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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	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	451
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	83
Number of Gates	2500
Voltage - Supply	4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C (TA)
Package / Case	100-BQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-PQFP (20x14)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microsemi/a1225a-pq100i

Product Plan

Device/Package	Speed Grade ¹			Application ¹			
	Std.	–1	–2	C	I	M	B
A1225A Device							
84-Pin Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier (PL)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–
100-Pin Plastic Quad Flatpack (PQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–
100-Pin Very Thin Quad Flatpack (VQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	–
100-Pin Ceramic Pin Grid Array (PG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	–
A1240A Device							
84-Pin Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier (PL)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–
132-Pin Ceramic Pin Grid Array (PG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	✓
144-Pin Plastic Quad Flat Pack (PQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–
176-Pin Thin (1.4 mm) Quad Flat Pack (TQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	–
A1280A Device							
160-Pin Plastic Quad Flatpack (PQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–
172-Pin Ceramic Quad Flatpack (CQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	✓
176-Pin Ceramic Pin Grid Array (PG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓	✓
176-Pin Thin (1.4 mm) Quad Flat Pack (TQ)	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	–

Notes:

1. Applications:
 C = Commercial
 I = Industrial
 M = Military
 B = MIL-STD-883

Availability:
 ✓ = Available
 P = Planned
 – = Not planned

Speed Grade:
 –1 = Approx. 15% faster than Std.
 –2 = Approx. 25% faster than Std.

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Device Resources

Device Series	Logic Modules	Gates	User I/Os									
			PG176	PG132	PG100	PQ160	PQ144	PQ100	PL84	CQ172	TQ176	VQ100
A1225A	451	2,500	–	–	83	–	–	83	72	–	–	83
A1240A	684	4,000	–	104	–	–	104	–	72	–	104	–
A1280A	1,232	8,000	140	–	–	125	–	–	72	140	140	–

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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™.

Package Thermal Characteristics

The device junction to case thermal characteristic is θ_{jc} , and the junction to ambient air characteristic is θ_{ja} . The thermal characteristics for θ_{ja} are shown with two different air flow rates.

Maximum junction temperature is 150°C.

A sample calculation of the absolute maximum power dissipation allowed for a PQ160 package at commercial temperature and still air is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Max. junction temp. (°C)} - \text{Max. ambient temp. (°C)}}{\theta_{ja} \text{ °C/W}} = \frac{150^{\circ}\text{C} - 70^{\circ}\text{C}}{33^{\circ}\text{C/W}} = 2.4 \text{ W}$$

EQ 1

Table 2-4 • Package Thermal Characteristics

Package Type*	Pin Count	θ_{jc}	θ_{ja} Still Air	θ_{ja} 300 ft./min.	Units
Ceramic Pin Grid Array	100	5	35	17	°C/W
	132	5	30	15	°C/W
	176	8	23	12	°C/W
Ceramic Quad Flatpack	172	8	25	15	°C/W
Plastic Quad Flatpack ¹	100	13	48	40	°C/W
	144	15	40	32	°C/W
	160	15	38	30	°C/W
Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier	84	12	37	28	°C/W
Very Thin Quad Flatpack	100	12	43	35	°C/W
Thin Quad Flatpack	176	15	32	25	°C/W

Notes: (Maximum Power in Still Air)

1. Maximum power dissipation values for PQFP packages are 1.9 W (PQ100), 2.3 W (PQ144), and 2.4 W (PQ160).
2. Maximum power dissipation for PLCC packages is 2.7 W.
3. Maximum power dissipation for VQFP packages is 2.3 W.
4. Maximum power dissipation for TQFP packages is 3.1 W.

Power Dissipation

$$P = [\text{ICC standby} + \text{ICC active}] * V_{CC} + \text{IOL} * \text{VOL} * N + \text{IOH} * (V_{CC} - \text{VOH}) * M$$

EQ 2

where:

ICC standby is the current flowing when no inputs or outputs are changing

ICC active is the current flowing due to CMOS switching.

IOL and IOH are TTL sink/source currents.

VOL and VOH are TTL level output voltages.

N is the number of outputs driving TTL loads to VOL.

M is the number of outputs driving TTL loads to VOH.

An accurate determination of N and M is problematical because their values depend on the family type, design details, and on the system I/O. The power can be divided into two components: static and active.

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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Power} = & VCC^2 * [(m * C_{EQM} * f_m)_{\text{modules}} + (n * C_{EQI} * f_n)_{\text{inputs}} \\
 & + (p * (C_{EQO} + C_L) * f_p)_{\text{outputs}} \\
 & + 0.5 * (q1 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q1})_{\text{routed_Clk1}} + (r1 * f_{q1})_{\text{routed_Clk1}} \\
 & + 0.5 * (q2 * C_{EQCR} * f_{q2})_{\text{routed_Clk2}} + (r2 * f_{q2})_{\text{routed_Clk2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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	r_1 , routed_Clk1	r_2 , 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

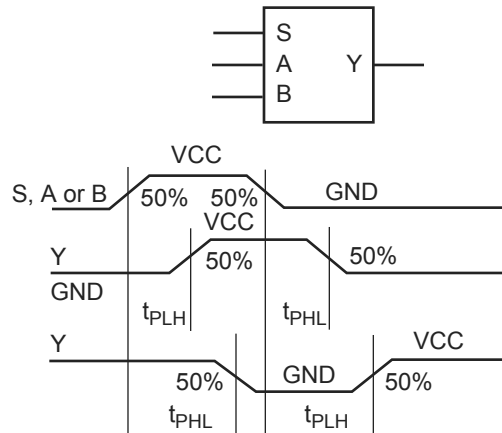
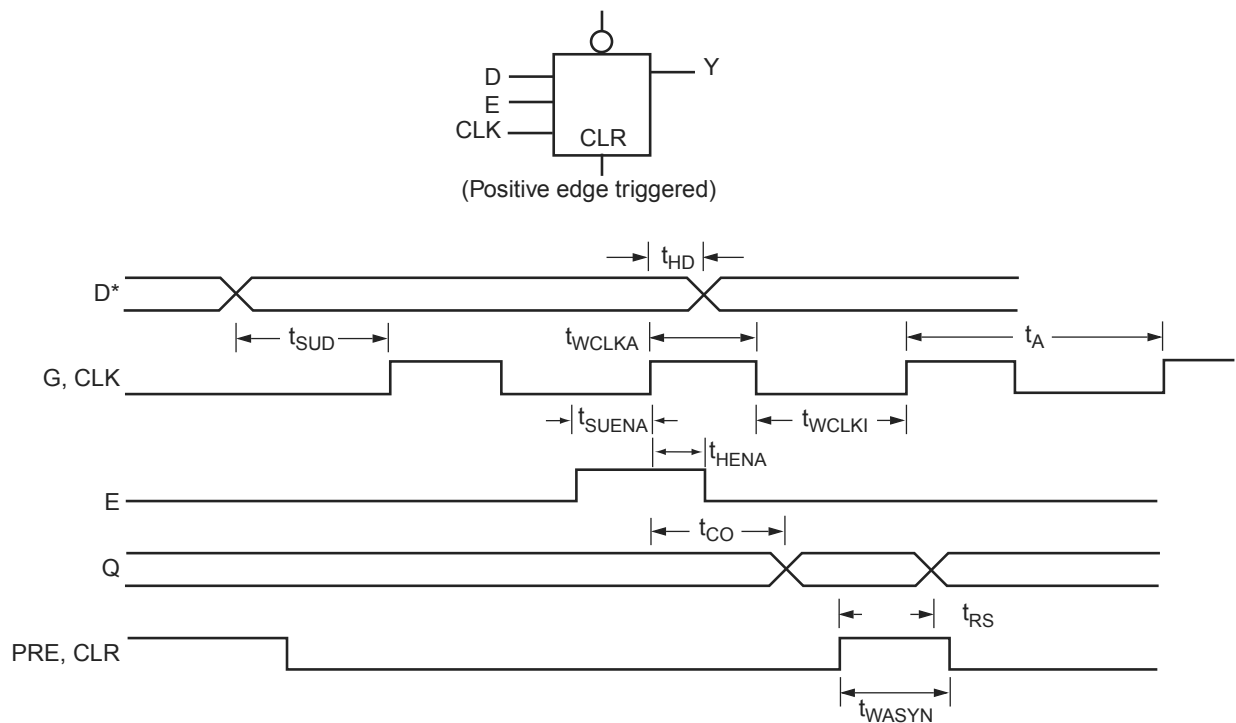


Figure 2-5 • Module Delays

Sequential Module Timing Characteristics



Note: D represents all data functions involving A, B, and S for multiplexed flip-flops.

Figure 2-6 • Flip-Flops and Latches

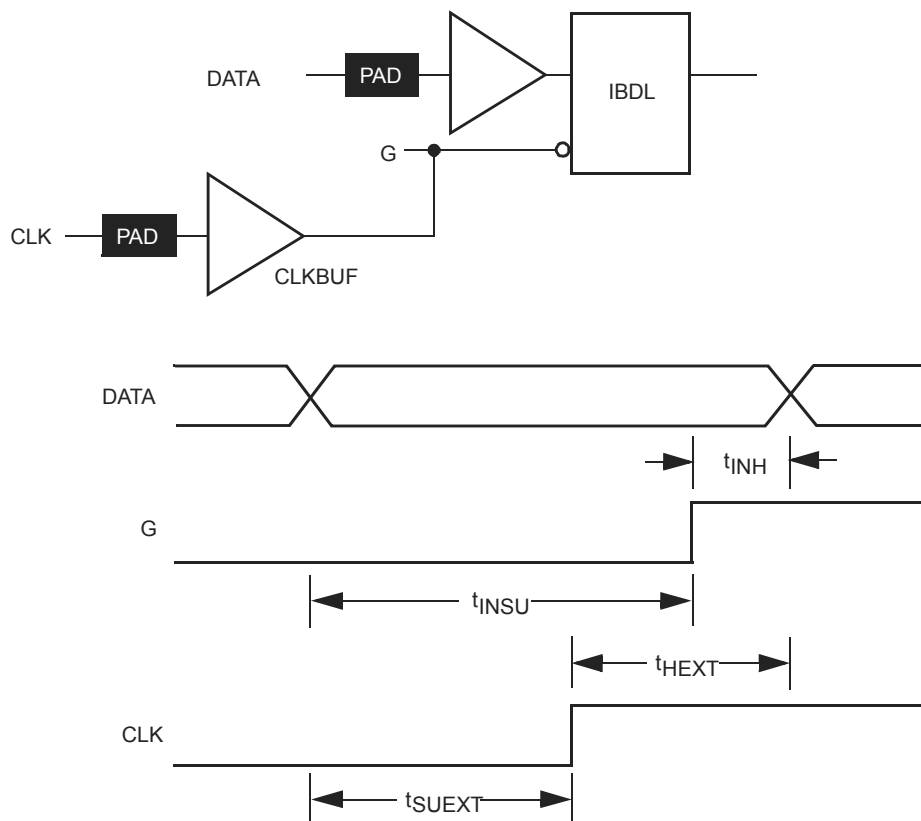


Figure 2-7 • Input Buffer Latches

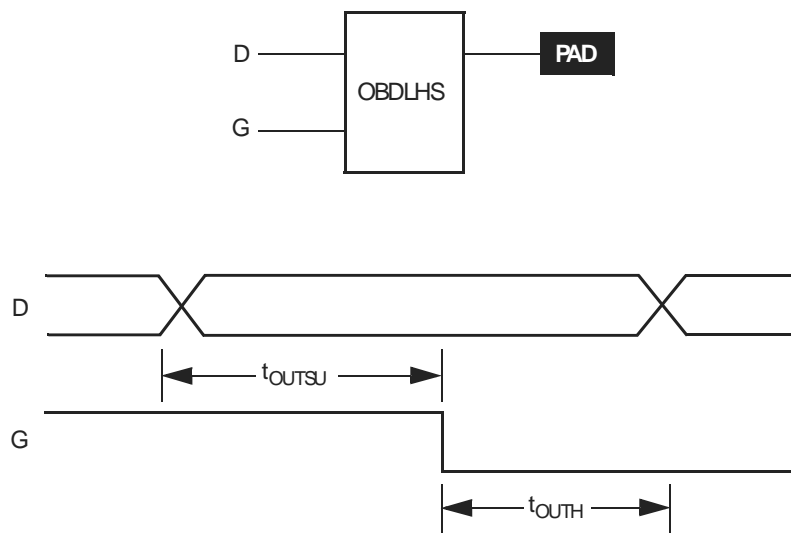


Figure 2-8 • Output Buffer Latches

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.

A1280A Timing Characteristics (continued)

Table 2-19 • A1280A 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			2.7		3.0		3.5	ns
t _{INGH}	G to Y High			5.0		5.7		6.6	ns
t _{INGL}	G to Y Low			4.8		5.4		6.3	ns
Input Module Predicted Input Routing Delays*									
t _{IRD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay			4.6		5.1		6.0	ns
t _{IRD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay			5.2		5.9		6.9	ns
t _{IRD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay			5.6		6.3		7.4	ns
t _{IRD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay			6.5		7.3		8.6	ns
t _{IRD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay			9.4		10.5		12.4	ns
Global Clock Network									
t _{CKH}	Input Low to High	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		13.1		14.6		17.2	
t _{CKL}	Input High to Low	FO = 32		10.2		11.0		12.8	ns
		FO = 256		13.3		14.9		17.5	
t _{PWH}	Minimum Pulse Width High	FO = 32	5.0		5.5		6.6		ns
		FO = 256	5.8		6.4		7.6		
t _{PWL}	Minimum Pulse Width Low	FO = 32	5.0		5.5		6.6		ns
		FO = 256	5.8		6.4		7.6		
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	9.6		11.2		13.3		ns
		FO = 256	10.6		12.6		15.3		
f _{MAX}	Maximum Frequency	FO = 32		105.0		90.0		75.0	ns
		FO = 256		95.0		80.0		65.0	

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.

A1280A Timing Characteristics (continued)

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)

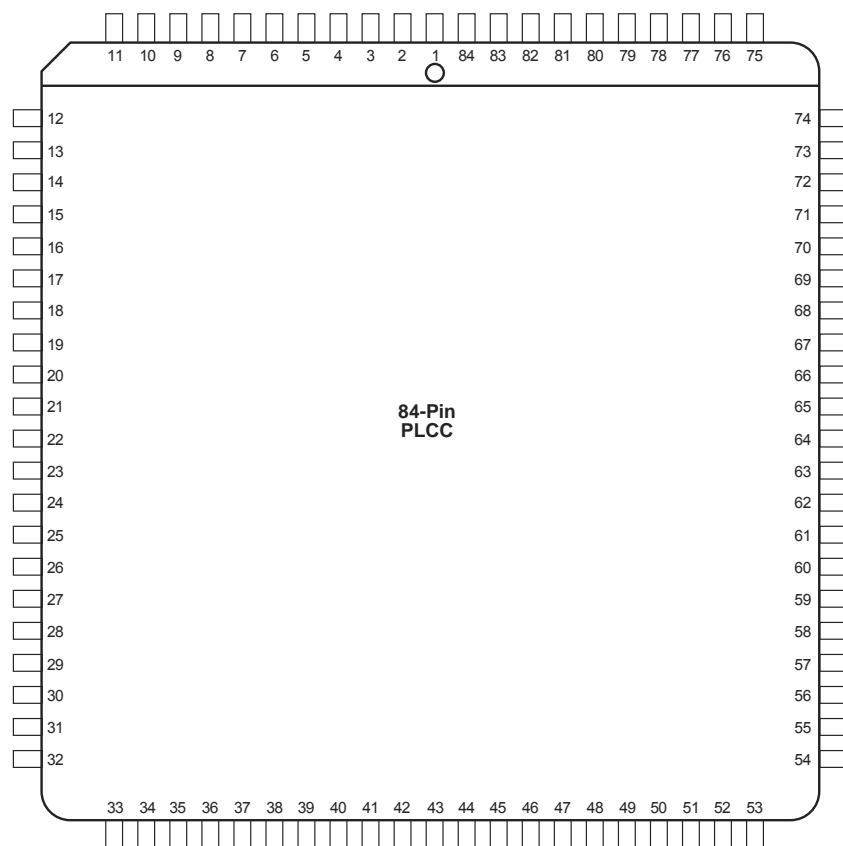
Serial data output for diagnostic probe. SDO is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

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.

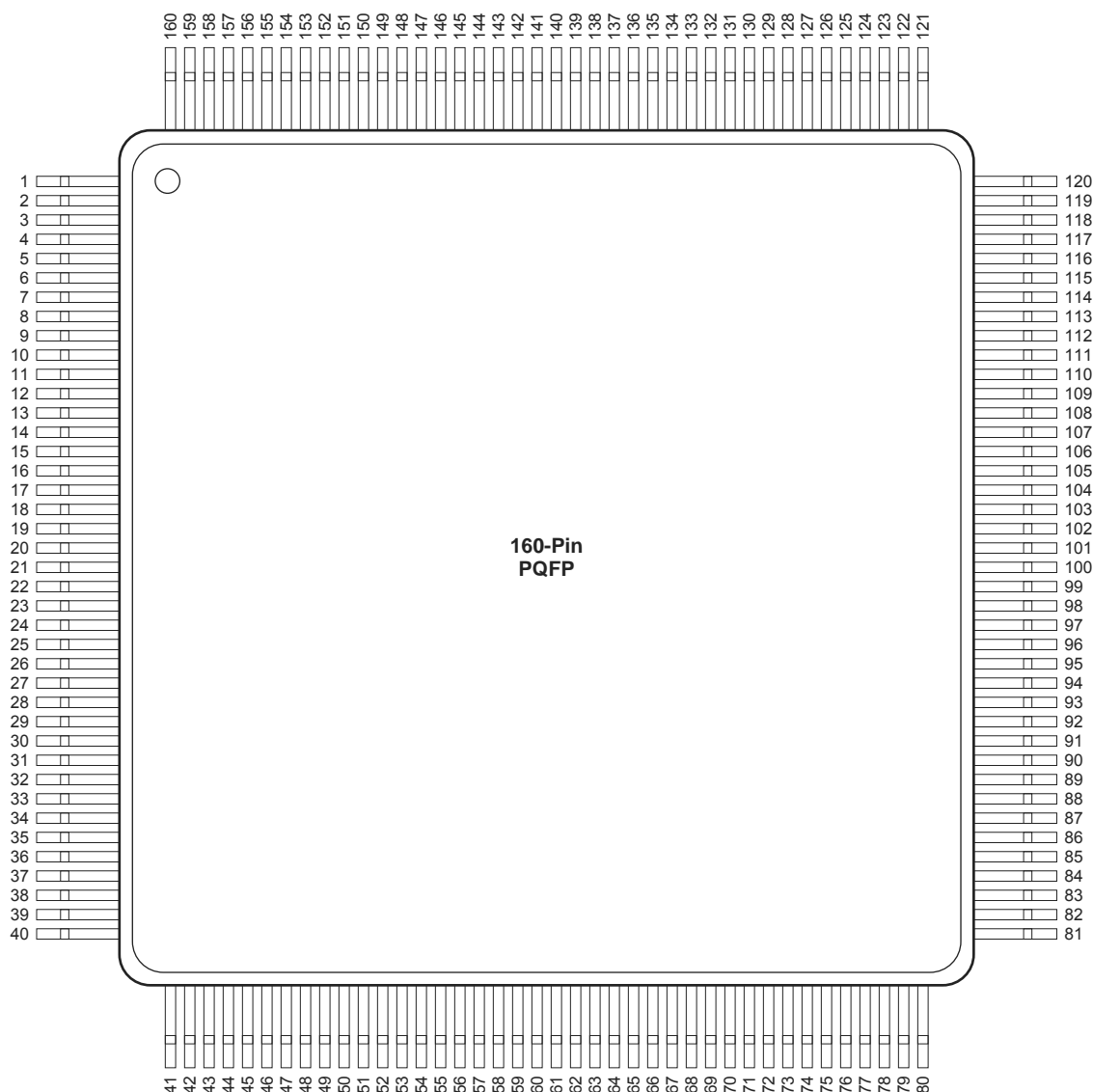
PQ144	
Pin Number	A1240A Function
2	MODE
9	GND
10	GND
11	GND
18	VCC
19	VCC
20	VCC
21	VCC
28	GND
29	GND
30	GND
44	GND
45	GND
46	GND
54	VCC
55	VCC
56	VCC
64	GND
65	GND
71	SDO
79	GND
80	GND
81	GND
88	GND

PQ144	
Pin Number	A1240A Function
89	VCC
90	VCC
91	VCC
92	VCC
93	VCC
100	GND
101	GND
102	GND
110	SDI, I/O
116	GND
117	GND
118	GND
123	PRA, I/O
125	CLKA, I/O
126	VCC
127	VCC
128	VCC
130	CLKB, I/O
132	PRB, I/O
136	GND
137	GND
138	GND
144	DCLK, I/O

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.

PQ160

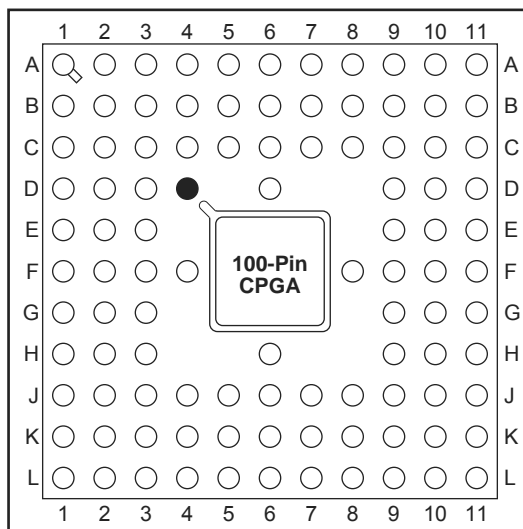


Note: This is the top view of the package

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PG100



● Orientation Pin

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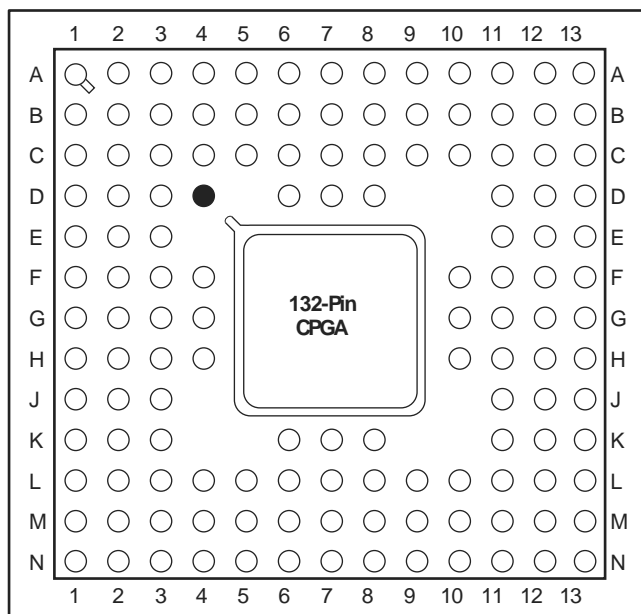
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PG100		PG100	
Pin Number	A1225A Function	Pin Number	A1225A Function
A4	PRB, I/O	E11	VCC
A7	PRA, I/O	F3	VCC
B6	VCC	F9	VCC
C2	MODE	F10	VCC
C3	DCLK, I/O	F11	GND
C5	GND	G1	VCC
C6	CLKA, I/O	G3	GND
C7	GND	G9	GND
C8	SDI, I/O	J5	GND
D6	CLKB, I/O	J7	GND
D10	GND	J9	SDO
E3	GND	K6	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.

PG132



● Orientation Pin

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Datasheet Categories

Categories

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Product Brief

The product brief is a summarized version of a datasheet (advance or production) and contains general product information. This document gives an overview of specific device and family information.

Advance

This version contains initial estimated information based on simulation, other products, devices, or speed grades. This information can be used as estimates, but not for production. This label only applies to the DC and Switching Characteristics chapter of the datasheet and will only be used when the data has not been fully characterized.

Preliminary

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Production

This version contains information that is considered to be final.

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