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Direct Rambus[™] Clock Generator

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Overview

The Direct Rambus Clock Generator (DRCG) provides the Channel clock signals for a Direct Rambus memory subsystem. It includes signals to synchronize the Direct Rambus Channel clock to an external system clock. Contained in a 24-pin SSOP package, the DRCG provides an off-the-shelf solution for a broad range of Direct Rambus memory applications.

Features

- High Speed Clock Support Provides a 400MHz differential clock source for Direct Rambus memory systems for an 800MHz data transfer rate.
- Synchronization Flexibility

The DRCG includes signals to synchronize the clock domains of the Rambus[®] Channel with an external system or processor clock.

Power Management Support

The DRCG is able to turn off the Rambus Channel clock to minimize power for mobile and other power-sensitive applications:

- In the "clock off" mode, the DRCG remains on while the output is disabled, allowing fast transitions between the clock-off and clock-on states. This mode could be used in conjunction with the Nap mode of the RDRAMs and Rambus ASIC Cell (RAC).
- In the "power down" mode, the DRCG is completely powered down for minimum power dissipation. This mode is used in conjunction with the power down modes of the RDRAMs and RAC.
- Supports Independent Channel Clocking The DRCG supports systems that do not require synchronization of the Rambus clock to another system clock.
- Works with Philips PCK2010 to support Intel CK98 Clock Synthesizer/Driver specification.

PIN CONFIGURATION



Related Documentation

Direct Rambus RAC Overview

Direct Rambus Memory Controller Guide

Pin-outs

The DRCG is packaged in a 24-pin 150 mil SSOP. The pin configuration shows the preliminary pin-out. Table 1 describes the function and connection of each pin.

Example System Clock Configuration

Figure 2 shows the clocking configuration for an example Direct Rambus subsystem. The configuration shows the interconnection of the system clock source, the Direct Rambus Clock Generator (DRCG), and the clock signals of a memory controller ASIC. The ASIC contains the RAC, the Rambus Memory Controller protocol engine (RMC), and logic to support synchronizing the Channel clock with the controller clock. (This diagram represents the differential clocks as a single Busclk wire.)

ORDERING INFORMATION

PACKAGES	TEMPERATURE RANGE	OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	DRAWING NUMBER	
24-Pin Plastic SSOP	0°C to +70°C	PCK2011 DL	PCK2011 DL	SOT340-1	

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Table 1. PIN DESCRIPTIO

Pin #	Name	Туре	Function	Notes
1	VDDLR	RefV	Reference for REFCLK	Connect to CK133
2	REFCLK	In	Reference clock	Connect to CK133
3	VDDP	Pwr	VDD for PLL	3.3V Supply
4	GNDP	GND	GND for PLL	Ground
5	GNDI	GND	GND for control inputs	Ground
6	PCLKM	In	Phase Detector Input	Connect to Controller
7	SYNCLKN	In	Phase Detector Input	Connect to Controller
8	GNDC	GND	GND for Phase Aligner	Ground
9	VDDC	Pwr	VDD for Phase Aligner	3.3V Supply
10	VDDLPD	RefV	Reference for P.D. Inputs	Connect to Controller
11	STOPB	In	Active Low Output Disable	Connect to Controller
12	PWRDnB	In	Active Low power down	3.3V CMOS
13	S2	In	Mode control input	3.3V CMOS
14	MULT1	In	PLL multiplier select	3.3V CMOS
15	MULT0	In	PLL multiplier select	3.3V CMOS
16	VDDO	Pwr	VDD for clock outputs	3.3V Supply
17	GNDO	GND	GND for clock outputs	Ground
18	CLKB	Out	Output Clock (complement)	Connect to Rambus Channel
19	N/C	N/C	Not used	Not connected (floating)
20	CLK	Out	Output Clock	Connect to Rambus Channel
21	GNDO	GND	GND for clock outputs	Ground
22	VDDO	Pwr	VDD for clock outputs	3.3V Supply
23	S1	In	Mode Control	3.3V CMOS
24	S0	In	Mode Control	3.3V CMOS

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This configuration achieves frequency-lock between the controller and Rambus Channel clocks (PCLK and SYNCLK). These clock signals are matched and phase-aligned at the RMC/RAC boundary in order to allow data transfers to occur across this boundary without additional latency.

The main clock source drives the system clock (PCLK) to the ASIC, and also drives the reference clock (REFCLK) to the DRCG. REFCLK may or may not be the same frequency as PCLK. A PLL inside the DRCG multiplies REFCLK to generate the desired frequency for BUSCLK. BUSCLK is driven on the Rambus Channel through a terminated transmission line. 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 circuit that generates SYNCLK. Pclk is the clock used in the Rambus memory controller (RMC) in the ASIC. SYNCLK is the clock used at the ASIC interface of the RAC. The DRCG together with the Gear Ratio Logic enables the controller to exchange data directly from the PCLK domain to the SYNCLK domain without incurring additional latency for synchronization. In general, PCLK and SYNCLK can run at 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 example, PCLK=133MHz and SYNCLK=100MHz, and M=4 while N=3, giving PCLK/M = SYNCLK/N = 33MHz. Figure 4 shows an example of the clock waveforms generated with the Gear Ratio Logic.



Figure 1. System Clock Architecture

The ASIC drives the output clocks, Pclk and SynClk/N from the Gear Ratio Logic to the DRCG Phase Detector inputs. The routing of the Pclk/M and SynClk/N signal traces must be matched in impedance and propagation delay on the ASIC as well as on the board. These signals are not part of the Rambus Channel and their routing must be matched by board designers.

After comparing the phases of Pclk/M and SynClk/N, the DRCG Phase Detector drives a phase aligner that adjusts the phase of DRCG output clock, Busclk. Since the other elements in the distributed loop have a 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, eliminating the phase error at the input of the DRCG. When the clocks are aligned, data can be exchanged directly from the Pclk domain to the SynClk domain.

The Gear Ratio Logic supports four clock ratios (2.0, 1.5, 1.33, and 1.0), where the ratio is defined as the ratio of Pclk/SynClk. Since Busclk = 4*SynClk, this ratio also is equal to 4*Pclk/Busclk. Other ratios could be used, depending on particular system implementations.

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Power Management Modes

The DRCG device has three operating states: NORMAL, CLKSTOP and POWERDOWN. In Normal mode, the clock source is on, and the output is enabled. In CLKSTOP mode, the clock source is on, but the output is disabled (STOPB deasserted). In Powerdown mode, the device is powered down with the control signal PwrDnB equal to 0. The control signals Mult0, Mult1, S0, S1 and S2 must be stable before power is applied to the device, and can only be changed in Power-down mode (PWRDNB=0).

Table 2. POWER MANAGEMENT MODES

MODE	PwrDnB	StopB Clk		ClkB	
NORMAL	1	1	PACLK	PACLKB	
CLKSTOP	1	0	V_X , STOP	V_X , STOP	
POWERDOWN	0	Х	GND	GND	

Upon applying power to the device, the device can enter any state, depending on the settings of the control signals, PwrDnB and StopB. The clock source output need not be glitch-free during state transitions.



Figure 2. Direct Rambus Clock Generator Package



Figure 3. Gear Ratio Timing Diagram

PHYSICAL SPECIFICATION

General Requirements

The clock source generates differential signals with specified jitter, voltage levels, duty cycle, and rise/fall times. Figure 5 shows the clock equivalent circuit.



Figure 4. Equivalent Circuit

The driver produces a specified voltage swing on the Channel. The nominal value of the Channel impedance, Z CH , is 28 ohms.

In order to reduce signal attenuation and EMI, clock signal rise/fall times are controlled to within specifications. In addition, DRCG is able to receive input signals that are generated from different voltage power supplies. The phase detector signals come from the controller. The controller output voltage supply is connected to the pin VddIPD of DRCG, and is used as the reference for the two-phase detector input signals, PclkM and SynClkN. The output voltage supply is also used as the reference for the output enable/disable signal, StopB.

The reference clock comes from the main clock source chip. The main clock source output voltage supply is connected to the pin VddIR of DRCG, and is used as the reference for the Refclk input signal.

Clock Jitter

The short-term jitter specification (over four cycles) for the clock source is under 100 ps maximum. Jitter is measured using a jitter measurement system that provides flexibility for measuring cycle-cycle jitter as a function of cycle count.

Clock Source Specification

Rambus clock sources meet the output specifications listed in Table 4 when characterized under the operating conditions listed in Table 3.

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Table 3. DC DEVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit			
V dd	Supply voltage	3.135	3.465	V			
ТА	Ambient operating temperature	0	70	°C			
t _{CYCLE} ,IN	Refclk Input cycle time	10	40	ns			
t _{J,IN}	Input Cycle-to-cycle jitter ¹	-	250	ps			
DC _{IN}	Input duty cycle over 10,000 cycles	40%	60%	t _{CYCLE}			
f _{M,IN} ³	Input frequency of modulation	30	33	kHz			
P _{M,IN}	Modulation index	0.25	0.5	%			
P3	Modulation index for triangular modulation	-	0.6	%			
I M,IN	Modulation index for non-triangular modulation ⁴ – 0.5 ⁴						
t _{CYCLE,PD}	Phase Detector input cycle time at PclkM & SynClkN	30	100	ns			
t _{ERR,INIT}	Initial Phase error at Phase Detector inputs (Required range of Phase Aligner)	-0.5	0.5	t _{CYCLE,PD}			
DC _{IN,PD}	Phase Detector input duty cycle over 10,000 cycles	25%	75%	t _{CYCLE,PD}			
t _{IR} , t _{IF}	Input slew rate (measured at 20% – 80% of input voltage) for PclkM, SynClkN, and Refclk	1	4	V/ns			
C _{IN,PD}	Input capacitance at PclkM, SynClkN, and Refclk ²	-	7	pF			
$\Delta C_{\text{IN,PD}}$	Input capacitance matching at PcIkM and SynClkN ²	-	0.5	pF			
C _{IN,CMOS}	Input capacitance at CMOS pins ²	-	10	pF			
V _{IL}	Input (CMOS) signal low voltage	-	0.3	Vdd			
V _{IH}	Input (CMOS) signal high voltage	0.7	-	Vdd			
V _{IL,R}	Refclk input low voltage	-	0.3	Vddl,R			
V _{IH,R}	Refclk input high voltage	0.7	-	Vddl,R			
V _{IL,PD}	Input signal low voltage for PD inputs and StopB	-	0.3	Vddl,PD			
V _{IH,PD}	Input signal high voltage for PD inputs and StopB	0.7	-	Vddl,PD			
V _{DDI,R}	Input supply reference for Refclk	1.3	3.3	V			
V _{DDI,PD}	Input supply reference for PD inputs	1.3	3.3	V			

NOTES:

 Refclk jitter measured at V_{DDI,R}(nom)/2
Capacitance measured at Freq = 1MHz, DC bias = 0.9V, and V_{AC} < 100mV
If the input modulation is used, input modulation is allowed but not required.
The amount of allowed spreading for any non-triangular modulation. Typically, the amount of allowed non-triangular modulation is about 0.5% 0.5%.

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Table 4. AC DEVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Мах	Unit
t _{CYCLE}	Clock cycle time	2.5	3.75	ns
+	Cycle-to-cycle jitter at Clk/ClkB	-	60	ps
IJ	Total jitter over 2, 3, or 4 clock cycles ¹	-	100	ps
t _{STEP}	Phase Aligner phase step size (at Clk/ClkB)	1	-	ps
t _{ERR,PD}	Phase Detector phase error for distributed loop Measured at PclkM-SynClkN (rising edges) (does not include clock jitter)			ps
t _{ERR,SSC}	PLL output Phase error when tracking SSC	- 100	100	ps
DC	Output duty cycle over 10,000 cycles	40%	60%	t _{CYCLE}
t _{DC,ERR}	Output cycle-to-cycle duty cycle error	-	50	ps
t_{CR} , t_{CF}	Output rise and fall times (measured at 20% – 80% of output voltage)	250	500	ps
t _{CR,CF}	Difference between rise and fall times on a single device (20% – 80%)	-	100	ps
V_X , stop	Output voltage during Clkstop (StopB = 0)	1.1	2.0	V
V _X	Differential output crossing-point voltage	1.3	1.8	V
V _{COS}	Output voltage swing (p-p single-ended)	0.4	0.6	V
V _{OH}	Output HIGH voltage	-	2.0	V
V _{OL}	Output LOW voltage	1.0	-	V
R _{OUT}	Output dynamic resistance (at pins)	12	50	Ω
I _{OZ}	Output current during Hi-Z (S0 = 0, S1 = 1)	-	50	μΑ
I _{OZ} , stop	Output current during ClkStop (StopB = 0)	-	500	μΑ
I _{powerdown}	Current on powerdown (PwrDnB = 0)	-	200	μΑ
I _{ClkStop}	Current on ClkStop (StopB = 0)		50	mA
I _{normal}	Current on normal state (StopB = 1)		100	mA

NOTE:

1. Output jitter specs measured at $t_{CYCLE} = 2.5$ ns. 2. $V_{COS} = V_{OH} - V_{OL}$ 3. $R_{out} = \Delta V_O / \Delta I_O$; this is defined at the output pins.

Table 5. DRCG FUNCTIONS

REFCLK	MULT0	MULT1	PLL	CLK/CLKB	MODE	S0	S1	S2	CLK	CLKB
pin2	pin15	pin14	multiplier	pins 20/18		pin 24	pin 23	pin 13	pin 20	pin 18
33	1	1	8	267	Normal	0	0	0	PAclk	PAclk
50	0	1	6	300	Bypass	1	0	0	PLLclk	PLLclk
50	1	1	8	400	Test	1	1	0	Refclk	Refclk
67	0	0	4	267	Vendor Test A	0	0	1	-	-
67	0	1	6	400	Vendor Test B	1	0	1	-	-
100	1	0	8/3	267	Reserved	1	1	1	-	-
					Output Test	0	1	Х	Hi-Z	Hi-Z

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