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Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	324
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	770
Total RAM Bits	10368
Number of I/O	144
Number of Gates	8000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	208-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	208-PQFP (28x28)
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Speed Is Enhanced Two Ways

Delays in LCA-based designs are layout dependent. While this makes it hard to predict a worst-case guaranteed performance, there is a rule of thumb designers can consider — the system clock rate should not exceed one third to one half of the specified toggle rate. Critical portions of a design, shift registers and simple counters, can run faster — approximately two thirds of the specified toggle rate.

The XC4000 family can run at synchronous system clock rates of up to 60 MHz. This increase in performance over the previous families stems from two basic improvements: improved architecture and more abundant routing resources.

Improved Architecture

More Inputs: The versatility of the CLB function generators improves system speed significantly. Table 3 shows how the XC4000 families implement many functions more efficiently and faster than is possible with XC3000 devices. A 9-bit parity checker, for example, can be implemented in one CLB with a propagation delay of 7 ns. Using a XC3000-family device, the same function requires two CLBs with a propagation delay of $2 \times 5.5 \text{ ns} = 11 \text{ ns}$. One XC4000 CLB can determine whether two 4-bit words are identical, again with a 7-ns propagation delay. The ninth input can be used for simple ripple expansion of this identity comparator (25.5 ns over 16 bits, 51.5 ns over 32 bits), or a 2-layer identity comparator can generate the result of a 32-bit comparison in 15 ns, at the cost of a single extra CLB. Simpler functions like multiplexers also benefit from the greater flexibility of the XC4000-families CLB. A 16-input multiplexer uses 5 CLBs and has a delay of only 13.5 ns.

More Outputs: The CLB can pass the combinatorial output(s) to the interconnect network, but can also store the combinatorial result(s) or other incoming data in one or two flip-flops, and connect their outputs to the interconnect

network as well. With XC3000-families CLBs the designer has to make a choice, either output the combinatorial function or the stored value. In the XC4000 families, the flip flops can be used as registers or shift registers without blocking the function generators from performing a different, perhaps unrelated task. This increases the functional density of the devices.

When a function generator drives a flip-flop in a CLB, the combinatorial propagation delay *overlaps completely* with the set-up time of the flip-flop. The set-up time is specified between the function generator inputs and the clock input. This represents a performance advantage over competing technologies where combinatorial delays must be added to the flip-flop set-up time.

Fast Carry: As described earlier, each CLB includes high-speed carry logic that can be activated by configuration. The two 4-input function generators can be configured as a 2-bit adder with built-in hidden carry that can be expanded to any length. This dedicated carry circuitry is so fast and efficient that conventional speed-up methods like carry generate/propagate are meaningless even at the 16-bit level, and of marginal benefit at the 32-bit level.

A 16-bit adder requires nine CLBs and has a combinatorial carry delay of 20.5 ns. Compare that to the 30 CLBs and 50 ns, or 41 CLBs and 30 ns in the XC3000 family.

The fast-carry logic opens the door to many new applications involving arithmetic operation, where the previous generations of FPGAs were not fast and/or not efficient enough. High-speed address offset calculations in micro-processor or graphics systems, and high-speed addition in digital signal processing are two typical applications.

Faster and More Efficient Counters: The XC4000-families fast-carry logic puts two counter bits into each CLB and runs them at a clock rate of up to 42 MHz for 16 bits, whether the counters are loadable or not. For a 16-bit

Table 3. Density and Performance for Several Common Circuit Functions

		XC3000 (-125)		XC4000 (-5)	
16-bit Decoder From Input Pad		15 ns	4 CLBs	12 ns	0 CLBs
24-bit Accumulator		17 MHz	46 CLBs	32 MHz	13 CLBs
State Machine Benchmark*		18 MHz	34 CLBs	30 MHz	26 CLBs
16:1 Multiplexer		16 ns	8 CLBs	16 ns	5 CLBs
16-bit Unidirectional Loadable Counter	Max Density	20 MHz	16 CLBs	40 MHz	8 CLBs
	Max Speed	34 MHz	23 CLBs	42 MHz	9 CLBs
16-bit U/D Counter	Max Density	20 MHz	16 CLBs	40 MHz	8 CLBs
	Max Speed	30 MHz	27 CLBs	40 MHz	8 CLBs
16-bit Adder	Max Density	50 ns	30 CLBs	20.5 ns	9 CLBs
	Max Speed	30 ns	41 CLBs	20.5 ns	9 CLBs

* 16 states, 40 transitions, 10 inputs, 8 outputs

inputs could not be driven by all adjacent routing lines. In the XC4000 families, these constraints have been largely eliminated. This makes it easier for the software to complete the routing of complex interconnect patterns.

Chip architects and software designers worked closely together to achieve a solution that is not only inherently powerful, but also easy to utilize by the software-driven design tools for Partitioning, Placement and Routing. The goal was to provide automated push-button software tools that complete almost all designs, even large and dense ones, automatically, without operator assistance. But these tools will still give the designer the option to get involved in the partitioning, placement and, to a lesser extent, even the routing of critical parts of the design, if that is needed to optimize the performance.

On-Chip Memory

The XC4000, XC4000A and XC4000H family devices are the first programmable logic devices with RAM accessible to the user.

An optional mode for each CLB makes the memory look-up tables in the F' and G' function generators usable as either a 16 x 2 or 32 x 1 bit array of Read/Write memory cells (Figure 3). The F1-F4 and G1-G4 inputs to the function generators act as address lines, selecting a particular memory cell in each look-up table. The functionality of the CLB control signals change in this configuration; the H1, DIN, and S/R lines become the two data inputs and the Write Enable (WE) input for the 16 x 2 memory. When the 32 x 1 configuration is selected, D1 acts as the fifth address bit and D0 is the data input. The contents of the memory cell(s) being addressed are available at the F' and G' function-generator outputs, and can exit the CLB through its X and Y outputs, or can be pipelined using the CLB flip-flop(s).

Configuring the CLB function generators as Read/Write memory does not affect the functionality of the other portions of the CLB, with the exception of the redefinition of the control signals. The H' function generator can be used to implement Boolean functions of F', G', and D1, and the D flip-flops can latch the F', G', H', or D0 signals.

The RAMs are very fast; read access is the same as logic delay, about 5.5 ns; write time is about 8 ns; both are several times faster than any off-chip solution. Such distributed RAM is a novel concept, creating new possibilities in system design: registered arrays of multiple accumulators, status registers, index registers, DMA counters, distributed shift registers, LIFO stacks, and FIFO buffers. The data path of a 16-byte FIFO uses four CLBs for storage, and six CLBs for address counting and multiplexing (Figure 4). With 32 storage locations per CLB, compared to two flip-flops per CLB, the cost of intelligent distributed memory has been reduced by a factor of 16.

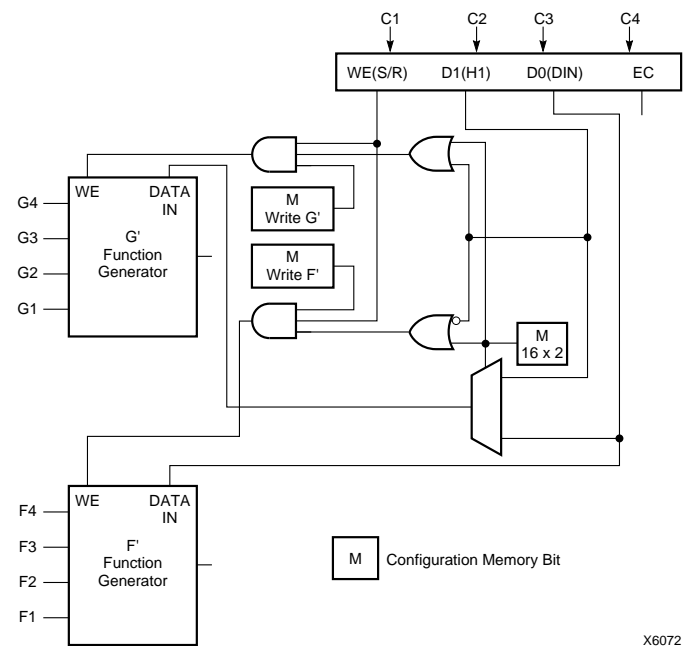


Figure 3. CLB Function Generators Can Be Used as Read/Write Memory Cells

Input/Output Blocks (IOBs), XC4000 and XC4000A Families (for XC4000H family, see page 2-82)

User-configurable IOBs provide the interface between external package pins and the internal logic (Figure 5). Each IOB controls one package pin and can be defined for input, output, or bidirectional signals.

Two paths, labeled I1 and I2, bring input signals into the array. Inputs are routed to an input register that can be programmed as either an edge-triggered flip-flop or a level-sensitive transparent latch. Optionally, the data input to the register can be delayed by several nanoseconds to compensate for the delay on the clock signal, that first must

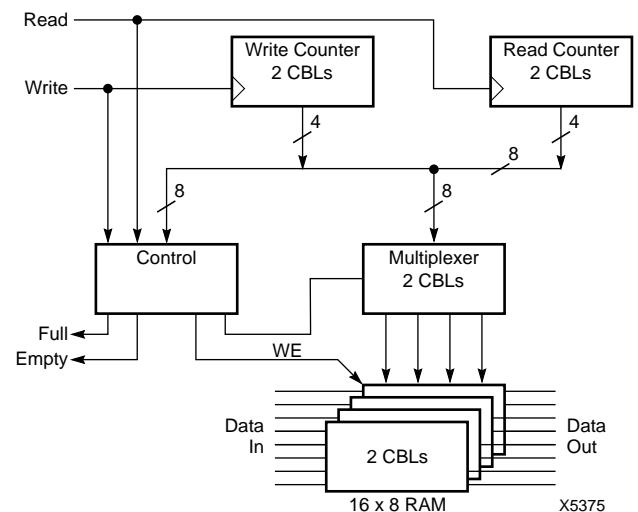


Figure 4. 16-byte FIFO

surrounding one CLB in the array. Each Switch Matrix consists of programmable n-channel pass transistors used to establish connections between the single-length lines (Figure 7). For example, a 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. Single-length lines are normally used to conduct signals within a localized area and to provide the branching for nets with fanout greater than one.

Compared to the previous generations of LCA architectures, the number of possible connections through the Switch Matrix has been reduced. This decreases capacitive loading and minimizes routing delays, thus increasing performance. However, a much more versatile set of connections between the single-length lines and the CLB inputs and outputs more than compensate for the reduction in Switch Matrix options, resulting in overall increased routability.

The function generator and control inputs to the CLB (F1-F4, G1-G4, and C1-C4) can be driven from any adjacent single-length line segment (Figure 6). The CLB clock (K) input can be driven from one-half of the adjacent single-length lines. Each CLB output can drive several of the single-length lines, with connections to both the horizontal and vertical Longlines.

The double-length lines (Figure 8) consist of a grid of metal segments twice as long as the single-length lines; i.e., a double-length line runs 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 CLB location in that row or column. As with single-length lines, all the CLB inputs except K can be driven from any adjacent double-length line, and each CLB output can drive nearby double-length lines in both the vertical and horizontal planes. Double-length lines provide the most efficient implementation of intermediate length, point-to-point interconnections.

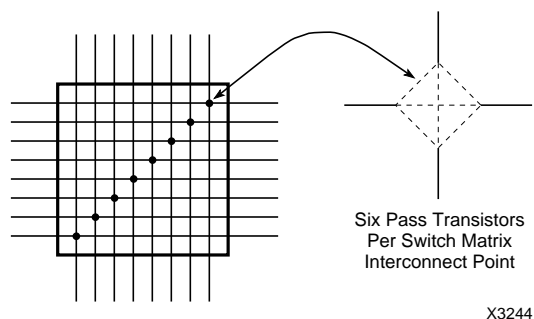


Figure 7. Switch Matrix

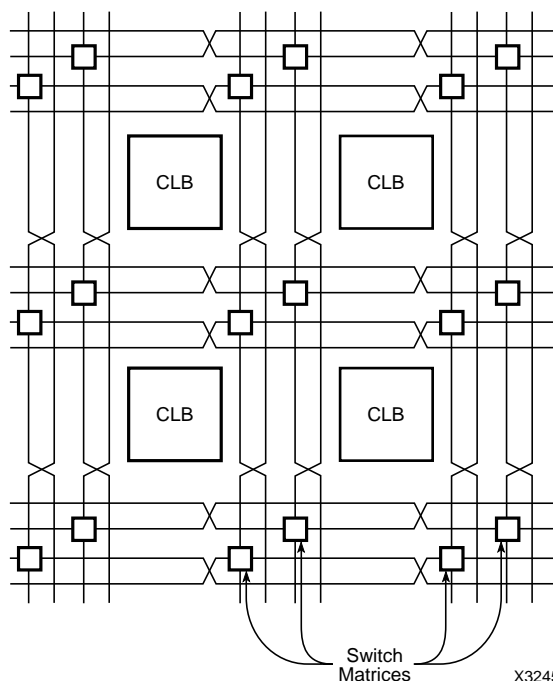


Figure 8. Double-Length Lines

Longlines form a grid of metal interconnect segments that run the entire length or width of the array (Figure 9). Additional vertical longlines can be driven by special global buffers, designed to distribute clocks and other high fanout control signals throughout the array with minimal skew. Longlines are intended for high fan-out, time-critical signal nets. Each Longline has a programmable splitter switch at its center, that can separate the line into two independent routing channels, each running half the width or height of the array. CLB inputs can be driven from a subset of the adjacent Longlines; CLB outputs are routed to the Longlines via 3-state buffers or the single-length inter-connected lines.

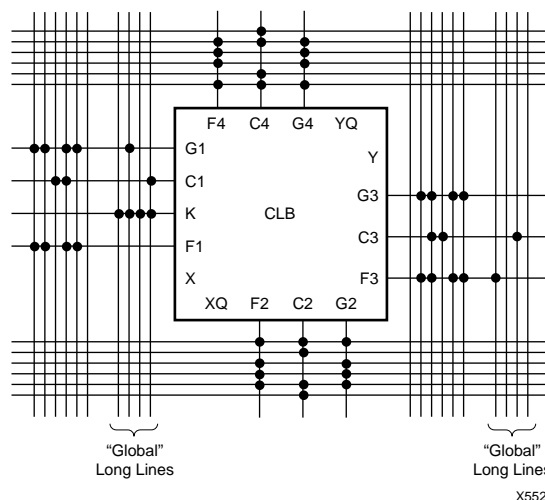


Figure 9. Longline Routing Resources with Typical CLB Connections

The XACT system also includes XDelay, a static timing analyzer. XDelay examines a design's logic and timing to calculate the performance along signal paths, identify possible race conditions, and detect set-up and hold-time violations. Timing analyzers do not require that the user generate input stimulus patterns or test vectors.

Summary

The result of eight years of FPGA design experience and feedback from thousands of customers, the XC4000 families combine architectural versatility, on-chip RAM, increased speed and gate complexity with abundant routing resources and new, sophisticated software to achieve fully automated implementation of complex, high-performance designs.

7400 Equivalents		Barrel Shifters		Multiplexers	
	# of CLBs				
'138	5	brlshft4	4	m2-1e	1
'139	2	brlshft8	13	m4-1e	1
'147	5			m8-1e	3
'148	6			m16-1e	5
'150	5	4-Bit Counters		Registers	
'151	3	cd4ce	3	rd4r	2
'152	3	cd4cle	5	rd8r	4
'153	2	cd4rle	6	rd16r	8
'154	16	cb4ce	3		
'157	2	cb4cle	6	Shift Registers	
'158	2	cb4re	5	sr8ce	4
'160	5			sr16re	8
'161	6	8- and 16-Bit Counters		RAMs	
'162	8	cb8ce	6	ram 16x4	2
'163	8	cb8re	10		
'164	4	cc16ce	10	Explanation of counter nomenclature	
'165s	9	cc16cle	11	cb = binary counter	
'166	5	cc16cled	21	cd = BCD counter	
'168	7			cc = cascable binary counter	
'174	3	Identity Comparators		d = bidirectional	
'194	5	comp4	1	l = loadable	
'195	3	comp8	2	x = cascable	
'280	3	comp16	5	e = clock enable	
'283	8			r = synchronous reset	
'298	2	Magnitude Comparators		c = asynchronous clear	
'352	2	compm4	4		
'390	3	compm8	9		
'518	3	compm16	20		
'521	3				
		Decoders			
		d2-4e	2		
		d3-8e	4		
		d4-16e	16		

Figure 10. CLB Count of Selected XC4000 Soft Macros

Detailed Functional Description

XC4000 and XC4000A Input/Output Blocks

(For XC4000H family, see page 2-82)

The IOB forms the interface between the internal logic and the I/O pads of the LCA device. Under configuration control, the output buffer receives either the logic signal (.out) routed from the internal logic to the IOB, or the complement of this signal, or this same data after it has been clocked into the output flip-flop.

As a configuration option, each flip-flop (CLB or IOB) is initialized as either set or reset, and is also forced into this programmable initialization state whenever the global Set/Reset net is activated after configuration has been completed. The clock polarity of each IOB flip-flop can be configured individually, as can the polarity of the 3-state control for the output buffer.

Each output buffer can be configured to be either fast or slew-rate limited, which reduces noise generation and ground bounce. Each I/O pin can be configured with either an internal pull-up or pull down resistor, or with no internal resistor. Independent of this choice, each IOB has a pull-up resistor during the configuration process.

The 3-state output driver uses a totem pole n-channel output structure. V_{OH} is one n-channel threshold lower than V_{CC} , which makes rise and fall delays more symmetrical.

Family	Per IOB Source	Per IOB Sink	Per IOB Pair Sink	# Slew Modes
XC4000	4	12	24	2
XC4000A	4	24	48	4
XC4000H	4	24*	48	2

*XC4000H devices can sink only 4 mA configured for SoftEdge mode

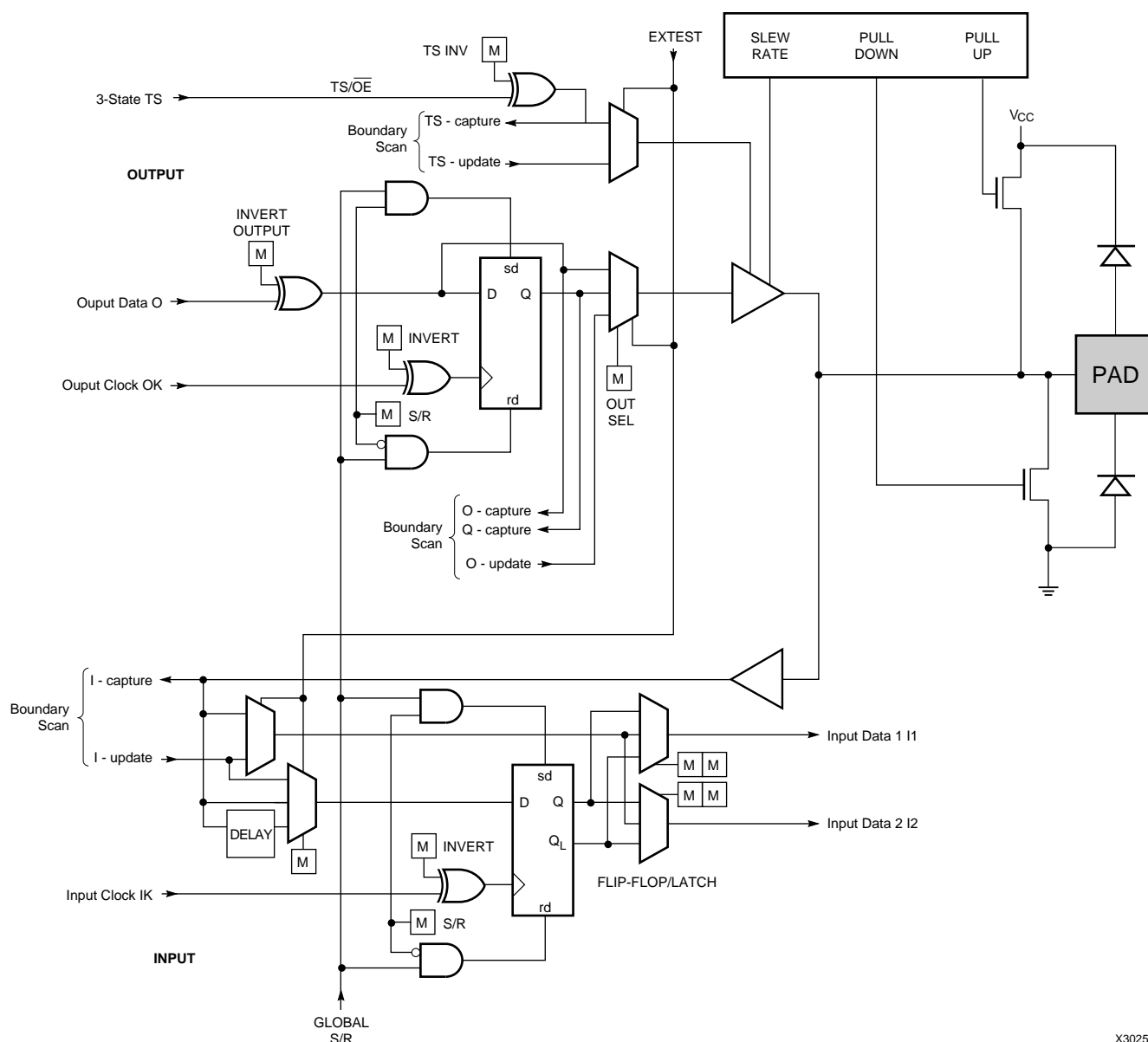


Figure 11. XC4000 and XC4000A I/O Block

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Boundary Scan

Boundary Scan is becoming an attractive feature that helps sophisticated systems manufacturers test their PC boards more safely and more efficiently. The XC4000 family implements IEEE 1149.1-compatible BYPASS, PRELOAD/SAMPLE and EXTEST Boundary-Scan instructions. When the Boundary-Scan configuration option is selected, three normal user I/O pins become dedicated inputs for these functions.

The “bed of nails” has been the traditional method of testing electronic assemblies. This approach has become less appropriate, due to closer pin spacing and more sophisticated assembly methods like surface-mount technology and multi-layer boards. The IEEE Boundary Scan standard 1149.1 was developed to facilitate board-level testing of electronic assemblies. Design and test engineers can imbed a standard test logic structure in their electronic design. This structure is easily implemented with the serial and/or parallel connections of a four-pin interface on any Boundary-Scan-compatible IC. By exercising these signals, the user can serially load commands and data into these devices to control the driving of their outputs and to examine their inputs. This is an improvement over bed-of-nails testing. It avoids the need to over-drive device outputs, and it reduces the user interface to four pins. An optional fifth pin, a reset for the control logic, is described in the standard but is not implemented in the Xilinx part.

The dedicated on-chip logic implementing the IEEE 1149.1 functions includes a 16-state machine, an instruction register and a number of data registers. A register operation begins with a *capture* where a set of data is parallel loaded into the designated register for shifting out. The next state is *shift*, where captured data are shifted out while the desired data are shifted in. A number of states are provided for Wait operations. The last state of a register sequence is the *update* where the shifted content of the register is loaded into the appropriate instruction- or data-holding register, either for instruction-register decode or for data-register pin control.

The primary data register is the Boundary-Scan register. For each IOB pin in the LCA device, it includes three bits of shift register and three *update* latches for: in, out and 3-state control. Non-IOB pins have appropriate partial bit population for in or out only. Each Extest Capture captures all available input pins.

The other standard data register is the single flip-flop *bypass* register. It resynchronizes data being passed through a device that need not be involved in the current scan operation. The LCA device provides two user nets (BSCAN.SEL1 and BSCAN.SEL2) which are the decodes of two user instructions. For these instructions, two corresponding nets (BSCAN.TDO1 and BSCAN.TDO2) allow

user scan data to be shifted out on TDO. The data register clock (BSCAN.DRCK) is available for control of test logic which the user may wish to implement with CLBs. The NAND of TCK and Run-test-idle is also provided (BSCAN.IDLE).

The XC4000 Boundary Scan instruction set also includes instructions to configure the device and read back the configuration data.

Table 4. Boundary Scan Instruction

Instruction I ₂ I ₁ I ₀			Test Selected	TDO Source	I/O Data Source
0	0	0	Extest	DR	DR
0	0	1	Sample/Preload	DR	Pin/Logic
0	1	0	User 1	TDO1	Pin/Logic
0	1	1	User 2	TDO2	Pin/Logic
1	0	0	Readback	Readback Data	Pin/Logic
1	0	1	Configure	DOUT	Disabled
1	1	0	Reserved	—	—
1	1	1	Bypass	Bypass Reg	Pin/Logic

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Bit Sequence

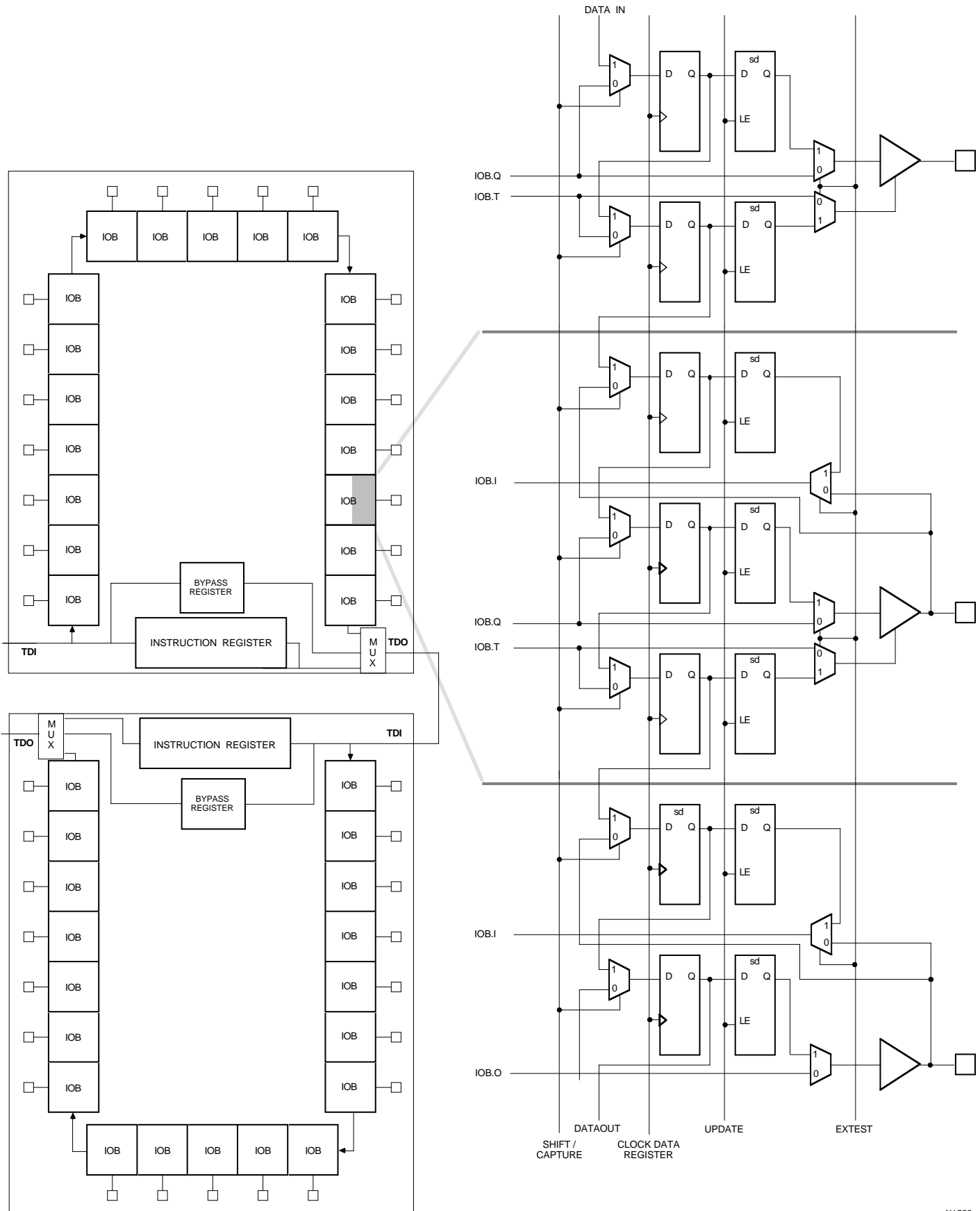
The bit sequence within each IOB is: in, out, 3-state. From a cavity-up (XDE) view of the chip, starting in the upper right chip corner, the Boundary-Scan data-register bits have the following order.

Table 5. Boundary Scan Order

Bit 0 (TDO end) Bit 1 Bit 2 (TDI end)	TDO.T
	TDO.O
	{ Top-edge IOBs (Right to Left)
	{ Left-edge IOBs (Top to Bottom)
	MD1.T
	MD1.O
	MD1.I
	MD0.I
	MD2.I
	{ Bottom-edge IOBs (Left to Right)
	{ Right-edge IOBs (Bottom to Top)
	B SCANT.UPD

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The data register also includes the following non-pin bits: TDO.T, and TDO.I, which are always bits 0 and 1 of the data register, respectively, and BSCANT.UPD which is always the last bit of the data register. These three Boundary-Scan bits are special-purpose Xilinx test signals. PROGRAM, CCLK and DONE are not included in the Boundary-Scan register. For more information regarding Boundary Scan, refer to XAPP 017.001, *Boundary Scan in XC4000 Devices*.



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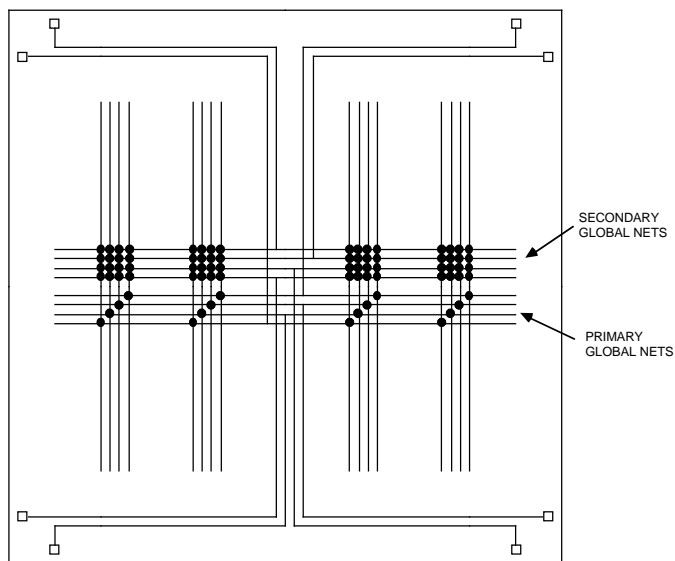
Figure 16. XC4000 Boundary Scan Logic. Includes three bits of Data Register per IOB, the IEEE 1149.1 Test Access Port controller, and the Instruction Register with decodes.

Interconnects

The XC4000 families use a hierarchy of interconnect resources.

- General purpose single-length and double-length lines offer fast routing between adjacent blocks, and highest flexibility for complex routes, but they incur a delay every time they pass through a switch matrix.
- Longlines run the width or height of the chip with negligible delay variations. They are used for signal distribution over long distances. Some Horizontal Longlines can be driven by 3-state or open-drain drivers, and can thus implement bidirectional buses or wired-AND decoding.
- Global Nets are optimized for the distribution of clock and time-critical or high-fan-out control signal. Four pad-driven Primary Global Nets offer shortest delay and negligible skew. Four pad-driven Secondary Global Nets have slightly longer delay and more skew due to heavier loading.

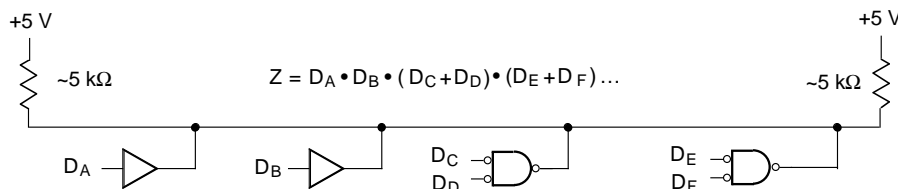
Each CLB column has four dedicated Vertical Longlines, each of these lines has access to a particular Primary Global Net, or to any one of the Secondary Global Nets. The Global Nets avoid clock skew and potential hold-time



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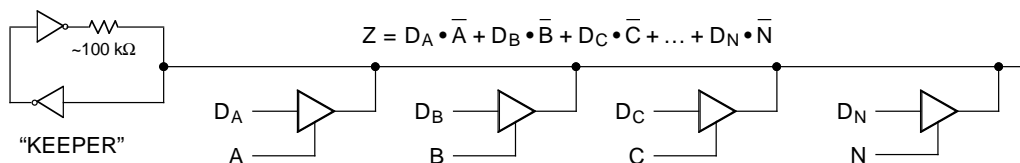
Figure 17. XC4000 Global Net Distribution. Four Lines per Column; Eight Inputs in the Four Chip Corners.

problems. The user must specify these Global Nets for all timing-sensitive global signal distribution.



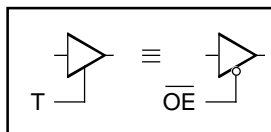
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Open Drain Buffers Implement a Wired-AND Function. When all the buffer inputs are High the pull-up resistor(s) provide the High output.



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3-State Buffers Implement a Multiplexer. The selection is accomplished by the buffer 3-state signal.



Active High T is Identical to Active Low Output Enable.

Figure 18. TBUFs Driving Horizontal Longlines.

tion data bits and a 4-bit frame error field. If a frame data error is detected, the LCA device halts loading, and signals the error by pulling the open-drain **INIT** pin Low.

After all configuration frames have been loaded into an LCA device, **DOUT** again follows the input data so that the remaining data is passed on to the next device.

Start-Up

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

Figure 21 describes Start-up timing for the three Xilinx families in detail.

The **XC2000** family goes through a fixed sequence:

DONE goes High and the internal global Reset is de-activated one CCLK period after the I/O become active.

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

The **XC4000** family offers additional flexibility: The three events, **DONE** going High, the internal Reset/Set being de-activated, and the user I/O going active, can all occur in any arbitrary sequence, each of them one CCLK period before or after, or simultaneous with, any of the other.

The default option, and the most practical one, is for **DONE** to go High first, disconnecting the configuration data source and avoiding any contention when the I/Os become active one clock later. Reset/Set is then released another clock period later to make sure that user-operation starts from stable internal conditions. This is the most common sequence, shown with heavy lines in Figure 21, but the designer can modify it to meet particular requirements.

The XC4000 family offers another start-up clocking option: The three events described above don't have to be triggered by CCLK, they can, as a configuration option, be triggered by a user clock. This means that the device can wake up in synchronism with the user system.

The XC4000 family introduces an additional option: When this option is enabled, the user can externally hold the open-drain **DONE** output Low, and thus stall all further progress in the Start-up sequence, until **DONE** is released and has gone High. This option can be used to force synchronization of several LCA devices to a common user clock, or to guarantee that all devices are successfully configured before any I/Os go active.

Start-up Sequence

The Start-up sequence begins when the configuration memory is full, and the total number of configuration clocks received since **INIT** went High equals the loaded value of the length count. The next rising clock edge sets a flip-flop **Q0** (see Figure 22), the leading bit of a 5-bit shift register.

The outputs of this register can be programmed to control three events.

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

The **DONE** pin can also be wire-ANDed with **DONE** pins of other LCA devices or with other external signals, and can then be used as input to bit **Q3** of the start-up register. This is called “Start-up Timing Synchronous to Done In” and labeled: **CCLK_SYNC** or **UCLK_SYNC**. When **DONE** is not used as an input, the operation is called Start-up Timing Not Synchronous to **DONE** In, and is labeled **CCLK_NOSYNC** or **UCLK_NOSYNC**. These labels are not intuitively obvious.

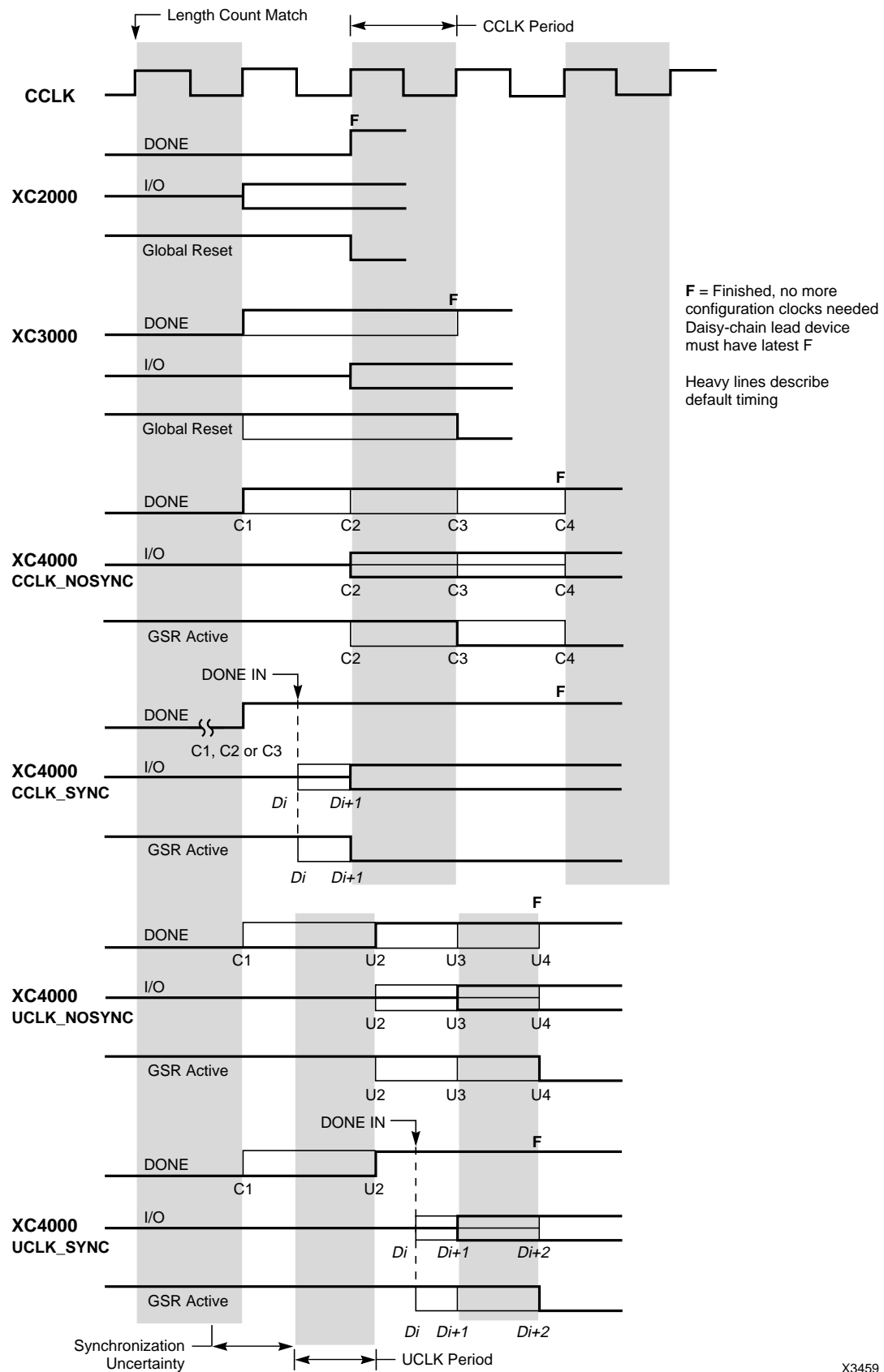
As a configuration option, the start-up control register beyond **Q0** can be clocked either by subsequent CCLK pulses or from an on-chip user net called **STARTUP.CLK**.

Start-up from CCLK

If CCLK is used to drive the start-up, **Q0** through **Q3** provide the timing. Heavy lines in Figure 21 show the default timing which is compatible with XC2000 and XC3000 devices using early **DONE** and late Reset. The thin lines indicate all other possible timing options.

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.



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Note: Thick lines are default option.

Figure 21. Start-up Timing

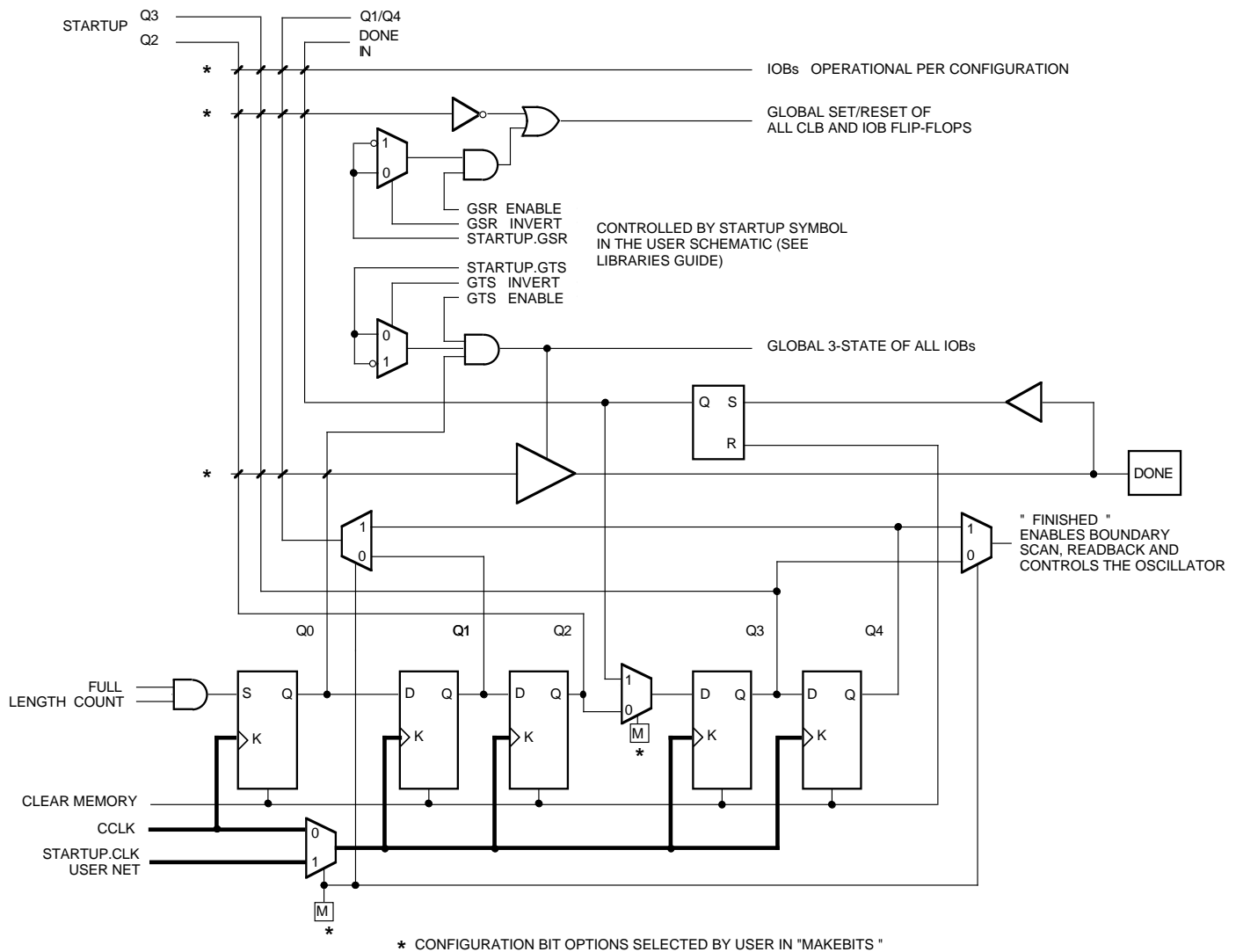


Figure 22. Start-up Logic

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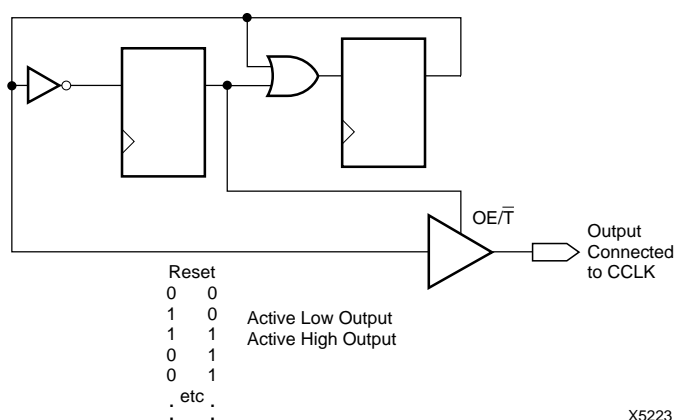
All Xilinx FPGAs of the XC2000, XC3000, XC4000 families use a compatible bitstream format and can, therefore, be connected in a daisy-chain in an arbitrary sequence. There is however one limitation. The lead device must belong to the highest family in the chain. If the chain contains XC4000 devices, the master cannot be an XC2000 or XC3000 device; if the daisy-chain contains XC3000 devices, the master cannot be an XC2000 device. The reason for this rule is shown in Figure 21 on the previous page. Since all devices in the chain store the same length count value and generate or receive one common sequence of CCLK pulses, they all recognize length-count match on the same CCLK edge, as indicated on the left edge of Figure 21. The master device will then drive additional CCLK pulses until it reaches its finish point F. The different families generate or require different numbers of additional CCLK pulses until they reach F.

Not reaching F means that the device does not really finish its configuration, although DONE may have gone High, the

outputs became active, and the internal RESET was released. The user has some control over the relative timing of these events and can, therefore, make sure that they occur early enough.

But, for XC4000, not reaching F means that READBACK cannot be initiated and most Boundary Scan instructions cannot be used. This limitation has been criticized by designers who want to use an inexpensive lead device in peripheral mode and have the more precious I/O pins of the XC4000 devices all available for user I/O. Here is a solution for that case.

One CLB and one IOB in the lead XC3000 device are used to generate the additional CCLK pulse required by the XC4000 devices. When the lead device removes the internal RESET signal, the 2-bit shift register responds to its clock input and generates an active Low output signal for the duration of the subsequent clock period. An external connection between this output and CCLK thus creates



the extra CCLK pulse. This solution requires one CLB, one IOB and pin, and an internal oscillator with a frequency of up to 5 MHz as available clock source. Obviously, this XC3000 master device must be configured with late Internal Reset, which happens to be the default option.

Using Global Set/Reset and Global 3-State Nets

The global Set/Reset (STARTUP.GSR) net can be driven by the user at any time to re-initialize all CLBs and IOBs to the same state they had at the end of configuration. For CLBs that is the same state as the one driven by the individually programmable asynchronous Set/Reset inputs. The global 3-state net (STARTUP.GTS), whenever activated after configuration is completed, forces all LCA outputs to the high-impedance state, unless Boundary Scan is enabled and is executing an EXTEST instruction.

Readback

The user can read back the content of configuration memory and the level of certain internal nodes without interfering with the normal operation of the device.

Readback reports not only the downloaded configuration bits, but can also include the present state of the device represented by the content of all used flip-flops and latches in CLBs and IOBs, as well as the content of function generators used as RAMs.

XC4000 Readback does not use any dedicated pins, but uses four internal nets (RDBK.TRIG, RDBK.DATA, RDBK.RIP and RDBK.CLK) that can be routed to any IOB.

After Readback has been initiated by a Low-to-High transition on RDBK.TRIG, the RDBK.RIP (Read In Progress) output goes High on the next rising edge of RDBK.CLK. Subsequent rising edges of this clock shift out Readback

data on the RDBK.DATA net. Readback data does not include the preamble, but starts with five dummy bits (all High) followed by the Start bit (Low) of the first frame. The first two data bits of the first frame are always High.

Note that, in the XC4000 families, data is not inverted with respect to configuration the way it is in XC2000 and XC3000 families.

Each frame ends with four error check bits. They are read back as High. The last seven bits of the last frame are also read back as High. An additional Start bit (Low) and an 11-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) signature follow, before RIP returns Low.

Readback options are: Read Capture, Read Abort, and Clock Select.

Read Capture

When the Readback Capture option is selected, the readback data stream includes sampled values of CLB and IOB signals imbedded in the data stream. The rising edge of RDBK.TRIG located in the lower-left chip corner, captures, in latches, the inverted values of the four CLB outputs and the IOB output flip-flops and the input signals I1, I2. When the 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.

Read Abort

When the Readback 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).

Clock Select

Readback control and data are clocked on rising edges of RDBK.CLK located in the lower right chip corner. CCLK is an optional clock. If Readback must be inhibited for security reasons, the readback control nets are simply not connected.

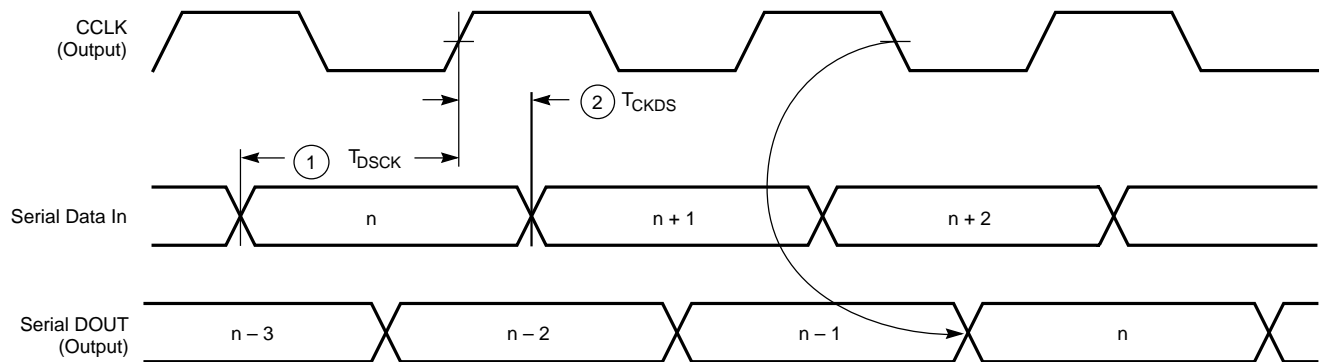
XChecker

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

externally, the device determines its configuration mode by capturing its status inputs, and is ready to start the configuration process. A master device waits an additional

up to 250 μ s to make sure that all slaves in the potential daisy-chain have seen INIT being High.

Master Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

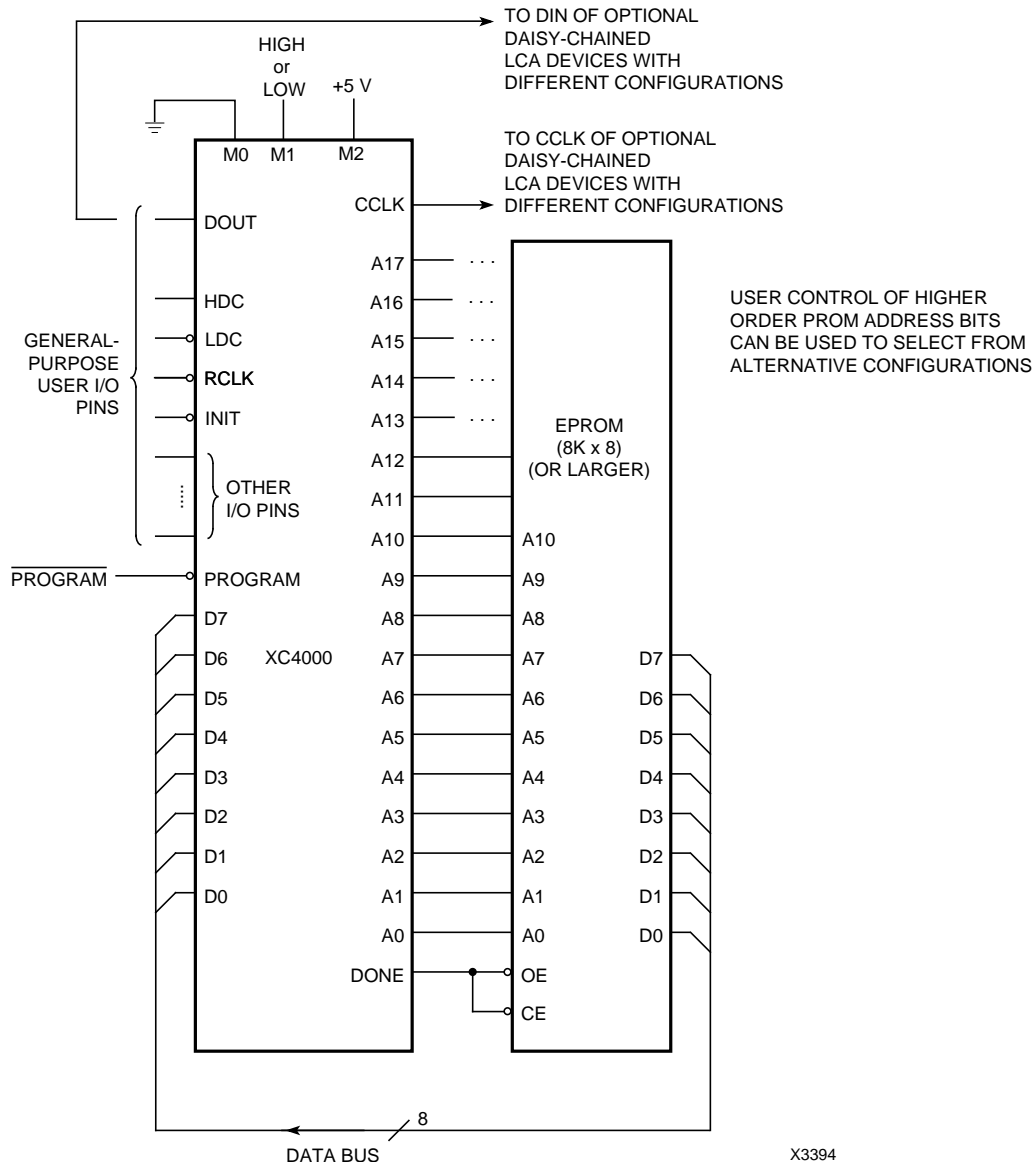


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	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
CCLK	Data In setup	1 T_{DSCK}	20		ns
	Data In hold	2 T_{CKDS}	0		ns

- Notes:
- At power-up, V_{CC} must rise from 2.0 V to V_{CC} min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration by pulling PROGRAM Low until V_{CC} is valid.
 - Configuration can be controlled by holding INIT Low with or until after the INIT of all daisy-chain slave mode devices is High.
 - Master-serial-mode timing is based on testing in slave mode.

Master Parallel Mode



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In Master Parallel mode, the lead LCA device directly addresses an industry-standard byte-wide EPROM, and accepts eight data bits right before incrementing (or decrementing) the address outputs.

The eight data bits are serialized in the lead LCA device, which then presents the preamble data (and all data that overflows the lead device) on the DOUT pin. There is an internal delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, after the rising CCLK edge that accepts a byte of data (and also changes the EPROM address) until the falling CCLK edge that makes the LSB (D0) of this byte appear at DOUT. This means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next LCA device in the daisy-chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

How to Delay Configuration After Power-Up

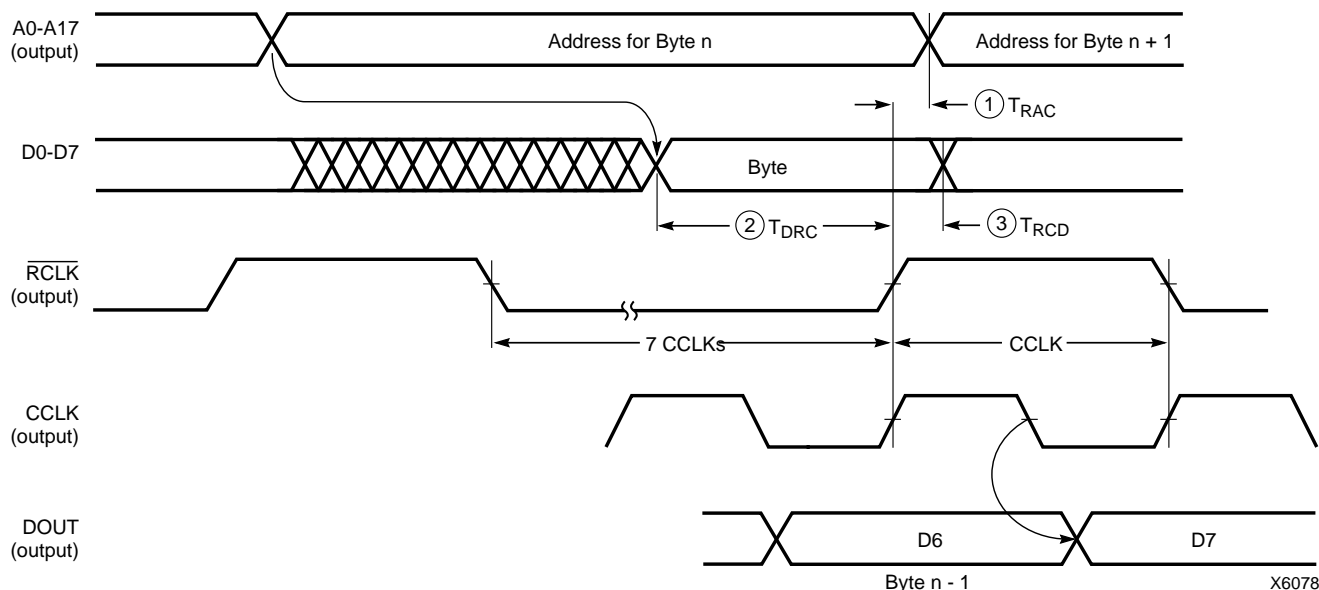
There are two methods to delay configuration after power-up: Put a logic Low on the PROGRAM input, or pull the bidirectional INIT pin Low, using an open-collector (open-drain) driver. (See also Figure 20 on page 2-27).

A Low on the PROGRAM input is the more radical approach, and is recommended when the power-supply rise time is excessive or poorly defined. As long as PROGRAM is Low, the XC4000 device keeps clearing its configuration memory. When PROGRAM goes High, the configuration memory is cleared one more time, followed by the beginning of configuration, provided the INIT input is not externally held Low. Note that a Low on the PROGRAM input automatically forces a Low on the INIT output.

Using an open-collector or open-drain driver to hold INIT Low before the beginning of configuration, causes the LCA device to wait after having completed the configuration memory clear operation. When INIT is no longer held Low externally, the device determines its configuration mode by

capturing its status inputs, and is ready to start the configuration process. A master device waits an additional max 250 μ s to make sure that all slaves in the potential daisy-chain have seen INIT being High.

Master Parallel Mode Programming Switching Characteristics



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

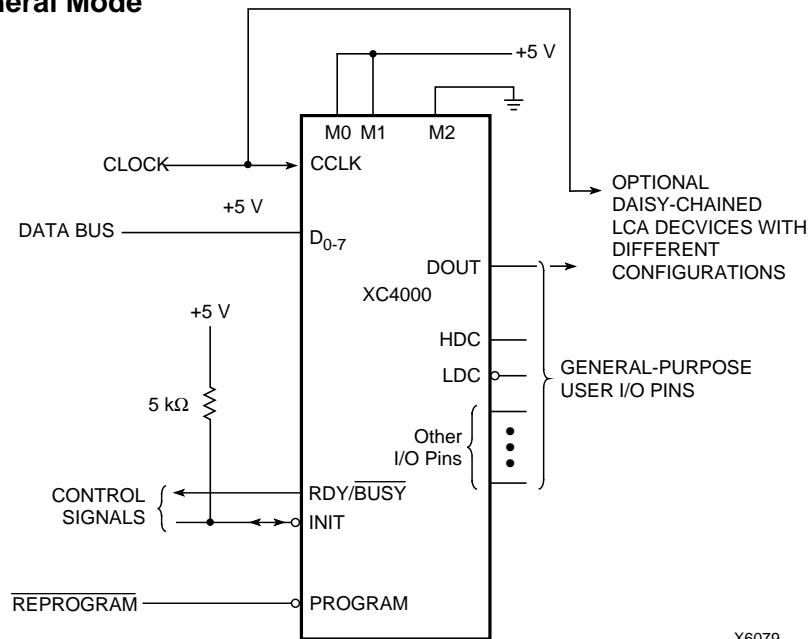
Notes: 1. At power-up, V_{CC} must rise from 2.0 V to V_{CC} min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration using PROGRAM until V_{CC} is valid.

2. Configuration can be delayed by holding INIT Low with or until after the INIT of all daisy-chain slave mode devices is High.

3. The first Data byte is loaded and CCLK starts at the end of the first RCLK active cycle (rising edge).

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

Synchronous Peripheral Mode



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Synchronous Peripheral mode can also be considered Slave Parallel mode. An external signal drives the CCLK input(s) of the LCA device(s). The first byte of parallel configuration data must be available at the D inputs of the lead LCA device a short set-up time before the rising CCLK edge. Subsequent data bytes are clocked in on every eighth consecutive rising CCLK edge. The same CCLK edge that accepts data, also causes the RDY/BUSY output to go High for one CCLK period. The pin name is a misnomer. In Synchronous Peripheral mode it is really an ACKNOWLEDGE signal. Synchronous operation does not require this response, but it is a meaningful signal for test purposes.

The lead LCA device serializes the data and presents the preamble data (and all data that overflows the lead device) on its DOUT pin. There is an internal delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next LCA device in the daisy-chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge. In order to complete the serial shift operation, 10 additional CCLK rising edges are required after the last data byte has been loaded, plus one more CCLK cycle for each daisy-chained device.

How to Delay Configuration After Power-Up

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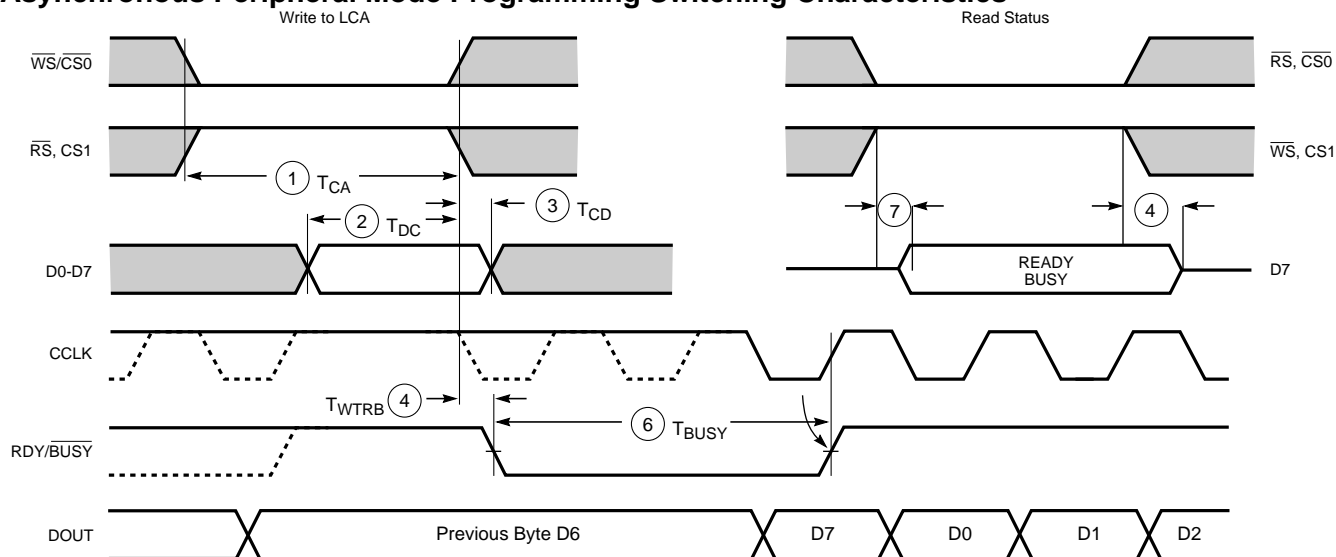
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Using an open-collector or open-drain driver to hold INIT Low before the beginning of configuration, causes the LCA device to wait after having completed the configuration memory clear operation. When INIT is no longer held Low externally, the device determines its configuration mode by capturing its status inputs, and is ready to start the configuration process. A master device waits an additional max 250 μ s to make sure that all slaves in the potential daisy-chain have seen INIT being High.

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Asynchronous Peripheral Mode Programming Switching Characteristics



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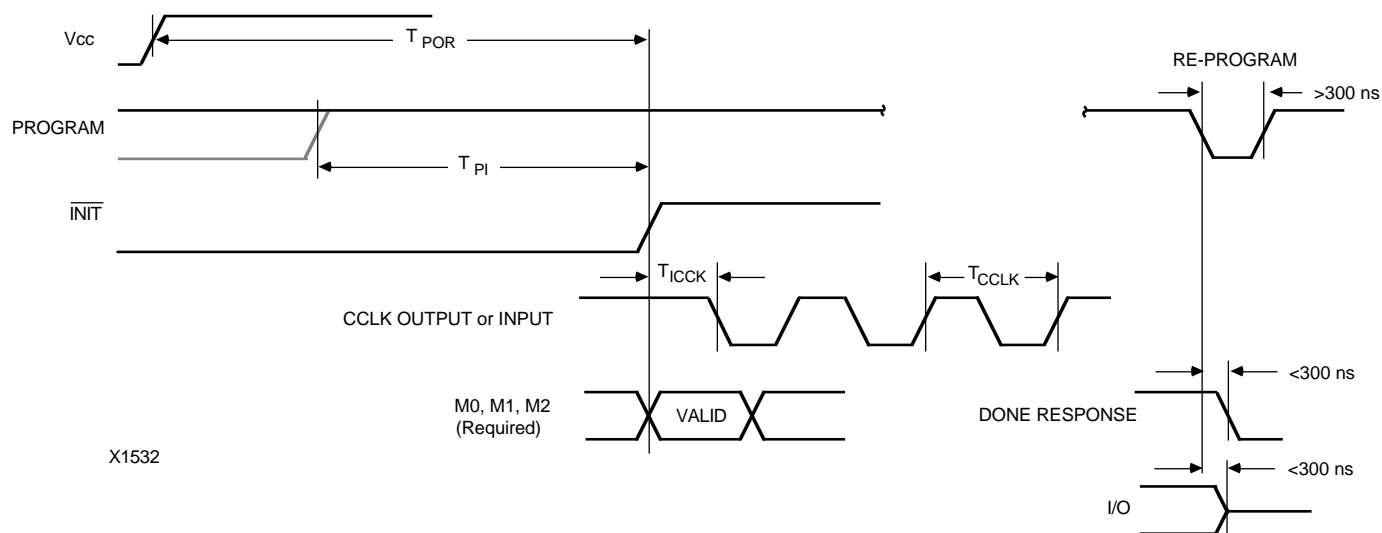
	Description	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Write	Effective Write time required (<u>CS0</u> , <u>WS</u> = Low, <u>RS</u> , <u>CS1</u> = High)	1 T_{CA}	100		ns
RDY	DIN Setup time required	2 T_{DC}	60		ns
	DIN Hold time required	3 T_{CD}	0		ns
	RDY/ <u>BUSY</u> delay after end of Write or Read	4 T_{WTRB}		60	ns
	RDY/ <u>BUSY</u> active after beginning of Read	7		60	ns
	Earliest next <u>WS</u> after end of <u>BUSY</u>	5 T_{RBWT}	0		ns
	<u>BUSY</u> Low output (Note 4)	6 T_{BUSY}	2	9	CCLK Periods

- Notes:
- Configuration must be delayed until the INIT of all LCA devices is High.
 - Time from end of WS to CCLK cycle for the new byte of data depends on completion of previous byte processing and the phase of the internal timing generator for CCLK.
 - CCLK and DOUT timing is tested in slave mode.
 - 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 WS. BUSY will go active within 60 ns after the end of WS. WS may be asserted immediately after the end of BUSY.

General LCA Switching Characteristics



Master Modes

		Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power-On-Reset	M0 = High	T_{POR}	10	40	ms
	M0 = Low	T_{POR}	40	130	ms
Program Latency		T_{PI}	30	200	μ s per CLB column
CCLK (output) Delay	period (slow)	T_{ICCK}	40	250	μ s
	period (fast)	T_{CCLK}	640	2000	ns
		T_{CCLK}	100	250	ns

Slave and Peripheral Modes


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

Note: At power-up, V_{CC} must rise from 2.0 V to V_{CC} min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration using PROGRAM until V_{CC} is valid.

Pin Functions During Configuration

CONFIGURATION MODE: <M2:M1:M0>						
SLAVE <1:1:1>	MASTER-SER <0:0:0>	SYN.PERIPH <0:1:1>	ASYN.PERIPH <1:0:1>	MASTER-HIGH <1:1:0>	MASTER-LOW <1:0:0>	USER OPERATION
				A16	A16	PGI-I/O
				A17	A17	I/O
TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI-I/O
TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK-I/O
TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS-I/O
						SGI-I/O
M1 (HIGH) (I)	M1 (LOW) (I)	M1 (HIGH) (I)	M1 (LOW) (I)	M1 (HIGH) (I)	M1 (LOW) (I)	(O)
M0 (HIGH) (I)	M0 (LOW) (I)	M0 (HIGH) (I)	M0 (HIGH) (I)	M0 (LOW) (I)	M0 (LOW) (I)	(I)
M2 (HIGH) (I)	M2 (LOW) (I)	M2 (LOW) (I)	M2 (HIGH) (I)	M2 (HIGH) (I)	M2 (HIGH) (I)	(I)
						PGI-I/O
HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	I/O
LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	I/O
* INIT-ERROR	INIT-ERROR	INIT-ERROR	INIT-ERROR	INIT-ERROR	INIT-ERROR	I/O
						SGI-I/O
DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE
PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM
		DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	I/O
						PGI-I/O
		DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	I/O
		DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	I/O
			CS0 (I)			I/O
		DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	I/O
		DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	I/O
			RS (I)			I/O
		DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	I/O
		DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	I/O
		RDY/BUSY	RDY/BUSY	RCLK	RCLK	I/O
DIN (I)	DIN (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	I/O
DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	SGI-I/O
CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK(O)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)
TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO-(O)
			WS (I)	A0	A0	I/O
				A1	A1	PGI-I/O
			CS1 (I)	A2	A2	I/O
				A3	A3	I/O
				A4	A4	I/O
				A5	A5	I/O
				A6	A6	I/O
				A7	A7	I/O
				A8	A8	I/O
				A9	A9	I/O
				A10	A10	I/O
				A11	A11	I/O
				A12	A12	I/O
				A13	A13	I/O
				A14	A14	I/O
				A15	A15	SGI-I/O
						ALL OTHERS

X6081

 Represents a 50 kΩ to 100 kΩ pull-up before and during configuration

* INIT is an open-drain output during configuration

(I) Represents an input

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

Pin Descriptions

Permanently Dedicated Pins

V_{CC}

Eight or more (depending on package type) connections to the nominal +5 V supply voltage. All must be connected.

GND

Eight or more (depending on package type) connections to ground. All must be connected.

CCLK

During configuration, Configuration Clock is an output of the LCA in Master modes or asynchronous Peripheral mode, but is an input to the LCA in Slave mode and Synchronous Peripheral mode.

After configuration, CCLK has a weak pull-up resistor and can be selected as Readback Clock.

DONE

This is a bidirectional signal, configurable with or without a pull-up resistor of 2 to 8 k Ω .

As an output, it indicates the completion of the configuration process. The configuration program determines the exact timing, the clock source for the Low-to-High transition, and enable of the pull-up resistor.

As an input, a Low level on DONE can be configured to delay the global logic initialization or the enabling of outputs

PROGRAM

This is an active Low input that forces the LCA to clear its configuration memory.

When PROGRAM goes High, the LCA finishes the current clear cycle and executes another complete clear cycle, before it goes into a WAIT state and releases INIT.

User I/O Pins that can have Special Functions

RDY/BUSY

During peripheral modes, this pin indicates when it is appropriate to write another byte of data into the LCA device. 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, this is a user-programmable I/O pin.

RCLK

During Master Parallel configuration, each change on the A0-15 outputs is preceded by a rising edge on RCLK, a redundant output signal. After configuration, this is a user-programmable I/O pin.

M0, M1, M2

As Mode inputs, these pins are sampled before the start of configuration 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.

These pins can be user inputs or outputs only when called out by special schematic definitions.

TDO

If boundary scan is used, this 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.

TDI, TCK, TMS

If boundary scan is used, these pins are Test Data In, Test Clock, and Test Mode Select inputs respectively coming directly from the pads, bypassing the I/OBs. These pins can also be used as inputs to the CLB logic after configuration is completed.

If the boundary scan option is not selected, all boundary scan functions are inhibited once configuration is completed, and these pins become user-programmable I/O.

Note:

The XC4000 families have no Powerdown control input; use the global 3-state net instead.

The XC4000 families have no dedicated Reset input. Any user I/O can be configured to drive the global Set/Reset net.
