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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	360
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	2880
Total RAM Bits	20480
Number of I/O	189
Number of Gates	116000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Package / Case	240-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	240-PQFP (32x32)
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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 0 and 3 0 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

LE Operating Modes

The FLEX 10K LE can operate in the following four modes:

- Normal mode
- Arithmetic mode
- Up/down counter mode
- Clearable counter mode

Each of these modes uses LE resources differently. In each mode, seven available inputs to the LE—the four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect, the feedback from the programmable register, and the carry-in and cascade-in from the previous LE—are directed to different destinations to implement the desired logic function. Three inputs to the LE provide clock, clear, and preset control for the register. The Altera software, in conjunction with parameterized functions such as LPM and DesignWare functions, automatically chooses the appropriate mode for common functions such as counters, adders, and multipliers. If required, the designer can also create special-purpose functions which use a specific LE operating mode for optimal performance.

The architecture provides a synchronous clock enable to the register in all four modes. The Altera software can set `DATA1` to enable the register synchronously, providing easy implementation of fully synchronous designs.

Figure 9 shows the LE operating modes.

During compilation, the Compiler automatically selects the best control signal implementation. Because the clear and preset functions are active-low, the Compiler automatically assigns a logic high to an unused clear or preset.

The clear and preset logic is implemented in one of the following six modes chosen during design entry:

- Asynchronous clear
- Asynchronous preset
- Asynchronous clear and preset
- Asynchronous load with clear
- Asynchronous load with preset
- Asynchronous load without clear or preset

In addition to the six clear and preset modes, FLEX 10K devices provide a chip-wide reset pin that can reset all registers in the device. Use of this feature is set during design entry. In any of the clear and preset modes, the chip-wide reset overrides all other signals. Registers with asynchronous presets may be preset when the chip-wide reset is asserted. Inversion can be used to implement the asynchronous preset. Figure 10 shows examples of how to enter a section of a design for the desired functionality.

Figure 11. LAB Connections to Row & Column Interconnect

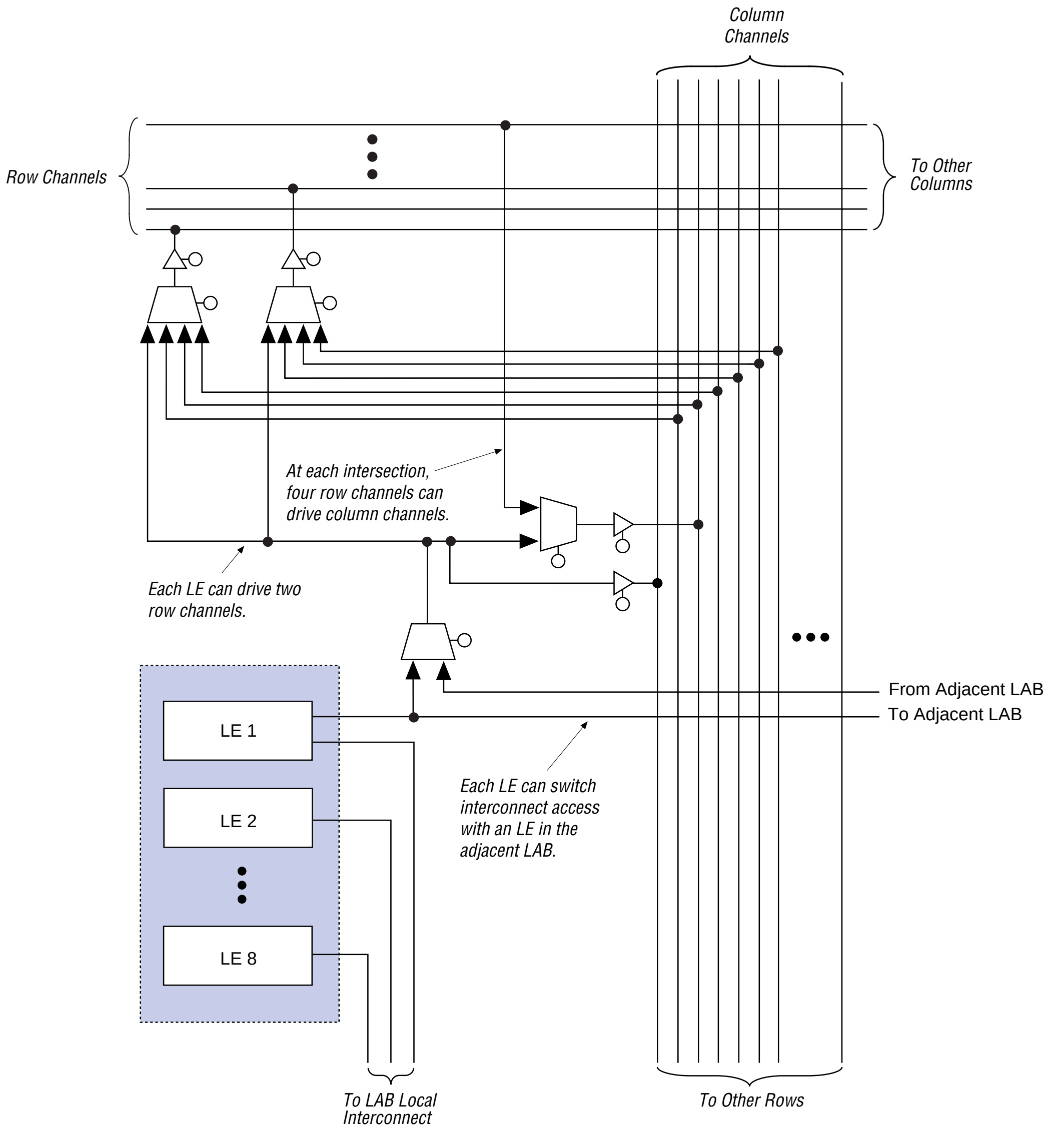
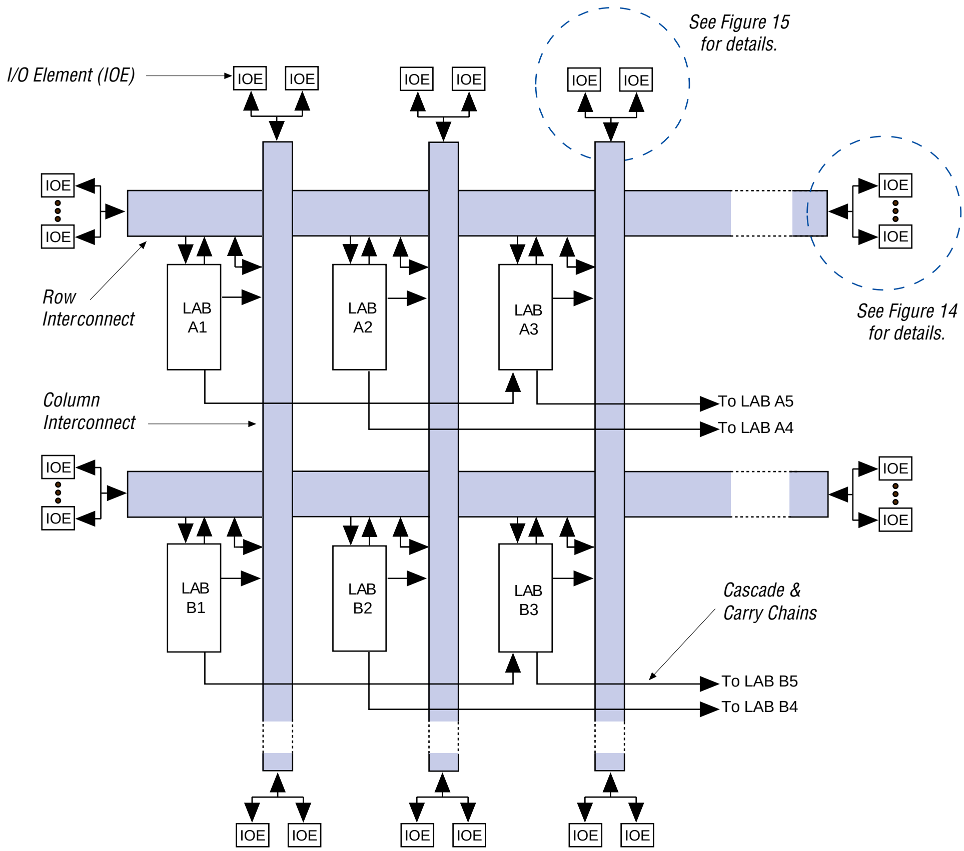


Figure 12 shows the interconnection of adjacent LABs and EABs with row, column, and local interconnects, as well as the associated cascade and carry chains. Each LAB is labeled according to its location: a letter represents the row and a number represents the column. For example, LAB B3 is in row B,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

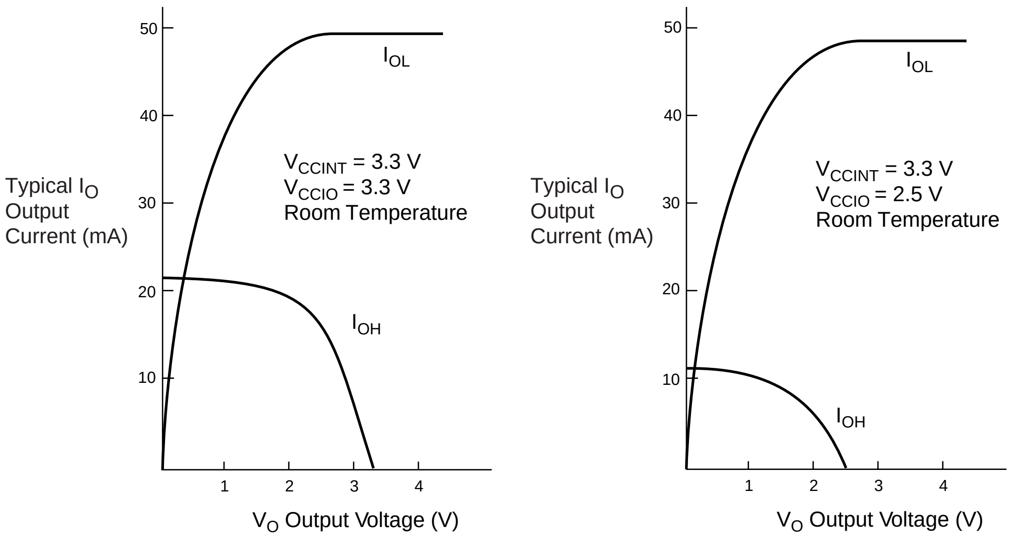
Figure 12. Interconnect Resources



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 23. Output Drive Characteristics for EPF10K250A Device



Timing Model

The continuous, high-performance FastTrack Interconnect routing resources ensure predictable performance and accurate simulation and timing analysis. This predictable performance contrasts with that of FPGAs, which use a segmented connection scheme and therefore have unpredictable performance.

Device performance can be estimated by following the signal path from a source, through the interconnect, to the destination. For example, the registered performance between two LEs on the same row can be calculated by adding the following parameters:

- LE register clock-to-output delay (t_{CO})
- Interconnect delay ($t_{SAMEROW}$)
- LE look-up table delay (t_{LUT})
- LE register setup time (t_{SU})

The routing delay depends on the placement of the source and destination LEs. A more complex registered path may involve multiple combinatorial LEs between the source and destination LEs.

Table 36. Interconnect Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
$t_{DIN2IOE}$	Delay from dedicated input pin to IOE control input	(7)
$t_{DCLK2LE}$	Delay from dedicated clock pin to LE or EAB clock	(7)
$t_{DIN2DATA}$	Delay from dedicated input or clock to LE or EAB data	(7)
$t_{DCLK2IOE}$	Delay from dedicated clock pin to IOE clock	(7)
t_{DIN2LE}	Delay from dedicated input pin to LE or EAB control input	(7)
$t_{SAMELAB}$	Routing delay for an LE driving another LE in the same LAB	
$t_{SAMEROW}$	Routing delay for a row IOE, LE, or EAB driving a row IOE, LE, or EAB in the same row	(7)
$t_{SAMECOLUMN}$	Routing delay for an LE driving an IOE in the same column	(7)
$t_{DIFFROW}$	Routing delay for a column IOE, LE, or EAB driving an LE or EAB in a different row	(7)
$t_{TWOROWS}$	Routing delay for a row IOE or EAB driving an LE or EAB in a different row	(7)
$t_{LEPERIPH}$	Routing delay for an LE driving a control signal of an IOE via the peripheral control bus	(7)
$t_{LABCARRY}$	Routing delay for the carry-out signal of an LE driving the carry-in signal of a different LE in a different LAB	
$t_{LABCASC}$	Routing delay for the cascade-out signal of an LE driving the cascade-in signal of a different LE in a different LAB	

Table 37. External Timing Parameters *Notes (8), (10)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions
t_{DRR}	Register-to-register delay via four LEs, three row interconnects, and four local interconnects	(9)
t_{INSU}	Setup time with global clock at IOE register	
t_{INH}	Hold time with global clock at IOE register	
t_{OUTCO}	Clock-to-output delay with global clock at IOE register	

Table 38. External Bidirectional Timing Parameters *Note (10)*

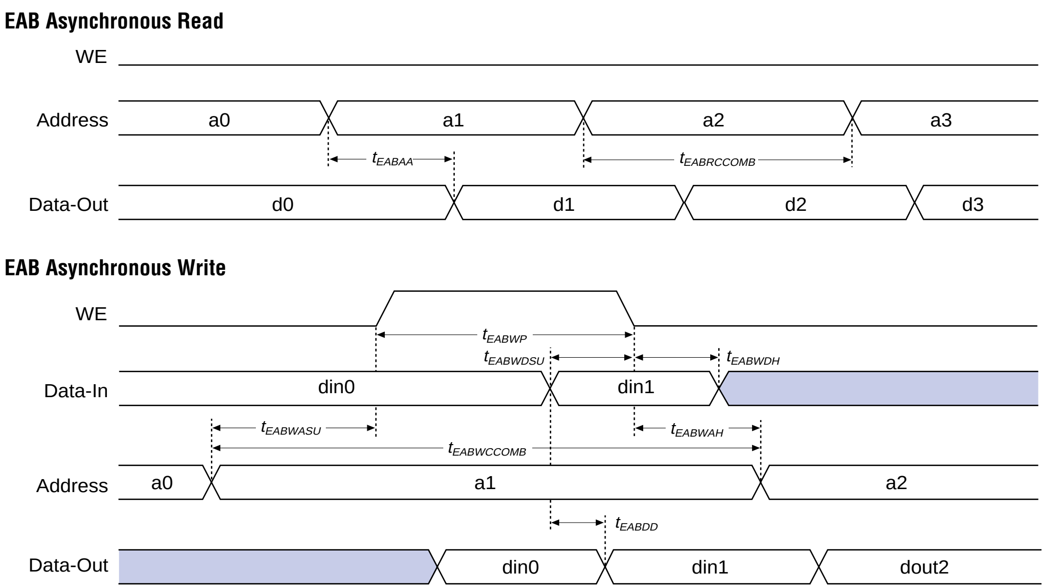
Symbol	Parameter	Condition
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	Setup time for bidirectional pins with global clock at adjacent LE register	
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	Hold time for bidirectional pins with global clock at adjacent LE register	
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	Clock-to-output delay for bidirectional pins with global clock at IOE register	
$t_{XZBIDIR}$	Synchronous IOE output buffer disable delay	
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$	Synchronous IOE output buffer enable delay, slow slew rate = off	

Notes to tables:

(1) Microparameters are timing delays contributed by individual architectural elements. These parameters cannot be measured explicitly.
(2) Operating conditions: V_{CCIO} = 5.0 V ± 5% for commercial use in FLEX 10K devices.
V_{CCIO} = 5.0 V ± 10% for industrial use in FLEX 10K devices.
V_{CCIO} = 3.3 V ± 10% for commercial or industrial use in FLEX 10KA devices.
(3) Operating conditions: V_{CCIO} = 3.3 V ± 10% for commercial or industrial use in FLEX 10K devices.
V_{CCIO} = 2.5 V ± 0.2 V for commercial or industrial use in FLEX 10KA devices.
(4) Operating conditions: V_{CCIO} = 2.5 V, 3.3 V, or 5.0 V.
(5) Because the RAM in the EAB is self-timed, this parameter can be ignored when the `WE` signal is registered.
(6) EAB macroparameters are internal parameters that can simplify predicting the behavior of an EAB at its boundary; these parameters are calculated by summing selected microparameters.
(7) These parameters are worst-case values for typical applications. Post-compilation timing simulation and timing analysis are required to determine actual worst-case performance.
(8) External reference timing parameters are factory-tested, worst-case values specified by Altera. A representative subset of signal paths is tested to approximate typical device applications.
(9) Contact Altera Applications for test circuit specifications and test conditions.
(10) These timing parameters are sample-tested only.

Figures 29 and 30 show the asynchronous and synchronous timing waveforms, respectively, for the EAB macroparameters in Table 34.

Figure 29. EAB Asynchronous Timing Waveforms



Tables 48 through 56 show EPF10K30, EPF10K40, and EPF10K50 device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 48. EPF10K30, EPF10K40 & EPF10K50 Device LE Timing Microparameters *Note (1)*					
Symbol	-3 Speed Grade		-4 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{LUT}		1.3		1.8	ns
t_{CLUT}		0.6		0.6	ns
t_{RLUT}		1.5		2.0	ns
t_{PACKED}		0.5		0.8	ns
t_{EN}		0.9		1.5	ns
t_{CICO}		0.2		0.4	ns
t_{CGEN}		0.9		1.4	ns
t_{CGENR}		0.9		1.4	ns
t_{CASC}		1.0		1.2	ns
t_{C}		1.3		1.6	ns
t_{CO}		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{COMB}		0.6		0.6	ns
t_{SU}	1.4		1.4		ns
t_{H}	0.9		1.3		ns
t_{PRE}		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{CLR}		0.9		1.2	ns
t_{CH}	4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CL}	4.0		4.0		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

Tables 71 through 77 show EPF10K50V device internal and external timing parameters.

Table 71. EPF10K50V Device LE 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_{LUT}		0.9		1.0		1.3		1.6	ns
t_{CLUT}		0.1		0.5		0.6		0.6	ns
t_{RLUT}		0.5		0.8		0.9		1.0	ns
t_{PACKED}		0.4		0.4		0.5		0.7	ns
t_{EN}		0.7		0.9		1.1		1.4	ns
t_{CICO}		0.2		0.2		0.2		0.3	ns
t_{CGEN}		0.8		0.7		0.8		1.2	ns
t_{CGENR}		0.4		0.3		0.3		0.4	ns
t_{CASC}		0.7		0.7		0.8		0.9	ns
t_{C}		0.3		1.0		1.3		1.5	ns
t_{CO}		0.5		0.7		0.9		1.0	ns
t_{COMB}		0.4		0.4		0.5		0.6	ns
t_{SU}	0.8		1.6		2.2		2.5		ns
t_{H}	0.5		0.8		1.0		1.4		ns
t_{PRE}		0.8		0.4		0.5		0.5	ns
t_{CLR}		0.8		0.4		0.5		0.5	ns
t_{CH}	2.0		4.0		4.0		4.0		ns
t_{CL}	2.0		4.0		4.0		4.0		ns

Table 74. EPF10K50V Device EAB Internal Timing Macroparameters *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_{EABAA}		9.5		13.6		16.5		20.8	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	9.5		13.6		16.5		20.8		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	6.1		8.8		10.8		13.4		ns
t_{EABWP}	6.0		4.9		6.0		7.4		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	6.2		6.1		7.5		9.2		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	12.0		11.6		14.2		17.4		ns
t_{EABDD}		6.8		9.7		11.8		14.9	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		1.0		1.4		1.8		2.2	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	5.3		4.6		5.6		6.9		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	4.4		4.8		5.8		7.2		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	1.8		1.1		1.4		2.1		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	4.5		4.6		5.6		7.4		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		5.1		9.4		11.4		14.0	ns

Table 79. EPF10K130V 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}		1.3		1.6		2.0	ns
t_{IOC}		0.4		0.5		0.7	ns
t_{IOCO}		0.3		0.4		0.5	ns
t_{IOCOMB}		0.0		0.0		0.0	ns
t_{IOSU}	2.6		3.3		3.8		ns
t_{IOH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{IOCLR}		1.7		2.2		2.7	ns
t_{OD1}		3.5		4.4		5.0	ns
t_{OD2}		–		–		–	ns
t_{OD3}		8.2		8.1		9.7	ns
t_{XZ}		4.9		6.3		7.4	ns
t_{ZX1}		4.9		6.3		7.4	ns
t_{ZX2}		–		–		–	ns
t_{ZX3}		9.6		10.0		12.1	ns
t_{INREG}		7.9		10.0		12.6	ns
t_{IOFD}		6.2		7.9		9.9	ns
t_{INCOMB}		6.2		7.9		9.9	ns

Table 88. EPF10K10A 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}		8.1		9.8		13.1	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	8.1		9.8		13.1		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	5.8		6.9		9.3		ns
t_{EABWP}	2.0		2.4		3.2		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	3.5		4.2		5.6		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	9.4		11.2		14.8		ns
t_{EABDD}		6.9		8.3		11.0	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		1.3		1.5		2.0	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	2.4		3.0		3.9		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	4.1		4.9		6.5		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	1.4		1.6		2.2		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	2.5		3.0		4.1		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		6.2		7.5		9.9	ns

Table 93. EPF10K30A Device IOE Timing Microparameters Note (1) (Part 2 of 2)

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{IOH}	0.9		1.1		1.4		ns
t_{IOCLR}		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
t_{OD1}		1.9		2.2		2.9	ns
t_{OD2}		4.8		5.6		7.3	ns
t_{OD3}		7.0		8.2		10.8	ns
t_{XZ}		2.2		2.6		3.4	ns
t_{ZX1}		2.2		2.6		3.4	ns
t_{ZX2}		5.1		6.0		7.8	ns
t_{ZX3}		7.3		8.6		11.3	ns
t_{INREG}		4.4		5.2		6.8	ns
t_{IOFD}		3.8		4.5		5.9	ns
t_{INCOMB}		3.8		4.5		5.9	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 109. EPF10K250A 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}		6.1		6.8		8.2	ns
$t_{EABRCCOMB}$	6.1		6.8		8.2		ns
$t_{EABRCREG}$	4.6		5.1		6.1		ns
t_{EABWP}	5.6		6.4		7.5		ns
$t_{EABWCCOMB}$	5.8		6.6		7.9		ns
$t_{EABWCREG}$	15.8		17.8		21.0		ns
t_{EABDD}		5.7		6.4		7.8	ns
$t_{EABDATACO}$		0.7		0.8		1.0	ns
$t_{EABDATASU}$	4.5		5.1		5.9		ns
$t_{EABDATAH}$	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWESU}$	8.2		9.3		10.9		ns
t_{EABWEH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWDSU}$	1.7		1.8		2.1		ns
t_{EABWDH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
$t_{EABWASU}$	0.9		0.9		1.0		ns
t_{EABWAH}	0.0		0.0		0.0		ns
t_{EABWO}		5.3		6.0		7.4	ns

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