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Details

Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	216
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1728
Total RAM Bits	12288
Number of I/O	246
Number of Gates	69000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	356-LBGA
Supplier Device Package	356-BGA (35x35)
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- *Configuration Devices for APEX & FLEX Devices Data Sheet*
- *BitBlaster Serial Download Cable Data Sheet*
- *ByteBlasterMV Parallel Port Download Cable Data Sheet*
- *Application Note 116 (Configuring APEX 20K, FLEX 10K & FLEX 6000 Devices)*

FLEX 10K devices are supported by Altera development systems; single, integrated packages that offer schematic, text (including AHDL), and waveform design entry, compilation and logic synthesis, full simulation and worst-case timing analysis, and device configuration. The Altera software provides EDIF 2.0.0 and 3.0.0, LPM, VHDL, Verilog HDL, and other interfaces for additional design entry and simulation support from other industry-standard PC- and UNIX workstation-based EDA tools.

The Altera software works easily with common gate array EDA tools for synthesis and simulation. For example, the Altera software can generate Verilog HDL files for simulation with tools such as Cadence Verilog-XL. Additionally, the Altera software contains EDA libraries that use device-specific features such as carry chains which are used for fast counter and arithmetic functions. For instance, the Synopsys Design Compiler library supplied with the Altera development systems include DesignWare functions that are optimized for the FLEX 10K architecture.

The Altera development systems run on Windows-based PCs and Sun SPARCstation, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations.



See the *MAX+PLUS II Programmable Logic Development System & Software Data Sheet* for more information.

Functional Description

Each FLEX 10K device contains an embedded array to implement memory and specialized logic functions, and a logic array to implement general logic.

The embedded array consists of a series of EABs. When implementing memory functions, each EAB provides 2,048 bits, which can be used to create RAM, ROM, dual-port RAM, or first-in first-out (FIFO) functions. When implementing logic, each EAB can contribute 100 to 600 gates towards complex logic functions, such as multipliers, microcontrollers, state machines, and DSP functions. EABs can be used independently, or multiple EABs can be combined to implement larger functions.

Figure 7 shows how an n -bit full adder can be implemented in $n + 1$ LEs with the carry chain. One portion of the LUT generates the sum of two bits using the input signals and the carry-in signal; the sum is routed to the output of the LE. The register can either be bypassed for simple adders or be used for an accumulator function. The carry chain logic generates the carry-out signal, which is routed directly to the carry-in signal of the next higher-order bit. The final carry-out signal is routed to an LE, where it can be used as a general-purpose signal.

Figure 7. Carry Chain Operation (n -bit Full Adder)

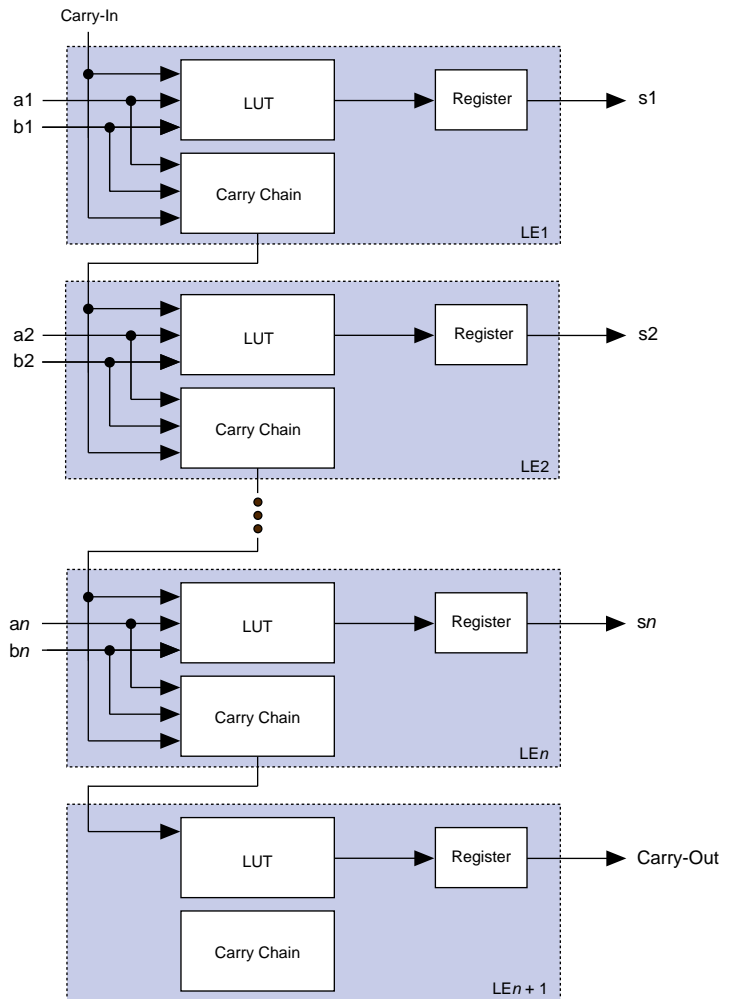
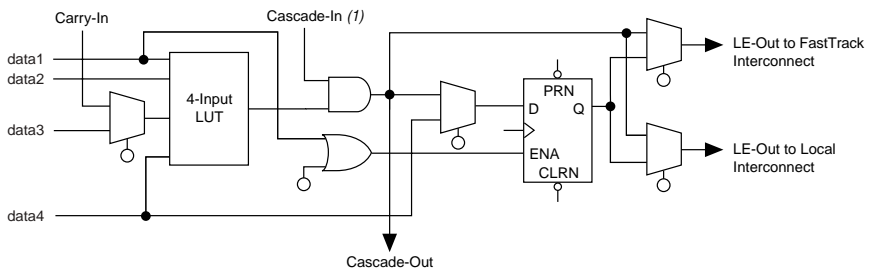
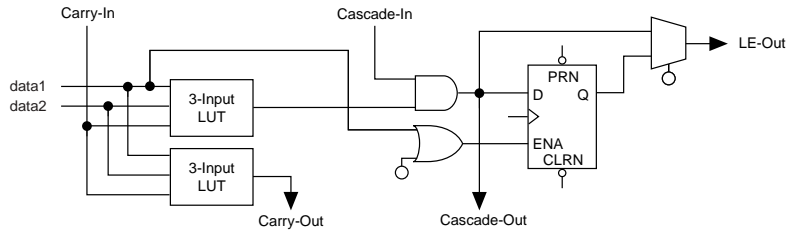


Figure 9. FLEX 10K LE Operating Modes

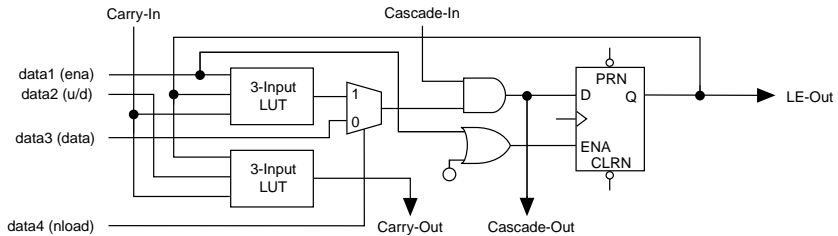
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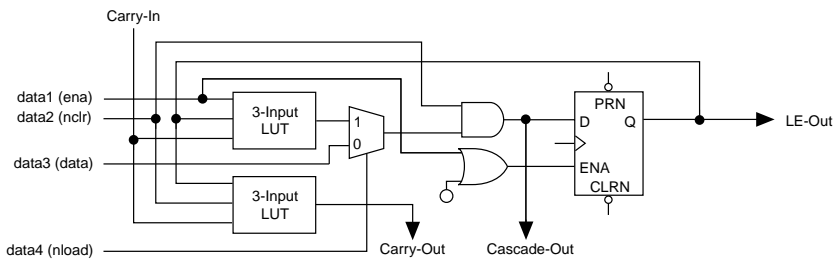
Arithmetic Mode



Up/Down Counter Mode



Clearable Counter Mode

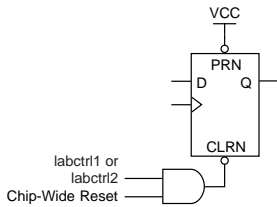


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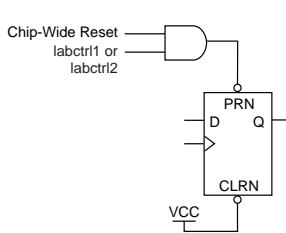
(1) Packed registers cannot be used with the cascade chain.

Figure 10. LE Clear & Preset Modes

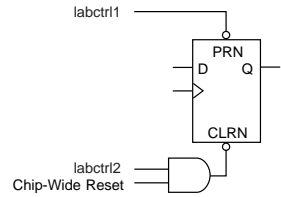
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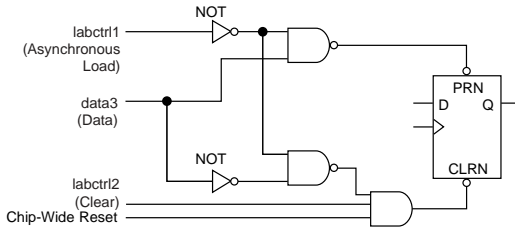
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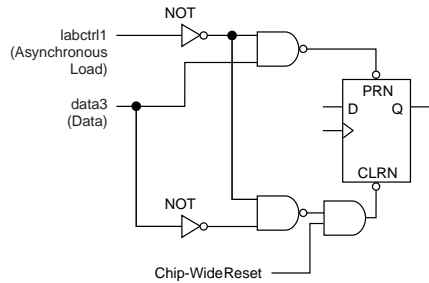
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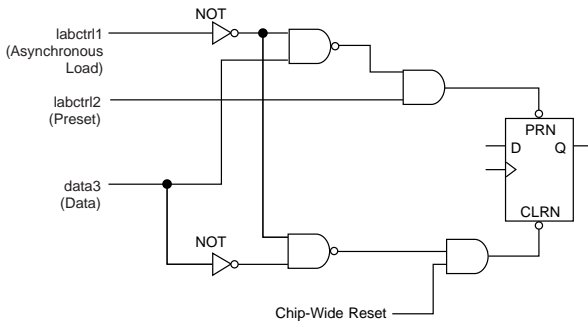
Asynchronous Load with Clear



Asynchronous Load without Clear or Preset



Asynchronous Load with Preset



Asynchronous Clear

The flipflop can be cleared by either LABCTRL1 or LABCTRL2. In this mode, the preset signal is tied to V_{CC} to deactivate it.

FastTrack Interconnect

In the FLEX 10K architecture, connections between LEs and device I/O pins are provided by the FastTrack Interconnect, which is a series of continuous horizontal and vertical routing channels that traverse the device. This global routing structure provides predictable performance, even in complex designs. In contrast, the segmented routing in FPGAs requires switch matrices to connect a variable number of routing paths, increasing the delays between logic resources and reducing performance.

The FastTrack Interconnect consists of row and column interconnect channels that span the entire device. Each row of LABs is served by a dedicated row interconnect. The row interconnect can drive I/O pins and feed other LABs in the device. The column interconnect routes signals between rows and can drive I/O pins.

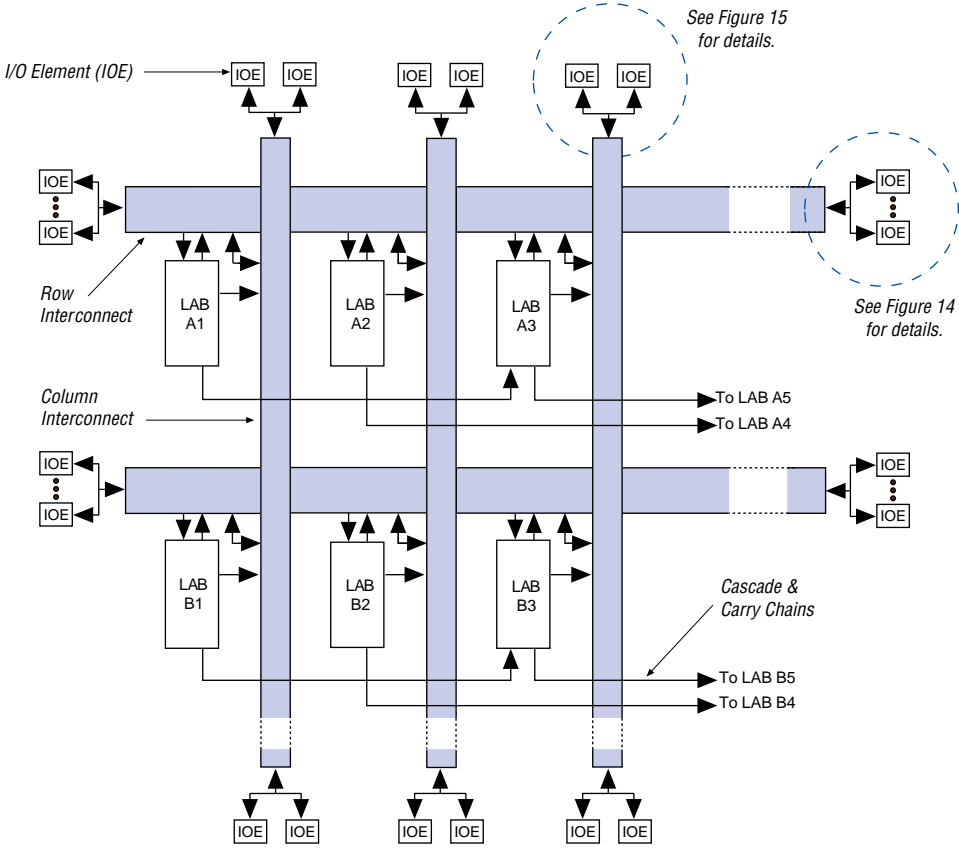
A row channel can be driven by an LE or by one of three column channels. These four signals feed dual 4-to-1 multiplexers that connect to two specific row channels. These multiplexers, which are connected to each LE, allow column channels to drive row channels even when all eight LEs in an LAB drive the row interconnect.

Each column of LABs is served by a dedicated column interconnect. The column interconnect can then drive I/O pins or another row's interconnect to route the signals to other LABs in the device. A signal from the column interconnect, which can be either the output of an LE or an input from an I/O pin, must be routed to the row interconnect before it can enter an LAB or EAB. Each row channel that is driven by an IOE or EAB can drive one specific column channel.

Access to row and column channels can be switched between LEs in adjacent pairs of LABs. For example, an LE in one LAB can drive the row and column channels normally driven by a particular LE in the adjacent LAB in the same row, and vice versa. This routing flexibility enables routing resources to be used more efficiently. See [Figure 11](#).

Figure 12 shows the interconnection of adjacent LABs and EABs with row, column, and local interconnects, as well as the associated cascade and carry chains. Each LAB is labeled according to its location: a letter represents the row and a number represents the column. For example, LAB B3 is in row B, column 3.

Figure 12. Interconnect Resources



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.

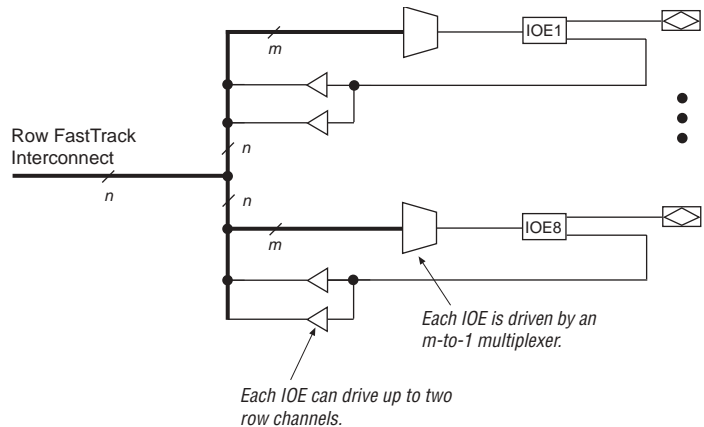


Figure 15. FLEX 10K Column-to-IOE Connections

The values for m and n are provided in Table 11.

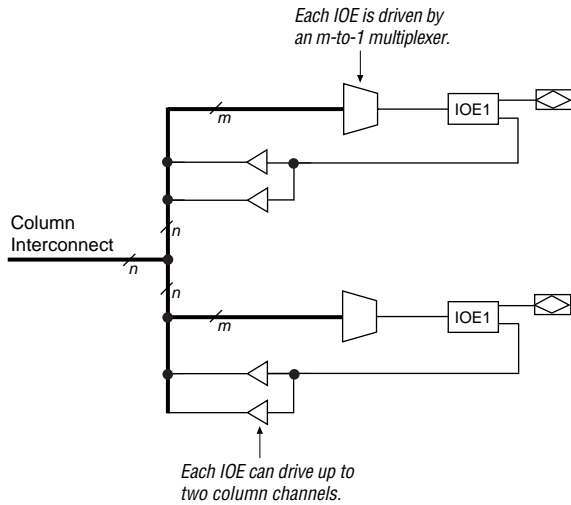


Table 11 lists the FLEX 10K column-to-IOE interconnect resources.

Table 11. FLEX 10K Column-to-IOE Interconnect Resources		
Device	Channels per Column (n)	Column Channel per Pin (m)
EPF10K10 EPF10K10A	24	16
EPF10K20	24	16
EPF10K30 EPF10K30A	24	16
EPF10K40	24	16
EPF10K50 EPF10K50V	24	16
EPF10K70	24	16
EPF10K100 EPF10K100A	24	16
EPF10K130V	32	24
EPF10K250A	40	32

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}).

Figure 18 shows the timing requirements for the JTAG signals.

Figure 18. JTAG Waveforms

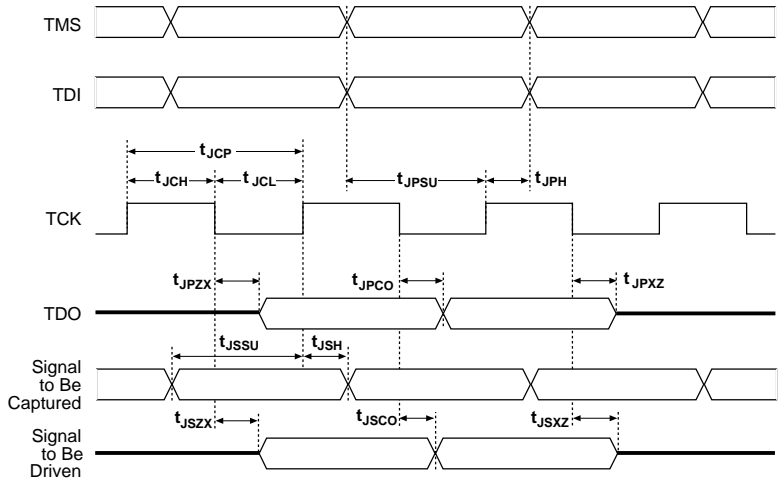


Table 16 shows the timing parameters and values for FLEX 10K devices.

Table 16. JTAG Timing Parameters & Values

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
t_{JCP}	TCK clock period	100		ns
t_{JCH}	TCK clock high time	50		ns
t_{JCL}	TCK clock low time	50		ns
t_{JPSU}	JTAG port setup time	20		ns
t_{JPH}	JTAG port hold time	45		ns
t_{JPCO}	JTAG port clock to output		25	ns
t_{JPZX}	JTAG port high impedance to valid output		25	ns
t_{JPXZ}	JTAG port valid output to high impedance		25	ns
t_{JSSU}	Capture register setup time	20		ns
t_{JSH}	Capture register hold time	45		ns
t_{JSCO}	Update register clock to output		35	ns
t_{JSZX}	Update register high-impedance to valid output		35	ns
t_{JSXZ}	Update register valid output to high impedance		35	ns

Timing simulation and delay prediction are available with the MAX+PLUS II Simulator and Timing Analyzer, or with industry-standard EDA tools. The Simulator offers both pre-synthesis functional simulation to evaluate logic design accuracy and post-synthesis timing simulation with 0.1-ns resolution. The Timing Analyzer provides point-to-point timing delay information, setup and hold time analysis, and device-wide performance analysis.

Figure 24 shows the overall timing model, which maps the possible paths to and from the various elements of the FLEX 10K device.

Figure 24. FLEX 10K Device Timing Model

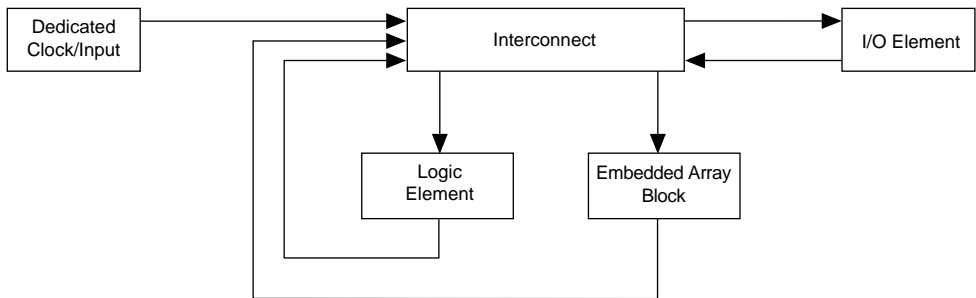


Table 32. LE Timing Microparameters (Part 2 of 2) *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
t_{SU}	LE register setup time for data and enable signals before clock; LE register recovery time after asynchronous clear, preset, or load	
t_H	LE register hold time for data and enable signals after clock	
t_{PRE}	LE register preset delay	
t_{CLR}	LE register clear delay	
t_{CH}	Minimum clock high time from clock pin	
t_{CL}	Minimum clock low time from clock pin	

Table 33. IOE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
t_{IOD}	IOE data delay	
t_{IOC}	IOE register control signal delay	
t_{IOCO}	IOE register clock-to-output delay	
t_{IOCOMB}	IOE combinatorial delay	
t_{IOSU}	IOE register setup time for data and enable signals before clock; IOE register recovery time after asynchronous clear	
t_{IOH}	IOE register hold time for data and enable signals after clock	
t_{IOCLR}	IOE register clear time	
t_{OD1}	Output buffer and pad delay, slow slew rate = off, $V_{CCIO} = V_{CCINT}$	C1 = 35 pF (2)
t_{OD2}	Output buffer and pad delay, slow slew rate = off, $V_{CCIO} = \text{low voltage}$	C1 = 35 pF (3)
t_{OD3}	Output buffer and pad delay, slow slew rate = on	C1 = 35 pF (4)
t_{XZ}	IOE output buffer disable delay	
t_{ZX1}	IOE output buffer enable delay, slow slew rate = off, $V_{CCIO} = V_{CCINT}$	C1 = 35 pF (2)
t_{ZX2}	IOE output buffer enable delay, slow slew rate = off, $V_{CCIO} = \text{low voltage}$	C1 = 35 pF (3)
t_{ZX3}	IOE output buffer enable delay, slow slew rate = on	C1 = 35 pF (4)
t_{INREG}	IOE input pad and buffer to IOE register delay	
t_{IOFD}	IOE register feedback delay	
t_{INCOMB}	IOE input pad and buffer to FastTrack Interconnect 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 72. EPF10K50V Device IOE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{IOD}		1.2		1.6		1.9		2.1	ns
t_{IOC}		0.3		0.4		0.5		0.5	ns
t_{IOCO}		0.3		0.3		0.4		0.4	ns
t_{IOCOMB}		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{IOSU}	2.8		2.8		3.4		3.9		ns
t_{IOH}	0.7		0.8		1.0		1.4		ns
t_{IOCLR}		0.5		0.6		0.7		0.7	ns
t_{OD1}		2.8		3.2		3.9		4.7	ns
t_{OD2}		–		–		–		–	ns
t_{OD3}		6.5		6.9		7.6		8.4	ns
t_{XZ}		2.8		3.1		3.8		4.6	ns
t_{ZX1}		2.8		3.1		3.8		4.6	ns
t_{ZX2}		–		–		–		–	ns
t_{ZX3}		6.5		6.8		7.5		8.3	ns
t_{INREG}		5.0		5.7		7.0		9.0	ns
t_{IOFD}		1.5		1.9		2.3		2.7	ns
t_{INCOMB}		1.5		1.9		2.3		2.7	ns

Table 80. EPF10K130V Device EAB Internal Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{EABDATA1}$		1.9		2.4		2.4	ns
$t_{EABDATA2}$		3.7		4.7		4.7	ns
t_{EABWE1}		1.9		2.4		2.4	ns
t_{EABWE2}		3.7		4.7		4.7	ns
t_{EABCLK}		0.7		0.9		0.9	ns
t_{EABCO}		0.5		0.6		0.6	ns
$t_{EABYPASS}$		0.6		0.8		0.8	ns
t_{EABSU}	1.4		1.8		1.8		ns
t_{EABH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{AA}		5.6		7.1		7.1	ns
t_{WP}	3.7		4.7		4.7		ns
t_{WDSU}	4.6		5.9		5.9		ns
t_{WDH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{WASU}	3.9		5.0		5.0		ns
t_{WAH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{WO}		5.6		7.1		7.1	ns
t_{DD}		5.6		7.1		7.1	ns
t_{EABOUT}		2.4		3.1		3.1	ns
t_{EABCH}	4.0		4.0		4.0		ns
t_{EABCL}	4.0		4.7		4.7		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 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
$t_{TROWROWS}$		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

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.

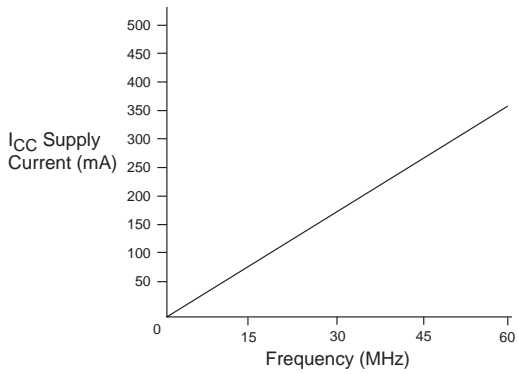
Tables 106 through 112 show EPF10K250A device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 106. EPF10K250A Device LE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

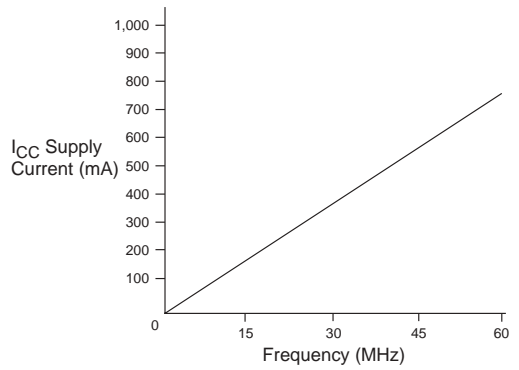
Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{LUT}		0.9		1.0		1.4	ns
t_{CLUT}		1.2		1.3		1.6	ns
t_{RLUT}		2.0		2.3		2.7	ns
t_{PACKED}		0.4		0.4		0.5	ns
t_{EN}		1.4		1.6		1.9	ns
t_{CICO}		0.2		0.3		0.3	ns
t_{CGEN}		0.4		0.6		0.6	ns
t_{CGENR}		0.8		1.0		1.1	ns
t_{CASC}		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
t_C		1.2		1.3		1.6	ns
t_{CO}		0.6		0.7		0.9	ns
t_{COMB}		0.5		0.6		0.7	ns
t_{SU}	1.2		1.4		1.7		ns
t_H	1.2		1.3		1.6		ns
t_{PRE}		0.7		0.8		0.9	ns
t_{CLR}		0.7		0.8		0.9	ns
t_{CH}	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns
t_{CL}	2.5		3.0		3.5		ns

Figure 32. $I_{CCACTIVE}$ vs. Operating Frequency (Part 1 of 3)

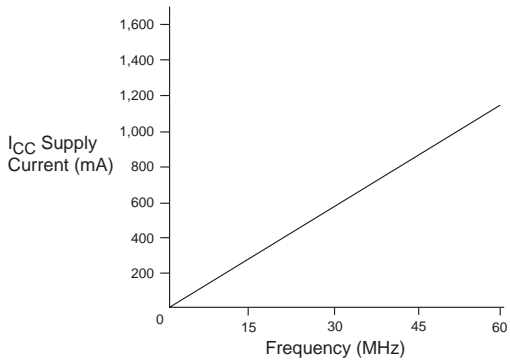
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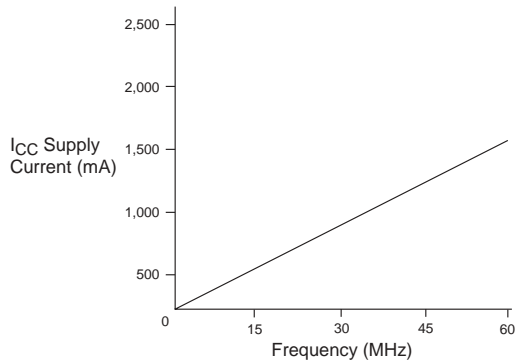
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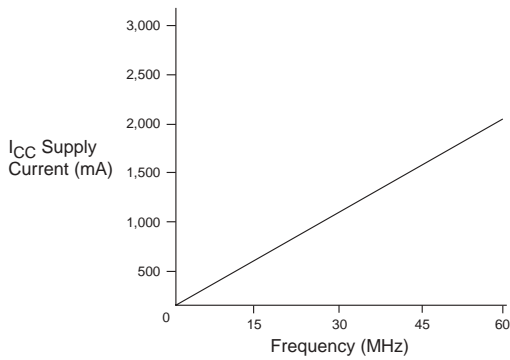
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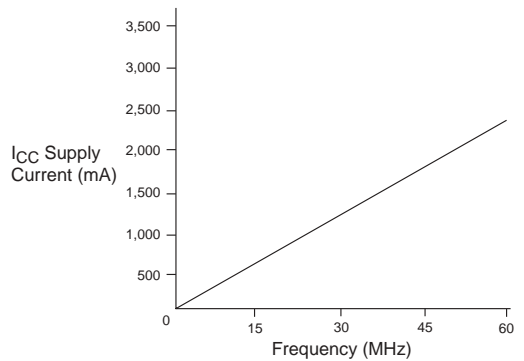
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Multiple FLEX 10K devices can be configured in any of the five configuration schemes by connecting the configuration enable (nCE) and configuration enable output (nCEO) pins on each device.

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