

Direct Rambus™ Clock Generator

Features

- **Differential clock source for Direct Rambus™ memory subsystem for up to 800-MHz data transfer rate**
- **Provide synchronization flexibility: the Rambus® Channel can optionally be synchronous to an external system or processor clock**
- **Power-managed output allows Rambus Channel clock to be turned off to minimize power consumption for mobile applications**
- **Works with Cypress CY2210, W133, W158, W159, W161, and W167 to support Intel® architecture platforms**
- **Low-power CMOS design packaged in a 24- pin QSOP (150-mil SSOP) package**

Description

The Cypress W134M/W134S provides the differential clock signals for a Direct Rambus memory subsystem. It includes signals to synchronize the Direct Rambus Channel clock to an external system clock but can also be used in systems that do not require synchronization of the Rambus clock.

Pin Definitions

Figure 1. DDLL System Architecture

Key Specifications

DDLL System Architecture and Gear Ratio Logic

Figure 1 shows the Distributed Delay Lock Loop (DDLL) system architecture, including the main system clock source, the Direct Rambus clock generator (DRCG), and the core logic that contains the Rambus Access Cell (RAC), the Rambus Memory Controller (RMC), and the Gear Ratio Logic. (This diagram abstractly represents the differential clocks as a single Busclk wire.)

The purpose of the DDLL is to frequency-lock and phase-align the core logic and Rambus clocks (Pclk and Synclk) at the RMC/RAC boundary in order to allow data transfers without incurring additional latency. In the DDLL architecture, a PLL is used to generate the desired Busclk frequency, while a distributed loop forms a DLL to align the phase of Pclk and Synclk at the RMC/RAC boundary.

The main clock source drives the system clock (Pclk) to the core logic, and also drives the reference clock (Refclk) to the DRCG. For typical Intel architecture platforms, Refclk will be half the CPU front side bus frequency. A PLL inside the DRCG multiplies Refclk to generate the desired frequency for Busclk, and Busclk is driven through a terminated transmission line (Rambus Channel). At the mid-point of the channel, the RAC senses Busclk using its own DLL for clock alignment, followed by a fixed divide-by-4 that generates Synclk.

Table 1. Supported Pclk and Busclk Frequencies, by Gear Ratio

Pclk is the clock used in the memory controller (RMC) in the core logic, and Synclk is the clock used at the core logic interface of the RAC. The DDLL together with the Gear Ratio Logic enables users to exchange data directly from the Pclk domain to the Synclk domain without incurring additional latency for synchronization. In general, Pclk and Synclk can be of different frequencies, so the Gear Ratio Logic must select the appropriate M and N dividers such that the frequencies of Pclk/M and Synclk/N are equal. In one interesting example, Pclk = 133 MHz, Synclk = 100 MHz, and $M = 4$ while N = 3, giving Pclk/M = Synclk/N = 33 MHz. This example of the clock waveforms with the Gear Ratio Logic is shown in *Figure 2*.

The output clocks from the Gear Ratio Logic, Pclk/M, and Synclk/N, are output from the core logic and routed to the DRCG Phase Detector inputs. The routing of Pclk/M and Synclk/N must be matched in the core logic as well as on the board.

After comparing the phase of Pclk/M vs. Synclk/N, the DRCG Phase Detector drives a phase aligner that adjusts the phase of the DRCG output clock, Busclk. Since everything else in the distributed loop is fixed delay, adjusting Busclk adjusts the phase of Synclk and thus the phase of Synclk/N. In this manner the distributed loop adjusts the phase of Synclk/N to match that of Pclk/M, nulling the phase error at the input of the DRCG Phase Detector. When the clocks are aligned, data can be exchanged directly from the Pclk domain to the Synclk domain.

Table 1 shows the combinations of Pclk and Busclk frequencies of greatest interest, organized by Gear Ratio.

Figure 2. Gear Ratio Timing Diagram

Figure 3. DDLL Including Details of DRCG

Figure 3 shows more details of the DDLL system architecture, including the DRCG output enable and bypass modes.

Phase Detector Signals

The DRCG Phase Detector receives two inputs from the core logic, PclkM (Pclk/M) and SynclkN (Synclk/N). The M and N dividers in the core logic are chosen so that the frequencies of PclkM and SynclkN are identical. The Phase Detector detects the phase difference between the two input clocks, and drives the DRCG Phase Aligner to null the input phase error through the distributed loop. When the loop is locked, the input phase error between PclkM and SynclkN is within the specification $t_{\text{FRR, PD}}$ given in the Device Characteristics table after the lock time given in the State Transition Section.

The Phase Detector aligns the rising edge of PclkM to the rising edge of SynclkN. The duty cycle of the phase detector input clocks will be within the specification $DC_{IN,PD}$ given in the Operating Conditions table. Because the duty cycles of the two phase detector input clocks will not necessarily be identical, the falling edges of PclkM and SynclkN may not be aligned when the rising edges are aligned.

The voltage levels of the PclkM and SynclkN signals are determined by the controller. The pin VDDIPD is used as the voltage reference for the phase detector inputs and should be connected to the output voltage supply of the controller. In some applications, the DRCG PLL output clock will be used directly, by bypassing the Phase Aligner. If PclkM and SynclkN are not used, those inputs must be grounded.

Selection Logic

Table 2 shows the logic for selecting the PLL prescaler and feedback dividers to determine the multiply ratio for the PLL from the input Refclk. Divider A sets the feedback and divider B sets the prescaler, so the PLL output clock frequency is set by: PLLclk = Refclk*A/B.

Table 2. PLL Divider Selection

		W134M		W134S	
Mult0	Mult1		R		в
		16		16	

Table 3 shows the logic for enabling the clock outputs, using the StopB input signal. When StopB is HIGH, the DRCG is in its normal mode, and Clk and ClkB are complementary outputs following the Phase Aligner output (PAclk). When StopB is LOW, the DRCG is in the Clk Stop mode, the output clock drivers are disabled (set to Hi-Z), and the Clk and ClkB settle to the DC voltage $V_{X,STOP}$ as given in the Device Characteristics table. The level of $V_{X,STOP}$ is set by an external resistor network.

Table 3. Clock Stop Mode Selection

Table 4 shows the logic for selecting the Bypass and Test modes. The select bits, S0 and S1, control the selection of these modes. The Bypass mode brings out the full-speed PLL output clock, bypassing the Phase Aligner. The Test mode brings the Refclk input all the way to the output, bypassing both the PLL and the Phase Aligner. In the Output Test mode (OE), both the Clk and ClkB outputs are put into a high-impedance state (Hi-Z). This can be used for component testing and for board-level testing.

Table 4. Bypass and Test Mode Selection

Table 5 shows the logic for selecting the Power-down mode, using the PwrDnB input signal. PwrDnB is active LOW (enabled when 0). When PwrDnB is disabled, the DRCG is in its normal mode. When PwrDnB is enabled, the DRCG is put into a powered-off state, and the Clk and ClkB outputs are three-stated.

Table 5. Power-down Mode Selection

Table of Frequencies and Gear Ratios

Table 6 shows several supported Pclk and Busclk frequencies, the corresponding A and B dividers required in the DRCG PLL, and the corresponding M and N dividers in the gear ratio logic. The column Ratio gives the Gear Ratio as defined Pclk/Synclk (same as M and N). The column F@PD gives the divided down frequency (in MHz) at the Phase Detector, where F@PD = Pclk/M = Synclk/N.

State Transitions

The clock source has three fundamental operating states. *Figure 4* shows the state diagram with each transition labelled A through H. Note that the clock source output may NOT be glitch-free during state transitions.

Upon powering up the device, the device can enter any state, depending on the settings of the control signals, PwrDnB and StopB.

In Power-down mode, the clock source is powered down with the control signal, PwrDnB, equal to 0. The control signals S0 and S1 must be stable before power is applied to the device, and can only be changed in Power-down mode (PwrDnB = 0). The reference inputs, V_{DDR} and V_{DDPD} , may remain on or may be grounded during the Power-down mode.

Table 6. Examples of Frequencies, Dividers, and Gear Ratios

Figure 4. Clock Source State Diagram

The control signals Mult0 and Mult1 can be used in two ways. If they are changed during Power-down mode, then the Power-down transition timings determine the settling time of the DRCG. However, the Mult0 and Mult1 control signals can also be changed during Normal mode. When the Mult control signals are "hot-swapped" in this manner, the Mult transition timings determine the settling time of the DRCG.

In Normal mode, the clock source is on, and the output is enabled.

Table 7 lists the control signals for each state.

Table 7. Control Signals for Clock Source States

Figure 5 shows the timing diagrams for the various transitions between states, and *Table 8* specifies the latencies of each state transition. Note that these transition latencies assume the following.

Refclk input has settled and meets specification shown in *Table* .

Mult0, Mult1, S0 and S1 control signals are stable.

Timing Diagrams

Power-down Exit and Entry

Figure 5. State Transition Timing Diagrams

Figure 6. Multiply Transition Timing

Table 8. State Transition Latency Specifications

Table 8. State Transition Latency Specifications (continued)

Figure 5 shows that the Clk Stop to Normal transition goes through three phases. During t_{CLKON} , the clock output is not specified and can have glitches. For t_{CLKON}<t<t_{CLKSETL}, the clock output is enabled and must be glitch-free. For $t > t_{\text{CLKSETL}}$, the clock output phase must be settled to within 50 ps of the phase before the clock output was disabled. At this time, the clock output must also meet the voltage and timing specifications of *Table* . The outputs are in a high-impedance state during the Clk Stop mode.

Table 9. Distributed Loop Lock Time Specification

Table 10.Supply and Reference Current Specification

Absolute Maximum Conditions[1]

External Component Values[2]

Operating Conditions[4]

Notes:

1. Represents stress ratings only, and functional operation at the maximums is not guaranteed.

2. Gives the nominal values of the external components and their maximum acceptable tolerance, assuming $Z_{CH} = 28\Omega$.

3. Do not populate C_F. Leave pads for future use.
4. Multiple Supplies: The voltage on any input or I/O pin cannot exceed the power pin during power-up. Power supply sequencing is NOT required.
5. Refclk jitter measured

7. Capacitance measured at Freq=1 MHz, DC bias = 0.9V and V_{AC} < 100 mV.
8. The amount of allowed spreading for any non-triangular modulation is determined by the induced downstream tracking skew, which cannot exceed the

Device Characteristics

Notes:

9. Output Jitter spec measured at $t_{\text{CYCLE}} = 2.5$ ns.

10. Output Jitter Spec measured at $t_{\text{CYCLE}} = 3.75$ ns.

11. $V_{\text{COS}} = V_{\text{OH}} - V_{\text{OL}}$

12. $r_{\text{OUT}} = DV_{\text{O}}/D I_{\text{O}}$. This is defined at the output pins.

Internal Power Supply Plane G = VIA to GND plane layer FB = Dale ILB1206 - 300 (300Ω **@ 100 MHz) All Bypass cap = 0.1 Ceramic XR7**

Ordering Information

Package Diagram

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