400MHz Low Voltage PECL Clock IDT Synthesizer w/Spread Spectrum

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DATASHEET

The MPC92469 is a 3.3 V compatible, PLL based clock synthesizer targeted for high performance clock generation in mid-range to high-performance telecom, networking and computing applications. With output frequencies from 25 MHz to 400 MHz and the support of differential PECL output signals the device meets the needs of the most demanding clock applications.

Features

- 25 MHz to 400 MHz synthesized clock output signal
- Differential PECL output
- LVCMOS compatible control inputs
- On-chip crystal oscillator for reference frequency generation
- Spread Spectrum output for EMI reduction
- 3.3 V power supply
- Fully integrated PLL
- Minimal frequency overshoot
- Serial 3-wire programming interface
- Parallel programming interface for power-up
- 32-lead LQFP packaging
- 32-lead Pb-free package available
- SiGe Technology
- Ambient temperature range 0° C to +70 $^{\circ}$ C
- Pin compatible to the MC12429, MPC9229, MPC92429, and ICS84329

Functional Description

The internal crystal oscillator uses the external quartz crystal as the basis of its frequency reference. The frequency of the internal crystal oscillator is divided by 16 and then multiplied by the PLL. The VCO within the PLL operates over a range of 400 to 800 MHz. Its output is scaled by a divider that is configured by either the serial or parallel interfaces. The crystal oscillator frequency f_{XTAI} , the PLL feedback-divider M and the PLL post-divider N determine the output frequency.

The feedback path of the PLL is internal. The PLL adjusts the VCO output frequency to be 2 M times the reference frequency by adjusting the VCO control voltage. Note that for some values of M (either too high or too low) the PLL will not achieve phase lock. The PLL will be stable if the VCO frequency is within the specified VCO frequency range (400 to 800 MHz). The M-value must be programmed by the serial or parallel interface.

The PLL post-divider N is configured through either the serial or the parallel interfaces, and can provide one of four division ratios (1, 2, 4, or 8). This divider extends performance of the part while providing a 50% duty cycle. The output driver is driven differentially from the output divider, and is capable of driving a pair of transmission lines terminated 50 Ω to V_{CC} – 2.0 V. The positive supply voltage for the internal PLL is separated from the power supply for the core logic and output drivers to minimize noise induced jitter.

The configuration logic has two sections: serial and parallel. The parallel interface uses the values at the M[8:0] and N[1:0] inputs to configure the internal counters. It is recommended on system reset to hold the P_LOAD input LOW until power becomes valid. On the LOW-to-HIGH transition of P_LOAD, the parallel inputs are captured. The parallel interface has priority over the serial interface. Internal pullup resistors are provided on the M[8:0] and N[1:0] inputs prevent the LVCMOS compatible control inputs from floating.

The serial interface centers on a eighteen bit shift register. The shift register shifts once per rising edge of the S_CLOCK input. The serial input S_DATA must meet setup and hold timing as specified in the AC Characteristics section of this document. The configuration latches will capture the value of the shift register on the HIGH-to-LOW edge of the S_LOAD input. See [PROGRAM-](#page-5-0)[MING INTERFACE](#page-5-0) for more information. The TEST output reflects various internal node values, and is controlled by the T[2:0] bits in the serial data stream. In order to minimize the PLL jitter, it is recommended to avoid active signal on the TEST output.

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

(Top View)

Table 1. Pin Configurations

Table 2. Output Frequency Range and PLL Post-Divider N

Table 3. General Specifications

Table 4. Absolute Maximum Ratings(1)

1. Absolute maximum continuous ratings are those maximum values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Exposure to these conditions or conditions beyond those indicated may adversely affect device reliability. Functional operation at absolute-maximum-rated conditions is not implied.

Table 5. DC Characteristics (V_{CC} = 3.3 V \pm 5%, T_A = 0°C to +70°C)

1. Inputs have pull-down resistors affecting the input current.

2. Outputs terminated 50 Ω to V_{TT} = V_{CC} – 2 V.

3. The MPC92469 TEST output levels are compatible to the MC12429 output levels.

1. AC characteristics apply for parallel output termination of 50 Ω to V_{TT}.

2. The input frequency f_{XTAL} and the PLL feedback divider M must match the VCO frequency range: $f_{\text{VCO}} = f_{\text{XTAL}} \times M \div 8$.

3. The frequency of S_CLOCK is limited to 10 MHz in serial programming mode. S_CLOCK can be switched at higher frequencies when used as test clock in test mode 6. See [APPLICATIONS INFORMATION](#page-6-0) for more details.

PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

Programming the MPC92469

Programming the MPC92469 amounts to properly configuring the internal PLL dividers to produce the desired synthesized frequency at the output. The output frequency can be represented by this formula:

$$
F_{OUT} = (f_{XTAL} \div 16) \times (M) \div (N)
$$
 (1)

where f_{XTAL} is the crystal frequency, M is the PLL feedbackdivider and N is the PLL post-divider. The input frequency and the selection of the feedback divider M is limited by the VCO-frequency range. f_{XTAL} and M must be configured to

match the VCO frequency range of 400 to 800 MHz in order to achieve stable PLL operation:

$$
M_{MIN} = f_{VCO, MIN} \div f_{XTAL} * 8 \text{ and}
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M_{MAX} = f_{VCO, MAX} \div f_{XTAL} * 8 \tag{2}
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(3)
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For instance, the use of a 16 MHz input frequency requires the configuration of the PLL feedback divider between $M = 200$ and $M = 400$. [Table 7](#page-5-1) shows the usable VCO frequency and M divider range for other example input frequencies. Assuming that a 16 MHz input frequency is used, equation 1 reduces to:

$$
F_{\text{OUT}} = M \div N \tag{4}
$$

Table 7. MPC92469 Frequency Operating Range

Substituting N for the four available values for N (1, 2, 4, 8) yields:

Table 8. Output Frequency Range for fXTAL = 16 MHz

Using the Parallel and Serial Interface

The M and N counters can be loaded either through a parallel or serial interface. The parallel interface is controlled via the P_LOAD signal such that a LOW-to-HIGH transition will latch the information present on the M[8:0] and N[1:0] inputs into the M and N counters. When the P_LOAD signal is LOW the input latches will be transparent and any changes on the M[8:0] and N[1:0] inputs will affect the FOUT output pair. To use the serial port the S_CLOCK signal samples the information on the S_DATA line and loads it into a 14 bit shift register. Note that the P_LOAD signal must be HIGH for the serial load operation to function. The SSM register is loaded with the first four bits, the Test register is loaded with the next three bits, the N register with the next two and the M register with the final eight bits of the data stream on the S_DATA input. For each register the most significant bit is loaded first (T2, N1 and M8). A pulse on the S_LOAD pin after the shift register is fully loaded will transfer the divide values into the counters. The HIGH-to-LOW transition on the S_LOAD input will latch the new divide values into the counters. [Figure 3](#page-7-0) illustrates the timing diagram for both a parallel and a serial load of the MPC92469 synthesizer. M[8:0] and N[1:0] are normally specified once at power-up through the parallel interface, and then possibly again through the serial interface. This approach allows the application to come up at one frequency and then change or finetune the clock as the ability to control the serial interface becomes available.

Using the Test and Diagnosis Output TEST

The TEST output provides visibility for one of the several internal nodes as determined by the T[2:0] bits in the serial configuration stream. It is not configurable through the parallel interface. Although it is possible to select the node that represents F_{OUT} , the CMOS output is not able to toggle fast enough for higher output frequencies and should only be used for test and diagnosis. The T2, T1 and T0 control bits are preset to '000' when P_LOAD is LOW so that the PECL FOUT outputs are as jitter-free as possible. Any active signal on the TEST output pin will have detrimental affects on the jitter of the PECL output pair. In normal operations, jitter specifications are only guaranteed if the TEST output is static. The serial configuration port can be used to select one of the alternate functions for this pin. Most of the signals available on the TEST output pin are useful only for performance verification of the MPC92469 itself. However the PLL bypass mode may be of interest at the board level for functional debug.

Example Frequency Calculation for an 16 MHz Input Frequency

If an output frequency of 131 MHz was desired the following steps would be taken to identify the appropriate M and N values. According to [Table 8,](#page-6-1) 131 MHz falls in the frequency set by an value of 2 so N[1:0] = 01. For N = 2 the output frequency is F_{OUT} = $M \div 2$ and $M = F_{OUT} \times 2$. Therefore $M = 2 \times 131 = 262$, so M[8:0] = 100000110. Following this procedure a user can generate any whole frequency between 25 MHz and 400 MHz. Note than for N > 2 fractional values of can be realized. The size of the programmable frequency steps (and thus the indicator of the fractional output frequencies achievable) will be equal to:

$$
f_{\text{STEP}} = f_{\text{XTAL}} \div 16 \div N \tag{5}
$$

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

When T[2:0] is set to 110 the MPC92469 is placed in PLL bypass mode. In this mode the S_CLOCK input is fed directly into the M and N dividers. The N divider drives the F_{OUT} differential pair and the M counter drives the TEST output pin. In this mode the S CLOCK input could be used for low speed board level functional test or debug. Bypassing the PLL and driving F_{OUT} directly gives the user more control on the test clocks sent through the clock tree. Because the S_CLOCK is a CMOS level the input frequency is limited to 200 MHz. This means the fastest the F_{OUT} pin can be toggled via the S_CLOCK is 100 MHz as the divide ratio of the Post-PLL divider is 2 (if $N = 1$). Note that the M counter output on the TEST output will not be a 50% duty cycle.

Table 9. Test and Debug Configuration for TEST

1. Clocked out at the rate of S_CLOCK.

Table 10. Debug Configuration for PLL Bypass(1)

- 1. T[2:0] = 110. AC specifications do not apply in PLL bypass mode.
- 2. Clocked out at the rate of S_CLOCK $\div(4\cdot N)$

Spread Spectrum Modulation

The MPC92469 offers the option of a spread spectrum (SSM) output clock and is controlled by four bits in the serial load bit stream. These four bits configure the SSM to be enabled, the type of spread and the amount of spread modulation to be selected. [Table 11](#page-8-0) shows the definition of these four bits. These spread control bits are located at the beginning of the serial data stream and are labeled SS3, SS2, SS1 and SS0. The initial state of these four bits (SS3:SS0) is 0000 which places the MPC92469 in the configuration of SSM being off. Any parallel load operation will also result in the spread spectrum modulation programming being reset to the value 0000 which likewise turns spread spectrum modulation off. The MPC92469 offers down-spread or center spread.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the amount of spread based upon both the VCO frequency and the Spread Spectrum control bit pattern. Figure 4 is for down-spread with 0% spread being at the top of the figure. Figure 5 is for center-spread with 0% spread in the middle of the figure. Increasing values of SS2:SS0 increase the amount of spread and SS3 is used to configure either centerspread (SS3=0) or down-spread (SS3=1). Note, for both tables, the horizontal axis is the VCO frequency which ranges from 400MHz to 800MHz. The VCO frequency is 2X the output frequency which corresponds to an output frequency range of 200MHz to 400MHz for the output divider of N=1.

Table 11. SSM Operation

Power Supply Filtering

The MPC92469 is a mixed analog/digital product. Its analog circuitry is naturally susceptible to random noise, especially if this noise is seen on the power supply pins. Random noise on the V_{CC-PIL} pin impacts the device characteristics. The MPC92469 provides separate power supplies for the digital circuitry (V_{CC}) and the internal PLL (V_{CC-PLL}) of the device. The purpose of this design technique is to try and isolate the high switching noise digital outputs from the relatively sensitive internal analog phaselocked loop. In a controlled environment such as an evaluation board, this level of isolation is sufficient. However, in a digital system environment where it is more difficult to minimize noise on the power supplies a second level of isolation may be required. The simplest form of isolation is a power supply filter on the V_{CC-PI} pin for the MPC92469. [Figure 6](#page-8-1) illustrates a typical power supply filter scheme. The MPC92469 is most susceptible to noise with spectral content in the 1 kHz to 1 MHz range. Therefore, the filter should be designed to target this range. The

key parameter that needs to be met in the final filter design is the DC voltage drop that will be seen between the V_{CC} supply and the $V_{CC-PI\perp}$ pin of the MPC92469. From the data sheet, the $V_{CC-PI\perp}$ current (the current sourced through the V_{CC-PLL} pin) is maximum 8 mA, assuming that a minimum of 3.0 V must be maintained on the V_{CC-PLL} pin. The resistor shown in [Figure 6](#page-8-1) must have a resistance of 10-15 Ω to meet the voltage drop criteria. The RC filter pictured will provide a broadband filter with approximately 100:1 attenuation for noise whose spectral content is above 20 kHz. As the noise frequency crosses the series resonant point of an individual capacitor its overall impedance begins to look inductive and thus increases with increasing frequency. The parallel capacitor combination shown ensures that a low impedance path to ground exists for frequencies well above the bandwidth of the PLL.

Figure 6. V_{CC_PLL} Power Supply Filter

Additional noise suppression may be achieved with the use of a ferrite chip bead. The ferrite chip bead offers a high value of RF impedance while maintaining a very low DC resistance. Ferrite beads are available from 15 Ω to over 1k Ω RF impedance (measured @ 100 MHz), but would have DC resistance values of less than 1 Ω . Max current ratings range from a few hundred mA to over 1 A. The selected bead should have a max current rating well in excess of the actual circuit requirements preventing saturation of the ferrite material. The ferrite chip bead is placed in series with a low value resistor as shown in Figure 7. Capacitor values should be staggered in value by a factor of 5 to 10. Proper curcuit modeling should be performed to optimize circuit components in specific user applications.

Figure 7. VCC_PLL Power Supply Filter Using a Ferrite Bead

Using the On-Board Crystal Oscillator

The MPC92469 features a fully integrated Pierce oscillator to minimize system implementation costs. The MPC92469 may be operated with a 12 MHz to 20 MHz crystal and without additional components. Recommended operation for the crystal should be of

a parallel resonant type and a load specification of C_{L} = 18 pF. See Table 12 for complete crystal specifications.

If more precise frequency control is desired, the addition of capacitors from each of the XTAL_IN and XTAL_OUT pins to ground may be used to trim the frequency as shown in Figure 8.

The crystal and optional trim capacitors should be located as close to the MPC92469 XTAL_IN and XTAL_OUT pins as possible to avoid any board level parasitic.

Table 12. Recommended Crystal Specifications

Figure 8. Crystal Oscillator With Trim Capacitor

Figure 9. Package Drawing for 32 Lead LQFP

Table 13. Package Dimensions for 32Lead LQFP

Revision History Sheet

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