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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	196
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	466
Total RAM Bits	6272
Number of I/O	77
Number of Gates	5000
Voltage - Supply	4.5V ~ 5.5V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	100-BQFP
Supplier Device Package	100-PQFP (20x14)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4005e-3pq100i">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4005e-3pq100i</a>

## XC4000E and XC4000X Series Compared to the XC4000

For readers already familiar with the XC4000 family of Xilinx Field Programmable Gate Arrays, the major new features in the XC4000 Series devices are listed in this section. The biggest advantages of XC4000E and XC4000X devices are significantly increased system speed, greater capacity, and new architectural features, particularly Select-RAM memory. The XC4000X devices also offer many new routing features, including special high-speed clock buffers that can be used to capture input data with minimal delay.

Any XC4000E device is pinout- and bitstream-compatible with the corresponding XC4000 device. An existing XC4000 bitstream can be used to program an XC4000E device. However, since the XC4000E includes many new features, an XC4000E bitstream cannot be loaded into an XC4000 device.

XC4000X Series devices are not bitstream-compatible with equivalent array size devices in the XC4000 or XC4000E families. However, equivalent array size devices, such as the XC4025, XC4025E, XC4028EX, and XC4028XL, are pinout-compatible.

### Improvements in XC4000E and XC4000X

#### *Increased System Speed*

XC4000E and XC4000X devices can run at synchronous system clock rates of up to 80 MHz, and internal performance can exceed 150 MHz. This increase in performance over the previous families stems from improvements in both device processing and system architecture. XC4000 Series devices use a sub-micron multi-layer metal process. In addition, many architectural improvements have been made, as described below.

The XC4000XL family is a high performance 3.3V family based on 0.35 $\mu$  SRAM technology and supports system speeds to 80 MHz.

#### *PCI Compliance*

XC4000 Series -2 and faster speed grades are fully PCI compliant. XC4000E and XC4000X devices can be used to implement a one-chip PCI solution.

#### *Carry Logic*

The speed of the carry logic chain has increased dramatically. Some parameters, such as the delay on the carry chain through a single CLB ( $T_{BYP}$ ), have improved by as

much as 50% from XC4000 values. See [“Fast Carry Logic” on page 18](#) for more information.

#### *Select-RAM Memory: Edge-Triggered, Synchronous RAM Modes*

The RAM in any CLB can be configured for synchronous, edge-triggered, write operation. The read operation is not affected by this change to an edge-triggered write.

#### *Dual-Port RAM*

A separate option converts the 16x2 RAM in any CLB into a 16x1 dual-port RAM with simultaneous Read/Write.

The function generators in each CLB can be configured as either level-sensitive (asynchronous) single-port RAM, edge-triggered (synchronous) single-port RAM, edge-triggered (synchronous) dual-port RAM, or as combinatorial logic.

#### *Configurable RAM Content*

The RAM content can now be loaded at configuration time, so that the RAM starts up with user-defined data.

#### *H Function Generator*

In current XC4000 Series devices, the H function generator is more versatile than in the original XC4000. Its inputs can come not only from the F and G function generators but also from up to three of the four control input lines. The H function generator can thus be totally or partially independent of the other two function generators, increasing the maximum capacity of the device.

#### *IOB Clock Enable*

The two flip-flops in each IOB have a common clock enable input, which through configuration can be activated individually for the input or output flip-flop or both. This clock enable operates exactly like the EC pin on the XC4000 CLB. This new feature makes the IOBs more versatile, and avoids the need for clock gating.

#### *Output Drivers*

The output pull-up structure defaults to a TTL-like totem-pole. This driver is an n-channel pull-up transistor, pulling to a voltage one transistor threshold below  $V_{cc}$ , just like the XC4000 family outputs. Alternatively, XC4000 Series devices can be globally configured with CMOS outputs, with p-channel pull-up transistors pulling to  $V_{cc}$ . Also, the configurable pull-up resistor in the XC4000 Series is a p-channel transistor that pulls to  $V_{cc}$ , whereas in the original XC4000 family it is an n-channel transistor that pulls to a voltage one transistor threshold below  $V_{cc}$ .

**Table 1: XC4000E and XC4000X Series Field Programmable Gate Arrays**

Device	Logic Cells	Max Logic Gates (No RAM)	Max. RAM Bits (No Logic)	Typical Gate Range (Logic and RAM)*	CLB Matrix	Total CLBs	Number of Flip-Flops	Max. User I/O
XC4002XL	152	1,600	2,048	1,000 - 3,000	8 x 8	64	256	64
XC4003E	238	3,000	3,200	2,000 - 5,000	10 x 10	100	360	80
XC4005E/XL	466	5,000	6,272	3,000 - 9,000	14 x 14	196	616	112
XC4006E	608	6,000	8,192	4,000 - 12,000	16 x 16	256	768	128
XC4008E	770	8,000	10,368	6,000 - 15,000	18 x 18	324	936	144
XC4010E/XL	950	10,000	12,800	7,000 - 20,000	20 x 20	400	1,120	160
XC4013E/XL	1368	13,000	18,432	10,000 - 30,000	24 x 24	576	1,536	192
XC4020E/XL	1862	20,000	25,088	13,000 - 40,000	28 x 28	784	2,016	224
XC4025E	2432	25,000	32,768	15,000 - 45,000	32 x 32	1,024	2,560	256
XC4028EX/XL	2432	28,000	32,768	18,000 - 50,000	32 x 32	1,024	2,560	256
XC4036EX/XL	3078	36,000	41,472	22,000 - 65,000	36 x 36	1,296	3,168	288
XC4044XL	3800	44,000	51,200	27,000 - 80,000	40 x 40	1,600	3,840	320
XC4052XL	4598	52,000	61,952	33,000 - 100,000	44 x 44	1,936	4,576	352
XC4062XL	5472	62,000	73,728	40,000 - 130,000	48 x 48	2,304	5,376	384
XC4085XL	7448	85,000	100,352	55,000 - 180,000	56 x 56	3,136	7,168	448

\* Max values of Typical Gate Range include 20-30% of CLBs used as RAM.

**Note:** All functionality in low-voltage families is the same as in the corresponding 5-Volt family, except where numerical references are made to timing or power.

## Description

XC4000 Series devices are implemented with a regular, flexible, programmable architecture of Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs), interconnected by a powerful hierarchy of versatile routing resources, and surrounded by a perimeter of programmable Input/Output Blocks (IOBs). They have generous routing resources to accommodate the most complex interconnect patterns.

The devices are customized by loading configuration data into internal memory cells. The FPGA can either actively read its configuration data from an external serial or byte-parallel PROM (master modes), or the configuration data can be written into the FPGA from an external device (slave and peripheral modes).

XC4000 Series FPGAs are supported by powerful and sophisticated software, covering every aspect of design from schematic or behavioral entry, floor planning, simulation, automatic block placement and routing of interconnects, to the creation, downloading, and readback of the configuration bit stream.

Because Xilinx FPGAs can be reprogrammed an unlimited number of times, they can be used in innovative designs

where hardware is changed dynamically, or where hardware must be adapted to different user applications. FPGAs are ideal for shortening design and development cycles, and also offer a cost-effective solution for production rates well beyond 5,000 systems per month.

## Taking Advantage of Re-configuration

FPGA devices can be re-configured to change logic function while resident in the system. This capability gives the system designer a new degree of freedom not available with any other type of logic.

Hardware can be changed as easily as software. Design updates or modifications are easy, and can be made to products already in the field. An FPGA can even be re-configured dynamically to perform different functions at different times.

Re-configurable logic can be used to implement system self-diagnostics, create systems capable of being re-configured for different environments or operations, or implement multi-purpose hardware for a given application. As an added benefit, using re-configurable FPGA devices simplifies hardware design and debugging and shortens product time-to-market.

### ***Input Thresholds***

The input thresholds of 5V devices can be globally configured for either TTL (1.2 V threshold) or CMOS (2.5 V threshold), just like XC2000 and XC3000 inputs. The two global adjustments of input threshold and output level are independent of each other. The XC4000XL family has an input threshold of 1.6V, compatible with both 3.3V CMOS and TTL levels.

### ***Global Signal Access to Logic***

There is additional access from global clocks to the F and G function generator inputs.

### ***Configuration Pin Pull-Up Resistors***

During configuration, these pins have weak pull-up resistors. For the most popular configuration mode, Slave Serial, the mode pins can thus be left unconnected. The three mode inputs can be individually configured with or without weak pull-up or pull-down resistors. A pull-down resistor value of 4.7 k $\Omega$  is recommended.

The three mode inputs can be individually configured with or without weak pull-up or pull-down resistors after configuration.

The PROGRAM input pin has a permanent weak pull-up.

### ***Soft Start-up***

Like the XC3000A, XC4000 Series devices have "Soft Start-up." When the configuration process is finished and the device starts up, the first activation of the outputs is automatically slew-rate limited. This feature avoids potential ground bounce when all outputs are turned on simultaneously. Immediately after start-up, the slew rate of the individual outputs is, as in the XC4000 family, determined by the individual configuration option.

### ***XC4000 and XC4000A Compatibility***

Existing XC4000 bitstreams can be used to configure an XC4000E device. XC4000A bitstreams must be recompiled for use with the XC4000E due to improved routing resources, although the devices are pin-for-pin compatible.

## **Additional Improvements in XC4000X Only**

### ***Increased Routing***

New interconnect in the XC4000X includes twenty-two additional vertical lines in each column of CLBs and twelve new horizontal lines in each row of CLBs. The twelve "Quad Lines" in each CLB row and column include optional repowering buffers for maximum speed. Additional high-performance routing near the IOBs enhances pin flexibility.

### ***Faster Input and Output***

A fast, dedicated early clock sourced by global clock buffers is available for the IOBs. To ensure synchronization with the regular global clocks, a Fast Capture latch driven by the early clock is available. The input data can be initially loaded into the Fast Capture latch with the early clock, then transferred to the input flip-flop or latch with the low-skew global clock. A programmable delay on the input can be used to avoid hold-time requirements. See "IOB Input Signals" on page 20 for more information.

### ***Latch Capability in CLBs***

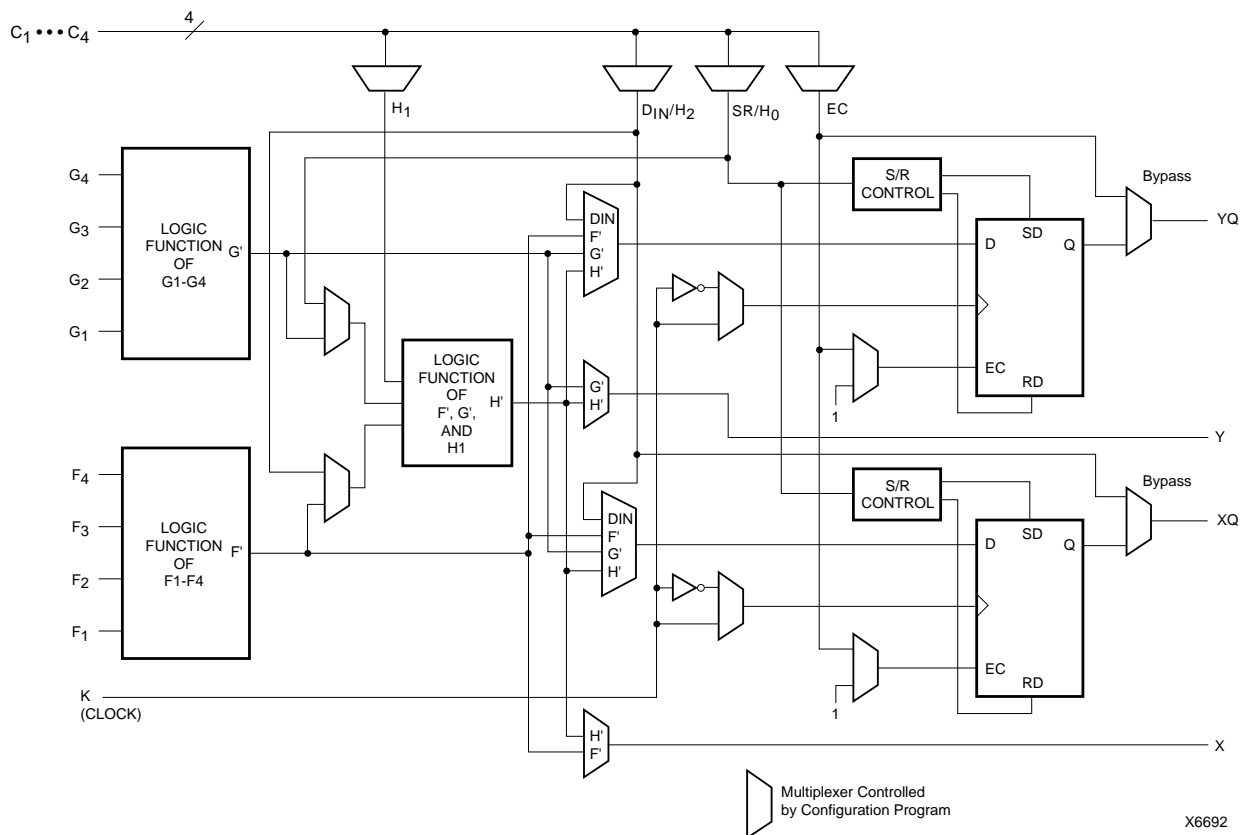
Storage elements in the XC4000X CLB can be configured as either flip-flops or latches. This capability makes the FPGA highly synthesis-compatible.

### ***IOB Output MUX From Output Clock***

A multiplexer in the IOB allows the output clock to select either the output data or the IOB clock enable as the output to the pad. Thus, two different data signals can share a single output pad, effectively doubling the number of device outputs without requiring a larger, more expensive package. This multiplexer can also be configured as an AND-gate to implement a very fast pin-to-pin path. See "IOB Output Signals" on page 23 for more information.

### ***Additional Address Bits***

Larger devices require more bits of configuration data. A daisy chain of several large XC4000X devices may require a PROM that cannot be addressed by the eighteen address bits supported in the XC4000E. The XC4000X Series therefore extends the addressing in Master Parallel configuration mode to 22 bits.



**Figure 1: Simplified Block Diagram of XC4000 Series CLB (RAM and Carry Logic functions not shown)**

### Flip-Flops

The CLB can pass the combinational output(s) to the interconnect network, but can also store the combinational results or other incoming data in one or two flip-flops, and connect their outputs to the interconnect network as well.

The two edge-triggered D-type flip-flops have common clock (K) and clock enable (EC) inputs. Either or both clock inputs can also be permanently enabled. Storage element functionality is described in [Table 2](#).

### Latches (XC4000X only)

The CLB storage elements can also be configured as latches. The two latches have common clock (K) and clock enable (EC) inputs. Storage element functionality is described in [Table 2](#).

### Clock Input

Each flip-flop can be triggered on either the rising or falling clock edge. The clock pin is shared by both storage elements. However, the clock is individually invertible for each storage element. Any inverter placed on the clock input is automatically absorbed into the CLB.

### Clock Enable

The clock enable signal (EC) is active High. The EC pin is shared by both storage elements. If left unconnected for either, the clock enable for that storage element defaults to the active state. EC is not invertible within the CLB.

**Table 2: CLB Storage Element Functionality (active rising edge is shown)**

Mode	K	EC	SR	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	X	X	SR
Flip-Flop	X	X	1	X	SR
		1*	0*	D	D
Latch	0	X	0*	X	Q
	1	1*	0*	X	Q
Both	0	1*	0*	D	D
Both	X	0	0*	X	Q

Legend:

X  
  
 SR  
 0\*  
 1\*

Don't care  
 Rising edge  
 Set or Reset value. Reset is default.  
 Input is Low or unconnected (default value)  
 Input is High or unconnected (default value)

## Dual-Port Edge-Triggered Mode

In dual-port mode, both the F and G function generators are used to create a single 16x1 RAM array with one write port and two read ports. The resulting RAM array can be read and written simultaneously at two independent addresses. Simultaneous read and write operations at the same address are also supported.

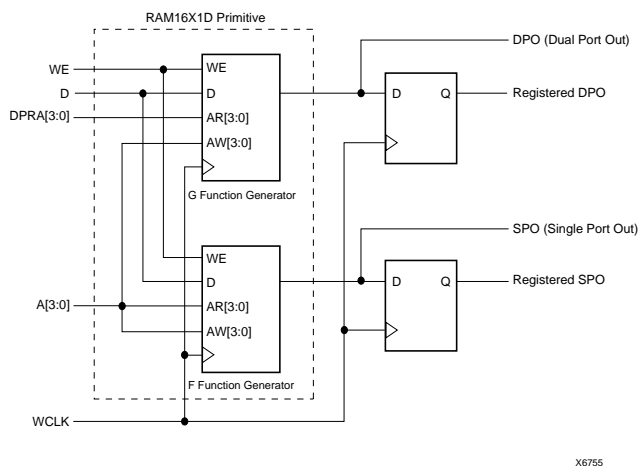
Dual-port mode always has edge-triggered write timing, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

[Figure 6](#) shows a simple model of an XC4000 Series CLB configured as dual-port RAM. One address port, labeled A[3:0], supplies both the read and write address for the F function generator. This function generator behaves the same as a 16x1 single-port edge-triggered RAM array. The RAM output, Single Port Out (SPO), appears at the F function generator output. SPO, therefore, reflects the data at address A[3:0].

The other address port, labeled DPRA[3:0] for Dual Port Read Address, supplies the read address for the G function generator. The write address for the G function generator, however, comes from the address A[3:0]. The output from this 16x1 RAM array, Dual Port Out (DPO), appears at the G function generator output. DPO, therefore, reflects the data at address DPRA[3:0].

Therefore, by using A[3:0] for the write address and DPRA[3:0] for the read address, and reading only the DPO output, a FIFO that can read and write simultaneously is easily generated. Simultaneous access doubles the effective throughput of the FIFO.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for dual-port, edge-triggered mode are shown in [Table 6](#). See [Figure 7 on page 16](#) for a block diagram of a CLB configured in this mode.



**Figure 6: XC4000 Series Dual-Port RAM, Simple Model**

**Table 6: Dual-Port Edge-Triggered RAM Signals**

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4	Read Address for F, Write Address for F and G
DPRA[3:0]	G1-G4	Read Address for G
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO	F'	Single Port Out (addressed by A[3:0])
DPO	G'	Dual Port Out (addressed by DPRA[3:0])

**Note:** The pulse following the active edge of WCLK ( $T_{WPS}$  in [Figure 3](#)) must be less than one millisecond wide. For most applications, this requirement is not overly restrictive; however, it must not be forgotten. Stopping WCLK at this point in the write cycle could result in excessive current and even damage to the larger devices if many CLBs are configured as edge-triggered RAM.

## Single-Port Level-Sensitive Timing Mode

**Note:** Edge-triggered mode is recommended for all new designs. Level-sensitive mode, also called asynchronous mode, is still supported for XC4000 Series backward-compatibility with the XC4000 family.

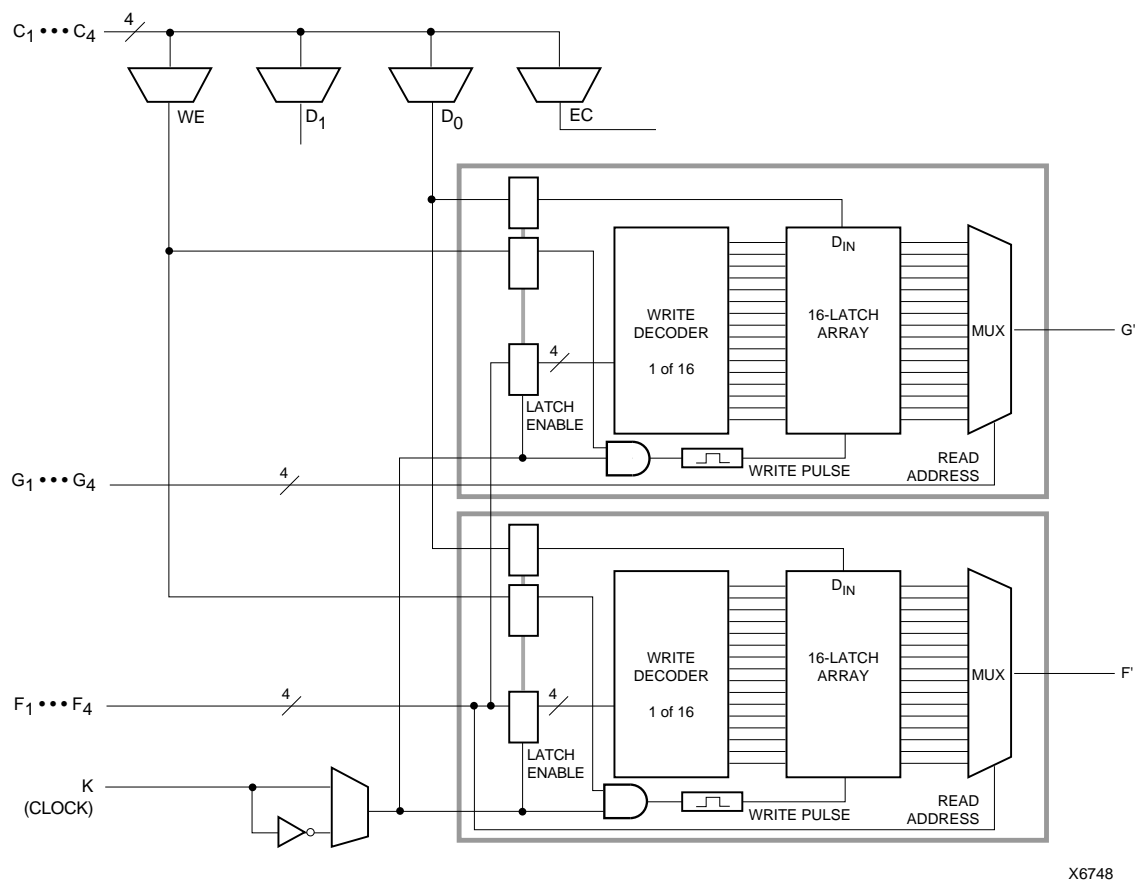
Level-sensitive RAM timing is simple in concept but can be complicated in execution. Data and address signals are presented, then a positive pulse on the write enable pin (WE) performs a write into the RAM at the designated address. As indicated by the "level-sensitive" label, this RAM acts like a latch. During the WE High pulse, changing the data lines results in new data written to the old address. Changing the address lines while WE is High results in spurious data written to the new address—and possibly at other addresses as well, as the address lines inevitably do not all change simultaneously.

The user must generate a carefully timed WE signal. The delay on the WE signal and the address lines must be carefully verified to ensure that WE does not become active until after the address lines have settled, and that WE goes inactive before the address lines change again. The data must be stable before and after the falling edge of WE.

In practical terms, WE is usually generated by a 2X clock. If a 2X clock is not available, the falling edge of the system clock can be used. However, there are inherent risks in this approach, since the WE pulse must be guaranteed inactive before the next rising edge of the system clock. Several older application notes are available from Xilinx that discuss the design of level-sensitive RAMs.

However, the edge-triggered RAM available in the XC4000 Series is superior to level-sensitive RAM for almost every application.





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Figure 7: 16x1 Edge-Triggered Dual-Port RAM

Figure 8 shows the write timing for level-sensitive, single-port RAM.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for single-port level-sensitive mode are shown in Table 7.

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show block diagrams of a CLB configured as 16x2 and 32x1 level-sensitive, single-port RAM.

Initializing RAM at Configuration

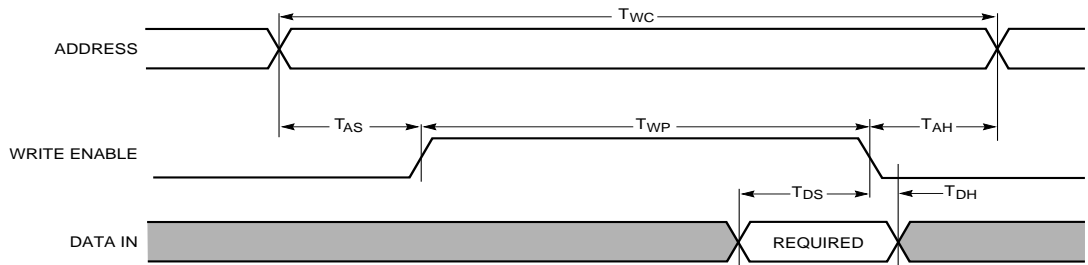
Both RAM and ROM implementations of the XC4000 Series devices are initialized during configuration. The initial contents are defined via an INIT attribute or property

attached to the RAM or ROM symbol, as described in the schematic library guide. If not defined, all RAM contents are initialized to all zeros, by default.

RAM initialization occurs only during configuration. The RAM content is not affected by Global Set/Reset.

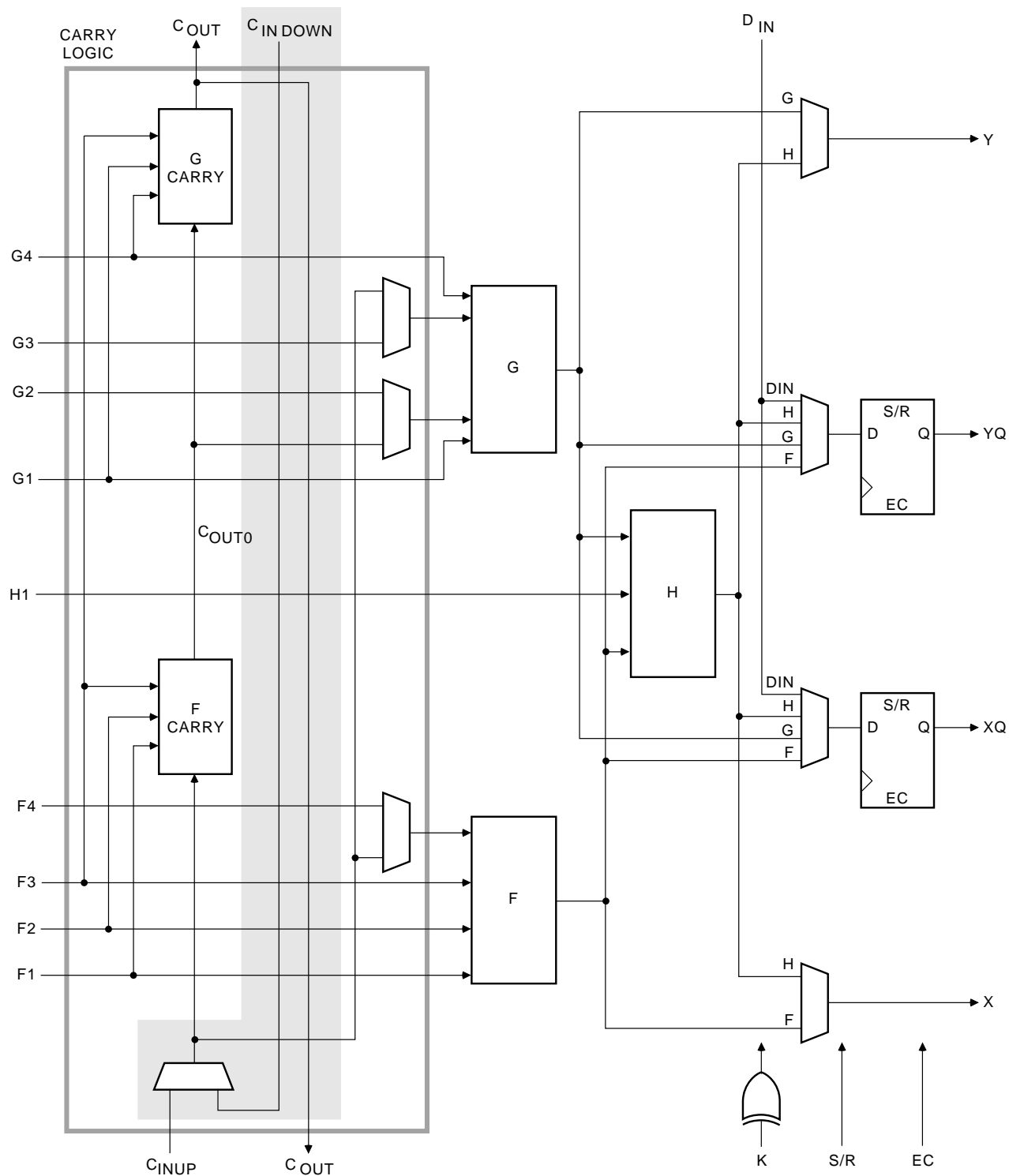
Table 7: Single-Port Level-Sensitive RAM Signals

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
O	F' or G'	Data Out



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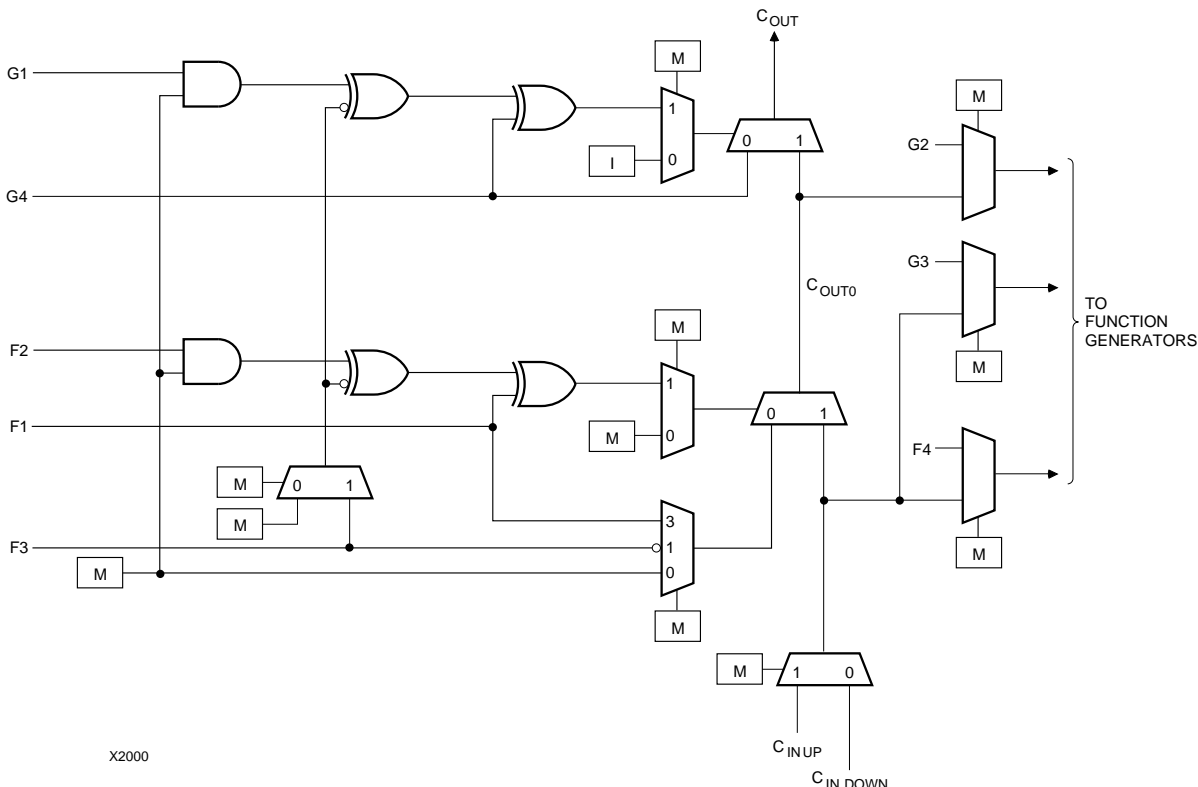
Figure 8: Level-Sensitive RAM Write Timing



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**Figure 13: Fast Carry Logic in XC4000E CLB (shaded area not present in XC4000X)**





**Figure 14: Detail of XC4000E Dedicated Carry Logic**

## Input/Output Blocks (IOBs)

User-configurable input/output blocks (IOBs) provide the interface between external package pins and the internal logic. Each IOB controls one package pin and can be configured for input, output, or bidirectional signals.

Figure 15 shows a simplified block diagram of the XC4000E IOB. A more complete diagram which includes the boundary scan logic of the XC4000E IOB can be found in Figure 40 on page 43, in the “Boundary Scan” section.

The XC4000X IOB contains some special features not included in the XC4000E IOB. These features are highlighted in a simplified block diagram found in **Figure 16**, and discussed throughout this section. When XC4000X special features are discussed, they are clearly identified in the text. Any feature not so identified is present in both XC4000E and XC4000X devices.

### ***I/O Input Signals***

Two paths, labeled I1 and I2 in **Figure 15** and **Figure 16**, bring input signals into the array. Inputs also connect to an input register that can be programmed as either an edge-triggered flip-flop or a level-sensitive latch.

The choice is made by placing the appropriate library symbol. For example, IFD is the basic input flip-flop (rising edge triggered), and ILD is the basic input latch (transparent-High). Variations with inverted clocks are available, and some combinations of latches and flip-flops can be implemented in a single IOB, as described in the *XACT Libraries Guide*.

The XC4000E inputs can be globally configured for either TTL (1.2V) or 5.0 volt CMOS thresholds, using an option in the bitstream generation software. There is a slight input hysteresis of about 300mV. The XC4000E output levels are also configurable; the two global adjustments of input threshold and output level are independent.

Inputs on the XC4000XL are TTL compatible and 3.3V CMOS compatible. Outputs on the XC4000XL are pulled to the 3.3V positive supply.

The inputs of XC4000 Series 5-Volt devices can be driven by the outputs of any 3.3-Volt device, if the 5-Volt inputs are in TTL mode.

Supported sources for XC4000 Series device inputs are shown in [Table 8](#).

### Additional Input Latch for Fast Capture (XC4000X only)

The XC4000X IOB has an additional optional latch on the input. This latch, as shown in [Figure 16](#), is clocked by the output clock — the clock used for the output flip-flop — rather than the input clock. Therefore, two different clocks can be used to clock the two input storage elements. This additional latch allows the very fast capture of input data, which is then synchronized to the internal clock by the IOB flip-flop or latch.

To use this Fast Capture technique, drive the output clock pin (the Fast Capture latching signal) from the output of one of the Global Early buffers supplied in the XC4000X. The second storage element should be clocked by a Global Low-Skew buffer, to synchronize the incoming data to the internal logic. (See [Figure 17](#).) These special buffers are described in “Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000X only)” on [page 37](#).

The Fast Capture latch (FCL) is designed primarily for use with a Global Early buffer. For Fast Capture, a single clock signal is routed through both a Global Early buffer and a Global Low-Skew buffer. (The two buffers share an input pad.) The Fast Capture latch is clocked by the Global Early buffer, and the standard IOB flip-flop or latch is clocked by the Global Low-Skew buffer. This mode is the safest way to use the Fast Capture latch, because the clock buffers on both storage elements are driven by the same pad. There is no external skew between clock pads to create potential problems.

To place the Fast Capture latch in a design, use one of the special library symbols, ILFFX or ILFLX. ILFFX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by an active-High input flip-flop. ILFLX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by a transparent-High input latch. Any of the clock inputs can be inverted before driving the library element, and the inverter is absorbed into the IOB. If a single BUFG output is used to drive both clock inputs, the software automatically runs the clock through both a Global Low-Skew buffer and a Global Early buffer, and clocks the Fast Capture latch appropriately.

[Figure 16 on page 21](#) also shows a two-tap delay on the input. By default, if the Fast Capture latch is used, the Xilinx software assumes a Global Early buffer is driving the clock, and selects MEDDELAY to ensure a zero hold time. Select

the desired delay based on the discussion in the previous subsection.

### IOB Output Signals

Output signals can be optionally inverted within the IOB, and can pass directly to the pad or be stored in an edge-triggered flip-flop. The functionality of this flip-flop is shown in [Table 11](#).

An active-High 3-state signal can be used to place the output buffer in a high-impedance state, implementing 3-state outputs or bidirectional I/O. Under configuration control, the output (OUT) and output 3-state (T) signals can be inverted. The polarity of these signals is independently configured for each IOB.

The 4-mA maximum output current specification of many FPGAs often forces the user to add external buffers, which are especially cumbersome on bidirectional I/O lines. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL devices solve many of these problems by providing a guaranteed output sink current of 12 mA. Two adjacent outputs can be interconnected externally to sink up to 24 mA. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL FPGAs can thus directly drive buses on a printed circuit board.

By default, the output pull-up structure is configured as a TTL-like totem-pole. The High driver is an n-channel pull-up transistor, pulling to a voltage one transistor threshold below V<sub>cc</sub>. Alternatively, the outputs can be globally configured as CMOS drivers, with p-channel pull-up transistors pulling to V<sub>cc</sub>. This option, applied using the bitstream generation software, applies to all outputs on the device. It is not individually programmable. In the XC4000XL, all outputs are pulled to the positive supply rail.

**Table 11: Output Flip-Flop Functionality (active rising edge is shown)**

Mode	Clock	Clock Enable	T	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	0*	X	SR
Flip-Flop	X	0	0*	X	Q
		1*	0*	D	D
	X	X	1	X	Z
	0	X	0*	X	Q

Legend:

X

Don't care

Rising edge

SR

Set or Reset value. Reset is default.

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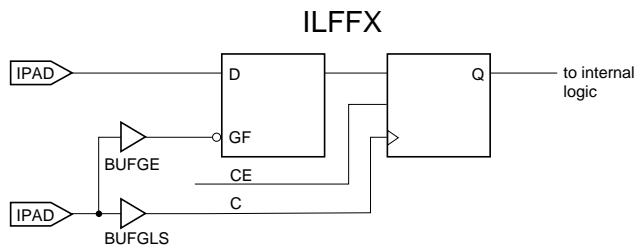
Input is Low or unconnected (default value)

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Input is High or unconnected (default value)

Z

3-state



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**Figure 17: Examples Using XC4000X FCL**

Any XC4000 Series 5-Volt device with its outputs configured in TTL mode can drive the inputs of any typical 3.3-Volt device. (For a detailed discussion of how to interface between 5 V and 3.3 V devices, see the 3V Products section of *The Programmable Logic Data Book*.)

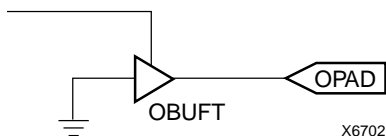
Supported destinations for XC4000 Series device outputs are shown in [Table 12](#).

An output can be configured as open-drain (open-collector) by placing an OBUFT symbol in a schematic or HDL code, then tying the 3-state pin (T) to the output signal, and the input pin (I) to Ground. (See [Figure 18](#).)

**Table 12: Supported Destinations for XC4000 Series Outputs**

Destination	XC4000 Series Outputs		
	3.3 V, CMOS	5 V, TTL	5 V, CMOS
Any typical device, Vcc = 3.3 V, CMOS-threshold inputs	✓	✓	some <sup>1</sup>
Any device, Vcc = 5 V, TTL-threshold inputs	✓	✓	✓
Any device, Vcc = 5 V, CMOS-threshold inputs	Unreliable Data		✓

1. Only if destination device has 5-V tolerant inputs



**Figure 18: Open-Drain Output**

### Output Slew Rate

The slew rate of each output buffer is, by default, reduced, to minimize power bus transients when switching non-critical signals. For critical signals, attach a FAST attribute or property to the output buffer or flip-flop.

For XC4000E devices, maximum total capacitive load for simultaneous fast mode switching in the same direction is 200 pF for all package pins between each Power/Ground pin pair. For XC4000X devices, additional internal

Power/Ground pin pairs are connected to special Power and Ground planes within the packages, to reduce ground bounce. Therefore, the maximum total capacitive load is 300 pF between each external Power/Ground pin pair. Maximum loading may vary for the low-voltage devices.

For slew-rate limited outputs this total is two times larger for each device type: 400 pF for XC4000E devices and 600 pF for XC4000X devices. This maximum capacitive load should not be exceeded, as it can result in ground bounce of greater than 1.5 V amplitude and more than 5 ns duration. This level of ground bounce may cause undesired transient behavior on an output, or in the internal logic. This restriction is common to all high-speed digital ICs, and is not particular to Xilinx or the XC4000 Series.

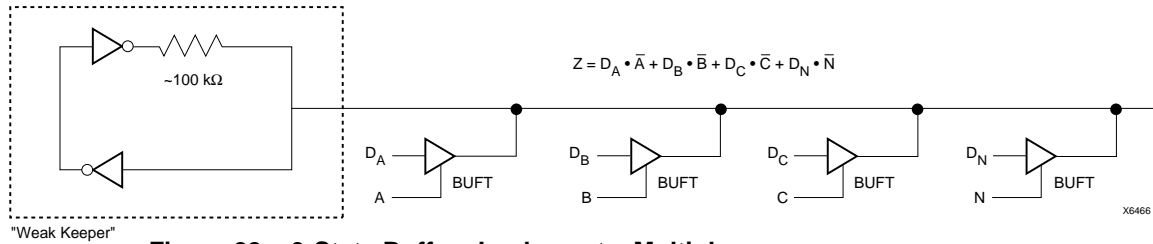
XC4000 Series devices have a feature called “Soft Start-up,” designed to reduce ground bounce when all outputs are turned on simultaneously at the end of configuration. When the configuration process is finished and the device starts up, the first activation of the outputs is automatically slew-rate limited. Immediately following the initial activation of the I/O, the slew rate of the individual outputs is determined by the individual configuration option for each IOB.

### Global Three-State

A separate Global 3-State line (not shown in [Figure 15](#) or [Figure 16](#)) forces all FPGA outputs to the high-impedance state, unless boundary scan is enabled and is executing an EXTEST instruction. This global net (GTS) does not compete with other routing resources; it uses a dedicated distribution network.

GTS can be driven from any user-programmable pin as a global 3-state input. To use this global net, place an input pad and input buffer in the schematic or HDL code, driving the GTS pin of the STARTUP symbol. A specific pin location can be assigned to this input using a LOC attribute or property, just as with any other user-programmable pad. An inverter can optionally be inserted after the input buffer to invert the sense of the Global 3-State signal. Using GTS is similar to GSR. See [Figure 2 on page 11](#) for details.

Alternatively, GTS can be driven from any internal node.



**Figure 22: 3-State Buffers Implement a Multiplexer**

## Wide Edge Decoders

Dedicated decoder circuitry boosts the performance of wide decoding functions. When the address or data field is wider than the function generator inputs, FPGAs need multi-level decoding and are thus slower than PALs. XC4000 Series CLBs have nine inputs. Any decoder of up to nine inputs is, therefore, compact and fast. However, there is also a need for much wider decoders, especially for address decoding in large microprocessor systems.

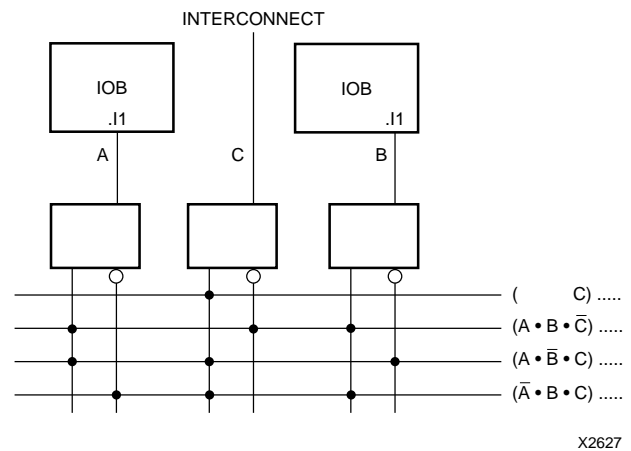
An XC4000 Series FPGA has four programmable decoders located on each edge of the device. The inputs to each decoder are any of the IOB I1 signals on that edge plus one local interconnect per CLB row or column. Each row or column of CLBs provides up to three variables or their complements., as shown in Figure 23. Each decoder generates a High output (resistor pull-up) when the AND condition of the selected inputs, or their complements, is true. This is analogous to a product term in typical PAL devices.

Each of these wired-AND gates is capable of accepting up to 42 inputs on the XC4005E and 72 on the XC4013E. There are up to 96 inputs for each decoder on the XC4028X and 132 on the XC4052X. The decoders may also be split in two when a larger number of narrower decoders are required, for a maximum of 32 decoders per device.

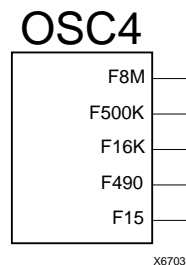
The decoder outputs can drive CLB inputs, so they can be combined with other logic to form a PAL-like AND/OR structure. The decoder outputs can also be routed directly to the chip outputs. For fastest speed, the output should be on the same chip edge as the decoder. Very large PALs can be emulated by ORing the decoder outputs in a CLB. This decoding feature covers what has long been considered a weakness of older FPGAs. Users often resorted to external PALs for simple but fast decoding functions. Now, the dedicated decoders in the XC4000 Series device can implement these functions fast and efficiently.

To use the wide edge decoders, place one or more of the WAND library symbols (WAND1, WAND4, WAND8, WAND16). Attach a DECODE attribute or property to each WAND symbol. Tie the outputs together and attach a PUL-

LUP symbol. Location attributes or properties such as L (left edge) or TR (right half of top edge) should also be used to ensure the correct placement of the decoder inputs.



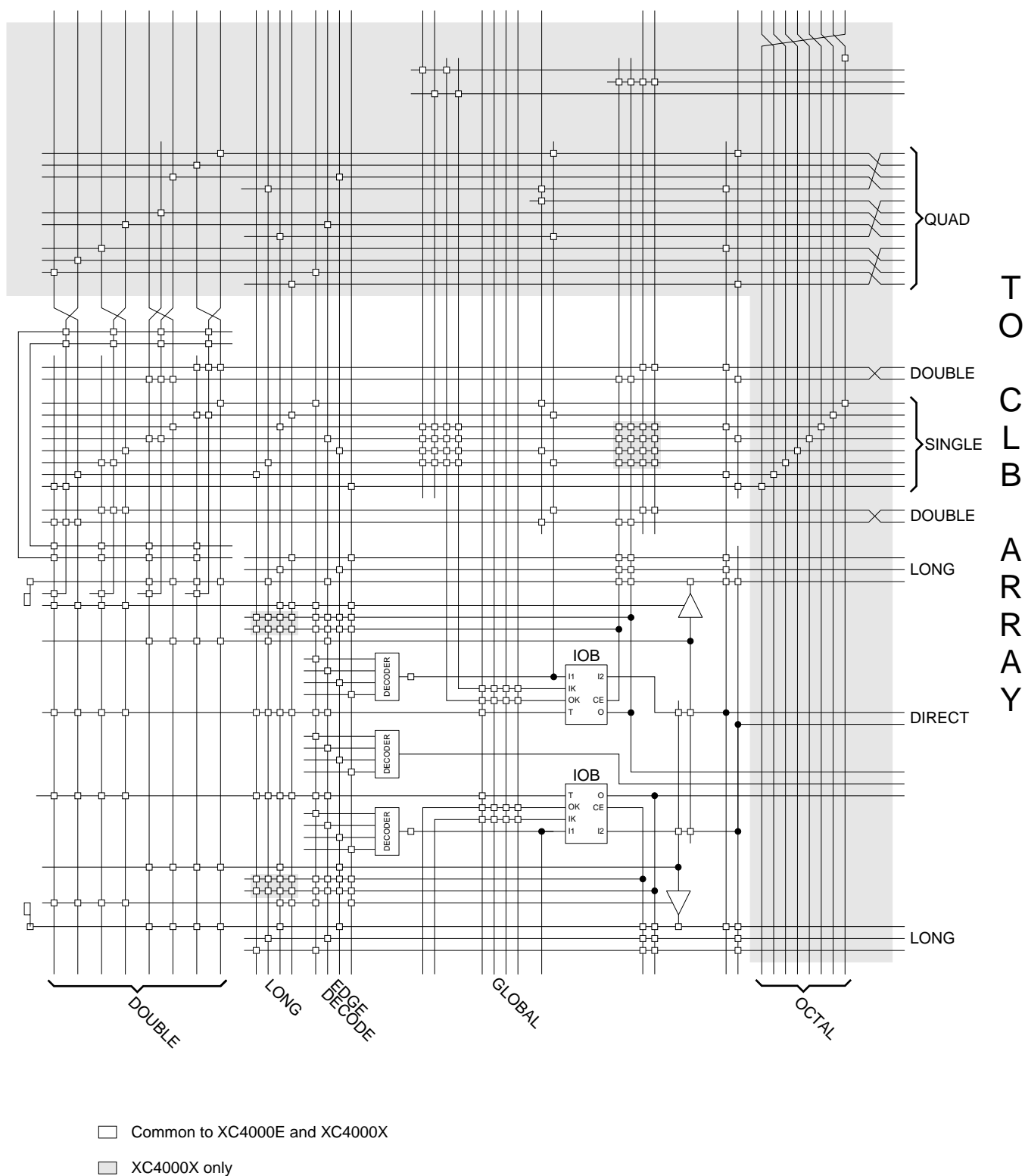
**Figure 23: XC4000 Series Edge Decoding Example**



**Figure 24: XC4000 Series Oscillator Symbol**

## On-Chip Oscillator

XC4000 Series devices include an internal oscillator. This oscillator is used to clock the power-on time-out, for configuration memory clearing, and as the source of CCLK in Master configuration modes. The oscillator runs at a nominal 8 MHz frequency that varies with process, Vcc, and temperature. The output frequency falls between 4 and 10 MHz.



**Figure 33: Detail of Programmable Interconnect Associated with XC4000 Series IOB (Left Edge)**

### Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000X only)

Eight vertical longlines in each CLB column are driven by special global buffers. These longlines are in addition to the vertical longlines used for standard interconnect. The global lines are broken in the center of the array, to allow faster distribution and to minimize skew across the whole array. Each half-column global line has its own buffered multiplexer, as shown in [Figure 35](#). The top and bottom global lines cannot be connected across the center of the device, as this connection might introduce unacceptable skew. The top and bottom halves of the global lines must be separately driven — although they can be driven by the same global buffer.

The eight global lines in each CLB column can be driven by either of two types of global buffers. They can also be driven by internal logic, because they can be accessed by single, double, and quad lines at the top, bottom, half, and quarter points. Consequently, the number of different clocks that can be used simultaneously in an XC4000X device is very large.

There are four global lines feeding the IOBs at the left edge of the device. IOBs along the right edge have eight global lines. There is a single global line along the top and bottom edges with access to the IOBs. All IOB global lines are broken at the center. They cannot be connected across the center of the device, as this connection might introduce unacceptable skew.

IOB global lines can be driven from two types of global buffers, or from local interconnect. Alternatively, top and bottom IOBs can be clocked from the global lines in the adjacent CLB column.

Two different types of clock buffers are available in the XC4000X:

- Global Low-Skew Buffers (BUFGSL)
- Global Early Buffers (BUFGE)

Global Low-Skew Buffers are the standard clock buffers. They should be used for most internal clocking, whenever a large portion of the device must be driven.

Global Early Buffers are designed to provide a faster clock access, but CLB access is limited to one-fourth of the device. They also facilitate a faster I/O interface.

[Figure 35](#) is a conceptual diagram of the global net structure in the XC4000X.

Global Early buffers and Global Low-Skew buffers share a single pad. Therefore, the same IPAD symbol can drive one buffer of each type, in parallel. This configuration is particularly useful when using the Fast Capture latches, as described in [“IOB Input Signals” on page 20](#). Paired Global

Early and Global Low-Skew buffers share a common input; they cannot be driven by two different signals.

### Choosing an XC4000X Clock Buffer

The clocking structure of the XC4000X provides a large variety of features. However, it can be simple to use, without understanding all the details. The software automatically handles clocks, along with all other routing, when the appropriate clock buffer is placed in the design. In fact, if a buffer symbol called BUFG is placed, rather than a specific type of buffer, the software even chooses the buffer most appropriate for the design. The detailed information in this section is provided for those users who want a finer level of control over their designs.

If fine control is desired, use the following summary and [Table 15 on page 35](#) to choose an appropriate clock buffer.

- The simplest thing to do is to use a Global Low-Skew buffer.
- If a faster clock path is needed, try a BUFG. The software will first try to use a Global Low-Skew Buffer. If timing requirements are not met, a faster buffer will automatically be used.
- If a single quadrant of the chip is sufficient for the clocked logic, and the timing requires a faster clock than the Global Low-Skew buffer, use a Global Early buffer.

### Global Low-Skew Buffers

Each corner of the XC4000X device has two Global Low-Skew buffers. Any of the eight Global Low-Skew buffers can drive any of the eight vertical Global lines in a column of CLBs. In addition, any of the buffers can drive any of the four vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the left edge of the device, and any of the eight vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the right edge of the device. (See [Figure 36 on page 38](#).)

IOBs at the top and bottom edges of the device are accessed through the vertical Global lines in the CLB array, as in the XC4000E. Any Global Low-Skew buffer can, therefore, access every IOB and CLB in the device.

The Global Low-Skew buffers can be driven by either semi-dedicated pads or internal logic.

To use a Global Low-Skew buffer, instantiate a BUFGSL element in a schematic or in HDL code. If desired, attach a LOC attribute or property to direct placement to the designated location. For example, attach a LOC=T attribute or property to direct that a BUFGSL be placed in one of the two Global Low-Skew buffers on the top edge of the device, or a LOC=TR to indicate the Global Low-Skew buffer on the top edge of the device, on the right.

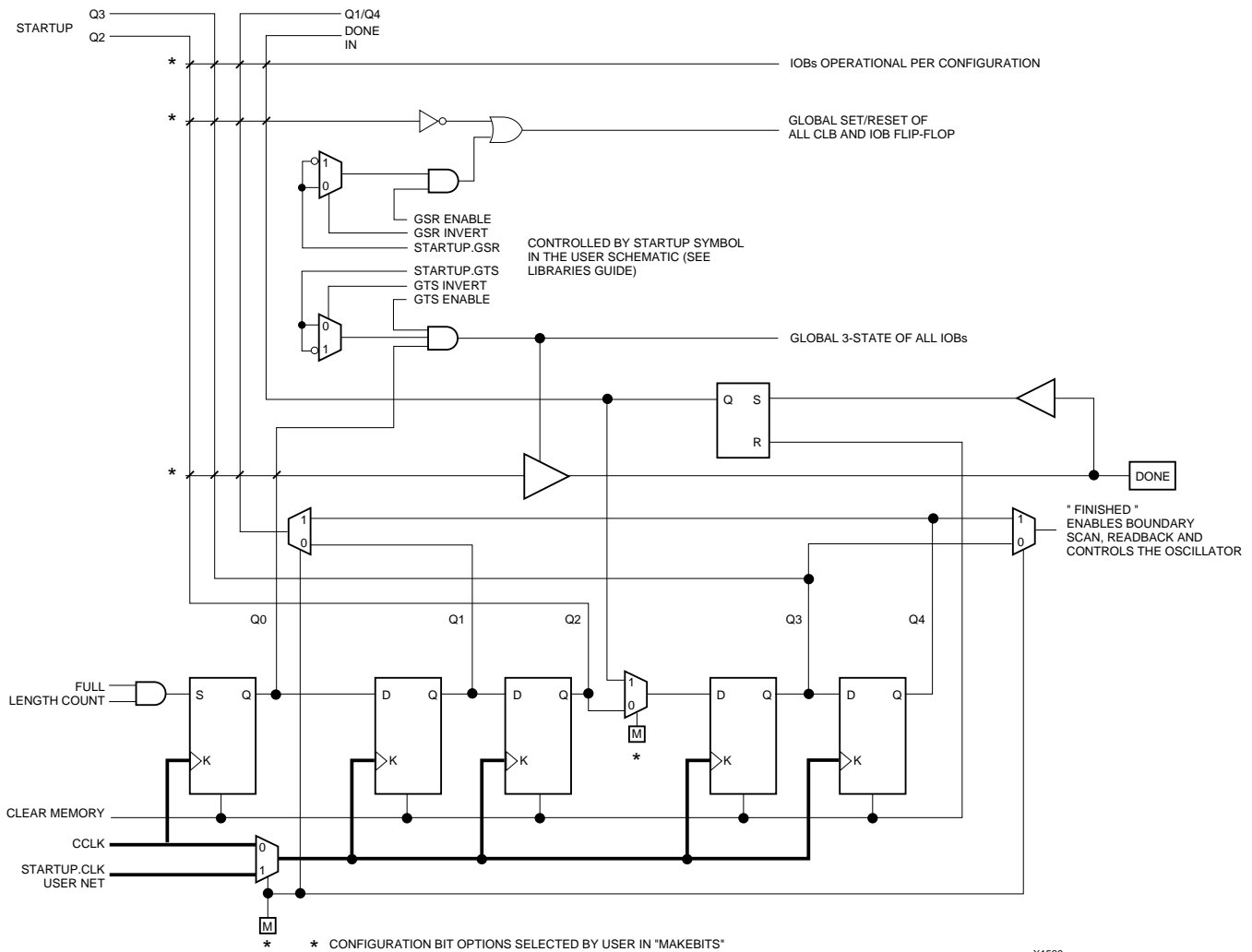






Table 16: Pin Descriptions (Continued)

Pin Name	I/O During Config.	I/O After Config.	Pin Description
TDI, TCK, TMS	I	I/O or I (JTAG)	If boundary scan is used, these pins are Test Data In, Test Clock, and Test Mode Select inputs respectively. They come directly from the pads, bypassing the IOBs. These pins can also be used as inputs to the CLB logic after configuration is completed. If the BSCAN symbol is not placed in the design, all boundary scan functions are inhibited once configuration is completed, and these pins become user-programmable I/O. The pins can be used automatically or user-constrained. To use them, use "LOC=" or place the library components TDI, TCK, and TMS instead of the usual pad symbols. Input or output buffers must still be used.
HDC	O	I/O	High During Configuration (HDC) is driven High until the I/O go active. It is available as a control output indicating that configuration is not yet completed. After configuration, HDC is a user-programmable I/O pin.
$\overline{\text{LDC}}$	O	I/O	Low During Configuration ( $\overline{\text{LDC}}$ ) is driven Low until the I/O go active. It is available as a control output indicating that configuration is not yet completed. After configuration, $\overline{\text{LDC}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin.
$\overline{\text{INIT}}$	I/O	I/O	Before and during configuration, $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is a bidirectional signal. A 1 k $\Omega$ - 10 k $\Omega$ external pull-up resistor is recommended. As an active-Low open-drain output, $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is held Low during the power stabilization and internal clearing of the configuration memory. As an active-Low input, it can be used to hold the FPGA in the internal WAIT state before the start of configuration. Master mode devices stay in a WAIT state an additional 30 to 300 $\mu\text{s}$ after $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ has gone High. During configuration, a Low on this output indicates that a configuration data error has occurred. After the I/O go active, $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin.
PGCK1 - PGCK4 (XC4000E only)	Weak Pull-up	I or I/O	Four Primary Global inputs each drive a dedicated internal global net with short delay and minimal skew. If not used to drive a global buffer, any of these pins is a user-programmable I/O. The PGCK1-PGCK4 pins drive the four Primary Global Buffers. Any input pad symbol connected directly to the input of a BUFGP symbol is automatically placed on one of these pins.
SGCK1 - SGCK4 (XC4000E only)	Weak Pull-up	I or I/O	Four Secondary Global inputs each drive a dedicated internal global net with short delay and minimal skew. These internal global nets can also be driven from internal logic. If not used to drive a global net, any of these pins is a user-programmable I/O pin. The SGCK1-SGCK4 pins provide the shortest path to the four Secondary Global Buffers. Any input pad symbol connected directly to the input of a BUFGE symbol is automatically placed on one of these pins.
GCK1 - GCK8 (XC4000X only)	Weak Pull-up	I or I/O	Eight inputs can each drive a Global Low-Skew buffer. In addition, each can drive a Global Early buffer. Each pair of global buffers can also be driven from internal logic, but must share an input signal. If not used to drive a global buffer, any of these pins is a user-programmable I/O. Any input pad symbol connected directly to the input of a BUFGS or BUFG symbol is automatically placed on one of these pins.
FCLK1 - FCLK4 (XC4000XLA and XC4000XV only)	Weak Pull-up	I or I/O	Four inputs can each drive a Fast Clock (FCLK) buffer which can deliver a clock signal to any IOB clock input in the octant of the die served by the Fast Clock buffer. Two Fast Clock buffers serve the two IOB octants on the left side of the die and the other two Fast Clock buffers serve the two IOB octants on the right side of the die. On each side of the die, one Fast Clock buffer serves the upper octant and the other serves the lower octant. If not used to drive a Fast Clock buffer, any of these pins is a user-programmable I/O.



**Figure 48: Start-up Logic**

## Readback

The user can read back the content of configuration memory and the level of certain internal nodes without interfering with the normal operation of the device.

Readback not only reports the downloaded configuration bits, but can also include the present state of the device, represented by the content of all flip-flops and latches in CLBs and IOBs, as well as the content of function generators used as RAMs.

Note that in XC4000 Series devices, configuration data is *not* inverted with respect to configuration as it is in XC2000 and XC3000 families.

XC4000 Series Readback does not use any dedicated pins, but uses four internal nets (RDBK.TRIG, RDBK.DATA, RDBK.RIP and RDBK.CLK) that can be routed to any IOB. To access the internal Readback signals, place the READ-

BACK library symbol and attach the appropriate pad symbols, as shown in [Figure 49](#).

After Readback has been initiated by a High level on RDBK.TRIG after configuration, the RDBK.RIP (Read In Progress) output goes High on the next rising edge of RDBK.CLK. Subsequent rising edges of this clock shift out Readback data on the RDBK.DATA net.

Readback data does not include the preamble, but starts with five dummy bits (all High) followed by the Start bit (Low) of the first frame. The first two data bits of the first frame are always High.

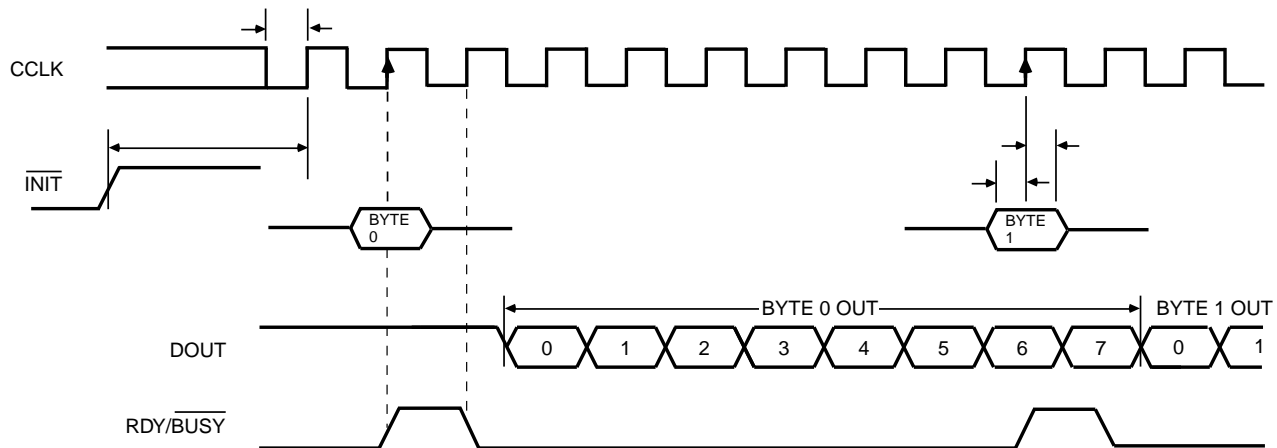
Each frame ends with four error check bits. They are read back as High. The last seven bits of the last frame are also read back as High. An additional Start bit (Low) and an 11-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) signature follow, before RDBK.RIP returns Low.

**Table 23: Pin Functions During Configuration**

CONFIGURATION MODE <M2:M1:M0>						USER OPERATION
SLAVE SERIAL <1:1:1>	MASTER SERIAL <0:0:0>	SYNCH. PERIPHERAL <0:1:1>	ASYNCH. PERIPHERAL <1:0:1>	MASTER PARALLEL DOWN <1:1:0>	MASTER PARALLEL UP <1:0:0>	
M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(LOW) (I)	M2(LOW) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	(I)
M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	(O)
M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	(I)
HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	I/O
LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	I/O
INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	I/O
DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE
PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM
CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)
		RDY/BUSY (O)	RDY/BUSY (O)	RCLK (O)	RCLK (O)	I/O
			RS (I)			I/O
			CS0 (I)			I/O
		DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	I/O
		DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	I/O
		DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	I/O
		DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	I/O
		DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	I/O
		DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	I/O
		DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	I/O
DIN (I)	DIN (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	I/O
DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	SGCK4-GCK6-I/O
TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI-I/O
TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK-I/O
TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS-I/O
TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO-(O)
			WS (I)	A0	A0	I/O
				A1	A1	PGCK4-GCK7-I/O
			CS1	A2	A2	I/O
				A3	A3	I/O
				A4	A4	I/O
				A5	A5	I/O
				A6	A6	I/O
				A7	A7	I/O
				A8	A8	I/O
				A9	A9	I/O
				A10	A10	I/O
				A11	A11	I/O
				A12	A12	I/O
				A13	A13	I/O
				A14	A14	I/O
				A15	A15	SGCK1-GCK8-I/O
				A16	A16	PGCK1-GCK1-I/O
				A17	A17	I/O
				A18*	A18*	I/O
				A19*	A19*	I/O
				A20*	A20*	I/O
				A21*	A21*	I/O
						ALL OTHERS

\* XC4000X only

- Notes
1. A shaded table cell represents a 50 kΩ - 100 kΩ pull-up before and during configuration.
  2. (I) represents an input; (O) represents an output.
  3. INIT is an open-drain output during configuration.



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	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
CCLK	INIT (High) setup time	$T_{IC}$	5		$\mu s$
	D0 - D7 setup time	$T_{DC}$	60		ns
	D0 - D7 hold time	$T_{CD}$	0		ns
	CCLK High time	$T_{CCH}$	50		ns
	CCLK Low time	$T_{CCL}$	60		ns
	CCLK Frequency	$F_{CC}$		8	MHz

- Notes:
1. Peripheral Synchronous mode can be considered Slave Parallel mode. An external CCLK provides timing, clocking in the **first** data byte on the **second** rising edge of CCLK after INIT goes High. Subsequent data bytes are clocked in on every eighth consecutive rising edge of CCLK.
  2. The RDY/BUSY line goes High for one CCLK period after data has been clocked in, although synchronous operation does not require such a response.
  3. The pin name RDY/BUSY is a misnomer. In Synchronous Peripheral mode this is really an ACKNOWLEDGE signal.
  4. Note that data starts to shift out serially on the DOUT pin 0.5 CCLK periods after it was loaded in parallel. Therefore, additional CCLK pulses are clearly required after the last byte has been loaded.

**Figure 57: Synchronous Peripheral Mode Programming Switching Characteristics**

## Asynchronous Peripheral Mode

### Write to FPGA

Asynchronous Peripheral mode uses the trailing edge of the logic AND condition of  $\overline{WS}$  and  $\overline{CS0}$  being Low and  $\overline{RS}$  and  $\overline{CS1}$  being High to accept byte-wide data from a microprocessor bus. In the lead FPGA, this data is loaded into a double-buffered UART-like parallel-to-serial converter and is serially shifted into the internal logic.

The lead FPGA presents the preamble data (and all data that overflows the lead device) on its DOUT pin. The RDY/BUSY output from the lead FPGA acts as a handshake signal to the microprocessor. RDY/BUSY goes Low when a byte has been received, and goes High again when the byte-wide input buffer has transferred its information into the shift register, and the buffer is ready to receive new data. A new write may be started immediately, as soon as the RDY/BUSY output has gone Low, acknowledging receipt of the previous data. Write may not be terminated until RDY/BUSY is High again for one CCLK period. Note that RDY/BUSY is pulled High with a high-impedance pull-up prior to  $\overline{INIT}$  going High.

The length of the  $\overline{BUSY}$  signal depends on the activity in the UART. If the shift register was empty when the new byte was received, the  $\overline{BUSY}$  signal lasts for only two CCLK periods. If the shift register was still full when the new byte was received, the  $\overline{BUSY}$  signal can be as long as nine CCLK periods.

Note that after the last byte has been entered, only seven of its bits are shifted out. CCLK remains High with DOUT equal to bit 6 (the next-to-last bit) of the last byte entered.

The RDY/ $\overline{BUSY}$  handshake can be ignored if the delay from any one Write to the end of the next Write is guaranteed to be longer than 10 CCLK periods.

### Status Read

The logic AND condition of the  $\overline{CS0}$ ,  $\overline{CS1}$  and  $\overline{RS}$  inputs puts the device status on the Data bus.

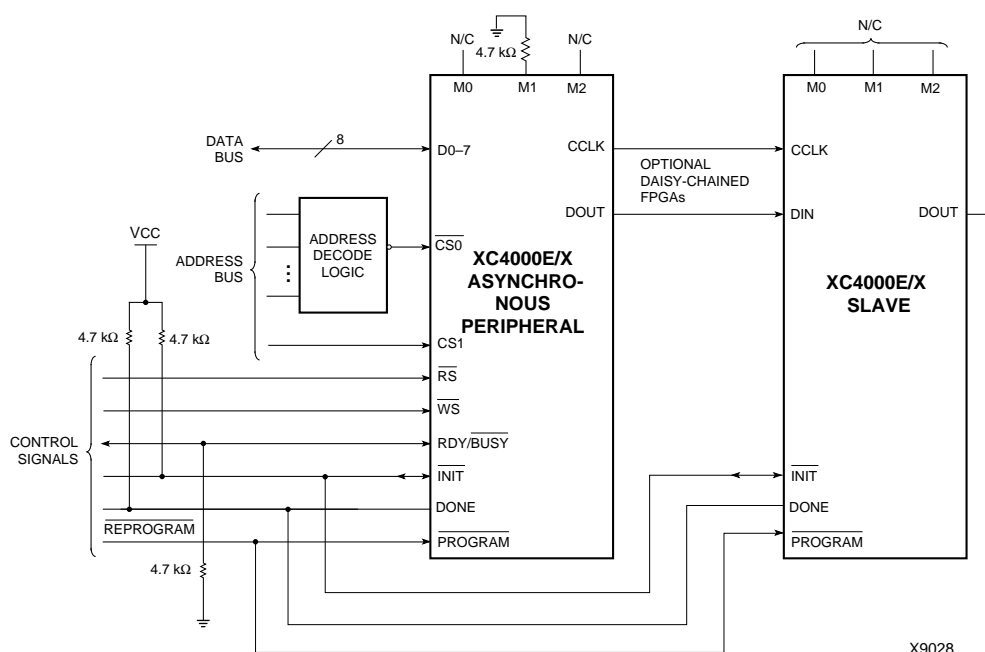
- D7 High indicates Ready
- D7 Low indicates Busy
- D0 through D6 go unconditionally High

It is mandatory that the whole start-up sequence be started and completed by one byte-wide input. Otherwise, the pins used as Write Strobe or Chip Enable might become active outputs and interfere with the final byte transfer. If this transfer does not occur, the start-up sequence is not completed all the way to the finish (point F in [Figure 47 on page 53](#)).

In this case, at worst, the internal reset is not released. At best, Readback and Boundary Scan are inhibited. The length-count value, as generated by the XACTstep software, ensures that these problems never occur.

Although RDY/ $\overline{BUSY}$  is brought out as a separate signal, microprocessors can more easily read this information on one of the data lines. For this purpose, D7 represents the RDY/ $\overline{BUSY}$  status when  $\overline{RS}$  is Low,  $\overline{WS}$  is High, and the two chip select lines are both active.

Asynchronous Peripheral mode is selected by a <101> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).



**Figure 58: Asynchronous Peripheral Mode Circuit Diagram**

## User I/O Per Package

Table 27, Table 28, and Table 29 show the number of user I/Os available in each package for XC4000-Series devices. Call your local sales office for the latest availability information, or see the Xilinx website at <http://www.xilinx.com> for the latest revision of the specifications.

**Table 27: User I/O Chart for XC4000XL FPGAs**

Device	Max I/O	Maximum User Accessible I/O by Package Type																					
		PC84	PQ100	VQ100	TQ144	HT144	HQ160	PQ160	TQ176	HT176	HQ208	PQ208	HQ240	PQ240	BG256	PG299	HQ304	BG352	PG411	BG432	PG475	PG559	BG560
XC4002XL	64	61	64	64																			
XC4005XL	112	61	77	77	112			112				112											
XC4010XL	160	61	77		113			129	145			160			160								
XC4013XL	192					113		129		145		160		192	192								
XC4020XL	224					113		129		145		160		192	205								
XC4028XL	256						129				160		193		205	256	256	256					
XC4036XL	288						129				160		193				256	288	288	288			
XC4044XL	320						129				160		193				256	289	320	320			
XC4052XL	352												193				256		352	352			352
XC4062XL	384												193				256			352	384		384
XC4085XL	448																			352		448	448

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**Table 28: User I/O Chart for XC4000E FPGAs**

Device	Max I/O	Maximum User Accessible I/O by Package Type															
		PC84	PQ100	VQ100	PG120	TQ144	PG156	PQ160	PG191	HQ208	PQ208	PG223	BG225	HQ240	PQ240	PG299	HQ304
XC4003E	80	61	77	77	80												
XC4005E	112	61	77			112	112	112			112						
XC4006E	128	61				113	125	128			128						
XC4008E	144	61						129	144		144						
XC4010E	160	61						129	160	160	160		160				
XC4013E	192							129		160	160	192	192	192	192		
XC4020E	224									160		192		193			
XC4025E	256											192		193		256	256

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**Table 29: User I/O Chart for XC4000EX FPGAs**

Device	Max I/O	Maximum User Accessible I/O by Package Type						
		HQ208	HQ240	PG299	HQ304	BG352	PG411	BG432
XC4028EX	256	160	193	256	256	256		
XC4036EX	288		193		256	288	288	288

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