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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	784
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1862
Total RAM Bits	25088
Number of I/O	193
Number of Gates	20000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	240-BFQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	240-PQFP (32x32)
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XC4000E and XC4000X Series Compared to the XC4000

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

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

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

Improvements in XC4000E and XC4000X

Increased System Speed

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

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

PCI Compliance

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

Carry Logic

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

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

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

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

Dual-Port RAM

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

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

Configurable RAM Content

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

H Function Generator

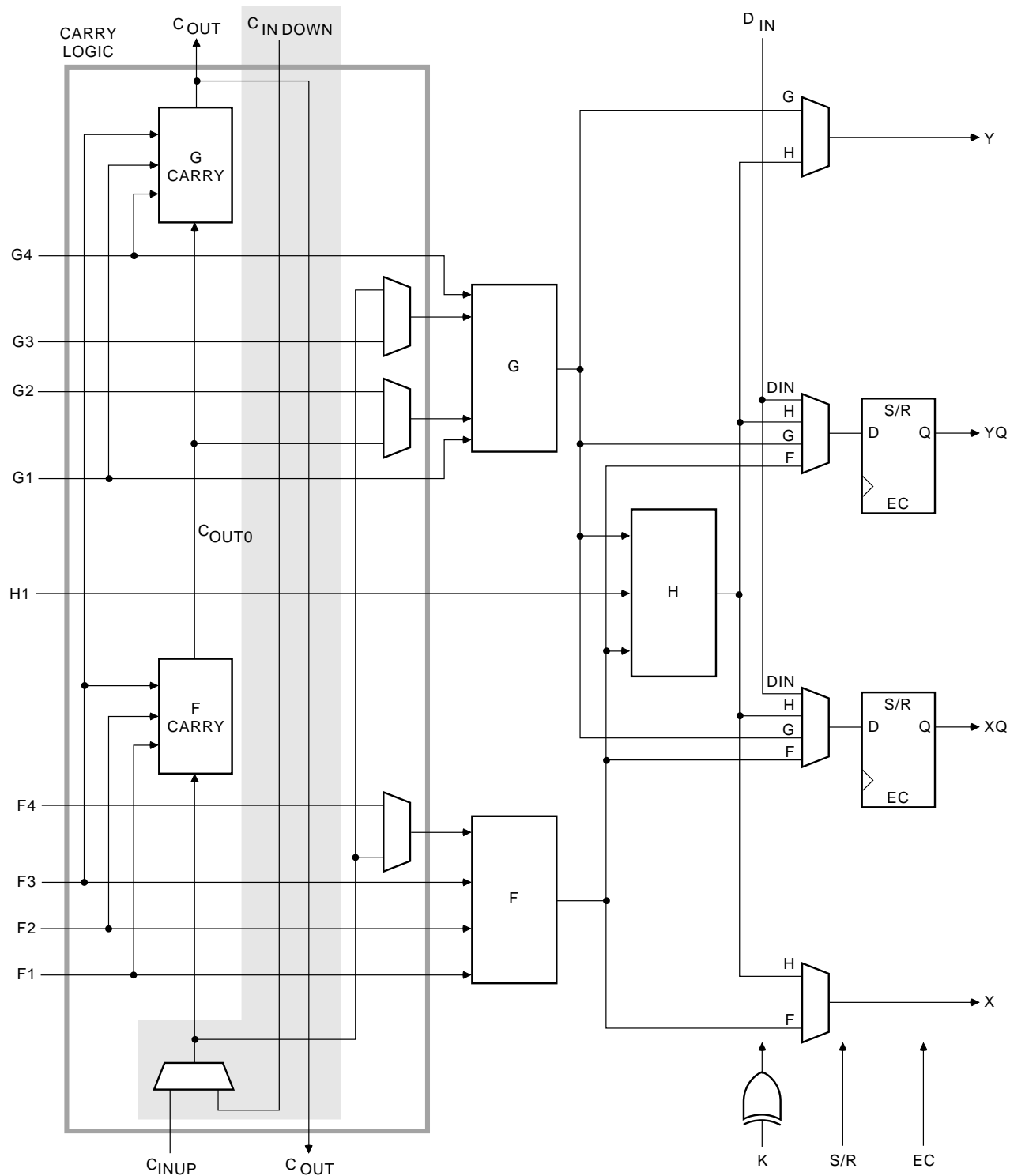
In current XC4000 Series devices, the H function generator is more versatile than in the original XC4000. Its inputs can come not only from the F and G function generators but also from up to three of the four control input lines. The H function generator can thus be totally or partially independent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

IOB Clock Enable

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

Output Drivers

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



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

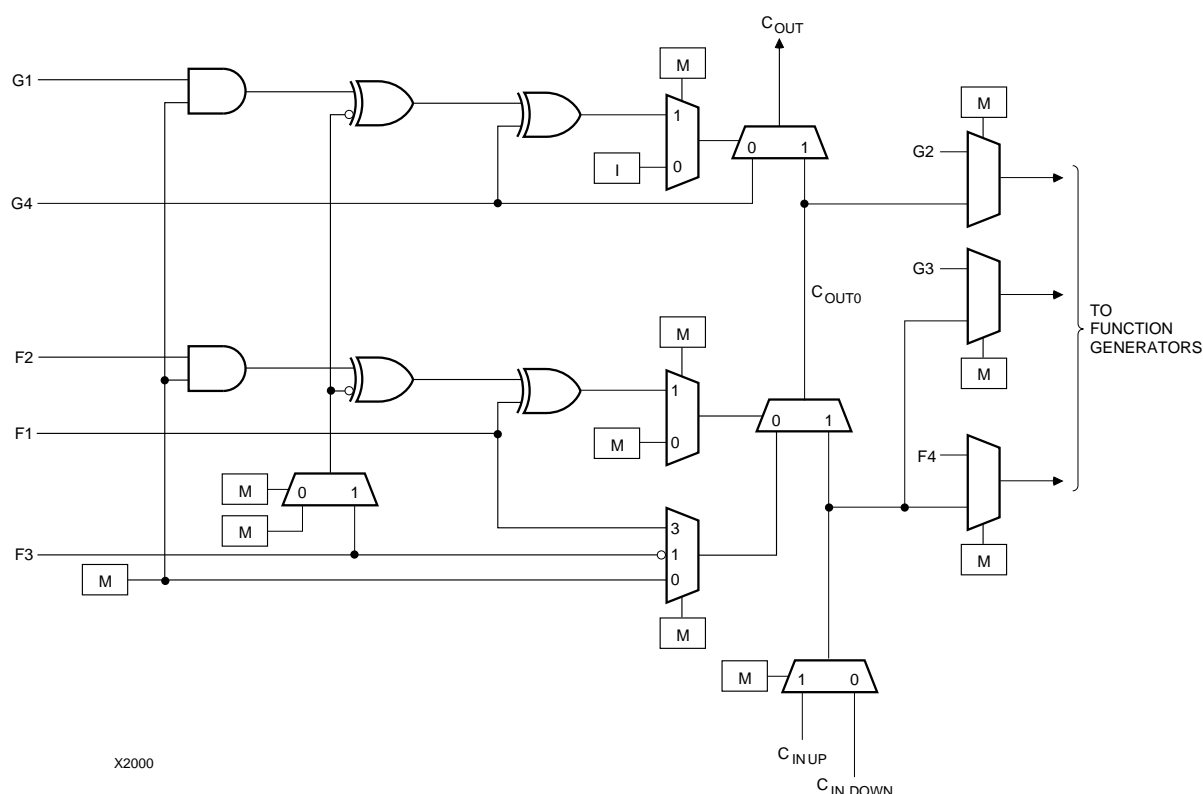


Figure 14: Detail of XC4000E Dedicated Carry Logic

Input/Output Blocks (IOBs)

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

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

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

I/O Input Signals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

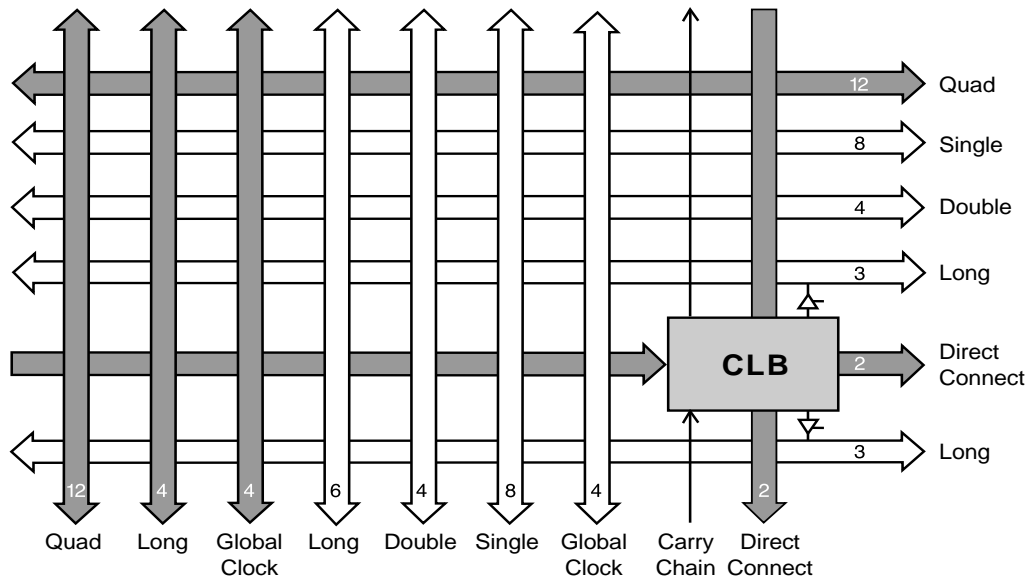
CLB Routing Connections

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.



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Figure 25: High-Level Routing Diagram of XC4000 Series CLB (shaded arrows indicate XC4000X only)

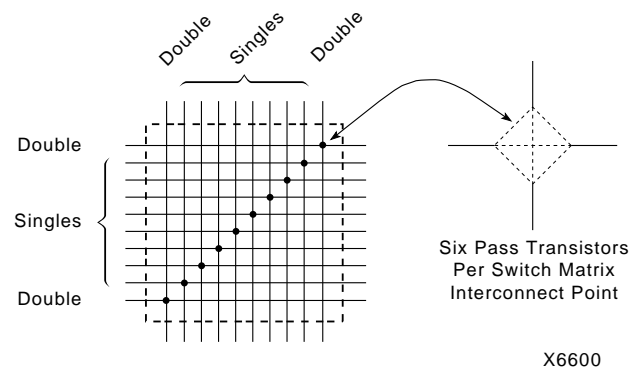
Table 14: Routing per CLB in XC4000 Series Devices

	XC4000E		XC4000X	
	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal
Singles	8	8	8	8
Doubles	4	4	4	4
Quads	0	0	12	12
Longlines	6	6	10	6
Direct Connects	0	0	2	2
Globals	4	0	8	0
Carry Logic	2	0	1	0
Total	24	18	45	32

Programmable Switch Matrices

The horizontal and vertical single- and double-length lines intersect at a box called a programmable switch matrix (PSM). Each switch matrix consists of programmable pass transistors used to establish connections between the lines (see [Figure 26](#)).

For example, a single-length signal entering on the right side of the switch matrix can be routed to a single-length line on the top, left, or bottom sides, or any combination thereof, if multiple branches are required. Similarly, a double-length signal can be routed to a double-length line on any or all of the other three edges of the programmable switch matrix.



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Figure 26: Programmable Switch Matrix (PSM)

Single-Length Lines

Single-length lines provide the greatest interconnect flexibility and offer fast routing between adjacent blocks. There are eight vertical and eight horizontal single-length lines associated with each CLB. These lines connect the switching matrices that are located in every row and a column of CLBs.

Single-length lines are connected by way of the programmable switch matrices, as shown in [Figure 28](#). Routing connectivity is shown in [Figure 27](#).

Single-length lines incur a delay whenever they go through a switching matrix. Therefore, they are not suitable for routing signals for long distances. They are normally used to conduct signals within a localized area and to provide the branching for nets with fanout greater than one.

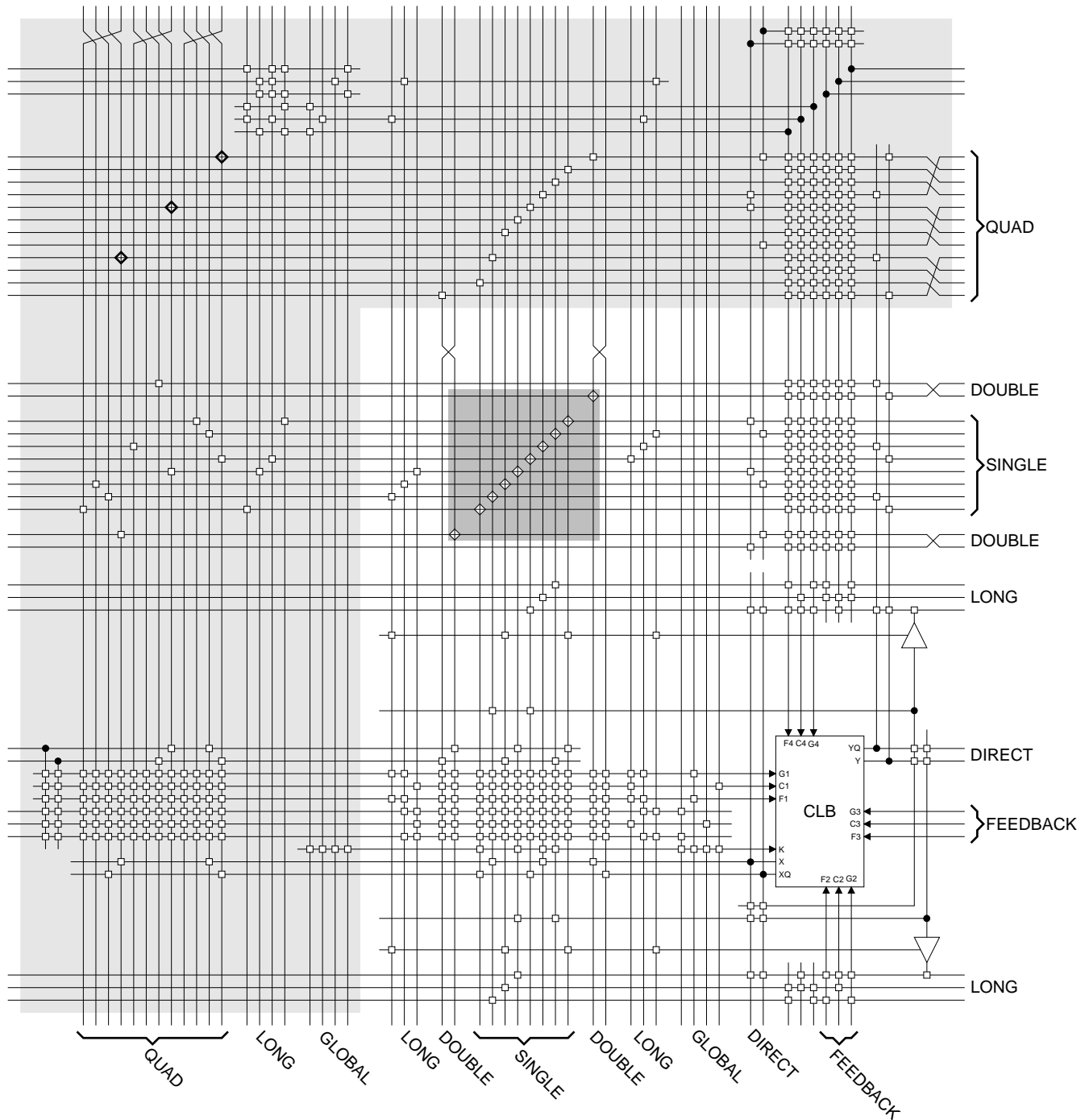


Figure 27: Detail of Programmable Interconnect Associated with XC4000 Series CLB



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 matrixes 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

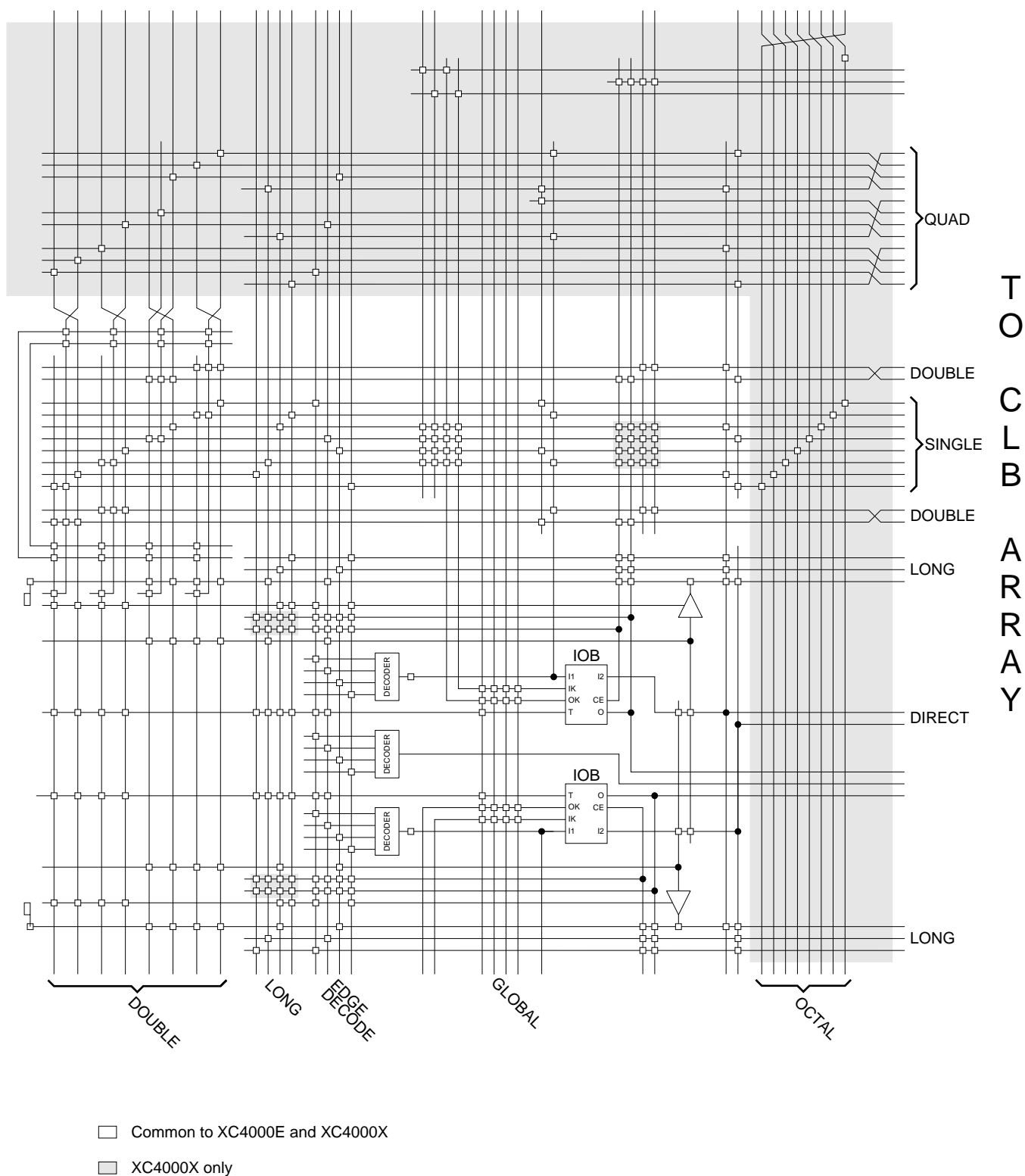
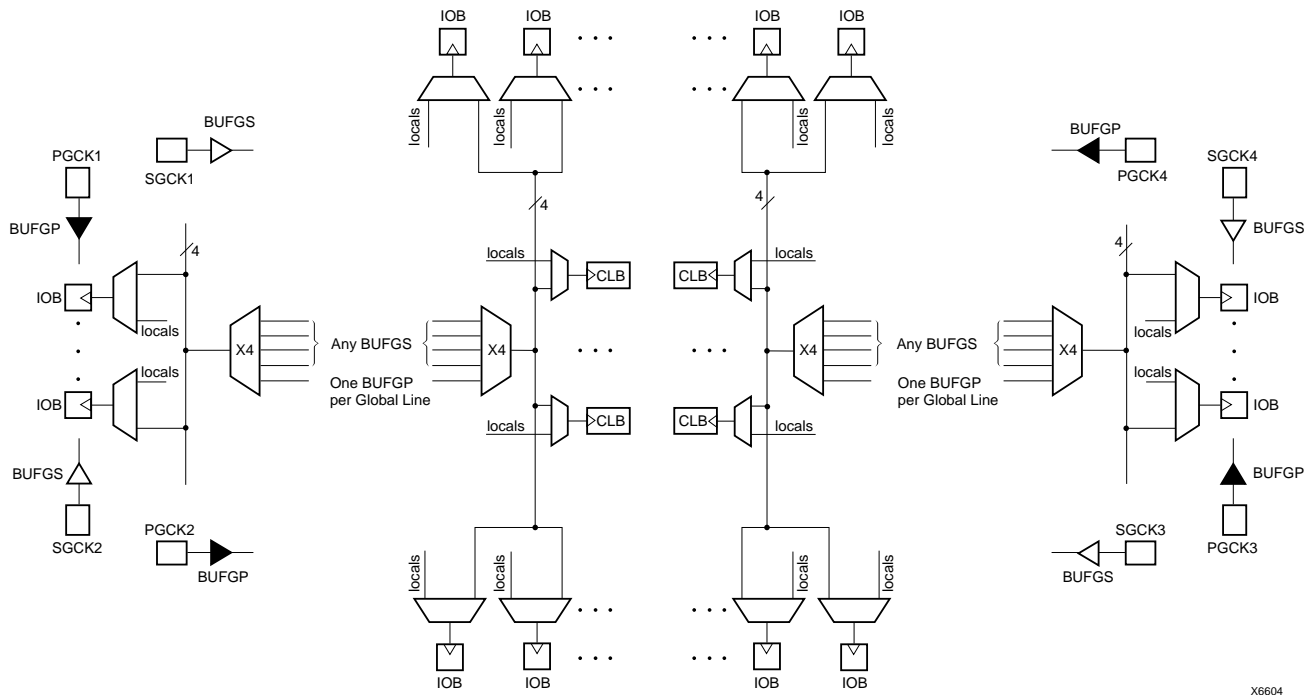
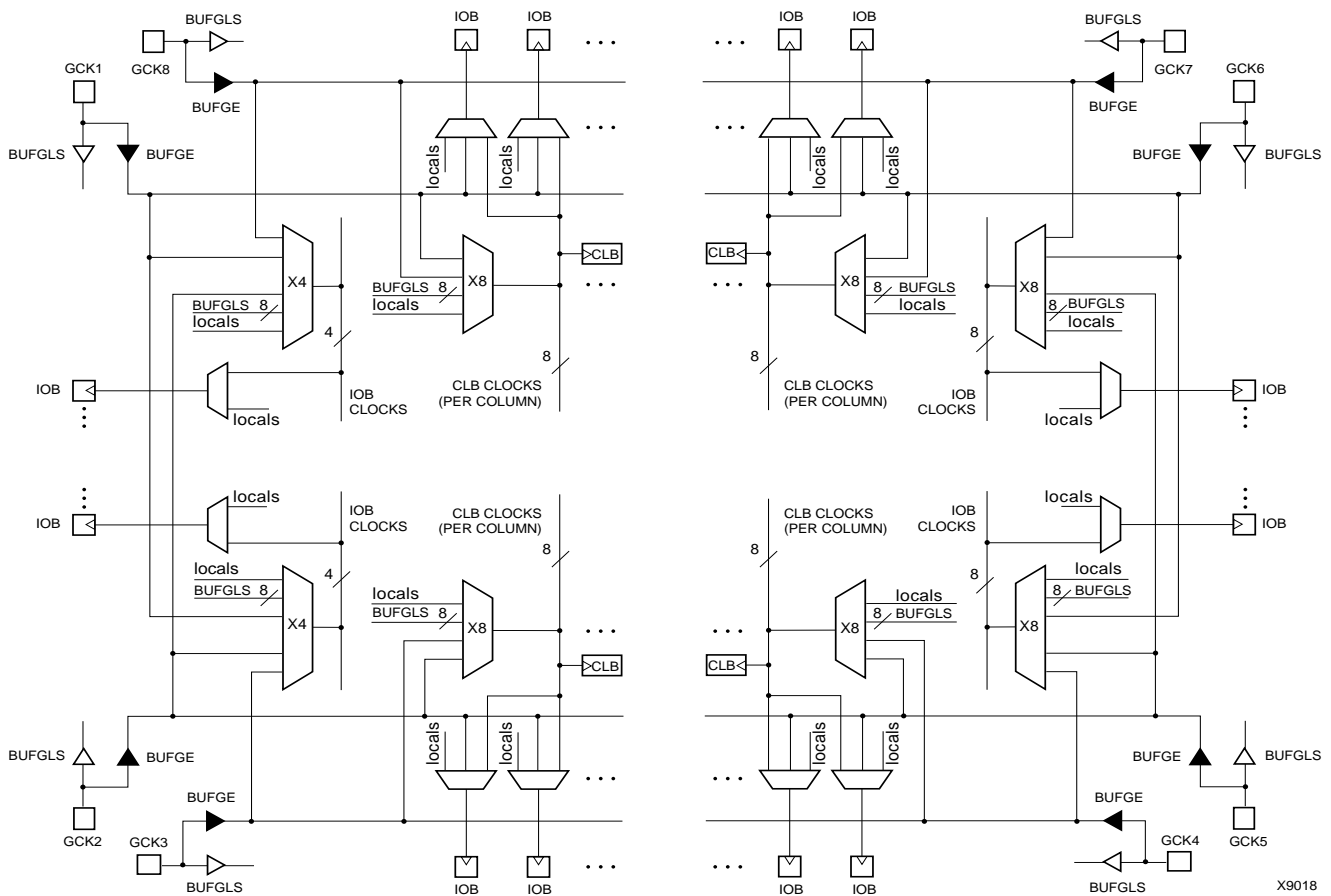


Figure 33: Detail of Programmable Interconnect Associated with XC4000 Series IOB (Left Edge)



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Figure 34: XC4000E Global Net Distribution



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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.

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.

Table 16: Pin Descriptions

Pin Name	I/O During Config.	I/O After Config.	Pin Description
Permanently Dedicated Pins			
VCC	I	I	Eight or more (depending on package) connections to the nominal +5 V supply voltage (+3.3 V for low-voltage devices). All must be connected, and each must be decoupled with a 0.01 - 0.1 μ F capacitor to Ground.
GND	I	I	Eight or more (depending on package type) connections to Ground. All must be connected.
CCLK	I or O	I	During configuration, Configuration Clock (CCLK) is an output in Master modes or Asynchronous Peripheral mode, but is an input in Slave mode and Synchronous Peripheral mode. After configuration, CCLK has a weak pull-up resistor and can be selected as the Readback Clock. There is no CCLK High or Low time restriction on XC4000 Series devices, except during Readback. See “Violating the Maximum High and Low Time Specification for the Readback Clock” on page 56 for an explanation of this exception.
DONE	I/O	O	DONE is a bidirectional signal with an optional internal pull-up resistor. As an output, it indicates the completion of the configuration process. As an input, a Low level on DONE can be configured to delay the global logic initialization and the enabling of outputs. The optional pull-up resistor is selected as an option in the XACTstep program that creates the configuration bitstream. The resistor is included by default.
$\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$	I	I	PROGRAM is an active Low input that forces the FPGA to clear its configuration memory. It is used to initiate a configuration cycle. When PROGRAM goes High, the FPGA finishes the current clear cycle and executes another complete clear cycle, before it goes into a WAIT state and releases INIT. The PROGRAM pin has a permanent weak pull-up, so it need not be externally pulled up to Vcc.
User I/O Pins That Can Have Special Functions			
RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$	O	I/O	During Peripheral mode configuration, this pin indicates when it is appropriate to write another byte of data into the FPGA. The same status is also available on D7 in Asynchronous Peripheral mode, if a read operation is performed when the device is selected. After configuration, RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin. RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is pulled High with a high-impedance pull-up prior to $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ going High.
$\overline{\text{RCLK}}$	O	I/O	During Master Parallel configuration, each change on the A0-A17 outputs (A0 - A21 for XC4000X) is preceded by a rising edge on $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$, a redundant output signal. $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$ is useful for clocked PROMs. It is rarely used during configuration. After configuration, $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin.
M0, M1, M2	I	I (M0), O (M1), I (M2)	As Mode inputs, these pins are sampled after $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ goes High to determine the configuration mode to be used. After configuration, M0 and M2 can be used as inputs, and M1 can be used as a 3-state output. These three pins have no associated input or output registers. During configuration, these pins have weak pull-up resistors. For the most popular configuration mode, Slave Serial, the mode pins can thus be left unconnected. The three mode inputs can be individually configured with or without weak pull-up or pull-down resistors. A pull-down resistor value of 4.7 k Ω is recommended. These pins can only be used as inputs or outputs when called out by special schematic definitions. To use these pins, place the library components MD0, MD1, and MD2 instead of the usual pad symbols. Input or output buffers must still be used.
TDO	O	O	If boundary scan is used, this pin is the Test Data Output. If boundary scan is not used, this pin is a 3-state output without a register, after configuration is completed. This pin can be user output only when called out by special schematic definitions. To use this pin, place the library component TDO instead of the usual pad symbol. An output buffer must still be used.

Table 16: Pin Descriptions (Continued)

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

Table 17: Boundary Scan Instructions

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

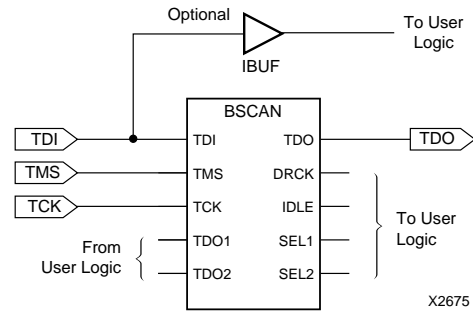


Figure 43: Boundary Scan Schematic Example

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.

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.

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

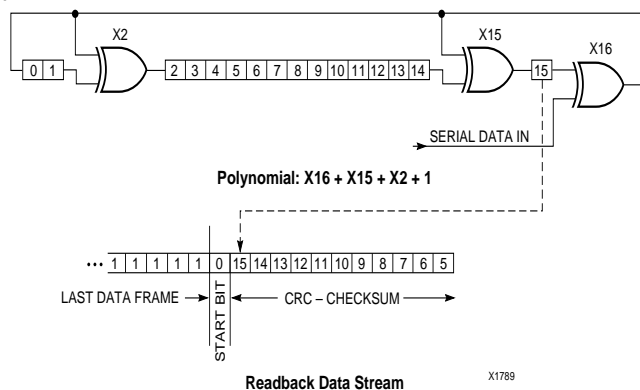


Figure 45: Circuit for Generating CRC-16

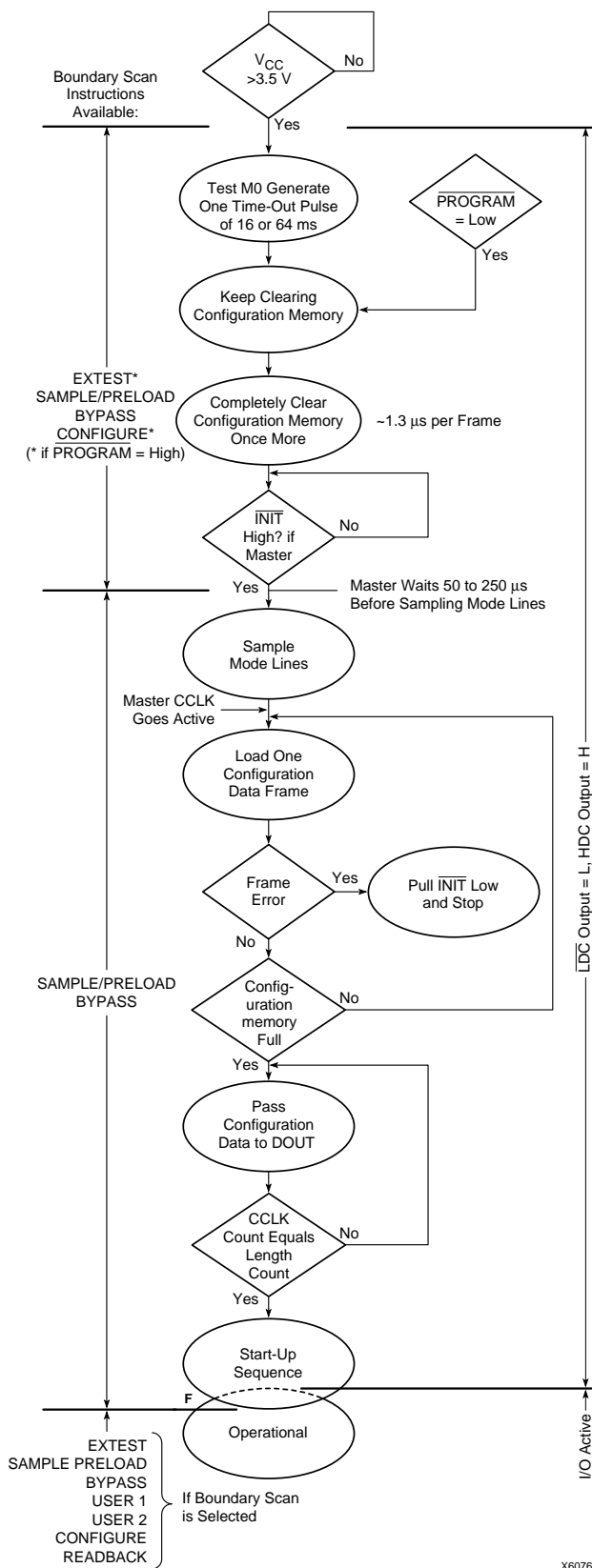


Figure 46: Power-up Configuration Sequence

Start-up from a User Clock (STARTUP.CLK)

When, instead of CCLK, a user-supplied start-up clock is selected, Q1 is used to bridge the unknown phase relationship between CCLK and the user clock. This arbitration causes an unavoidable one-cycle uncertainty in the timing of the rest of the start-up sequence.

DONE Goes High to Signal End of Configuration

XC4000 Series devices read the expected length count from the bitstream and store it in an internal register. The length count varies according to the number of devices and the composition of the daisy chain. Each device also counts the number of CCLKs during configuration.

Two conditions have to be met in order for the DONE pin to go high:

- the chip's internal memory must be full, and
- the configuration length count must be met, *exactly*.

This is important because the counter that determines when the length count is met begins with the very first CCLK, not the first one after the preamble.

Therefore, if a stray bit is inserted before the preamble, or the data source is not ready at the time of the first CCLK, the internal counter that holds the number of CCLKs will be one ahead of the actual number of data bits read. At the end of configuration, the configuration memory will be full, but the number of bits in the internal counter will not match the expected length count.

As a consequence, a Master mode device will continue to send out CCLKs until the internal counter turns over to zero, and then reaches the correct length count a second time. This will take several seconds [$2^{24} * \text{CCLK period}$] — which is sometimes interpreted as the device not configuring at all.

If it is not possible to have the data ready at the time of the first CCLK, the problem can be avoided by increasing the number in the length count by the appropriate value. The *XACT User Guide* includes detailed information about manually altering the length count.

Note that DONE is an open-drain output and does not go High unless an internal pull-up is activated or an external pull-up is attached. The internal pull-up is activated as the default by the bitstream generation software.

Release of User I/O After DONE Goes High

By default, the user I/O are released one CCLK cycle after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked after DONE goes High, the outputs remain in their initial state — 3-stated, with a 50 k Ω - 100 k Ω pull-up. The delay from DONE High to active user I/O is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

Release of Global Set/Reset After DONE Goes High

By default, Global Set/Reset (GSR) is released two CCLK cycles after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked twice after DONE goes High, all flip-flops are held in their initial set or reset state. The delay from DONE High to GSR inactive is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

Configuration Complete After DONE Goes High

Three full CCLK cycles are required after the DONE pin goes High, as shown in [Figure 47 on page 53](#). If CCLK is not clocked three times after DONE goes High, readback cannot be initiated and most boundary scan instructions cannot be used.

Configuration Through the Boundary Scan Pins

XC4000 Series devices can be configured through the boundary scan pins. The basic procedure is as follows:

- Power up the FPGA with $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ held Low (or drive the $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ pin Low for more than 300 ns followed by a High while holding $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low). Holding $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low allows enough time to issue the CONFIG command to the FPGA. The pin can be used as I/O after configuration if a resistor is used to hold $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ Low.
- Issue the CONFIG command to the TMS input
- Wait for $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ to go High
- Sequence the boundary scan Test Access Port to the SHIFT-DR state
- Toggle TCK to clock data into TDI pin.

The user must account for all TCK clock cycles after INIT goes High, as all of these cycles affect the Length Count compare.

For more detailed information, refer to the Xilinx application note XAPP017, “*Boundary Scan in XC4000 Devices*.” This application note also applies to XC4000E and XC4000X devices.

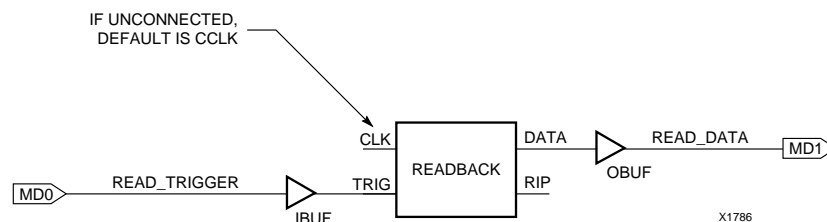


Figure 49: Readback Schematic Example

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](#).

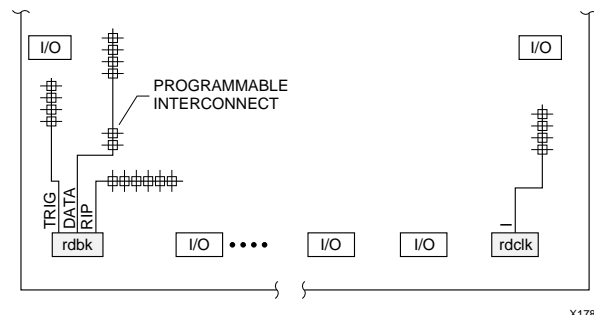


Figure 50: READBACK Symbol in Graphical Editor

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](#).

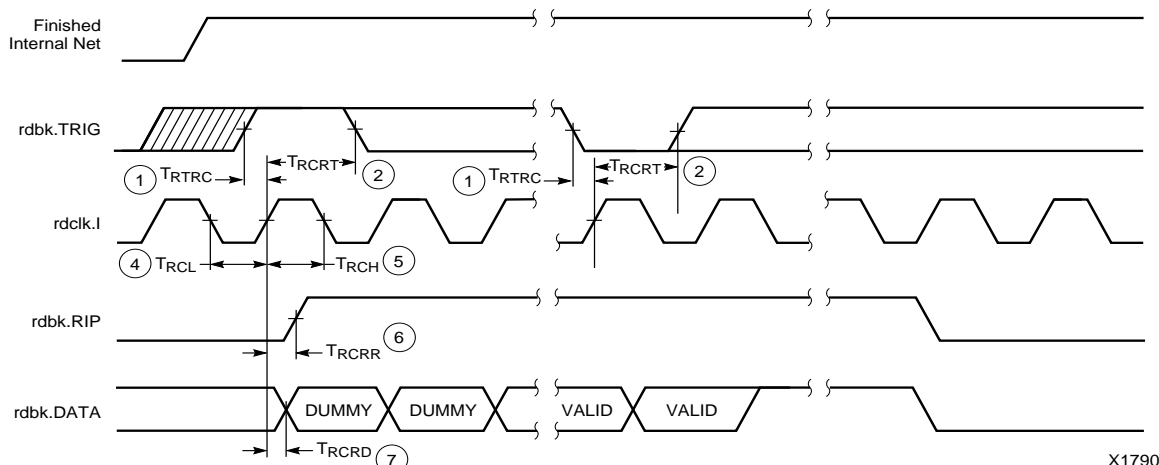
Readback with the XChecker Cable

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.

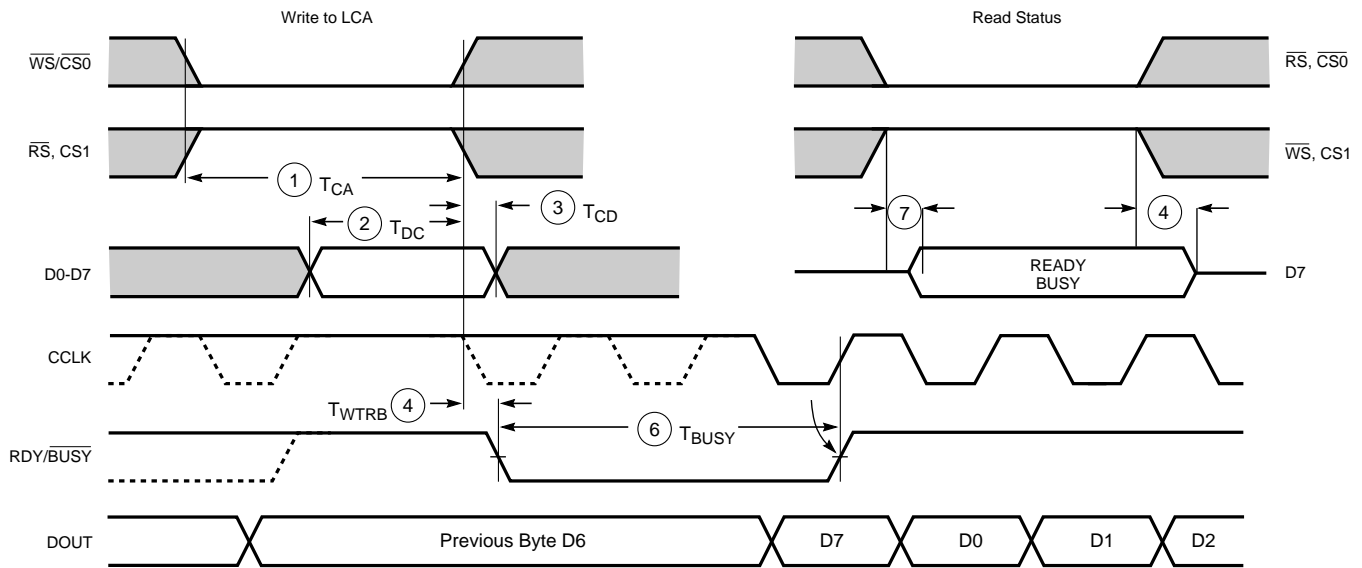
Note 2: If rdbk.TRIG is High prior to Finished, Finished will trigger the first Readback.

XL

	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.



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	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Write	Effective Write time (CS0, WS=Low; RS, CS1=High)	1 T_{CA}	100		ns
	DIN setup time	2 T_{DC}	60		ns
	DIN hold time	3 T_{CD}	0		ns
RDY	RDY/BUSY delay after end of Write or Read	4 T_{WTRB}		60	ns
	RDY/BUSY active after beginning of Read	7		60	ns
	RDY/BUSY Low output (Note 4)	6 T_{BUSY}	2	9	CCLK periods

- Notes:
1. Configuration must be delayed until the \overline{INIT} pins of all daisy-chained FPGAs are High.
 2. The time from the end of \overline{WS} to CCLK cycle for the new byte of data depends on the completion of previous byte processing and the phase of the internal timing generator for CCLK.
 3. CCLK and DOUT timing is tested in slave mode.
 4. T_{BUSY} indicates that the double-buffered parallel-to-serial converter is not yet ready to receive new data. The shortest T_{BUSY} occurs when a byte is loaded into an empty parallel-to-serial converter. The longest T_{BUSY} occurs when a new word is loaded into the input register before the second-level buffer has started shifting out data.

This timing diagram shows very relaxed requirements. Data need not be held beyond the rising edge of \overline{WS} . RDY/BUSY will go active within 60 ns after the end of \overline{WS} . A new write may be asserted immediately after RDY/BUSY goes Low, but write may not be terminated until RDY/BUSY has been High for one CCLK period.

Figure 59: Asynchronous Peripheral Mode Programming Switching Characteristics