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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	1248
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	9984
Total RAM Bits	98304
Number of I/O	182
Number of Gates	513000
Voltage - Supply	2.375V ~ 2.625V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	240-BFQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	240-RQFP (32x32)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/epf10k200src240-1

LE Operating Modes

The FLEX 10KE LE can operate in the following four modes:

- Normal mode
- Arithmetic mode
- Up/down counter mode
- Clearable counter mode

Each of these modes uses LE resources differently. In each mode, seven available inputs to the LE—the four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect, the feedback from the programmable register, and the carry-in and cascade-in from the previous LE—are directed to different destinations to implement the desired logic function. Three inputs to the LE provide clock, clear, and preset control for the register. The Altera software, in conjunction with parameterized functions such as LPM and DesignWare functions, automatically chooses the appropriate mode for common functions such as counters, adders, and multipliers. If required, the designer can also create special-purpose functions that use a specific LE operating mode for optimal performance.

The architecture provides a synchronous clock enable to the register in all four modes. The Altera software can set DATA1 to enable the register synchronously, providing easy implementation of fully synchronous designs.

Table 9. Peripheral Bus Sources for EPF10K100E, EPF10K130E, EPF10K200E & EPF10K200S Devices

Peripheral Control Signal	EPF10K100E	EPF10K130E	EPF10K200E EPF10K200S
OE0	Row A	Row C	Row G
OE1	Row C	Row E	Row I
OE2	Row E	Row G	Row K
OE3	Row L	Row N	Row R
OE4	Row I	Row K	Row O
OE5	Row K	Row M	Row Q
CLKENA0/CLK0/GLOBAL0	Row F	Row H	Row L
CLKENA1/OE6/GLOBAL1	Row D	Row F	Row J
CLKENA2/CLR0	Row B	Row D	Row H
CLKENA3/OE7/GLOBAL2	Row H	Row J	Row N
CLKENA4/CLR1	Row J	Row L	Row P
CLKENA5/CLK1/GLOBAL3	Row G	Row I	Row M

Signals on the peripheral control bus can also drive the four global signals, referred to as GLOBAL0 through GLOBAL3 in Tables 8 and 9. An internally generated signal can drive a global signal, providing the same low-skew, low-delay characteristics as a signal driven by an input pin. An LE drives the global signal by driving a row line that drives the peripheral bus, which then drives the global signal. This feature is ideal for internally generated clear or clock signals with high fan-out. However, internally driven global signals offer no advantage over the general-purpose interconnect for routing data signals. The dedicated input pin should be driven to a known logic state (such as ground) and not be allowed to float.

The chip-wide output enable pin is an active-high pin (DEV_OE) that can be used to tri-state all pins on the device. This option can be set in the Altera software. On EPF10K50E and EPF10K200E devices, the built-in I/O pin pull-up resistors (which are active during configuration) are active when the chip-wide output enable pin is asserted. The registers in the IOE can also be reset by the chip-wide reset pin.

Row-to-IOE Connections

When an IOE is used as an input signal, the signal is accessible by all LEs within that row. When an IOE is used as an output, the signal is driven by a multiplexer that selects a signal from the row channels. Up to eight IOEs connect to each side of each row channel (see Figure 16).

Figure 16. FLEX 10KE Row-to-IOE Connections

The values for m and n are provided in Table 10

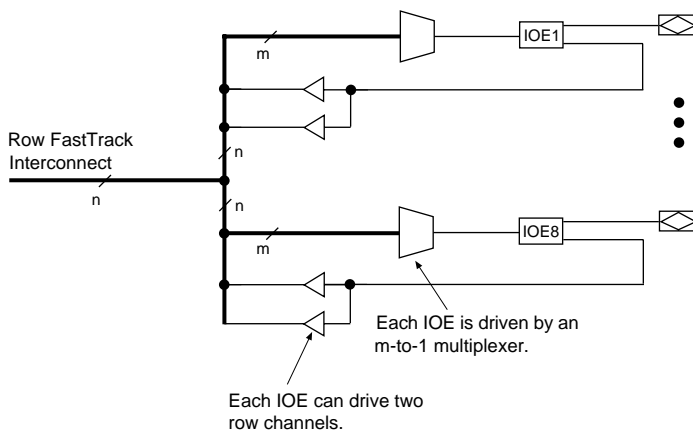


Table 10 lists the FLEX 10KE row-to-IOE interconnect resources.

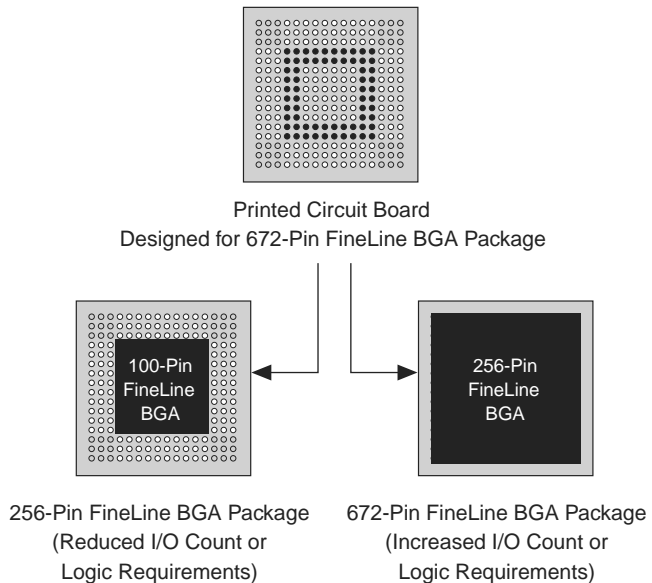
Table 10. FLEX 10KE Row-to-IOE Interconnect Resources		
Device	Channels per Row (n)	Row Channels per Pin (m)
EPF10K30E	216	27
EPF10K50E EPF10K50S	216	27
EPF10K100E	312	39
EPF10K130E	312	39
EPF10K200E EPF10K200S	312	39

SameFrame Pin-Outs

FLEX 10KE devices support the SameFrame pin-out feature for FineLine BGA packages. The SameFrame pin-out feature is the arrangement of balls on FineLine BGA packages such that the lower-ball-count packages form a subset of the higher-ball-count packages. SameFrame pin-outs provide the flexibility to migrate not only from device to device within the same package, but also from one package to another. A given printed circuit board (PCB) layout can support multiple device density/package combinations. For example, a single board layout can support a range of devices from an EPF10K30E device in a 256-pin FineLine BGA package to an EPF10K200S device in a 672-pin FineLine BGA package.

The Altera software provides support to design PCBs with SameFrame pin-out devices. Devices can be defined for present and future use. The Altera software generates pin-outs describing how to lay out a board to take advantage of this migration (see Figure 18).

Figure 18. SameFrame Pin-Out Example



ClockLock & ClockBoost Features

To support high-speed designs, FLEX 10KE devices offer optional ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry containing a phase-locked loop (PLL) used to increase design speed and reduce resource usage. The ClockLock circuitry uses a synchronizing PLL that reduces the clock delay and skew within a device. This reduction minimizes clock-to-output and setup times while maintaining zero hold times. The ClockBoost circuitry, which provides a clock multiplier, allows the designer to enhance device area efficiency by resource sharing within the device. The ClockBoost feature allows the designer to distribute a low-speed clock and multiply that clock on-device. Combined, the ClockLock and ClockBoost features provide significant improvements in system performance and bandwidth.

All FLEX 10KE devices, except EPF10K50E and EPF10K200E devices, support ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry. EPF10K50S and EPF10K200S devices support this circuitry. Devices that support ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry are distinguished with an "X" suffix in the ordering code; for instance, the EPF10K200SFC672-1X device supports this circuit.

The ClockLock and ClockBoost features in FLEX 10KE devices are enabled through the Altera software. External devices are not required to use these features. The output of the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuits is not available at any of the device pins.

The ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry locks onto the rising edge of the incoming clock. The circuit output can drive the clock inputs of registers only; the generated clock cannot be gated or inverted.

The dedicated clock pin (GCLK1) supplies the clock to the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry. When the dedicated clock pin is driving the ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry, it cannot drive elsewhere in the device.

For designs that require both a multiplied and non-multiplied clock, the clock trace on the board can be connected to the GCLK1 pin. In the Altera software, the GCLK1 pin can feed both the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry in the FLEX 10KE device. However, when both circuits are used, the other clock pin cannot be used.

