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

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	684
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	104
Number of Gates	4000
Voltage - Supply	4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-55°C ~ 125°C (TJ)
Package / Case	132-BCPGA
Supplier Device Package	132-CPGA (34.54x34.54)
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1 – ACT 2 Family Overview

General Description

The ACT 2 family represents Actel's second generation of field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). The ACT 2 family presents a two-module architecture, consisting of C-modules and S-modules. These modules are optimized for both combinatorial and sequential designs. Based on Actel's patented channeled array architecture, the ACT 2 family provides significant enhancements to gate density and performance while maintaining downward compatibility with the ACT 1 design environment and upward compatibility with the ACT 3 design environment. The devices are implemented in silicon gate, 1.0-µm, two-level metal CMOS, and employ Actel's PLICE® antifuse technology. This revolutionary architecture offers gate array design flexibility, high performance, and fast time-to-production with user programming. The ACT 2 family is supported by the Designer and Designer Advantage Systems, which offers automatic pin assignment, validation of electrical and design rules, automatic placement and routing, timing analysis, user programming, and diagnostic probe capabilities. The systems are supported on the following platforms: 386/486™ PC, Sun™, and HP™ workstations. The systems provide CAE interfaces to the following design environments: Cadence, Viewlogic®, Mentor Graphics®, and OrCAD™.

To calculate the active power dissipated from the complete design, the switching frequency of each part of the logic must be known. EQ 4 shows a piece-wise linear summation over all components.

$$\text{Power} = VCC^2 * [(m * C_{EQM} * f_m)_{modules} + (n * C_{EQI} * f_n)_{inputs}$$
$$+ (p * (C_{EQO} + C_L) * fp)_{outputs}$$
$$+ 0.5 * (q1 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q1})_{routed\_Clk1} + (r1 * f_{q1})_{routed\_Clk1}$$
$$+ 0.5 * (q2 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q2})_{routed\_Clk2} + (r_2 * f_{q2})_{routed\_Clk2}$$

EQ 4

Where:

m = Number of logic modules switching at f_m

n = Number of input buffers switching at f_n

p = Number of output buffers switching at f_p

q1 = Number of clock loads on the first routed array clock

q2 = Number of clock loads on the second routed array clock

r_1 = Fixed capacitance due to first routed array clock

r_2 = Fixed capacitance due to second routed array clock

C_{EQM} = Equivalent capacitance of logic modules in pF

C_{EQI} = Equivalent capacitance of input buffers in pF

C_{EQO} = Equivalent capacitance of output buffers in pF

C_{EQCR} = Equivalent capacitance of routed array clock in pF

C_L = Output lead capacitance in pF

f_m = Average logic module switching rate in MHz

f_n = Average input buffer switching rate in MHz

f_p = Average output buffer switching rate in MHz

f_{q1} = Average first routed array clock rate in MHz

f_{q2} = Average second routed array clock rate in MHz

Table 2-7 • **Fixed Capacitance Values for Microsemi FPGAs**

Device Type	r1, routed_Clk1	r2, routed_Clk2
A1225A	106	106.0
A1240A	134	134.2
A1280A	168	167.8

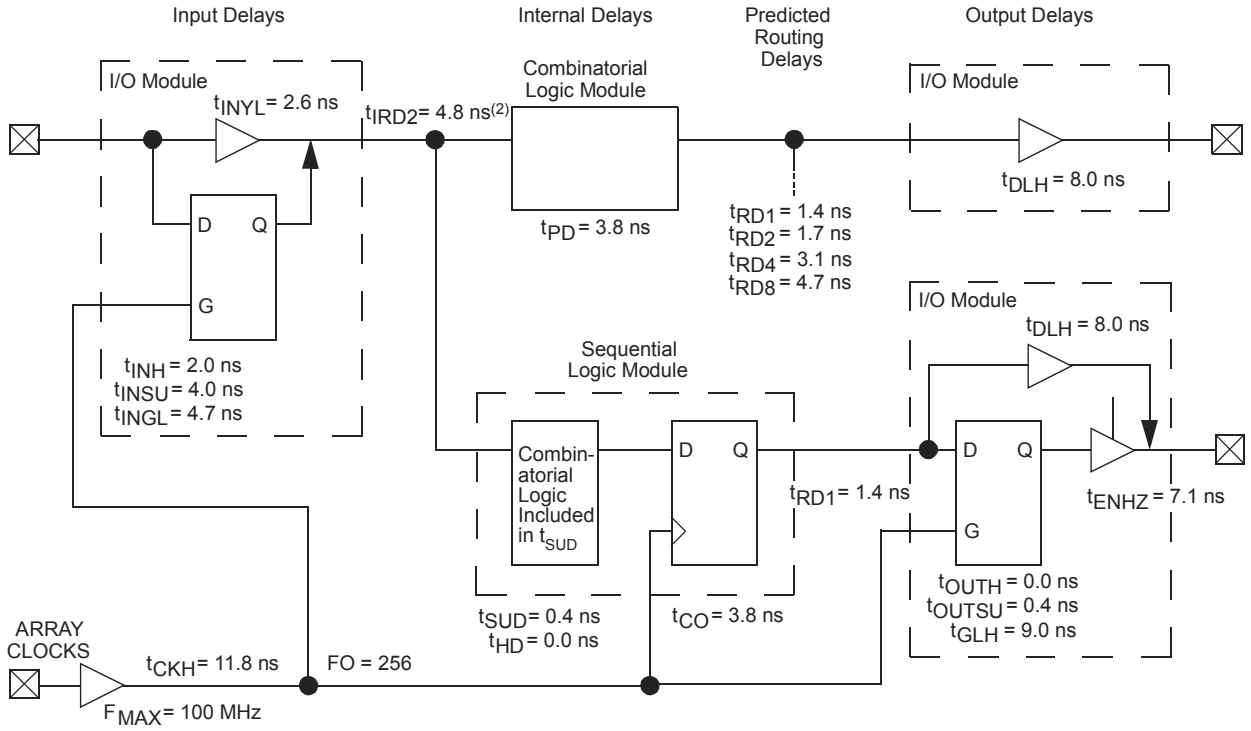
Determining Average Switching Frequency

To determine the switching frequency for a design, you must have a detailed understanding of the data input values to the circuit. The following guidelines are meant to represent worst-case scenarios so that they can be generally used to predict the upper limits of power dissipation. These guidelines are given in Table 2-8.

Table 2-8 • **Guidelines for Predicting Power Dissipation**

Data	Value
Logic Modules (m)	80% of modules
Inputs switching (n)	# inputs/4
Outputs switching (p)	# output/4
First routed array clock loads (q1)	40% of sequential modules
Second routed array clock loads (q2)	40% of sequential modules
Load capacitance (C_L)	35 pF
Average logic module switching rate (f_m)	F/10
Average input switching rate (f_n)	F/5
Average output switching rate (f_p)	F/10
Average first routed array clock rate (f_{q1})	F
Average second routed array clock rate (f_{q2})	F/2

ACT 2 Timing Model[1]



Notes:

1. *Values shown for A1240A-2 at worst-case commercial conditions.*
2. *Input module predicted routing delay*

Figure 2-1 • **Timing Model**

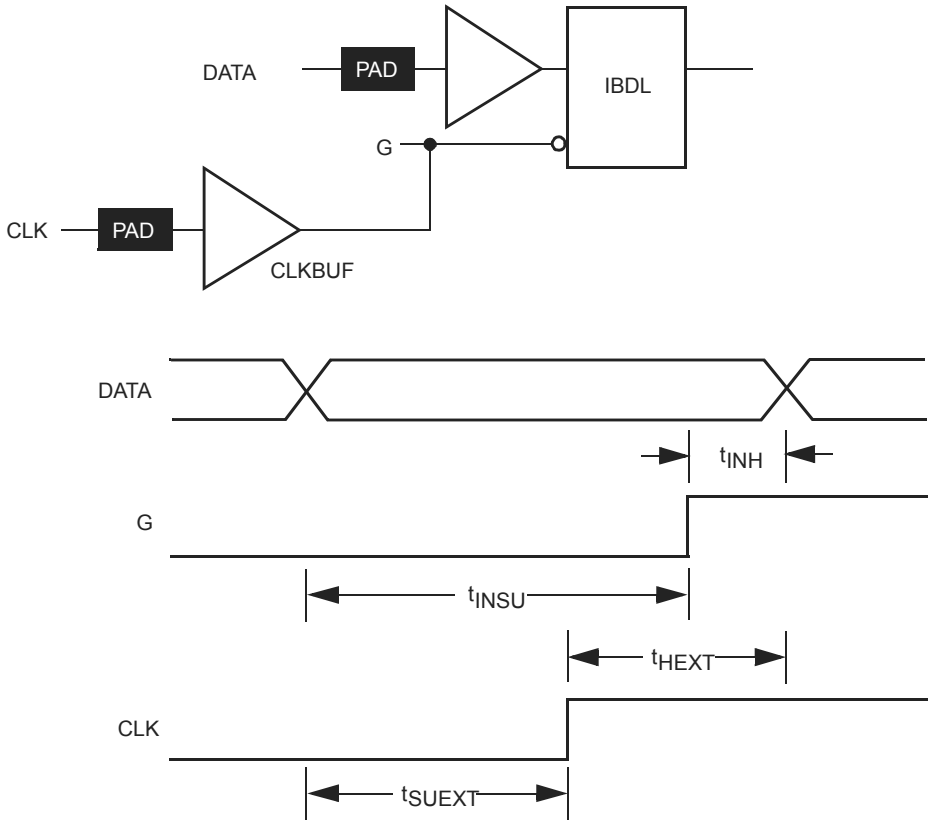


Figure 2-7 • **Input Buffer Latches**

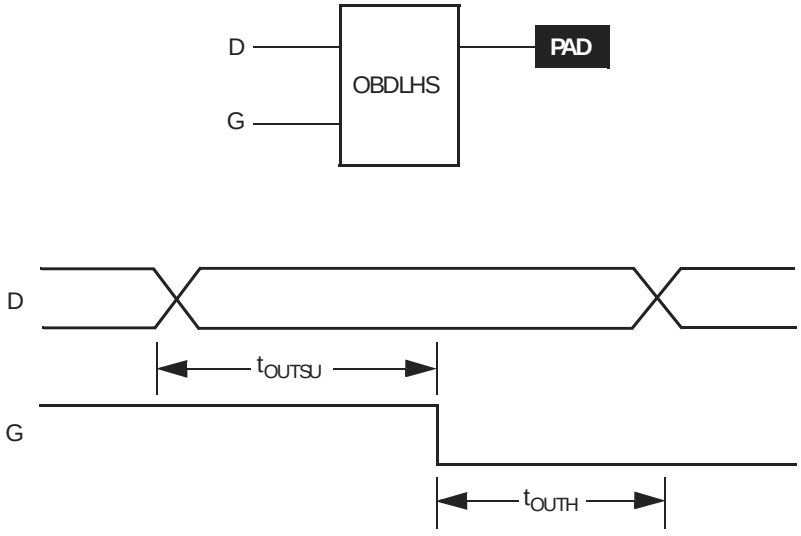


Figure 2-8 • **Output Buffer Latches**

Timing Derating Factor (Temperature and Voltage)

Table 2-9 • **Timing Derating Factor (Temperature and Voltage)**

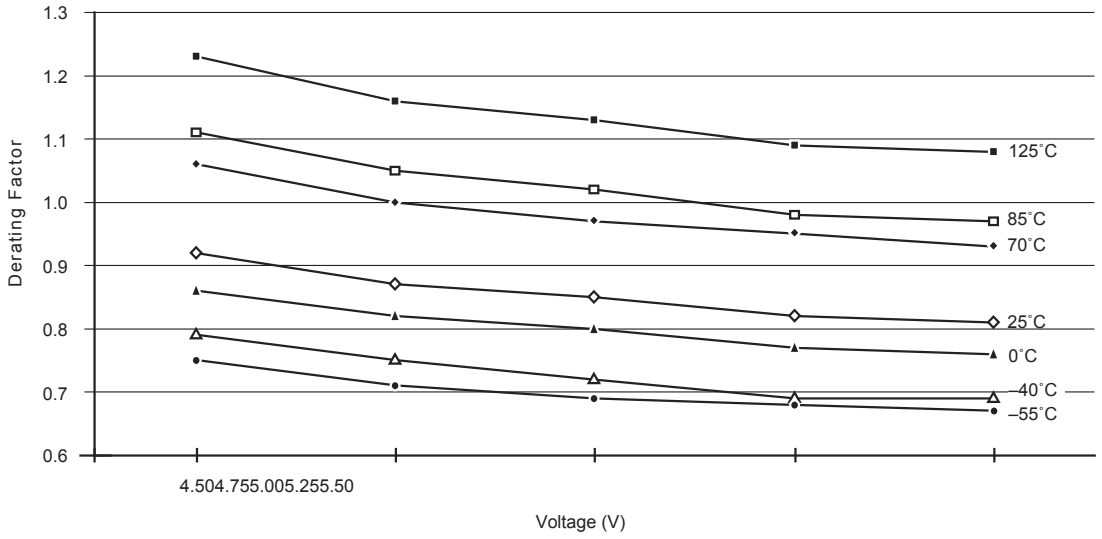
(Commercial Minimum/Maximum Specification) x	Industrial		Military	
	Min.	**Max.**	**Min.**	Max.
	0.69	1.11	0.67	1.23

Table 2-10 • **Timing Derating Factor for Designs at Typical Temperature (T_J = 25°C) and Voltage (5.0 V)**

(Commercial Maximum Specification) x	0.85

Table 2-11 • **Temperature and Voltage Derating Factors (normalized to Worst-Case Commercial, TJ = 4.75 V, 70°C)**

	–55	**–40**	**0**	**25**	**70**	**85**	**125**
4.50	0.75	0.79	0.86	0.92	1.06	1.11	1.23
4.75	0.71	0.75	0.82	0.87	1.00	1.05	1.13
5.00	0.69	0.72	0.80	0.85	0.97	1.02	1.13
5.25	0.68	0.69	0.77	0.82	0.95	0.98	1.09
5.50	0.67	0.69	0.76	0.81	0.93	0.97	1.08



Note: This derating factor applies to all routing and propagation delays.

Figure 2-9 • **Junction Temperature and Voltage Derating Curves (normalized to Worst-Case Commercial, T_J = 4.75 V, 70°C)**

A1240A Timing Characteristics (continued)

***Table 2-16* • A1240A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

I/O Module Input Propagation Delays			–2 Speed		–1 Speed		Std. Speed		Units
Parameter/Description			**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	
t_{INYH}	Pad to Y High			2.9		3.3		3.8	ns
t_{INYL}	Pad to Y Low			2.6		3.0		3.5	ns
t_{INGH}	G to Y High			5.0		5.7		6.6	ns
t_{INGL}	G to Y Low			4.7		5.4		6.3	ns
Input Module Predicted Input Routing Delays*									
t_{IRD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay			4.2		4.8		5.6	ns
t_{IRD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay			4.8		5.4		6.4	ns
t_{IRD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay			5.4		6.1		7.2	ns
t_{IRD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay			5.9		6.7		7.9	ns
t_{IRD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay			7.9		8.9		10.5	ns
Global Clock Network									
t_{CKH}	Input Low to High	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		11.8		13.0		15.7	
t_{CKL}	Input High to Low	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		12.0		13.2		15.9	
t_{PWH}	Minimum Pulse Width High	FO = 32	3.8		4.5		5.5		ns
		FO = 256	4.1		5.0		5.8		
t_{PWL}	Minimum Pulse Width Low	FO = 32	3.8		4.5		5.5		ns
		FO = 256	4.1		5.0		5.8		
t_{CKSW}	Maximum Skew	FO = 32		0.5		0.5		0.5	ns
		FO = 256		2.5		2.5		2.5	
t_{SUEXT}	Input Latch External Setup	FO = 32	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
		FO = 256	0.0		0.0		0.0		
t_{HEXT}	Input Latch External Hold	FO = 32	7.0		7.0		7.0		ns
		FO = 256	11.2		11.2		11.2		
t_P	Minimum Period	FO = 32	8.1		9.1		11.1		ns
		FO = 256	8.8		10.0		11.7		
f_{MAX}	Maximum Frequency	FO = 32		125.0		110.0		90.0	ns
		FO = 256		115.0		100.0		85.0	

*Note: *These parameters should be used for estimating device performance. Optimization techniques may further reduce delays by 0 to 4 ns. Routing delays are for typical designs across worst-case operating conditions. Post-route timing analysis or simulation is required to determine actual worst-case performance. Post-route timing is based on actual routing delay measurements performed on the device prior to shipment.*

A1240A Timing Characteristics (continued)

***Table 2-17* • A1240A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

TTL Output Module Timing[1]		–2 Speed		–1 Speed		Std. Speed		Units
Parameter/Description		**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	**Min.**	**Max.**	
t_{DLH}	Data to Pad High		8.0		9.0		10.6	ns
t_{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		10.1		11.4		13.4	ns
t_{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		8.9		10.0		11.8	ns
t_{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.7		13.2		15.5	ns
t_{ENHZ}	Enable Pad High to Z		7.1		8.0		9.4	ns
t_{ENLZ}	Enable Pad Low to Z		8.4		9.5		11.1	ns
t_{GLH}	G to Pad High		9.0		10.2		11.9	ns
t_{GHL}	G to Pad Low		11.2		12.7		14.9	ns
d_{TLH}	Delta Low to High		0.07		0.08		0.09	ns/pF
d_{THL}	Delta High to Low		0.12		0.13		0.16	ns/pF
CMOS Output Module Timing[1]								
t_{DLH}	Data to Pad High		10.2		11.5		13.5	ns
t_{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		8.4		9.6		11.2	ns
t_{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		8.9		10.0		11.8	ns
t_{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.7		13.2		15.5	ns
t_{ENHZ}	Enable Pad High to Z		7.1		8.0		9.4	ns
t_{ENLZ}	Enable Pad Low to Z		8.4		9.5		11.1	ns
t_{GLH}	G to Pad High		9.0		10.2		11.9	ns
t_{GHL}	G to Pad Low		11.2		12.7		14.9	ns
d_{TLH}	Delta Low to High		0.12		0.13		0.16	ns/pF
d_{THL}	Delta High to Low		0.09		0.10		0.12	ns/pF

Notes:

1. *Delays based on 50 pF loading.*
2. *SSO information can be found at www.microsemi.com/soc/techdocs/appnotes/board_consideration.aspx.*

Pin Descriptions

CLKA Clock A (Input)

TTL Clock input for clock distribution networks. The Clock input is buffered prior to clocking the logic modules. This pin can also be used as an I/O.

CLKB Clock B (Input)

TTL Clock input for clock distribution networks. The Clock input is buffered prior to clocking the logic modules. This pin can also be used as an I/O.

DCLK Diagnostic Clock (Input)

TTL Clock input for diagnostic probe and device programming. DCLK is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

GND Ground

Low supply voltage.

I/O Input/Output (Input, Output)

The I/O pin functions as an input, output, three-state, or bidirectional buffer. Input and output levels are compatible with standard TTL and CMOS specifications. Unused I/O pins are automatically driven Low by the ALS software.

MODE Mode (Input)

The MODE pin controls the use of multifunction pins (DCLK, PRA, PRB, SDI). When the MODE pin is High, the special functions are active. When the MODE pin is Low, the pins function as I/Os. To provide Actionprobe capability, the MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor so that the MODE pin can be pulled High when required.

NC No Connection

This pin is not connected to circuitry within the device.

PRA Probe A (Output)

The Probe A pin is used to output data from any user-defined design node within the device. This independent diagnostic pin can be used in conjunction with the Probe B pin to allow real-time diagnostic output of any signal path within the device. The Probe A pin can be used as a user-defined I/O when debugging has been completed. The pin's probe capabilities can be permanently disabled to protect programmed design confidentiality. PRA is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

PRB Probe B (Output)

The Probe B pin is used to output data from any user-defined design node within the device. This independent diagnostic pin can be used in conjunction with the Probe A pin to allow real-time diagnostic output of any signal path within the device. The Probe B pin can be used as a user-defined I/O when debugging has been completed. The pin's probe capabilities can be permanently disabled to protect programmed design confidentiality. PRB is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

SDI Serial Data Input (Input)

Serial data input for diagnostic probe and device programming. SDI is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

SDO Serial Data Output (Output)

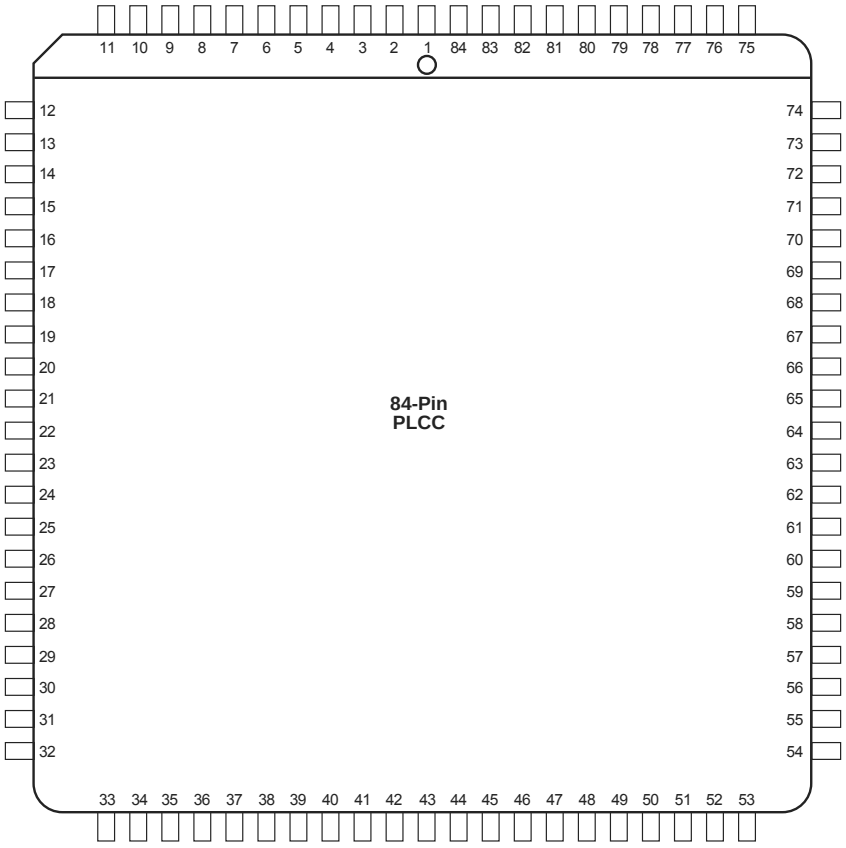
Serial data output for diagnostic probe. SDO is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

VCC 5.0 V Supply Voltage

High supply voltage.

3 – Package Pin Assignments

PL84



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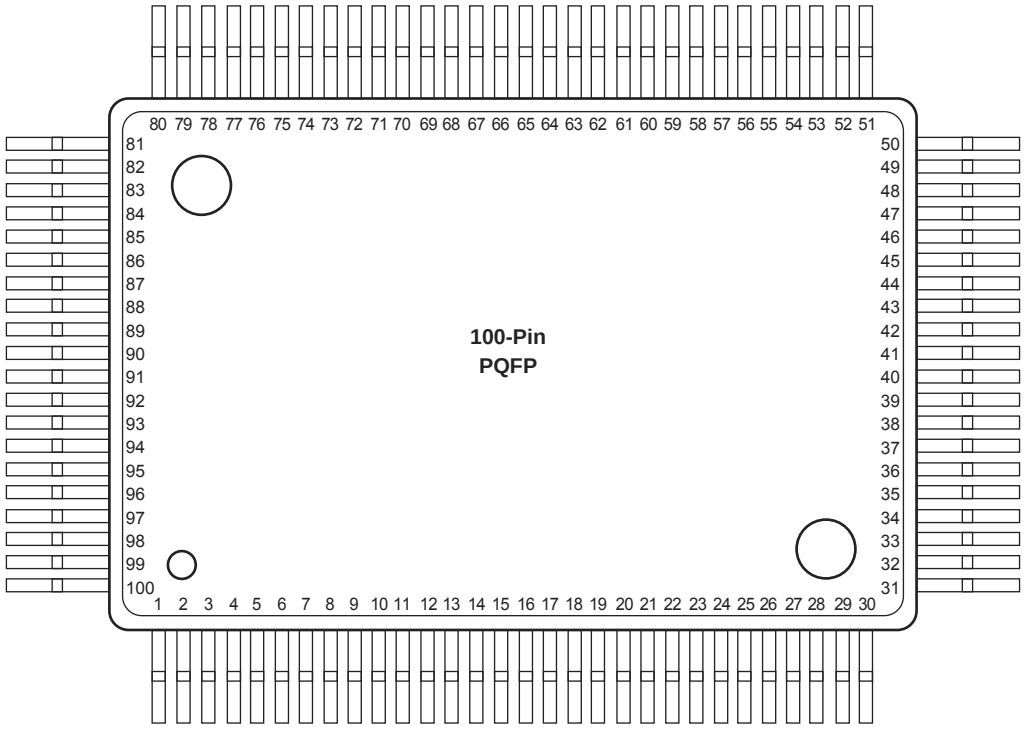
PL84			
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**	**A1240A Function**	**A1280A Function**
2	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O	CLKB, I/O
4	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O	PRB, I/O
6	GND	GND	GND
10	DCLK, I/O	DCLK, I/O	DCLK, I/O
12	MODE	MODE	MODE
22	VCC	VCC	VCC
23	VCC	VCC	VCC
28	GND	GND	GND
43	VCC	VCC	VCC
49	GND	GND	GND
52	SDO	SDO	SDO
63	GND	GND	GND
64	VCC	VCC	VCC
65	VCC	VCC	VCC
70	GND	GND	GND
76	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O
81	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O
83	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O
84	VCC	VCC	VCC

Notes:

1. All unlisted pin numbers are user I/Os.
2. MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor to enable Actionprobe usage; otherwise it can be terminated directly to GND.

PQ100



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PQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
2	DCLK, I/O
4	MODE
9	GND
16	VCC
17	VCC
22	GND
34	GND
40	VCC
46	GND
52	SDO
57	GND
64	GND

PQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
65	VCC
66	VCC
67	VCC
72	GND
79	SDI, I/O
84	GND
87	PRA, I/O
89	CLKA, I/O
90	VCC
92	CLKB, I/O
94	PRB, I/O
96	GND

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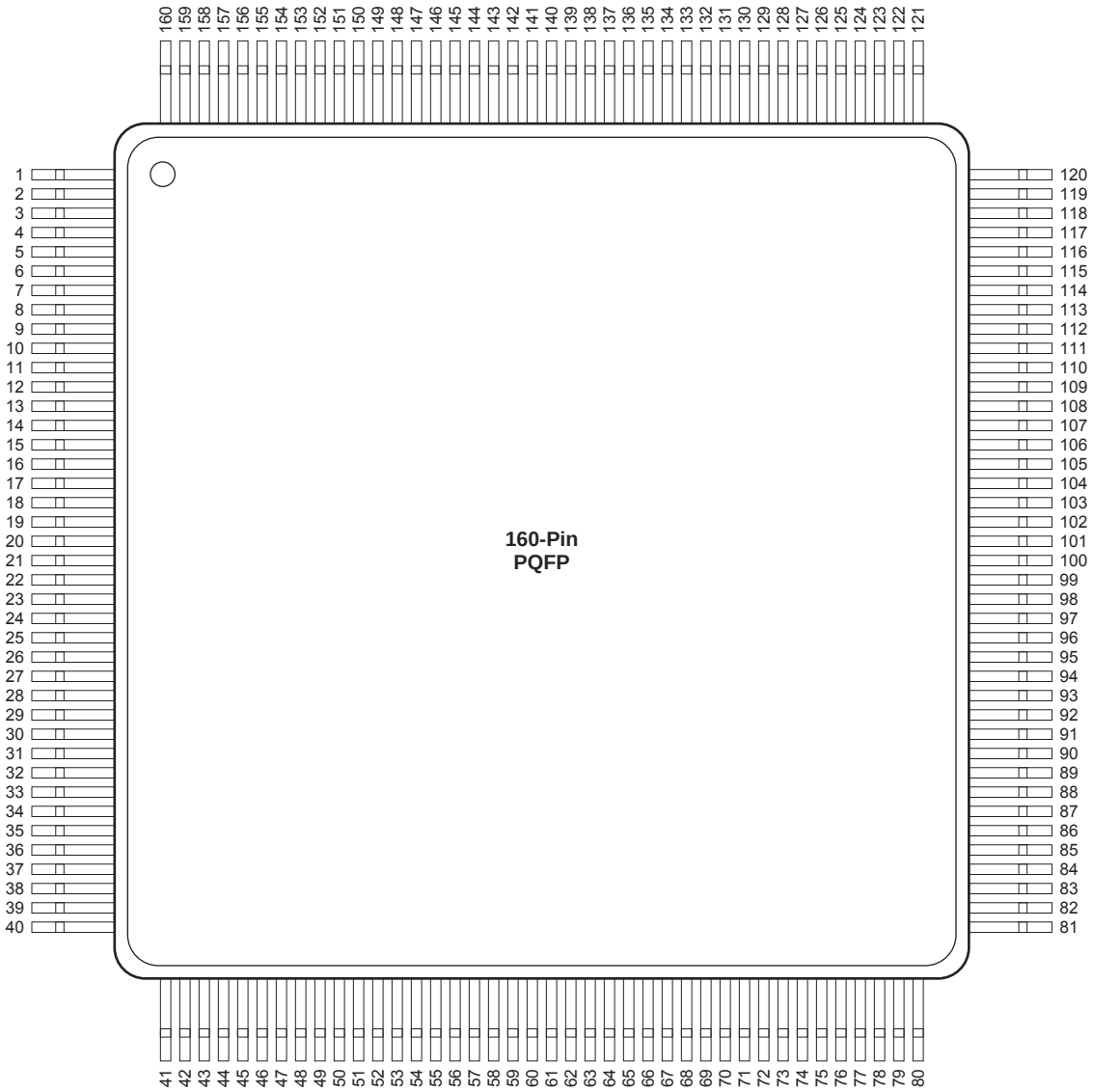

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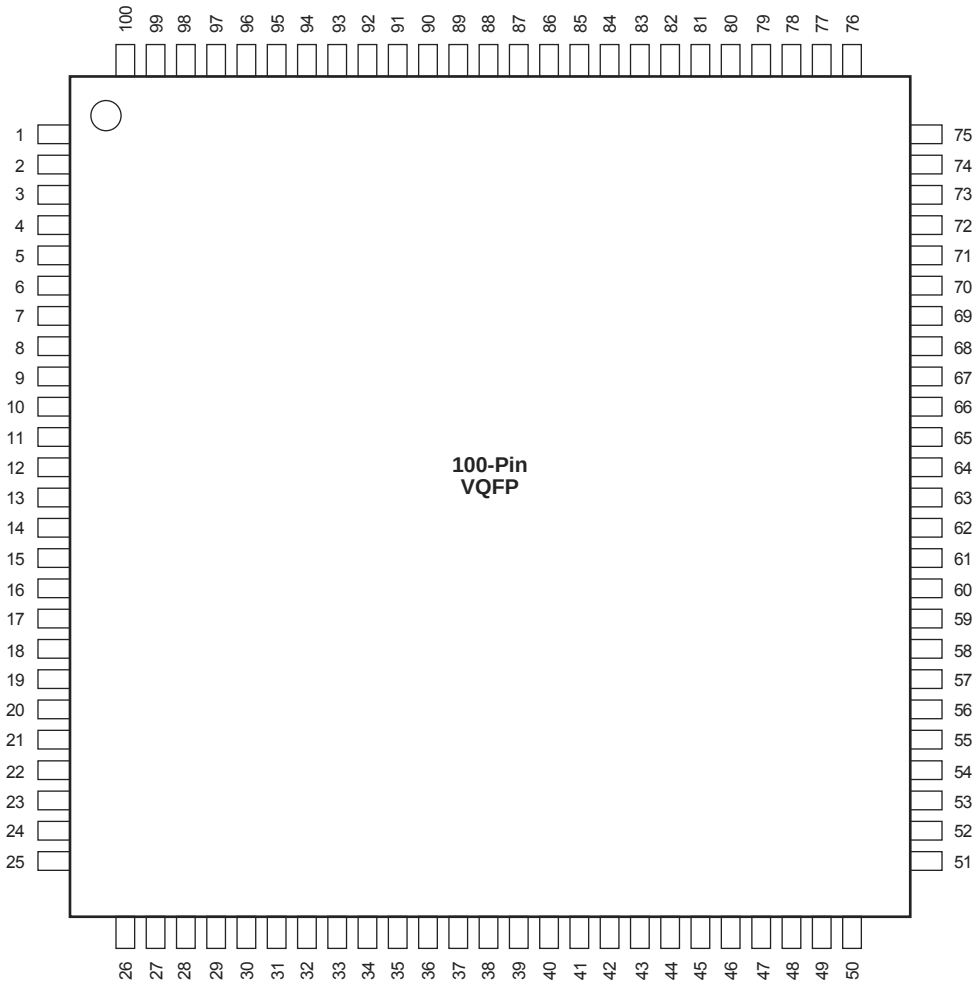

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VQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
2	MODE
7	GND
14	VCC
15	VCC
20	GND
32	GND
38	VCC
44	GND
50	SDO
55	GND
62	GND
63	VCC

VQ100	
Pin Number	**A1225A Function**
64	VCC
65	VCC
70	GND
77	SDI, I/O
82	GND
85	PRA, I/O
87	CLKA, I/O
88	VCC
90	CLKB, I/O
92	PRB, I/O
94	GND
100	DCLK, I/O

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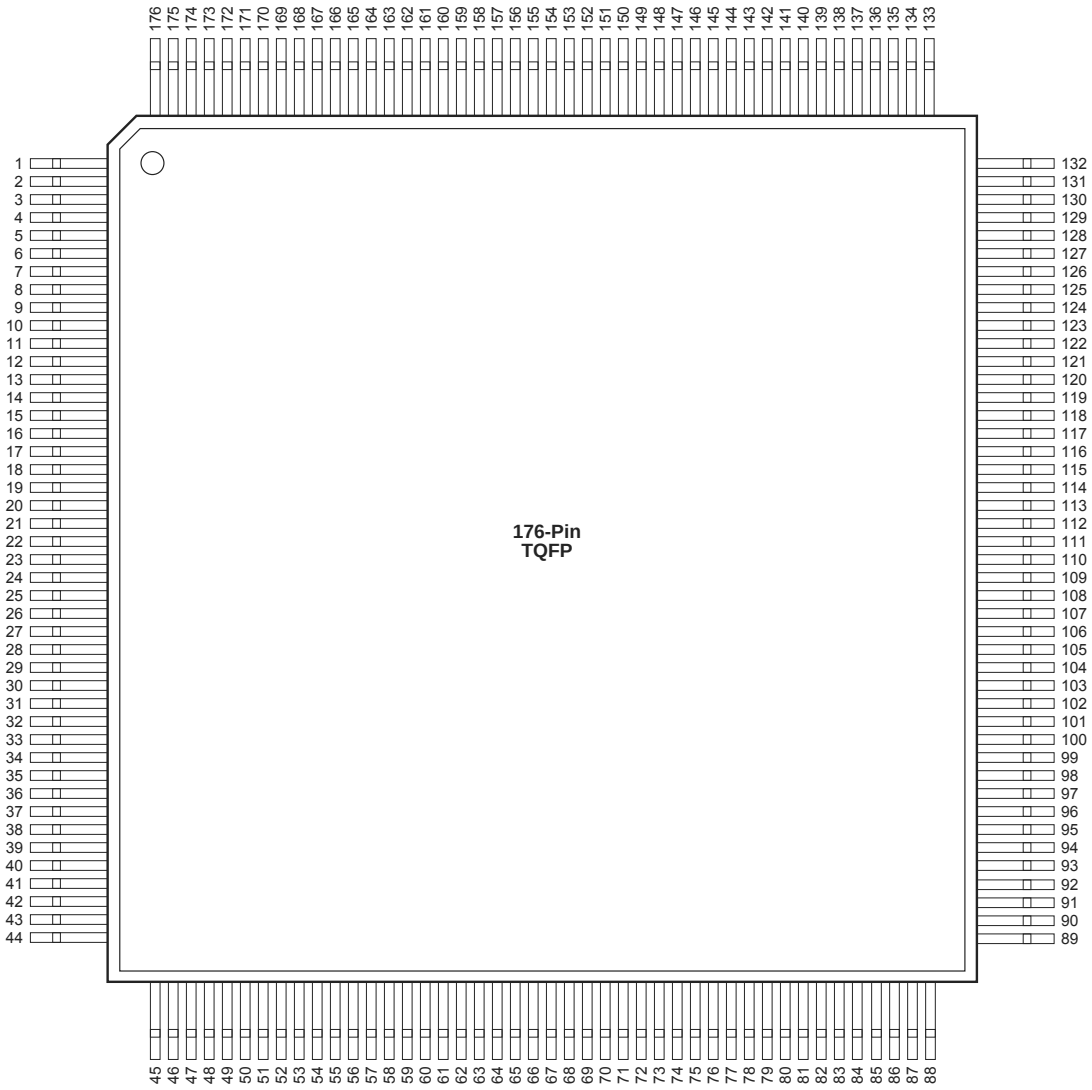

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4 – Datasheet Information

List of Changes

The following table lists critical changes that were made in each version of the datasheet.

Revision	Changes	Page
Revision 8 (January 2012)	The ACT 2 datasheet was formatted newly in the style used for current datasheets. The same information is present (other than noted in the list of changes for this revision) but divided into chapters.	N/A
	Package names used in Table 1 • ACT 2 Product Family Profile and throughout the document were revised to match standards given in *Package Mechanical Drawings* (SAR 27395).	I
	The description for SDO pins had earlier been removed from the datasheet and has now been included again, in the "Pin Descriptions" section (SAR 35819).	2-21
	SDO pin numbers had earlier been removed from package pin assignment tables in the datasheet, and have now been restored to the pin tables (SAR 35819).	3-2
Revision 7 (June 2006)	The "Ordering Information" section was revised to include RoHS information.	II
Revision 6 (December 2000)	In the "PG176" package, pin A3 was incorrectly assigned as CLKA, I/O. A3 is a user I/O. Pin A9 is CLKA, I/O.	3-21