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Understanding Embedded - FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array)

Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	144
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1152
Total RAM Bits	12288
Number of I/O	102
Number of Gates	63000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	144-LQFP
Supplier Device Package	144-TQFP (20x20)
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- Flexible interconnect
 - FastTrack® Interconnect continuous routing structure for fast, predictable interconnect delays
 - Dedicated carry chain that implements arithmetic functions such as fast adders, counters, and comparators (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
 - Dedicated cascade chain that implements high-speed, high-fan-in logic functions (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
 - Tri-state emulation that implements internal tri-state buses
 - Up to six global clock signals and four global clear signals
- Powerful I/O pins
 - Individual tri-state output enable control for each pin
 - Open-drain option on each I/O pin
 - Programmable output slew-rate control to reduce switching noise
 - FLEX 10KA devices support hot-socketing
- Peripheral register for fast setup and clock-to-output delay
- Flexible package options
 - Available in a variety of packages with 84 to 600 pins (see [Tables 4 and 5](#))
 - Pin-compatibility with other FLEX 10K devices in the same package
 - FineLine BGA™ packages maximize board space efficiency
- Software design support and automatic place-and-route provided by Altera development systems for Windows-based PCs and Sun SPARCstation, HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations
- Additional design entry and simulation support provided by EDIF 2.0 and 3.0 netlist files, library of parameterized modules (LPM), DesignWare components, Verilog HDL, VHDL, and other interfaces to popular EDA tools from manufacturers such as Cadence, Exemplar Logic, Mentor Graphics, OrCAD, Synopsys, Synplicity, VeriBest, and Viewlogic

The FLEX 10K architecture is similar to that of embedded gate arrays, the fastest-growing segment of the gate array market. As with standard gate arrays, embedded gate arrays implement general logic in a conventional “sea-of-gates” architecture. In addition, embedded gate arrays have dedicated die areas for implementing large, specialized functions. By embedding functions in silicon, embedded gate arrays provide reduced die area and increased speed compared to standard gate arrays. However, embedded megafunctions typically cannot be customized, limiting the designer’s options. In contrast, FLEX 10K devices are programmable, providing the designer with full control over embedded megafunctions and general logic while facilitating iterative design changes during debugging.

Each FLEX 10K device contains an embedded array and a logic array. The embedded array is used to implement a variety of memory functions or complex logic functions, such as digital signal processing (DSP), microcontroller, wide-data-path manipulation, and data-transformation functions. The logic array performs the same function as the sea-of-gates in the gate array: it is used to implement general logic, such as counters, adders, state machines, and multiplexers. The combination of embedded and logic arrays provides the high performance and high density of embedded gate arrays, enabling designers to implement an entire system on a single device.

FLEX 10K devices are configured at system power-up with data stored in an Altera serial configuration device or provided by a system controller. Altera offers the EPC1, EPC2, EPC16, and EPC1441 configuration devices, which configure FLEX 10K devices via a serial data stream. Configuration data can also be downloaded from system RAM or from Altera’s BitBlaster™ serial download cable or ByteBlasterMV™ parallel port download cable. After a FLEX 10K device has been configured, it can be reconfigured in-circuit by resetting the device and loading new data. Because reconfiguration requires less than 320 ms, real-time changes can be made during system operation.

FLEX 10K devices contain an optimized interface that permits microprocessors to configure FLEX 10K devices serially or in parallel, and synchronously or asynchronously. The interface also enables microprocessors to treat a FLEX 10K device as memory and configure the device by writing to a virtual memory location, making it very easy for the designer to reconfigure the device.

Up/Down Counter Mode

The up/down counter mode offers counter enable, clock enable, synchronous up/down control, and data loading options. These control signals are generated by the data inputs from the LAB local interconnect, the carry-in signal, and output feedback from the programmable register. The Up/down counter mode uses 2 three-input LUTs: one generates the counter data, and the other generates the fast carry bit. A 2-to-1 multiplexer provides synchronous loading. Data can also be loaded asynchronously with the clear and preset register control signals, without using the LUT resources.

Clearable Counter Mode

The clearable counter mode is similar to the up/down counter mode, but supports a synchronous clear instead of the up/down control. The clear function is substituted for the cascade-in signal in the up/down counter mode. Clearable counter mode uses 2 three-input LUTs: one generates the counter data, and the other generates the fast carry bit. Synchronous loading is provided by a 2-to-1 multiplexer. The output of this multiplexer is ANDed with a synchronous clear signal.

Internal Tri-State Emulation

Internal tri-state emulation provides internal tri-stating without the limitations of a physical tri-state bus. In a physical tri-state bus, the tri-state buffers' output enable (OE) signals select which signal drives the bus. However, if multiple OE signals are active, contending signals can be driven onto the bus. Conversely, if no OE signals are active, the bus will float. Internal tri-state emulation resolves contending tri-state buffers to a low value and floating buses to a high value, thereby eliminating these problems. The Altera software automatically implements tri-state bus functionality with a multiplexer.

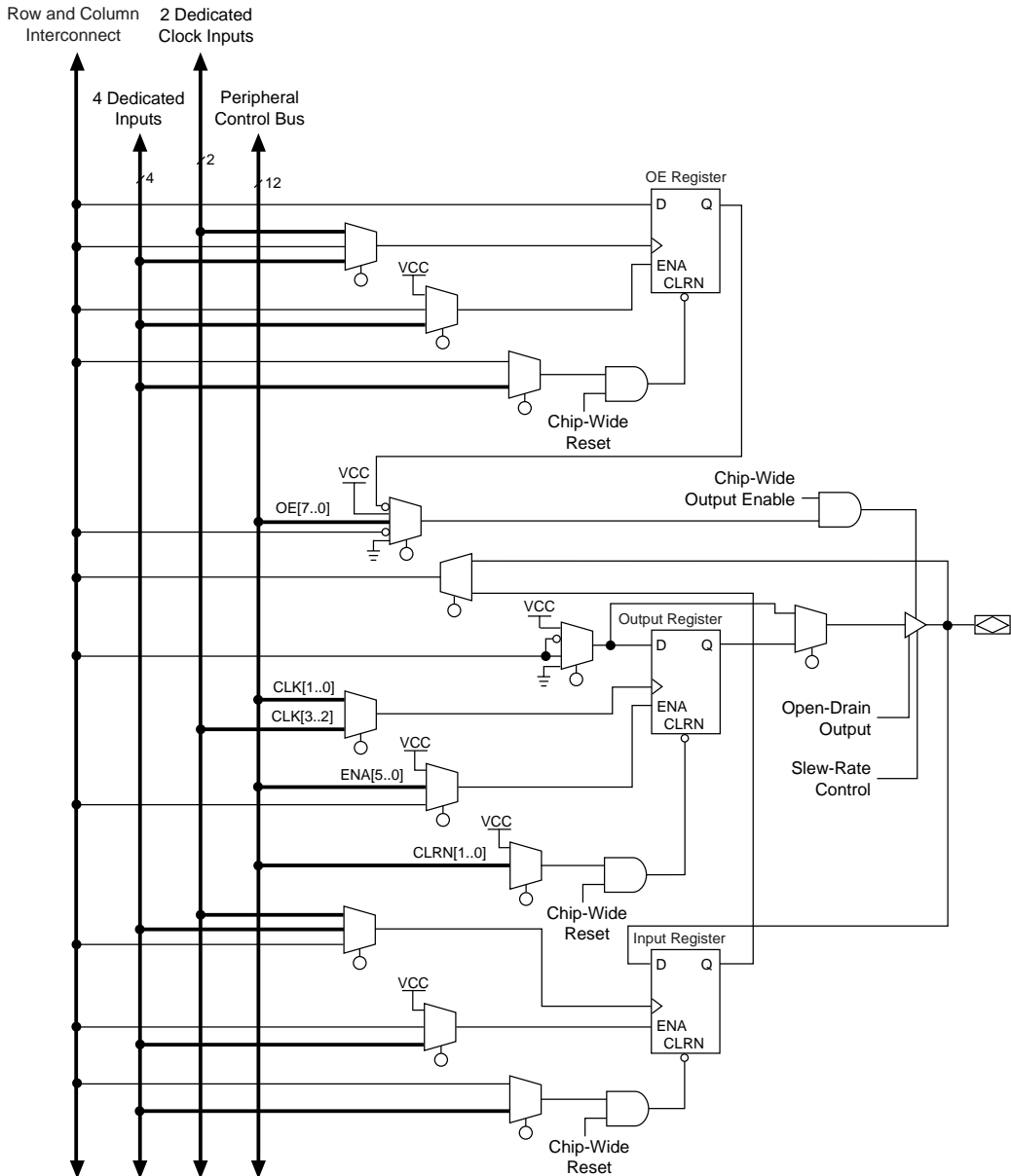
Clear & Preset Logic Control

Logic for the programmable register's clear and preset functions is controlled by the DATA3, LABCTRL1, and LABCTRL2 inputs to the LE. The clear and preset control structure of the LE asynchronously loads signals into a register. Either LABCTRL1 or LABCTRL2 can control the asynchronous clear. Alternatively, the register can be set up so that LABCTRL1 implements an asynchronous load. The data to be loaded is driven to DATA3; when LABCTRL1 is asserted, DATA3 is loaded into the register.

I/O Element

An I/O element (IOE) contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a register that can be used either as an input register for external data that requires a fast setup time, or as an output register for data that requires fast clock-to-output performance. In some cases, using an LE register for an input register will result in a faster setup time than using an IOE register. IOEs can be used as input, output, or bidirectional pins. For bidirectional registered I/O implementation, the output register should be in the IOE and, the data input and output enable register should be LE registers placed adjacent to the bidirectional pin. The Compiler uses the programmable inversion option to invert signals from the row and column interconnect automatically where appropriate. [Figure 13](#) shows the bidirectional I/O registers.

Figure 13. Bidirectional I/O Registers



Signals on the peripheral control bus can also drive the four global signals, referred to as GLOBAL0 through GLOBAL3 in [Tables 8 and 9](#). The internally generated signal can drive the global signal, providing the same low-skew, low-delay characteristics for an internally generated signal as for a signal driven by an input. This feature is ideal for internally generated clear or clock signals with high fan-out. When a global signal is driven by internal logic, the dedicated input pin that drives that global signal cannot be used. The dedicated input pin should be driven to a known logic state (such as ground) and not be allowed to float.

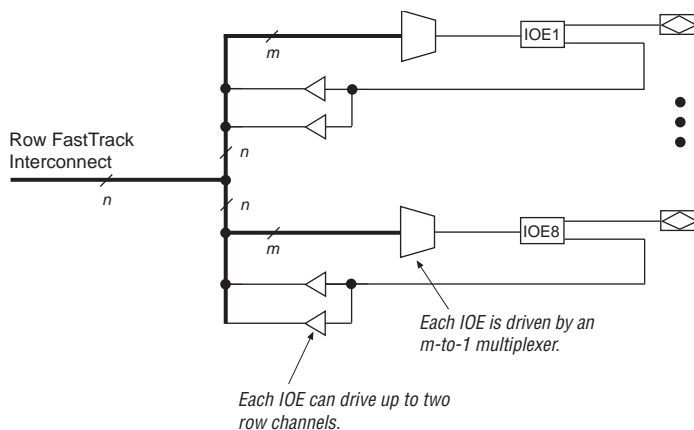
When the chip-wide output enable pin is held low, it will tri-state all pins on the device. This option can be set in the Global Project Device Options menu. Additionally, the registers in the IOE can be reset by holding the chip-wide reset pin low.

Row-to-IOE Connections

When an IOE is used as an input signal, it can drive two separate row channels. The signal is accessible by all LEs within that row. When an IOE is used as an output, the signal is driven by a multiplexer that selects a signal from the row channels. Up to eight IOEs connect to each side of each row channel. See [Figure 14](#).

Figure 14. FLEX 10K Row-to-IOE Connections

The values for m and n are provided in Table 10.



ClockLock & ClockBoost Features

To support high-speed designs, selected FLEX 10K devices offer optional ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry containing a phase-locked loop (PLL) that is used to increase design speed and reduce resource usage. The ClockLock circuitry uses a synchronizing PLL that reduces the clock delay and skew within a device. This reduction minimizes clock-to-output and setup times while maintaining zero hold times. The ClockBoost circuitry, which provides a clock multiplier, allows the designer to enhance device area efficiency by sharing resources within the device. The ClockBoost feature allows the designer to distribute a low-speed clock and multiply that clock on-device. Combined, the ClockLock and ClockBoost features provide significant improvements in system performance and bandwidth.

The ClockLock and ClockBoost features in FLEX 10K devices are enabled through the Altera software. External devices are not required to use these features. The output of the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuits is not available at any of the device pins.

The ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry locks onto the rising edge of the incoming clock. The circuit output can only drive the clock inputs of registers; the generated clock cannot be gated or inverted.

The dedicated clock pin (GCLK1) supplies the clock to the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry. When the dedicated clock pin is driving the ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry, it cannot drive elsewhere in the device.

In designs that require both a multiplied and non-multiplied clock, the clock trace on the board can be connected to GCLK1. With the Altera software, GCLK1 can feed both the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuitry in the FLEX 10K device. However, when both circuits are used, the other clock pin (GCLK0) cannot be used. [Figure 17](#) shows a block diagram of how to enable both the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuits in the Altera software. The example shown is a schematic, but a similar approach applies for designs created in AHDL, VHDL, and Verilog HDL. When the ClockLock and ClockBoost circuits are used simultaneously, the input frequency parameter must be the same for both circuits. In [Figure 17](#), the input frequency must meet the requirements specified when the ClockBoost multiplication factor is two.

Slew-Rate Control

The output buffer in each IOE has an adjustable output slew rate that can be configured for low-noise or high-speed performance. A slower slew rate reduces system noise and adds a maximum delay of approximately 2.9 ns. The fast slew rate should be used for speed-critical outputs in systems that are adequately protected against noise. Designers can specify the slew rate on a pin-by-pin basis during design entry or assign a default slew rate to all pins on a device-wide basis. The slow slew rate setting affects only the falling edge of the output.

Open-Drain Output Option

FLEX 10K devices provide an optional open-drain (electrically equivalent to an open-collector) output for each I/O pin. This open-drain output enables the device to provide system-level control signals (e.g., interrupt and write enable signals) that can be asserted by any of several devices. It can also provide an additional wired-OR plane. Additionally, the Altera software can convert tri-state buffers with grounded data inputs to open-drain pins automatically.

Open-drain output pins on FLEX 10K devices (with a pull-up resistor to the 5.0-V supply) can drive 5.0-V CMOS input pins that require a V_{IH} of 3.5 V. When the open-drain pin is active, it will drive low. When the pin is inactive, the trace will be pulled up to 5.0 V by the resistor. The open-drain pin will only drive low or tri-state; it will never drive high. The rise time is dependent on the value of the pull-up resistor and load impedance. The I_{OL} current specification should be considered when selecting a pull-up resistor.

Output pins on 5.0-V FLEX 10K devices with $V_{CCIO} = 3.3$ V or 5.0 V (with a pull-up resistor to the 5.0-V supply) can also drive 5.0-V CMOS input pins. In this case, the pull-up transistor will turn off when the pin voltage exceeds 3.3 V. Therefore, the pin does not have to be open-drain.

MultiVolt I/O Interface

The FLEX 10K device architecture supports the MultiVolt I/O interface feature, which allows FLEX 10K devices to interface with systems of differing supply voltages. These devices have one set of V_{CC} pins for internal operation and input buffers (V_{CCINT}) and another set for I/O output drivers (V_{CCIO}).

Table 12 describes the FLEX 10K device supply voltages and MultiVolt I/O support levels.

Table 12. Supply Voltages & MultiVolt I/O Support Levels

Devices	Supply Voltage (V)		MultiVolt I/O Support Levels (V)	
	V _{CCINT}	V _{CCIO}	Input	Output
FLEX 10K (1)	5.0	5.0	3.3 or 5.0	5.0
	5.0	3.3	3.3 or 5.0	3.3 or 5.0
EPF10K50V (1)	3.3	3.3	3.3 or 5.0	3.3 or 5.0
EPF10K130V	3.3	3.3	3.3 or 5.0	3.3 or 5.0
FLEX 10KA (1)	3.3	3.3	2.5, 3.3, or 5.0	3.3 or 5.0
	3.3	2.5	2.5, 3.3, or 5.0	2.5

Note

(1) 240-pin QFP packages do not support the MultiVolt I/O features, so they do not have separate V_{CCIO} pins.

Power Sequencing & Hot-Socketing

Because FLEX 10K devices can be used in a multi-voltage environment, they have been designed specifically to tolerate any possible power-up sequence. The V_{CCIO} and V_{CCINT} power supplies can be powered in any order.

Signals can be driven into FLEX 10KA devices before and during power up without damaging the device. Additionally, FLEX 10KA devices do not drive out during power up. Once operating conditions are reached, FLEX 10KA devices operate as specified by the user.

IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

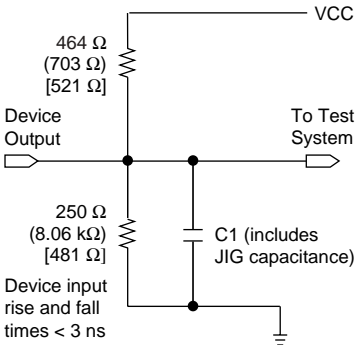
All FLEX 10K devices provide JTAG BST circuitry that complies with the IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 specification. All FLEX 10K devices can also be configured using the JTAG pins through the BitBlaster serial download cable, or ByteBlasterMV parallel port download cable, or via hardware that uses the Jam™ programming and test language. JTAG BST can be performed before or after configuration, but not during configuration. FLEX 10K devices support the JTAG instructions shown in Table 13.

Generic Testing

Each FLEX 10K device is functionally tested. Complete testing of each configurable SRAM bit and all logic functionality ensures 100% yield. AC test measurements for FLEX 10K devices are made under conditions equivalent to those shown in Figure 19. Multiple test patterns can be used to configure devices during all stages of the production flow.

Figure 19. FLEX 10K AC Test Conditions

Power supply transients can affect AC measurements. Simultaneous transitions of multiple outputs should be avoided for accurate measurement. Threshold tests must not be performed under AC conditions. Large-amplitude, fast-ground-current transients normally occur as the device outputs discharge the load capacitances. When these transients flow through the parasitic inductance between the device ground pin and the test system ground, significant reductions in observable noise immunity can result. Numbers without parentheses are for 5.0-V devices or outputs. Numbers in parentheses are for 3.3-V devices or outputs. Numbers in brackets are for 2.5-V devices or outputs.



Operating Conditions

Tables 17 through 21 provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, DC operating conditions, and capacitance for 5.0-V FLEX 10K devices.

Table 17. FLEX 10K 5.0-V Device Absolute Maximum Ratings Note (1)					
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V _{CC}	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (2)	−2.0	7.0	V
V _I	DC input voltage		−2.0	7.0	V
I _{OUT}	DC output current, per pin		−25	25	mA
T _{STG}	Storage temperature	No bias	−65	150	° C
T _{AMB}	Ambient temperature	Under bias	−65	135	° C
T _J	Junction temperature	Ceramic packages, under bias		150	° C
		PQFP, TQFP, RQFP, and BGA packages, under bias		135	° C

Tables 22 through 25 provide information on absolute maximum ratings, recommended operating conditions, DC operating conditions, and capacitance for EPF10K50V and EPF10K130V devices.

Table 22. EPF10K50V & EPF10K130V Device Absolute Maximum Ratings *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CC}	Supply voltage	With respect to ground (2)	−0.5	4.6	V
V_I	DC input voltage		−2.0	5.75	V
I_{OUT}	DC output current, per pin		−25	25	mA
T_{STG}	Storage temperature	No bias	−65	150	° C
T_{AMB}	Ambient temperature	Under bias	−65	135	° C
T_J	Junction temperature	Ceramic packages, under bias		150	° C
		RQFP and BGA packages, under bias		135	° C

Table 23. EPF10K50V & EPF10K130V Device Recommended Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CCINT}	Supply voltage for internal logic and input buffers	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
V_{CCIO}	Supply voltage for output buffers	(3), (4)	3.00 (3.00)	3.60 (3.60)	V
V_I	Input voltage	(5)	−0.5	5.75	V
V_O	Output voltage		0	V_{CCIO}	V
T_A	Ambient temperature	For commercial use	0	70	° C
		For industrial use	−40	85	° C
T_J	Operating temperature	For commercial use	0	85	° C
		For industrial use	−40	100	° C
t_R	Input rise time			40	ns
t_F	Input fall time			40	ns

Table 24. EPF10K50V & EPF10K130V Device DC Operating Conditions Notes (6), (7)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IH}	High-level input voltage		2.0		5.75	V
V_{IL}	Low-level input voltage		-0.5		0.8	V
V_{OH}	3.3-V high-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OH} = -8$ mA DC (8)	2.4			V
	3.3-V high-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OH} = -0.1$ mA DC (8) $V_{CCIO} - 0.2$				V
V_{OL}	3.3-V low-level TTL output voltage	$I_{OL} = 8$ mA DC (9)			0.45	V
	3.3-V low-level CMOS output voltage	$I_{OL} = 0.1$ mA DC (9)			0.2	V
I_I	Input pin leakage current	$V_I = 5.3$ V to -0.3 V (10)	-10		10	μ A
I_{OZ}	Tri-stated I/O pin leakage current	$V_O = 5.3$ V to -0.3 V (10)	-10		10	μ A
I_{CC0}	V_{CC} supply current (standby)	$V_I =$ ground, no load		0.3	10	mA
		$V_I =$ ground, no load (11)		10		mA

Table 25. EPF10K50V & EPF10K130V Device Capacitance (12)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
C_{IN}	Input capacitance	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		10	pF
C_{INCLK}	Input capacitance on dedicated clock pin	$V_{IN} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		15	pF
C_{OUT}	Output capacitance	$V_{OUT} = 0$ V, $f = 1.0$ MHz		10	pF

Notes to tables:

- (1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
- (2) Minimum DC input voltage is -0.5 V. During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to -2.0 V or overshoot to 5.75 V for input currents less than 100 mA and periods shorter than 20 ns.
- (3) Numbers in parentheses are for industrial-temperature-range devices.
- (4) Maximum V_{CC} rise time is 100 ms. V_{CC} must rise monotonically.
- (5) EPF10K50V and EPF10K130V device inputs may be driven before V_{CCINT} and V_{CCIO} are powered.
- (6) Typical values are for $T_A = 25^\circ$ C and $V_{CC} = 3.3$ V.
- (7) These values are specified under the EPF10K50V and EPF10K130V device Recommended Operating Conditions in Table 23 on page 48.
- (8) The I_{OH} parameter refers to high-level TTL or CMOS output current.
- (9) The I_{OL} parameter refers to low-level TTL or CMOS output current. This parameter applies to open-drain pins as well as output pins.
- (10) This value is specified for normal device operation. The value may vary during power-up.
- (11) This parameter applies to -1 speed grade EPF10K50V devices, -2 speed grade EPF10K50V industrial temperature devices, and -2 speed grade EPF10K130V devices.
- (12) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Table 50. EPF10K30, EPF10K40 & EPF10K50 Device EAB Internal Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{EABDATA1}$		1.5		1.9	ns
$t_{EABDATA2}$		4.8		6.0	ns
t_{EABWE1}		1.0		1.2	ns
t_{EABWE2}		5.0		6.2	ns
t_{EABCLK}		1.0		2.2	ns
t_{EABCO}		0.5		0.6	ns
$t_{EABYPASS}$		1.5		1.9	ns
t_{EABSU}	1.5		1.8		ns
t_{EABH}	2.0		2.5		ns
t_{AA}		8.7		10.7	ns
t_{WP}	5.8		7.2		ns
t_{WDSU}	1.6		2.0		ns
t_{WDH}	0.3		0.4		ns
t_{WASU}	0.5		0.6		ns
t_{WAH}	1.0		1.2		ns
t_{WO}		5.0		6.2	ns
t_{DD}		5.0		6.2	ns
t_{EABOUT}		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{EABCH}	4.0		4.0		ns
t_{EABCL}	5.8		7.2		ns

Notes to tables:

- (1) All timing parameters are described in Tables 32 through 38 in this data sheet.
- (2) Using an LE to register the signal may provide a lower setup time.
- (3) This parameter is specified by characterization.

Tables 57 through 63 show EPF10K70 device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 57. EPF10K70 Device LE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{LUT}		1.3		1.5		2.0	ns
t_{CLUT}		0.4		0.4		0.5	ns
t_{RLUT}		1.5		1.6		2.0	ns
t_{PACKED}		0.8		0.9		1.3	ns
t_{EN}		0.8		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{CICO}		0.2		0.2		0.3	ns
t_{CGEN}		1.0		1.1		1.4	ns
t_{CGENR}		1.1		1.2		1.5	ns
t_{CASC}		1.0		1.1		1.3	ns
t_C		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
t_{CO}		0.9		1.0		1.4	ns
t_{COMB}		0.4		0.5		0.7	ns
t_{SU}	1.9		2.1		2.6		ns
t_H	2.1		2.3		3.1		ns
t_{PRE}		0.9		1.0		1.4	ns
t_{CLR}		0.9		1.0		1.4	ns
t_{CH}	4.0		4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CL}	4.0		4.0		4.0		ns

Table 58. EPF10K70 Device IOE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{IOD}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{IOC}		0.4		0.5		0.7	ns
t_{IOCO}		0.4		0.4		0.9	ns
t_{IOCOMB}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{IOSU}	4.5		5.0		6.2		ns
t_{IOH}	0.4		0.5		0.7		ns
t_{IOCLR}		0.6		0.7		1.6	ns
t_{OD1}		3.6		4.0		5.0	ns
t_{OD2}		5.6		6.3		7.3	ns
t_{OD3}		6.9		7.7		8.7	ns
t_{XZ}		5.5		6.2		6.8	ns
t_{ZX1}		5.5		6.2		6.8	ns
t_{ZX2}		7.5		8.5		9.1	ns
t_{ZX3}		8.8		9.9		10.5	ns
t_{INREG}		8.0		9.0		10.2	ns
t_{IOFD}		7.2		8.1		10.3	ns
t_{INCOMB}		7.2		8.1		10.3	ns

Table 89. EPF10K10A Device Interconnect Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{DIN2IOE}$		4.2		5.0		6.5	ns
t_{DIN2LE}		2.2		2.6		3.4	ns
$t_{DIN2DATA}$		4.3		5.2		7.1	ns
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$		4.2		4.9		6.6	ns
$t_{DCLK2LE}$		2.2		2.6		3.4	ns
$t_{SAMELAB}$		0.1		0.1		0.2	ns
$t_{SAMEROW}$		2.2		2.4		2.9	ns
$t_{SAMECOLUMN}$		0.8		1.0		1.4	ns
$t_{DIFFROW}$		3.0		3.4		4.3	ns
$t_{TWOROWS}$		5.2		5.8		7.2	ns
$t_{LEPERIPH}$		1.8		2.2		2.8	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.5		0.5		0.7	ns
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.9		1.0		1.5	ns

Table 90. EPF10K10A External Reference Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{DRR}		10.0		12.0		16.0	ns
t_{INSU} (2), (3)	1.6		2.1		2.8		ns
t_{INH} (3)	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{OUTCO} (3)	2.0	5.8	2.0	6.9	2.0	9.2	ns

Table 91. EPF10K10A Device External Bidirectional Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	2.4		3.3		4.5		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.0	5.8	2.0	6.9	2.0	9.2	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		6.3		7.5		9.9	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		6.3		7.5		9.9	ns

Table 96. EPF10K30A Device Interconnect Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{DIN2IOE}$		3.9		4.4		5.1	ns
t_{DIN2LE}		1.2		1.5		1.9	ns
$t_{DIN2DATA}$		3.2		3.6		4.5	ns
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$		3.0		3.5		4.6	ns
$t_{DCLK2LE}$		1.2		1.5		1.9	ns
$t_{SAMELAB}$		0.1		0.1		0.2	ns
$t_{SAMEROW}$		2.3		2.4		2.7	ns
$t_{SAMECOLUMN}$		1.3		1.4		1.9	ns
$t_{DIFFROW}$		3.6		3.8		4.6	ns
$t_{TWOROWS}$		5.9		6.2		7.3	ns
$t_{LEPERIPH}$		3.5		3.8		4.1	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.3		0.4		0.5	ns
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.9		1.1		1.4	ns

Table 97. EPF10K30A External Reference Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{DRR}		11.0		13.0		17.0	ns
t_{INSU} (2), (3)	2.5		3.1		3.9		ns
t_{INH} (3)	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{OUTCO} (3)	2.0	5.4	2.0	6.2	2.0	8.3	ns

Table 98. EPF10K30A Device External Bidirectional Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	4.2		4.9		6.8		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.0	5.4	2.0	6.2	2.0	8.3	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		6.2		7.5		9.8	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		6.2		7.5		9.8	ns

Table 103. EPF10K100A Device Interconnect Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{DIN2IOE}$		4.8		5.4		6.0	ns
t_{DIN2LE}		2.0		2.4		2.7	ns
$t_{DIN2DATA}$		2.4		2.7		2.9	ns
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$		2.6		3.0		3.5	ns
$t_{DCLK2LE}$		2.0		2.4		2.7	ns
$t_{SAMELAB}$		0.1		0.1		0.1	ns
$t_{SAMEROW}$		1.5		1.7		1.9	ns
$t_{SAMECOLUMN}$		5.5		6.5		7.4	ns
$t_{DIFFROW}$		7.0		8.2		9.3	ns
$t_{TWOROWS}$		8.5		9.9		11.2	ns
$t_{LEPERIPH}$		3.9		4.2		4.5	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.2		0.2		0.3	ns
$t_{LABCASC}$		0.4		0.5		0.6	ns

Table 104. EPF10K100A Device External Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{DRR}		12.5		14.5		17.0	ns
t_{INSU} (2), (3)	3.7		4.5		5.1		ns
t_{INH} (3)	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{OUTCO} (3)	2.0	5.3	2.0	6.1	2.0	7.2	ns

Table 105. EPF10K100A Device External Bidirectional Timing Parameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	4.9		5.8		6.8		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.0	5.3	2.0	6.1	2.0	7.2	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		7.4		8.6		10.1	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		7.4		8.6		10.1	ns

SRAM configuration elements allow FLEX 10K devices to be reconfigured in-circuit by loading new configuration data into the device. Real-time reconfiguration is performed by forcing the device into command mode with a device pin, loading different configuration data, reinitializing the device, and resuming user-mode operation.

The entire reconfiguration process may be completed in less than 320 ms using an EPF10K250A device with a DCLK frequency of 10 MHz. This process can be used to reconfigure an entire system dynamically. In-field upgrades can be performed by distributing new configuration files.



Refer to the configuration device data sheet to obtain the POR delay when using a configuration device method.

Programming Files

Despite being function- and pin-compatible, FLEX 10KA and FLEX 10KE devices are not programming- or configuration-file compatible with FLEX 10K devices. A design should be recompiled before it is transferred from a FLEX 10K device to an equivalent FLEX 10KA or FLEX 10KE device. This recompilation should be performed to create a new programming or configuration file and to check design timing on the faster FLEX 10KA or FLEX 10KE device. The programming or configuration files for EPF10K50 devices can program or configure an EPF10K50V device. However, Altera recommends recompiling a design for the EPF10K50V device when transferring it from the EPF10K50 device.

Configuration Schemes

The configuration data for a FLEX 10K device can be loaded with one of five configuration schemes (see [Table 116](#)), chosen on the basis of the target application. An EPC1, EPC2, EPC16, or EPC1441 configuration device, intelligent controller, or the JTAG port can be used to control the configuration of a FLEX 10K device, allowing automatic configuration on system power-up.

Multiple FLEX 10K devices can be configured in any of the five configuration schemes by connecting the configuration enable (nCE) and configuration enable output (nCEO) pins on each device.

Table 116. Data Sources for Configuration

Configuration Scheme	Data Source
Configuration device	EPC1, EPC2, EPC16, or EPC1441 configuration device
Passive serial (PS)	BitBlaster, MasterBlaster, or ByteBlasterMV download cable, or serial data source
Passive parallel asynchronous (PPA)	Parallel data source
Passive parallel synchronous (PPS)	Parallel data source
JTAG	BitBlaster, MasterBlaster, or ByteBlasterMV download cable, or microprocessor with Jam STAPL file or Jam Byte-Code file

Device Pin-Outs

See the Altera web site (<http://www.altera.com>) or the Altera Digital Library for pin-out information.

Revision History

The information contained in the *FLEX 10K Embedded Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet* version 4.2 supersedes information published in previous versions.

Version 4.2 Changes

The following change was made to version 4.2 of the *FLEX 10K Embedded Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet*: updated [Figure 13](#).

Version 4.1 Changes

The following changes were made to version 4.1 of the *FLEX 10K Embedded Programmable Logic Device Family Data Sheet*.

- Updated General Description section
- Updated I/O Element section
- Updated SameFrame Pin-Outs section
- Updated Figure 16
- Updated Tables 13 and 116
- Added Note 9 to Table 19
- Added Note 10 to Table 24
- Added Note 10 to Table 28