MDB1900ZC

Zero Delay Buffer for PCIe (Gen1/Gen2/Gen3), SAS, SATA, ESI, and QPI

General Description

The MDB1900ZC is a true zero delay buffer with a fully integrated, high-performance, low-power, and low-phase noise programmable PLL.

The MDB1900ZC is capable of distributing the reference clocks for PCIe (Gen1/Gen2/Gen3), SATA, ESI, SAS, SMI, and Intel[®] [Quickpath Interconnect](http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/io/quickpath-technology/quickpath-technology-general.html) (QPI). The MDB1900ZC works in conjunction with a CK410B+, CK509B, or CK420BQ clock synthesizer to provide reference clocks to multiple agents.

The MDB1900ZC is designed for Intel's DB1900Z specification with the exception that the zero delay buffer feedback path is inside the IC and does not need to be built onto the PCB.

Datasheets and support documentation are available on Micrel's website at: [www.micrel.com.](http://www.micrel.com/)

Block Diagram

Features

- Supports zero delay (0ps) buffer mode for 100MHz and 133MHz clock frequencies.
- Internal feedback path for zero delay (PLL) mode
- Zero delay (PLL) mode can filter jitter in incoming clock
- Selectable PLL bandwidth for PLL mode
- Supports fanout buffer mode for clock frequencies between 0MHz and 250MHz
- Differential input reference with HCSL logic (0V~0.7V)
- Nineteen differential HCSL-compatible clock output pairs
- Eight dedicated OE# pins to control their assigned output. Glitch free assertion/de-assertion.
- Spread spectrum modulation tolerant for EMI reduction
- SMBus interface for controlling output properties (enable/disable and delay tuning)
- Disabled outputs in power-down mode for maximum power savings
- Nine selectable SMBus addresses so multiple devices can share the same SMBus
- 3.3V or 2.5V operation
- Commercial or industrial temperature ranges
- 72-pin 10mm × 10mm QFN package
- GREEN, RoHS, and PFOS compliant

Applications

- PCI Express timing (Gen1/2/3) in Intel platforms, specifically the Romley platform
- SATA/SAS timing (storage)
- ESI and SMI systems (storage)
- Intel Quickpath Interconnect

Key Specifications

- Cycle-to-cycle jitter (PLL mode): <35ps
- Output-to-output skew: <35ps
- Input-to-output delay (PLL mode): Fixed at 0ps
- Input-to-output delay variation (PLL mode): 13ps
- Phase jitter, PCIe Gen3: 0.25ps
- Accumulated jitter, QPI 9.6Gbps: <0.15ps

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Ordering Information

Note:

1. Device is GREEN, RoHS, and PFOS compliant. Lead finish is 100% matte tin.

Pin Configuration

72-Pin 10mm × 10mm QFN

Pin Description

Note:

2. I = Input

O = Output

I/O = Bi-directional

SE = Single-ended

DIF = Differential

PWR = 3.3V or 2.5V power GND = Ground

Pin Description (Continued)

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Absolute Maximum Ratings[\(3\)](#page-5-0)

Operating Ratings[\(4\)](#page-5-2)

DC Electrical Characteristics[\(6\)](#page-5-3)

Notes:

3. Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings may damage the device.

4. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating ratings.

5. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precautions are recommended. Human Body Model.

- 6. Specification for packaged product only.
- 7. Input leakage current. Does not include inputs with pull-up or pull-down resistors.

8. Capacitance value does not include pin capacitance.

DC Electrical Characteristics[\(6\)](#page-5-3) (Continued)

 $V_{DDA} = V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or 2.5 ±5%, $T_A = 0$ °C to +70°C.

AC Electrical Characteristics − **(CLK_IN, CLK_IN#) Clock Input Parameters**

Notes:

9. The minimum input edge rate is 0.35V/ns single-ended or 0.7V/ns differential for both 100MHz and 133.33MHz.

10. The slew rate (0.70V/ns to 4V/ns) measurement on differential waveform for both 100MHz and 133.33MHz.

AC Electrical Characteristics − **(CLK_IN, CLK_IN#) Clock Input Parameters (Continued)**

 $V_{DDA} = V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or 2.5V ±5%, $T_A = 0$ °C to +70°C.

Spread Spectrum (SSC) Specification for Clock Input (CLK_IN, CLK_IN#)

AC Electrical Characteristics − **HCSL Outputs**

 $V_{DDA} = V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or 2.5V ±5%, $T_A = 0$ °C to +70°C.

Notes:

11. This is the time from ramping the power supply, or assertion the PWRGD and when valid CLK_IN input until the time that stable clocks are output from the device (PLL locked).

12. All long-time accuracy and clock period specifications are guaranteed assuming that the input reference (CLK_IN, CLK_IN#) meets the CK410B+ or CK420BQ clock period specifications.

13. The long accuracy is 0ppm, when average only over any integer number of SSC periods.

14. When (SSC_{OFF}), using the frequency counter with the measurement interval equal to or greater than 0.15s, target frequencies are 100,000,000Hz, 133,333,333Hz.

15. When (SSC_{ON}), using the frequency counter with the measurement interval equal to or greater than 0.15s, target frequencies are 99,750,000Hz, 133,000,000Hz.

16. Measurement taken from differential waveform.

17. The average period over any 1μs period of time must be greater than the minimum and less than the maximum specified period.

18. Measure taken from differential waveform on a component test board. The edge (slew) rate is measured from (−150mV) to (+150mV) on the differential waveform. Scope is set to average. Signal must be monotonic through the V_{OL} to V_{OH} region for T_R and T_F.

19. Measured from $V_{OL} = 0.175V$ and $V_{OH} = 0.525V$. Only valid for rising clock and falling CLK#. Signal must be monotonic through V_{OL} to V_{OH} region for T_R and T_F. Measurement taken from single-ended waveform. The translation will be (0.5V/ns minimum to 2V/ns maximum) for single-ended edge rate. Refer to [Figure 2.](#page-16-0)

20. Measurement taken from single-ended waveform.

AC Electrical Characteristics − **HCSL Outputs (Continued)**

 $V_{DDA} = V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or 2.5V ±5%, $T_A = 0$ °C to +70°C.

Notes:

21. Measured with oscilloscope, averaging off, and using minimum/maximum statistics. Variation is the delta between minimum and maximum.

22. Measured with oscilloscope, averaging on, the difference between the rising edge rate (average) of clock versus the falling edge rate (average) of clock#.

23. A statistical average high value for V_{HIGH} obtained by using the oscilloscope V_{HIGH} math function.

24. A statistical average low value for V_{LOW} obtained by using the V_{LOW} math function.

25. The crossing point should meet the absolute and relative crossing point specifications simultaneously.

26. ∆V_{OX} is defined as the total variation of all crossing voltages of rising CLOCK and falling CLOCK#.

AC Electrical Characteristics − **HCSL Outputs (Continued)**

 $V_{DDA} = V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or 2.5V ±5%, $T_A = 0$ °C to +70°C.

Notes:

27. Measured from differential crossing point (V_{OX}) to differential crossing point (V_{OX}) with scope averaging on to find mean value. V_{OX} (relative) minimum and maximum are derived using the following: V_{OX} (relative) minimum = $0.250 + 0.5$ V_{HAVG} − 0.7V) and V_{OX} (relative) maximum = $0.550 0.5$ (0.7V – V_{HAVG}).

28. Measured into fixed 2pF load capacitor. Input to output skew is measured at the first output edge following the corresponding input.

29. This parameter is measured at the outputs of two MDB1900ZC devices in the HBW mode driven by a CK420BQ. The random differential tracking error is the differential phase jitter. It is the accumulated phase jitter, not including the effect of spread spectrum and not shared by the outputs. The jitter is measured into 2pF load cap and from differential cross-point to differential cross-point

30. This is the P2P difference in spread spectrum tracking error between two MDB1900ZC devices in Hi BW mode. The parameter is measured at the output of two MDB1900ZC devices driven by a CK420BQ with SSCON.

31. Duty Cycle Distortion is the difference in duty cycle between the output and the input clock when the device is operated in bypass mode.

Clock Period − **SSC Disabled**

Clock Period − **SSC Enabled**

PLL Bandwidth − **Peaking and Phase Jitter (SSCOFF)**

Notes:

32. Measured as maximum pass band gain. At frequencies with the loop BW, highest point-of-magnification is called PLL jitter peaking.

33. Measured at 3dB down or half-power point.

34. These jitter numbers are defined for a BER of 1E-12. Measured numbers at a smaller sample size have to be extrapolated to this BER target.

35. PCIe Gen3 filter characteristics are subject to final ratification by PCI-SIG. Check with PCI-SIG for latest specification.

36. The damping factor = 0.54 implies a jitter peaking of 3dB.

- 37. Post processed evaluation through Intel-supplied Matlab scripts.
- 38. Measuring on 100MHz output using the template file in the clock jitter tool.
- 39. Measuring on 100MHz PCIe SRC output using the template file in the clock jitter tool.

40. Measuring on 100MHz, 133.33MHz output using the template file in the clock jitter tool.

PLL Bandwidth − **Peaking and Phase Jitter (SSCON)**

Functional Diagram

Feedback (FB_OUT, FB_OUT#) Topology

The MDB1900ZC utilizes external feedback topology to achieve low input-to-output delay variation. Place the shunt and series resistors as close to the (FB_OUT, FB_OUT#) (Pins 18 and 17) as possible (refer to [Figure 1\)](#page-15-0).

Figure 1. Feedback Termination

Table 1. Feedback Shunt Resistors

Measurements Points for Differential

Figure 2. Single-Ended Measurement Points for TRISE and TFALL

Figure 3. Single-Ended Measurement Points for V_{OVS}, V_{UDS}, and V_{RB}

Figure 4. Differential (Clock/Clock#) Measurement Points for T_{PERIOD}, Duty Cycle, and Jitter

Termination of HCSL [DIF, DIF# (18:0)] Output Buffers for Testing Conditions

All differential output parameters are measured while driving 10-inch 100Ω or 85Ω differential impedance transmission line segments with 2pF load capacitors at the end of each segment. Measurements are taken across the 2pF load capacitor associated with Clock and Clock# as shown in [Figure 5](#page-18-0) and [Figure 6.](#page-18-1) For resistive lumped load, board trace impedance and trace length refer to [Table 3.](#page-17-0)

Table 2. IREF and DIF Clock (HCSL) Output Current

Table 3. Resistive Lumped Test Loads for HCSL Differential Clocks

Figure 5. 0.7V Configuration Test Load Board Termination with 100Ω Differential Impedance Transmission Line

Functional Description

CLK_IN, CLK_IN# Input Reference

The reference clock (CLK_IN, CLK_IN#) is an HCSL (0.7V) differential input with 100MHz or 133.33MHz frequency from CK410B+, CK509B, or CK420BQ clock Synthesizer. The input (CLK IN, CLK IN#) has the option to have spread spectrum ON or spread spectrum OFF. The spread spectrum clocking (SSC) has modulation frequency value of 30kHz to 33kHz, with modulation of −0.5% down-spread (maximum). The modulation profile is Triangular or Lexmark.

OE# and Output Enables (Control Registers)

OE# pins are dedicated control pins for DIF [12:5] outputs and are asynchronous asserted-low signals. Each output can be individually enabled or disabled by SMBus control register bits. The output enable bits in the SMBus registers are active high and by default are set to enable.

OE# Assertion (Transition from Logic 1 to Logic 0)

All differential outputs that were tri-stated are to resume normal operation in a glitch free manner. The latency from the assertion to active outputs is $4 - 12$ DIF clock periods.

OE# De-Assertion (Transition from Logic 0 to Logic 1)

The impact of de-asserting OE# is each corresponding differential output will transition from normal operation to tri-state in a glitch free manner. A minimum of four valid clocks will be provided after OE# de-assertion. The maximum latency from the de-assertion to tri-stated outputs is twelve DIF clock periods.

Table 4. OE Functionality

100M_133M# (Frequency Selection)

The 100M_133M# is a hardware pin which programs the appropriate output frequency. The MDB1900ZC is operated in the 1:1 mode only; therefore the CLK_IN frequency is equal to DIF [18:0] frequency. The frequency selection can be enabled by 100M_133M# pin or by SMBus control register bit.

Note: The default frequency at power-up is 100MHz.

Table 5. Frequency Program

PWRGD/PWRDN#

De-assertion of PWRGD (Logic 0) which becomes PWRDN# indicates a power-down mode, which will shut off all clocks cleanly. PWRDN# is asynchronous active low input, and instructs the device to enter power saving mode. PWRDN# should be asserted low prior to shutting off the input clock or power to ensure all clocks shut down in a glitch-free manner, and all outputs will be tristated.

Table 6. PWRGD/PWRGDN# Functionality

PWRGD Assertion

The power-up latency is less than 1.8ms. This is the time from the assertion of the PWRGD pin or the ramping of the power supply and the time from valid CLK_IN input clock until the time that stable clocks are output from the buffer chip (PLL locked).

The assertion and de-assertion of PWRDN# is absolutely asynchronous

Note: It is not recommended to disable (CLK_IN, CLK_IN#) input prior to assertion of PWRDN# and operation in this mode can result in glitches and excessive frequency shifting.

Figure 7. PWRGD Assertion (Power-Down De-Assertion)

PWRDN# Assertion

When PWRDN# is sampled as being asserted by two consecutive rising edges of DIF#, all differential outputs must be tri-stated on the next DIF# high-to-low transition.

Figure 8. PWRDN# Assertion

HBW_BYPASS_LBW#

The HBW BYPASS LBW# is a tri-level function input pin. It is used to select between PLL high-bandwidth, bypass mode and PLL low bandwidth. The PLL HBW, BYPASS and PLL LBW mode may be selected via writing to SMBus register or by asserting the HBW BYPASS LBW input pin to the appropriate level per [Table 7.](#page-20-0)

Table 7. PLL Bandwidth and Readback

SA_0, SA_1 (Address Selection)

SA_0 and SA_1 are tri-level hardware pins that can configure the MDB1900ZC to nine different addresses.

Table 8. SA_0, SA_1, and SMBus Address

SA_1	SA_0	SMBus Address
		D ₈
	M	DA
	Н	DE
M		C ₂
М	M	C ₄
M	Н	C ₆
Н		CA
Н	M	CC
Н	Н	CE

MDB1900ZC Control Registers

SDA, SCL (Pins 12, 13)

The serial data (SDA) and serial clock (SCL) are dedicated for SMBus application and designed for 400Kb/s (maximum).

The SDA and SCL pins do not have internal pull-up resistors. When the device is in power-down mode, the SDA and SCL inputs are tri-stated and all programming information is retained.

All electrical characteristics meet the standard mode specifications of the SMBus 2.0 specification. For SDA and SCL input specs, refer to the *[DC Electrical](#page-5-6) [Characteristics](#page-5-6)*(6) .

Table 10. Byte 1: Output Enable Control Register

Table 11. Byte 2: Output Enable Control Register

Table 12. Byte 3: OE# Pin Real-time Readback Control Register

Table 13. Byte 4: Reserved Control Register

Table 14. Byte 5: Vendor/Revision Identification Control Register

Table 15. Byte 6: Device ID Control Register

Byte 7: Byte Count Register

Writing to bits [0:4] of Byte 7 configures how many bytes will be read back.

Table 16. Byte 7: Byte Count Register

Byte 8, 9, 10: Access and Controls for Optional Advanced Features

Registers 8, 9, and 10 are additional Micrel-defined registers to allow access to and control of optional advanced features. For optional features details, please see the *[Optional Features](#page-29-0)* section.

Optional advanced features use a two level read or write access, wherein the first step is to enter an access code in Byte 8, followed by entering a feature's bit address in Byte 9, and then reading or writing control information in Byte 10.

Byte 8: Advanced Features Access Register

This is a write-only register which defines the access to Register 9 and 10. When value 0xBB('1011'1011) is written to Register 8, then Registers 9 and 10 become accessible. Otherwise, Registers 9 and 10 cannot be either read or written.

Table 17. Byte 8: Advanced Features Access Register

Byte 9: Features Bits Address Register

Each optional feature has an associate set of bits and each bit has a unique address. For details of optional features and their associated bit addresses, please see the *[Optional Features](#page-29-0)* section. In order to access a bit, its address has to be written to Register 9.

Table 18. Byte 9. Features Bits Address Register

Byte 10: Features Bits Command Register

To read or write a feature bit value, first write the 1011 1011 access code to byte 8 followed by the feature bit address to byte 9. The current value of the feature bit will appear in bit 6 of byte 10, where it can be read. To write the value of the feature bit, write the desired value into bit 1 of byte 10 and also set bit 7 of byte 10 to '1' to enable the writing. Next, write '0000 0000' to byte 10 to close writing before changing to another address in byte 9.

Feature Bit Commands

READ: To Read a Current Feature Bit Value

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write the feature bit address to Register 9.
- 3. Read Register 10, the feature bit state is available in bit 6 of register 10.

Example 1

To read the LSB of the delay on CLK_IN path (delay_clkin[0], Address 132):

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write '1000'0100 to Register 9 (Address 132).
- 3. Read Register 10, Bit 6 for the value of delay clkin[0].

Example 2

To read the MSB of output0 (Out0trim[3], Address 143, Default 1):

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write '1000'1111 to Register 9 (Address 143).
- 3. Read Register 10, Bit 6 for the value of Out0trim[3].

WRITE: To change the Value of a Feature Bit

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write the feature bit address to Register 9.
- 3. Write '1000'00s0 to Register 10, where s is the feature bit value ('0' or '1').
- 4. Write '0000'0000 to Register 10 to close the write command.

Example 1

To set (write) the LSB of the delay on CLK_IN path to 1 (delay_clkin[0], Address 132):

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write '1000'0000 to Register 9 (Address 132).
- 3. Write '1000'0010 to Register 10 for delay_clkin[0]=1 or '1000'0000 for delay_clkin[0]=0.
- 4. Write '0000'0000 to Register 10.

Example 2

To set (write) the MSB of output0 to 0 (Out0trim[3], Address 143, Default 1).

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10).
- 2. Write '1000'1111 to Register 9 (Address 143).
- 3. Write '1000'0010 to register 10 for Out0trim[3]=1 or '1000'0000 for Out0trim[3]=0.
- 4. Write '0000'0000 to Register 10.

Figure 9. Buffer Power-Up State Diagram

Optional Features

The MDB1900ZC is 100% compatible with the Intel DB1900Z specification document and can be used in any application where that part is called for. However, Micrel has made available optional features that are largely enabled through three additional registers (Registers 8, 9, and 10). These optional features allow for significant power savings and for coping with PCB manufacturing variability.

2.5V Operation

In addition to the $3.3V$ ($\pm 5\%$) operation voltage called for by the Intel specification, the MDB1900ZC supports 2.5V (±5%) operation voltage. No changes to registers or power supply filtering components are required to use this feature. Simply connect a 2.5V supply where the 3.3V supply is specified and the part will continue to work correctly, including all output voltages and levels. Switching to 2.5V from 3.3V will save approximately 25% in total power dissipation for this part.

Zero Delay Optimization

The MDB1900ZC has excellent zero delay characteristics that are far better than required by the Intel specification. However, the exact value of the zero delay is partially dependent on the feedback path and this can vary with the PCB board design and with manufacturing variations in the PCB. To compensate for errors in the PCB design or to relax the manufacturing tolerance required from the PCB board vendor, Micrel has provided the ability to independently add delay into either or both the CLK_IN path and the FB_IN path (see [Table 21](#page-29-1) and [Table 22\)](#page-30-0).

Table 21. Feature Bit Address [135:132] ≥ DELAY_CLKIN[3:0]

Table 22. Feature Bit Address [139:136] ≥ DELAY_FB[3:0]

Input Signal Pin Capacitance

The zero delay value is defined not only by the external feedback path but also by the input pin capacitance driven by that feedback path. The input pin capacitance is allowed by the Intel specification to be within a fairly broad range. The Micrel part is always within the low end of the allowed range ensuring a low capacitive load and sharp edge rates. However, the user can adjust the MDB1900ZC so that it presents a larger input capacitance load at CLK_IN, CLK_IN#, FB_IN, FB_IN#.

This feature can be used to ensure compatibility with third-party vendors who can still meet the Intel specification, but have significantly different input capacitances (see [Table 23](#page-31-0) and [Table 24\)](#page-31-1).

Table 23. Feature Bit Address [218:216] ≥ INPUT_CAP_CLKIN[2:0]

Table 24. Feature Bit Address [221:219] ≥ INPUT_CAP_FBIN[2:0]

Bypass Delay

The Intel specification calls for a fairly long delay of 2.5ns when the PLL is in bypass mode. The MDB1900ZC fully meets this specification in default mode. However, if the user wishes to have a much shorter bypass delay of 0.9ns this feature can be enabled.

Output Drive Levels

The Intel specification calls for very specific current drive levels on each of the HCSL outputs based on whether the part is driving 85Ω traces or 100Ω traces.

The specification calls for all enabled outputs to drive at the same current level. However, the MDB1900ZC allows the user to independently control the current drive to each output. This feature can be used to selectively save power on lightly loaded or short traces where V_{OH} , V_{OL} and edge rate can readily be met with reduced current without impacting other traces.

Table 25. Feature Bit Address [222] ≥ DELAY_BYPASS

Table 26. Feature Bit Address [215:140] ≥ Output Drive Level

Table 27. Output Drive Level, Output Trim Feature Bits Definition (also refer to [Table 26\)](#page-32-0)

Example of Setting Output 1 to 60% Strength (change from default 100%)

Feature Bits: out1trim[3:0], address[147:144]

In order to set output1 to 60% strength, out1trim[3:0] needs to be '0110. Therefore, feature bits 145 and 146 need to be inverted:

- 1. Write '1011'1011 to Register 8 (to enable Register 9 and 10)
- 2. Write '1001'0001 to Register 9 (Feature Bit 145)
- 3. Write '1000'0010 to Register 10 (set Feature Bit 145 to 1)
- 4. Write '0000'0000 to Register 10
- 5. Write '1001'0010 to Register 9 (Feature Bit 146)
- 6. Write '1000'0010 to Register 10 (set Feature Bit 146 to 1)
- 7. Write '0000'0000 to Register 10

Package Information and Recommended Land Pattern[\(41\)](#page-34-0)

NOTE:

1. MAX PACKAGE WARPAGE IS 0.05mm. 2. MAX ALLOWABLE BURR IS 0.076mm IN ALL DIRECTIONS. 3. PIN #1 IS ON TOP WILL BE LASER MARK. 4. RED CIRCLES IN LAND PATTERN INDICATES THERMAL VIA. SIZE SHOULD BE 0.30-0.3mm IN DIAMETER AND SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO GND FOR MAX THERMAL PERFORMANCE. 1.0MM PITCH 5. GREEN RECTANGLES (SHADED AREA) REPRESENT SOLDER STENCIL OPENING ON EXPOSED PAD AREA. RECOMMENDED SIZE IS 1.0x1.0mm, SPACING IS 0.25mm.

Note:

41. Package information is correct as of the publication date. For updates and most current information, go to: www.micrel.com.

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