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Embedded - System On Chip (SoC) refers to an integrated circuit that consolidates all the essential components of a computer system into a single chip. This includes a microprocessor, memory, and other peripherals, all packed into one compact and efficient package. SoCs are designed to provide a complete computing solution, optimizing both space and power consumption, making them ideal for a wide range of embedded applications.

What are Embedded - System On Chip (SoC)?

System On Chip (SoC) integrates multiple functions of a computer or electronic system onto a single chip. Unlike traditional multi-chip solutions, SoCs combine a central

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Architecture	MCU, FPGA
Core Processor	Dual ARM® Cortex®-A9 MPCore™ with CoreSight™
Flash Size	-
RAM Size	64KB
Peripherals	DMA, POR, WDT
Connectivity	EBI/EMI, Ethernet, I²C, MMC/SD/SDIO, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG
Speed	925MHz
Primary Attributes	FPGA - 350K Logic Elements
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	1517-BBGA, FCBGA
Supplier Device Package	1517-FBGA, FC (40x40)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/5asxbb3d4f40c4n

Advantage	Supporting Feature
Lowest system cost	• Requires as few as four power supplies to operate • Available in thermal composite flip chip ball-grid array (BGA) packaging • Includes innovative features such as Configuration via Protocol (CvP), partial reconfiguration, and design security

Summary of Arria V Features

Table 2: Summary of Features for Arria V Devices

Feature	Description

Technology	• TSMC's 28-nm process technology:
	  • Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST—28-nm low power (28LP) process
	  • Arria V GZ—28-nm high performance (28HP) process
	• Lowest static power in its class (less than 1.2 W for 500K logic elements (LEs) at 85°C junction under typical conditions)
	• 0.85 V, 1.1 V, or 1.15 V core nominal voltage

Packaging	• Thermal composite flip chip BGA packaging • Multiple device densities with identical package footprints for seamless migration between different device densities • Leaded(1), lead-free (Pb-free), and RoHS-compliant options
High-performance FPGA fabric	• Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registers • Improved routing architecture to reduce congestion and improve compilation time
Internal memory blocks	• M10K—10-kilobits (Kb) memory blocks with soft error correction code (ECC) (Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST devices only) • M20K—20-Kb memory blocks with hard ECC (Arria V GZ devices only) • Memory logic array block (MLAB)-640-bit distributed LUTRAM where you can use up to 50% of the ALMs as MLAB memory

(1) Contact Altera for availability.

Feature	Description
Configuration	• Tamper protection-comprehensive design protection to protect your valuable IP investments • Enhanced advanced encryption standard (AES) design security features • CvP • Partial and dynamic reconfiguration of the FPGA • Active serial (AS) x1 and x4, passive serial (PS), JTAG, and fast passive parallel (FPP) x8, x16, and x32 (Arria V GZ) configuration options • Remote system upgrade

Arria V Device Variants and Packages

Table 3: Device Variants for the Arria V Device Family

Variant	Description
Arria V GX	FPGA with integrated 6.5536 Gbps transceivers that provides bandwidth, cost, and power levels that are optimized for high-volume data and signal-processing applications
Arria V GT	FPGA with integrated 10.3125 Gbps transceivers that provides enhanced high-speed serial I/O bandwidth for cost-sensitive data and signal processing applications
Arria V GZ	FPGA with integrated 12.5 Gbps transceivers that provides enhanced high-speed serial I/O bandwidth for high-performance and cost-sensitive data and signal processing applications
Arria V SX	SoC with integrated ARM-based HPS and 6.5536 Gbps transceivers
Arria V ST	SoC with integrated ARM-based HPS and 10.3125 Gbps transceivers

Arria V GX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Arria V GX devices.

The information in this section is correct at the time of publication. For the latest information and to get more details, refer to the Altera Product Selector.

Related Information

Altera Product Selector
Provides the latest information about Altera products.

Resource		Member Code							
		A1	A3	A5	A7	B1	B3	B5	B7
6 Gbps Transceiver		9	9	24	24	24	24	36	36
GPIO(3)		416	416	544	544	704	704	704	704
LVDS	Transmitter	67	67	120	120	160	160	160	160
	Receiver	80	80	136	136	176	176	176	176
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4

Related Information

High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces and DPA in Arria V Devices chapter, Arria V Device Handbook
Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan

Table 5: Package Plan for Arria V GX Devices

Member Code	F672 (27 mm)		F896 (31 mm)		F1152 (35 mm)		F1517 (40 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
A1	336	9	416	9	—	—	—	—
A3	336	9	416	9	—	—	—	—
A5	336	9	384	18	544	24	—	—
A7	336	9	384	18	544	24	—	—
B1	—	—	384	18	544	24	704	24
B3	—	—	384	18	544	24	704	24
B5	—	—	—	—	544	24	704	36
B7	—	—	—	—	544	24	704	36

Arria V GT

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Arria V GT devices.

(3) The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus® Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

Resource		Member Code			
		C3	C7	D3	D7
Transceiver	6 Gbps(4)	3 (9)	6 (24)	6 (24)	6 (36)
	10 Gbps(5)	4	12	12	20
GPIO(6)		416	544	704	704
LVDS	Transmitter	68	120	160	160
	Receiver	80	136	176	176
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		2	4	4	4

Related Information

- **High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces and DPA in Arria V Devices chapter, Arria V Device Handbook**
  Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.
- **Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices**
  Describes 10 Gbps channels usage conditions and SFF-8431 compliance requirements.

Package Plan

Table 7: Package Plan for Arria V GT Devices

Member Code	F672 (27 mm)			F896 (31 mm)			F1152 (35 mm)			F1517 (40 mm)		
	GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR	
		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps
C3	336	3 (9)	4	416	3 (9)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
C7	—	—	—	384	6 (18)	8	544	6 (24)	12	—	—	—
D3	—	—	—	384	6 (18)	8	544	6 (24)	12	704	6 (24)	12
D7	—	—	—	—	—	—	544	6 (24)	12	704	6 (36)	20

The 6-Gbps transceiver counts are for dedicated 6-Gbps channels. You can also configure any pair of 10-Gbps channels as three 6-Gbps channels—the total number of 6-Gbps channels are shown in brackets. For example, you can also configure the Arria V GT D7 device in the F1517 package with nine 6-Gbps

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(5) Chip-to-chip connections only. For 10 Gbps channel usage conditions, refer to the Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices chapter.
(6) The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

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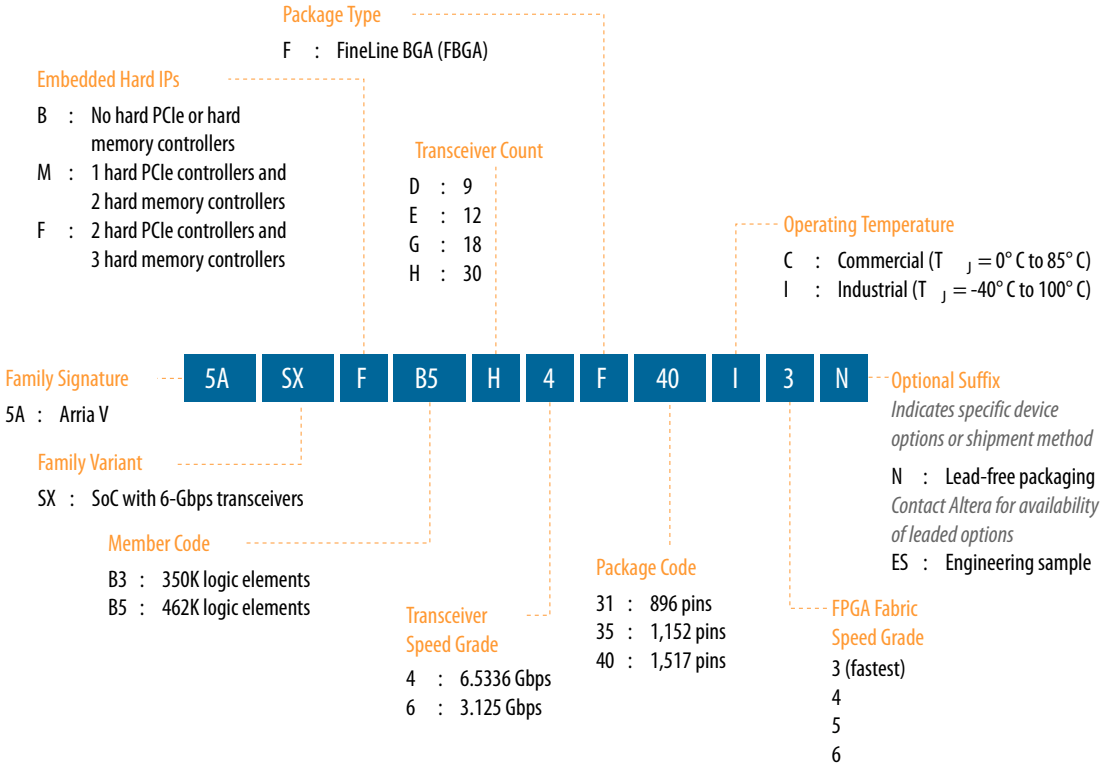
Available Options

Figure 4: Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria V SX Devices

The –3 FPGA fabric speed grade is available only for industrial temperature devices.



Maximum Resources

Table 10: Maximum Resource Counts for Arria V SX Devices

Resource		Member Code	
		B3	B5
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		350	462
ALM		132,075	174,340
Register		528,300	697,360
Memory (Kb)	M10K	17,290	22,820
	MLAB	2,014	2,658
Variable-precision DSP Block		809	1,090
18 x 18 Multiplier		1,618	2,180

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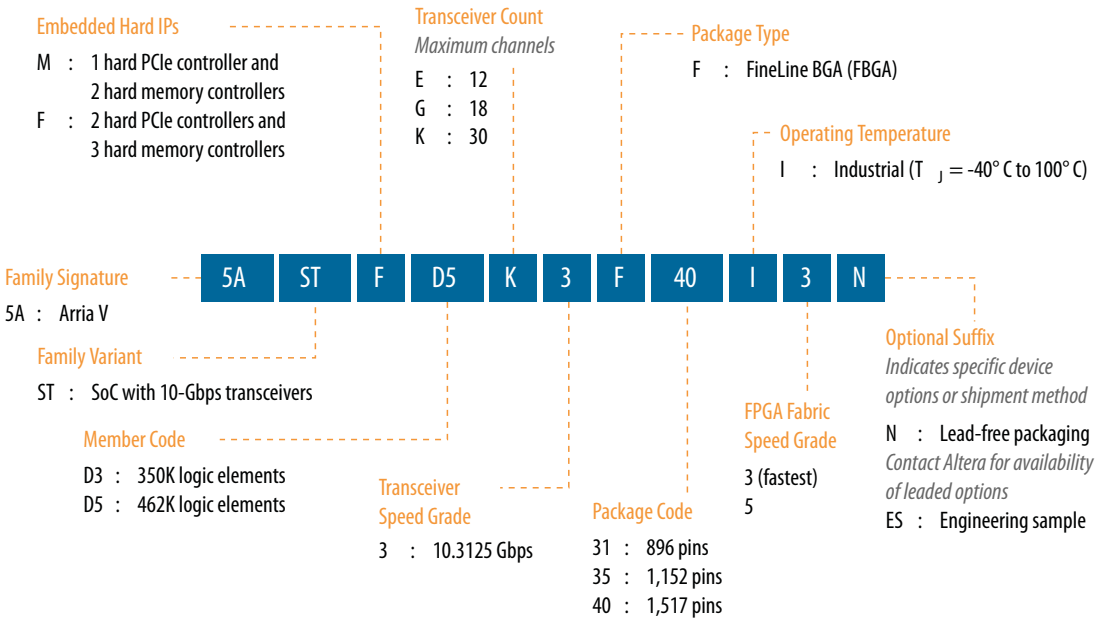
Available Options

Figure 5: Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria V ST Devices



Maximum Resources

Table 12: Maximum Resource Counts for Arria V ST Devices

Resource		Member Code	
		D3	D5
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		350	462
ALM		132,075	174,340
Register		528,300	697,360
Memory (Kb)	M10K	17,290	22,820
	MLAB	2,014	2,658
Variable-precision DSP Block		809	1,090
18 x 18 Multiplier		1,618	2,180
FPGA PLL		14	14
HPS PLL		3	3
Transceiver	6-Gbps	30	30
	10-Gbps[9]	16	16

Resource		Member Code	
		D3	D5
FPGA GPIO(10)		540	540
HPS I/O		208	208
LVDS	Transmitter	120	120
	Receiver	136	136
PCIe Hard IP Block		2	2
FPGA Hard Memory Controller		3	3
HPS Hard Memory Controller		1	1
ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor		Dual-core	Dual-core

Related Information

- **High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces and DPA in Arria V Devices chapter, Arria V Device Handbook**
  Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.
- **Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices**
  Describes 10 Gbps channels usage conditions and SFF-8431 compliance requirements.

Package Plan

Table 13: Package Plan for Arria V ST Devices

The HPS I/O counts are the number of I/Os in the HPS and does not correlate with the number of HPS-specific I/O pins in the FPGA. Each HPS-specific pin in the FPGA may be mapped to several HPS I/Os.

Member Code	F896 (31 mm)				F1152 (35 mm)				F1517 (40 mm)			
	FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR		FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR		FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR	
			6 Gbps	10 Gbps			6 Gbps	10 Gbps			6 Gbps	10 Gbps
D3	250	208	12	6	385	208	18	8	540	208	30	16
D5	250	208	12	6	385	208	18	8	540	208	30	16

(9) Chip-to-chip connections only. For 10 Gbps channel usage conditions, refer to the Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices chapter.

(10) The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

Related Information

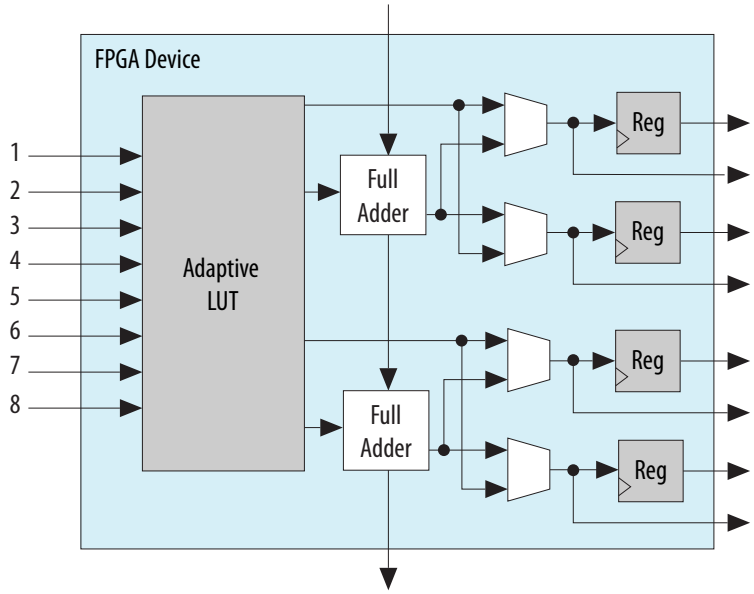
- **Managing Device I/O Pins chapter, Quartus Prime Handbook**
  Provides more information about vertical I/O migrations.
- **Power Management in Arria V Devices**
  Describes the power-up sequence required for Arria V GX and GT devices.

Adaptive Logic Module

Arria V devices use a 28 nm ALM as the basic building block of the logic fabric.

The ALM, as shown in following figure, uses an 8-input fracturable look-up table (LUT) with four dedicated registers to help improve timing closure in register-rich designs and achieve an even higher design packing capability than previous generations.

Figure 7: ALM for Arria V Devices



You can configure up to 50% of the ALMs in the Arria V devices as distributed memory using MLABs.

Related Information

Embedded Memory Capacity in Arria V Devices on page 20
Lists the embedded memory capacity for each device.

Variant	Member Code	M20K		M10K		MLAB		Total RAM Bit (Kb)
		Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	
Arria V ST	D3	—	—	1,729	17,290	3223	2,014	19,304
	D5	—	—	2,282	22,820	4253	2,658	25,478

Embedded Memory Configurations

Table 17: Supported Embedded Memory Block Configurations for Arria V Devices

This table lists the maximum configurations supported for the embedded memory blocks. The information is applicable only to the single-port RAM and ROM modes.

Memory Block	Depth (bits)	Programmable Width
MLAB	32	x16, x18, or x20
	64(11)	x10
M20K	512	x40
	1K	x20
	2K	x10
	4K	x5
	8K	x2
	16K	x1
M10K	256	x40 or x32
	512	x20 or x16
	1K	x10 or x8
	2K	x5 or x4
	4K	x2
	8K	x1

Clock Networks and PLL Clock Sources

650 MHz Arria V devices have 16 global clock networks capable of up to operation. The clock network architecture is based on Altera's global, quadrant, and peripheral clock structure. This clock structure is supported by dedicated clock input pins and fractional PLLs.

Note: To reduce power consumption, the Quartus Prime software identifies all unused sections of the clock network and powers them down.

(11) Available for Arria V GZ devices only.

PLL Features

The PLLs in the Arria V devices support the following features:

- Frequency synthesis
- On-chip clock deskew
- Jitter attenuation
- Counter reconfiguration
- Programmable output clock duty cycles
- PLL cascading
- Reference clock switchover
- Programmable bandwidth
- Dynamic phase shift
- Zero delay buffers

Fractional PLL

In addition to integer PLLs, the Arria V devices use a fractional PLL architecture. The devices have up to 16 PLLs, each with 18 output counters. One fractional PLL can use up to 18 output counters and two adjacent fractional PLLs share the 18 output counters. You can use the output counters to reduce PLL usage in two ways:

- Reduce the number of oscillators that are required on your board by using fractional PLLs
- Reduce the number of clock pins that are used in the device by synthesizing multiple clock frequencies from a single reference clock source

If you use the fractional PLL mode, you can use the PLLs for precision fractional-N frequency synthesis—removing the need for off-chip reference clock sources in your design.

The transceiver fractional PLLs that are not used by the transceiver I/Os can be used as general purpose fractional PLLs by the FPGA fabric.

FPGA General Purpose I/O

Arria V devices offer highly configurable GPIOs. The following list describes the features of the GPIOs:

- Programmable bus hold and weak pull-up
- LVDS output buffer with programmable differential output voltage (V_{OD}) and programmable pre-emphasis
- On-chip parallel termination (R_T OCT) for all I/O banks with OCT calibration to limit the termination impedance variation
- On-chip dynamic termination that has the ability to swap between series and parallel termination, depending on whether there is read or write on a common bus for signal integrity
- Unused voltage reference (`VREF`) pins that can be configured as user I/Os (Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST only)
- Easy timing closure support using the hard read FIFO in the input register path, and delay-locked loop (DLL) delay chain with fine and coarse architecture

Related Information

External Memory Interface Spec Estimator
For the latest information and to estimate the external memory system performance specification, use Altera's External Memory Interface Spec Estimator tool.

Low-Power Serial Transceivers

Arria V devices deliver the industry's lowest power consumption per transceiver channel:

- 12.5 Gbps transceivers at less than 170 mW
- 10 Gbps transceivers at less than 165 mW
- 6 Gbps transceivers at less than 105 mW

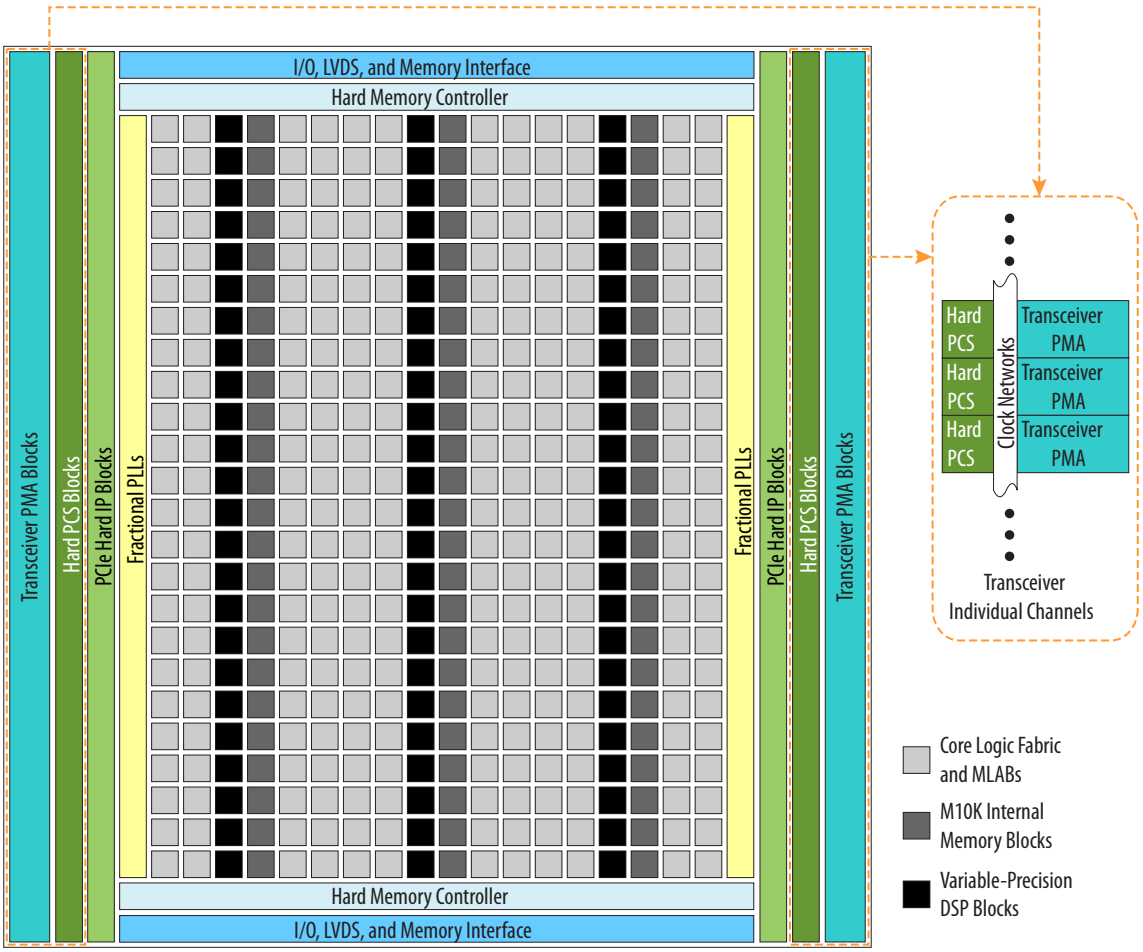
Arria V transceivers are designed to be compliant with a wide range of protocols and data rates.

Transceiver Channels

The transceivers are positioned on the left and right outer edges of the device. The transceiver channels consist of the physical medium attachment (PMA), physical coding sublayer (PCS), and clock networks.

The following figures are graphical representations of a top view of the silicon die, which corresponds to a reverse view for flip chip packages. Different Arria V devices may have different floorplans than the ones shown in the figures.

Figure 9: Device Chip Overview for Arria V GX and GT Devices



Features	Capability
PLL-based clock recovery	Superior jitter tolerance
Programmable serializer and deserializer (SERDES)	Flexible SERDES width
Equalization and pre-emphasis	• Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST devices—Up to 14.37 dB of pre-emphasis and up to 4.7 dB of equalization • Arria V GZ devices—4-tap pre-emphasis and de-emphasis
Ring oscillator transmit PLLs	611 Mbps to 10.3125 Gbps
LC oscillator ATX transmit PLLs (Arria V GZ devices only)	600 Mbps to 12.5 Gbps
Input reference clock range	27 MHz to 710 MHz
Transceiver dynamic reconfiguration	Allows the reconfiguration of a single channel without affecting the operation of other channels

PCS Features

The Arria V core logic connects to the PCS through an 8, 10, 16, 20, 32, 40, 64, 66, or 67 bit interface, depending on the transceiver data rate and protocol. Arria V devices contain PCS hard IP to support PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3, GbE, Serial RapidIO (SRIO), GPON, and CPRI.

All other standard and proprietary protocols within the following speed ranges are also supported:

- 611 Mbps to 6.5536 Gbps—supported through the custom double-width mode (up to 6.5536 Gbps) and custom single-width mode (up to 3.75 Gbps) of the transceiver PCS hard IP.
- 6.5536 Gbps to 10.3125 Gbps—supported through dedicated 80 or 64 bit interface that bypass the PCS hard IP and connects the PMA directly to the core logic. In Arria V GZ, this is supported in the transceiver PCS hard IP.

Table 21: Transceiver PCS Features for Arria V GX, GT, ST, and SX Devices

PCS Support[13]	Data Rates (Gbps)	Transmitter Data Path Feature	Receiver Data Path Feature
Custom single- and double-width modes	0.611 to ~6.5536	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder	• Word aligner • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO
SRIO	1.25 to 6.25		
Serial ATA	1.5, 3.0, 6.0		

[13] Data rates above 6.5536 Gbps up to 10.3125 Gbps, such as 10GBASE-R, are supported through the soft PCS.

PCS Support[13]	Data Rates (Gbps)	Transmitter Data Path Feature	Receiver Data Path Feature
PCIe Gen1 (x1, x2, x4, x8)	2.5 and 5.0	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder • PIPE 2.0 interface to the core logic	• Word aligner • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO • Rate match FIFO • PIPE 2.0 interface to the core logic
PCIe Gen2[14] (x1, x2, x4)			
GbE	1.25	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder	• Word aligner • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO • Rate match FIFO
XAUI[15]	3.125	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder • XAUI state machine for bonding four channels	• Word aligner • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO • XAUI state machine for realigning four channels • Deskew FIFO circuitry
SDI	0.27[16], 1.485, 2.97	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer	• Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO
GPON[17]	1.25 and 2.5		
CPRI[18]	0.6144 to 6.144	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder • TX deterministic latency	• Word aligner • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Phase compensation FIFO • RX deterministic latency

(13) Data rates above 6.5536 Gbps up to 10.3125 Gbps, such as 10GBASE-R, are supported through the soft PCS.
(14) PCIe Gen2 is supported only through the PCIe hard IP.
(15) XAUI is supported through the soft PCS.
(16) The 0.27 Gbps data rate is supported using oversampling user logic that you must implement in the FPGA fabric.
(17) The GPON standard does not support burst mode.
(18) CPRI data rates above 6.5536 Gbps, such as 9.8304 Gbps, are supported through the soft PCS.

Table 22: Transceiver PCS Features for Arria V GZ Devices

Protocol	Data Rates (Gbps)	Transmitter Data Path Features	Receiver Data Path Features
Custom PHY	0.6 to 9.80	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder • Bit-slip • Channel bonding	• Word aligner • Deskew FIFO • Rate match FIFO • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer • Byte ordering
GPON	1.25 and 2.5		
Custom 10G PHY	9.98 to 12.5	• TX FIFO • Gear box • Bit-slip	• RX FIFO • Gear box
PCIe Gen1 (x1, x2 x4, x8)	2.5 and 5.0	• Phase compensation FIFO • Byte serializer • 8B/10B encoder • Bit-slip • Channel bonding • PIPE 2.0 interface to core logic	• Word aligner • Deskew FIFO • Rate match FIFO • 8B/10B decoder • Byte deserializer, • Byte ordering • PIPE 2.0 interface to core logic
PCIe Gen2 (x1, x2, x4, x8)			
PCIe Gen3 (x1, x2, x4, x8)	8.0	• Phase compensation FIFO • 128B/130B encoder • Scrambler • Gear box • Bit-slip	• Block synchronization • Rate match FIFO • 128B/130B decoder • Descrambler • Phase compensation FIFO
10GbE	10.3125	• TX FIFO • 64B/66B encoder • Scrambler • Gear box	• RX FIFO • 64B/66B decoder • Descrambler • Block synchronization • Gear box
Interlaken	3.125 to 12.5	• TX FIFO • Frame generator • CRC-32 generator • Scrambler • Disparity generator • Gear box	• RX FIFO • Frame generator • CRC-32 checker • Frame decoder • Descrambler • Disparity checker • Block synchronization • Gear box

System Peripherals and Debug Access Port

Each Ethernet MAC, USB OTG, NAND flash controller, and SD/MMC controller module has an integrated DMA controller. For modules without an integrated DMA controller, an additional DMA controller module provides up to eight channels of high-bandwidth data transfers. Peripherals that communicate off-chip are multiplexed with other peripherals at the HPS pin level. This allows you to choose which peripherals to interface with other devices on your PCB.

The debug access port provides interfaces to industry standard JTAG debug probes and supports ARM CoreSight debug and core traces to facilitate software development.

HPS–FPGA AXI Bridges

The HPS–FPGA bridges, which support the Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA®) Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI™) specifications, consist of the following bridges:

- FPGA-to-HPS AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the FPGA fabric to issue transactions to slaves in the HPS.
- HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the HPS to issue transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric.
- Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge—a lower latency 32 bit width bus that allows the HPS to issue transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric. This bridge is primarily used for control and status register (CSR) accesses to peripherals in the FPGA fabric.

The HPS–FPGA AXI bridges allow masters in the FPGA fabric to communicate with slaves in the HPS logic, and vice versa. For example, the HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge allows you to share memories instantiated in the FPGA fabric with one or both microprocessors in the HPS, while the FPGA-to-HPS AXI bridge allows logic in the FPGA fabric to access the memory and peripherals in the HPS.

Each HPS–FPGA bridge also provides asynchronous clock crossing for data transferred between the FPGA fabric and the HPS.

HPS SDRAM Controller Subsystem

The HPS SDRAM controller subsystem contains a multiport SDRAM controller and DDR PHY that are shared between the FPGA fabric (through the FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface), the level 2 (L2) cache, and the level 3 (L3) system interconnect. The FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface supports AMBA AXI and Avalon® Memory-Mapped (Avalon-MM) interface standards, and provides up to six individual ports for access by masters implemented in the FPGA fabric.

To maximize memory performance, the SDRAM controller subsystem supports command and data reordering, deficit round-robin arbitration with aging, and high-priority bypass features. The SDRAM controller subsystem supports DDR2, DDR3, or LPDDR2 devices up to 4 Gb in density operating at up to 533 MHz (1066 Mbps data rate).

FPGA Configuration and Processor Booting

The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoC are powered independently. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power, or shut down the entire FPGA fabric to reduce total system power.

Partial Reconfiguration

Note: Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.

Partial reconfiguration allows you to reconfigure part of the device while other sections of the device remain operational. This capability is important in systems with critical uptime requirements because it allows you to make updates or adjust functionality without disrupting services.

Apart from lowering cost and power consumption, partial reconfiguration increases the effective logic density of the device because placing device functions that do not operate simultaneously is not necessary. Instead, you can store these functions in external memory and load them whenever the functions are required. This capability reduces the size of the device because it allows multiple applications on a single device—saving the board space and reducing the power consumption.

Altera simplifies the time-intensive task of partial reconfiguration by building this capability on top of the proven incremental compile and design flow in the Quartus Prime design software. With the Altera solution, you do not need to know all the intricate device architecture details to perform a partial reconfiguration.

Partial reconfiguration is supported through the FPP x16 configuration interface. You can seamlessly use partial reconfiguration in tandem with dynamic reconfiguration to enable simultaneous partial reconfiguration of both the device core and transceivers.

Enhanced Configuration and Configuration via Protocol

Table 23: Configuration Modes and Features of Arria V Devices

Arria V devices support 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.0 V, and 3.3 V[19] programming voltages and several configuration modes.

Mode	Data Width	Max Clock Rate (MHz)	Max Data Rate (Mbps)	Decompressio	Design Security	Partial Reconfiguratio[20]	Remote System Update
AS through the EPCS and EPCQ serial configuration device	1 bit, 4 bits	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
PS through CPLD or external microcontroller	1 bit	125	125	Yes	Yes	—	—

[19] Arria V GZ does not support 3.3 V.
[20] Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.

Mode	Data Width	Max Clock Rate (MHz)	Max Data Rate (Mbps)	Decompressio	Design Security	Partial Reconfiguratio (20)	Remote System Update
FPP	8 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	—	Parallel flash loader
	16 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	Yes(21)	
	32 bits(22)	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	
CvP (PCIe)	x1, x2, x4, and x8 lanes	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
JTAG	1 bit	33	33	—	—	—	—
Configuration via HPS	16 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	Yes (21)	Parallel flash loader
	32 bits	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	

Instead of using an external flash or ROM, you can configure the Arria V devices through PCIe using CvP. The CvP mode offers the fastest configuration rate and flexibility with the easy-to-use PCIe hard IP block interface. The Arria V CvP implementation conforms to the PCIe 100 ms power-up-to-active time requirement.

Note: Although Arria V GZ devices support PCIe Gen3, you can use only PCIe Gen1 and PCIe Gen2 for CvP configuration scheme.

Related Information

Configuration via Protocol (CvP) Implementation in Altera FPGAs User Guide
Provides more information about CvP.

Power Management

Leveraging the FPGA architectural features, process technology advancements, and transceivers that are designed for power efficiency, the Arria V devices consume less power than previous generation Arria V FPGAs:

- Total device core power consumption—less by up to 50%.
- Transceiver channel power consumption—less by up to 50%.

Additionally, Arria V devices contain several hard IP blocks, including PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3, GbE, SRIO, GPON, and CPRI protocols, that reduce logic resources and deliver substantial power savings of up to 25% less power than equivalent soft implementations.

(20) Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.
(21) Supported at a maximum clock rate of 62.5 MHz.
(22) Arria V GZ only

Document Revision History

Date	Version	Changes
December 2015	2015.12.21	• Updated RoHS and optional suffix information in sample ordering code and available options diagrams for Arria V GX and GT devices. • Changed instances of *Quartus II* to *Quartus Prime*.
January 2015	2015.01.23	• Updated package dimension for Arria V GZ H780 package from 29 mm to 33 mm. • Updated dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor maximum frequency from 800 MHz to 1.05 GHz.
December 2013	2013.12.26	• 10-Gbps Ethernet (10GbE) PCS and Interlaken PCS are for Arria V GZ only. • Removed "Preliminary" texts from Ordering Code figures, Maximum Resources, Package Plan and I/O Vertical Migration tables. • Added link to **Altera Product Selector** for each device variant. • Added leaded package options. • Removed the note "The number of PLLs includes general-purpose fractional PLLs and transceiver fractional PLLs." for all PLLs in the Maximum Resource Counts table. • Corrected FPGA GPIO for Arria V SX B3 and B5 as well as Arria V ST D3 and D5 F896 package from 170 to 250. • Corrected FPGA GPIO for Arria V SX B3 and B5 as well as Arria V ST D3 and D5 F1152 package from 350 to 385. • Corrected FPGA GPIO for Arria V SX B3 and B5 as well as Arria V ST D3 and D5 F1517 package from 528 to 540. • Corrected LVDS Transmitter for Arria V SX B3 and B5 as well as Arria V ST D3 and D5 devices from 121 to 120. • Added links to Altera's **External Memory Spec Estimator** tool to the topics listing the external memory interface performance. • Added x2 for PCIe Gen3, Gen 2, and Gen 1.
August 2013	2013.08.19	• Removed the note about the PCIe hard IP on the right side of the device in the F896 package of the Arria V GX variant. These devices do not have PCIe hard IP on the right side. • Added transceiver speed grade 6 to the available options of the Arria V SX variant. • Corrected the maximum LVDS transmitter channel counts for the Arria V GX A1 and A3 devices from 68 to 67. • Corrected the maximum FPGA GPIO count for Arria V ST D5 devices from 540 to 528.

Date	Version	Changes
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