

$$P_{INPUTS} = N_{INPUTS} * \alpha_2 / 2 * PAC9 * F_{CLK}$$

N_{INPUTS} is the number of I/O input buffers used in the design.

α_2 is the I/O buffer toggle rate—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-11 on page 2-11](#).

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

I/O Output Buffer Contribution— $P_{OUTPUTS}$

$$P_{OUTPUTS} = N_{OUTPUTS} * \alpha_2 / 2 * \beta_1 * PAC10 * F_{CLK}$$

$N_{OUTPUTS}$ is the number of I/O output buffers used in the design.

α_2 is the I/O buffer toggle rate—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-11 on page 2-11](#).

β_1 is the I/O buffer enable rate—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-12 on page 2-11](#).

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

RAM Contribution— P_{MEMORY}

$$P_{MEMORY} = PAC11 * N_{BLOCKS} * F_{READ-CLOCK} * \beta_2 + PAC12 * N_{BLOCK} * F_{WRITE-CLOCK} * \beta_3$$

N_{BLOCKS} is the number of RAM blocks used in the design.

$F_{READ-CLOCK}$ is the memory read clock frequency.

β_2 is the RAM enable rate for read operations—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-12 on page 2-11](#).

$F_{WRITE-CLOCK}$ is the memory write clock frequency.

β_3 is the RAM enable rate for write operations—guidelines are provided in [Table 2-12 on page 2-11](#).

PLL Contribution— P_{PLL}

$$P_{PLL} = PAC13 + PAC14 * F_{CLKOUT}$$

F_{CLKOUT} is the output clock frequency.¹

1. The PLL dynamic contribution depends on the input clock frequency, the number of output clock signals generated by the PLL, and the frequency of each output clock. If a PLL is used to generate more than one output clock, include each output clock in the formula by adding its corresponding contribution ($PAC14 * F_{CLKOUT}$ product) to the total PLL contribution.

Single-Ended I/O Characteristics

3.3 V LVTTTL / 3.3 V LVCMOS

Low-Voltage Transistor–Transistor Logic is a general-purpose standard (EIA/JESD) for 3.3 V applications. It uses an LVTTTL input buffer and push-pull output buffer. The 3.3 V LVCMOS standard is supported as part of the 3.3 V LVTTTL support.

Table 2-25 • Minimum and Maximum DC Input and Output Levels

3.3 V LVTTTL / 3.3 V LVCMOS	VIL		VIH		VOL	VOH	IOL	IOH	IOSL	IOSH	IIL ¹	IIH ²
Drive Strength	Min. V	Max. V	Min., V	Max. V	Max. V	Min. V	mA	mA	Max. mA ³	Max. mA ³	μA ⁴	μA ⁴
2 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	4	4	27	25	10	10
4 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	4	4	27	25	10	10
6 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	8	8	54	51	10	10
8 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	8	8	54	51	10	10
12 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	12	12	109	103	10	10
16 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	16	16	127	132	10	10
24 mA	−0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	24	24	181	268	10	10

Notes:

1. IIL is the input leakage current per I/O pin over recommended operation conditions where $-0.3\text{ V} < V_{IN} < V_{IL}$.
2. IIH is the input leakage current per I/O pin over recommended operating conditions $V_{IH} < V_{IN} < V_{CCI}$. Input current is larger when operating outside recommended ranges.
3. Currents are measured at high temperature (100°C junction temperature) and maximum voltage.
4. Currents are measured at 85°C junction temperature.
5. Software default selection highlighted in gray.

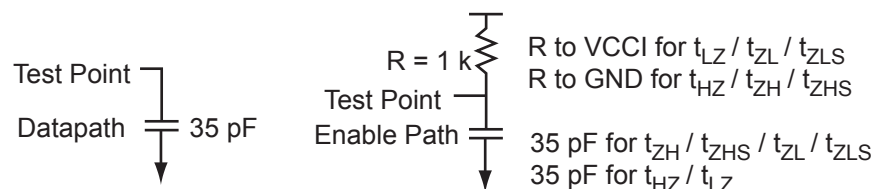


Figure 2-6 • AC Loading

Table 2-26 • 3.3 V LVTTTL / 3.3 V LVCMOS AC Waveforms, Measuring Points, and Capacitive Loads

Input Low (V)	Input High (V)	Measuring Point* (V)	VREF (typ.) (V)	C _{LOAD} (pF)
0	3.3	1.4	–	35

Note: *Measuring point = Vtrip. See Table 2-15 on page 2-18 for a complete table of trip points.

1.8 V LVCMOS

Low-Voltage CMOS for 1.8 V is an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-5) used for general-purpose 1.8 V applications. It uses a 1.8 V input buffer and a push-pull output buffer.

Table 2-37 • Minimum and Maximum DC Input and Output Levels

1.8 V LVCMOS	VIL		VIH		VOL	VOH	IOL	IOH	IOSL	IOSH	IIL ¹	IIH ²
Drive Strength	Min. V	Max. V	Min. V	Max. V	Max. V	Min. V	mA	mA	Max. mA ³	Max. mA ³	μA ⁴	μA ⁴
2 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	2	2	11	9	10	10
4 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	4	4	22	17	10	10
6 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	6	6	44	35	10	10
8 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	8	8	51	45	10	10
12 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	12	12	74	91	10	10
16 mA	−0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI − 0.45	16	16	74	91	10	10

Notes:

1. IIL is the input leakage current per I/O pin over recommended operation conditions where $-0.3\text{ V} < V_{IN} < V_{IL}$.
2. IIH is the input leakage current per I/O pin over recommended operating conditions $V_{IH} < V_{IN} < V_{CCI}$. Input current is larger when operating outside recommended ranges.
3. Currents are measured at high temperature (100°C junction temperature) and maximum voltage.
4. Currents are measured at 85°C junction temperature.
5. Software default selection highlighted in gray.

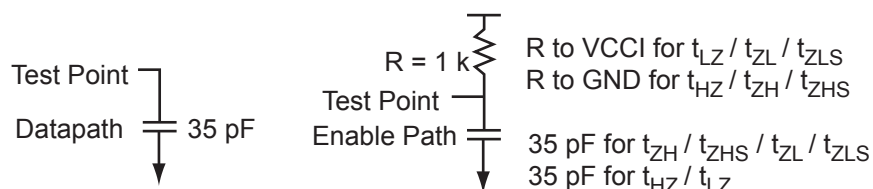


Figure 2-9 • AC Loading

Table 2-38 • AC Waveforms, Measuring Points, and Capacitive Loads

Input Low (V)	Input High (V)	Measuring Point* (V)	VREF (typ.) (V)	C _{LOAD} (pF)
0	1.8	0.9	–	35

Note: *Measuring point = V_{trip} . See [Table 2-15 on page 2-18](#) for a complete table of trip points.

Differential I/O Characteristics

Physical Implementation

Configuration of the I/O modules as a differential pair is handled by the Designer software when the user instantiates a differential I/O macro in the design.

Differential I/Os can also be used in conjunction with the embedded Input Register (InReg), Output Register (OutReg), Enable Register (EnReg), and DDR. However, there is no support for bidirectional I/Os or tristates with the LVPECL standards.

LVDS

Low-Voltage Differential Signaling (ANSI/TIA/EIA-644) is a high-speed, differential I/O standard. It requires that one data bit be carried through two signal lines, so two pins are needed. It also requires external resistor termination.

The full implementation of the LVDS transmitter and receiver is shown in an example in [Figure 2-22](#). The building blocks of the LVDS transmitter-receiver are one transmitter macro, one receiver macro, three board resistors at the transmitter end, and one resistor at the receiver end. The values for the three driver resistors are different from those used in the LVPECL implementation because the output standard specifications are different.

Along with LVDS I/O, ProASIC3E also supports Bus LVDS structure and Multipoint LVDS (M-LVDS) configuration (up to 40 nodes).

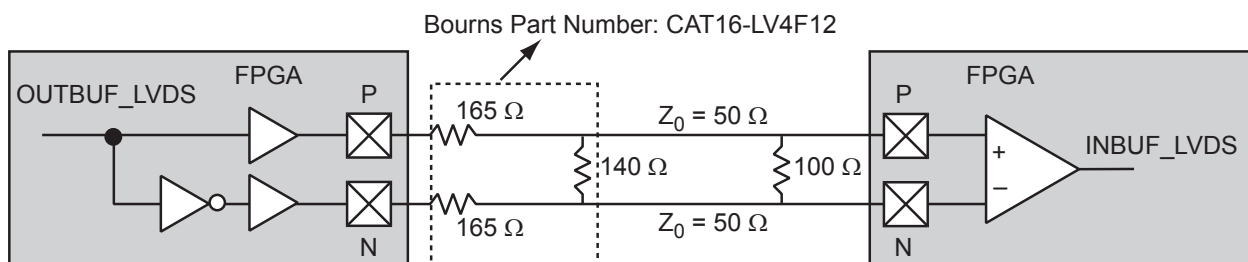


Figure 2-22 • LVDS Circuit Diagram and Board-Level Implementation

Revision	Changes	Page
Revision 10 (March 2012)	The "In-System Programming (ISP) and Security" section and "Security" section were revised to clarify that although no existing security measures can give an absolute guarantee, Microsemi FPGAs implement the best security available in the industry (SAR 34669).	I, 1-1
	The Y security option and Licensed DPA Logo were added to the "ProASIC3E Ordering Information" section. The trademarked Licensed DPA Logo identifies that a product is covered by a DPA counter-measures license from Cryptography Research (SAR 34727).	III
	The following sentence was removed from the "Advanced Architecture" section: "In addition, extensive on-chip programming circuitry allows for rapid, single-voltage (3.3 V) programming of IGLOOe devices via an IEEE 1532 JTAG interface" (SAR 34689).	1-3
	The "Specifying I/O States During Programming" section is new (SAR 34699).	1-6
	VCCPLL in Table 2-2 • Recommended Operating Conditions ¹ was corrected from "1.4 to 1.6 V" to "1.425 to 1.575 V" (SAR 33851). The T _J symbol was added to the table and notes regarding T _A and T _J were removed. The second of two parameters in the VCCI and VMV row, called "3.3 V DC supply voltage," was corrected to "3.0 V DC supply voltage" (SAR 37227).	2-2
	The reference to guidelines for global spines and VersaTile rows, given in the "Global Clock Contribution—P _{CLOCK} " section, was corrected to the "Spine Architecture" section of the Global Resources chapter in the <i>ProASIC3E FPGA Fabric User's Guide</i> (SAR 34735).	2-9
	t _{DOUT} was corrected to t _{DIN} in Figure 2-3 • Input Buffer Timing Model and Delays (example) (SAR 37109).	2-13
	The typo related to the values for 3.3 V LVCMOS Wide Range in Table 2-17 • Summary of I/O Timing Characteristics—Software Default Settings was corrected (SAR 37227).	2-19
	The notes regarding drive strength in the "Summary of I/O Timing Characteristics – Default I/O Software Settings" section and "3.3 V LVCMOS Wide Range" section and tables were revised for clarification. They now state that the minimum drive strength for the default software configuration when run in wide range is ±100 µA. The drive strength displayed in software is supported in normal range only. For a detailed I/V curve, refer to the IBIS models (SAR 34763).	2-18, 2-27

