

Features

- Exact replacement of existing FPGAs, including Xilinx, Altera, Actel, Lattice and many others
- Identical package footprint means no board redesign
- Emulation of initialization sequence
- Emulation of JTAG circuit
- 0.35u Technology for older FPGAs
- 0.18u Technology for newer FPGAs (Q4-2006)
- Easy engineering interface. We work from your existing files.
- Design recreation from programming files on some devices
- Flexible supply pin placement.
- Automatic Test Program Generation (ATPG)
- Small or large production quantities supported.

Major Customer Benefits

- Save 50% or more on cost of FPGAs / CPLDs
- Solve product obsolescence issues
- Guaranteed to work – no risk
- Fast turnaround on most FPGA replacements

FPGA Conversions

FPGA conversions consist of reimplementing an FPGA design into an ASIC. There are a number of reasons to convert a design. An ASIC will have lower unit cost, lower power, higher performance, and more package flexibility. These benefits have to be weighed against the NRE charges, and the lack of reprogrammability.

Tekmos provides customers with comprehensive engineering support. We accept designs on an "as is" basis, translate them into our internal cell libraries, and perform the engineering work necessary for a successful conversion.

FPGA Conversion Flow

Tekmos accepts designs in any format. Most designs arrive as FPGA netlists. We also convert ASIC netlists that have been implemented in another vendor's library.

FPGA Conversion

We request that the customer provide us with the original design files, along with any simulations that may exist. We can accept either pre-synthesis RTL level designs, or gate level designs.

In cases where the validity of the design files is in question, Tekmos can verify the design by comparing the simulated performance against actual results derived from the FPGA.

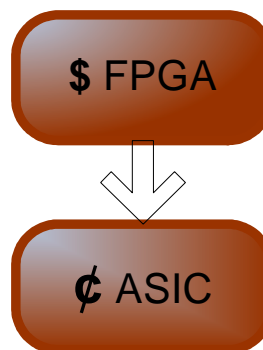
Simulations and Sign-Off

Original simulations (if they exist) will be enhanced with Tekmos generated simulations and used for production testing.

Replacing an FPGA or existing ASIC means that Tekmos is responsible for the post-route signoff. Customer participation, while optional, is encouraged.

Prototypes

The design will be fabricated, assembled, and tested. Prototypes are available in about 8 weeks after tape-out.



Quotations

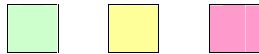
Within a given FPGA, the size of the individual FPGA design can vary considerably, depending on the number of gates, the amount of memory, and the number of used pins. On the other hand, the cost of the ASIC replacement is directly linked to the design size. That is why we need to review the design netlist to provide an exact quotation.

Tekmos can provide a budgetary quotation based on the full FPGA part number and desired annual volume. A more accurate budgetary quotation can be obtained if the FPGA utilization report is provided.

FPGA Families

Suitability for Conversions

Most, but not all FPGA are candidates for ASIC conversion. Designs vary widely in size, memory content, power supply requirements, and speed. That is why we have to evaluate each design. The following tables show the different FPGA families and the general suitability for conversion.



Green means that there is no problem with conversion

Yellow means that there could be issues with a particular FPGA characteristic

Red means that a direct FPGA conversion is not feasible.

Contact us for more information if you have a device that is questionable for suitability in our program.



Technology / Power Supplies

In general, the gate array fabrication technology sets the core power supply. Any given gate array can be logically replaced by an ASIC using an older technology. However, using a lower voltage supply degrades the ASIC performance. This can be compensated for by either running the ASIC off of the I/O supply, or by changing the core supply.



Pin Count

Some FPGAs have very high pin count. Increased pin count increases costs exponentially, and may make a conversion uneconomical. The use of more than 200 (0.35u) or 250 (0.18u) pins will affect the NREs and unit pricing.



RAM size

FPGAs contain varying amounts of RAM. The use of large amounts of RAM can exceed the internal RAM in a given ASIC. This will require the selection of a larger ASIC, increasing the cost.



Speed

Many FPGAs support very fast output timing, which can be difficult to achieve in an ASIC using an older technology. These timings are not always required in a customer's application, and are frequently waived. In general, the minimum timings for 0.35u ASICs are about 7 ns and for 0.18u ASICs are about 5 ns.

Xilinx Virtex Series

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
Virtex 5	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex 4	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex II Pro	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex II X	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex EM	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex E	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virtex	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Xilinx Cool Runner Series

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
CoolRunner II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
CR XPLA3	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Altera CPLDs

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
MAX II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
MAX 3000A	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
MAX 7000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Xilinx Spartan Series

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
Spartan 3	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan 3E	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan 3L	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan IIE	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan XL	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Spartan	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Altera FPGAs

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
Cyclone II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Cyclone	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Stratix II	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Stratix	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Stratix II GX	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Stratix GX	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Xilinx Mature Series

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
XC9500XL	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
XC9500XV	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
XC9500	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
XC5200	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
XC4000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
XC3000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Altera Mature CPLDs

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
MAX 7000B	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
MAX 7000S	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
MAX 9000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Classic	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

Altera Mature FPGAs

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
ACEX 1K	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
APEX II	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow
APEX 20KC	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow
APEX 20KE	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
APEX 20K	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
FLEX 10KE	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
FLEX 10KA	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
FLEX 10K	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
FLEX 6000/A	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
FLEX 8000	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green

Altera Mature Others

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
Mercury	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow
Excalibur	Yellow	Pink	Pink	Yellow	Green	Pink	Green	Yellow

Actel Flash

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
M7 Fusion	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Fusion	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
M7 ProASIC3	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
ProASIC 3	Pink	Yellow	Yellow	Pink	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
ProASIC Plus	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow
ProASIC	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow

Actel Antifuse

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
Accelerator	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
SX-A	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
SX	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
eX	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
MX	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green

Actel Legacy

Tekmos Technology	0.35u				0.18u			
	T	P	R	S	T	P	R	S
3200DX	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
1200XL	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
ACT3	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
ACT2	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
ACT1	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green

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