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Details

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| Product Status | Obsolete |
| Number of LABs/CLBs | 400 |
| Number of Logic Elements/Cells | 950 |
| Total RAM Bits | 12800 |
| Number of I/O | 129 |
| Number of Gates | 10000 |
| Voltage - Supply | 4.75V ~ 5.25V |
| Mounting Type | Surface Mount |
| Operating Temperature | 0°C ~ 85°C (Tj) |
| Package / Case | 160-BQFP |
| Supplier Device Package | 160-PQFP (28x28) |
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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.

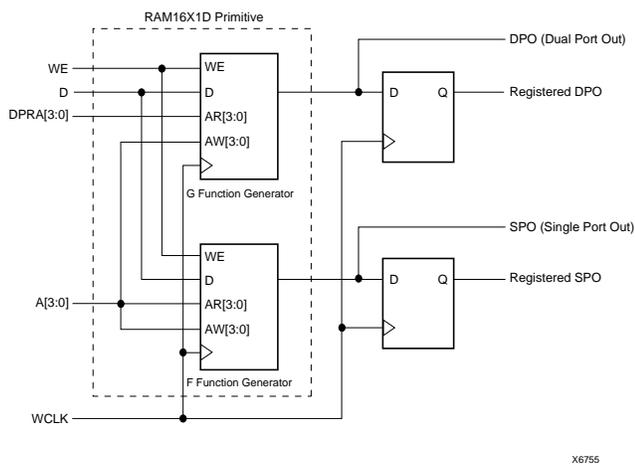


Figure 6: XC4000 Series Dual-Port RAM, Simple Model

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.

Fast Carry Logic

Each CLB F and G function generator contains dedicated arithmetic logic for the fast generation of carry and borrow signals. This extra output is passed on to the function generator in the adjacent CLB. The carry chain is independent of normal routing resources.

Dedicated fast carry logic greatly increases the efficiency and performance of adders, subtractors, accumulators, comparators and counters. It also opens the door to many new applications involving arithmetic operation, where the previous generations of FPGAs were not fast enough or too inefficient. High-speed address offset calculations in micro-processor or graphics systems, and high-speed addition in digital signal processing are two typical applications.

The two 4-input function generators can be configured as a 2-bit adder with built-in hidden carry that can be expanded to any length. This dedicated carry circuitry is so fast and efficient that conventional speed-up methods like carry generate/propagate are meaningless even at the 16-bit level, and of marginal benefit at the 32-bit level.

This fast carry logic is one of the more significant features of the XC4000 Series, speeding up arithmetic and counting into the 70 MHz range.

The carry chain in XC4000E devices can run either up or down. At the top and bottom of the columns where there are no CLBs above or below, the carry is propagated to the right. (See Figure 11.) In order to improve speed in the high-capacity XC4000X devices, which can potentially have very long carry chains, the carry chain travels upward only, as shown in Figure 12. Additionally, standard interconnect can be used to route a carry signal in the downward direction.

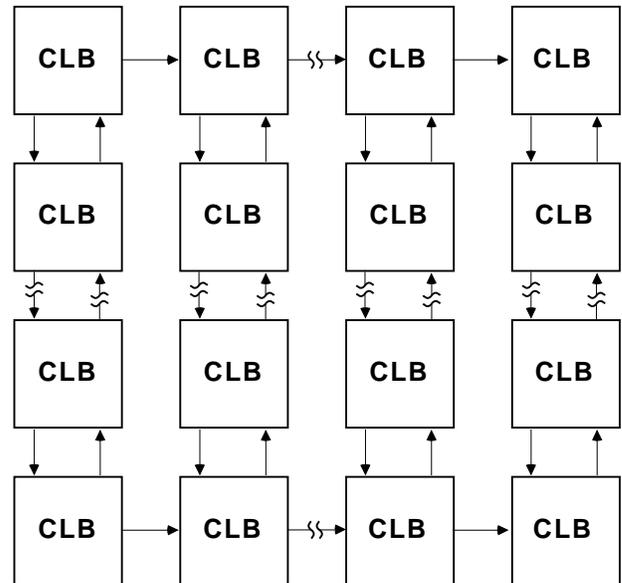
Figure 13 on page 19 shows an XC4000E CLB with dedicated fast carry logic. The carry logic in the XC4000X is similar, except that COUT exits at the top only, and the signal CINDOWN does not exist. As shown in Figure 13, the carry logic shares operand and control inputs with the function generators. The carry outputs connect to the function generators, where they are combined with the operands to form the sums.

Figure 14 on page 20 shows the details of the carry logic for the XC4000E. This diagram shows the contents of the box labeled "CARRY LOGIC" in Figure 13. The XC4000X carry logic is very similar, but a multiplexer on the pass-through carry chain has been eliminated to reduce delay. Additionally, in the XC4000X the multiplexer on the G4 path has a memory-programmable 0 input, which permits G4 to directly connect to COUT. G4 thus becomes an additional high-speed initialization path for carry-in.

The dedicated carry logic is discussed in detail in Xilinx document XAPP 013: "Using the Dedicated Carry Logic in

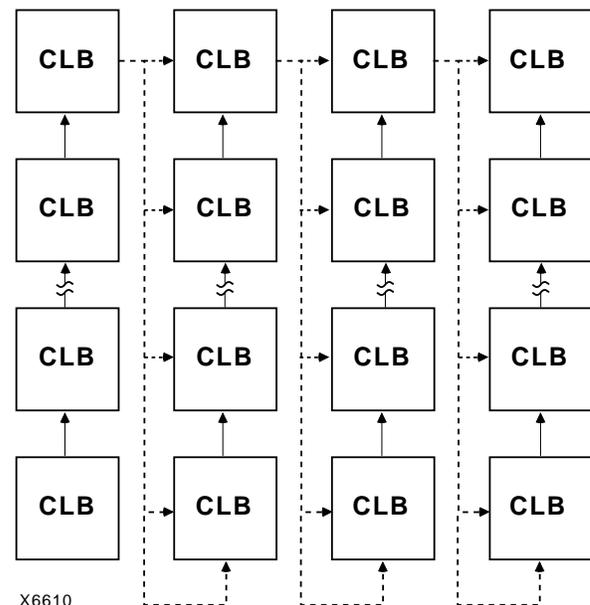
XC4000." This discussion also applies to XC4000E devices, and to XC4000X devices when the minor logic changes are taken into account.

The fast carry logic can be accessed by placing special library symbols, or by using Xilinx Relationally Placed Macros (RPMs) that already include these symbols.



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Figure 11: Available XC4000E Carry Propagation Paths



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Figure 12: Available XC4000X Carry Propagation Paths (dotted lines use general interconnect)

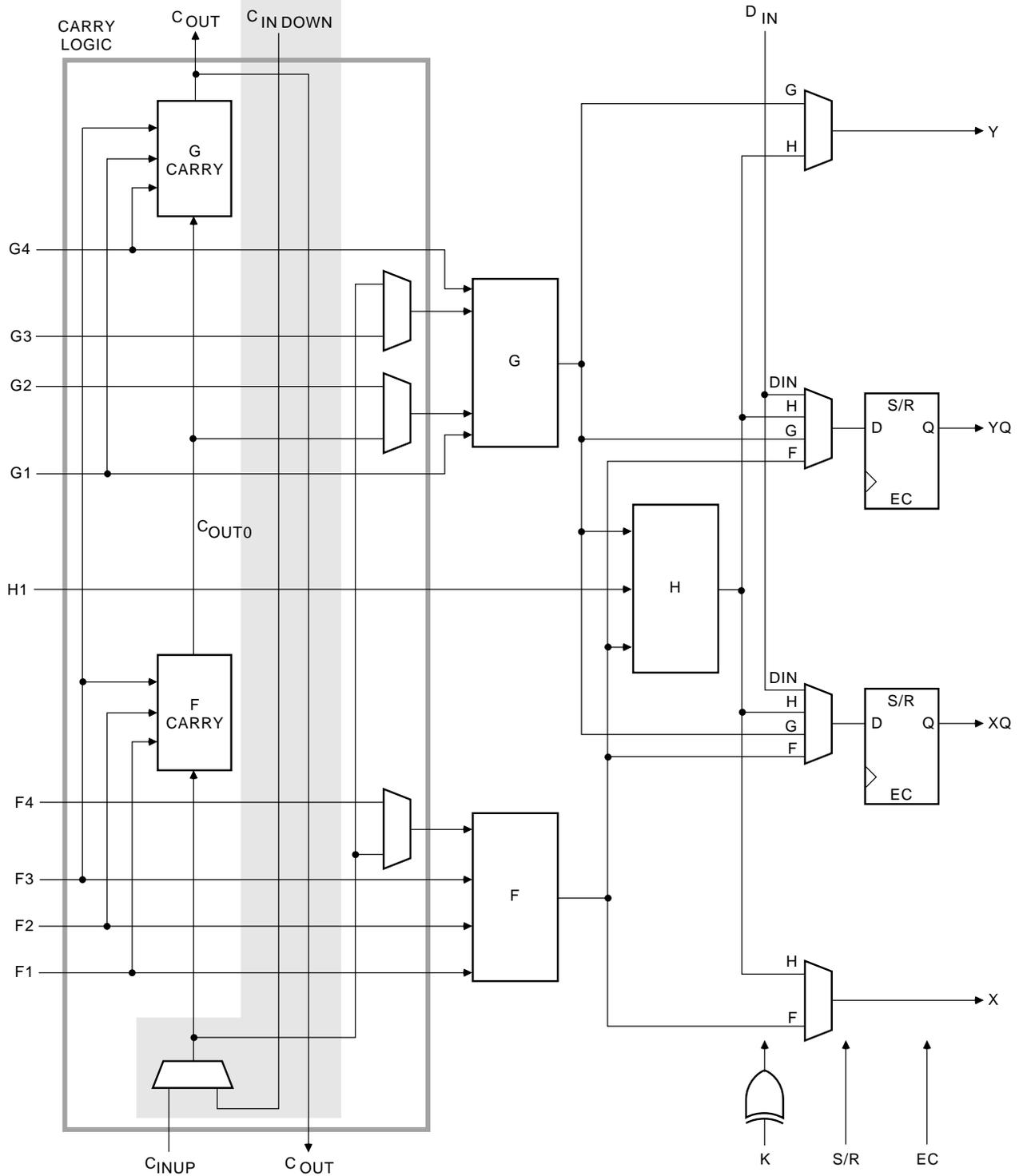


Figure 13: Fast Carry Logic in XC4000E CLB (shaded area not present in XC4000X)

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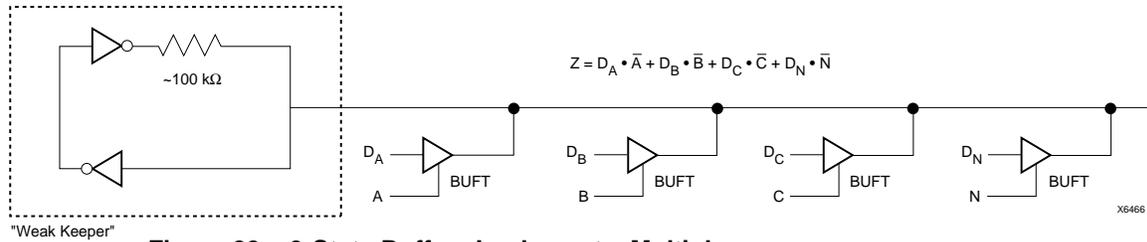


Figure 22: 3-State Buffers Implement a Multiplexer

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.

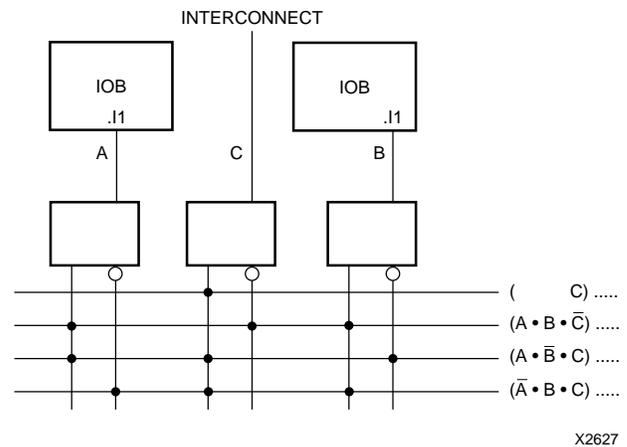


Figure 23: XC4000 Series Edge Decoding Example

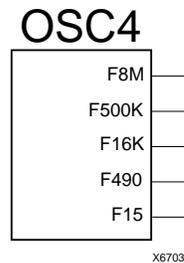


Figure 24: XC4000 Series Oscillator Symbol

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.

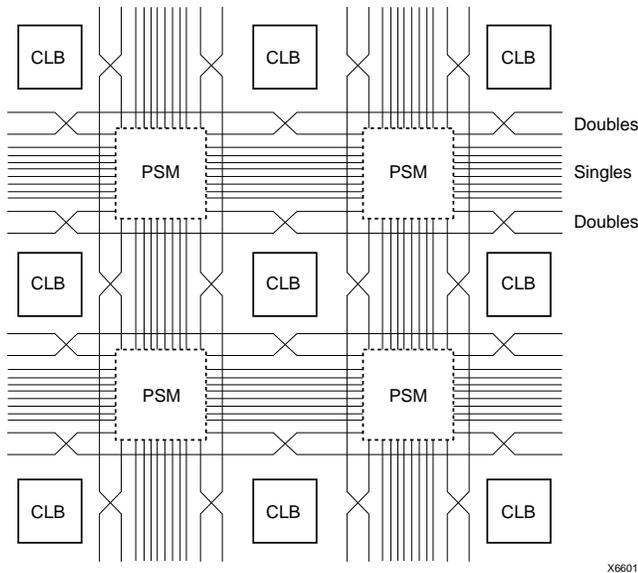


Figure 28: Single- and Double-Length Lines, with Programmable Switch Matrices (PSMs)

Double-Length Lines

The double-length lines consist of a grid of metal segments, each twice as long as the single-length lines: they run past two CLBs before entering a switch matrix. Double-length lines are grouped in pairs with the switch matrices staggered, so that each line goes through a switch matrix at every other row or column of CLBs (see [Figure 28](#)).

There are four vertical and four horizontal double-length lines associated with each CLB. These lines provide faster signal routing over intermediate distances, while retaining routing flexibility. Double-length lines are connected by way of the programmable switch matrices. Routing connectivity is shown in [Figure 27](#).

Quad Lines (XC4000X only)

XC4000X devices also include twelve vertical and twelve horizontal quad lines per CLB row and column. Quad lines are four times as long as the single-length lines. They are interconnected via buffered switch matrices (shown as diamonds in [Figure 27 on page 30](#)). Quad lines run past four CLBs before entering a buffered switch matrix. They are grouped in fours, with the buffered switch matrices staggered, so that each line goes through a buffered switch matrix at every fourth CLB location in that row or column. (See [Figure 29](#).)

The buffered switch matrices have four pins, one on each edge. All of the pins are bidirectional. Any pin can drive any or all of the other pins.

Each buffered switch matrix contains one buffer and six pass transistors. It resembles the programmable switch matrix shown in [Figure 26](#), with the addition of a programmable buffer. There can be up to two independent inputs

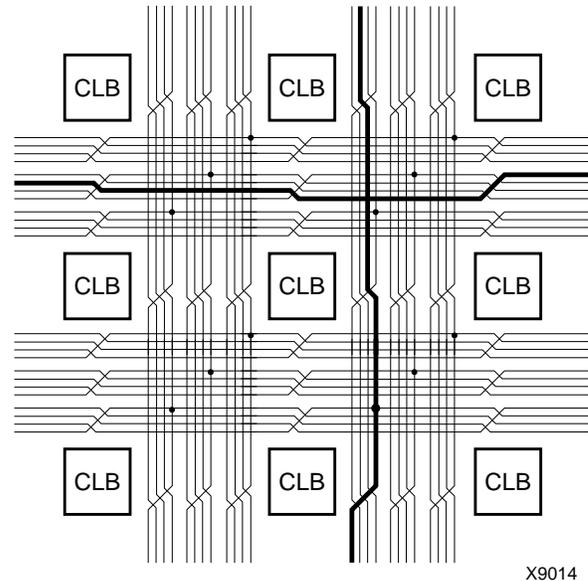


Figure 29: Quad Lines (XC4000X only)

and up to two independent outputs. Only one of the independent inputs can be buffered.

The place and route software automatically uses the timing requirements of the design to determine whether or not a quad line signal should be buffered. A heavily loaded signal is typically buffered, while a lightly loaded one is not. One scenario is to alternate buffers and pass transistors. This allows both vertical and horizontal quad lines to be buffered at alternating buffered switch matrices.

Due to the buffered switch matrices, quad lines are very fast. They provide the fastest available method of routing heavily loaded signals for long distances across the device.

Longlines

Longlines form a grid of metal interconnect segments that run the entire length or width of the array. Longlines are intended for high fan-out, time-critical signal nets, or nets that are distributed over long distances. In XC4000X devices, quad lines are preferred for critical nets, because the buffered switch matrices make them faster for high fan-out nets.

Two horizontal longlines per CLB can be driven by 3-state or open-drain drivers (TBUFs). They can therefore implement unidirectional or bidirectional buses, wide multiplexers, or wired-AND functions. (See [“Three-State Buffers” on page 26](#) for more details.)

Each horizontal longline driven by TBUFs has either two (XC4000E) or eight (XC4000X) pull-up resistors. To activate these resistors, attach a PULLUP symbol to the long-line net. The software automatically activates the appropriate number of pull-ups. There is also a weak keeper at each end of these two horizontal longlines. This

The top and bottom Global Early buffers are about 1 ns slower clock to out than the left and right Global Early buffers.

The Global Early buffers can be driven by either semi-dedicated pads or internal logic. They share pads with the Global Low-Skew buffers, so a single net can drive both global buffers, as described above.

To use a Global Early buffer, place a BUFGE 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 BUFGE be placed in one of the two Global Early buffers on the top edge of the device, or a LOC=TR to indicate the Global Early buffer on the top edge of the device, on the right.

Power Distribution

Power for the FPGA is distributed through a grid to achieve high noise immunity and isolation between logic and I/O. Inside the FPGA, a dedicated Vcc and Ground ring surrounding the logic array provides power to the I/O drivers, as shown in [Figure 39](#). An independent matrix of Vcc and Ground lines supplies the interior logic of the device.

This power distribution grid provides a stable supply and ground for all internal logic, providing the external package power pins are all connected and appropriately de-coupled. Typically, a 0.1 μ F capacitor connected between each Vcc pin and the board's Ground plane will provide adequate de-coupling.

Output buffers capable of driving/sinking the specified 12 mA loads under specified worst-case conditions may be capable of driving/sinking up to 10 times as much current under best case conditions.

Noise can be reduced by minimizing external load capacitance and reducing simultaneous output transitions in the same direction. It may also be beneficial to locate heavily loaded output buffers near the Ground pads. The I/O Block output buffers have a slew-rate limited mode (default) which should be used where output rise and fall times are not speed-critical.

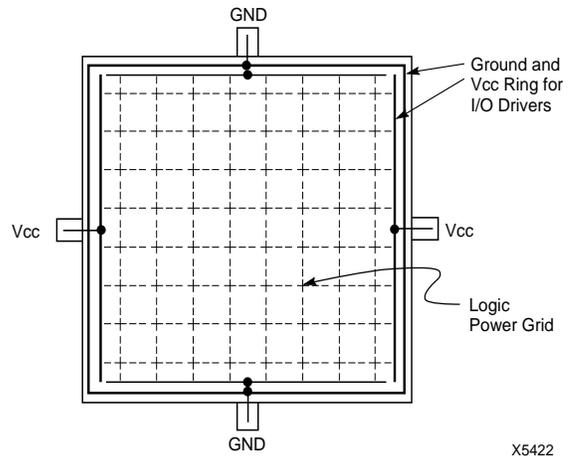


Figure 39: XC4000 Series Power Distribution

Pin Descriptions

There are three types of pins in the XC4000 Series devices:

- Permanently dedicated pins
- User I/O pins that can have special functions
- Unrestricted user-programmable I/O pins.

Before and during configuration, all outputs not used for the configuration process are 3-stated with a 50 k Ω - 100 k Ω pull-up resistor.

After configuration, if an IOB is unused it is configured as an input with a 50 k Ω - 100 k Ω pull-up resistor.

XC4000 Series devices have no dedicated Reset input. Any user I/O can be configured to drive the Global Set/Reset net, GSR. See [“Global Set/Reset” on page 11](#) for more information on GSR.

XC4000 Series devices have no Powerdown control input, as the XC3000 and XC2000 families do. The XC3000/XC2000 Powerdown control also 3-stated all of the device

I/O pins. For XC4000 Series devices, use the global 3-state net, GTS, instead. This net 3-states all outputs, but does not place the device in low-power mode. See [“IOB Output Signals” on page 23](#) for more information on GTS.

Device pins for XC4000 Series devices are described in [Table 16](#). Pin functions during configuration for each of the seven configuration modes are summarized in [Table 22 on page 58](#), in the “Configuration Timing” section.

Figure 41 on page 44 is a diagram of the XC4000 Series boundary scan logic. It includes three bits of Data Register per IOB, the IEEE 1149.1 Test Access Port controller, and the Instruction Register with decodes.

XC4000 Series devices can also be configured through the boundary scan logic. See "Readback" on page 55.

Data Registers

The primary data register is the boundary scan register. For each IOB pin in the FPGA, bonded or not, it includes three bits for In, Out and 3-State Control. Non-IOB pins have appropriate partial bit population for In or Out only. PROGRAM, CCLK and DONE are not included in the boundary scan register. Each EXTEST CAPTURE-DR state captures all In, Out, and 3-state pins.

The data register also includes the following non-pin bits: TDO.T, and TDO.O, which are always bits 0 and 1 of the

data register, respectively, and BSCANT.UPD, which is always the last bit of the data register. These three boundary scan bits are special-purpose Xilinx test signals.

The other standard data register is the single flip-flop BYPASS register. It synchronizes data being passed through the FPGA to the next downstream boundary scan device.

The FPGA provides two additional data registers that can be specified using the BSCAN macro. The FPGA provides two user pins (BSCAN.SEL1 and BSCAN.SEL2) which are the decodes of two user instructions. For these instructions, two corresponding pins (BSCAN.TDO1 and BSCAN.TDO2) allow user scan data to be shifted out on TDO. The data register clock (BSCAN.DRCK) is available for control of test logic which the user may wish to implement with CLBs. The NAND of TCK and RUN-TEST-IDLE is also provided (BSCAN.IDLE).

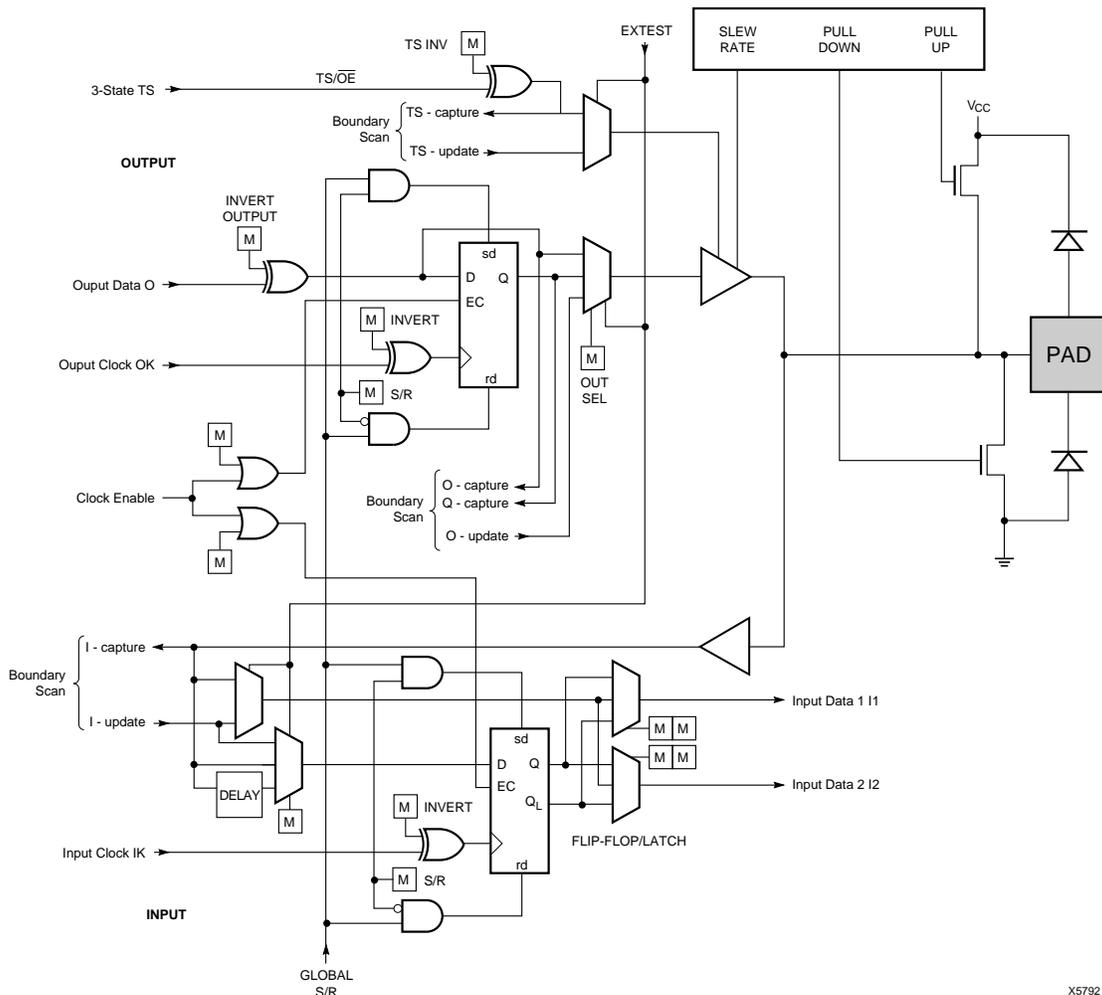
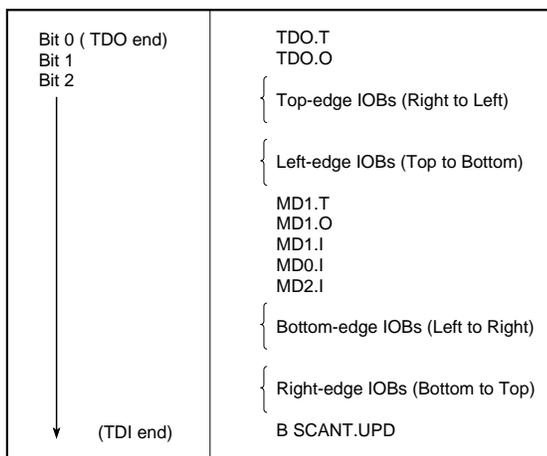


Figure 40: Block Diagram of XC4000E IOB with Boundary Scan (some details not shown). XC4000X Boundary Scan Logic is Identical.

Table 17: Boundary Scan Instructions

| Instruction I2 I1 I0 | | | Test Selected | TDO Source | I/O Data Source |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | EXTEST | DR | DR |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | SAMPLE/PR ELOAD | DR | Pin/Logic |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | USER 1 | BSCAN. TDO1 | User Logic |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | USER 2 | BSCAN. TDO2 | User Logic |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | READBACK | Readback Data | Pin/Logic |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | CONFIGURE | DOUT | Disabled |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | Reserved | — | — |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | BYPASS | Bypass Register | — |



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Figure 42: Boundary Scan Bit Sequence

Avoiding Inadvertent Boundary Scan

If TMS or TCK is used as user I/O, care must be taken to ensure that at least one of these pins is held constant during configuration. In some applications, a situation may occur where TMS or TCK is driven during configuration. This may cause the device to go into boundary scan mode and disrupt the configuration process.

To prevent activation of boundary scan during configuration, do either of the following:

- TMS: Tie High to put the Test Access Port controller in a benign RESET state
- TCK: Tie High or Low—don't toggle this clock input.

For more information regarding boundary scan, refer to the Xilinx Application Note XAPP 017.001, "Boundary Scan in XC4000E Devices."

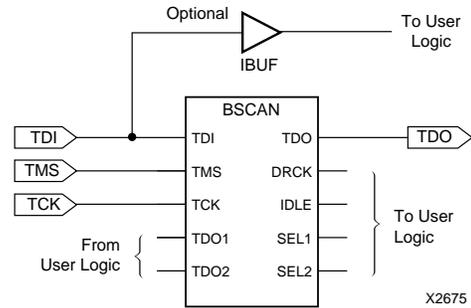


Figure 43: Boundary Scan Schematic Example

Configuration

Configuration is the process of loading design-specific programming data into one or more FPGAs to define the functional operation of the internal blocks and their interconnections. This is somewhat like loading the command registers of a programmable peripheral chip. XC4000 Series devices use several hundred bits of configuration data per CLB and its associated interconnects. Each configuration bit defines the state of a static memory cell that controls either a function look-up table bit, a multiplexer input, or an interconnect pass transistor. The XACT^{step} development system translates the design into a netlist file. It automatically partitions, places and routes the logic and generates the configuration data in PROM format.

Special Purpose Pins

Three configuration mode pins (M2, M1, M0) are sampled prior to configuration to determine the configuration mode. After configuration, these pins can be used as auxiliary connections. M2 and M0 can be used as inputs, and M1 can be used as an output. The XACT^{step} development system does not use these resources unless they are explicitly specified in the design entry. This is done by placing a special pad symbol called MD2, MD1, or MD0 instead of the input or output pad symbol.

In XC4000 Series devices, the mode pins have weak pull-up resistors during configuration. With all three mode pins High, Slave Serial mode is selected, which is the most popular configuration mode. Therefore, for the most common configuration mode, the mode pins can be left unconnected. (Note, however, that the internal pull-up resistor value can be as high as 100 kΩ.) After configuration, these pins can individually have weak pull-up or pull-down resistors, as specified in the design. A pull-down resistor value of 4.7 kΩ is recommended.

These pins are located in the lower left chip corner and are near the readback nets. This location allows convenient routing if compatibility with the XC2000 and XC3000 family conventions of M0/RT, M1/RD is desired.

Configuration Modes

XC4000E devices have six configuration modes. XC4000X devices have the same six modes, plus an additional configuration mode. These modes are selected by a 3-bit input code applied to the M2, M1, and M0 inputs. There are three self-loading Master modes, two Peripheral modes, and a Serial Slave mode, which is used primarily for daisy-chained devices. The coding for mode selection is shown in [Table 18](#).

Table 18: Configuration Modes

| Mode | M2 | M1 | M0 | CCLK | Data |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|--------|---------------------------------|
| Master Serial | 0 | 0 | 0 | output | Bit-Serial |
| Slave Serial | 1 | 1 | 1 | input | Bit-Serial |
| Master Parallel Up | 1 | 0 | 0 | output | Byte-Wide, increment from 00000 |
| Master Parallel Down | 1 | 1 | 0 | output | Byte-Wide, decrement from 3FFFF |
| Peripheral Synchronous* | 0 | 1 | 1 | input | Byte-Wide |
| Peripheral Asynchronous | 1 | 0 | 1 | output | Byte-Wide |
| Reserved | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — |
| Reserved | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | — |

* Can be considered byte-wide Slave Parallel

A detailed description of each configuration mode, with timing information, is included later in this data sheet. During configuration, some of the I/O pins are used temporarily for the configuration process. All pins used during configuration are shown in [Table 22 on page 58](#).

Master Modes

The three Master modes use an internal oscillator to generate a Configuration Clock (CCLK) for driving potential slave devices. They also generate address and timing for external PROM(s) containing the configuration data.

Master Parallel (Up or Down) modes generate the CCLK signal and PROM addresses and receive byte parallel data. The data is internally serialized into the FPGA data-frame format. The up and down selection generates starting addresses at either zero or 3FFFF (3FFFFFF when 22 address lines are used), for compatibility with different microprocessor addressing conventions. The Master Serial mode generates CCLK and receives the configuration data in serial form from a Xilinx serial-configuration PROM.

CCLK speed is selectable as either 1 MHz (default) or 8 MHz. Configuration always starts at the default slow frequency, then can switch to the higher frequency during the first frame. Frequency tolerance is -50% to +25%.

Additional Address lines in XC4000 devices

The XC4000X devices have additional address lines (A18-A21) allowing the additional address space required to daisy-chain several large devices.

The extra address lines are programmable in XC4000EX devices. By default these address lines are not activated. In the default mode, the devices are compatible with existing XC4000 and XC4000E products. If desired, the extra address lines can be used by specifying the address lines option in bitgen as 22 (bitgen -g AddressLines:22). The lines (A18-A21) are driven when a master device detects, via the bitstream, that it should be using all 22 address lines. Because these pins will initially be pulled high by internal pull-ups, designers using Master Parallel Up mode should use external pull down resistors on pins A18-A21. If Master Parallel Down mode is used external resistors are not necessary.

All 22 address lines are always active in Master Parallel modes with XC4000XL devices. The additional address lines behave identically to the lower order address lines. If the Address Lines option in bitgen is set to 18, it will be ignored by the XC4000XL device.

The additional address lines (A18-A21) are not available in the PC84 package.

Peripheral Modes

The two Peripheral modes accept byte-wide data from a bus. A RDY/BUSY status is available as a handshake signal. In Asynchronous Peripheral mode, the internal oscillator generates a CCLK burst signal that serializes the byte-wide data. CCLK can also drive slave devices. In the synchronous mode, an externally supplied clock input to CCLK serializes the data.

Slave Serial Mode

In Slave Serial mode, the FPGA receives serial configuration data on the rising edge of CCLK and, after loading its configuration, passes additional data out, resynchronized on the next falling edge of CCLK.

Multiple slave devices with identical configurations can be wired with parallel DIN inputs. In this way, multiple devices can be configured simultaneously.

Serial Daisy Chain

Multiple devices with different configurations can be connected together in a "daisy chain," and a single combined bitstream used to configure the chain of slave devices.

To configure a daisy chain of devices, wire the CCLK pins of all devices in parallel, as shown in [Figure 51 on page 60](#). Connect the DOUT of each device to the DIN of the next. The lead or master FPGA and following slaves each passes resynchronized configuration data coming from a single source. The header data, including the length count,

used), and if RAM is present, the RAM content must be unchanged.

Statistically, one error out of 2048 might go undetected.

Configuration Sequence

There are four major steps in the XC4000 Series power-up configuration sequence.

- Configuration Memory Clear
- Initialization
- Configuration
- Start-Up

The full process is illustrated in **Figure 46**.

Configuration Memory Clear

When power is first applied or is reapplied to an FPGA, an internal circuit forces initialization of the configuration logic. When V_{CC} reaches an operational level, and the circuit passes the write and read test of a sample pair of configuration bits, a time delay is started. This time delay is nominally 16 ms, and up to 10% longer in the low-voltage devices. The delay is four times as long when in Master Modes (M0 Low), to allow ample time for all slaves to reach a stable V_{CC} . When all \overline{INIT} pins are tied together, as recommended, the longest delay takes precedence. Therefore, devices with different time delays can easily be mixed and matched in a daisy chain.

This delay is applied only on power-up. It is not applied when re-configuring an FPGA by pulsing the PROGRAM pin

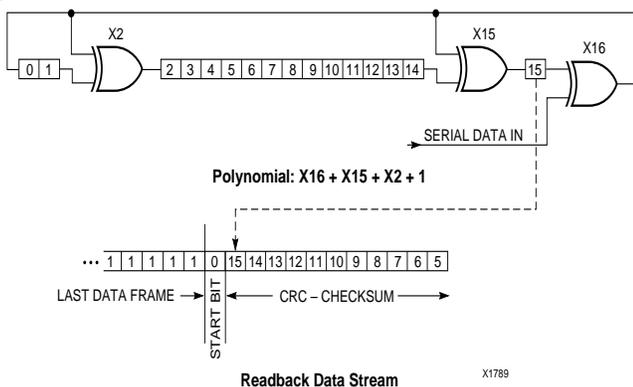


Figure 45: Circuit for Generating CRC-16

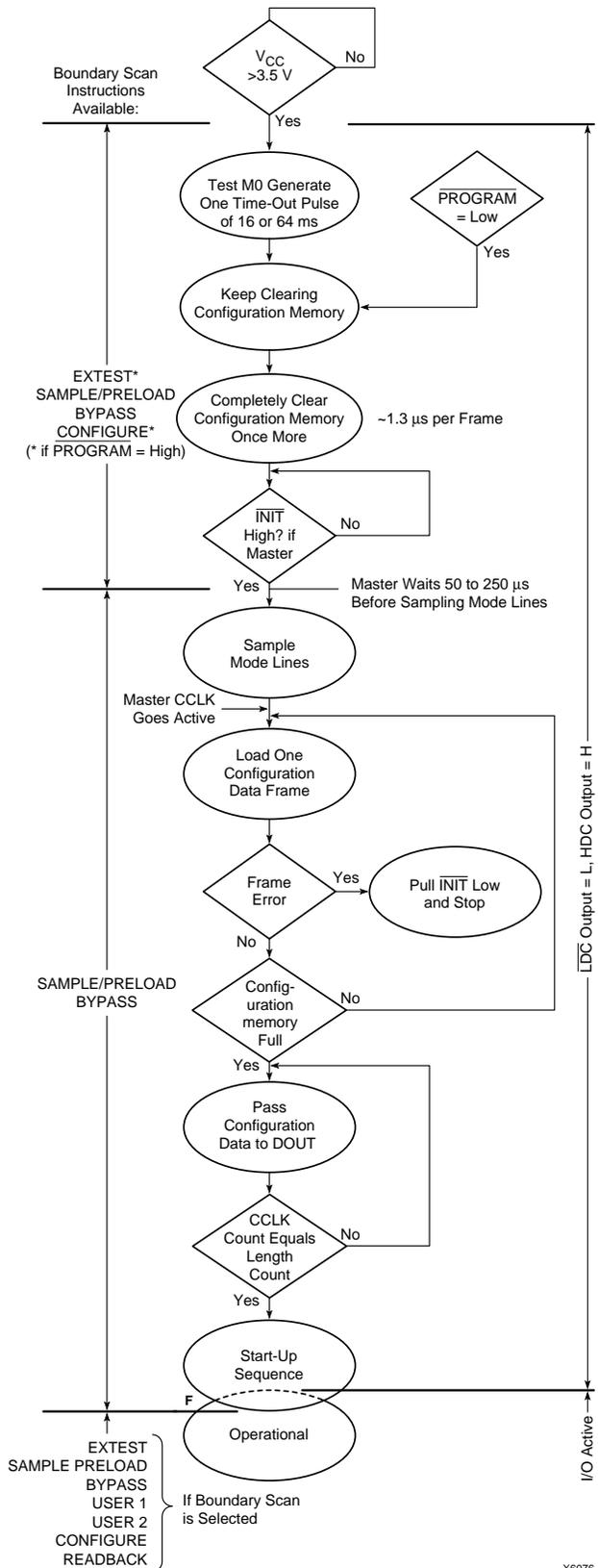


Figure 46: Power-up Configuration Sequence

Low. During this time delay, or as long as the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ input is asserted, the configuration logic is held in a Configuration Memory Clear state. The configuration-memory frames are consecutively initialized, using the internal oscillator.

At the end of each complete pass through the frame addressing, the power-on time-out delay circuitry and the level of the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ pin are tested. If neither is asserted, the logic initiates one additional clearing of the configuration frames and then tests the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ input.

Initialization

During initialization and configuration, user pins $\overline{\text{HDC}}$, $\overline{\text{LDC}}$, $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ and $\overline{\text{DONE}}$ provide status outputs for the system interface. The outputs $\overline{\text{LDC}}$, $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ and $\overline{\text{DONE}}$ are held Low and $\overline{\text{HDC}}$ is held High starting at the initial application of power.

The open drain $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pin is released after the final initialization pass through the frame addresses. There is a deliberate delay of 50 to 250 μs (up to 10% longer for low-voltage devices) before a Master-mode device recognizes an inactive $\overline{\text{INIT}}$. Two internal clocks after the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pin is recognized as High, the FPGA samples the three mode lines to determine the configuration mode. The appropriate interface lines become active and the configuration preamble and data can be loaded. Configuration

The 0010 preamble code indicates that the following 24 bits represent the length count. The length count is the total number of configuration clocks needed to load the complete configuration data. (Four additional configuration clocks are required to complete the configuration process, as discussed below.) After the preamble and the length count have been passed through to all devices in the daisy chain, $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ is held High to prevent frame start bits from reaching any daisy-chained devices.

A specific configuration bit, early in the first frame of a master device, controls the configuration-clock rate and can increase it by a factor of eight. Therefore, if a fast configuration clock is selected by the bitstream, the slower clock rate is used until this configuration bit is detected.

Each frame has a start field followed by the frame-configuration data bits and a frame error field. If a frame data error is detected, the FPGA halts loading, and signals the error by pulling the open-drain $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pin Low. After all configuration frames have been loaded into an FPGA, $\overline{\text{DOUT}}$ again follows the input data so that the remaining data is passed on to the next device.

Delaying Configuration After Power-Up

There are two methods of delaying configuration after power-up: put a logic Low on the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ input, or pull the bidirectional $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ pin Low, using an open-collector (open-drain) driver. (See [Figure 46 on page 50](#).)

A Low on the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ input is the more radical approach, and is recommended when the power-supply

rise time is excessive or poorly defined. As long as $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ is Low, the FPGA keeps clearing its configuration memory. When $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ goes High, the configuration memory is cleared one more time, followed by the beginning of configuration, provided the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ input is not externally held Low. Note that a Low on the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ input automatically forces a Low on the $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ output. The XC4000 Series $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ pin has a permanent weak pull-up.

Using an open-collector or open-drain driver to hold $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low before the beginning of configuration causes the FPGA to wait after completing the configuration memory clear operation. When $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is no longer held Low externally, the device determines its configuration mode by capturing its mode pins, and is ready to start the configuration process. A master device waits up to an additional 250 μs to make sure that any slaves in the optional daisy chain have seen that $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is High.

Start-Up

Start-up is the transition from the configuration process to the intended user operation. This transition involves a change from one clock source to another, and a change from interfacing parallel or serial configuration data where most outputs are 3-stated, to normal operation with I/O pins active in the user-system. Start-up must make sure that the user-logic 'wakes up' gracefully, that the outputs become active without causing contention with the configuration signals, and that the internal flip-flops are released from the global Reset or Set at the right time.

[Figure 47](#) describes start-up timing for the three Xilinx families in detail. The configuration modes can use any of the four timing sequences.

To access the internal start-up signals, place the STARTUP library symbol.

Start-up Timing

Different FPGA families have different start-up sequences. The XC2000 family goes through a fixed sequence. $\overline{\text{DONE}}$ goes High and the internal global Reset is de-activated one CCLK period after the I/O become active.

The XC3000A family offers some flexibility. $\overline{\text{DONE}}$ can be programmed to go High one CCLK period before or after the I/O become active. Independent of $\overline{\text{DONE}}$, the internal global Reset is de-activated one CCLK period before or after the I/O become active.

The XC4000 Series offers additional flexibility. The three events — $\overline{\text{DONE}}$ going High, the internal Set/Reset being de-activated, and the user I/O going active — can all occur in any arbitrary sequence. Each of them can occur one CCLK period before or after, or simultaneous with, any of the others. This relative timing is selected by means of software options in the bitstream generation software.

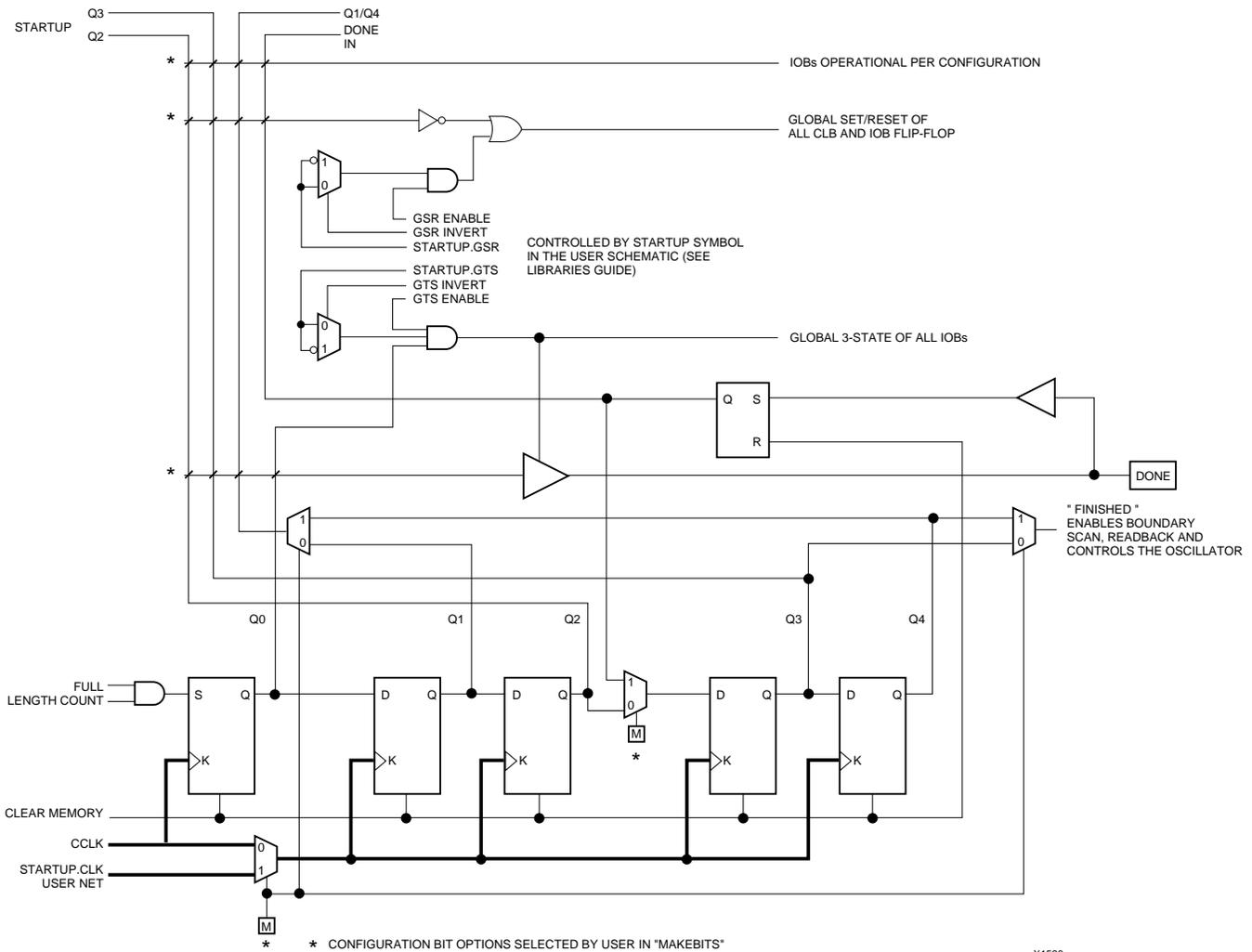


Figure 48: Start-up Logic

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.

Configuration Timing

The seven configuration modes are discussed in detail in this section. Timing specifications are included.

Slave Serial Mode

In Slave Serial mode, an external signal drives the CCLK input of the FPGA. The serial configuration bitstream must be available at the DIN input of the lead FPGA a short setup time before each rising CCLK edge.

The lead FPGA then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin.

There is an internal delay of 0.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

Figure 51 shows a full master/slave system. An XC4000 Series device in Slave Serial mode should be connected as shown in the third device from the left.

Slave Serial mode is selected by a <111> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0). Slave Serial is the default mode if the mode pins are left unconnected, as they have weak pull-up resistors during configuration.

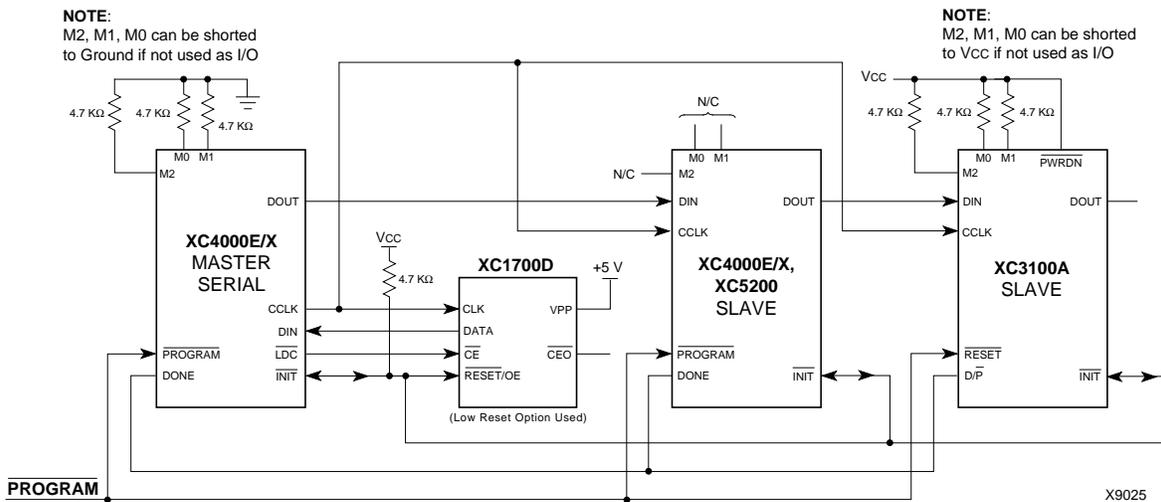
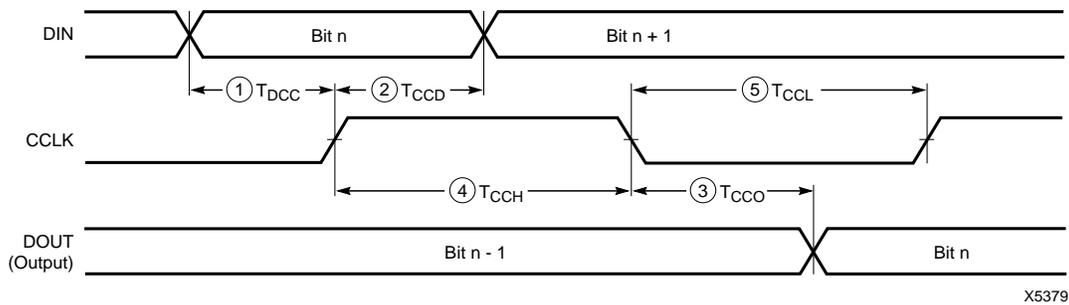


Figure 51: Master/Slave Serial Mode Circuit Diagram



| | Description | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----|-------|
| CCLK | DIN setup | 1 T_{DCC} | 20 | | ns |
| | DIN hold | 2 T_{CCD} | 0 | | ns |
| | DIN to DOUT | 3 T_{CCO} | | 30 | ns |
| | High time | 4 T_{CCH} | 45 | | ns |
| | Low time | 5 T_{CCL} | 45 | | ns |
| | Frequency | | F_{CC} | | 10 |

Note: Configuration must be delayed until the INIT pins of all daisy-chained FPGAs are High.

Figure 52: Slave Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Master Serial Mode

In Master Serial mode, the CCLK output of the lead FPGA drives a Xilinx Serial PROM that feeds the FPGA DIN input. Each rising edge of the CCLK output increments the Serial PROM internal address counter. The next data bit is put on the SPROM data output, connected to the FPGA DIN pin. The lead FPGA accepts this data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

The lead FPGA then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin. There is an internal pipeline delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

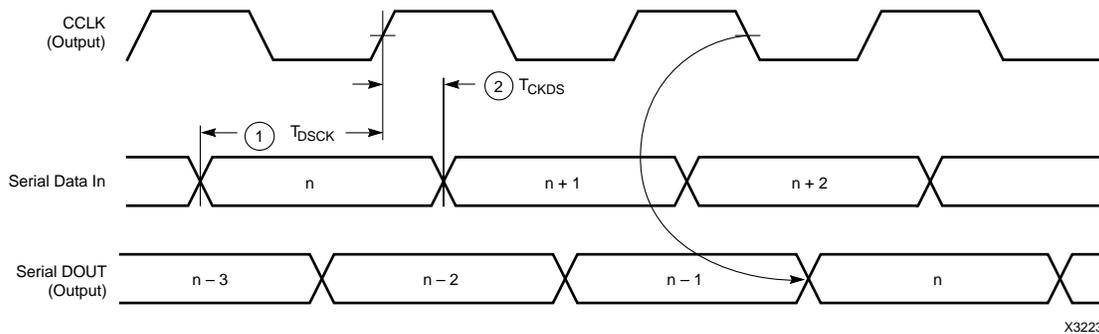
In the bitstream generation software, the user can specify Fast ConfigRate, which, starting several bits into the first frame, increases the CCLK frequency by a factor of eight.

For actual timing values please refer to “**Configuration Switching Characteristics**” on page 68. Be sure that the serial PROM and slaves are fast enough to support this data rate. XC2000, XC3000/A, and XC3100A devices do not support the Fast ConfigRate option.

The SPROM CE input can be driven from either \overline{LDC} or DONE. Using \overline{LDC} avoids potential contention on the DIN pin, if this pin is configured as user-I/O, but \overline{LDC} is then restricted to be a permanently High user output after configuration. Using DONE can also avoid contention on DIN, provided the early DONE option is invoked.

Figure 51 on page 60 shows a full master/slave system. The leftmost device is in Master Serial mode.

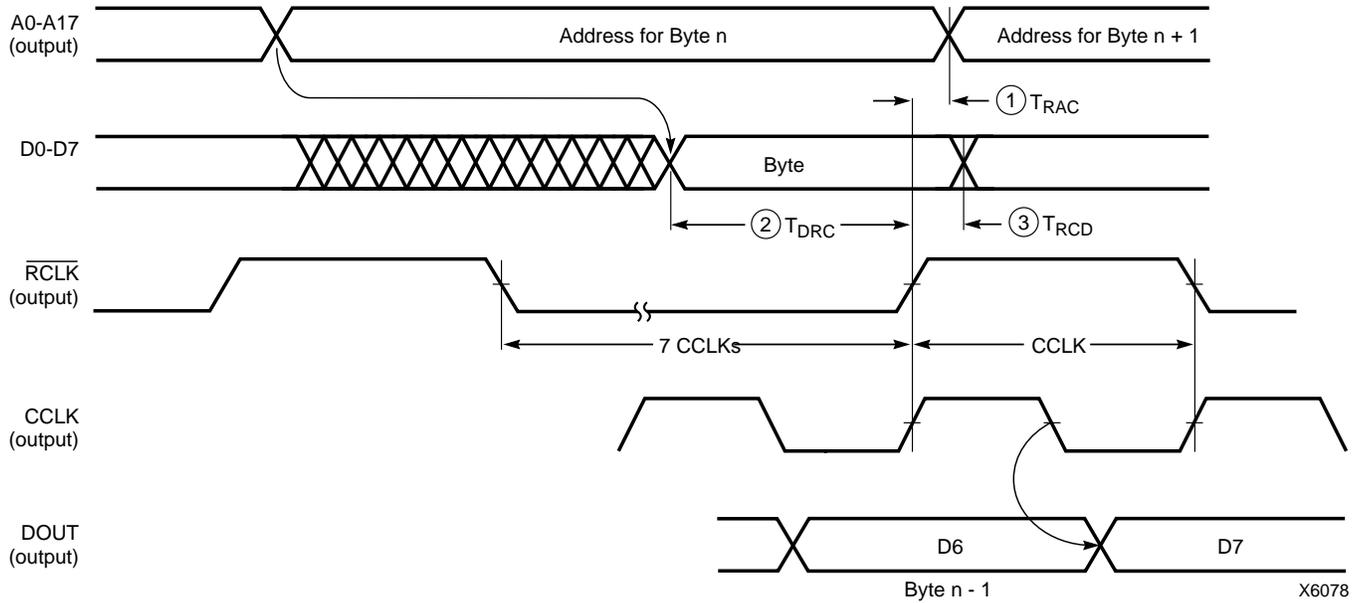
Master Serial mode is selected by a <000> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).



| | Description | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|------|-------------|--------------|-----|-----|-------|
| CCLK | DIN setup | 1 T_{DSCK} | 20 | | ns |
| | DIN hold | 2 T_{CKDS} | 0 | | ns |

Notes: 1. At power-up, Vcc must rise from 2.0 V to Vcc min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration by pulling PROGRAM Low until Vcc is valid.
 2. Master Serial mode timing is based on testing in slave mode.

Figure 53: Master Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics



| | Description | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|------|------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-------|
| RCLK | Delay to Address valid | 1 T_{RAC} | 0 | 200 | ns |
| | Data setup time | 2 T_{DRC} | 60 | | ns |
| | Data hold time | 3 T_{RCD} | 0 | | ns |

Notes: 1. At power-up, V_{cc} must rise from 2.0 V to V_{cc} min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration by pulling PROGRAM Low until V_{cc} is valid.

2. The first Data byte is loaded and CCLK starts at the end of the first \overline{RCLK} active cycle (rising edge).

This timing diagram shows that the EPROM requirements are extremely relaxed. EPROM access time can be longer than 500 ns. EPROM data output has no hold-time requirements.

Figure 55: Master Parallel Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Synchronous Peripheral Mode

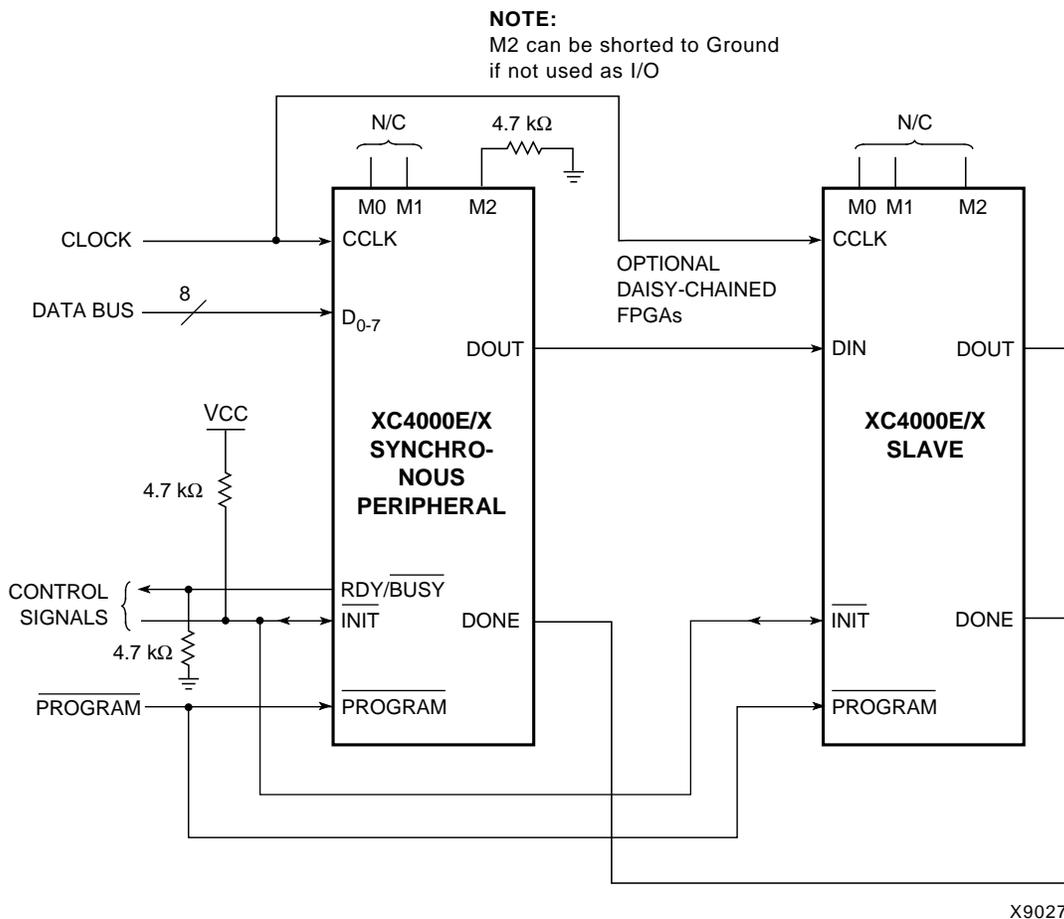
Synchronous Peripheral mode can also be considered Slave Parallel mode. An external signal drives the CCLK input(s) of the FPGA(s). The first byte of parallel configuration data must be available at the Data inputs of the lead FPGA a short setup time before the rising CCLK edge. Subsequent data bytes are clocked in on every eighth consecutive rising CCLK edge.

The same CCLK edge that accepts data, also causes the RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ output to go High for one CCLK period. The pin name is a misnomer. In Synchronous Peripheral mode it is really an ACKNOWLEDGE signal. Synchronous operation does not require this response, but it is a meaningful signal for test purposes. Note that RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is pulled High with a high-impedance pullup prior to $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ going High.

The lead FPGA serializes the data and presents the preamble data (and all data that overflows the lead device) on its DOUT pin. There is an internal delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

In order to complete the serial shift operation, 10 additional CCLK rising edges are required after the last data byte has been loaded, plus one more CCLK cycle for each daisy-chained device.

Synchronous Peripheral mode is selected by a <011> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).



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Figure 56: Synchronous Peripheral Mode Circuit Diagram

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 $CS1$ 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 $\overline{CS0}$, $CS1$ 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).

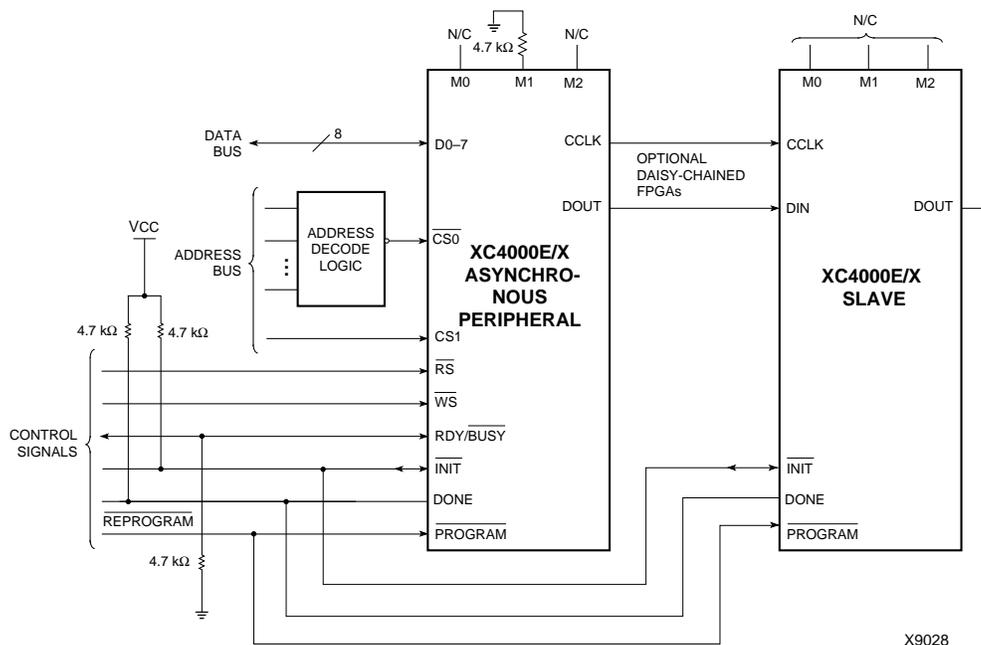
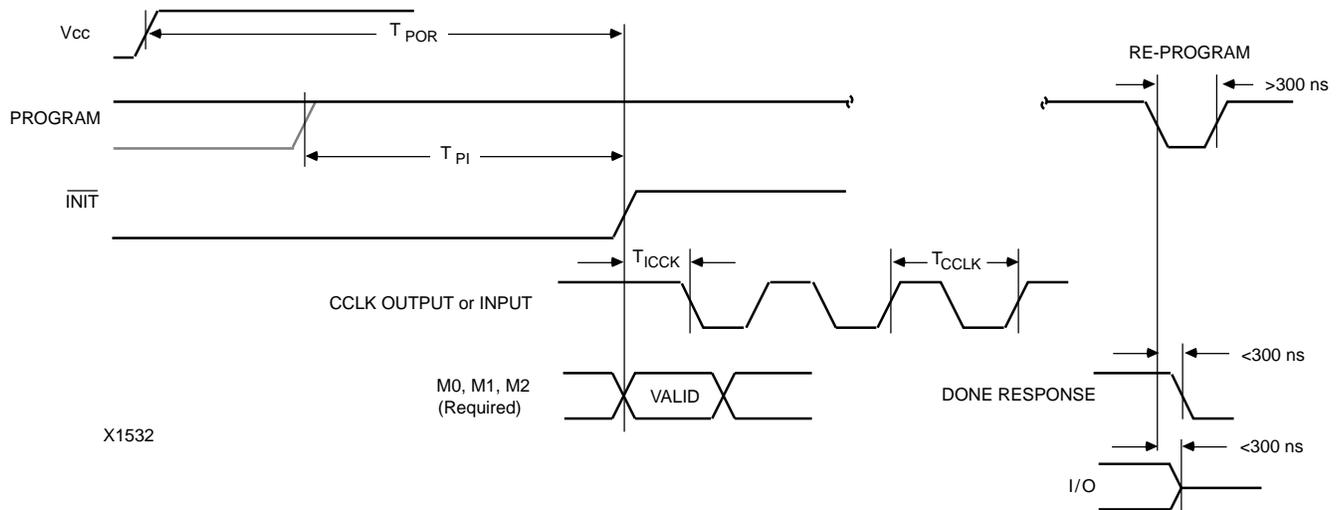


Figure 58: Asynchronous Peripheral Mode Circuit Diagram

Configuration Switching Characteristics



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Master Modes (XC4000E/EX)

| Description | | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|------|------------------------|
| Power-On Reset | M0 = High | T_{POR} | 10 | 40 | ms |
| | M0 = Low | T_{POR} | 40 | 130 | ms |
| Program Latency | | T_{PI} | 30 | 200 | μ s per CLB column |
| CCLK (output) Delay | | T_{ICCK} | 40 | 250 | μ s |
| CCLK (output) Period, slow | | T_{CCLK} | 640 | 2000 | ns |
| CCLK (output) Period, fast | | T_{CCLK} | 80 | 250 | ns |

Master Modes (XC4000XL)

| Description | | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|------|------------------------|
| Power-On Reset | M0 = High | T_{POR} | 10 | 40 | ms |
| | M0 = Low | T_{POR} | 40 | 130 | ms |
| Program Latency | | T_{PI} | 30 | 200 | μ s per CLB column |
| CCLK (output) Delay | | T_{ICCK} | 40 | 250 | μ s |
| CCLK (output) Period, slow | | T_{CCLK} | 540 | 1600 | ns |
| CCLK (output) Period, fast | | T_{CCLK} | 67 | 200 | ns |

Slave and Peripheral Modes (All)

| Description | Symbol | Min | Max | Units |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Power-On Reset | T_{POR} | 10 | 33 | ms |
| Program Latency | T_{PI} | 30 | 200 | μ s per CLB column |
| CCLK (input) Delay (required) | T_{ICCK} | 4 | | μ s |
| CCLK (input) Period (required) | T_{CCLK} | 100 | | ns |

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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