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### Applications of [Embedded - DSP \(Digital Signal Processors\)](#)

#### Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Type	SC3850 Single Core
Interface	Ethernet, I <sup>2</sup> C, PCI, RGMII, Serial RapidIO, SGMII, SPI, UART/USART
Clock Rate	1GHz
Non-Volatile Memory	ROM (96kB)
On-Chip RAM	576kB
Voltage - I/O	2.50V
Voltage - Core	1.00V
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 105°C (TJ)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	783-BBGA, FCBGA
Supplier Device Package	783-FCPBGA (29x29)
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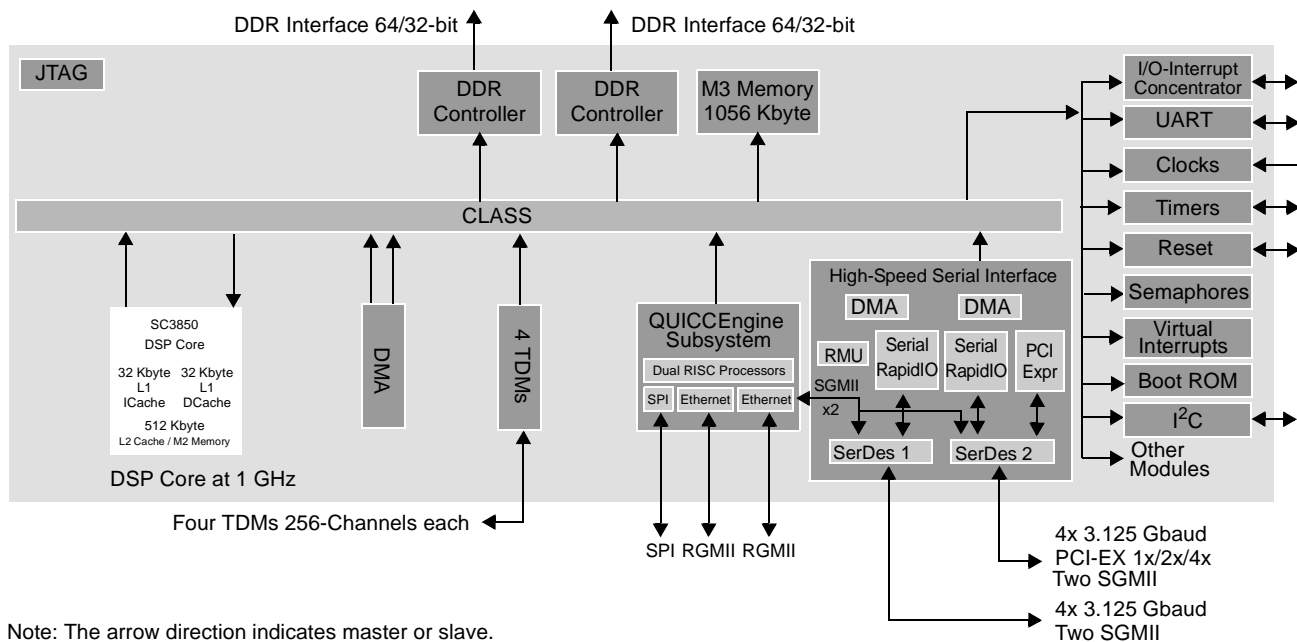


Figure 1. MSC8251 Block Diagram

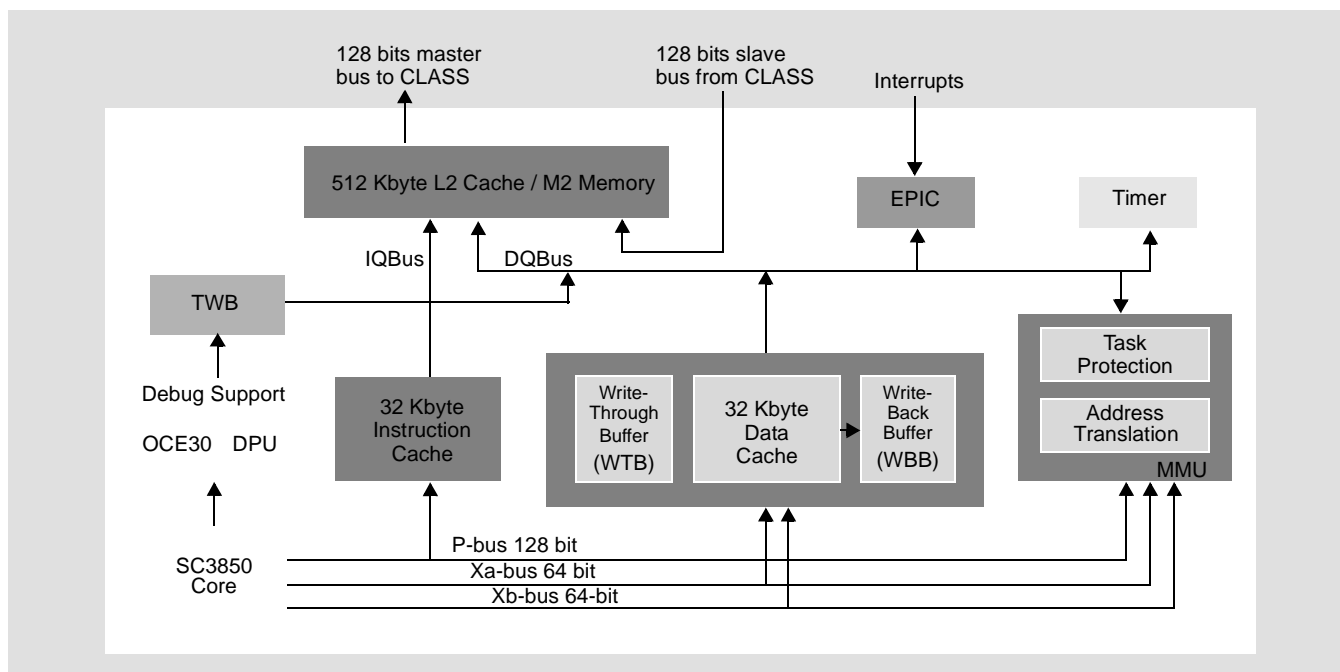


Figure 2. StarCore SC3850 DSP Subsystem Block Diagram

**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
B9	M2A13	O	GVDD2
B10	VSS	Ground	N/A
B11	GVDD2	Power	N/A
B12	M2CS1	O	GVDD2
B13	VSS	Ground	N/A
B14	GVDD2	Power	N/A
B15	M2DQ35	I/O	GVDD2
B16	VSS	Ground	N/A
B17	GVDD2	Power	N/A
B18	M2DQ51	I/O	GVDD2
B19	VSS	Ground	N/A
B20	GVDD2	Power	N/A
B21	Reserved	NC	—
B22	Reserved	NC	—
B23	SR1_TXD0	O	SXPVDD1
B24	SR1_TXD0	O	SXPVDD1
B25	SXCVDD1	Power	N/A
B26	SXCVSS1	Ground	N/A
B27	SR1_RXD0	I	SXCVDD1
B28	SR1_RXD0	I	SXCVDD1
C1	M2DQ28	I/O	GVDD2
C2	M2DM3	O	GVDD2
C3	M2DQ26	I/O	GVDD2
C4	M2ECC4	I/O	GVDD2
C5	M2DM8	O	GVDD2
C6	M2ECC2	I/O	GVDD2
C7	M2CKE1	O	GVDD2
C8	M2CK0	O	GVDD2
C9	M2CK0	O	GVDD2
C10	M2BA1	O	GVDD2
C11	M2A1	O	GVDD2
C12	M2WE	O	GVDD2
C13	M2DQ37	I/O	GVDD2
C14	M2DM4	O	GVDD2
C15	M2DQ36	I/O	GVDD2
C16	M2DQ32	I/O	GVDD2
C17	M2DQ55	I/O	GVDD2
C18	M2DM6	O	GVDD2
C19	M2DQ53	I/O	GVDD2
C20	M2DQ52	I/O	GVDD2
C21	Reserved	NC	—
C22	SR1_IMP_CAL_RX	I	SXCVDD1
C23	SXPVSS1	Ground	N/A
C24	SXPVDD1	Power	N/A
C25	SR1_REF_CLK	I	SXCVDD1
C26	SR1_REF_CLK	I	SXCVDD1

**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
H25	SXCVSS1	Ground	N/A
H26	SXCVDD1	Power	N/A
H27	SR1_RXD3/SG2_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD1
H28	SR1_RXD3/SG2_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD1
J1	M2DQS1	I/O	GVDD2
J2	M2DQS1	I/O	GVDD2
J3	M2DQ10	I/O	GVDD2
J4	M2DQ11	I/O	GVDD2
J5	M2DQ14	I/O	GVDD2
J6	M2DQ23	I/O	GVDD2
J7	M2ODT0	O	GVDD2
J8	M2A12	O	GVDD2
J9	M2A14	O	GVDD2
J10	VSS	Ground	N/A
J11	GVDD2	Power	N/A
J12	VSS	Ground	N/A
J13	GVDD2	Power	N/A
J14	VSS	Ground	N/A
J15	GVDD2	Power	N/A
J16	VSS	Ground	N/A
J17	GVDD2	Power	N/A
J18	VSS	Ground	N/A
J19	GVDD2	Power	N/A
J20	Reserved	NC	—
J21	Reserved	NC	—
J22	Reserved	NC	—
J23	SXPVDD1	Power	N/A
J24	SXPVSS1	Ground	N/A
J25	SXCVDD1	Power	N/A
J26	SXCVSS1	Ground	N/A
J27	SXCVDD1	Power	N/A
J28	SXCVSS1	Ground	N/A
K1	VSS	Ground	N/A
K2	GVDD2	Power	N/A
K3	M2DM1	O	GVDD2
K4	VSS	Ground	N/A
K5	GVDD2	Power	N/A
K6	M2DQ0	I/O	GVDD2
K7	VSS	Ground	N/A
K8	GVDD2	Power	N/A
K9	M2DQ5	I/O	GVDD2
K10	VSS	Ground	N/A
K11	VDD	Power	N/A
K12	VSS	Ground	N/A
K13	VDD	Power	N/A
K14	VSS	Ground	N/A

**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
K15	VDD	Power	N/A
K16	VSS	Ground	N/A
K17	VSS	Ground	N/A
K18	VSS	Ground	N/A
K19	VDD	Power	N/A
K20	Reserved	NC	—
K21	Reserved	NC	—
K22	Reserved	NC	—
K23	SXPVDD2	Power	N/A
K24	SXPVSS2	Ground	N/A
K25	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
K26	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
K27	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
K28	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
L1	M2DQ9	I/O	GVDD2
L2	M2DQ12	I/O	GVDD2
L3	M2DQ13	I/O	GVDD2
L4	M2DQS0	I/O	GVDD2
L5	M2DQS0	I/O	GVDD2
L6	M2DM0	O	GVDD2
L7	M2DQ3	I/O	GVDD2
L8	M2DQ2	I/O	GVDD2
L9	M2DQ4	I/O	GVDD2
L10	VDD	Power	N/A
L11	VSS	Ground	N/A
L12	M3VDD	Power	N/A
L13	VSS	Ground	N/A
L14	VSS	Ground	N/A
L15	VSS	Ground	N/A
L16	VSS	Ground	N/A
L17	VSS	Ground	N/A
L18	VDD	Power	N/A
L19	VSS	Ground	N/A
L20	Reserved	NC	—
L21	Reserved	NC	—
L22	Reserved	NC	—
L23	SR2_TXD3/PE_TXD3/SG2_TX <sup>4</sup>	O	SXPVDD2
L24	SR2_TXD3/PE_TXD3/SG2_TX <sup>4</sup>	O	SXPVDD2
L25	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
L26	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
L27	SR2_RXD3/PE_RXD3/SG2_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD2
L28	SR2_RXD3/PE_RXD3/SG2_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD2
M1	M2DQ8	I/O	GVDD2
M2	VSS	Ground	N/A
M3	GVDD2	Power	N/A
M4	M2DQ15	I/O	GVDD2

**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
N23	SR2_TXD2/PE_TXD2/SG1_TX <sup>4</sup>	O	SXPVDD2
N24	SR2_TXD2/PE_TXD2/SG1_TX <sup>4</sup>	O	SXPVDD2
N25	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
N26	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
N27	SR2_RXD2/PE_RXD2/SG1_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD2
N28	SR2_RXD2/PE_RXD2/SG1_RX <sup>4</sup>	I	SXCVDD2
P1	CLKIN	I	QVDD
P2	EE0	I	QVDD
P3	QVDD	Power	N/A
P4	VSS	Ground	N/A
P5	STOP_BS	I	QVDD
P6	QVDD	Power	N/A
P7	VSS	Ground	N/A
P8	PLL0_AVDD <sup>9</sup>	Power	VDD
P9	PLL2_AVDD <sup>9</sup>	Power	VDD
P10	VSS	Ground	N/A
P11	VDD	Power	N/A
P12	VSS	Ground	N/A
P13	VDD	Power	N/A
P14	VSS	Ground	N/A
P15	VSS	Ground	N/A
P16	VSS	Ground	N/A
P17	VSS	Ground	N/A
P18	VSS	Ground	N/A
P19	VDD	Power	N/A
P20	Reserved	NC	—
P21	Reserved	NC	—
P22	Reserved	NC	—
P23	SXPVDD2	Power	N/A
P24	SXPVSS2	Ground	N/A
P25	SR2_PLL_AGND <sup>9</sup>	Ground	SXCVSS2
P26	SR2_PLL_AVDD <sup>9</sup>	Power	SXCVDD2
P27	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
P28	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
R1	VSS	Ground	N/A
R2	NMI	I	QVDD
R3	NMI_OUT <sup>6</sup>	O	QVDD
R4	HRESET <sup>6,7</sup>	I/O	QVDD
R5	INT_OUT <sup>6</sup>	O	QVDD
R6	EE1	O	QVDD
R7	VSS	Ground	N/A
R8	PLL1_AVDD <sup>9</sup>	Power	VDD
R9	VSS	Ground	N/A
R10	VDD	Power	N/A
R11	VSS	Non-user	N/A
R12	VDD	Power	N/A

**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
V21	RCW_LSEL_3/RC20	I/O	NVDD
V22	RCW_LSEL_2/RC19	I/O	NVDD
V23	SXPVDD2	Power	N/A
V24	SXPVSS2	Ground	N/A
V25	RCW_LSEL_1/RC18	I/O	NVDD
V26	RC21	I	NVDD
V27	SXCVDD2	Power	N/A
V28	SXCVSS2	Ground	N/A
W1	VSS	Ground	N/A
W2	GVDD1	Power	N/A
W3	M1DM1	O	GVDD1
W4	VSS	Ground	N/A
W5	GVDD1	Power	N/A
W6	M1DQ0	I/O	GVDD1
W7	VSS	Ground	N/A
W8	GVDD1	Power	N/A
W9	M1DQ5	I/O	GVDD1
W10	VDD	Power	N/A
W11	VSS	Ground	N/A
W12	VDD	Power	N/A
W13	VSS	Ground	N/A
W14	VDD	Power	N/A
W15	VSS	Ground	N/A
W16	VDD	Power	N/A
W17	VSS	Ground	N/A
W18	VDD	Power	N/A
W19	VSS	Ground	N/A
W20	VSS	Ground	N/A
W21	RCW_LSEL0/RC17	I/O	NVDD
W22	GPIO19/SPI_MISO <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
W23	VSS	Ground	N/A
W24	NVDD	Power	N/A
W25	GPIO11/IRQ11/RC11 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
W26	GPIO3/DRQ1/IRQ3/RC3 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
W27	GPIO7/IRQ7/RC7 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
W28	GPIO2/IRQ2/RC2 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y1	M1DQS1	I/O	GVDD1
Y2	M1DQS1	I/O	GVDD1
Y3	M1DQ10	I/O	GVDD1
Y4	M1DQ11	I/O	GVDD1
Y5	M1DQ14	I/O	GVDD1
Y6	M1DQ23	I/O	GVDD1
Y7	M1ODT0	O	GVDD1
Y8	M1A12	O	GVDD1
Y9	M1A14	O	GVDD1
Y10	VSS	Ground	N/A

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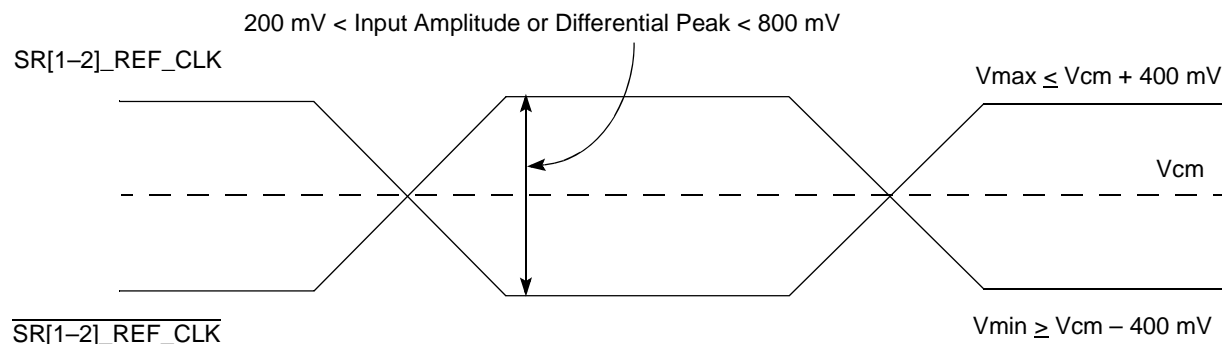
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Y11	GVDD1	Power	N/A
Y12	VSS	Ground	N/A
Y13	GVDD1	Power	N/A
Y14	VSS	Ground	N/A
Y15	GVDD1	Power	N/A
Y16	VSS	Ground	N/A
Y17	GVDD1	Power	N/A
Y18	VSS	Ground	N/A
Y19	GVDD1	Power	N/A
Y20	VSS	Ground	N/A
Y21	NVDD	Power	N/A
Y22	GPIO20/SPI_SL <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y23	GPIO17/SPI_SCK <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y24	GPIO14/DRQ0/IRQ14/RC14 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y25	GPIO12/IRQ12/RC12 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y26	GPIO8/IRQ8/RC8 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
Y27	NVDD	Power	N/A
Y28	VSS	Ground	N/A
AA1	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AA2	VSS	Ground	N/A
AA3	M1DQ18	I/O	GVDD1
AA4	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AA5	VSS	Ground	N/A
AA6	M1DQ20	I/O	GVDD1
AA7	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AA8	VSS	Ground	N/A
AA9	M1A15	O	GVDD1
AA10	M1CK2	O	GVDD1
AA11	M1MDIC0	I/O	GVDD1
AA12	M1VREF	I	GVDD1
AA13	M1MDIC1	I/O	GVDD1
AA14	M1DQ46	I/O	GVDD1
AA15	M1DQ47	I/O	GVDD1
AA16	M1DQ45	I/O	GVDD1
AA17	M1DQ41	I/O	GVDD1
AA18	M1DQ62	I/O	GVDD1
AA19	M1DQ63	I/O	GVDD1
AA20	M1DQ61	I/O	GVDD1
AA21	VSS	Ground	N/A
AA22	GPIO21 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA23	GPIO18/SPI_MOSI <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA24	GPIO16/RC16 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA25	GPIO4/DDN1/IRQ4/RC4 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA26	GPIO9/IRQ9/RC9 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA27	GPIO6/IRQ6/RC6 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AA28	GPIO1/IRQ1/RC1 <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD



**Table 1. Signal List by Ball Number (continued)**

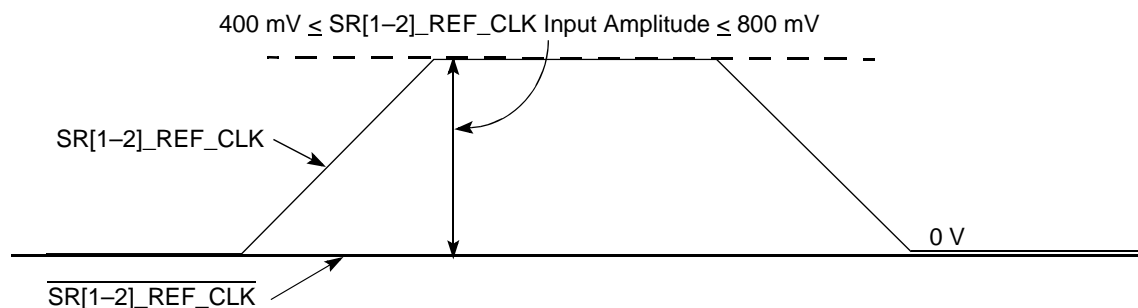
Ball Number	Signal Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Pin Type <sup>10</sup>	Power Rail Name
AE9	M1A8	O	GVDD1
AE10	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AE11	VSS	Ground	N/A
AE12	M1A0	O	GVDD1
AE13	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AE14	VSS	Ground	N/A
AE15	M1DQ39	I/O	GVDD1
AE16	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AE17	VSS	Ground	N/A
AE18	M1DQ54	I/O	GVDD1
AE19	GVDD1	Power	N/A
AE20	VSS	Ground	N/A
AE21	GPIO29/UART_TXD <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AE22	TDM1TCK/GE2_RX_CLK <sup>3</sup>	I	NVDD
AE23	TDM1RSN/GE2_RX_CTL <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AE24	VSS	Ground	N/A
AE25	TDM3RCK/GE1_GTX_CLK <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AE26	TDM3TSN/GE1_RX_CLK <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AE27	TDM2RSN/GE1_TD2 <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AE28	TDM2RDT/GE1_TD1 <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AF1	M1DQ28	I/O	GVDD1
AF2	M1DM3	O	GVDD1
AF3	M1DQ26	I/O	GVDD1
AF4	M1ECC4	I/O	GVDD1
AF5	M1DM8	O	GVDD1
AF6	M1ECC2	I/O	GVDD1
AF7	M1CKE1	O	GVDD1
AF8	M1CK0	O	GVDD1
AF9	M1CK0	O	GVDD1
AF10	M1BA1	O	GVDD1
AF11	M1A1	O	GVDD1
AF12	M1WE	O	GVDD1
AF13	M1DQ37	I/O	GVDD1
AF14	M1DM4	O	GVDD1
AF15	M1DQ36	I/O	GVDD1
AF16	M1DQ32	I/O	GVDD1
AF17	M1DQ55	I/O	GVDD1
AF18	M1DM6	O	GVDD1
AF19	M1DQ53	I/O	GVDD1
AF20	M1DQ52	I/O	GVDD1
AF21	GPIO28/UART_RXD <sup>5,8</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AF22	TDM0RSN/GE2_TD2 <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AF23	TDM0TDT/GE2_TD3 <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AF24	NVDD	Power	N/A
AF25	TDM2TSN/GE1_TX_CTL <sup>3</sup>	I/O	NVDD
AF26	GE1_RX_CTL	I	NVDD

- For an external AC-coupled connection, there is no common mode voltage requirement for the clock driver. Because the external AC-coupling capacitor blocks the DC-level, the clock driver and the SerDes reference clock receiver operate in different command mode voltages. The SerDes reference clock receiver in this connection scheme has its common mode voltage set to  $GND_{SXC}$ . Each signal wire of the differential inputs is allowed to swing below and above the command mode voltage  $GND_{SXC}$ . Figure 8 shows the SerDes reference clock input requirement for AC-coupled connection scheme.



**Figure 8. Differential Reference Clock Input DC Requirements (External AC-Coupled)**

- Single-Ended Mode
  - The reference clock can also be single-ended. The SR[1-2]\_REF\_CLK input amplitude (single-ended swing) must be between 400 mV and 800 mV peak-peak (from  $V_{MIN}$  to  $V_{MAX}$ ) with  $\overline{SR[1-2]_REF\_CLK}$  either left unconnected or tied to ground.
  - The SR[1-2]\_REF\_CLK input average voltage must be between 200 and 400 mV. Figure 9 shows the SerDes reference clock input requirement for single-ended signalling mode.
  - To meet the input amplitude requirement, the reference clock inputs may need to be DC- or AC-coupled externally. For the best noise performance, the reference of the clock could be DC- or AC-coupled into the unused phase ( $\overline{SR[1-2]_REF\_CLK}$ ) through the same source impedance as the clock input (SR[1-2]\_REF\_CLK) in use.



**Figure 9. Single-Ended Reference Clock Input DC Requirements**

### 2.5.3.2 DC-Level Requirements for PCI Express Configurations

The DC-level requirements for PCI Express implementations have separate requirements for the Tx and Rx lines. The MSC8251 supports a 2.5 Gbps PCI Express interface defined by the *PCI Express Base Specification, Revision 1.0a*. The transmitter specifications are defined in Table 11 and the receiver specifications are defined in Table 12.

## 2.5.4 RGMII and Other Interface DC Electrical Characteristics

Table 17 describes the DC electrical characteristics for the following interfaces:

- RGMII Ethernet
- SPI
- TDM
- GPIO
- UART
- TIMER
- EE
- I<sup>2</sup>C
- Interrupts ( $\overline{\text{IRQn}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{NMI\_OUT}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{INT\_OUT}}$ )
- Clock and resets ( $\overline{\text{CLKIN}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{PORESET}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{HRESET}}$ ,  $\overline{\text{SRESET}}$ )
- DMA External Request
- JTAG signals

**Table 17. 2.5 V I/O DC Electrical Characteristics**

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit	Notes
Input high voltage	$V_{IH}$	1.7	—	V	1
Input low voltage	$V_{IL}$	—	0.7	V	1
Input high current ( $V_{IN} = V_{DDIO}$ )	$I_{IN}$	—	30	$\mu\text{A}$	2
Output high voltage ( $V_{DDIO} = \text{min}$ , $I_{OH} = -1.0 \text{ mA}$ )	$V_{OH}$	2.0	$V_{DDIO} + 0.3$	V	1
Output low voltage ( $V_{DDIO} = \text{min}$ , $I_{OL} = 1.0 \text{ mA}$ )	$V_{OL}$	$\text{GND} - 0.3$	0.40	V	1
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The min <math>V_{IL}</math> and max <math>V_{IH}</math> values are based on the respective min and max <math>V_{IN}</math> values listed in Table 3.</li> <li>2. The symbol <math>V_{IN}</math> represents the input voltage of the supply. It is referenced in Table 3.</li> </ol>					

Figure 13 shows the DDR SDRAM output timing diagram.

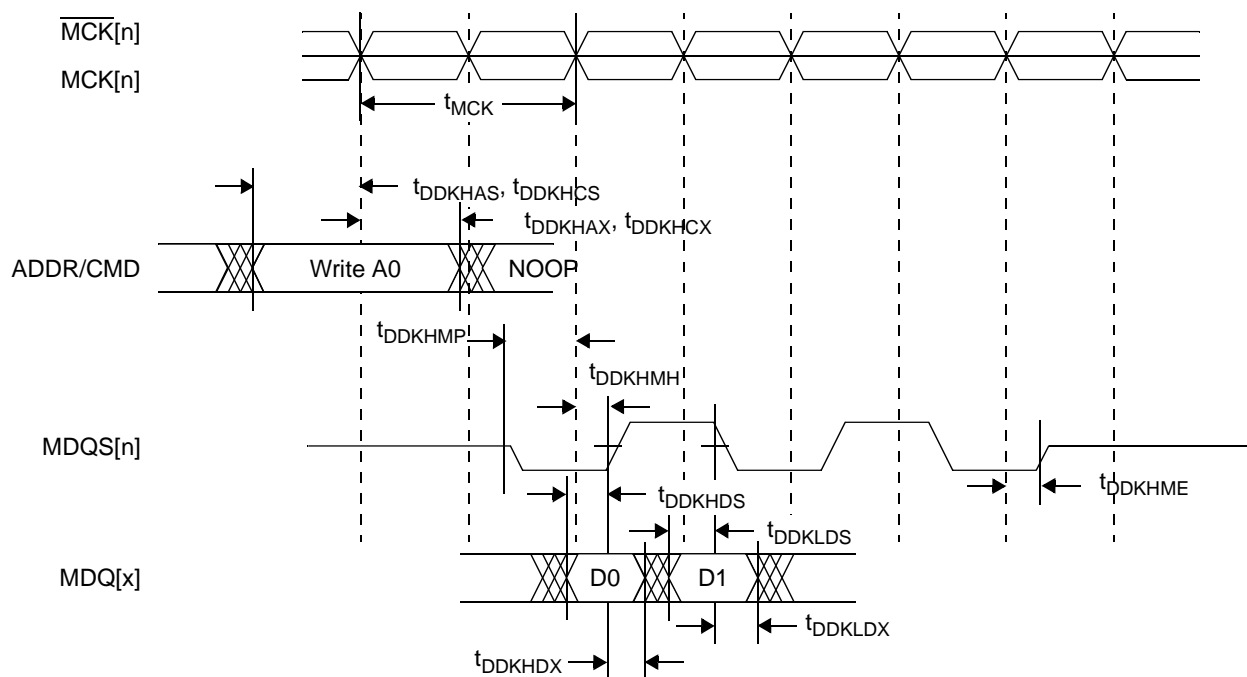


Figure 13. DDR SDRAM Output Timing

Figure 14 provides the AC test load for the DDR2 and DDR3 controller bus.

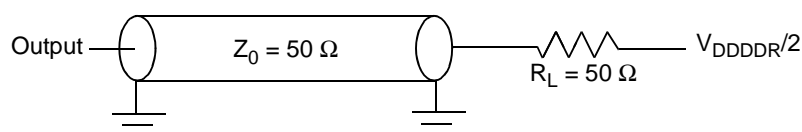


Figure 14. DDR2 and DDR3 Controller Bus AC Test Load

### 2.6.1.3 DDR2 and DDR3 SDRAM Differential Timing Specifications

This section describes the DC and AC differential timing specifications for the DDR2 and DDR3 SDRAM controller interface. Figure 15 shows the differential timing specification.

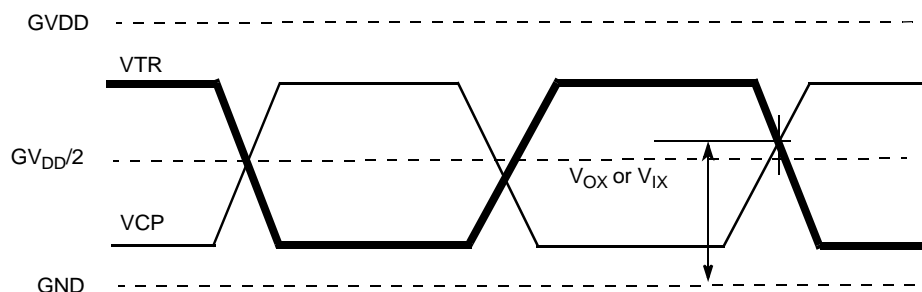


Figure 15. DDR2 and DDR3 SDRAM Differential Timing Specifications

**Note:** VTR specifies the true input signal (such as MCK or MDQS) and VCP is the complementary input signal (such as  $\overline{\text{MCK}}$  or  $\overline{\text{MDQS}}$ ).

## 2.6.2.2 PCI Express AC Physical Layer Specifications

The AC requirements for PCI Express implementations have separate requirements for the Tx and Rx lines. The MSC8251 supports a 2.5 Gbps PCI Express interface defined by the *PCI Express Base Specification, Revision 1.0a*. The transmitter specifications are defined in Table 25 and the receiver specifications are defined in Table 26. The parameters are specified at the component pins. the AC timing specifications do not include REF\_CLK jitter.

**Note:** Specifications are valid at the recommended operating conditions listed in Table 3.

**Table 25. PCI Express (2.5 Gbps) Differential Transmitter (Tx) Output AC Specifications**

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units	Notes
Unit interval	UI	399.88	400.00	400.12	ps	1
Minimum Tx eye width	$T_{TX-EYE}$	0.70	—	—	UI	2, 3
Maximum time between the jitter median and maximum deviation from the median.	$T_{TX-EYE-MEDIAN-to-MAX-JITTER}$	—	—	0.15	UI	3, 4
AC coupling capacitor	$C_{TX}$	75	—	200	nF	5
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each UI is 400 ps <math>\pm</math> 300 ppm. UI does not account for spread spectrum clock dictated variations. No test load is necessarily associated with this value.</li> <li>The maximum transmitter jitter can be derived as <math>T_{TX-MAX-JITTER} = 1 - T_{TX-EYE} = 0.3</math> UI.</li> <li>Specified at the measurement point into a timing and voltage compliance test load as shown in Figure 8 and measured over any 250 consecutive Tx UIs. A <math>T_{TX-EYE} = 0.70</math> UI provides for a total sum of deterministic and random jitter budget of <math>T_{TX-JITTER-MAX} = 0.30</math> UI for the transmitter collected over any 250 consecutive Tx UIs. The <math>T_{TX-EYE-MEDIAN-to-MAX-JITTER}</math> median is less than half of the total Tx jitter budget collected over any 250 consecutive Tx UIs. It should be noted that the median is not the same as the mean. The jitter median describes the point in time where the number of jitter points on either side is approximately equal as opposed to the averaged time value. Jitter is defined as the measurement variation of the crossing points (<math>V_{TX-DIFFP-p} = 0</math> V) in relation to a recovered Tx UI. A recovered Tx UI is calculated over 3500 consecutive unit intervals of sample data.</li> <li>Jitter is measured using all edges of the 250 consecutive UI in the center of the 3500 UI used for calculating the Tx UI.</li> <li>All transmitters shall be AC-coupled. The AC coupling is required either within the media or within the transmitting component itself. The SerDes transmitter does not have built-in Tx capacitance. An external AC coupling capacitor is required.</li> </ol>						

**Table 26. PCI Express (2.5 Gbps) Differential Receiver (Rx) Input AC Specifications**

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units	Notes
Unit Interval	UI	399.88	400.00	400.12	ps	1
Minimum receiver eye width	$T_{RX-EYE}$	0.4	—	—	UI	2, 3, 4
Maximum time between the jitter median and maximum deviation from the median.	$T_{RX-EYE-MEDIAN-to-MAX-JITTER}$	—	—	0.3	UI	3, 4, 5
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each UI is 400 ps <math>\pm</math> 300 ppm. UI does not account for spread spectrum clock dictated variations. No test load is necessarily associated with this value.</li> <li>The maximum interconnect media and transmitter jitter that can be tolerated by the receiver can be derived as <math>T_{RX-MAX-JITTER} = 1 - T_{RX-EYE} = 0.6</math> UI.</li> <li>Specified at the measurement point and measured over any 250 consecutive UIs. The test load in Figure 8 should be used as the Rx device when taking measurements. If the clocks to the Rx and Tx are not derived from the same reference clock, the Tx UI recovered from 3500 consecutive UI must be used as a reference for the eye diagram.</li> <li>A <math>T_{RX-EYE} = 0.40</math> UI provides for a total sum of 0.60 UI deterministic and random jitter budget for the transmitter and interconnect collected any 250 consecutive UIs. The <math>T_{RX-EYE-MEDIAN-to-MAX-JITTER}</math> specification ensures a jitter distribution in which the median and the maximum deviation from the median is less than half of the total. UI jitter budget collected over any 250 consecutive Tx UIs. It should be noted that the median is not the same as the mean. The jitter median describes the point in time where the number of jitter points on either side is approximately equal as opposed to the averaged time value. If the clocks to the Rx and Tx are not derived from the same reference clock, the Tx UI recovered from 3500 consecutive UI must be used as the reference for the eye diagram.</li> <li>Jitter is defined as the measurement variation of the crossing points (<math>V_{RX-DIFFP-p} = 0</math> V) in relation to a recovered Tx UI. A recovered Tx UI is calculated over 3500 consecutive unit intervals of sample data. Jitter is measured using all edges of the 250 consecutive UI in the center of the 3500 UI used for calculating the Tx UI. It is recommended that the recovered Tx UI is calculated using all edges in the 3500 consecutive UI interval with a fit algorithm using a minimization merit function. Least squares and median deviation fits have worked well with experimental and simulated data.</li> </ol>						

### 2.6.2.3 Serial RapidIO AC Timing Specifications

**Note:** Specifications are valid at the recommended operating conditions listed in Table 3.

Table 27 defines the transmitter AC specifications for the Serial RapidIO interface. The AC timing specifications do not include REF\_CLK jitter.

**Table 27. Serial RapidIO Transmitter AC Timing Specifications**

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Deterministic Jitter	$J_D$	—	—	0.17	UI p-p
Total Jitter	$J_T$	—	—	0.35	UI p-p
Unit Interval: 1.25 GBaud	UI	800 – 100ppm	800	800 + 100ppm	ps
Unit Interval: 2.5 GBaud	UI	400 – 100ppm	400	400 + 100ppm	ps
Unit Interval: 3.125 GBaud	UI	320 – 100ppm	320	320 + 100ppm	ps

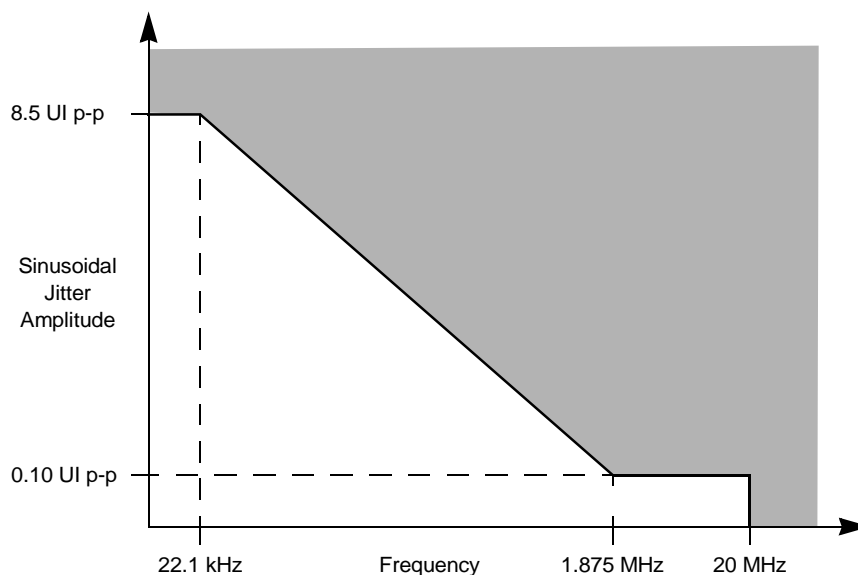
Table 28 defines the Receiver AC specifications for the Serial RapidIO interface. The AC timing specifications do not include REF\_CLK jitter.

**Table 28. Serial RapidIO Receiver AC Timing Specifications**

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	Notes
Deterministic Jitter Tolerance	$J_D$	0.37	—	—	UI p-p	1
Combined Deterministic and Random Jitter Tolerance	$J_{DR}$	0.55	—	—	UI p-p	1
Total Jitter Tolerance	$J_T$	0.65	—	—	UI p-p	1, 2
Bit Error Rate	BER	—	—	$10^{-12}$	—	—
Unit Interval: 1.25 GBaud	UI	800 – 100ppm	800	800 + 100ppm	ps	—
Unit Interval: 2.5 GBaud	UI	400 – 100ppm	400	400 + 100ppm	ps	—
Unit Interval: 3.125 GBaud	UI	320 – 100ppm	320	320 + 100ppm	ps	—

**Notes:**

1. Measured at receiver.
2. Total jitter is composed of three components, deterministic jitter, random jitter, and single frequency sinusoidal jitter. The sinusoidal jitter may have any amplitude and frequency in the unshaded region of Figure 18. The sinusoidal jitter component is included to ensure margin for low frequency jitter, wander, noise, crosstalk, and other variable system effects.



**Figure 18. Single Frequency Sinusoidal Jitter Limits**

## 2.6.2.4 SGMII AC Timing Specifications

**Note:** Specifications are valid at the recommended operating conditions listed in Table 3.

Transmitter and receiver AC characteristics are measured at the transmitter outputs (SR[1–2]\_TX[n] and  $\overline{\text{SR}}[1–2]_{\overline{\text{TX}}[n]}$ ) or at the receiver inputs (SR[1–2]\_RX[n] and  $\overline{\text{SR}}[1–2]_{\overline{\text{RX}}[n]}$ ) as depicted in Figure 19, respectively.

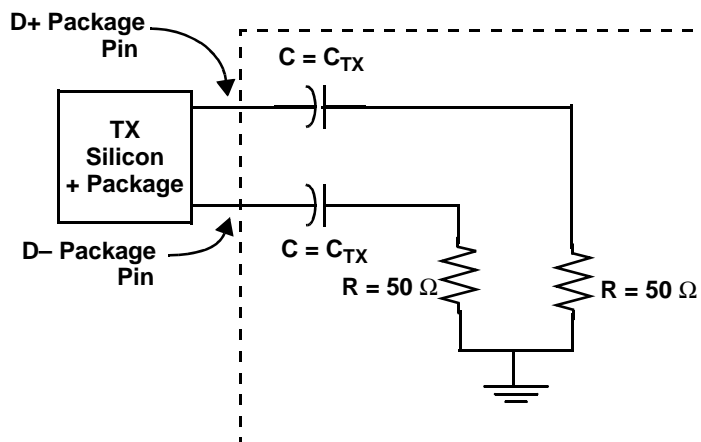


Figure 19. SGMII AC Test/Measurement Load

Table 29 provides the SGMII transmit AC timing specifications. A source synchronous clock is not supported. The AC timing specifications do not include REF\_CLK jitter.

Table 29. SGMII Transmit AC Timing Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Notes
Deterministic Jitter	JD	—	—	0.17	UI p-p	—
Total Jitter	JT	—	—	0.35	UI p-p	2
Unit Interval	UI	799.92	800	800.08	ps	1
<b>Notes:</b> 1. See Figure 18 for single frequency sinusoidal jitter limits 2. Each UI is 800 ps $\pm$ 100 ppm.						

Table 30 provides the SGMII receiver AC timing specifications. The AC timing specifications do not include REF\_CLK jitter.

Table 30. SGMII Receive AC Timing Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Notes
Deterministic Jitter Tolerance	JD	0.37	—	—	UI p-p	1, 2
Combined Deterministic and Random Jitter Tolerance	JDR	0.55	—	—	UI p-p	1, 2
Total Jitter Tolerance	JT	0.65	—	—	UI p-p	1, 2
Bit Error Ratio	BER	—	—	$10^{-12}$	—	—
Unit Interval	UI	799.92	800.00	800.08	ps	3
<b>Notes:</b> 1. Measured at receiver. 2. Refer to RapidIO™ 1x/4x LP Serial Physical Layer Specification for interpretation of jitter specifications. Also see Figure 18. 3. Each UI is 800 ps $\pm$ 100 ppm.						

## 2.6.6 SPI Timing

Table 36 lists the SPI input and output AC timing specifications.

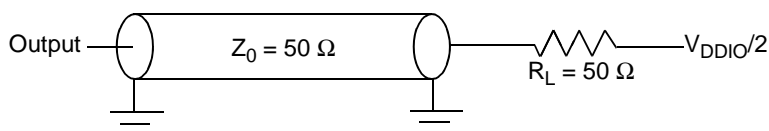
**Table 36. SPI AC Timing Specifications**

Parameter	Symbol <sup>1</sup>	Min	Max	Unit	Note
SPI outputs valid—Master mode (internal clock) delay	$t_{\text{NIKHOV}}$	—	6	ns	2
SPI outputs hold—Master mode (internal clock) delay	$t_{\text{NIKHOX}}$	0.5	—	ns	2
SPI outputs valid—Slave mode (external clock) delay	$t_{\text{NEKHOV}}$	—	12	ns	2
SPI outputs hold—Slave mode (external clock) delay	$t_{\text{NEKHOX}}$	2	—	ns	2
SPI inputs—Master mode (internal clock) input setup time	$t_{\text{NIIVKH}}$	12	—	ns	—
SPI inputs—Master mode (internal clock) input hold time	$t_{\text{NIIXKH}}$	0	—	ns	—
SPI inputs—Slave mode (external clock) input setup time	$t_{\text{NEIVKH}}$	4	—	ns	—
SPI inputs—Slave mode (external clock) input hold time	$t_{\text{NEIXKH}}$	2	—	ns	—

**Notes:**

- The symbols used for timing specifications follow the pattern of  $t_{\text{(first two letters of functional block)(signal)(state) (reference)(state)}}$  for inputs and  $t_{\text{(first two letters of functional block)(reference)(state)(signal)(state)}}$  for outputs. For example,  $t_{\text{NIKHOX}}$  symbolizes the internal timing (NI) for the time SPICLK clock reference (K) goes to the high state (H) until outputs (O) are invalid (X).
- Output specifications are measured from the 50% level of the rising edge of SPICLK to the 50% level of the signal. Timings are measured at the pin.

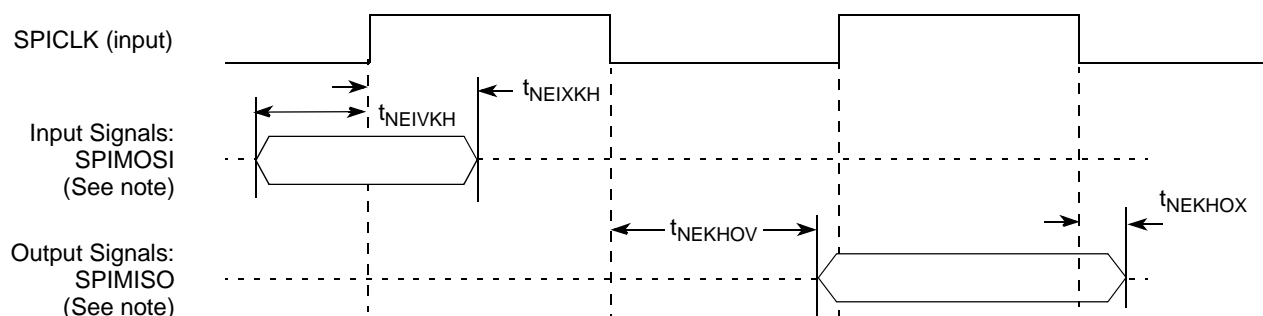
Figure 26 provides the AC test load for the SPI.



**Figure 26. SPI AC Test Load**

Figure 27 and Figure 28 represent the AC timings from Table 36. Note that although the specifications generally reference the rising edge of the clock, these AC timing diagrams also apply when the falling edge is the active edge.

Figure 27 shows the SPI timings in slave mode (external clock).



**Note:** measured with  $\text{SPMODE}[\text{CI}] = 0$ ,  $\text{SPMODE}[\text{CP}] = 0$

**Figure 27. SPI AC Timing in Slave Mode (External Clock)**

Figure 28 shows the SPI timings in master mode (internal clock).



## 3.5 Connectivity Guidelines

**Note:** Although the package actually uses a ball grid array, the more conventional term pin is used to denote signal connections in this discussion.

First, select the pin multiplexing mode to allocate the required I/O signals. Then use the guidelines presented in the following subsections for board design and connections. The following conventions are used in describing the connectivity requirements:

1. GND indicates using a 10 k $\Omega$  pull-down resistor (recommended) or a direct connection to the ground plane. Direct connections to the ground plane may yield DC current up to 50 mA through the I/O supply that adds to overall power consumption.
2. V<sub>DD</sub> indicates using a 10 k $\Omega$  pull-up resistor (recommended) or a direct connection to the appropriate power supply. Direct connections to the supply may yield DC current up to 50 mA through the I/O supply that adds to overall power consumption.
3. Mandatory use of a pull-up or pull-down resistor is clearly indicated as “pull-up/pull-down.” For buses, each pin on the bus should have its own resistor.
4. NC indicates “not connected” and means do not connect anything to the pin.
5. The phrase “in use” indicates a typical pin connection for the required function.

**Note:** Please see recommendations #1 and #2 as mandatory pull-down or pull-up connection for unused pins in case of subset interface connection.

### 3.5.1 DDR Memory Related Pins

This section discusses the various scenarios that can be used with either of the MSC8251 DDR ports.

**Note:** The signal names in Table 40, Table 41 and Table 42 are generic names for a DDR SDRAM interface. For actual pin names refer to Table 1.

#### 3.5.1.1 DDR Interface Is Not Used

**Table 40. Connectivity of DDR Related Pins When the DDR Interface Is Not Used**

Signal Name	Pin Connection
MDQ[0–63]	NC
MDQS[7–0]	NC
$\overline{\text{MDQS}}[7–0]$	NC
MA[15–0]	NC
MCK[0–2]	NC
$\overline{\text{MCK}}[0–2]$	NC
$\overline{\text{MCS}}[1–0]$	NC
MDM[7–0]	NC
MBA[2–0]	NC
$\overline{\text{MCAS}}$	NC
MCKE[1–0]	NC
MODT[1–0]	NC
MMDIC[1–0]	NC
$\overline{\text{MRAS}}$	NC
$\overline{\text{MWE}}$	NC
MECC[7–0]	NC
MDM8	NC
MDQS8	NC
$\overline{\text{MDQS}}8$	NC
MAPAR_OUT	NC
$\overline{\text{MAPAR\_IN}}$	NC
MVREF <sup>3</sup>	NC
GVDD1/GVDD2 <sup>3</sup>	NC
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the signals listed in this table, the initial M stands for M1 or M2 depending on which DDR controller is not used.</li> <li>2. If the DDR controller is not used, disable the internal DDR clock by setting the appropriate bit in the System Clock Control Register (SCCR) and put all DDR I/O in sleep mode by setting DR<sub>x</sub>_GCR[DDR<sub>x</sub>_DOZE] (for DDR controller x). See the <i>Clocks and General Configuration Registers</i> chapters in the <b>MSC8251 Reference Manual</b> for details.</li> <li>3. For MSC8251 Revision 1 silicon, these pins were connected to GND. For newer revisions of the MSC8251, connecting these pins to GND increases device power consumption.</li> </ol>	

### 3.5.1.2 DDR Interface Is Used With 32-Bit DDR Memory Only

Table 41 lists unused pin connection when using 32-bit DDR memory. The 32 most significant data lines are not used.

**Table 41. Connectivity of DDR Related Pins When Using 32-bit DDR Memory Only**

Signal Name	Pin Connection
MDQ[31–0]	in use
MDQ[63–32]	NC
MDQS[3–0]	in use
MDQS[7–4]	NC
$\overline{\text{MDQS}}[3–0]$	in use
$\overline{\text{MDQS}}[7–4]$	NC
MA[15–0]	in use
MCK[2–0]	in use
$\overline{\text{MCK}}[2–0]$	in use
$\overline{\text{MCS}}[1–0]$	in use
MDM[3–0]	in use
MDM[7–4]	NC
MBA[2–0]	in use
$\overline{\text{MCAS}}$	in use
MCKE[1–0]	in use
MODT[1–0]	in use
MMDIC[1–0]	in use
$\overline{\text{MRAS}}$	in use
$\overline{\text{MWE}}$	in use
MVREF	in use
GVDD1/GVDD2	in use
<b>Notes:</b> 1. For the signals listed in this table, the initial M stands for M1 or M2 depending on which DDR controller is not used. 2. For MSC8251 Revision 1 silicon, these pins were connected to GND (or VDD). For newer revisions of the MSC8251, connecting these pins to GND increases device power consumption.	

### 3.5.1.3 ECC Unused Pin Connections

When the error code correction mechanism is not used in any 32- or 64-bit DDR configuration, refer to Table 42 to determine the correct pin connections.

**Table 42. Connectivity of Unused ECC Mechanism Pins**

Signal Name	Pin connection
MECC[7–0]	NC
MDM8	NC
MDQS8	NC
$\overline{\text{MDQS}}8$	NC
<b>Notes:</b> 1. For the signals listed in this table, the initial M stands for M1 or M2 depending on which DDR controller is not used. 2. For MSC8251 Revision 1 silicon, these pins were connected to GND (or VDD). For newer revisions of the MSC8251, connecting these pins to GND increases device power consumption.	

Table 48. Connectivity of TDM Related Pins When TDM Interface Is Not Used

Signal Name	Pin Connection
TDM $n$ TCLK	GND
TDM $n$ DAT	GND
TDM $n$ TSYN	GND
V <sub>DDIO</sub>	2.5 V
<b>Notes:</b> 1. $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ 2. In case of subset of TDM interface usage please make sure to disable unused TDM modules. See <i>TDM</i> chapter in the <i>MSC8251 Reference Manual</i> for details.	

### 3.5.5 Miscellaneous Pins

Table 49 lists the board connections for the pins not required by the system design. Table 49 assumes that the alternate function of the specified pin is not used. If the alternate function is used, connect that pin as required to support the selected function.

Table 49. Connectivity of Individual Pins When They Are Not Required

Signal Name	Pin Connection
CLKOUT	NC
EE0	GND
EE1	NC
GPIO[31–0]	NC
SCL	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
SDA	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
$\overline{\text{INT\_OUT}}$	NC
$\overline{\text{IRQ}}[15–0]$	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
$\overline{\text{NMI}}$	V <sub>DDIO</sub>
$\overline{\text{NMI\_OUT}}$	NC
RC[21–0]	GND
STOP_BS	GND
TCK	GND
TDI	GND
TDO	NC
TMR[4–0]	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
TMS	GND
$\overline{\text{TRST}}$	See <b>Section 3.1</b> for guidelines.
URXD	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
UTXD	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
DDN[1–0]	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
DRQ[1–0]	See the GPIO connectivity guidelines in this table.
RCW_LSEL_0	GND
RCW_LSEL_1	GND
RCW_LSEL_2	GND
RCW_LSEL_3	GND
V <sub>DDIO</sub>	2.5 V

**Note:** For details on configuration, see the *MSC8251 Reference Manual*. For additional information, refer to the *MSC815x* and *MSC825x DSP Family Design Checklist*.

### 3.6 Guide to Selecting Connections for Remote Power Supply Sensing

To assure consistency of input power levels, some applications use a practice of connecting the remote sense signal input of an on-board power supply to one of power supply pins of the IC device. The advantage of using this connection is the ability to compensate for the slow components of the IR drop caused by resistive supply current path from on-board power supply to the pins layer on the package. However, because of specific device requirements, not every ball connection can be selected as the remote sense pin. Some of these pins must be connected to the appropriate power supply or ground to ensure correct device functionality. Some connections supply critical power to a specific high usage area of the IC die; using such a connection as a non-supply pin could impact necessary supply current during high current events. The following balls can be used as the board supply remote sense output without degrading the power and ground supply quality:

- *VDD*: W10, T19
- *VSS*: J18, Y10
- *M3VDD*: None

Do not use any other connections for remote sensing. Use of any other connections for this purpose can result in application and device failure.

## 4 Ordering Information

Consult a Freescale Semiconductor sales office or authorized distributor to determine product availability and place an order.

Part	Package Type	Spheres	Core Voltage	Operating Temperature	Core Frequency (MHz)	Order Number
MSC8251	Flip Chip Plastic Ball Grid Array (FC-PBGA)	Lead-free	1.0 V	0° C to 105°C	1000	MSC8251SVT1000B
				–40° C to 105°C	1000	MSC8251TVT1000B