

MachXO3D Hardware Checklist

Technical Note



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Abbreviations in This Document

A list of abbreviations used in this document.

Abbreviation	Definition
CCLK	Configuration Clock
CSSPIN	Chip Select SPI Input
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array
GPIO	General Purpose I/O
GPLL	Global Phase-Locked Loop
HCSL	High-Speed Current Steering Logic
HE	High Efficiency (device type)
I2C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
INITN	Initialization (active low)
IOLOGIC	Input/Output Logic
JTAG	Joint Test Action Group
LVDS	Low-Voltage Differential Signaling
MCLK	Master Clock
MSPI	Controller Serial Peripheral Interface
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PCLK	Primary Clock
PCLKCx_y	Complementary Clock Input (Differential)
PCLKTx_y	True Clock Input (Differential)
PLD	Programmable Logic Device
PLL	Phase-Locked Loop
PROGRAMN	Program (active low)
SCL	Serial Clock Line
SDA	Serial Data Line
SO/SOSPI	Serial Output/SPI Serial Output
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
SPI/SPISI	Serial Input/SPI Serial Input
SRAM	Static Random Access Memory
SSPI	Slave Serial Peripheral Interface
TCK	Test Clock
TDI	Test Data In
TDO	Test Data Out
TMS	Test Mode Select
WISHBONE	Open-Source System-on-Chip Interconnect Bus



1. Introduction

When designing complex hardware using the MachXO3D™ PLD, you must pay special attention to critical hardware configuration requirements. This technical note steps through these critical hardware requirements related to the MachXO3D devices. This document does not provide detailed step-by-step instructions but gives a high-level summary checklist to assist in the design process.

Hardware checklists are developed after evaluation boards and incorporate optimized designs that improve upon the circuitry of evaluation boards. If you copy circuits from evaluation boards, ensure to optimize your designs according to the hardware checklists.

The MachXO3D PLDs are low-power, instant-on, flash-based devices. They have an internal linear voltage regulator that supports external V_{CC} supply voltages of 3.3 V or 2.5 V.

This technical note assumes that the reader is familiar with the MachXO3D device features as described in the MachXO3D Family Data Sheet (FPGA-DS-02026).

The critical hardware areas covered in this technical note include:

- Power supply as they relate to the MachXO3D supply rails and how to connect them to the PCB and the associated system.
- Configuration and how to connect the configuration mode selection for a proper power-up configuration.
- Device I/O interface and critical signals.

Important: Refer to the following documents for detailed recommendations.

- Power Decoupling and Bypass Filtering for Programmable Devices (FPGA-TN-02115)
- MachXO3D sysI/O Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02068)
- Implementing High-Speed Interfaces with MachXO3D Devices (FPGA-TN02065)
- MachXO3D Programming and Configuration Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02069)
- Using Hardened Control Functions in MachXO3D Devices (FPGA-TN-02117)



2. Power Supply

The V_{CC} and V_{CCIO0} power supplies determine the MachXO3D internal *power good* condition. These supplies need to be at a valid and stable level before the device can become operational. In addition, there are five (V_{CCIO1} to V_{CCIO5}) supplies that power the remaining I/O banks. Table 2.1 shows the power supplies and the appropriate voltage levels for each.

Refer to the MachXO3D Family Data Sheet (FPGA-DS-02026) for more information on the voltage levels.

Table 2.1. Power Supply Description and Voltage Levels

Supply	Voltage (Nominal Value)	Description
V	1.2 V	Core power supply for 1.2 V devices (HE)
V _{CC}	2.5 V/3.3 V	Core power supply for 2.5 V/3.3 V devices (ZC/HC)
V _{CCIOx} 1.2 V to 3.3 V Power supply pins for I/O Bank X. There are up to five I/		Power supply pins for I/O Bank X. There are up to five I/O banks.

2.1. Power Noise

The power rail voltages of the FPGA allow for a worst-case normal operating tolerance of ±5% of these voltages. The 5% tolerance includes any noise.

2.2. Power Source

It is recommended that the designed voltage regulators are accurate to within 3% of the optimum voltage to allow power noise design margin.

When calculating the voltage regulator's total tolerance, include:

- Regulator voltage reference tolerance
- Regulator line tolerance
- Regulator load tolerance
- Tolerances of any resistors connected to the regulator's feedback pin, which sets the regulator's output voltage
- Expected voltage drops due to power filtering the ferrite bead's ESR × expected current draw
- Expected voltage drops due to the current measuring resistor's ESR × expected current draw

With a 3% tolerance allocated to the voltage source, the design has a remaining 2% tolerance for noise and layout-related issues. The 1.2 V rail is especially sensitive to noise, as every 12 mV is 1% of the rail voltage.



3. Power Supply Filtering

Providing a quiet, filtered supply is important for all rails and critical for the analog rails. Supplies should be decoupled with adequate power filters. Bypass capacitors must be located close to the device package pins with short traces to keep inductance low.

For the best performance, use careful pin assignments to keep noisy I/O pins away from sensitive functional pins. The leading causes of PCB-related crosstalk with sensitive blocks are related to FPGA outputs located in close proximity to the sensitive power supplies. These supplies require cautious board layout to ensure noise immunity to the switching noise generated by FPGA outputs. Guidelines are provided to build quiet-filtered supplies for the analog supplies; however, robust PCB layout is required to ensure that noise does not infiltrate into these analog supplies.

3.1. Recommended Power Filtering Groups and Components

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Power Input	Recommended Filter	Notes
		Core and clock logic.
V_{CC}	10 μF x 2 + 100 nF per pin	1.2 V devices (HE)
		2.5 V/3.3 V devices (ZC/HC)
V _{CCIO[6: 0]}		Bank I/O.
	10 μF + 100 nF per pin for each $V_{\text{CCIO}x}$	Unused banks can use a single 1.0 μF.
		For banks with lots of outputs or large capacitive
		loading, replace the 10 μF with a 22 μF (or use two
		10 μF).
		1.2 V, 1.5 V, 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.3 V

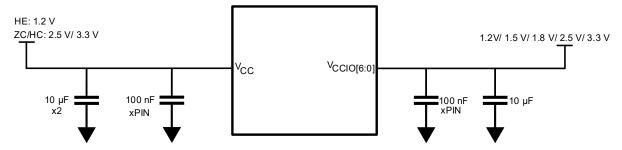


Figure 3.1. Recommended Power Filter Group



4. Power Estimation

Once the MachXO3D device density, package, and logic implementation is determined, power estimation can be performed using the Power Calculator tool, which is provided as part of the Lattice Diamond[®] design software. While performing power estimation, you should keep two specific goals in mind.

- Power supply budgeting should be considered based on the maximum of the power-up in-rush current, configuration current or maximum DC and AC current for a given system environmental condition.
- The ability of the system environment and MachXO3D device packaging to support the specified maximum operating junction temperature.

By determining these two criteria, system design planning can take the MachXO3D power requirements into consideration early in the design phase.



5. Power Sequencing

There is no power-up sequence required for ZC/HC devices.

For HE devices, V_{CC} needs to be powered up prior to $V_{\text{CCIO}x}$ by at least 20 ms.



6. Configuration Considerations

MachXO3D devices contain two types of memory, SRAM, and Flash. SRAM is volatile memory and contains the active configuration. Flash is non-volatile memory that provides on-chip storage for SRAM configuration data.

The MachXO3D device includes multiple programming and configuration interfaces:

- 1149.1 JTAG
- Self-download
- Target SPI (SSPI)
- Controller SPI (MSPI)
- Dual Boot
- 12C
- WISHBONE bus

For ease of prototype debugging, it is recommended that every PCB has easy access to the programming and configuration pins.

The configuration logic arbitrates access from the interfaces by the following priority. When higher priority ports are enabled, Flash access by lower priority ports will be blocked.

- ITAG Port
- Target SPI (SSPI) Port (SN low activates the SPI port)
- I2C Primary Port

Note: Erased devices have all programming and configuration ports enabled by default. When the device is erased, ensure that SN and PROGRAMN are not driven low.

For a detailed description of the programming and configuration interfaces, refer to the MachXO3D Programming and Configuration Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02069).

The use of external resistors is always needed if the configuration signals are being used to handshake with other devices. Pull-up and pull-down resistor (4.7 k Ω) recommendations on different configuration pins are listed below.

Table 6.1. Default State of the sysCONFIG™ Pins¹

Pin Name	Pin Function	Pin Direction	Default Function
riii Naiile	(Configuration Mode)	(Configuration Mode)	(User Mode)
PROGRAMN	PROGRAMN	Input with weak pull-up, external pull-up to V _{CCIOO} .	PROGRAMN
INITN	I/O	I/O with weak pull-up, external pull-up to V _{CCIOO} .	User-defined I/O
DONE	I/O	I/O with weak pull-up, external pull-up to Vccioo.	User-defined I/O
MCLK/CCLK	SSPI	Input with weak pull-up. MCLK function requires external 1 $k\Omega$ pull-down.	User-defined I/O
SN	SSPI	Input with weak pull-up, external pull-up to V _{CCIO2} .	User-defined I/O
SI/SPISI	SSPI	Input	User-defined I/O
SO/SOSPI	SSPI	Output	User-defined I/O
CSSPIN	I/O	I/O with weak pull-up, external pullup to V _{CCIO2} .	User-defined I/O
SCL ²	I2C	Bi-directional open drain, external pull-up, noise filter (200 Ω series/100 pF to GND).	User-defined I/O
SDA ²	I2C	Bi-directional open drain, external pull-up, noise filter (100 Ω series/100 pF to GND).	User-defined I/O
TDI	TDI	Input with weak pull-up.	TDI
TDO	TDO	Output with weak pull-up.	TDO
TCK	TCK	Input. Recommended 4.7 kΩ pull-down.	TCK
TMS	TMS	Input with weak pull-up.	TMS
JTAGENB	1/0	Input with weak pull-down.	1/0

Notes:

- 1. Leave the unused configuration ports open.
- 2. The MachXO3D device has an internal I2C glitch filter, but for accurate performance of the filter, use the RC filter.

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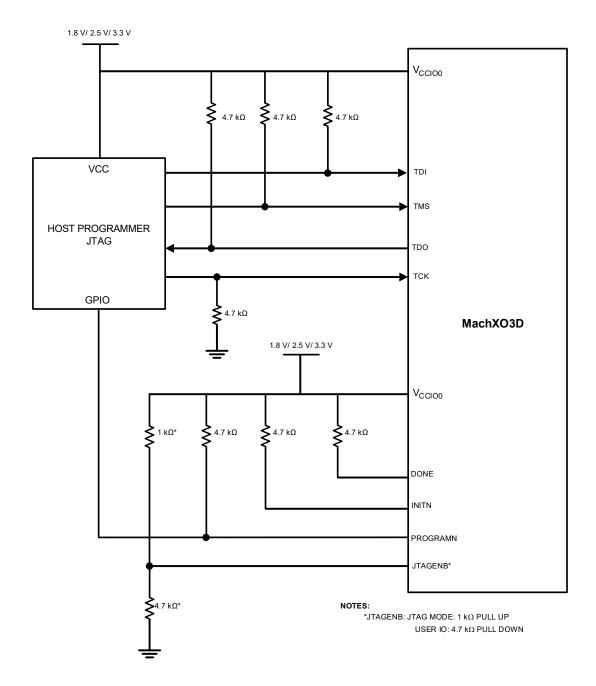


Figure 6.1. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via JTAG



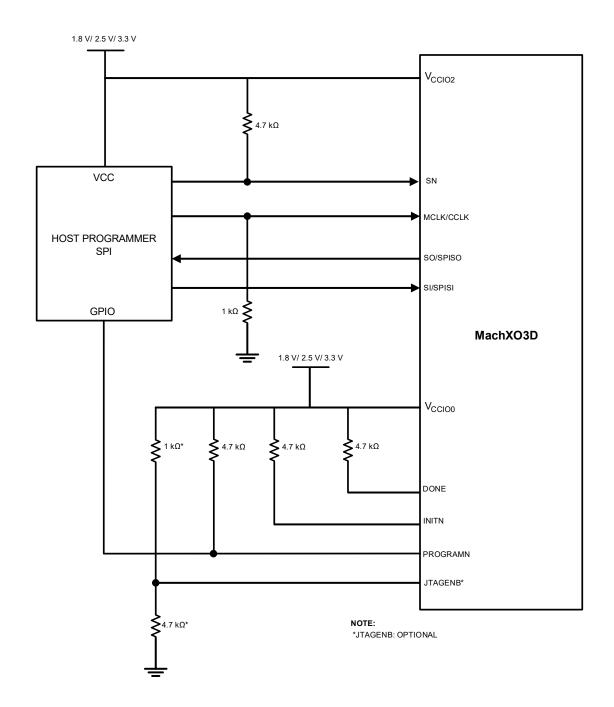


Figure 6.2. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via SSPI



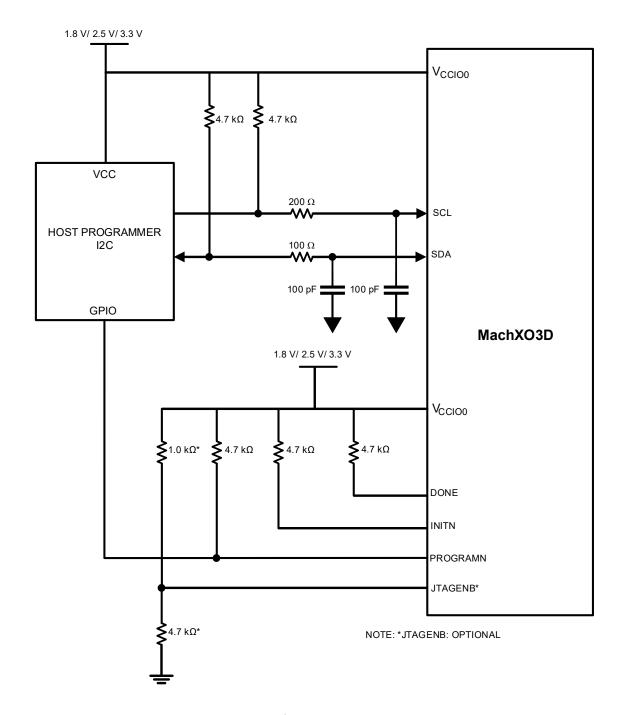


Figure 6.3. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via I2C



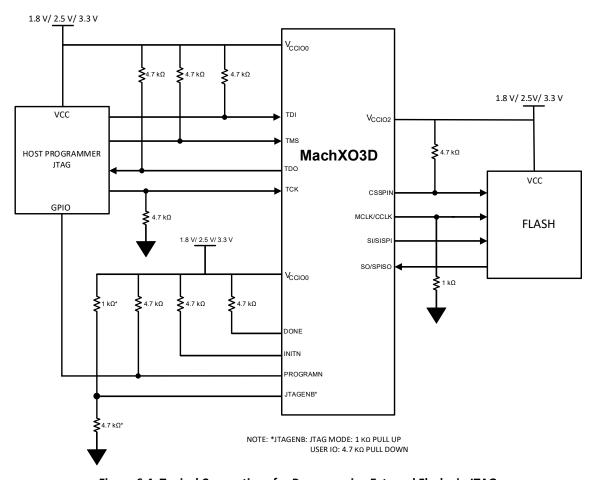


Figure 6.4. Typical Connections for Programming External Flash via JTAG



7. Controller SPI (MSPI)

When configuring from an external SPI Flash, ensure:

- The SPI Flash V_{CC} and the MachXO3D V_{CCIO2} are at the same level.
- The SPI Flash V_{CC} is at the recommended operating level.
- The SPI Flash should be supported in Diamond Programmer. To see the supported list of devices, go to Diamond Programmer, under the **Help** menu, choose **Help**, then search for **SPI Flash Support**.
- For SPI Flash devices that are not listed in the **SPI Flash Support**, using the custom flash option may allow a non-supported device to work.



8. PROGRAMN Initial Power Considerations

The MachXO3D PROGRAMN is permitted to become a general purpose I/O. The PROGRAMN only becomes a general purpose I/O after the configuration bitstream is loaded. When power is applied to the MachXO3D device, the PROGRAMN input performs the PROGRAMN function. It is critical that any signal input to the PROGRAMN have a high-to-low transition period that is longer than the V_{CC} (min) to INITN rising edge time period. Transitions faster than this time period prevent the MachXO3D device from becoming operational. Refer to the description of PROGRAMN in the MachXO3D Programming and Configuration Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02069).



9. Pinout Considerations

The MachXO3D PLDs support many applications with high-speed interfaces. These include various rule-based pin-outs that need to be understood prior to the implementation of the PCB design. The pin-out selection must be completed with an understanding of the interface building blocks of the FPGA fabric. These include IOLOGIC blocks such as DDR, clock resource connectivity, and PLL usage. Refer to Implementing High-Speed Interfaces with MachXO3D Devices (FPGA-TN02065) for rules pertaining to these interface types.



10. True-LVDS Output Pin Assignments

True-LVDS outputs are on the top bank (Bank 0) of the MachXO3D devices. When using the LVDS outputs, a 2.5 V or 3.3 V supply needs to be connected to the Bank 0 V_{CCIO} supply rails. Refer to the MachXO3D sysI/O Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02068) for more information.



11. Clock Inputs

The MachXO3D device provides certain pins for use as clock inputs in each I/O bank. These pins are shared and can alternately be used for General Purpose I/O.

When these pins are used for clocking purposes, you need to pay attention to minimizing signal noise on these pins.

These shared clock input pins, typically labeled as GPLL and PCLK, can be found under the Dual Function column of the pinlist csv file. High-speed differential interfaces being received by the FPGA must route their differential clock pair into a pair of inputs that support differential clocking, labeled PCLKTx_y (+true) and PCLKCx_y (-complement). For single-ended I/Os, use only PCLKT pins as primary CLK pads.

When providing an external reference clock to the FPGA, ensure that the oscillator's output voltage to the FPGA does not exceed the bank's voltage. Good power supply decoupling of the clock oscillator is required to reduce clock jitter. A typical bypassing circuit is shown in Figure 11.1.

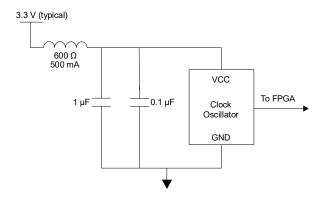


Figure 11.1. Clock Oscillator Bypassing

For differential clock inputs to banks with a V_{CCIO} voltage of 1.5 V or lower, it is recommended to use an HCSL oscillator to keep the clock voltage less than or equal to the bank's V_{CCIO} . An LVDS oscillator can also be used if AC is coupled and then DC is biased at half the V_{CCIO} voltage. Example dual footprint design supporting HCSL and LVDS is shown below in Figure 11.2.

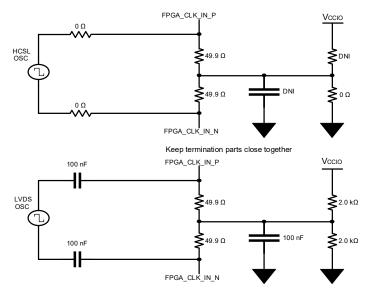


Figure 11.2. PCB Dual Footprint Supporting HCSL and LVDS Oscillators

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12. Issue: GPIO Input(s) Prevents Powering Down the FPGA

For ZC/HC devices where the design involves V_{CC} and bank V_{CCIOx} voltages that are the same (3.3 V or 2.5 V) and connected together, careful design consideration must be followed to avoid the FPGA not powering down fully and left operating in an undefined state.

NOTE: Chip failures can occur when the datasheet input current limits are exceeded.

12.1. GPIO Input Current Leakage Pathway

The FPGA is powered on, and the bit-stream program input CLAMPS ON.

While the FPGA powers down, the external circuit continues to drive input pins.

As the FPGA V_{CC} and V_{CClOx} voltage drops, the GPIO input pins allow external devices to drive reverse current into the FPGA via the on-CLAMPs ,and this current appears at the V_{CClOx} pins which are connected to V_{CC} and keeping the V_{CC} voltage high enough for the input CLAMPs to remain active.

Other devices besides the FPGA, can be connected to the V_{CC} rail, with each device drawing current from the FPGA. As a result, the FPGA can pass enough reverse current to cause internal burnouts or failures to occur quickly, or gradually, depending on the overcurrent of each pin and the number of pins involved.

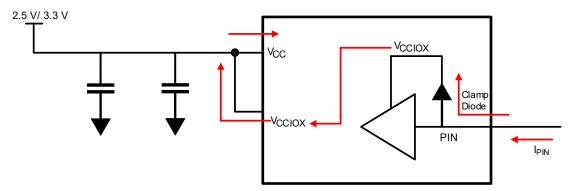


Figure 12.1. Potential Current Path for Powered Down FPGA with Driven Input

12.2. Workarounds

Workaround 1

Turn off any external devices connected to the FPGA that are operating ≥ 2.5 V at the same time as FPGA.

Workaround 2

Configure software to keep GPIO CLAMPS OFF in the bitstream when CLAMPS are not required.

Workaround 3

- Ensure that external circuits do not exceed the datasheet I/O pad current limits for banks operating at ≥ 2.5 V.
- In each bank, the current should not exceed n × 8 mA. Where **n** represents the number of I/O pads in between two consecutive power pins . Please see below scenarios.
 - $V_{CCIO} I/O_1 I/O_2 I/O_x V_{CCIO}$
 - GND I/O₁ I/O₂ I/O_x GND
 - $V_{CCIO} I/O_1 I/O_2 I/O_x GND$

The I/O groupings can be found in the pin tables generated by the Lattice Diamond software.

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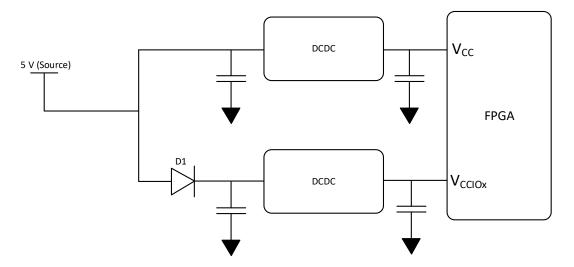
Example: Limit the pin current by connecting a series resistor to an FPGA GPIO input. Most non-high-speed designs work well with a 200 Ω to 1 k Ω series resistor.

$$Math: R \times C \times 2 Tau = Trise / Tfall$$

 $200~\Omega$ series resistor at GPIO input $\times~10~pF$ etch and pin capacitance $\times~2~Tau~=~4ns~Trise~/~Tfall$

Workaround 4

• For V_{CCIO}, use a separate voltage regulator with a diode (D1) connecting the voltage source to the input.





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13. Layout Recommendations

A good design from a schematic should also reflect a good layout for the system design to work without any issues with noise or power distribution. Below are some of the recommended layouts in general.

- 1. All power should come from power planes. This is to ensure good power delivery and thermal stability.
- Each power pin has its own decoupling capacitor, typically 100 nF, that should be placed as close as possible to each other.
- The placement of analog circuits must be away from digital circuits or high switching components.
- 4. High-speed signals should have a clearance of five times the trace width of other signals.
- 5. High-speed signals that transition from one layer to another should have a corresponding transition ground if both reference planes are grounded. If the reference on the other layer is a V_{CC} plane, then a stitching capacitor should be used (ground to V_{CC}).

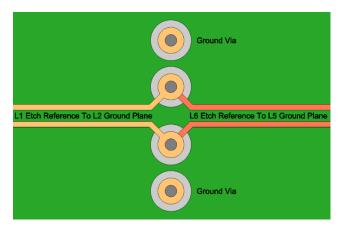


Figure 13.1. Ground Vias Implementation

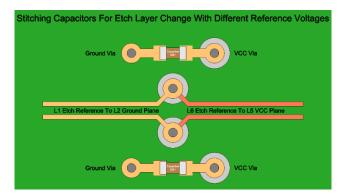


Figure 13.2. Stitching Vias Implementation

- 6. High-speed signals have a corresponding impedance requirement; calculate the necessary trace width and trace gap (differential gap) according to the desired stack-up. Verify trace dimensions with the PCB vendor.
- 7. For differential pairs, be sure to match the length as closely as possible. A good rule of thumb is to match up to ±5mils.

For further information on layout recommendations, refer to:

- PCB Layout Recommendations for BGA Packages (FPGA-TN-02024)
- PCB Layout Recommendations for Leaded Packages (FPGA-TN-02160)

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14. Checklist

Table 14.1. Hardware Checklist

	MachXO3D Hardware Checklist Item	ОК	N/A
1	Power supply		
1.1	Core supply V _{CC} at 2.5 V or 3.3 V.		
1.2	I/O power supply V _{CCIO} 0-5 at 1.2 V to 3.3 V.		
1.3	Power estimation.		
1.4	Follow the recommended power filtering groups and components in Table 3.1. Recommended Power Filtering Groups and Components.		
1.5	All ground pins need to be connected to the board's ground plane.		
1.6	Bank I/O Supplies.		
1.7	Connect unused V _{CCIOx} to a power rail. Do not leave them open.		
1.8	All configuration VCCIO (Banks 0,2), when used with configuration interfaces (for example, SPI Flash memory devices), need to match voltage specifications.		
2	Configuration		
2.1	Configuration options		
2.2	Pull-up on PROGRAMN, INITN, DONE		
2.3	Pull-up on SPI mode pins		
2.4	Pull-up on I2C mode pins		
2.5	JTAG default logic levels		
2.6	PROGRAMN high-to-low transition time period is larger than the VCC (min) to INITN rising edge time period		
2.7	Controller SPI (MSPI) voltage should match the V _{CCIO2} voltage.		
3	I2C Filter		
3.1	RC filter for I2C bus per Table 6.1. Default State of the sysCONFIG™ Pins1.		
4	Pinout Considerations		
4.1	True LVDS pin assignment considerations.		
4.2	For single-ended I/Os, use only PCLKT pins as primary CLK pads.		
5	Issue: GPIO Input(s) Prevents Powering Down the FPGA		
5.1	GPIO Input current leakage pathway		
5.2	Workarounds to prevent current leakage pathway		
6	Layout Recommendations		



References

- MachXO3D web page
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- MachXO3D Programming and Configuration Usage Guide (FPGA-TN-02069)
- Using Hardened Control Functions in MachXO3D Devices (FPGA-TN-02117)
- PCB Layout Recommendations for BGA Packages (FPGA-TN-02024)
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Clock Inputs	 Added GPLL to this section, to align to other Hardware Checklist. Added, the statement, For single-ended I/Os, use only PCLKT pins as primary CLK pads. 	
Layout Recommendations	Replaced Figure 13.1. PCB Layout Recommendation with Figure 13.1. Ground Vias Implementation and Figure 13.2. Stitching Vias Implementation.	
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Abbreviations in This Document	Replaced Acronyms with Abbreviations.	
Issue: GPIO Input(s) Prevents	Reworked section contents.	
Powering Down the FPGA		
Checklist	Updated item 5.2 from Workarounds to Workarounds to prevent current leakage pathway.	

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Section	Change Summary	
All	Minor editorial fixes.	
	Changed the term <i>Master</i> to <i>Controller</i> .	
	Changed the term Slave to Target.	
Disclaimers	Updated this section.	
Inclusive language	Added this section.	
Power Supply	Added Subsection 2.1 Power Noise and Subsection 2.2 Power Source.	
	 Added the nominal voltage value of 1.2 V in Table 2.1. Power Supply Description and Voltage Levels. 	
	 Updated the description of the nominal voltage 2.5 V/3.3V in Table 2.1. Power Supply Description and Voltage Levels. 	
Power Supply Filtering	Changed the section title from <i>Power Estimation</i> to <i>Power Supply Filtering</i> .	
	Reworked section contents.	
Power Sequencing	Added this section.	
Configuration Considerations	Moved this section to Section 6.	
	• Added table notes 1 and 2 in Table 6.1. Default State of the sysCONFIG™ Pins¹.	
	 Updated the Pin Directions of the following pins in Table 6.1. Default State of the sysCONFIG™ Pins¹. 	
	• INITN pin - I/O with weak pull-up, external pull-up to V _{CCIOO} .	
	• SCL pin - Bi-Directional open drain, external pull-up, noise filter (200 Ω series/100 pF to GND).	
	• SDA pin - Bi-Directional open drain, external pull-up, noise filter (100 Ω series/100 pF to GND)	
	 Added Figure 6.1. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via JTAG, Figure 6.2. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via SSPI, 	

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Section	Change Summary	
	Figure 6.3. Typical Connections for Programming SRAM or Internal Flash via and Figure 6.4. Typical Connections for Programming External Flash via JTAG.	
Controller SPI (MSPI)	Moved this section to Section 7.	
	• Updated the section name to Controller SPI (MSPI).	
	Reworked section contents.	
Back Leakage Considerations	Removed this section.	
Clock Inputs	Added this section.	
Issue: GPIO Input(s) Prevents Powering Down the FPGA	Added this section.	
Layout Recommendations	Added this section.	
Checklist	Reworked section contents.	
References	Added this section.	
Technical Support Assistance	Added reference to the Lattice Answer Database on the Lattice website.	

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Section	Change Summary
Configuration Considerations	Updated Table 4.1. Default State of the sysCONFIG™ Pins.

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Section	Change Summary
All	Initial release.



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