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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	1232
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	-
Number of I/O	140
Number of Gates	8000
Voltage - Supply	4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Through Hole
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	176-BCPGA
Supplier Device Package	176-CPGA (39.88x39.88)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microsemi/a1280a-1pg176c

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™.

Table 2-3 • Electrical Specifications

Symbol	Parameter	Commercial		Industrial		Military		Units
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
VOH ¹	(IOH = –10 mA) ²	2.4	–	–	–	–	–	V
	(IOH = –6 mA)	3.84	–	–	–	–	–	V
	(IOH = –4 mA)	–	–	3.7	–	3.7	–	V
VOL ¹	(IOL = 10 mA) ²	–	0.5	–	–	–	–	V
	(IOL = 6 mA)	–	0.33	–	0.40	–	0.40	V
VIL		–0.3	0.8	–0.3	0.8	–0.3	0.8	V
VIH		2.0	VCC + 0.3	2.0	VCC + 0.3	2.0	VCC + 0.3	V
Input Transition Time t _R , t _F ²		–	500	–	500	–	500	ns
C _{IO} I/O capacitance ^{2,3}		–	10	–	10	–	10	pF
Standby Current, ICC ⁴ (typical = 1 mA)		–	2	–	10	–	20	mA
Leakage Current ⁵		–10	+10	–10	+10	–10	+10	μA
ICC(D)	Dynamic VCC supply current. See the Power Dissipation section.							

Notes:

1. Only one output tested at a time. VCC = minimum.
2. Not tested, for information only.
3. Includes worst-case PG176 package capacitance. VOUT = 0 V, f = 1 MHz
4. All outputs unloaded. All inputs = VCC or GND, typical ICC = 1 mA. ICC limit includes IPP and ISV during normal operations.
5. VOUT, VIN = VCC or GND.

Parameter Measurement

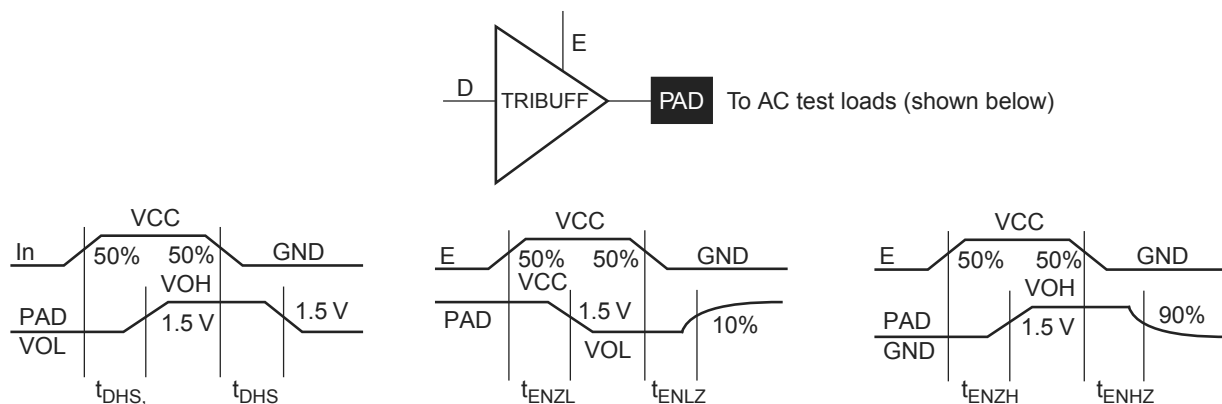


Figure 2-2 • Output Buffer Delays

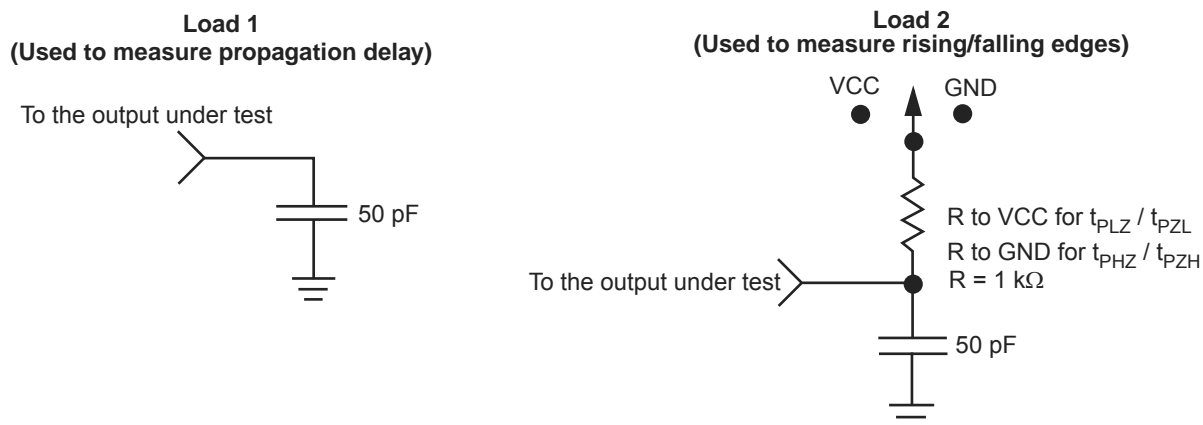


Figure 2-3 • AC Test Loads

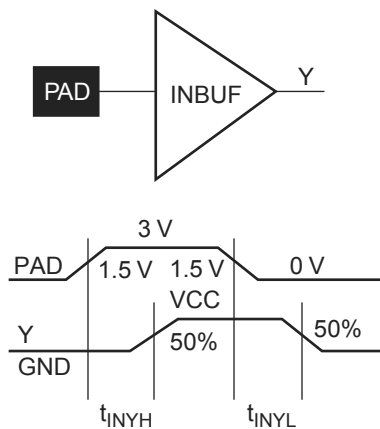


Figure 2-4 • Input Buffer Delays

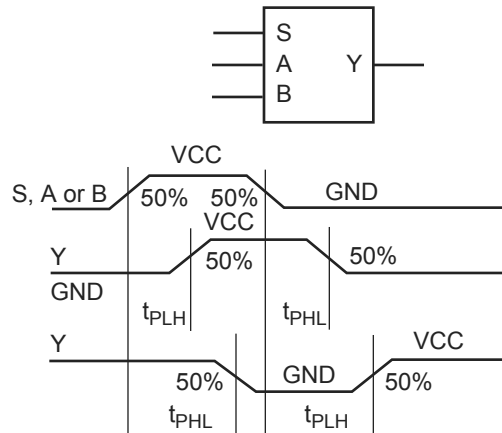
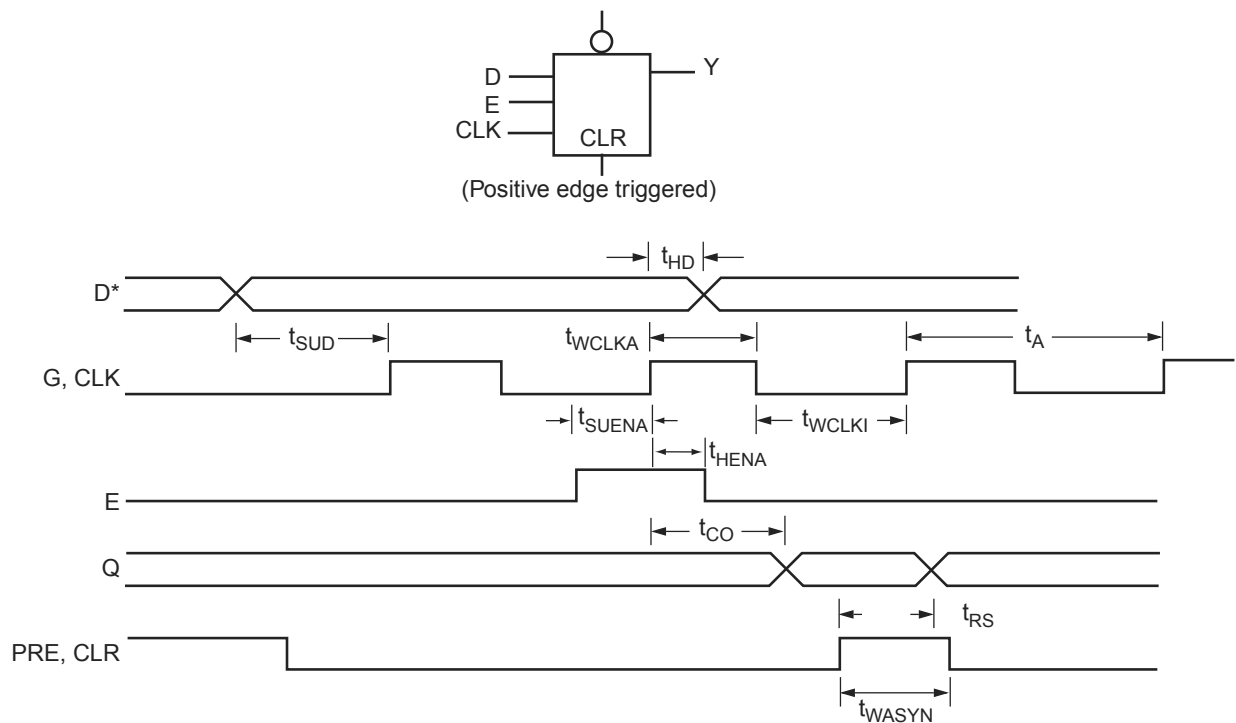


Figure 2-5 • Module Delays

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

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)

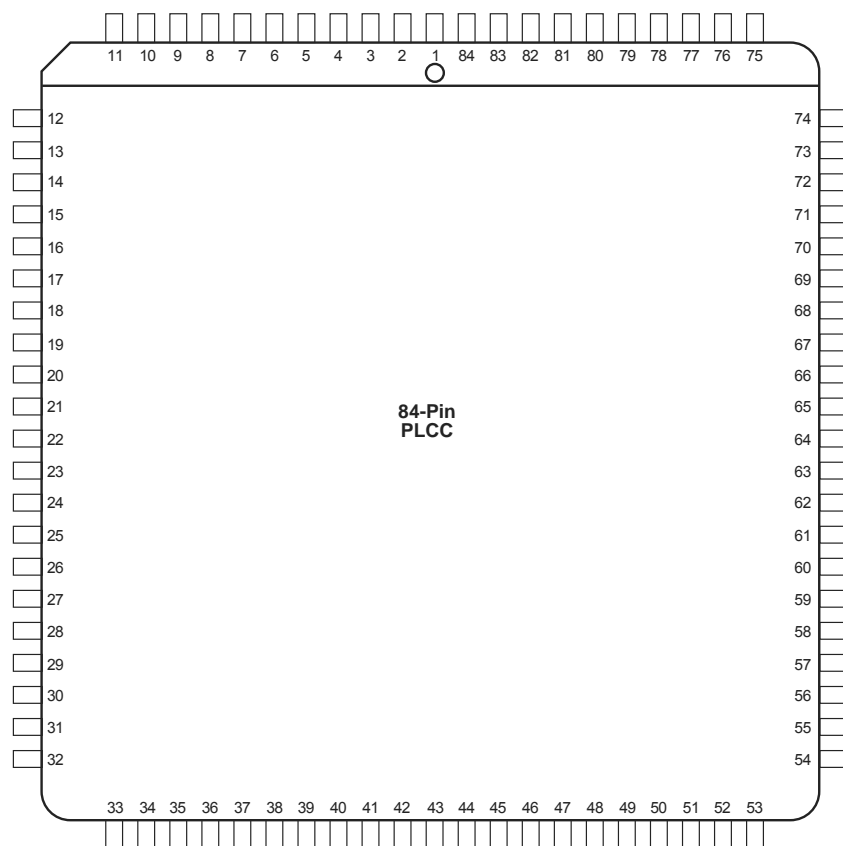
Serial data output for diagnostic probe. SDO is active when the MODE pin is High. This pin functions as an I/O when the MODE pin is Low.

VCC 5.0 V Supply Voltage

High supply voltage.

3 – Package Pin Assignments

PL84



Note

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PQ160	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
2	DCLK, I/O
6	VCC
11	GND
16	PRB, I/O
18	CLKB, I/O
20	VCC
21	CLKA, I/O
23	PRA, I/O
30	GND
35	VCC
38	SDI, I/O
40	GND
44	GND
49	GND
54	VCC
57	VCC
58	VCC
59	GND
60	VCC
61	GND
64	GND

PQ160	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
69	GND
80	GND
82	SDO
86	VCC
89	GN
98	GND
99	GND
109	GND
114	VCC
120	GND
125	GND
130	GND
135	VCC
138	VCC
139	VCC
140	GND
145	GND
150	VCC
155	GND
159	MODE
160	GND

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.

TQ176		
Pin Number	A1240A Function	A1280A Function
1	GND	GND
2	MODE	MODE
8	NC	NC
10	NC	I/O
11	NC	I/O
13	NC	VCC
18	GND	GND
19	NC	I/O
20	NC	I/O
22	NC	I/O
23	GND	GND
24	NC	VCC
25	VCC	VCC
26	NC	I/O
27	NC	I/O
28	VCC	VCC
29	NC	I/O
33	NC	NC
37	NC	I/O
38	NC	NC
45	GND	GND
52	NC	VCC
54	NC	I/O
55	NC	I/O
57	NC	NC
61	NC	I/O
64	NC	I/O
66	NC	I/O
67	GND	GND
68	VCC	VCC
74	NC	I/O
77	NC	NC
78	NC	I/O
80	NC	I/O

TQ176		
Pin Number	A1240A Function	A1280A Function
82	NC	VCC
86	NC	I/O
87	SDO	SDO
89	GND	GND
96	NC	I/O
97	NC	I/O
101	NC	NC
103	NC	I/O
106	GND	GND
107	NC	I/O
108	NC	I/O
109	GND	GND
110	VCC	VCC
111	GND	GND
112	VCC	VCC
113	VCC	VCC
114	NC	I/O
115	NC	I/O
116	NC	VCC
121	NC	NC
124	NC	I/O
125	NC	I/O
126	NC	NC
133	GND	GND
135	SDI, I/O	SDI, I/O
136	NC	I/O
140	NC	VCC
143	NC	I/O
144	NC	I/O
145	NC	NC
147	NC	I/O
151	NC	I/O
152	PRA, I/O	PRA, I/O
154	CLKA, I/O	CLKA, I/O

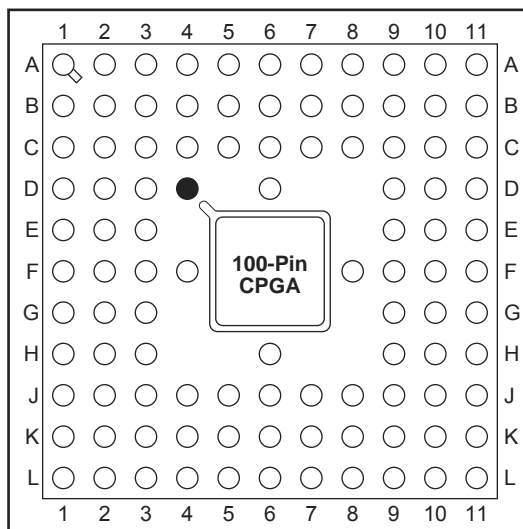
CQ172	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
1	MODE
7	GND
12	VCC
17	GND
22	GND
23	VCC
24	VCC
27	VCC
32	GND
37	GND
50	VCC
55	GND
65	GND
66	VCC
75	GND
80	VCC
85	SDO
98	GND
103	GND
106	GND

CQ172	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
107	VCC
108	GND
109	VCC
110	VCC
113	VCC
118	GND
123	GND
131	SDI, I/O
136	VCC
141	GND
148	PRA, I/O
150	CLKA, I/O
151	VCC
152	GND
154	CLKB, I/O
156	PRB, I/O
161	GND
166	VCC
171	DCLK, I/O

Notes:

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PG100



● Orientation Pin

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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

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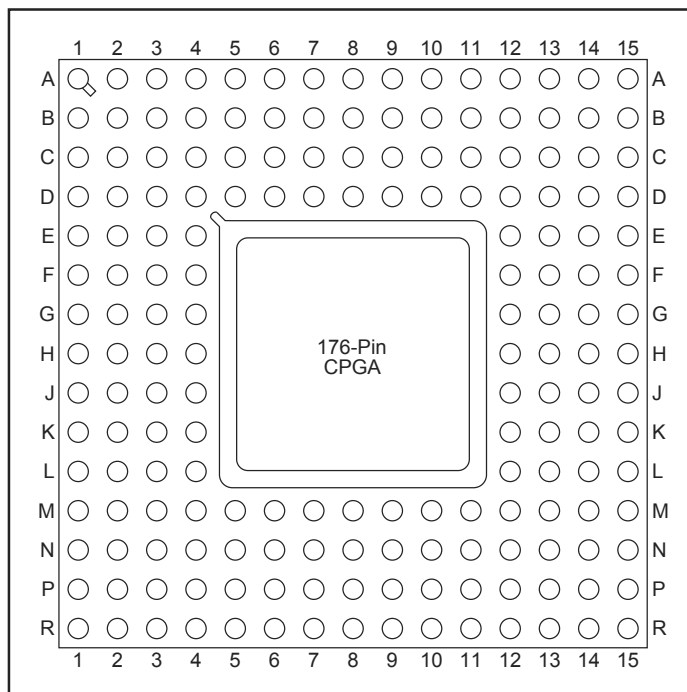
PG132	
Pin Number	A1240A Function
A1	MODE
B5	GND
B6	CLKB, I/O
B7	CLKA, I/O
B8	PRA, I/O
B9	GND
B12	SDI, I/O
C3	DCLK, I/O
C5	GND
C6	PRB, I/O
C7	VCC
C9	GND
D7	VCC
E3	GND
E11	GND
E12	GND
F4	GND
G2	VCC

PG132	
Pin Number	A1240A Function
G3	VCC
G4	VCC
G10	VCC
G11	VCC
G12	VCC
G13	VCC
H13	GND
J2	GND
J3	GND
J11	GND
K7	VCC
K12	GND
L5	GND
L7	VCC
L9	GND
M9	GND
N12	SDO

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PG176



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PG176	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
A9	CLKA, I/O
B3	DCLK, I/O
B8	CLKB, I/O
B14	SDI, I/O
C3	MODE
C8	GND
C9	PRA, I/O
D4	GND
D5	VCC
D6	GND
D7	PRB, I/O
D8	VCC
D10	GND
D11	VCC
D12	GND
E4	GND
E12	GND
F4	VCC
F12	GND
G4	GND
G12	VCC
H2	VCC

PG176	
Pin Number	A1280A Function
H3	VCC
H4	GND
H12	GND
H13	VCC
H14	VCC
J4	VCC
J12	GND
J13	GND
J14	VCC
K4	GND
K12	GND
L4	GND
M4	GND
M5	VCC
M6	GND
M8	GND
M10	GND
M11	VCC
M12	GND
N8	VCC
P13	SDO

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