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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	216
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1728
Total RAM Bits	12288
Number of I/O	147
Number of Gates	69000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	208-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	208-PQFP (28x28)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/epf10k30aqc208-3

Table 2. FLEX 10K Device Features

Feature	EPF10K70	EPF10K100 EPF10K100A	EPF10K130V	EPF10K250A
Typical gates (logic and RAM) *(1)*	70,000	100,000	130,000	250,000
Maximum system gates	118,000	158,000	211,000	310,000
LEs	3,744	4,992	6,656	12,160
LABs	468	624	832	1,520
EABs	9	12	16	20
Total RAM bits	18,432	24,576	32,768	40,960
Maximum user I/O pins	358	406	470	470

Note to tables:

(1) The embedded IEEE Std. 1149.1 JTAG circuitry adds up to 31,250 gates in addition to the listed typical or maximum system gates.

...and More Features

- Devices are fabricated on advanced processes and operate with a 3.3-V or 5.0-V supply voltage (see Table 3
- In-circuit reconfigurability (ICR) via external configuration device, intelligent controller, or JTAG port
- ClockLock™ and ClockBoost™ options for reduced clock delay/skew and clock multiplication
- Built-in low-skew clock distribution trees
- 100% functional testing of all devices; test vectors or scan chains are not required

Table 3. Supply Voltages for FLEX 10K & FLEX 10KA Devices

5.0-V Devices	3.3-V Devices
EPF10K10	EPF10K10A
EPF10K20	EPF10K30A
EPF10K30	EPF10K50V
EPF10K40	EPF10K100A
EPF10K50	EPF10K130V
EPF10K70	EPF10K250A
EPF10K100	

Table 4. FLEX 10K Package Options & I/O Pin Count *Note (1)*

Device	84-Pin PLCC	100-Pin TQFP	144-Pin TQFP	208-Pin PQFP RQFP	240-Pin PQFP RQFP
EPF10K10	59		102	134	
EPF10K10A		66	102	134	
EPF10K20			102	147	189
EPF10K30				147	189
EPF10K30A			102	147	189
EPF10K40				147	189
EPF10K50					189
EPF10K50V					189
EPF10K70					189
EPF10K100					
EPF10K100A					189
EPF10K130V					
EPF10K250A					

Table 5. FLEX 10K Package Options & I/O Pin Count (Continued) *Note (1)*

Device	503-Pin PGA	599-Pin PGA	256-Pin FineLine BGA	356-Pin BGA	484-Pin FineLine BGA	600-Pin BGA	403-Pin PGA
EPF10K10							
EPF10K10A			150		150 *(2)*		
EPF10K20							
EPF10K30				246			
EPF10K30A			191	246	246		
EPF10K40							
EPF10K50				274			310
EPF10K50V				274			
EPF10K70	358						
EPF10K100	406						
EPF10K100A				274	369	406	
EPF10K130V		470				470	
EPF10K250A		470				470	

Notes to tables:
(1) FLEX 10K and FLEX 10KA device package types include plastic J-lead chip carrier (PLCC), thin quad flat pack (TQFP), plastic quad flat pack (PQFP), power quad flat pack (RQFP), ball-grid array (BGA), pin-grid array (PGA), and FineLine BGA™ packages.
(2) This option is supported with a 256-pin FineLine BGA package. By using SameFrame pin migration, all FineLine BGA packages are pin compatible. For example, a board can be designed to support both 256-pin and 484-pin FineLine BGA packages. The Altera software automatically avoids conflicting pins when future migration is set.

General Description

Altera's FLEX 10K devices are the industry's first embedded PLDs. Based on reconfigurable CMOS SRAM elements, the Flexible Logic Element MatriX (FLEX) architecture incorporates all features necessary to implement common gate array megafunctions. With up to 250,000 gates, the FLEX 10K family provides the density, speed, and features to integrate entire systems, including multiple 32-bit buses, into a single device.

FLEX 10K devices are reconfigurable, which allows 100% testing prior to shipment. As a result, the designer is not required to generate test vectors for fault coverage purposes. Additionally, the designer does not need to manage inventories of different ASIC designs; FLEX 10K devices can be configured on the board for the specific functionality required.

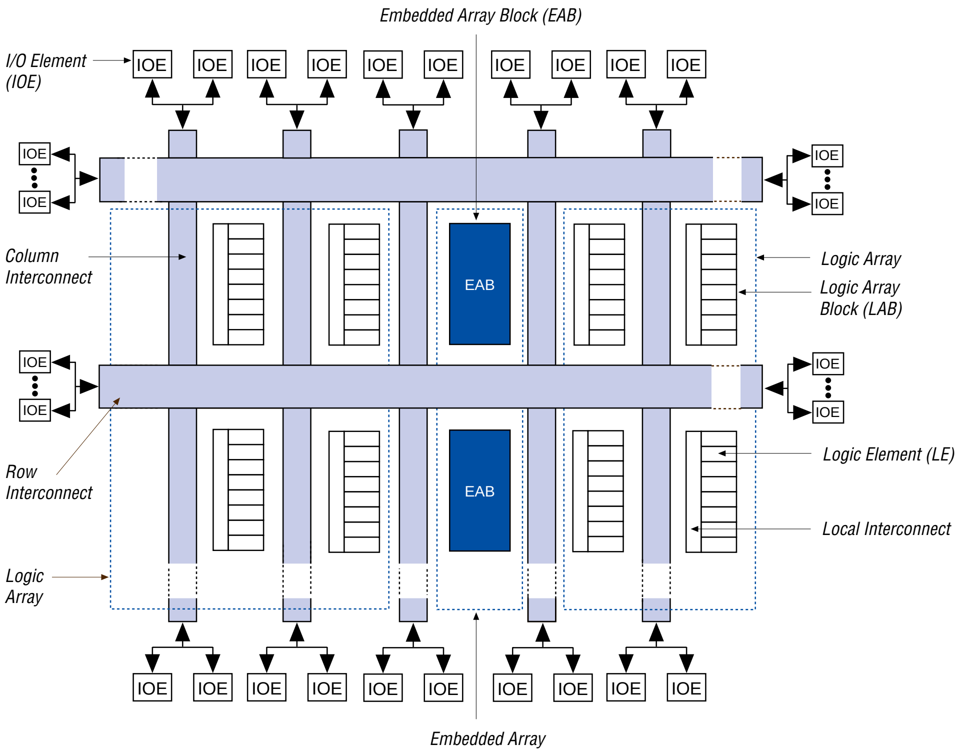
Table 6 shows FLEX 10K performance for some common designs. All performance values were obtained with Synopsys DesignWare or LPM functions. No special design technique was required to implement the applications; the designer simply inferred or instantiated a function in a Verilog HDL, VHDL, Altera Hardware Description Language (AHDL), or schematic design file.

Table 6. FLEX 10K & FLEX 10KA Performance

Application	Resources Used		Performance				Units
	LEs	EABs	-1 Speed Grade	-2 Speed Grade	-3 Speed Grade	-4 Speed Grade	
16-bit loadable counter *(1)*	16	0	204	166	125	95	MHz
16-bit accumulator *(1)*	16	0	204	166	125	95	MHz
16-to-1 multiplexer *(2)*	10	0	4.2	5.8	6.0	7.0	ns
256 × 8 RAM read cycle speed *(3)*	0	1	172	145	108	84	MHz
256 × 8 RAM write cycle speed *(3)*	0	1	106	89	68	63	MHz

Notes:
(1) The speed grade of this application is limited because of clock high and low specifications.
(2) This application uses combinatorial inputs and outputs.
(3) This application uses registered inputs and outputs.

Figure 1. FLEX 10K Device Block Diagram

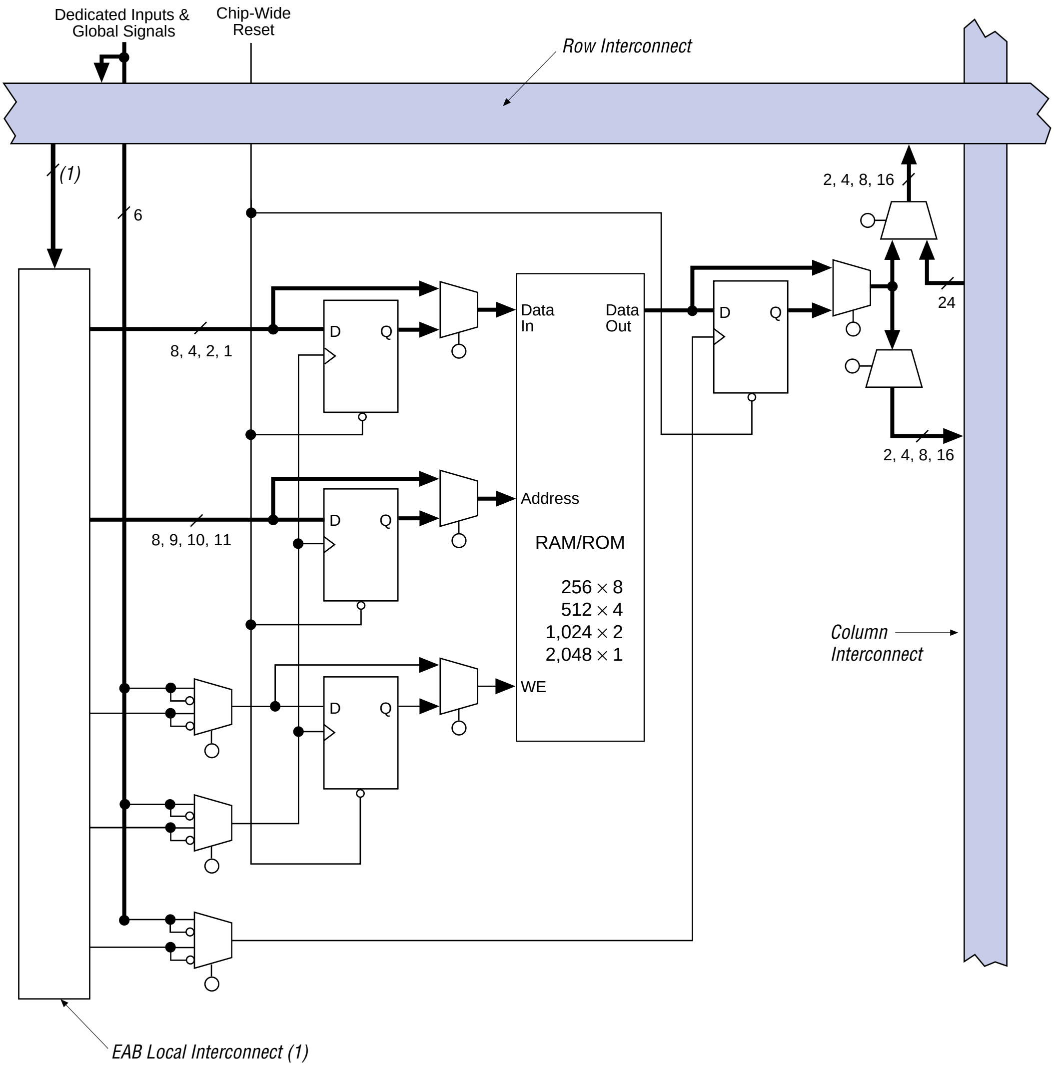


FLEX 10K devices provide six dedicated inputs that drive the flipflops' control inputs to ensure the efficient distribution of high-speed, low-skew (less than 1.5 ns) control signals. These signals use dedicated routing channels that provide shorter delays and lower skews than the FastTrack Interconnect. Four of the dedicated inputs drive four global signals. These four global signals can also be driven by internal logic, providing an ideal solution for a clock divider or an internally generated asynchronous clear signal that clears many registers in the device.

Embedded Array Block

The EAB is a flexible block of RAM with registers on the input and output ports, and is used to implement common gate array megafunctions. The EAB is also suitable for functions such as multipliers, vector scalars, and error correction circuits, because it is large and flexible. These functions can be combined in applications such as digital filters and microcontrollers.

Figure 4. FLEX 10K Embedded Array Block



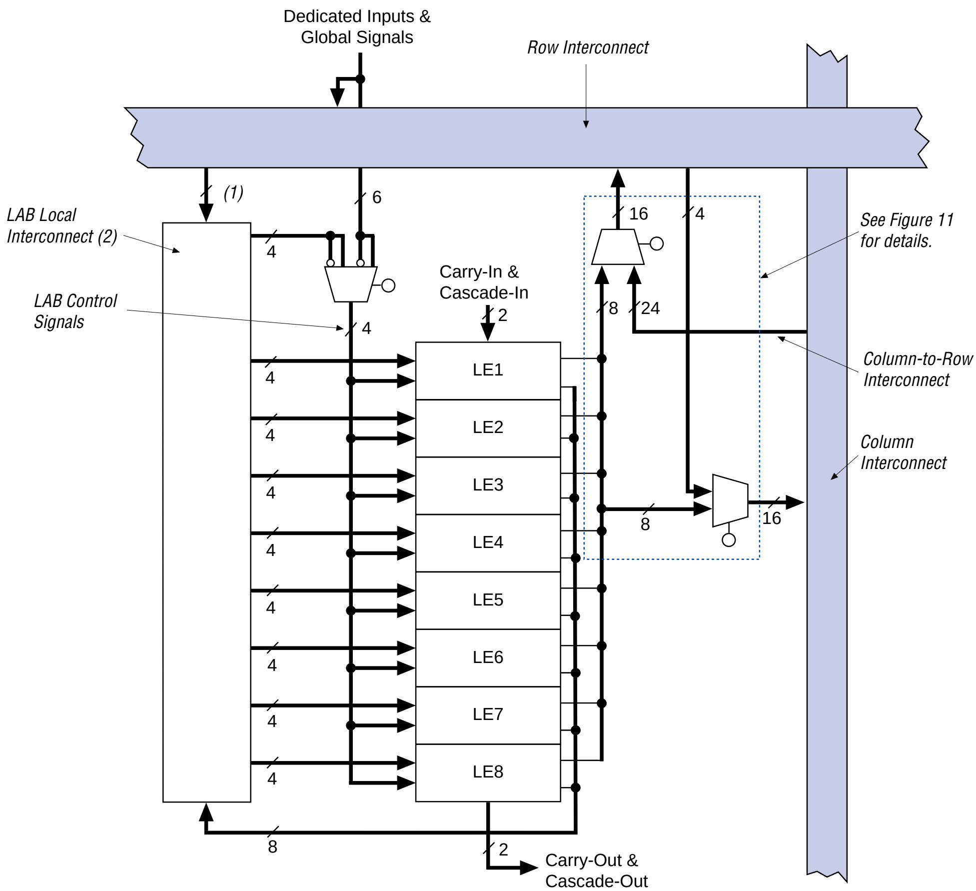
Note:

(1) EPF10K10, EPF10K10A, EPF10K20, EPF10K30, EPF10K30A, EPF10K40, EPF10K50, and EPF10K50V devices have 22 EAB local interconnect channels; EPF10K70, EPF10K100, EPF10K100A, EPF10K130V, and EPF10K250A devices have 26.

Logic Array Block

Each LAB consists of eight LEs, their associated carry and cascade chains, LAB control signals, and the LAB local interconnect. The LAB provides the coarse-grained structure to the FLEX 10K architecture, facilitating efficient routing with optimum device utilization and high performance. See Figure 5.

Figure 5. FLEX 10K LAB



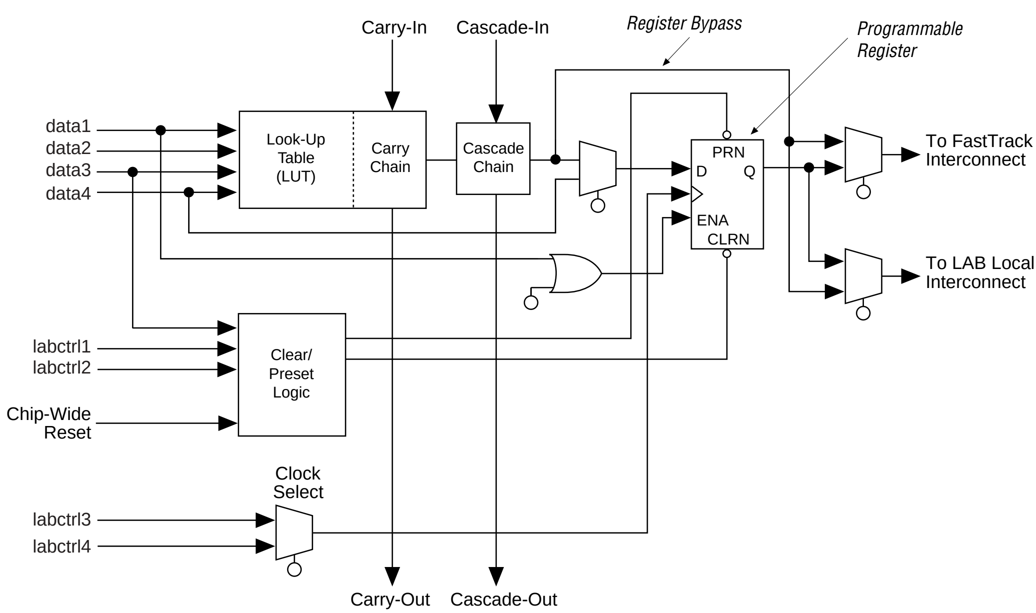
Notes:
(1) EPF10K10, EPF10K10A, EPF10K20, EPF10K30, EPF10K30A, EPF10K40, EPF10K50, and EPF10K50V devices have 22 inputs to the LAB local interconnect channel from the row; EPF10K70, EPF10K100, EPF10K100A, EPF10K130V, and EPF10K250A devices have 26.
(2) EPF10K10, EPF10K10A, EPF10K20, EPF10K30, EPF10K30A, EPF10K40, EPF10K50, and EPF10K50V devices have 30 LAB local interconnect channels; EPF10K70, EPF10K100, EPF10K100A, EPF10K130V, and EPF10K250A devices have 34 LABs.

Each LAB provides four control signals with programmable inversion that can be used in all eight LEs. Two of these signals can be used as clocks; the other two can be used for clear/preset control. The LAB clocks can be driven by the dedicated clock input pins, global signals, I/O signals, or internal signals via the LAB local interconnect. The LAB preset and clear control signals can be driven by the global signals, I/O signals, or internal signals via the LAB local interconnect. The global control signals are typically used for global clock, clear, or preset signals because they provide asynchronous control with very low skew across the device. If logic is required on a control signal, it can be generated in one or more LEs in any LAB and driven into the local interconnect of the target LAB. In addition, the global control signals can be generated from LE outputs.

Logic Element

The LE, the smallest unit of logic in the FLEX 10K architecture, has a compact size that provides efficient logic utilization. Each LE contains a four-input LUT, which is a function generator that can quickly compute any function of four variables. In addition, each LE contains a programmable flipflop with a synchronous enable, a carry chain, and a cascade chain. Each LE drives both the local and the FastTrack Interconnect. See Figure 6.

Figure 6. FLEX 10K Logic Element



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.

Figures 25 through 27 show the delays that correspond to various paths and functions within the LE, IOE, and EAB timing models.

Figure 25. FLEX 10K Device LE Timing Model

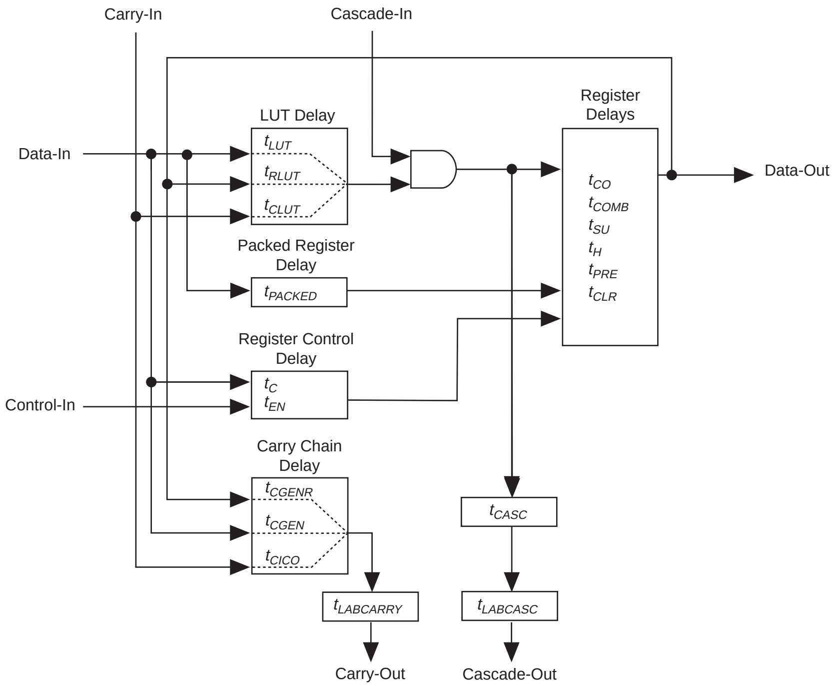


Table 35. EAB Timing Macroparameters *Notes (1), (6)*		
Symbol	**Parameter**	**Conditions**
t_{EABAA}	EAB address access delay	
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	EAB asynchronous read cycle time	
$t_{EABRCREG}$	EAB synchronous read cycle time	
t_{EABWP}	EAB write pulse width	
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	EAB asynchronous write cycle time	
$t_{EABWCREG}$	EAB synchronous write cycle time	
t_{EABDD}	EAB data-in to data-out valid delay	
$t_{EABDATACO}$	EAB clock-to-output delay when using output registers	
$t_{EABDATASU}$	EAB data/address setup time before clock when using input register	
$t_{EABDATAH}$	EAB data/address hold time after clock when using input register	
$t_{EABWESU}$	EAB WE setup time before clock when using input register	
t_{EABWEH}	EAB WE hold time after clock when using input register	
$t_{EABWDSU}$	EAB data setup time before falling edge of write pulse when not using input registers	
t_{EABWDH}	EAB data hold time after falling edge of write pulse when not using input registers	
$t_{EABWASU}$	EAB address setup time before rising edge of write pulse when not using input registers	
t_{EABWAH}	EAB address hold time after falling edge of write pulse when not using input registers	
t_{EABWO}	EAB write enable to data output valid delay	

Tables 39 through 47 show EPF10K10 and EPF10K20 device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 39. EPF10K10 & EPF10K20 Device LE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{LUT}		1.4		1.7	ns
t_{CLUT}		0.6		0.7	ns
t_{RLUT}		1.5		1.9	ns
t_{PACKED}		0.6		0.9	ns
t_{EN}		1.0		1.2	ns
t_{CICO}		0.2		0.3	ns
t_{CGEN}		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{CGENR}		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{CASC}		0.8		0.9	ns
t_{C}		1.3		1.5	ns
t_{CO}		0.9		1.1	ns
t_{COMB}		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{SU}	1.3		2.5		ns
t_{H}	1.4		1.6		ns
t_{PRE}		1.0		1.2	ns
t_{CLR}		1.0		1.2	ns
t_{CH}	4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CL}	4.0		4.0		ns

Table 42. EPF10K10 & EPF10K20 Device EAB Internal Timing Macroparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{EABAA}		13.7		17.0	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	13.7		17.0		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	9.7		11.9		ns
t_{EABWP}	5.8		7.2		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	7.3		9.0		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	13.0		16.0		ns
t_{EABDD}		10.0		12.5	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		2.0		3.4	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	5.3		5.6		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	5.5		5.8		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	5.5		5.8		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	2.1		2.7		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		9.5		11.8	ns

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
$t_{EABBYPASS}$		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

Table 51. EPF10K30, EPF10K40 & EPF10K50 Device EAB Internal Timing Macroparameters *Note (1)*					
Symbol	**-3 Speed Grade**		**-4 Speed Grade**		**Unit**
	Min	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	
t_{EABAA}		13.7		17.0	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	13.7		17.0		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	9.7		11.9		ns
t_{EABWP}	5.8		7.2		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	7.3		9.0		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	13.0		16.0		ns
t_{EABDD}		10.0		12.5	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		2.0		3.4	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	5.3		5.6		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	5.5		5.8		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	5.5		5.8		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	2.1		2.7		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		9.5		11.8	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 64 through 70 show EPF10K100 device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 64. EPF10K100 Device LE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

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

Table 66. EPF10K100 Device EAB Internal Microparameters *Note (1)*

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

Table 68. EPF10K100 Device Interconnect Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*							
Symbol	**-3DX Speed Grade**		**-3 Speed Grade**		**-4 Speed Grade**		**Unit**
	Min	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	
$t_{DIN2IOE}$		10.3		10.3		12.2	ns
t_{DIN2LE}		4.8		4.8		6.0	ns
$t_{DIN2DATA}$		7.3		7.3		11.0	ns
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$ without ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry		6.2		6.2		7.7	ns
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$ with ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry		2.3		–		–	ns
$t_{DCLK2LE}$ without ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry		4.8		4.8		6.0	ns
$t_{DCLK2LE}$ with ClockLock or ClockBoost circuitry		2.3		–		–	ns
$t_{SAMELAB}$		0.4		0.4		0.5	ns
$t_{SAMEROW}$		4.9		4.9		5.5	ns
$t_{SAMECOLUMN}$		5.1		5.1		5.4	ns
$t_{DIFFROW}$		10.0		10.0		10.9	ns
$t_{TWOROWS}$		14.9		14.9		16.4	ns
$t_{LEPERIPH}$		6.9		6.9		8.1	ns
$t_{LABCARRY}$		0.9		0.9		1.1	ns
$t_{LABCASC}$		3.0		3.0		3.2	ns

Table 87. EPF10K10A Device EAB Internal Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{EABDATA1}$		3.3		3.9		5.2	ns
$t_{EABDATA2}$		1.0		1.3		1.7	ns
t_{EABWE1}		2.6		3.1		4.1	ns
t_{EABWE2}		2.7		3.2		4.3	ns
t_{EABCLK}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{EABCO}		1.2		1.4		1.8	ns
$t_{EABBYPASS}$		0.1		0.2		0.2	ns
t_{EABSU}	1.4		1.7		2.2		ns
t_{EABH}	0.1		0.1		0.1		ns
t_{AA}		4.5		5.4		7.3	ns
t_{WP}	2.0		2.4		3.2		ns
t_{WDSU}	0.7		0.8		1.1		ns
t_{WDH}	0.5		0.6		0.7		ns
t_{WASU}	0.6		0.7		0.9		ns
t_{WAH}	0.9		1.1		1.5		ns
t_{WO}		3.3		3.9		5.2	ns
t_{DD}		3.3		3.9		5.2	ns
t_{EABOUT}		0.1		0.1		0.2	ns
t_{EABCH}	3.0		3.5		4.0		ns
t_{EABCL}	3.03		3.5		4.0		ns

Table 102. EPF10K100A Device EAB Internal Timing Macroparameters *Note (1)*							
Symbol	**-1 Speed Grade**		**-2 Speed Grade**		**-3 Speed Grade**		**Unit**
	Min	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	**Min**	**Max**	
t_{EABAA}		6.8		7.8		9.2	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	6.8		7.8		9.2		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	5.4		6.2		7.4		ns
t_{EABWP}	3.2		3.7		4.4		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	3.4		3.9		4.7		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	9.4		10.8		12.8		ns
t_{EABDD}		6.1		6.9		8.2	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		2.1		2.3		2.9	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	3.7		4.3		5.1		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	2.8		3.3		3.8		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	3.4		4.0		4.6		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	1.9		2.3		2.6		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		5.1		5.7		6.9	ns

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