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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	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	-
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	110592
Number of I/O	235
Number of Gates	600000
Voltage - Supply	1.425V ~ 1.575V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	484-BGA
Supplier Device Package	484-FPBGA (23x23)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/a3p600-fg484i

1 – ProASIC3 Device Family Overview

General Description

ProASIC3, the third-generation family of Microsemi flash FPGAs, offers performance, density, and features beyond those of the ProASIC^{PLUS}® family. Nonvolatile flash technology gives ProASIC3 devices the advantage of being a secure, low power, single-chip solution that is Instant On. ProASIC3 is reprogrammable and offers time-to-market benefits at an ASIC-level unit cost. These features enable designers to create high-density systems using existing ASIC or FPGA design flows and tools.

ProASIC3 devices offer 1 kbit of on-chip, reprogrammable, nonvolatile FlashROM storage as well as clock conditioning circuitry based on an integrated phase-locked loop (PLL). The A3P015 and A3P030 devices have no PLL or RAM support. ProASIC3 devices have up to 1 million system gates, supported with up to 144 kbits of true dual-port SRAM and up to 300 user I/Os.

ProASIC3 devices support the ARM Cortex-M1 processor. The ARM-enabled devices have Microsemi ordering numbers that begin with M1A3P (Cortex-M1) and do not support AES decryption.

Flash Advantages

Reduced Cost of Ownership

Advantages to the designer extend beyond low unit cost, performance, and ease of use. Unlike SRAM-based FPGAs, flash-based ProASIC3 devices allow all functionality to be Instant On; no external boot PROM is required. On-board security mechanisms prevent access to all the programming information and enable secure remote updates of the FPGA logic. Designers can perform secure remote in-system reprogramming to support future design iterations and field upgrades with confidence that valuable intellectual property (IP) cannot be compromised or copied. Secure ISP can be performed using the industry-standard AES algorithm. The ProASIC3 family device architecture mitigates the need for ASIC migration at higher user volumes. This makes the ProASIC3 family a cost-effective ASIC replacement solution, especially for applications in the consumer, networking/ communications, computing, and avionics markets.

Security

The nonvolatile, flash-based ProASIC3 devices do not require a boot PROM, so there is no vulnerable external bitstream that can be easily copied. ProASIC3 devices incorporate FlashLock, which provides a unique combination of reprogrammability and design security without external overhead, advantages that only an FPGA with nonvolatile flash programming can offer.

ProASIC3 devices utilize a 128-bit flash-based lock and a separate AES key to provide the highest level of protection in the FPGA industry for intellectual property and configuration data. In addition, all FlashROM data in ProASIC3 devices can be encrypted prior to loading, using the industry-leading AES-128 (FIPS192) bit block cipher encryption standard. The AES standard was adopted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in 2000 and replaces the 1977 DES standard. ProASIC3 devices have a built-in AES decryption engine and a flash-based AES key that make them the most comprehensive programmable logic device security solution available today. ProASIC3 devices with AES-based security provide a high level of protection for remote field updates over public networks such as the Internet, and are designed to ensure that valuable IP remains out of the hands of system overbuilders, system cloners, and IP thieves.

ARM-enabled ProASIC3 devices do not support user-controlled AES security mechanisms. Since the ARM core must be protected at all times, AES encryption is always on for the core logic, so bitstreams are always encrypted. There is no user access to encryption for the FlashROM programming data.

Security, built into the FPGA fabric, is an inherent component of the ProASIC3 family. The flash cells are located beneath seven metal layers, and many device design and layout techniques have been used to make invasive attacks extremely difficult. The ProASIC3 family, with FlashLock and AES security, is unique in being highly resistant to both invasive and noninvasive attacks.

2 – ProASIC3 DC and Switching Characteristics

General Specifications

Operating Conditions

Stresses beyond those listed in [Table 2-1](#) may cause permanent damage to the device.

Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Absolute Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under the Recommended Operating Conditions specified in [Table 2-2](#) on page 2-2 is not implied.

Table 2-1 • Absolute Maximum Ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCC	DC core supply voltage	–0.3 to 1.65	V
VJTAG	JTAG DC voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VPUMP	Programming voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VCCPLL	Analog power supply (PLL)	–0.3 to 1.65	V
VCCI	DC I/O output buffer supply voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VMV	DC I/O input buffer supply voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VI	I/O input voltage	–0.3 V to 3.6 V (when I/O hot insertion mode is enabled) –0.3 V to (VCCI + 1 V) or 3.6 V, whichever voltage is lower (when I/O hot-insertion mode is disabled)	V
T _{STG} ²	Storage temperature	–65 to +150	°C
T _J ²	Junction temperature	+125	°C

Notes:

1. The device should be operated within the limits specified by the datasheet. During transitions, the input signal may undershoot or overshoot according to the limits shown in [Table 2-4](#) on page 2-3.
2. VMV pins must be connected to the corresponding VCCI pins. See the "VMVx I/O Supply Voltage (quiet)" section on [page 3-1](#) for further information.
3. For flash programming and retention maximum limits, refer to [Table 2-3](#) on page 2-3, and for recommended operating limits, refer to [Table 2-2](#) on page 2-2.

Table 2-9 • Summary of I/O Input Buffer Power (Per Pin) – Default I/O Software Settings Applicable to Standard Plus I/O Banks

	VMV (V)	Static Power PDC2 (mW) ¹	Dynamic Power PAC9 (μ W/MHz) ²
2.5 V LVCMOS	2.5	–	5.14
1.8 V LVCMOS	1.8	–	2.13
1.5 V LVCMOS (JESD8-11)	1.5	–	1.48
3.3 V PCI	3.3	–	18.13
3.3 V PCI-X	3.3	–	18.13

Notes:

1. PDC2 is the static power (where applicable) measured on VMV.
2. PAC9 is the total dynamic power measured on VCC and VMV.
3. All LVCMOS 3.3 V software macros support LVCMOS 3.3 V wide range as specified in the JESD8-B specification.

Table 2-10 • Summary of I/O Input Buffer Power (Per Pin) – Default I/O Software Settings Applicable to Standard I/O Banks

	VMV (V)	Static Power PDC2 (mW) ¹	Dynamic Power PAC9 (μ W/MHz) ²
Single-Ended			
3.3 V LVTTL / 3.3 V LVCMOS	3.3	–	17.24
3.3 V LVCMOS Wide Range ³	3.3	–	17.24
2.5 V LVCMOS	2.5	–	5.19
1.8 V LVCMOS	1.8	–	2.18
1.5 V LVCMOS (JESD8-11)	1.5	–	1.52

Notes:

1. PDC2 is the static power (where applicable) measured on VMV.
2. PAC9 is the total dynamic power measured on VCC and VMV.
3. All LVCMOS 3.3 V software macros support LVCMOS 3.3 V wide range as specified in the JESD8-B specification.

Table 2-26 • Summary of I/O Timing Characteristics—Software Default Settings

–2 Speed Grade, Commercial-Case Conditions: $T_J = 70^\circ\text{C}$, Worst Case VCC = 1.425 V,
 Worst-Case VCCI (per standard)
 Standard I/O Banks

I/O Standard	Drive Strength	Equiv. Software Default Drive Strength Option ¹	Slew Rate	Capacitive Load (pF)	External Resistor	t_{DOUT} (ns)	t_{DP} (ns)	t_{DIN} (ns)	t_{PY} (ns)	t_{EOUT} (ns)	t_{ZL} (ns)	t_{ZH} (ns)	t_{LZ} (ns)	t_{HZ} (ns)	Units
3.3 V LVTTTL / 3.3 V LVCmos	8 mA	8 mA	High	35	–	0.45	3.29	0.03	0.75	0.32	3.36	2.80	1.79	2.01	ns
3.3 V LVCmos Wide Range ²	100 μ A	8 mA	High	35	–	0.45	5.09	0.03	1.13	0.32	5.09	4.25	2.77	3.11	ns
2.5 V LVCmos	8 mA	8 mA	High	35	–	0.45	3.56	0.03	0.96	0.32	3.40	3.56	1.78	1.91	ns
1.8 V LVCmos	4 mA	4 mA	High	35	–	0.45	4.74	0.03	0.90	0.32	4.02	4.74	1.80	1.85	ns
1.5 V LVCmos	2 mA	2 mA	High	35	–	0.45	5.71	0.03	1.06	0.32	4.71	5.71	1.83	1.83	ns

Notes:

1. The minimum drive strength for any LVCmos 3.3 V software configuration when run in wide range is $\pm 100 \mu\text{A}$. Drive strength displayed in the software is supported for normal range only. For a detailed I/V curve, refer to the IBIS models.
2. All LVCmos 3.3 V software macros support LVCmos 3.3 V wide range as specified in the JESD-8B specification.
3. For specific junction temperature and voltage supply levels, refer to [Table 2-6 on page 2-6](#) for derating values.

Input Register

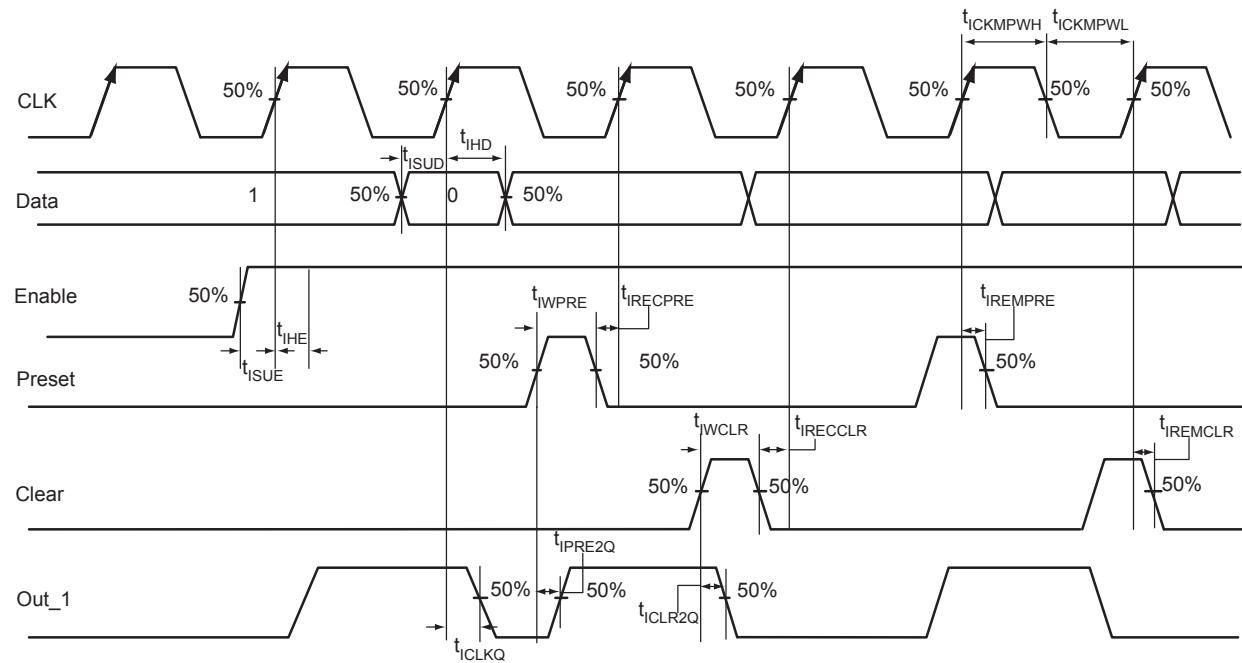


Figure 2-17 • Input Register Timing Diagram

Timing Characteristics

Table 2-98 • Input Data Register Propagation Delays

Commercial-Case Conditions: $T_J = 70^\circ\text{C}$, Worst-Case $V_{CC} = 1.425 \text{ V}$

Parameter	Description	-2	-1	Std.	Units
t_{ICLKQ}	Clock-to-Q of the Input Data Register	0.24	0.27	0.32	ns
t_{ISUD}	Data Setup Time for the Input Data Register	0.26	0.30	0.35	ns
t_{IHD}	Data Hold Time for the Input Data Register	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{ISUE}	Enable Setup Time for the Input Data Register	0.37	0.42	0.50	ns
t_{IHE}	Enable Hold Time for the Input Data Register	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{ICLR2Q}	Asynchronous Clear-to-Q of the Input Data Register	0.45	0.52	0.61	ns
t_{IPRE2Q}	Asynchronous Preset-to-Q of the Input Data Register	0.45	0.52	0.61	ns
$t_{IREMCLR}$	Asynchronous Clear Removal Time for the Input Data Register	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
$t_{IRECCLR}$	Asynchronous Clear Recovery Time for the Input Data Register	0.22	0.25	0.30	ns
$t_{IREMPRE}$	Asynchronous Preset Removal Time for the Input Data Register	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
$t_{IRECPRE}$	Asynchronous Preset Recovery Time for the Input Data Register	0.22	0.25	0.30	ns
t_{IWCLR}	Asynchronous Clear Minimum Pulse Width for the Input Data Register	0.22	0.25	0.30	ns
t_{IPRE}	Asynchronous Preset Minimum Pulse Width for the Input Data Register	0.22	0.25	0.30	ns
$t_{ICKMPWH}$	Clock Minimum Pulse Width High for the Input Data Register	0.36	0.41	0.48	ns
$t_{ICKMPWL}$	Clock Minimum Pulse Width Low for the Input Data Register	0.32	0.37	0.43	ns

Note: For specific junction temperature and voltage supply levels, refer to Table 2-6 on page 2-6 for derating values.

Output DDR Module

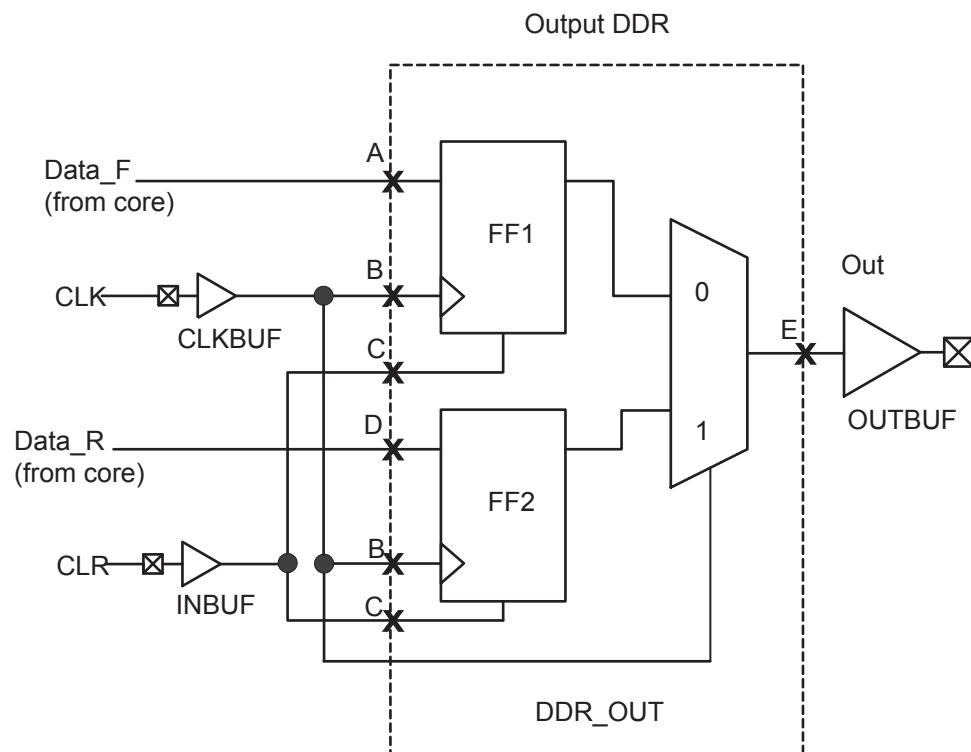


Figure 2-22 • Output DDR Timing Model

Table 2-103 • Parameter Definitions

Parameter Name	Parameter Definition	Measuring Nodes (from, to)
$t_{DDROCLKQ}$	Clock-to-Out	B, E
$t_{DDROCLR2Q}$	Asynchronous Clear-to-Out	C, E
$t_{DDROREMCLR}$	Clear Removal	C, B
$t_{DDRORECCCLR}$	Clear Recovery	C, B
$t_{DDROSUD1}$	Data Setup Data_F	A, B
$t_{DDROSUD2}$	Data Setup Data_R	D, B
$t_{DDROHD1}$	Data Hold Data_F	A, B
$t_{DDROHD2}$	Data Hold Data_R	D, B

Table 2-117 • RAM512X18
Commercial-Case Conditions: $T_J = 70^\circ\text{C}$, Worst-Case VCC = 1.425 V

Parameter	Description	-2	-1	Std.	Units
t_{AS}	Address setup time	0.25	0.28	0.33	ns
t_{AH}	Address hold time	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{ENS}	REN, WEN setup time	0.13	0.15	0.17	ns
t_{ENH}	REN, WEN hold time	0.10	0.11	0.13	ns
t_{DS}	Input data (WD) setup time	0.18	0.21	0.25	ns
t_{DH}	Input data (WD) hold time	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{CKQ1}	Clock High to new data valid on RD (output retained)	2.16	2.46	2.89	ns
t_{CKQ2}	Clock High to new data valid on RD (pipelined)	0.90	1.02	1.20	ns
t_{C2CRWH}^1	Address collision clk-to-clk delay for reliable read access after write on same address—Applicable to Opening Edge	0.50	0.43	0.38	ns
t_{C2CWRH}^1	Address collision clk-to-clk delay for reliable write access after read on same address—Applicable to Opening Edge	0.59	0.50	0.44	ns
t_{RSTBQ}	RESET Low to data out Low on RD (flow-through)	0.92	1.05	1.23	ns
	RESET Low to data out Low on RD (pipelined)	0.92	1.05	1.23	ns
$t_{REMRSTB}$	RESET removal	0.29	0.33	0.38	ns
$t_{RECRSTB}$	RESET recovery	1.50	1.71	2.01	ns
$t_{MPWRSTB}$	RESET minimum pulse width	0.21	0.24	0.29	ns
t_{CYC}	Clock cycle time	3.23	3.68	4.32	ns
F_{MAX}	Maximum frequency	310	272	231	MHz

Notes:

1. For more information, refer to the application note *Simultaneous Read-Write Operations in Dual-Port SRAM for Flash-Based cSoCs and FPGAs*.
2. For specific junction temperature and voltage supply levels, refer to [Table 2-6 on page 2-6](#) for derating values.

Table 2-120 • A3P250 FIFO 512×8
Worst Commercial-Case Conditions: $T_J = 70^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{CC} = 1.425 \text{ V}$

Parameter	Description	-2	-1	Std.	Units
t_{ENS}	REN, WEN Setup Time	3.75	4.27	5.02	ns
t_{ENH}	REN, WEN Hold Time	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{BKS}	BLK Setup Time	0.19	0.22	0.26	ns
t_{BKH}	BLK Hold Time	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{DS}	Input Data (WD) Setup Time	0.18	0.21	0.25	ns
t_{DH}	Input Data (WD) Hold Time	0.00	0.00	0.00	ns
t_{CKQ1}	Clock High to New Data Valid on RD (flow-through)	2.17	2.47	2.90	ns
t_{CKQ2}	Clock High to New Data Valid on RD (pipelined)	0.94	1.07	1.26	ns
t_{RCKEF}	RCLK High to Empty Flag Valid	1.72	1.96	2.30	ns
t_{WCKFF}	WCLK High to Full Flag Valid	1.63	1.86	2.18	ns
t_{CKAF}	Clock High to Almost Empty/Full Flag Valid	6.19	7.05	8.29	ns
t_{RSTFG}	RESET Low to Empty/Full Flag Valid	1.69	1.93	2.27	ns
t_{RSTAF}	RESET Low to Almost Empty/Full Flag Valid	6.13	6.98	8.20	ns
t_{RSTBQ}	RESET Low to Data Out Low on RD (flow-through)	0.92	1.05	1.23	ns
	RESET Low to Data Out Low on RD (pipelined)	0.92	1.05	1.23	ns
$t_{REMRSTB}$	RESET Removal	0.29	0.33	0.38	ns
$t_{RECRSTB}$	RESET Recovery	1.50	1.71	2.01	ns
$t_{MPWRSTB}$	RESET Minimum Pulse Width	0.21	0.24	0.29	ns
t_{CYC}	Clock Cycle Time	3.23	3.68	4.32	ns
F_{MAX}	Maximum Frequency for FIFO	310	272	231	MHz

mode is not used in the design, the FF pin is available as a regular I/O. For IGLOOe, ProASIC3EL, and RT ProASIC3 only, the FF pin can be configured as a Schmitt trigger input.

When Flash*Freeze mode is used, the FF pin must not be left floating to avoid accidentally entering Flash*Freeze mode. While in Flash*Freeze mode, the Flash*Freeze pin should be constantly asserted.

The Flash*Freeze pin can be used with any single-ended I/O standard supported by the I/O bank in which the pin is located, and input signal levels compatible with the I/O standard selected. The FF pin should be treated as a sensitive asynchronous signal. When defining pin placement and board layout, simultaneously switching outputs (SSOs) and their effects on sensitive asynchronous pins must be considered.

Unused FF or I/O pins are tristated with weak pull-up. This default configuration applies to both Flash*Freeze mode and normal operation mode. No user intervention is required.

JTAG Pins

Low power flash devices have a separate bank for the dedicated JTAG pins. The JTAG pins can be run at any voltage from 1.5 V to 3.3 V (nominal). VCC must also be powered for the JTAG state machine to operate, even if the device is in bypass mode; VJTAG alone is insufficient. Both VJTAG and VCC to the part must be supplied to allow JTAG signals to transition the device. Isolating the JTAG power supply in a separate I/O bank gives greater flexibility in supply selection and simplifies power supply and PCB design. If the JTAG interface is neither used nor planned for use, the VJTAG pin together with the TRST pin could be tied to GND.

TCK Test Clock

Test clock input for JTAG boundary scan, ISP, and UJTAG. The TCK pin does not have an internal pull-up/-down resistor. If JTAG is not used, Microsemi recommends tying off TCK to GND through a resistor placed close to the FPGA pin. This prevents JTAG operation in case TMS enters an undesired state.

Note that to operate at all VJTAG voltages, 500 Ω to 1 kΩ will satisfy the requirements. Refer to [Table 1](#) for more information.

Table 1 • Recommended Tie-Off Values for the TCK and TRST Pins

VJTAG	Tie-Off Resistance
3.3 V	200 Ω – 1 kΩ
2.5 V	200 Ω – 1 kΩ
1.8 V	500 Ω – 1 kΩ
1.5 V	500 Ω – 1 kΩ

Notes:

1. *Equivalent parallel resistance if more than one device is on the JTAG chain*
2. *The TCK pin can be pulled up/down.*
3. *The TRST pin is pulled down.*

TDI Test Data Input

Serial input for JTAG boundary scan, ISP, and UJTAG usage. There is an internal weak pull-up resistor on the TDI pin.

TDO Test Data Output

Serial output for JTAG boundary scan, ISP, and UJTAG usage.

TMS Test Mode Select

The TMS pin controls the use of the IEEE 1532 boundary scan pins (TCK, TDI, TDO, TRST). There is an internal weak pull-up resistor on the TMS pin.

TRST Boundary Scan Reset Pin

The TRST pin functions as an active low input to asynchronously initialize (or reset) the boundary scan circuitry. There is an internal weak pull-up resistor on the TRST pin. If JTAG is not used, an external pull-down resistor could be included to ensure the test access port (TAP) is held in reset mode. The resistor values must be chosen from [Table 1](#) and must satisfy the parallel resistance value requirement. The values in [Table 1](#) correspond to the resistor recommended when a single device is used, and the equivalent parallel resistor when multiple devices are connected via a JTAG chain.

Revision	Changes	Page
Advance v0.6 (continued)	The "Programming" section was updated to include information concerning serialization. The "JTAG 1532" section was updated to include SAMPLE/PRELOAD information. "DC and Switching Characteristics" chapter was updated with new information. The A3P060 "100-Pin VQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P125 "100-Pin VQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P060 "144-Pin TQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P125 "144-Pin TQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P125 "208-Pin PQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P400 "208-Pin PQFP" pin table was updated. The A3P060 "144-Pin FBGA" pin table was updated. The A3P125 "144-Pin FBGA" pin table is new. The A3P400 "144-Pin FBGA" is new. The A3P400 "256-Pin FBGA" was updated. The A3P1000 "256-Pin FBGA" was updated. The A3P400 "484-Pin FBGA" was updated. The A3P1000 "484-Pin FBGA" was updated. The A3P250 "100-Pin VQFP*" pin table was updated. The A3P250 "208-Pin PQFP*" pin table was updated. The A3P1000 "208-Pin PQFP**" pin table was updated. The A3P250 "144-Pin FBGA**" pin table was updated. The A3P1000 "144-Pin FBGA**" pin table was updated. The A3P250 "256-Pin FBGA**" pin table was updated. The A3P1000 "256-Pin FBGA**" pin table was updated. The A3P1000 "484-Pin FBGA**" pin table was updated.	2-53 2-54 3-1 4-13 4-13 4-16 4-18 4-21 4-25 4-32 4-34 4-38 4-48 4-54 4-58 4-68 4-14 4-23 4-29 4-36 4-32 4-45 4-54 4-68
Advance v0.5 (November 2005)	The "I/Os Per Package" table was updated for the following devices and packages: Device Package A3P250/M7ACP250 VQ100 A3P250/M7ACP250 FG144 A3P1000 FG256	ii
Advance v0.4	M7 device information is new. The I/O counts in the "I/Os Per Package" table were updated.	N/A ii
Advance v0.3	The "I/Os Per Package" table was updated. M7 device information is new. Table 2-4 • ProASIC3 Globals/Spines/Rows by Device was updated to include the number of rows in each top or bottom spine. EXTFB was removed from Figure 2-24 • ProASIC3E CCC Options.	ii N/A 2-16 2-24