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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	400
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	950
Total RAM Bits	12800
Number of I/O	160
Number of Gates	10000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (Tj)
Package / Case	208-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	208-PQFP (28x28)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4010e-4pq208c">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4010e-4pq208c</a>

### Set/Reset

An asynchronous storage element input (SR) can be configured as either set or reset. This configuration option determines the state in which each flip-flop becomes operational after configuration. It also determines the effect of a Global Set/Reset pulse during normal operation, and the effect of a pulse on the SR pin of the CLB. All three set/reset functions for any single flip-flop are controlled by the same configuration data bit.

The set/reset state can be independently specified for each flip-flop. This input can also be independently disabled for either flip-flop.

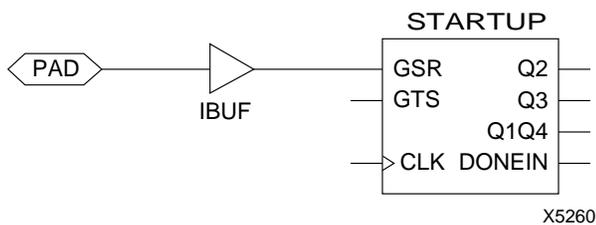
The set/reset state is specified by using the INIT attribute, or by placing the appropriate set or reset flip-flop library symbol.

SR is active High. It is not invertible within the CLB.

### Global Set/Reset

A separate Global Set/Reset line (not shown in Figure 1) sets or clears each storage element during power-up, re-configuration, or when a dedicated Reset net is driven active. This global net (GSR) does not compete with other routing resources; it uses a dedicated distribution network.

Each flip-flop is configured as either globally set or reset in the same way that the local set/reset (SR) is specified. Therefore, if a flip-flop is set by SR, it is also set by GSR. Similarly, a reset flip-flop is reset by both SR and GSR.



**Figure 2: Schematic Symbols for Global Set/Reset**

GSR can be driven from any user-programmable pin as a global reset input. To use this global net, place an input pad and input buffer in the schematic or HDL code, driving the GSR pin of the STARTUP symbol. (See Figure 2.) 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 Set/Reset signal.

Alternatively, GSR can be driven from any internal node.

### Data Inputs and Outputs

The source of a storage element data input is programmable. It is driven by any of the functions F', G', and H', or by the Direct In (DIN) block input. The flip-flops or latches drive the XQ and YQ CLB outputs.

Two fast feed-through paths are available, as shown in Figure 1. A two-to-one multiplexer on each of the XQ and YQ outputs selects between a storage element output and any of the control inputs. This bypass is sometimes used by the automated router to repower internal signals.

### Control Signals

Multiplexers in the CLB map the four control inputs (C1 - C4 in Figure 1) into the four internal control signals (H1, DIN/H2, SR/H0, and EC). Any of these inputs can drive any of the four internal control signals.

When the logic function is enabled, the four inputs are:

- EC — Enable Clock
- SR/H0 — Asynchronous Set/Reset or H function generator Input 0
- DIN/H2 — Direct In or H function generator Input 2
- H1 — H function generator Input 1.

When the memory function is enabled, the four inputs are:

- EC — Enable Clock
- WE — Write Enable
- D0 — Data Input to F and/or G function generator
- D1 — Data input to G function generator (16x1 and 16x2 modes) or 5th Address bit (32x1 mode).

### Using FPGA Flip-Flops and Latches

The abundance of flip-flops in the XC4000 Series invites pipelined designs. This is a powerful way of increasing performance by breaking the function into smaller subfunctions and executing them in parallel, passing on the results through pipeline flip-flops. This method should be seriously considered wherever throughput is more important than latency.

To include a CLB flip-flop, place the appropriate library symbol. For example, FDCE is a D-type flip-flop with clock enable and asynchronous clear. The corresponding latch symbol (for the XC4000X only) is called LDCE.

In XC4000 Series devices, the flip flops can be used as registers or shift registers without blocking the function generators from performing a different, perhaps unrelated task. This ability increases the functional capacity of the devices.

The CLB setup time is specified between the function generator inputs and the clock input K. Therefore, the specified CLB flip-flop setup time includes the delay through the function generator.

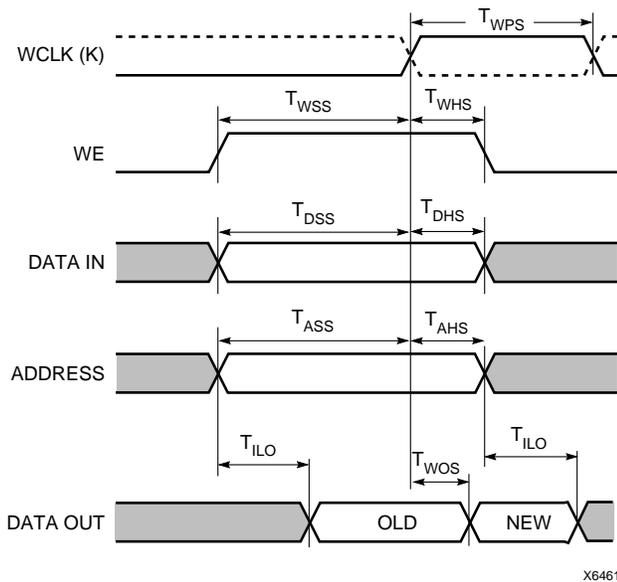
### Using Function Generators as RAM

Optional modes for each CLB make the memory look-up tables in the F' and G' function generators usable as an array of Read/Write memory cells. Available modes are level-sensitive (similar to the XC4000/A/H families), edge-triggered, and dual-port edge-triggered. Depending on the selected mode, a single CLB can be configured as either a 16x2, 32x1, or 16x1 bit array.

tions of the CLB, with the exception of the redefinition of the control signals. In 16x2 and 16x1 modes, the H' function generator can be used to implement Boolean functions of F', G', and D1, and the D flip-flops can latch the F', G', H', or D0 signals.

**Single-Port Edge-Triggered Mode**

Edge-triggered (synchronous) RAM simplifies timing requirements. XC4000 Series edge-triggered RAM operates like writing to a data register. Data and address are presented. The register is enabled for writing by a logic High on the write enable input, WE. Then a rising or falling clock edge loads the data into the register, as shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 3: Edge-Triggered RAM Write Timing**

Complex timing relationships between address, data, and write enable signals are not required, and the external write enable pulse becomes a simple clock enable. The active edge of WCLK latches the address, input data, and WE sig-

nals. An internal write pulse is generated that performs the write. See Figure 4 and Figure 5 for block diagrams of a CLB configured as 16x2 and 32x1 edge-triggered, single-port RAM.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for single-port, edge-triggered mode are shown in Table 5.

The Write Clock input (WCLK) can be configured as active on either the rising edge (default) or the falling edge. It uses the same CLB pin (K) used to clock the CLB flip-flops, but it can be independently inverted. Consequently, the RAM output can optionally be registered within the same CLB either by the same clock edge as the RAM, or by the opposite edge of this clock. The sense of WCLK applies to both function generators in the CLB when both are configured as RAM.

The WE pin is active-High and is not invertible within the CLB.

**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.

**Table 5: Single-Port Edge-Triggered RAM Signals**

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1 (16x2, 16x1), D0 (32x1)	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
A[4]	D1 (32x1)	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO (Data Out)	F' or G'	Single Port Out (Data Out)

### 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.

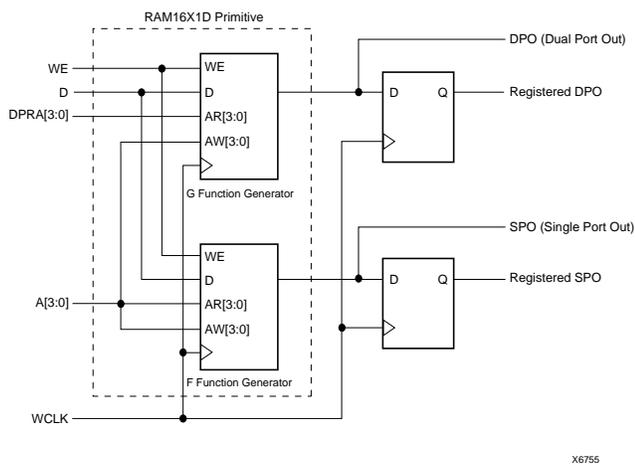
Dual-port mode always has edge-triggered write timing, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

[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

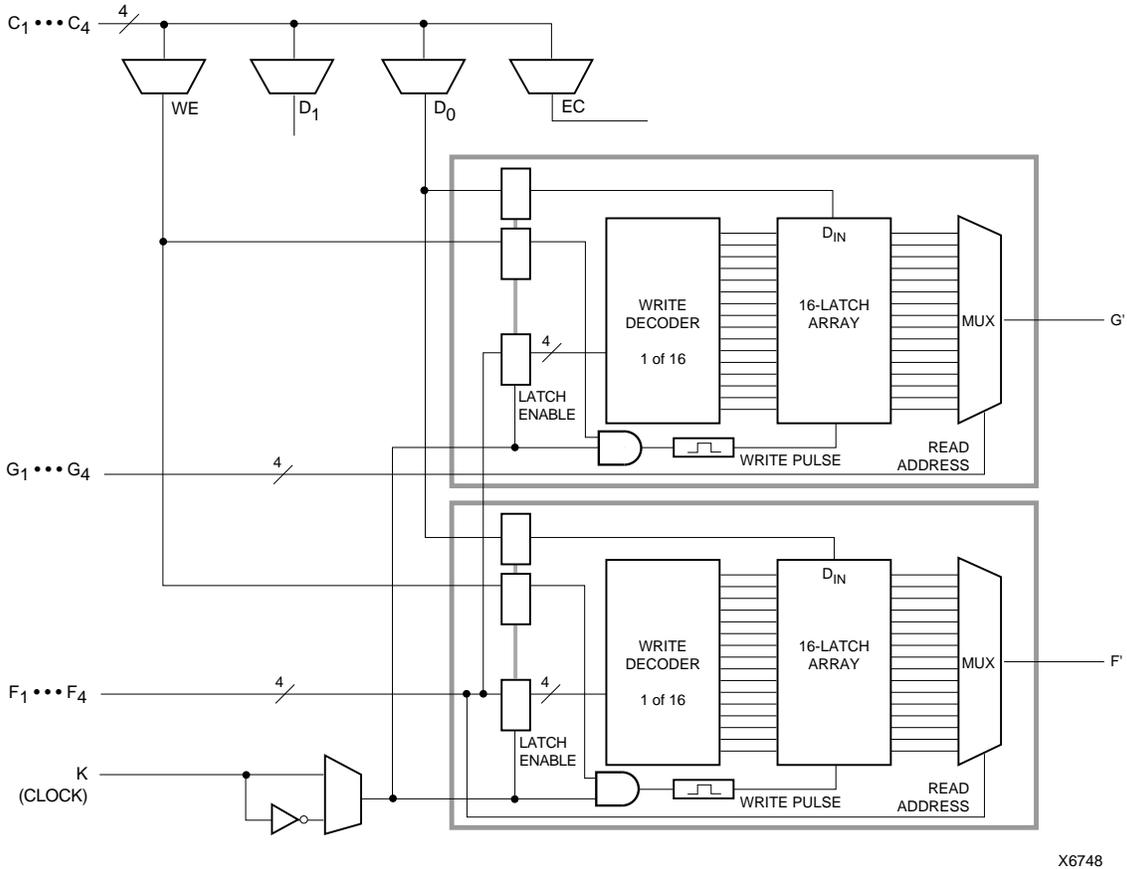
**Note:** Edge-triggered mode is recommended for all new designs. Level-sensitive mode, also called asynchronous mode, is still supported for XC4000 Series backward-compatibility with the XC4000 family.

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**

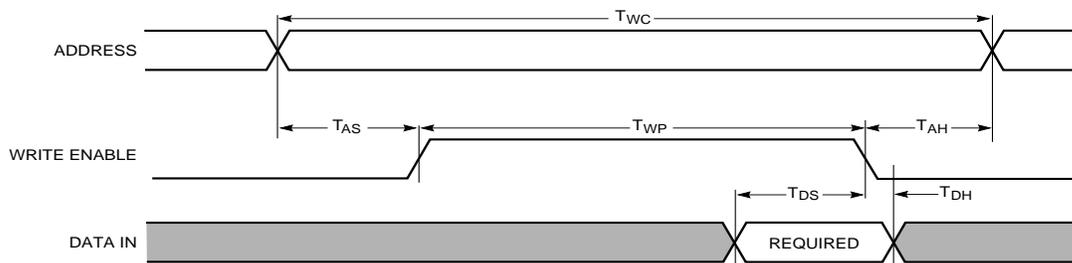
Both RAM and ROM implementations of the XC4000 Series devices are initialized during configuration. The initial contents are defined via an INIT attribute or property

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**

**Table 8: Supported Sources for XC4000 Series Device Inputs**

Source	XC4000E/EX Series Inputs		XC4000XL Series Inputs
	5 V, TTL	5 V, CMOS	3.3 V CMOS
Any device, V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.3 V, CMOS outputs	√	<b>Unreliable Data</b>	√
XC4000 Series, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, TTL outputs	√		√
Any device, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, TTL outputs (V <sub>oh</sub> ≤ 3.7 V)	√		√
Any device, V <sub>CC</sub> = 5 V, CMOS outputs	√	√	√

**XC4000XL 5-Volt Tolerant I/Os**

The I/Os on the XC4000XL are fully 5-volt tolerant even though the V<sub>CC</sub> is 3.3 volts. This allows 5 V signals to directly connect to the XC4000XL inputs without damage, as shown in [Table 8](#). In addition, the 3.3 volt V<sub>CC</sub> can be applied before or after 5 volt signals are applied to the I/Os. This makes the XC4000XL immune to power supply sequencing problems.

**Registered Inputs**

The I1 and I2 signals that exit the block can each carry either the direct or registered input signal.

The input and output storage elements 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 Series CLB. It cannot be inverted within the IOB.

The storage element behavior is shown in [Table 9](#).

**Table 9: Input Register Functionality (active rising edge is shown)**

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

Legend:  
 X Don't care  
 Rising edge  
 SR Set or Reset value. Reset is default.  
 0\* Input is Low or unconnected (default value)  
 1\* Input is High or unconnected (default value)

**Optional Delay Guarantees Zero Hold Time**

The data input to the register can optionally be delayed by several nanoseconds. With the delay enabled, the setup time of the input flip-flop is increased so that normal clock routing does not result in a positive hold-time requirement. A positive hold time requirement can lead to unreliable, temperature- or processing-dependent operation.

The input flip-flop setup time is defined between the data measured at the device I/O pin and the clock input at the IOB (not at the clock pin). Any routing delay from the device clock pin to the clock input of the IOB must, therefore, be subtracted from this setup time to arrive at the real setup time requirement relative to the device pins. A short specified setup time might, therefore, result in a negative setup time at the device pins, i.e., a positive hold-time requirement.

When a delay is inserted on the data line, more clock delay can be tolerated without causing a positive hold-time requirement. Sufficient delay eliminates the possibility of a data hold-time requirement at the external pin. The maximum delay is therefore inserted as the default.

The XC4000E IOB has a one-tap delay element: either the delay is inserted (default), or it is not. The delay guarantees a zero hold time with respect to clocks routed through any of the XC4000E global clock buffers. (See [“Global Nets and Buffers \(XC4000E only\)” on page 35](#) for a description of the global clock buffers in the XC4000E.) For a shorter input register setup time, with non-zero hold, attach a NODELAY attribute or property to the flip-flop.

The XC4000X IOB has a two-tap delay element, with choices of a full delay, a partial delay, or no delay. The attributes or properties used to select the desired delay are shown in [Table 10](#). The choices are no added attribute, MEDDELAY, and NODELAY. The default setting, with no added attribute, ensures no hold time with respect to any of the XC4000X clock buffers, including the Global Low-Skew buffers. MEDDELAY ensures no hold time with respect to the Global Early buffers. Inputs with NODELAY may have a positive hold time with respect to all clock buffers. For a description of each of these buffers, see [“Global Nets and Buffers \(XC4000X only\)” on page 37](#).

**Table 10: XC4000X IOB Input Delay Element**

Value	When to Use
full delay (default, no attribute added)	Zero Hold with respect to Global Low-Skew Buffer, Global Early Buffer
MEDDELAY	Zero Hold with respect to Global Early Buffer
NODELAY	Short Setup, positive Hold time

The oscillator output is optionally available after configuration. Any two of four resynchronized taps of a built-in divider are also available. These taps are at the fourth, ninth, fourteenth and nineteenth bits of the divider. Therefore, if the primary oscillator output is running at the nominal 8 MHz, the user has access to an 8 MHz clock, plus any two of 500 kHz, 16kHz, 490Hz and 15Hz (up to 10% lower for low-voltage devices). These frequencies can vary by as much as -50% or +25%.

These signals can be accessed by placing the OSC4 library element in a schematic or in HDL code (see [Figure 24](#)).

The oscillator is automatically disabled after configuration if the OSC4 symbol is not used in the design.

## Programmable Interconnect

All internal connections are composed of metal segments with programmable switching points and switching matrices to implement the desired routing. A structured, hierarchical matrix of routing resources is provided to achieve efficient automated routing.

The XC4000E and XC4000X share a basic interconnect structure. XC4000X devices, however, have additional routing not available in the XC4000E. The extra routing resources allow high utilization in high-capacity devices. All XC4000X-specific routing resources are clearly identified throughout this section. Any resources not identified as XC4000X-specific are present in all XC4000 Series devices.

This section describes the varied routing resources available in XC4000 Series devices. The implementation software automatically assigns the appropriate resources based on the density and timing requirements of the design.

## Interconnect Overview

There are several types of interconnect.

- CLB routing is associated with each row and column of the CLB array.
- IOB routing forms a ring (called a VersaRing) around the outside of the CLB array. It connects the I/O with the internal logic blocks.

- Global routing consists of dedicated networks primarily designed to distribute clocks throughout the device with minimum delay and skew. Global routing can also be used for other high-fanout signals.

Five interconnect types are distinguished by the relative length of their segments: single-length lines, double-length lines, quad and octal lines (XC4000X only), and longlines. In the XC4000X, direct connects allow fast data flow between adjacent CLBs, and between IOBs and CLBs.

Extra routing is included in the IOB pad ring. The XC4000X also includes a ring of octal interconnect lines near the IOBs to improve pin-swapping and routing to locked pins.

XC4000E/X devices include two types of global buffers. These global buffers have different properties, and are intended for different purposes. They are discussed in detail later in this section.

## CLB Routing Connections

A high-level diagram of the routing resources associated with one CLB is shown in [Figure 25](#). The shaded arrows represent routing present only in XC4000X devices.

[Table 14](#) shows how much routing of each type is available in XC4000E and XC4000X CLB arrays. Clearly, very large designs, or designs with a great deal of interconnect, will route more easily in the XC4000X. Smaller XC4000E designs, typically requiring significantly less interconnect, do not require the additional routing.

[Figure 27 on page 30](#) is a detailed diagram of both the XC4000E and the XC4000X CLB, with associated routing. The shaded square is the programmable switch matrix, present in both the XC4000E and the XC4000X. The L-shaped shaded area is present only in XC4000X devices. As shown in the figure, the XC4000X block is essentially an XC4000E block with additional routing.

CLB inputs and outputs are distributed on all four sides, providing maximum routing flexibility. In general, the entire architecture is symmetrical and regular. It is well suited to established placement and routing algorithms. Inputs, outputs, and function generators can freely swap positions within a CLB to avoid routing congestion during the placement and routing operation.

circuit prevents undefined floating levels. However, it is overridden by any driver, even a pull-up resistor.

Each XC4000E longline has a programmable splitter switch at its center, as does each XC4000X longline driven by TBUFs. This switch can separate the line into two independent routing channels, each running half the width or height of the array.

Each XC4000X longline not driven by TBUFs has a buffered programmable splitter switch at the 1/4, 1/2, and 3/4 points of the array. Due to the buffering, XC4000X longline performance does not deteriorate with the larger array sizes. If the longline is split, the resulting partial longlines are independent.

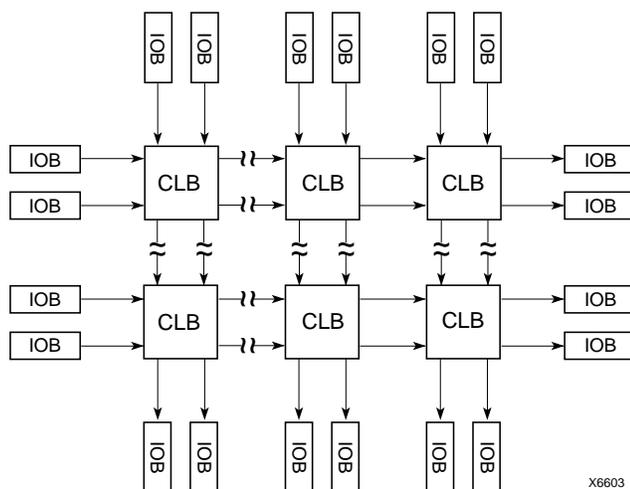
Routing connectivity of the longlines is shown in [Figure 27 on page 30](#).

### **Direct Interconnect (XC4000X only)**

The XC4000X offers two direct, efficient and fast connections between adjacent CLBs. These nets facilitate a data flow from the left to the right side of the device, or from the top to the bottom, as shown in [Figure 30](#). Signals routed on the direct interconnect exhibit minimum interconnect propagation delay and use no general routing resources.

The direct interconnect is also present between CLBs and adjacent IOBs. Each IOB on the left and top device edges has a direct path to the nearest CLB. Each CLB on the right and bottom edges of the array has a direct path to the nearest two IOBs, since there are two IOBs for each row or column of CLBs.

The place and route software uses direct interconnect whenever possible, to maximize routing resources and minimize interconnect delays.



**Figure 30: XC4000X Direct Interconnect**

### **I/O Routing**

XC4000 Series devices have additional routing around the IOB ring. This routing is called a VersaRing. The VersaRing facilitates pin-swapping and redesign without affecting board layout. Included are eight double-length lines spanning two CLBs (four IOBs), and four longlines. Global lines and Wide Edge Decoder lines are provided. XC4000X devices also include eight octal lines.

A high-level diagram of the VersaRing is shown in [Figure 31](#). The shaded arrows represent routing present only in XC4000X devices.

[Figure 33 on page 34](#) is a detailed diagram of the XC4000E and XC4000X VersaRing. The area shown includes two IOBs. There are two IOBs per CLB row or column, therefore this diagram corresponds to the CLB routing diagram shown in [Figure 27 on page 30](#). The shaded areas represent routing and routing connections present only in XC4000X devices.

### **Octal I/O Routing (XC4000X only)**

Between the XC4000X CLB array and the pad ring, eight interconnect tracks provide for versatility in pin assignment and fixed pinout flexibility. (See [Figure 32 on page 33](#).)

These routing tracks are called octals, because they can be broken every eight CLBs (sixteen IOBs) by a programmable buffer that also functions as a splitter switch. The buffers are staggered, so each line goes through a buffer at every eighth CLB location around the device edge.

The octal lines bend around the corners of the device. The lines cross at the corners in such a way that the segment most recently buffered before the turn has the farthest distance to travel before the next buffer, as shown in [Figure 32](#).

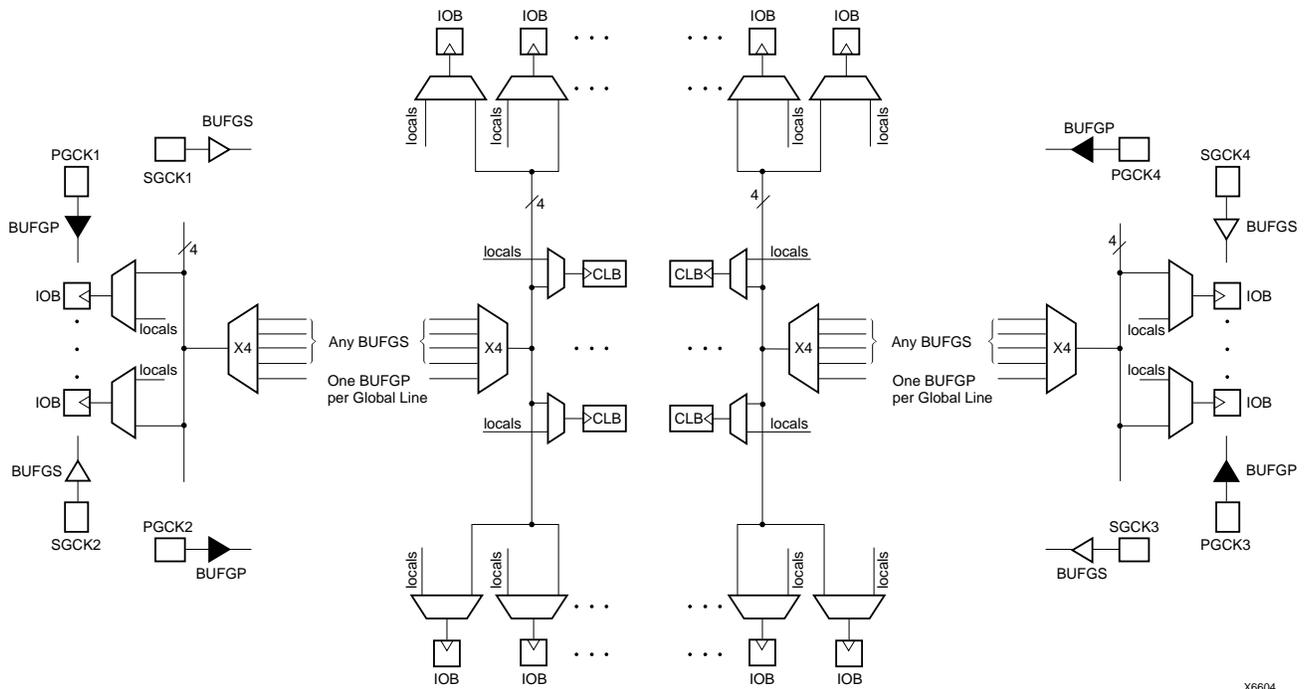


Figure 34: XC4000E Global Net Distribution

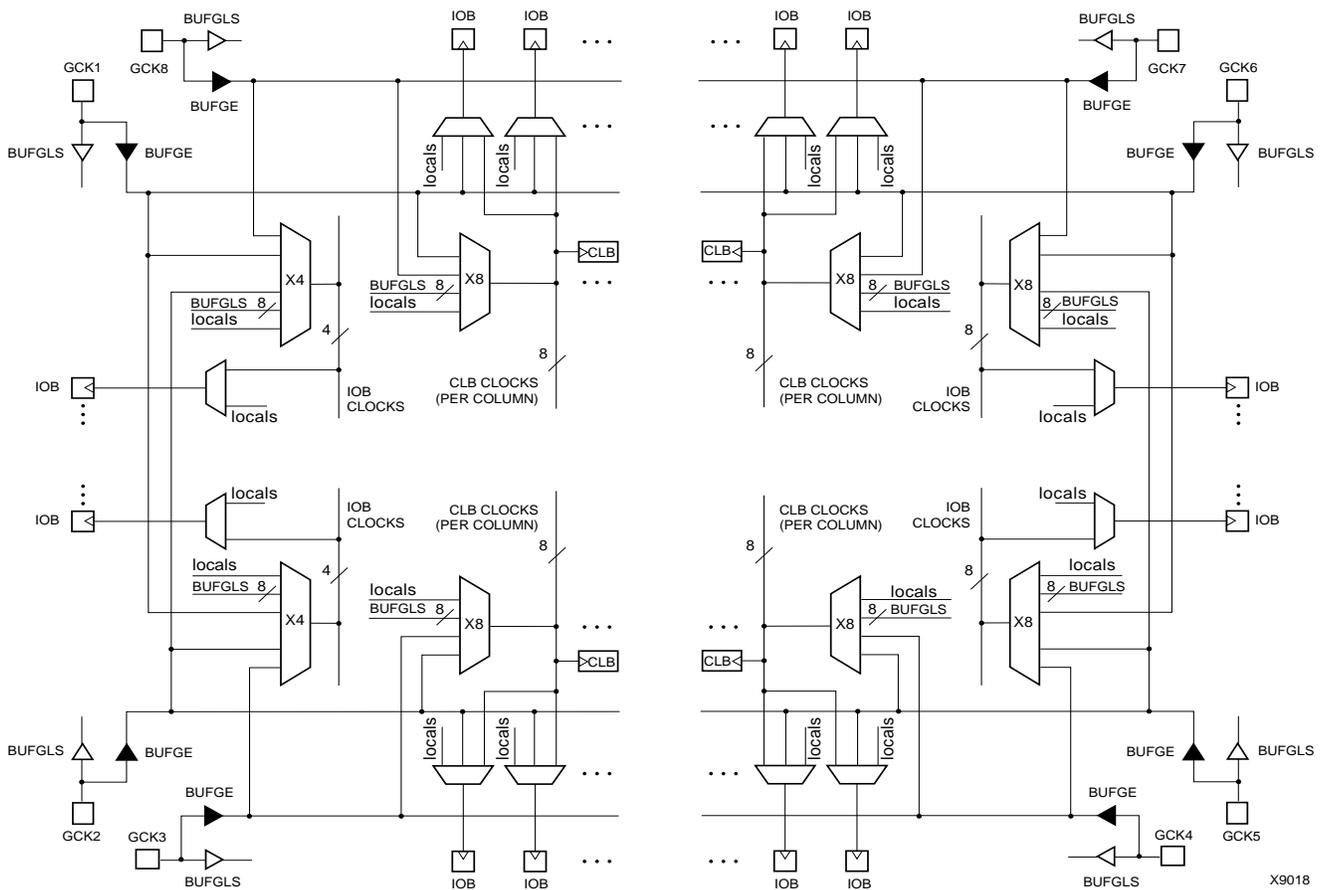


Figure 35: XC4000X Global Net Distribution

### **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 (BUFGLS)
- 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.

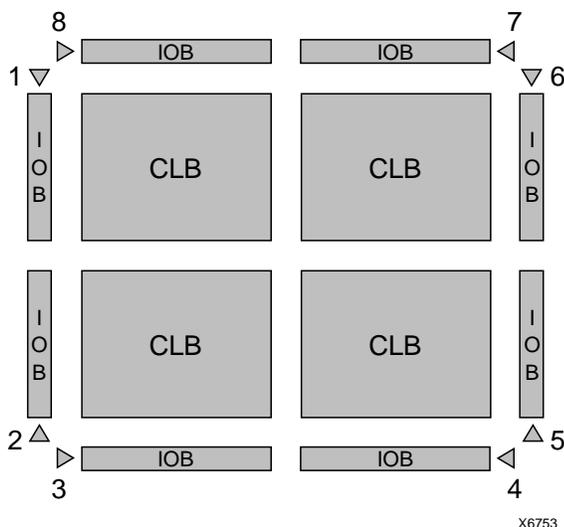
### **Global Low-Skew Buffers**

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 BUFGLS 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 BUFGLS 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.



**Figure 36: Any BUFGLS (GCK1 - GCK8) Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs on the Device**

**Global Early Buffers**

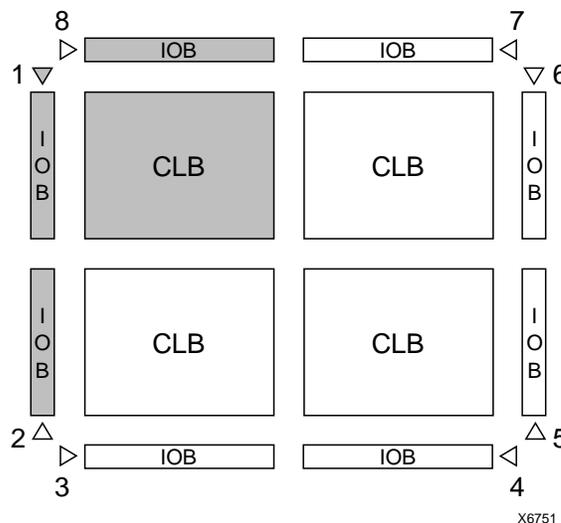
Each corner of the XC4000X device has two Global Early buffers. The primary purpose of the Global Early buffers is to provide an earlier clock access than the potentially heavily-loaded Global Low-Skew buffers. A clock source applied to both buffers will result in the Global Early clock edge occurring several nanoseconds earlier than the Global Low-Skew buffer clock edge, due to the lighter loading.

Global Early buffers also facilitate the fast capture of device inputs, using the Fast Capture latches described in “IOB Input Signals” on page 20. For Fast Capture, take a single clock signal, and route it through both a Global Early buffer and a Global Low-Skew buffer. (The two buffers share an input pad.) Use the Global Early buffer to clock the Fast Capture latch, and the Global Low-Skew buffer to clock the normal input flip-flop or latch, as shown in Figure 17 on page 23.

The Global Early buffers can also be used to provide a fast Clock-to-Out on device output pins. However, an early clock in the output flip-flop IOB must be taken into consideration when calculating the internal clock speed for the design.

The Global Early buffers at the left and right edges of the chip have slightly different capabilities than the ones at the top and bottom. Refer to Figure 37, Figure 38, and Figure 35 on page 36 while reading the following explanation.

Each Global Early buffer can access the eight vertical Global lines for all CLBs in the quadrant. Therefore, only one-fourth of the CLB clock pins can be accessed. This restriction is in large part responsible for the faster speed of the buffers, relative to the Global Low-Skew buffers.

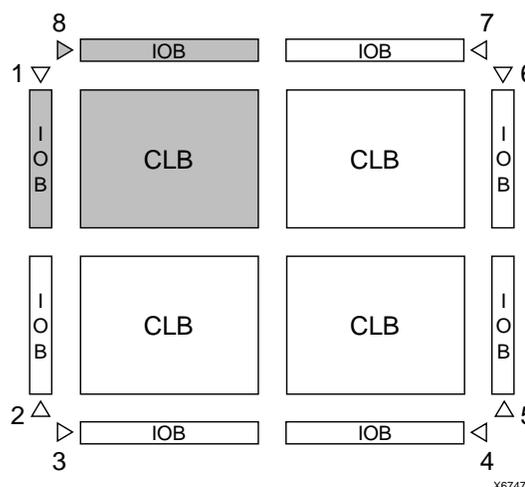


**Figure 37: Left and Right BUFGEs Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs in Same Quadrant or Edge (GCK1 is shown. GCK2, GCK5 and GCK6 are similar.)**

The left-side Global Early buffers can each drive two of the four vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the entire left edge of the device. The right-side Global Early buffers can each drive two of the eight vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the entire right edge of the device. (See Figure 37.)

Each left and right Global Early buffer can also drive half of the IOBs along either the top or bottom edge of the device, using a dedicated line that can only be accessed through the Global Early buffers.

The top and bottom Global Early buffers can drive half of the IOBs along either the left or right edge of the device, as shown in Figure 38. They can only access the top and bottom IOBs via the CLB global lines.



**Figure 38: Top and Bottom BUFGEs Can Drive Any or All Clock Inputs in Same Quadrant (GCK8 is shown. GCK3, GCK4 and GCK7 are similar.)**

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.

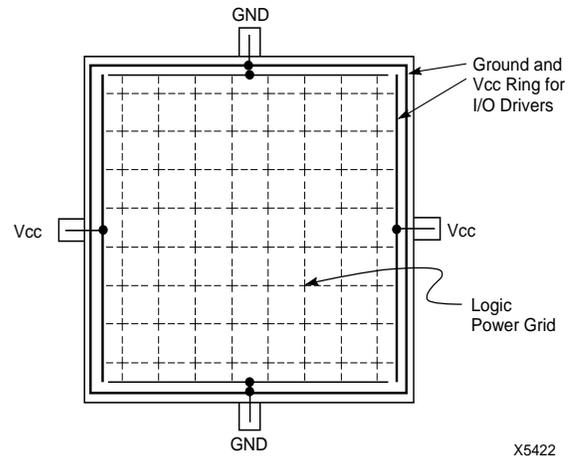
## Power Distribution

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  $\mu$ 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 $\Omega$  - 100 k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor.

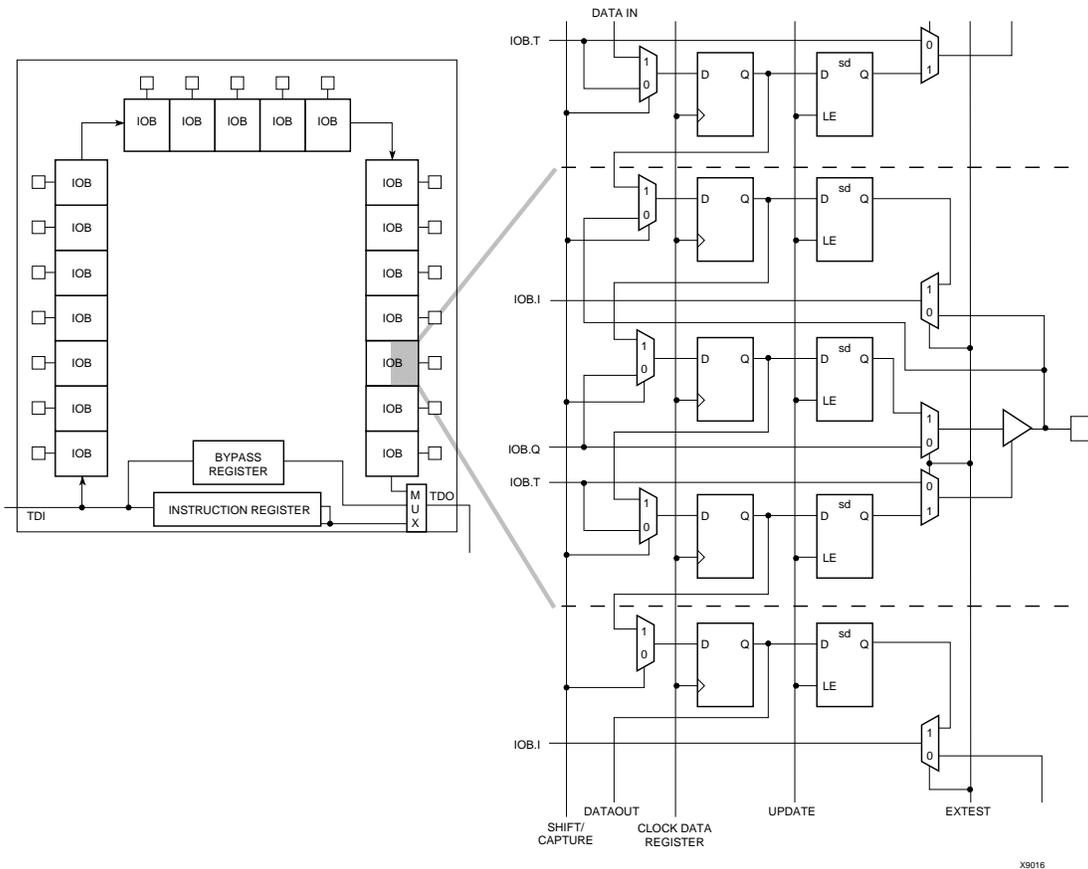
After configuration, if an IOB is unused it is configured as an input with a 50 k $\Omega$  - 100 k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor.

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: XC4000 Series Boundary Scan Logic**

## Instruction Set

The XC4000 Series boundary scan instruction set also includes instructions to configure the device and read back the configuration data. The instruction set is coded as shown in [Table 17](#).

## Bit Sequence

The bit sequence within each IOB is: In, Out, 3-State. The input-only M0 and M2 mode pins contribute only the In bit to the boundary scan I/O data register, while the output-only M1 pin contributes all three bits.

The first two bits in the I/O data register are TDO.T and TDO.O, which can be used for the capture of internal signals. The final bit is BSCANT.UPD, which can be used to drive an internal net. These locations are primarily used by Xilinx for internal testing.

From a cavity-up view of the chip (as shown in XDE or Epic), starting in the upper right chip corner, the boundary scan data-register bits are ordered as shown in [Figure 42](#). The device-specific pinout tables for the XC4000 Series include the boundary scan locations for each IOB pin.

BSDL (Boundary Scan Description Language) files for XC4000 Series devices are available on the Xilinx FTP site.

## Including Boundary Scan in a Schematic

If boundary scan is only to be used during configuration, no special schematic elements need be included in the schematic or HDL code. In this case, the special boundary scan pins TDI, TMS, TCK and TDO can be used for user functions after configuration.

To indicate that boundary scan remain enabled after configuration, place the BSCAN library symbol and connect the TDI, TMS, TCK and TDO pad symbols to the appropriate pins, as shown in [Figure 43](#).

Even if the boundary scan symbol is used in a schematic, the input pins TMS, TCK, and TDI can still be used as inputs to be routed to internal logic. Care must be taken not to force the chip into an undesired boundary scan state by inadvertently applying boundary scan input patterns to these pins. The simplest way to prevent this is to keep TMS High, and then apply whatever signal is desired to TDI and TCK.

## Setting CCLK Frequency

For Master modes, CCLK can be generated in either of two frequencies. In the default slow mode, the frequency ranges from 0.5 MHz to 1.25 MHz for XC4000E and XC4000EX devices and from 0.6 MHz to 1.8 MHz for XC4000XL devices. In fast CCLK mode, the frequency ranges from 4 MHz to 10 MHz for XC4000E/EX devices and from 5 MHz to 15 MHz for XC4000XL devices. The frequency is selected by an option when running the bitstream generation software. If an XC4000 Series Master is driving an XC3000- or XC2000-family slave, slow CCLK mode must be used. In addition, an XC4000XL device driving a XC4000E or XC4000EX should use slow mode. Slow mode is the default.

**Table 19: XC4000 Series Data Stream Formats**

Data Type	All Other Modes (D0...)
Fill Byte	11111111b
Preamble Code	0010b
Length Count	COUNT(23:0)
Fill Bits	1111b
Start Field	0b
Data Frame	DATA(n-1:0)
CRC or Constant Field Check	xxxx (CRC) or 0110b
Extend Write Cycle	—
Postamble	01111111b
Start-Up Bytes	xxh
Legend:	
Not shaded	Once per bitstream
Light	Once per data frame
Dark	Once per device

## Data Stream Format

The data stream (“bitstream”) format is identical for all configuration modes.

The data stream formats are shown in [Table 19](#). Bit-serial data is read from left to right, and byte-parallel data is effectively assembled from this serial bitstream, with the first bit in each byte assigned to D0.

The configuration data stream begins with a string of eight ones, a preamble code, followed by a 24-bit length count and a separator field of ones. This header is followed by the actual configuration data in frames. The length and number of frames depends on the device type (see [Table 20](#) and [Table 21](#)). Each frame begins with a start field and ends with an error check. A postamble code is required to signal the end of data for a single device. In all cases, additional start-up bytes of data are required to provide four clocks for the startup sequence at the end of configuration. Long daisy chains require additional startup bytes to shift the last data through the chain. All startup bytes are don’t-cares; these bytes are not included in bitstreams created by the Xilinx software.

A selection of CRC or non-CRC error checking is allowed by the bitstream generation software. The non-CRC error checking tests for a designated end-of-frame field for each frame. For CRC error checking, the software calculates a running CRC and inserts a unique four-bit partial check at the end of each frame. The 11-bit CRC check of the last frame of an FPGA includes the last seven data bits.

Detection of an error results in the suspension of data loading and the pulling down of the  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  pin. In Master modes, CCLK and address signals continue to operate externally. The user must detect  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  and initialize a new configuration by pulsing the  $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$  pin Low or cycling Vcc.

The default option, and the most practical one, is for DONE to go High first, disconnecting the configuration data source and avoiding any contention when the I/Os become active one clock later. Reset/Set is then released another clock period later to make sure that user-operation starts from stable internal conditions. This is the most common sequence, shown with heavy lines in [Figure 47](#), but the designer can modify it to meet particular requirements.

Normally, the start-up sequence is controlled by the internal device oscillator output (CCLK), which is asynchronous to the system clock.

XC4000 Series offers another start-up clocking option, UCLK\_NOSYNC. The three events described above need not be triggered by CCLK. They can, as a configuration option, be triggered by a user clock. This means that the device can wake up in synchronism with the user system.

When the UCLK\_SYNC option is enabled, the user can externally hold the open-drain DONE output Low, and thus stall all further progress in the start-up sequence until DONE is released and has gone High. This option can be used to force synchronization of several FPGAs to a common user clock, or to guarantee that all devices are successfully configured before any I/Os go active.

If either of these two options is selected, and no user clock is specified in the design or attached to the device, the chip could reach a point where the configuration of the device is complete and the Done pin is asserted, but the outputs do not become active. The solution is either to recreate the bit-stream specifying the start-up clock as CCLK, or to supply the appropriate user clock.

### Start-up Sequence

The Start-up sequence begins when the configuration memory is full, and the total number of configuration clocks

received since  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  went High equals the loaded value of the length count.

The next rising clock edge sets a flip-flop Q0, shown in [Figure 48](#). Q0 is the leading bit of a 5-bit shift register. The outputs of this register can be programmed to control three events.

- The release of the open-drain DONE output
- The change of configuration-related pins to the user function, activating all IOBs.
- The termination of the global Set/Reset initialization of all CLB and IOB storage elements.

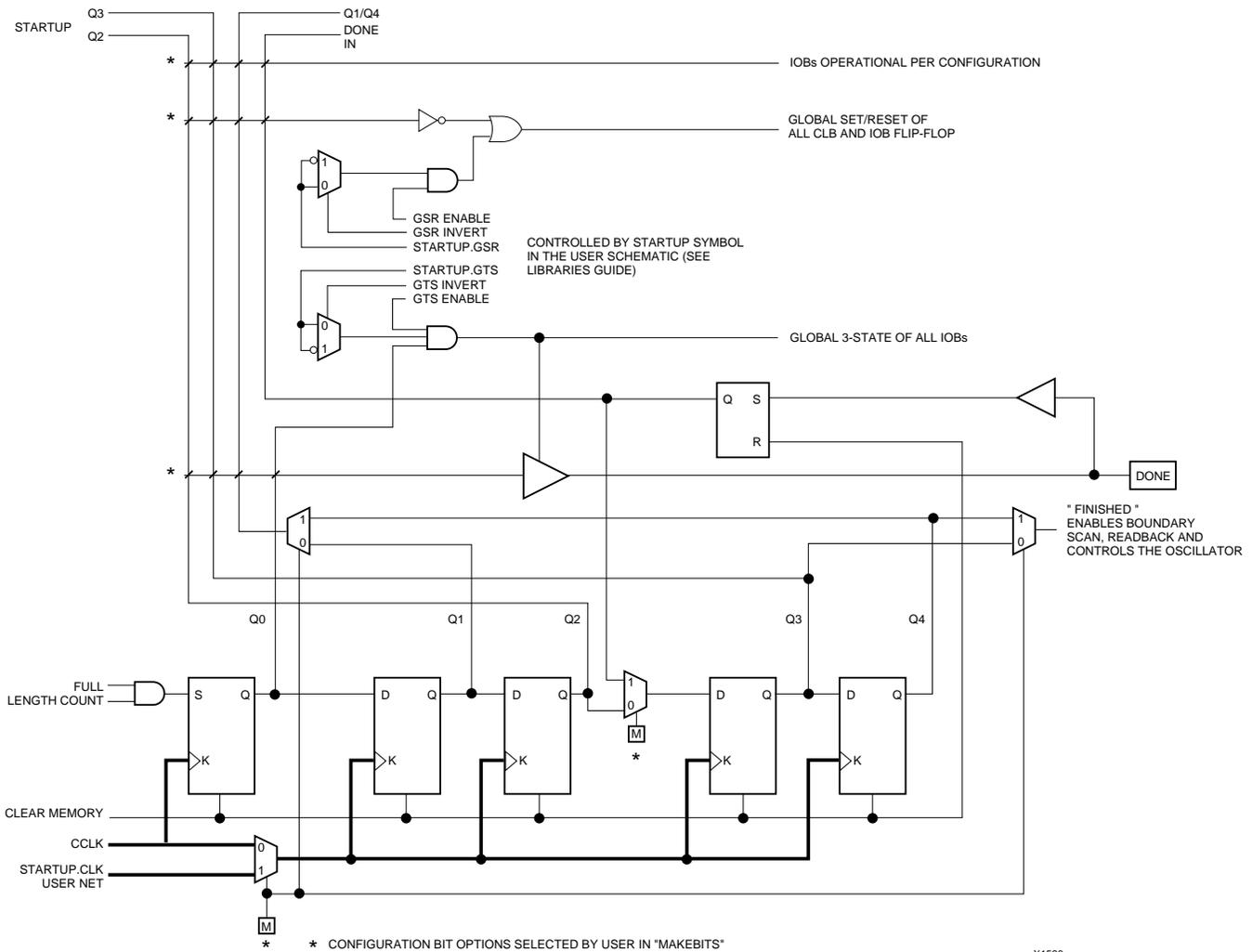
The DONE pin can also be wire-ANDed with DONE pins of other FPGAs or with other external signals, and can then be used as input to bit Q3 of the start-up register. This is called “Start-up Timing Synchronous to Done In” and is selected by either CCLK\_SYNC or UCLK\_SYNC.

When DONE is not used as an input, the operation is called “Start-up Timing Not Synchronous to DONE In,” and is selected by either CCLK\_NOSYNC or UCLK\_NOSYNC.

As a configuration option, the start-up control register beyond Q0 can be clocked either by subsequent CCLK pulses or from an on-chip user net called STARTUP.CLK. These signals can be accessed by placing the STARTUP library symbol.

### Start-up from CCLK

If CCLK is used to drive the start-up, Q0 through Q3 provide the timing. Heavy lines in [Figure 47](#) show the default timing, which is compatible with XC2000 and XC3000 devices using early DONE and late Reset. The thin lines indicate all other possible timing options.



**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.

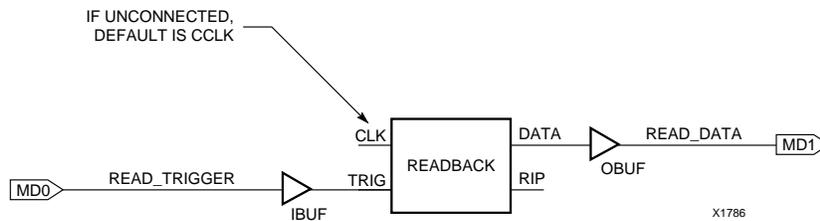
XC4000 Series Readback does not use any dedicated pins, but uses four internal nets (RDBK.TRIG, RDBK.DATA, RDBK.RIP and RDBK.CLK) that can be routed to any IOB. To access the internal Readback signals, place the READ-

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.



**Figure 49: Readback Schematic Example**

## Readback Options

Readback options are: Read Capture, Read Abort, and Clock Select. They are set with the bitstream generation software.

### Read Capture

When the Read Capture option is selected, the readback data stream includes sampled values of CLB and IOB signals. The rising edge of RDBK.TRIG latches the inverted values of the four CLB outputs, the IOB output flip-flops and the input signals I1 and I2. Note that while the bits describing configuration (interconnect, function generators, and RAM content) are *not* inverted, the CLB and IOB output signals *are* inverted.

When the Read Capture option is not selected, the values of the capture bits reflect the configuration data originally written to those memory locations.

If the RAM capability of the CLBs is used, RAM data are available in readback, since they directly overwrite the F and G function-table configuration of the CLB.

RDBK.TRIG is located in the lower-left corner of the device, as shown in [Figure 50](#).

### Read Abort

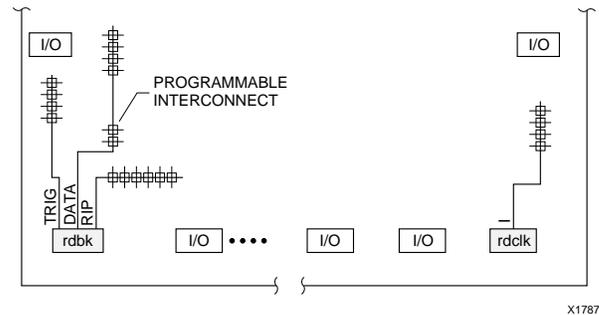
When the Read Abort option is selected, a High-to-Low transition on RDBK.TRIG terminates the readback operation and prepares the logic to accept another trigger.

After an aborted readback, additional clocks (up to one readback clock per configuration frame) may be required to re-initialize the control logic. The status of readback is indicated by the output control net RDBK.RIP. RDBK.RIP is High whenever a readback is in progress.

### Clock Select

CCLK is the default clock. However, the user can insert another clock on RDBK.CLK. Readback control and data are clocked on rising edges of RDBK.CLK. If readback must be inhibited for security reasons, the readback control nets are simply not connected.

RDBK.CLK is located in the lower right chip corner, as shown in [Figure 50](#).



**Figure 50: READBACK Symbol in Graphical Editor**

## Violating the Maximum High and Low Time Specification for the Readback Clock

The readback clock has a maximum High and Low time specification. In some cases, this specification cannot be met. For example, if a processor is controlling readback, an interrupt may force it to stop in the middle of a readback. This necessitates stopping the clock, and thus violating the specification.

The specification is mandatory only on clocking data at the end of a frame prior to the next start bit. The transfer mechanism will load the data to a shift register during the last six clock cycles of the frame, prior to the start bit of the following frame. This loading process is dynamic, and is the source of the maximum High and Low time requirements.

Therefore, the specification only applies to the six clock cycles prior to and including any start bit, including the clocks before the first start bit in the readback data stream. At other times, the frame data is already in the register and the register is not dynamic. Thus, it can be shifted out just like a regular shift register.

The user must precisely calculate the location of the readback data relative to the frame. The system must keep track of the position within a data frame, and disable interrupts before frame boundaries. Frame lengths and data formats are listed in [Table 19](#), [Table 20](#) and [Table 21](#).

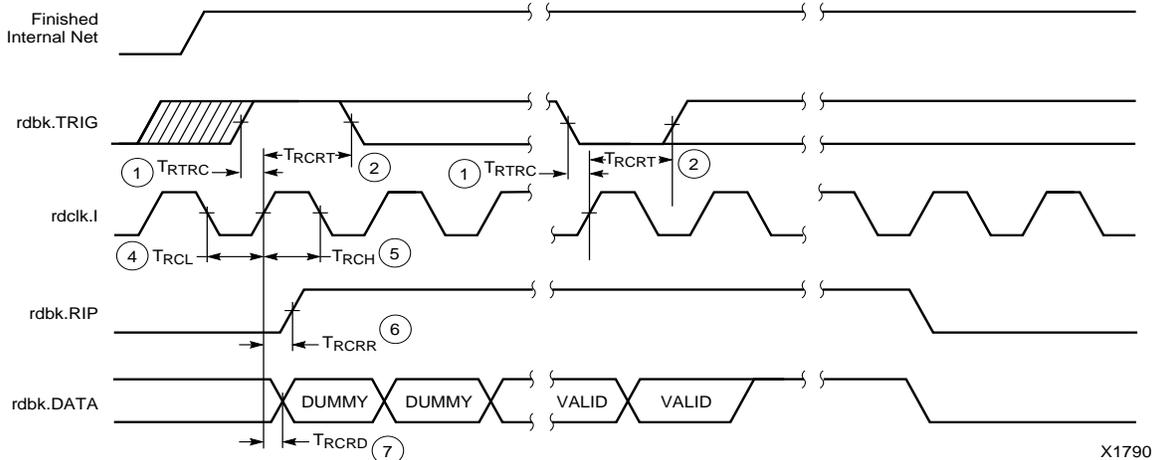
## Readback with the XChecker Cable

The XChecker Universal Download/Readback Cable and Logic Probe uses the readback feature for bitstream verification. It can also display selected internal signals on the PC or workstation screen, functioning as a low-cost in-circuit emulator.

### XC4000E/EX/XL Program Readback Switching Characteristic Guidelines

Testing of the switching parameters is modeled after testing methods specified by MIL-M-38510/605. All devices are 100% functionally tested. Internal timing parameters are not measured directly. They are derived from benchmark timing patterns that are taken at device introduction, prior to any process improvements.

The following guidelines reflect worst-case values over the recommended operating conditions.



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#### E/EX

	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
rdbk.TRIG	rdbk.TRIG setup to initiate and abort Readback	1   $T_{RTRC}$	200	-	ns
	rdbk.TRIG hold to initiate and abort Readback	2   $T_{RCRT}$	50	-	ns
rdclk.1	rdbk.DATA delay	7   $T_{RCRD}$	-	250	ns
	rdbk.RIP delay	6   $T_{RCRR}$	-	250	ns
	High time	5   $T_{RCH}$	250	500	ns
	Low time	4   $T_{RCL}$	250	500	ns

- Note 1: Timing parameters apply to all speed grades.  
 Note 2: If rdbk.TRIG is High prior to Finished, Finished will trigger the first Readback.

#### XL

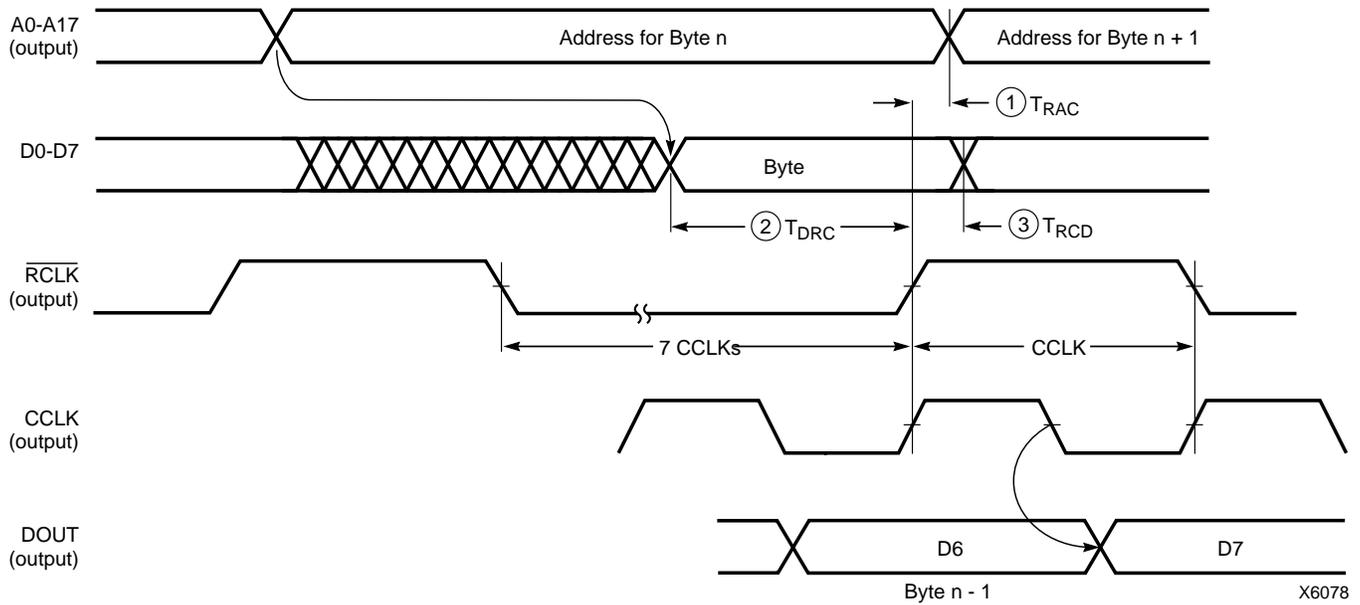
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	rdbk.TRIG hold to initiate and abort Readback	2   $T_{RCRT}$	50	-	ns
rdclk.1	rdbk.DATA delay	7   $T_{RCRD}$	-	250	ns
	rdbk.RIP delay	6   $T_{RCRR}$	-	250	ns
	High time	5   $T_{RCH}$	250	500	ns
	Low time	4   $T_{RCL}$	250	500	ns

- Note 1: Timing parameters apply to all speed grades.  
 Note 2: If rdbk.TRIG is High prior to Finished, Finished will trigger the first Readback.

**Table 22: Pin Functions During Configuration**

CONFIGURATION MODE <M2:M1:M0>						
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>	USER OPERATION
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





	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**