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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	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	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	176-LQFP
Supplier Device Package	176-TQFP (24x24)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microsemi/a1240a-tqg176c

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Operating Conditions

Table 2-1 • **Absolute Maximum Ratings[1]**

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCC	DC supply voltage	−0.5 to +7.0	V
VI	Input voltage	−0.5 to VCC + 0.5	V
VO	Output voltage	−0.5 to VCC + 0.5	V
IIO	I/O source sink current[2]	±20	mA
T_{STG}	Storage temperature	−65 to +150	°C

Notes:

1. *Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to absolute maximum rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Device should not be operated outside the recommended operating conditions.*
2. *Device inputs are normally high impedance and draw extremely low current. However, when input voltage is greater than VCC + 0.5 V for less than GND −0.5 V, the internal protection diodes will be forward biased and can draw excessive current.*

Table 2-2 • **Recommended Operating Conditions**

Parameter	Commercial	Industrial	Military	Units
Temperature range*	0 to +70	−40 to +85	−55 to +125	°C
Power supply tolerance	±5	±10	±10	%VCC

Note: **Ambient temperature (T_A) is used for commercial and industrial; case temperature (T_C) is used for military.*

Package Thermal Characteristics

The device junction to case thermal characteristic is θjc, and the junction to ambient air characteristic is θja. The thermal characteristics for θja 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:

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

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 = [ICC standby + ICCactive] * VCC + IOL * VOL * N + IOH* (VCC – VOH) * M

EQ 2

where:

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

ICCactive 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.

Static Power Component

Microsemi FPGAs have small static power components that result in lower power dissipation than PALs or PLDs. By integrating multiple PALs/PLDs into one FPGA, an even greater reduction in board-level power dissipation can be achieved.

The power due to standby current is typically a small component of the overall power. Standby power is calculated in Table 2-5 for commercial, worst case conditions.

Table 2-5 • **Standby Power Calculation**

ICC	VCC	Power
2 mA	5.25 V	10.5 mW

The static power dissipated by TTL loads depends on the number of outputs driving high or low and the DC load current. Again, this value is typically small. For instance, a 32-bit bus sinking 4 mA at 0.33 V will generate 42 mW with all outputs driving low, and 140 mW with all outputs driving high. The actual dissipation will average somewhere between as I/Os switch states with time.

Active Power Component

Power dissipation in CMOS devices is usually dominated by the active (dynamic) power dissipation. This component is frequency dependent, a function of the logic and the external I/O. Active power dissipation results from charging internal chip capacitances of the interconnect, unprogrammed antifuses, module inputs, and module outputs, plus external capacitance due to PC board traces and load device inputs.

An additional component of the active power dissipation is the totem-pole current in CMOS transistor pairs. The net effect can be associated with an equivalent capacitance that can be combined with frequency and voltage to represent active power dissipation.

Equivalent Capacitance

The power dissipated by a CMOS circuit can be expressed by EQ 3.

$$\text{Power } (\mu W) = C_{EQ} * VCC^2 * F$$

EQ 3

Where:

C_{EQ} is the equivalent capacitance expressed in pF.

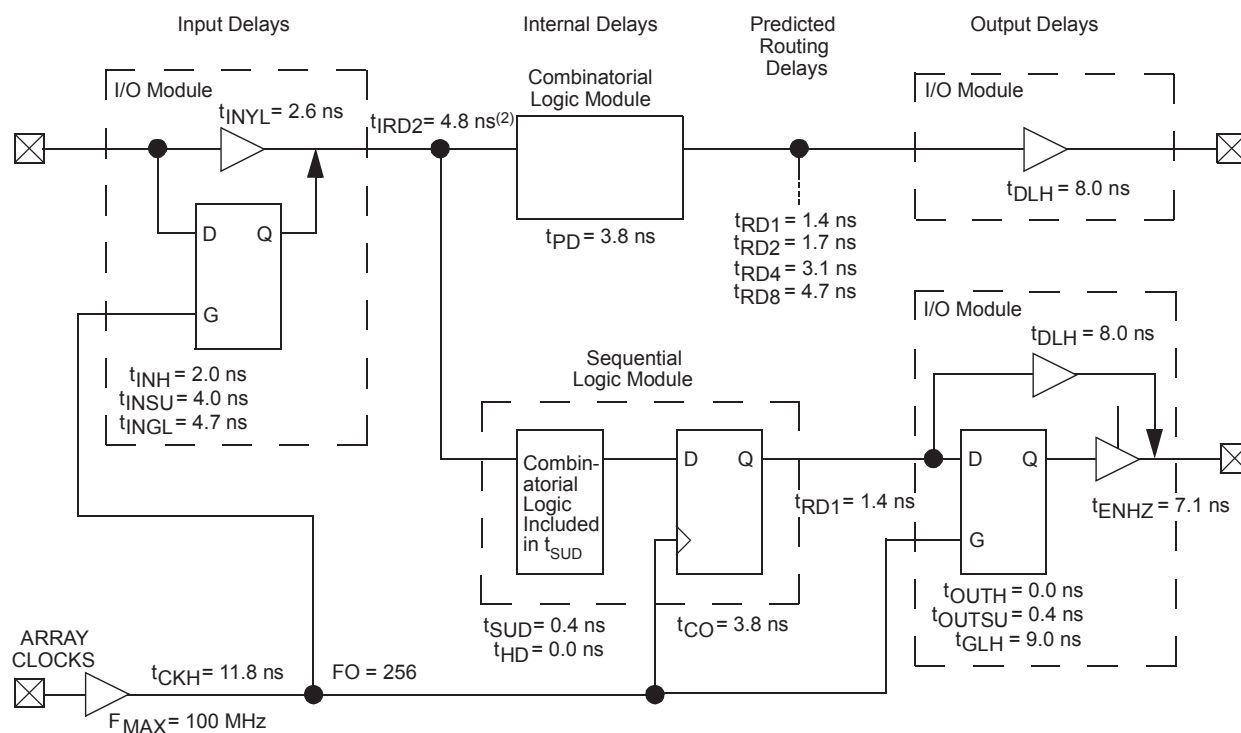VCC is the power supply in volts.

F is the switching frequency in MHz.

Equivalent capacitance is calculated by measuring ICC active at a specified frequency and voltage for each circuit component of interest. Measurements have been made over a range of frequencies at a fixed value of VCC. Equivalent capacitance is frequency independent so that the results may be used over a wide range of operating conditions. Equivalent capacitance values are shown in Table 2-6.

Table 2-6 • **CEQ Values for Microsemi FPGAs**

Item	CEQ Value
Modules (C_{EQM})	5.8
Input Buffers (C_{EQI})	12.9
Output Buffers (C_{EQO})	23.8
Routed Array Clock Buffer Loads (C_{EQCR})	3.9

ACT 2 Timing Model[1]

Input Delays   Internal Delays   Predicted Routing Delays   Output Delays

I/O Module

t_{INYL} = 2.6 ns t_{IRD2} = 4.8 ns[2]

Combinatorial Logic Module

t_{PD} = 3.8 ns

I/O Module

t_{DLH} = 8.0 ns

D   Q

G

t_{INH} = 2.0 ns
t_{INSU} = 4.0 ns
t_{INGL} = 4.7 ns

t_{RD1} = 1.4 ns
t_{RD2} = 1.7 ns
t_{RD4} = 3.1 ns
t_{RD8} = 4.7 ns

I/O Module

t_{DLH} = 8.0 ns

Sequential Logic Module

Combinatorial Logic Included in t_{SUD}

D   Q

t_{RD1} = 1.4 ns

D   Q

G

t_{ENHZ} = 7.1 ns

t_{SUD} = 0.4 ns
t_{HD} = 0.0 ns

t_{CO} = 3.8 ns

t_{OUTH} = 0.0 ns
t_{OUTSU} = 0.4 ns
t_{GLH} = 9.0 ns

ARRAY CLOCKS

t_{CKH} = 11.8 ns   FO = 256
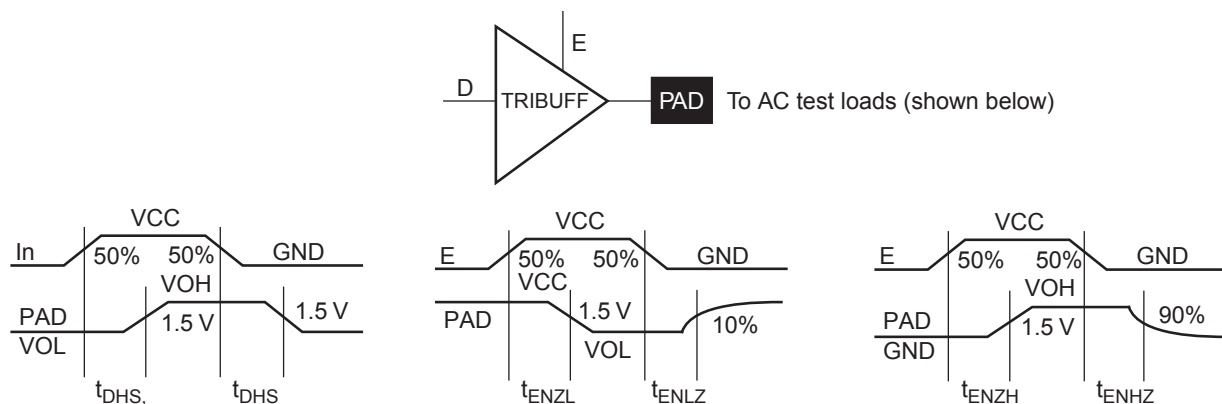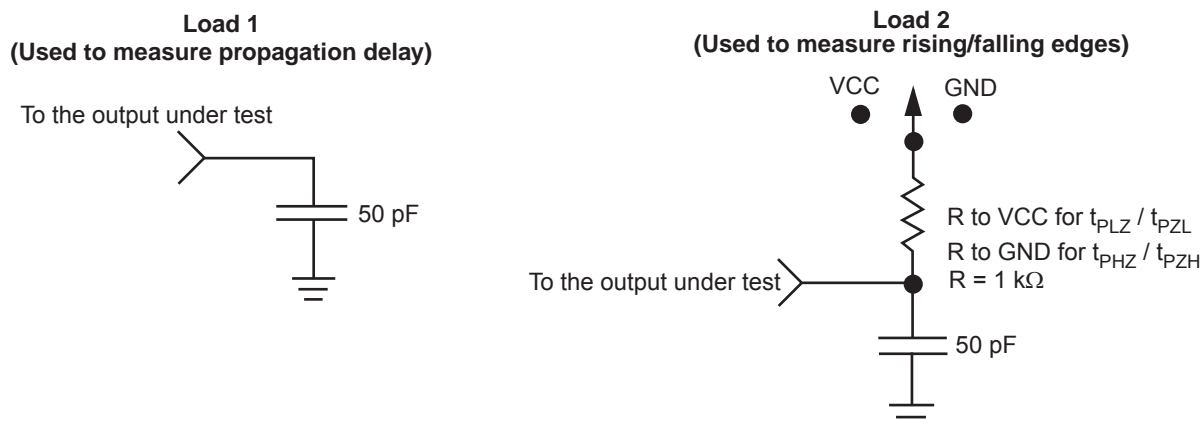
F_{MAX} = 100 MHz

Notes:

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

Figure 2-1 • **Timing Model**
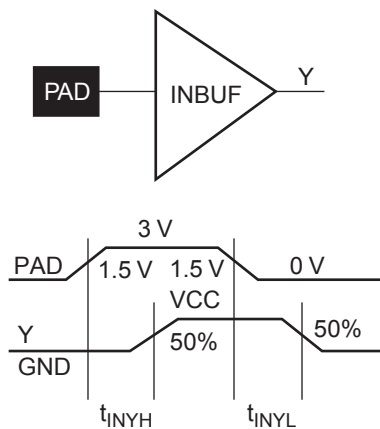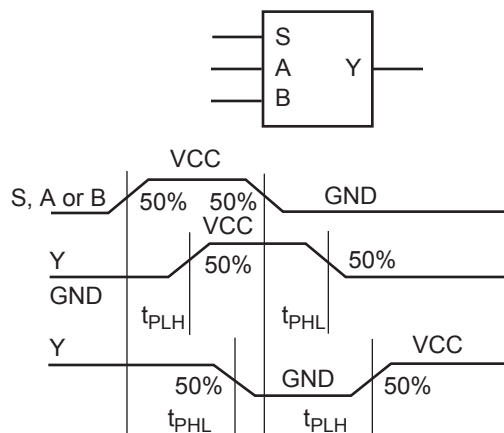
Parameter Measurement

Figure 2-2 •   Output Buffer Delays

Figure 2-3 •   AC Test Loads

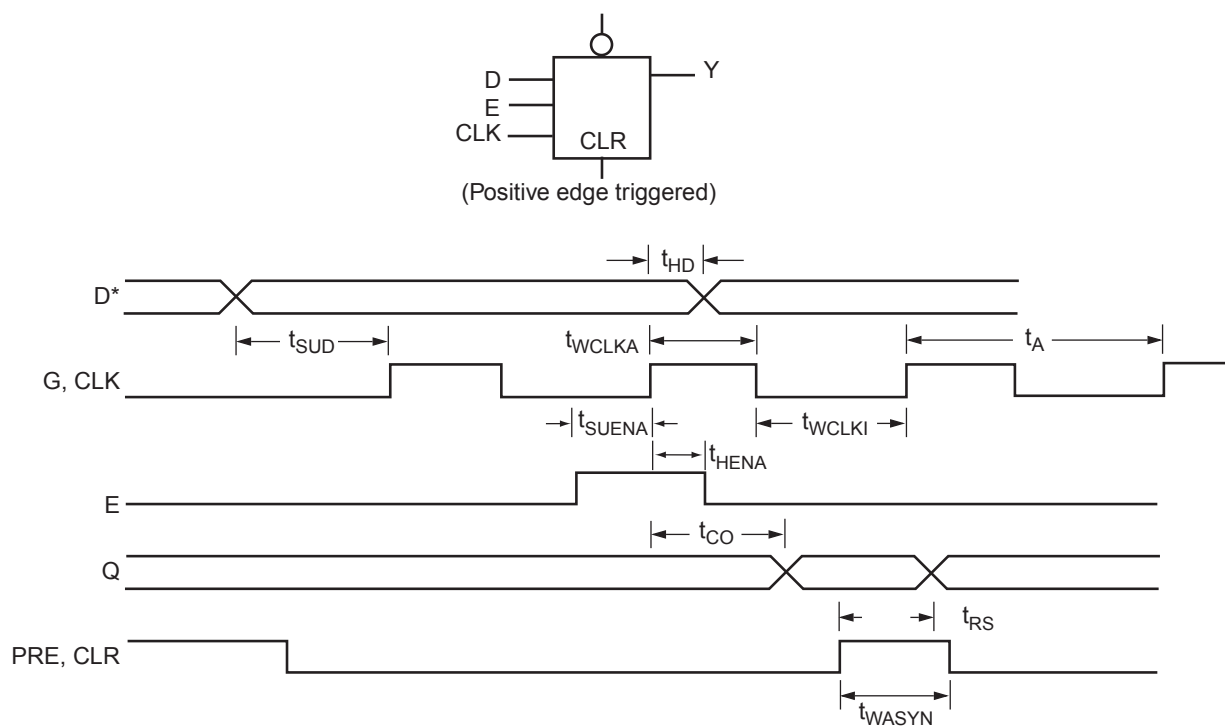
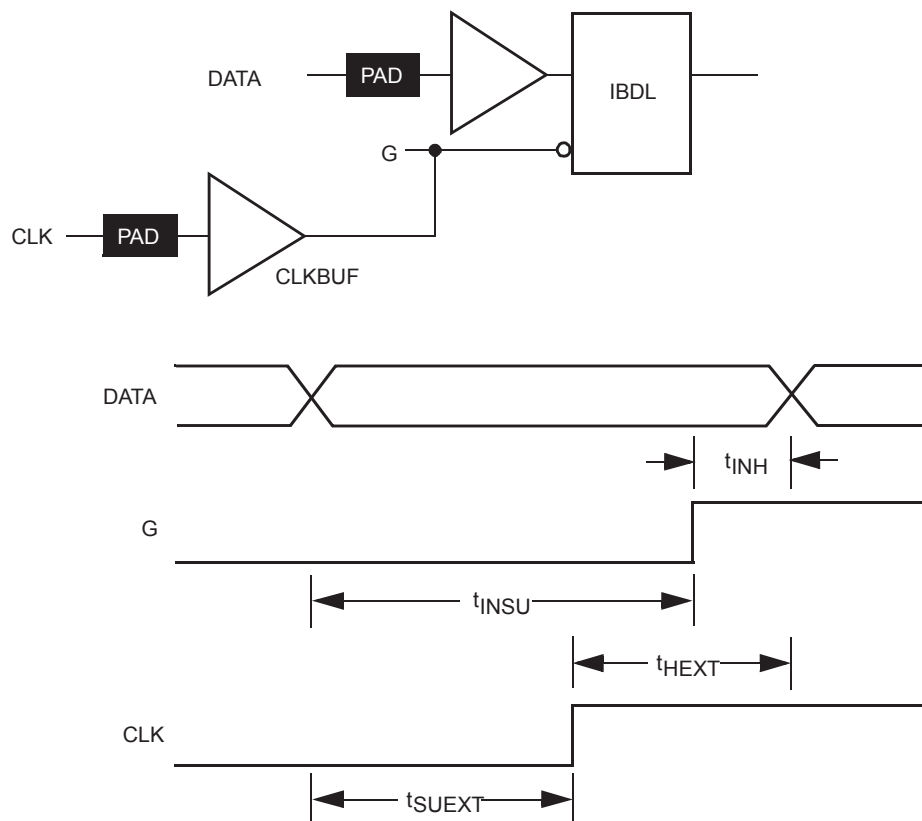*Figure 2-4 •   Input Buffer Delays*

Figure 2-5 • **Module Delays**

Sequential Module Timing Characteristics
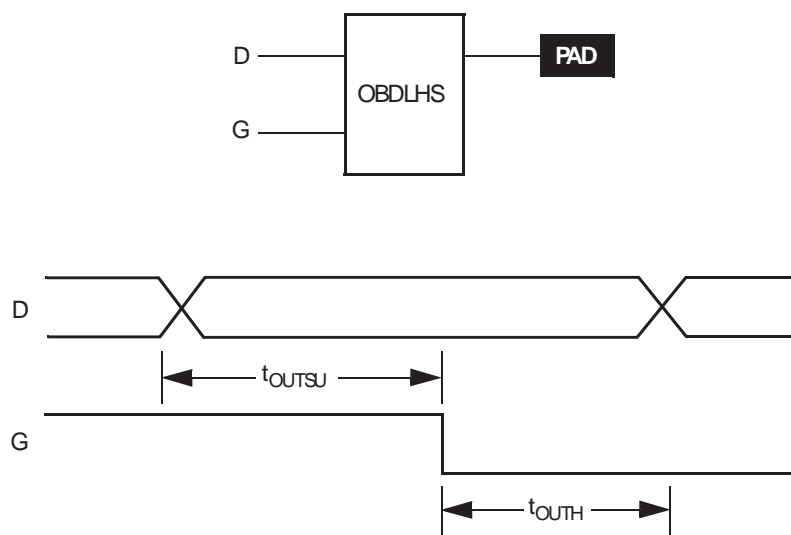

Note: D represents all data functions involving A, B, and S for multiplexed flip-flops.

Figure 2-6 • **Flip-Flops and Latches**

Figure 2-7 • **Input Buffer Latches**

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

A1240A Timing Characteristics

Table 2-15 • **A1240A Worst-Case Commercial Conditions, VCC = 4.75 V, T_J = 70°C**

Logic Module Propagation Delays[1]		–2 Speed[3]		–1 Speed		Std. Speed		Units
Parameter/Description		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
t_{PD1}	Single Module		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{CO}	Sequential Clock to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{GO}	Latch G to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
t_{RS}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Reset to Q		3.8		4.3		5.0	ns
Predicted Routing Delays[2]								
t_{RD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay		1.4		1.5		1.8	ns
t_{RD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay		1.7		2.0		2.3	ns
t_{RD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay		2.3		2.6		3.0	ns
t_{RD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay		3.1		3.5		4.1	ns
t_{RD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay		4.7		5.4		6.3	ns
Sequential Timing Characteristics[3,4]								
t_{SUD}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Data Input Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
t_{HD}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Data Input Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{SUENA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Enable Setup	0.8		0.9		1.0		ns
t_{HENA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Enable Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{WCLKA}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Active Pulse Width	4.5		6.0		6.5		ns
t_{WASYN}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Asynchronous Pulse Width	4.5		6.0		6.5		ns
t_A	Flip-Flop Clock Input Period	9.8		12.0		15.0		ns
t_{INH}	Input Buffer Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{INSU}	Input Buffer Latch Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
t_{OUTH}	Output Buffer Latch Hold	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{OUTSU}	Output Buffer Latch Setup	0.4		0.4		0.5		ns
f_{MAX}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Frequency		100.0		80.0		66.0	MHz

Notes:

1. *For dual-module macros, use $t_{PD1} + t_{RD1} + t_{PDn}$, $t_{CO} + t_{RD1} + t_{PDn}$, or $t_{PD1} + t_{RD1} + t_{SUD}$—whichever is appropriate.*

2. *Routing delays are for typical designs across worst-case operating conditions. These parameters should be used for estimating device performance. 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.*

3. *Data applies to macros based on the S-module. Timing parameters for sequential macros constructed from C-modules can be obtained from the DirectTime Analyzer utility.*

4. *Setup and hold timing parameters for the Input Buffer Latch are defined with respect to the PAD and the D input. External setup/hold timing parameters must account for delay from an external PAD signal to the G inputs. Delay from an external PAD signal to the G input subtracts (adds) to the internal setup (hold) time.*

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:

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2. MODE pin should be terminated to GND through a 10K resistor to enable Actionprobe usage; otherwise it can be terminated directly to GND.
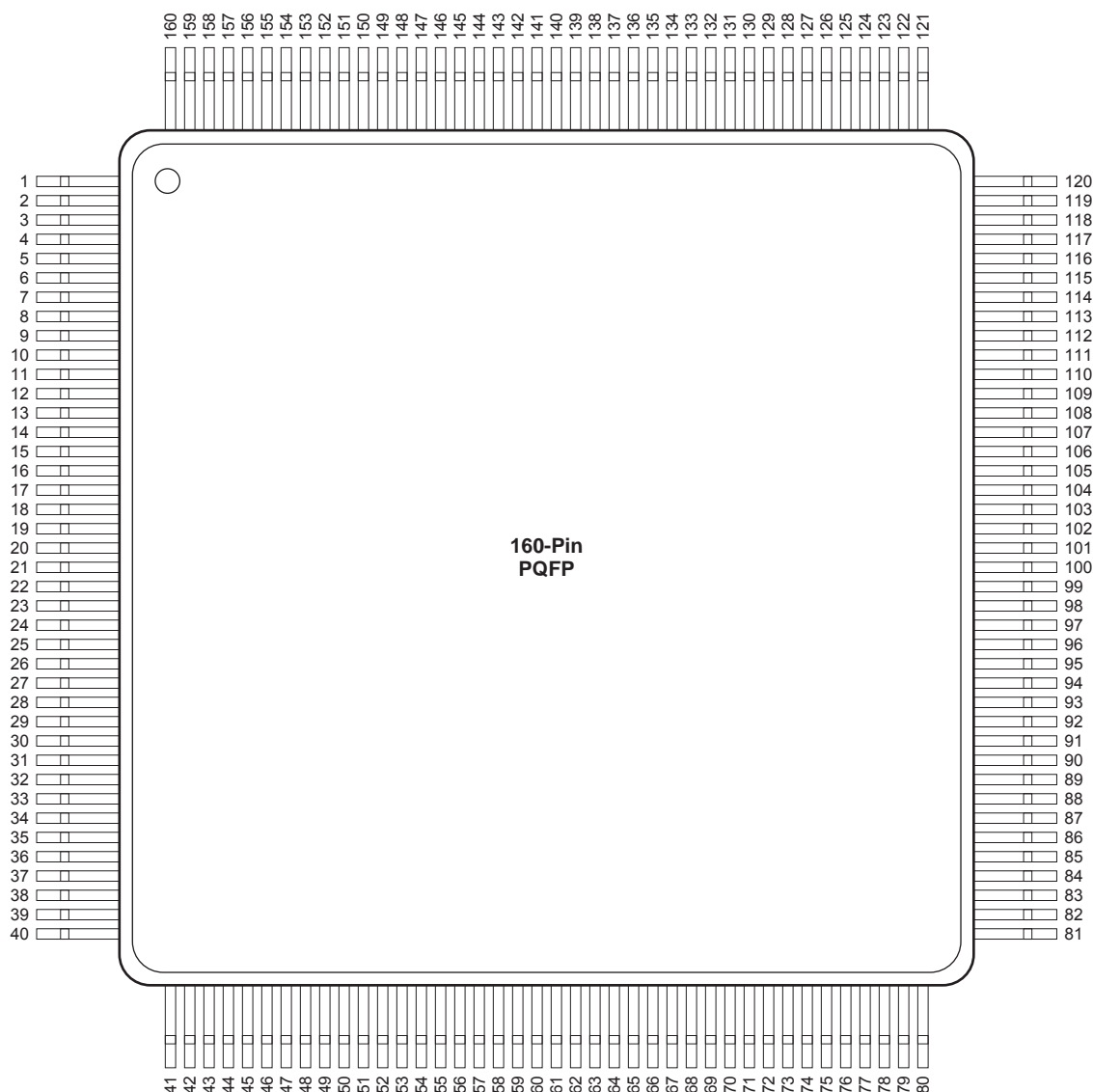
PQ100		PQ100	
Pin Number	A1225A Function	Pin Number	A1225A Function
2	DCLK, I/O	65	VCC
4	MODE	66	VCC
9	GND	67	VCC
16	VCC	72	GND
17	VCC	79	SDI, I/O
22	GND	84	GND
34	GND	87	PRA, I/O
40	VCC	89	CLKA, I/O
46	GND	90	VCC
52	SDO	92	CLKB, I/O
57	GND	94	PRB, I/O
64	GND	96	GND

Notes:

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PQ160


Note: This is the top view of the package

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PQ160		PQ160	
Pin Number	**A1280A Function**	**Pin Number**	**A1280A Function**
2	DCLK, I/O	69	GND
6	VCC	80	GND
11	GND	82	SDO
16	PRB, I/O	86	VCC
18	CLKB, I/O	89	GN
20	VCC	98	GND
21	CLKA, I/O	99	GND
23	PRA, I/O	109	GND
30	GND	114	VCC
35	VCC	120	GND
38	SDI, I/O	125	GND
40	GND	130	GND
44	GND	135	VCC
49	GND	138	VCC
54	VCC	139	VCC
57	VCC	140	GND
58	VCC	145	GND
59	GND	150	VCC
60	VCC	155	GND
61	GND	159	MODE
64	GND	160	GND

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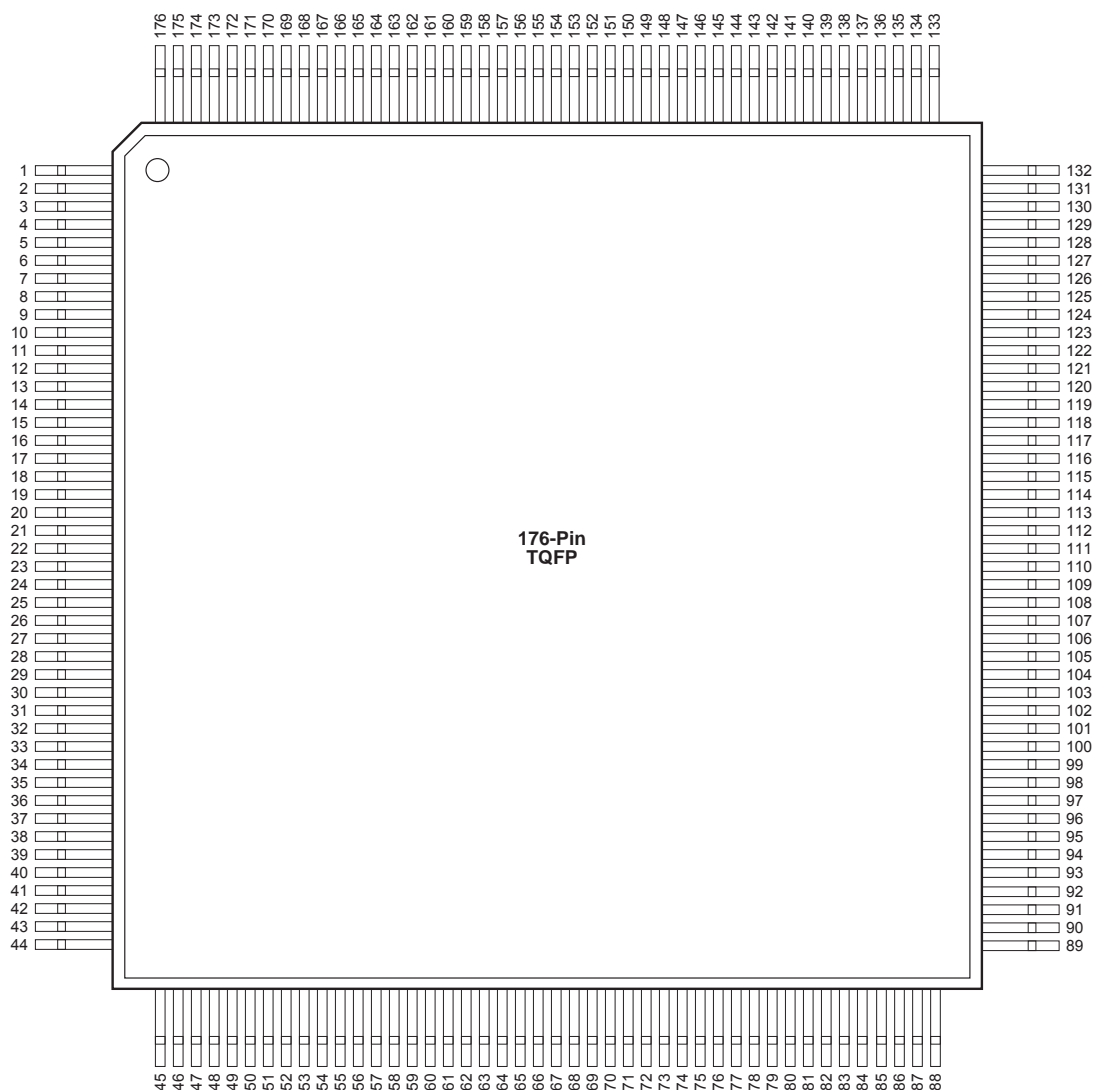
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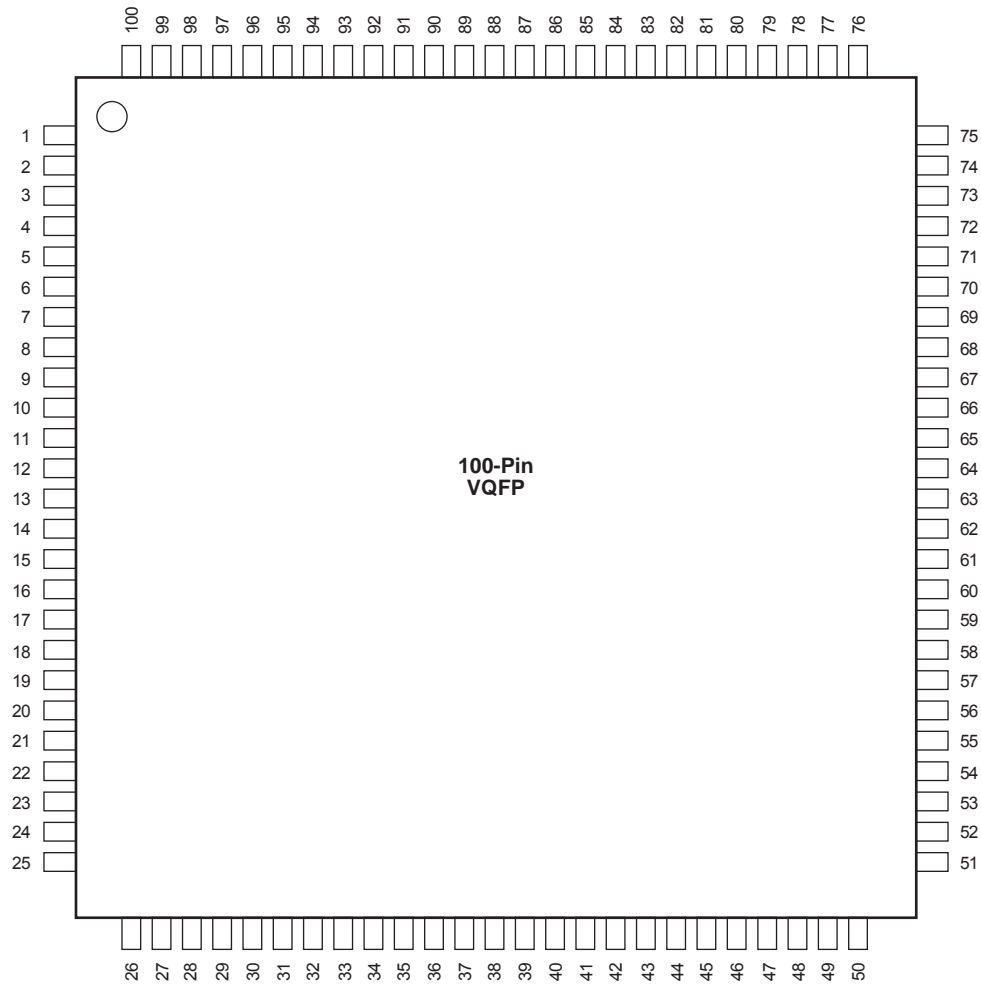
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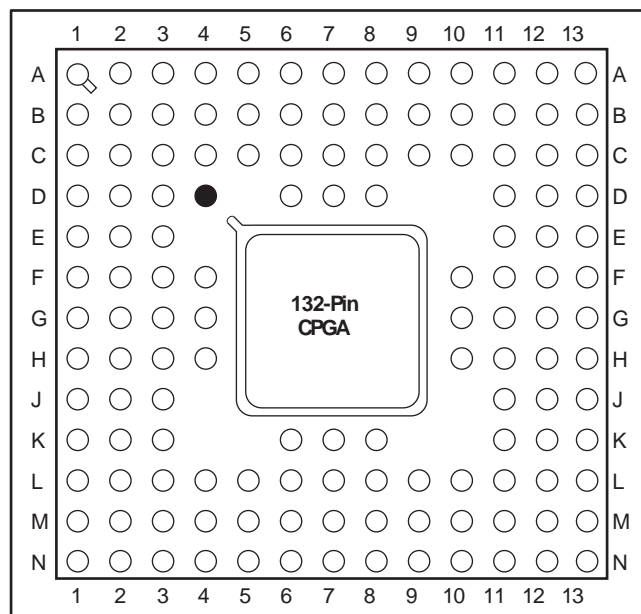For Package Manufacturing and Environmental information, visit the Resource Center at
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PG132

● Orientation Pin

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