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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	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-55°C ~ 125°C (TJ)
Package / Case	172-CQFP with Tie Bar
Supplier Device Package	172-CQFP (63.37x63.37)
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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™.

2 – Detailed Specifications

Operating Conditions

Table 2-1 • Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

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 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:

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

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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.

Parameter Measurement

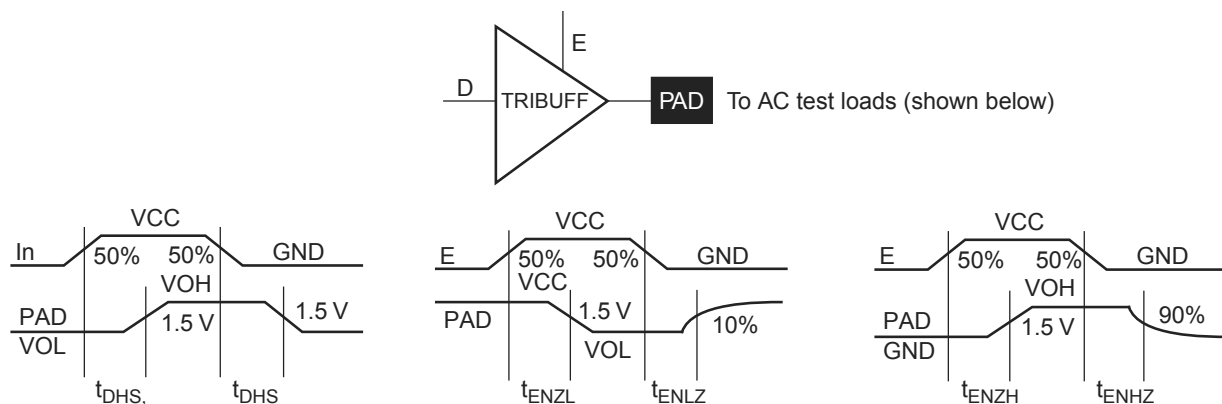


Figure 2-2 • Output Buffer Delays

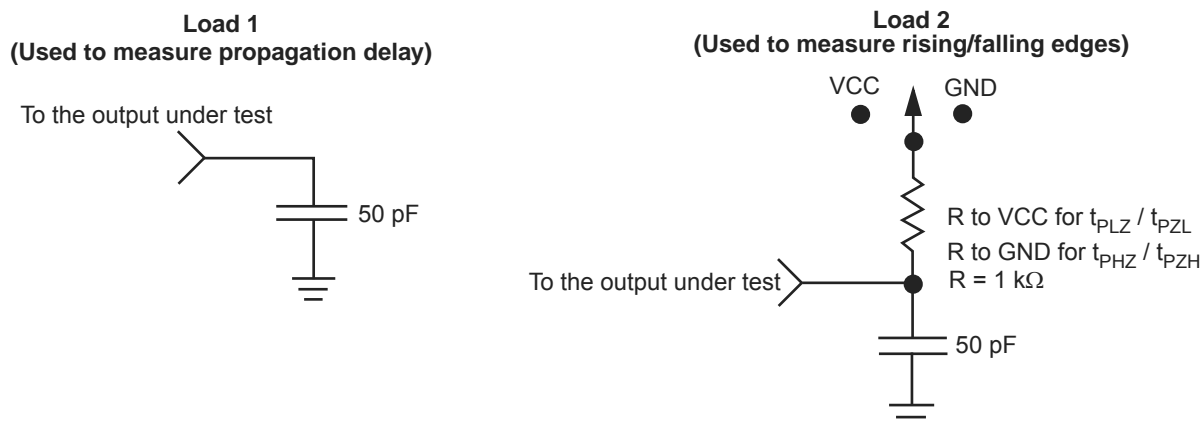


Figure 2-3 • AC Test Loads

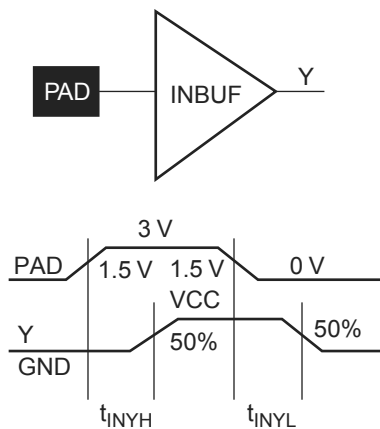


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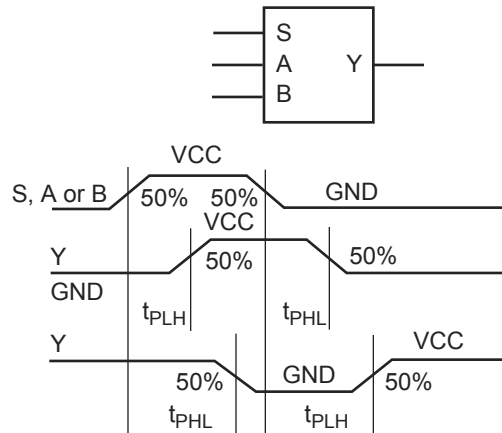
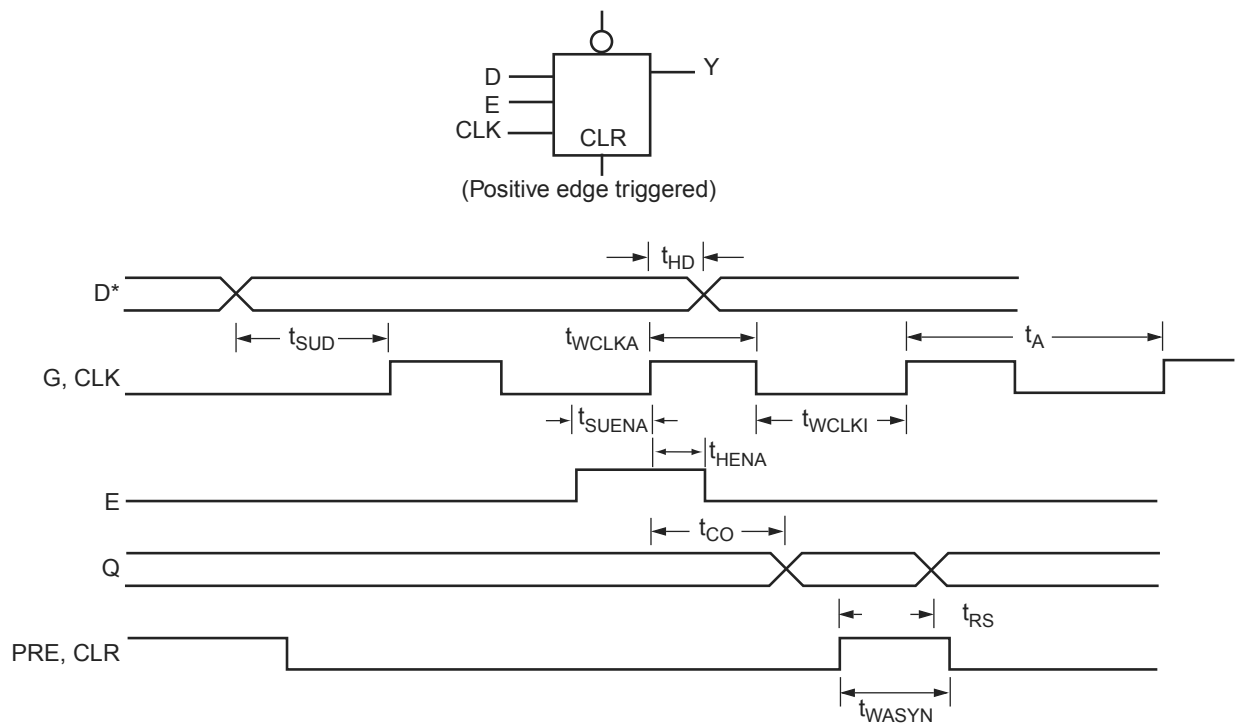


Figure 2-5 • Module Delays

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

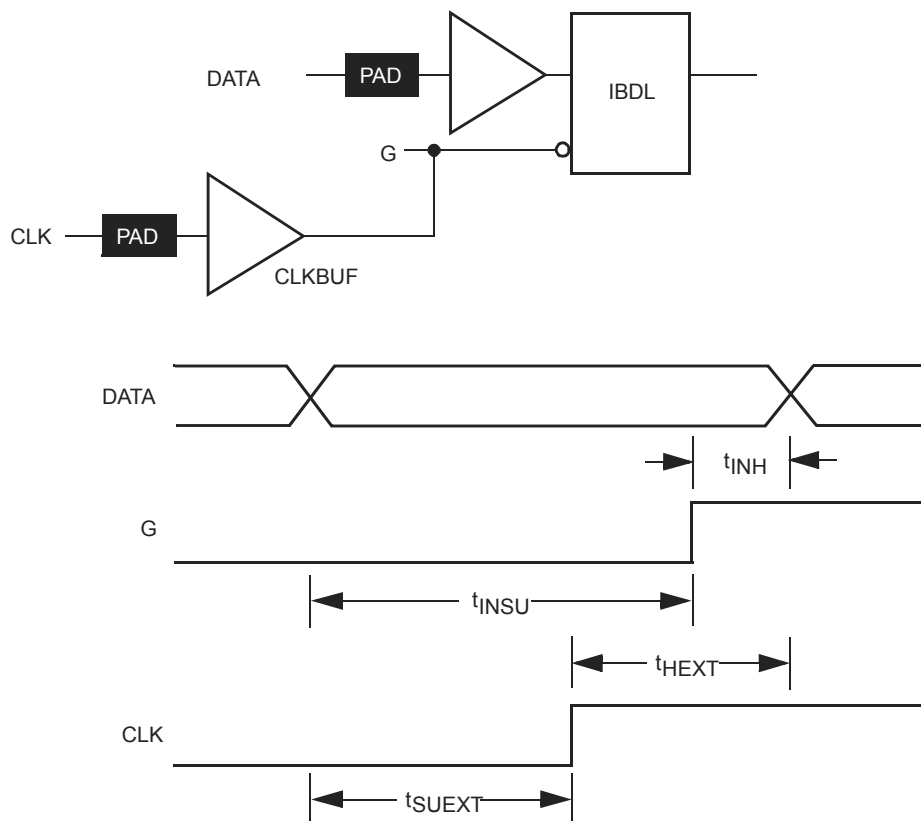


Figure 2-7 • Input Buffer Latches

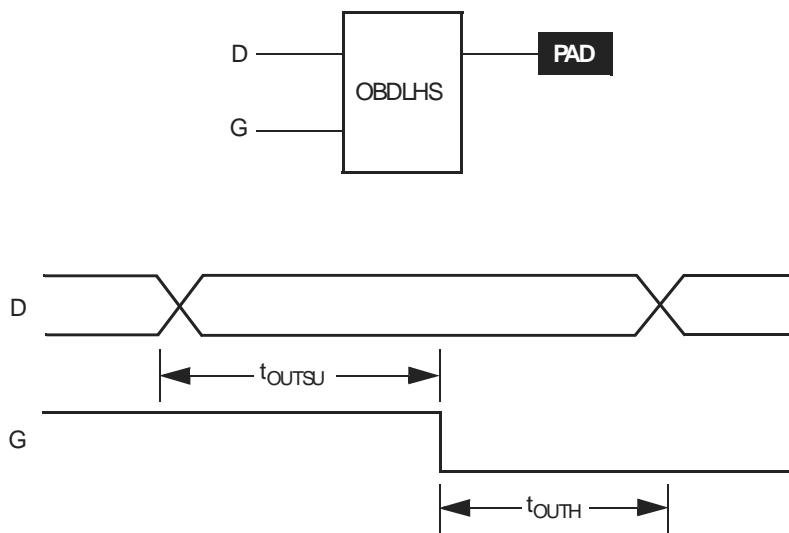


Figure 2-8 • Output Buffer Latches

Timing Derating Factor (Temperature and Voltage)

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

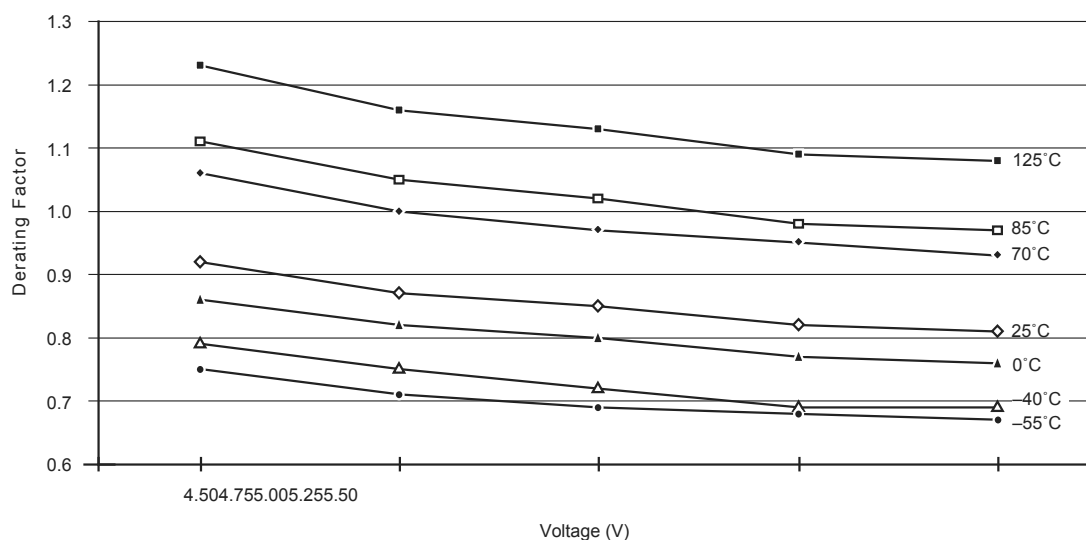
(Commercial Minimum/Maximum Specification) x	Industrial		Military	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
	0.69	1.11	0.67	1.23

Table 2-10 • Timing Derating Factor for Designs at Typical Temperature ($T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$) and Voltage (5.0 V)

(Commercial Maximum Specification) x	0.85
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**Table 2-11 • Temperature and Voltage Derating Factors
(normalized to Worst-Case Commercial, $T_J = 4.75\text{ V}$, 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, $T_J = 4.75\text{ V}$, 70°C)**

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 Delays²								
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.

A1280A Timing Characteristics

Table 2-18 • A1280A 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 Delays²								
t _{RD1}	FO = 1 Routing Delay		1.7		2.0		2.3	ns
t _{RD2}	FO = 2 Routing Delay		2.5		2.8		3.3	ns
t _{RD3}	FO = 3 Routing Delay		3.0		3.4		4.0	ns
t _{RD4}	FO = 4 Routing Delay		3.7		4.2		4.9	ns
t _{RD8}	FO = 8 Routing Delay		6.7		7.5		8.8	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	5.5		6.0		7.0		ns
t _{WASYN}	Flip-Flop (Latch) Clock Asynchronous Pulse Width	5.5		6.0		7.0		ns
t _A	Flip-Flop Clock Input Period	11.7		13.3		18.0		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		85.0		75.0		50.0	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.
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Table 2-20 • A1280A 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		8.1		9.0		10.6	ns
t _{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		10.2		11.4		13.4	ns
t _{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		9.0		10.0		11.8	ns
t _{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.8		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		11.3		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		10.3		11.5		13.5	ns
t _{DHL}	Data to Pad Low		8.5		9.6		11.2	ns
t _{ENZH}	Enable Pad Z to High		9.0		10.0		11.8	ns
t _{ENZL}	Enable Pad Z to Low		11.8		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		11.3		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.

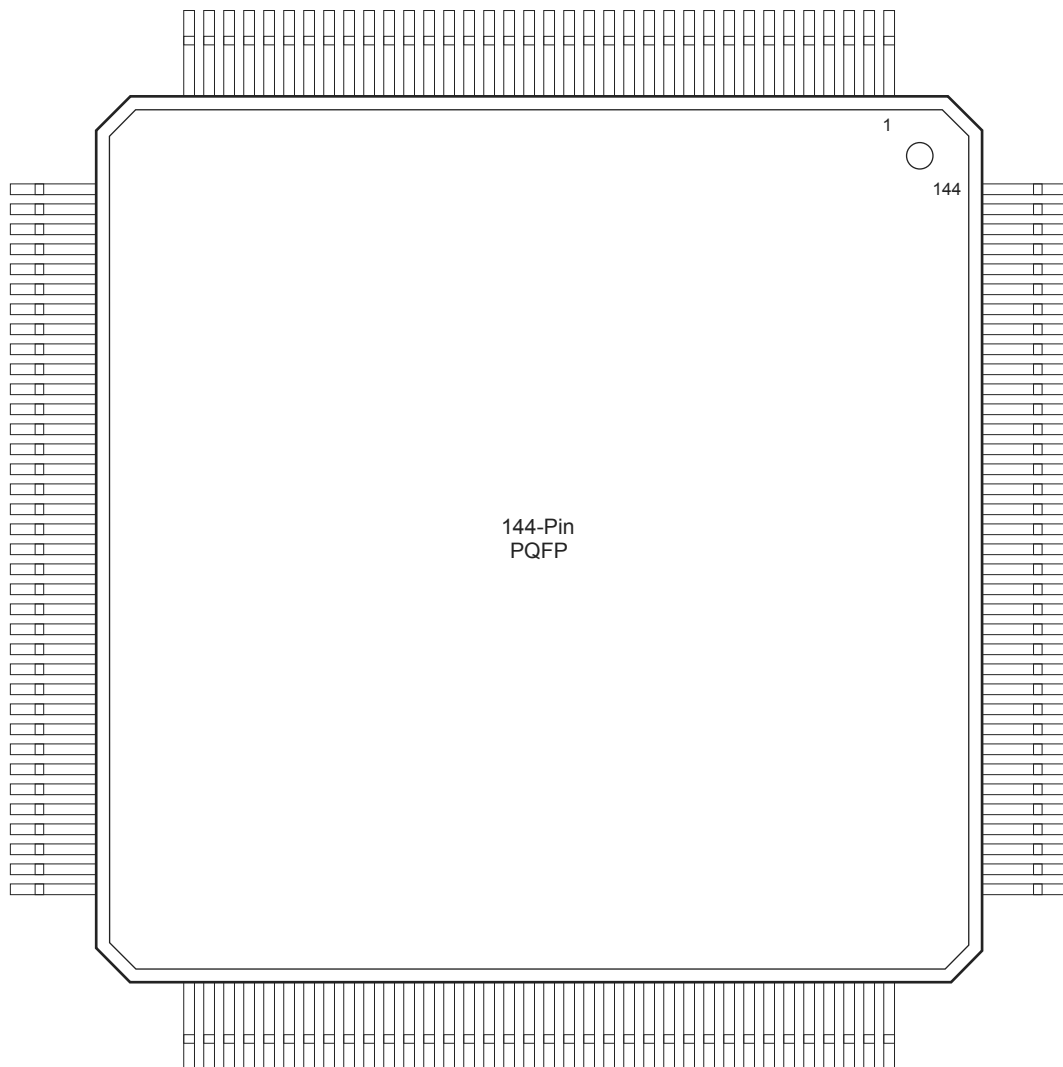
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2	DCLK, I/O
4	MODE
9	GND
16	VCC
17	VCC
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40	VCC
46	GND
52	SDO
57	GND
64	GND

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

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.

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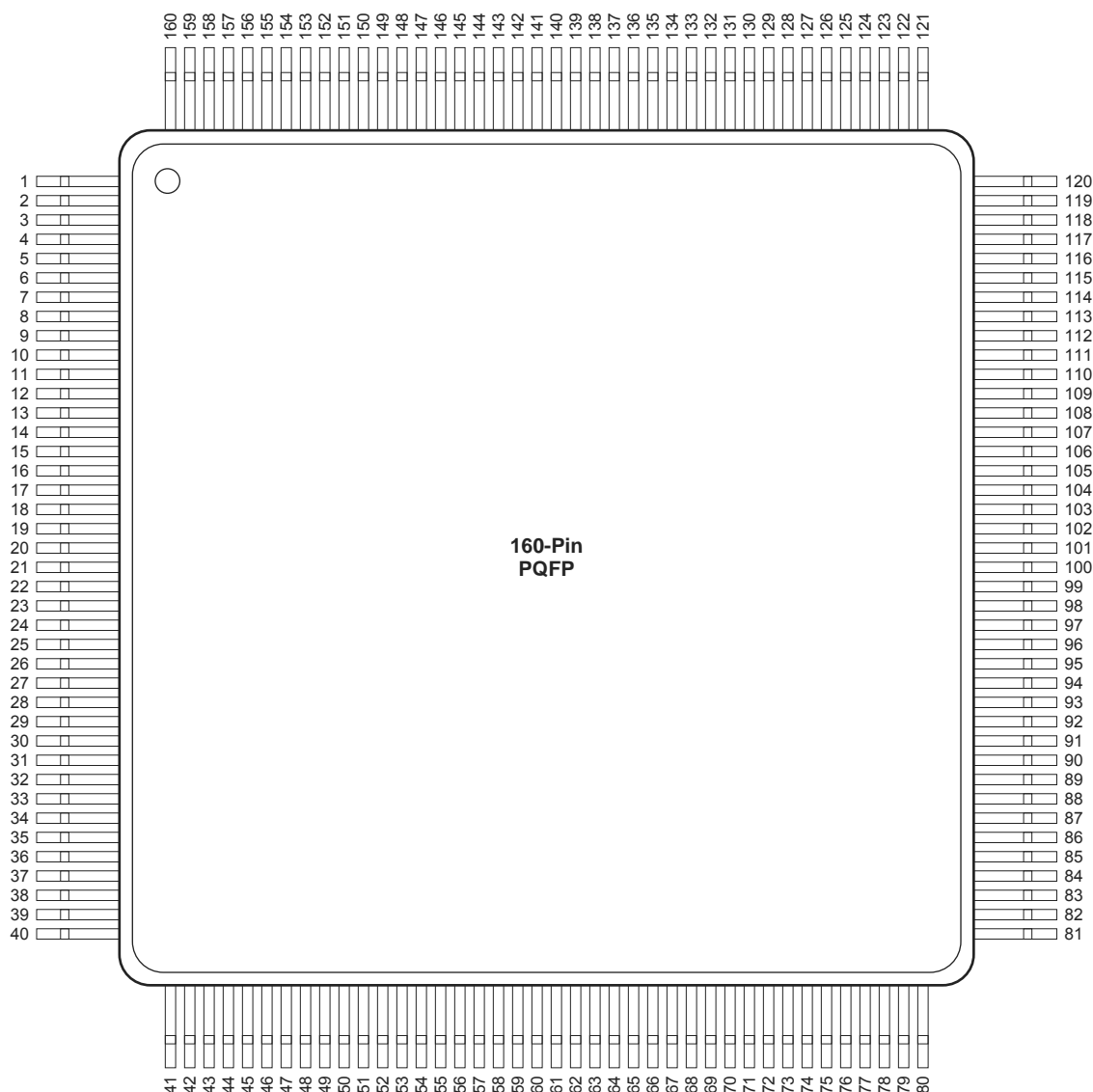
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29	GND
30	GND
44	GND
45	GND
46	GND
54	VCC
55	VCC
56	VCC
64	GND
65	GND
71	SDO
79	GND
80	GND
81	GND
88	GND

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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

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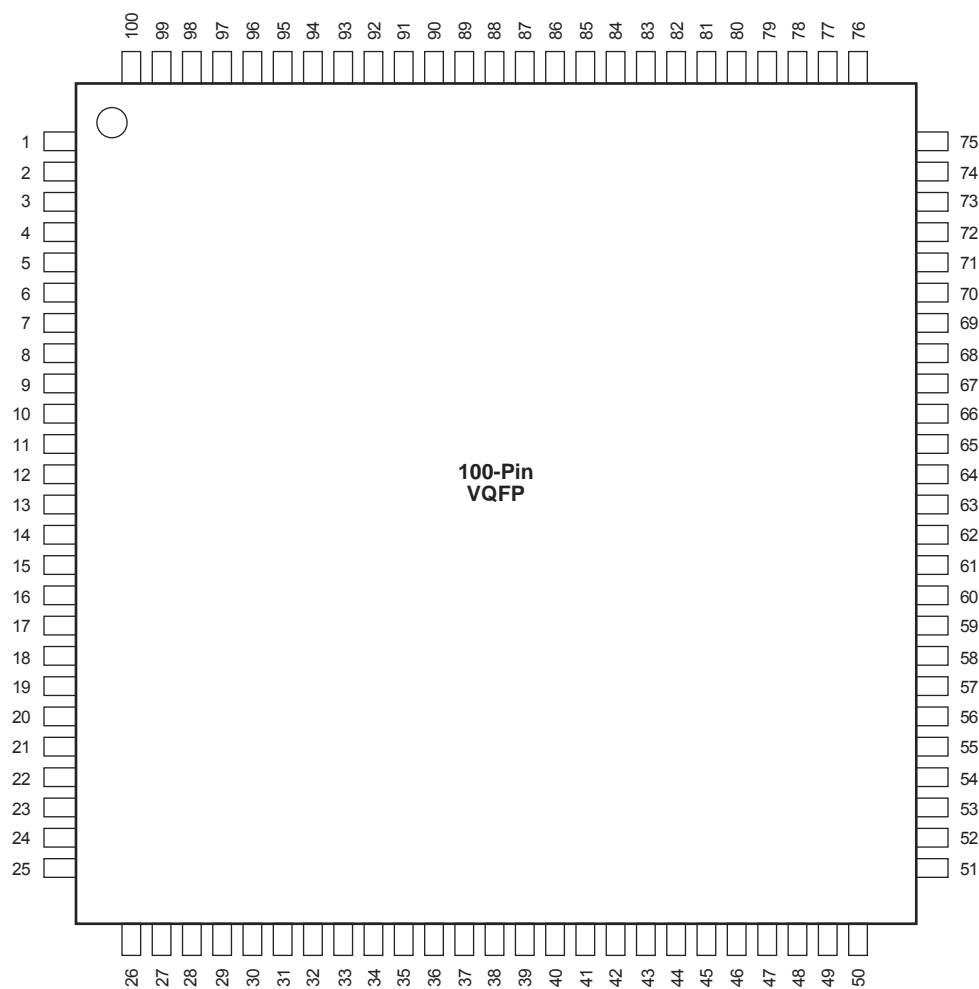


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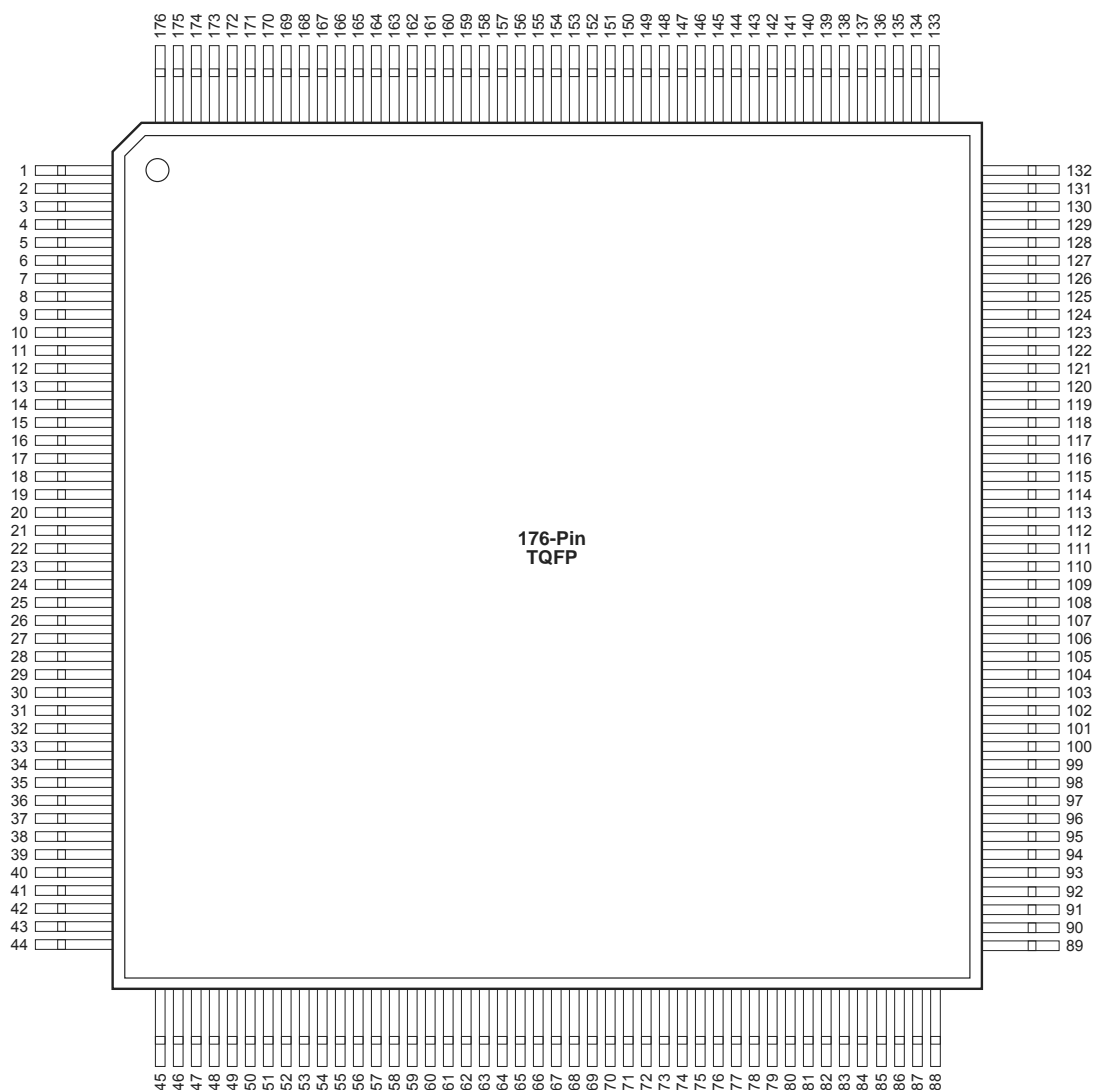
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14	VCC
15	VCC
20	GND
32	GND
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44	GND
50	SDO
55	GND
62	GND
63	VCC

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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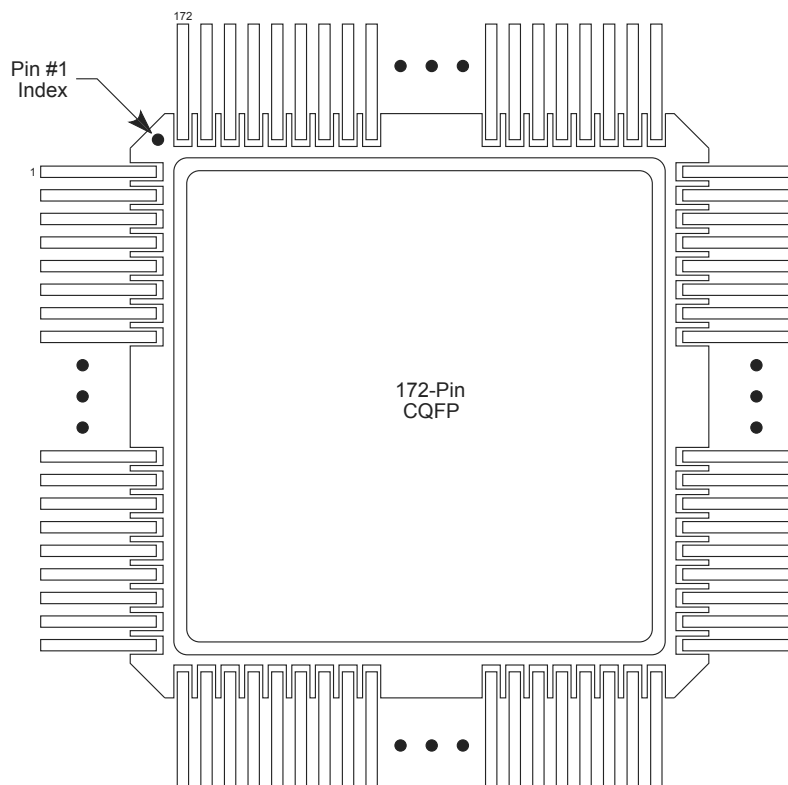
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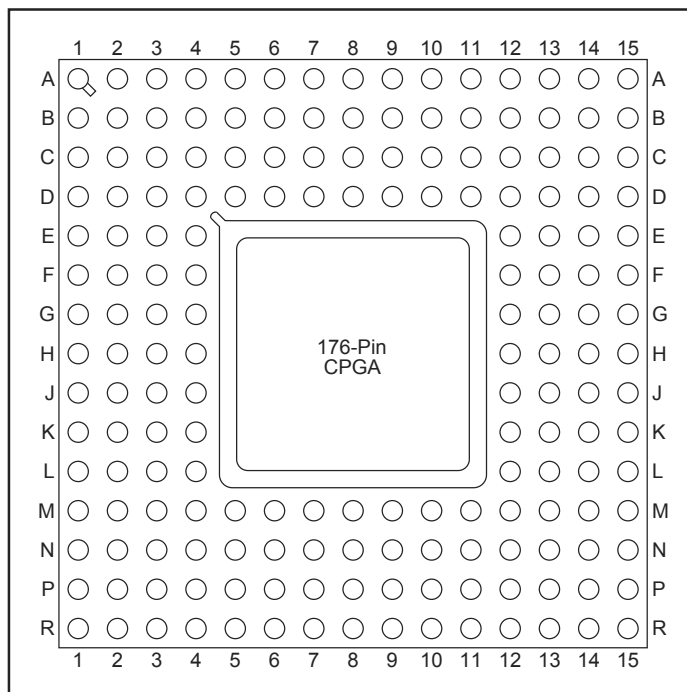
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