The MPC972 is a 3.3 V compatible, PLL based clock driver device targeted for high performance CISC or RISC processor based systems. With output frequencies of up to 125 MHz and skews of 550 ps the MPC972 is ideally suited for most synchronous systems. The device offers twelve low skew outputs plus a feedback and sync output for added flexibility and ease of system implementation.

- Fully Integrated PLL
- Output Frequency up to 125 MHz
- Compatible with PowerPC $\text{TM}$  and Pentium $\text{TM}$  Microprocessors
- LQFP Packaging
- $\bullet$  3.3 V V<sub>CC</sub>
- $\bullet$   $\pm$  100 ps Typical Cycle–to–Cycle Jitter

The MPC972 features an extensive level of frequency programmability between the 12 outputs as well as the input vs output relationships. Using the select lines output frequency ratios of 1:1, 2:1, 3:1, 3:2, 4:1, 4:3, 5:1, 5:2, 5:3, 6:1 and 6:5 between outputs can be realized by pulsing low one clock edge prior to the coincident edges of the Qa and Qc outputs. The Sync output will indicate when the coincident rising edges of the above relationships will occur. The selectability of the feedback frequency is independent of the output frequencies, this allows for very flexible programming of the input reference vs output frequency relationship. The output frequencies can be either odd or even multiples of the input reference. In addition the output frequency can be less than the input frequency for applications where a frequency needs to be reduced by a non–binary factor. The Power–On Reset ensures proper programming if the frequency select pins are set at power up. If the fselFB2 pin is held high, it may be necessary to apply a reset after power–up to ensure synchronization between the QFB output and the other outputs. The internal power–on reset is designed to provide this function, but with power–up conditions being dependent, it is difficult to guarantee. All other conditions of the fsel pins will automatically synchronize during PLL lock acquisition.



The MPC972 is fully 3.3 V compatible and requires no external loop filter components. All inputs accept LVCMOS/LVTTL compatible levels while the outputs provide LVCMOS levels with the capability to drive 50  $\Omega$  transmission lines. For series terminated lines each MPC972 output can drive two 50 Ω lines in parallel thus effectively doubling the fanout of the device.

The MPC972 can consume significant power in some configurations. Users are encouraged to review Application Note AN1545/D in the Advanced Clock Drivers Device Data book (DL207/D) for a discussion on the thermal issues with the MPC family of clock drivers.

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All inputs have internal pull–up resistors (appr. 50 K) except for the xtal1 and xtal2 pins.

**Figure 1. 52–Lead Pinout** (Top View)

# **FUNCTION TABLE 1**



# **FUNCTION TABLE 2**



\*If the fselFB2 is 1, it may be necessary to apply a reset after power up to ensure synchronization between QFB and the other inputs.

# **FUNCTION TABLE 3**





Figure 2. Logic Diagram



**Figure 3. Timing Diagrams**

# **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\***



\* Absolute maximum continuous ratings are those 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 under absolute-maximum-rated conditions is not implied.

# **THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Proper thermal management is critical for reliable system operation. This is especially true for high fanout and high drive capability products. Generic thermal information is available for the Motorola Clock Driver products. The means of calculating die power, the corresponding die temperature and the relationship to long–term reliability is addressed in the Motorola application note AN1545.



# **DC CHARACTERISTICS** (Note 3.;  $T_A = 0^\circ$  to 70 $^\circ$ C;  $V_{CC} = 3.3$  V  $\pm 5\%$ )

1. The MPC972 outputs can drive series or parallel terminated 50 Ω (or 50 Ω to V<sub>CC</sub>/2) transmission lines on the incident edge (see Applications Info section).

2. Inputs have pull–up/pull–down resistors which affect input current.

3. Special thermal handling may be required in some configurations.

# **PLL INPUT REFERENCE CHARACTERISTICS** ( $T_A = 0^\circ$  to 70 $^\circ$ C)



4. Maximum input reference frequency is limited by the VCO lock range and the feedback divider or 100MHz, minimum input reference frequency is limited by the VCO lock range and the feedback divider.

5. See Applications Info section for more crystal information.



# **AC CHARACTERISTICS** ( $T_A = 0^\circ$  to 70 $^\circ$ C;  $V_{CC} = 3.3V \pm 5\%$ )

6. 50 $\Omega$  transmission line terminated into V<sub>CC</sub>/2.

7.  $t_{\text{od}}$  is specified for a 50MHz input reference. The window will shrink/grow proportionally from the minimum limit with shorter/longer input reference periods. The  $t_{pd}$  does not include jitter.

# **APPLICATIONS INFORMATION**

#### **Programming the MPC972**

The MPC972 is one of the most flexible frequency programming devices in the Motorola timing solution portfolio. With three independent banks of four outputs as well as an independent PLL feedback output the total number of possible configurations is too numerous to tabulate. Table 1 tabulates the various selection possibilities for the three banks of outputs. The divide numbers presented in the table represent the divider applied to the output of the VCO for that bank of outputs. To determine the relationship between the three banks the three divide ratios would be compared. For instance if a frequency relationship of 5:3:2 was desired the following selection could be made. The Qb outputs could be set to ÷10, the Qa outputs to  $\div$ 6 and the Qc outputs to  $\div$ 4. With this output divide selection the desired 5:3:2 relationship would be generated. For situations where the VCO will run at relatively low frequencies the PLL may not be stable for the desired divide ratios. For these circumstances the VCO\_Sel pin allows for an extra  $\div 2$  to be added into the clock path. When asserted this pin will maintain the desired output relationships, but will provide an enhanced lock range for the PLL. Once the output frequency relationship is set and the VCO is in its stable range the feedback output would be programmed to match the input reference frequency.

The MPC972 offers only an external feedback to the PLL. A separate feedback output is provided to optimize the flexibility of the device. If in the example above the input reference frequency was equal to the lowest output frequency the feedback output would be set in the  $\div$ 10 mode. If the input needed to be half the lowest frequency output the fselFB2 input could be asserted to halve the feedback frequency. This action multiplies the output frequencies by two relative to the input reference frequency. With 7 unique feedback divide capabilities there is a tremendous amount of flexibility. Again assume the above 5:3:2 relationship is needed with the highest frequency output equal to 100 MHz. If one was also constrained because the only reference frequency available was 50 MHz the setup in Figure 6 could be used. The MPC972 provides the 100, 66 and 40 MHz outputs all synthesized from the 50 MHz source. With its multitude of divide ratio capabilities the MPC972 can generate almost any frequency from a standard, common frequency already present in a design. Figure 7 and Figure 8 illustrate a few more examples of possible MPC972 configurations.

The MPC972 has one more programming feature added to its arsenal. The Inv\_Clk input pin when asserted will invert the Qc2 and Qc3 outputs. This inversion will not affect the output–output skew of the device. This inversion allows for the development of 180° phase shifted clocks. This output could also be used as a feedback output to the MPC972 or a second PLL device to generate early or late clocks for a specific design. Figure 9 illustrates the use of two MPC972's to generate two banks of clocks with one bank divided by 2 and delayed by 180° relative to the first.

# **SYNC Output Description**

In situations where output frequency relationships are not integer multiples of each other there is a need for a signal for system synchronization purposes. The SYNC output of the MPC972 is designed to specifically address this need. The MPC972 monitors the relationship between the Qa and the Qc banks of outputs. It provides a low going pulse, one period in duration, one period prior to the coincident rising edges of the

Qa and Qc outputs. The duration and the placement of the pulse is dependent on the higher of the Qa and Qc output frequencies. The timing diagrams in the data sheet show the various waveforms for the SYNC output. Note that the SYNC output is defined for all possible combinations of the Qa and Qc outputs even though under some relationships the lower frequency clock could be used as a synchronizing signal.

**1. Programmable Output Frequency Relationships** (VCO\_Sel = '1')

| fsela1 | fsela0 | Qa                                       | fselb1 | fselb0 | Qb                                       | fselc1 | fselc0 | Qc                               |
|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|----------------------------------|
|        |        | VCO/4<br>VCO/6<br>VCO/8<br><b>VCO/12</b> |        |        | VCO/4<br>VCO/6<br>VCO/8<br><b>VCO/10</b> |        |        | VCO/2<br>VCO/4<br>VCO/6<br>VCO/8 |















**Figure 6. Programming Configuration Example**

**Figure 7. Generating Pentium Clocks from Floppy Clock**



**Figure 8. Generating MPC604 Clocks from Ethernet Clocks**



**Figure 9. Phase Delay Using Multiple MPC972's**

### **Using the On–Board Crystal Oscillator**

The MPC972 features an on–board crystal oscillator to allow for seed clock generation as well as final distribution. The on–board oscillator is completely self contained so that the only external component required is the crystal. As the oscillator is somewhat sensitive to loading on its inputs the user is advised to mount the crystal as close to the MPC972 as possible to avoid any board level parasitics. To facilitate co–location surface mount crystals are recommended, but not required.

The oscillator circuit is a series resonant circuit as opposed to the more common parallel resonant circuit, this eliminates the need for large on–board capacitors. Because the design is a series resonant design for the optimum frequency accuracy a series resonant crystal should be used (see specification table below). Unfortunately most of the shelf crystals are characterized in a parallel resonant mode. However a parallel resonant crystal is physically no different than a series resonant crystal, a parallel resonant crystal is simply a crystal which has been characterized in its parallel resonant mode. Therefore in the majority of cases a parallel specified crystal can be used with the MPC972 with just a minor frequency error due to the actual series resonant frequency of the parallel resonant specified crystal. Typically a parallel specified crystal used in a series resonant mode will exhibit an oscillatory frequency a few hundred ppm lower than the specified value. For most processor implementations a few hundred ppm translates into kHz inaccuracies, a level which does not represent a major issue.





See accompanying text for series versus parallel resonant discussion.

The MPC972 is a clock driver which was designed to generate outputs with programmable frequency relationships and not a synthesizer with a fixed input frequency. As a result the crystal input frequency is a function of the desired output frequency. For a design which utilizes the external feedback to the PLL the selection of the crystal frequency is straight forward; simply chose a crystal which is equal in frequency to the fed back signal.

#### **Recommended External Reset Timing**

For MPC972 applications requiring synchronization of the output clock to the input clock and if  $fselfB2 = 1$ , the assertion of  $\overline{MR}$  is recommended. The timing of asserting  $\overline{MR}$  should be as shown in 1. The power supply should be at or above the minimum specified voltage and the reference clock input (refclk) should be present a minimum of t1 prior to the reset pulse being applied to the MR pin.



#### **Power Supply Filtering**

The MPC972 is a mixed analog/digital product and exhibits some sensitivities that would not necessarily be seen on a fully digital product. Analog circuitry is naturally susceptible to random noise, especially if this noise is seen on the power supply pins. The MPC972 provides separate power supplies for the output buffers ( $V_{CCO}$ ) and the internal PLL ( $V_{CCA}$ ) 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 phase–locked 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  $V_{CCA}$  pin for the MPC972.



# **Figure 10. Power Supply Filter**

Figure 10 illustrates a typical power supply filter scheme. The MPC972 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  $V_{CC}$  pin of the

MPC972. From the data sheet the  $I_{VCCA}$  current (the current sourced through the  $V_{CCA}$  pin) is typically 15 mA (20 mA maximum), assuming that a minimum of 2.935 V must be maintained on the  $V_{CCA}$  pin very little DC voltage drop can be tolerated when a 3.3 V  $V_{CC}$  supply is used. The resistor shown in Figure 10 must have a resistance of 5–10  $\Omega$  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 it's 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.

Although the MPC972 has several design features to minimize the susceptibility to power supply noise (isolated power and grounds and fully differential PLL) there still may be applications in which overall performance is being degraded due to system power supply noise. The power supply filter schemes discussed in this section should be adequate to eliminate power supply noise related problems in most designs.

# **Driving Transmission Lines**

The MPC972 clock driver was designed to drive high speed signals in a terminated transmission line environment. To provide the optimum flexibility to the user the output drivers were designed to exhibit the lowest impedance possible. With an output impedance of approximately 10  $\Omega$  the drivers can drive either parallel or series terminated transmission lines. For more information on transmission lines the reader is referred to application note AN1091 in the Timing Solutions data book (DL207/D).

In most high performance clock networks point–to–point distribution of signals is the method of choice. In a point–to–point scheme either series terminated or parallel terminated transmission lines can be used. The parallel technique terminates the signal at the end of the line with a 50 Ω resistance to V<sub>CC</sub>/2. This technique draws a fairly high level of DC current and thus only a single terminated line can be driven by each output of the MPC972 clock driver. For the series terminated case however there is no DC current draw, thus the outputs can drive multiple series terminated lines. Figure 11 illustrates an output driving a single series terminated line vs two series terminated lines in parallel. When taken to its extreme the fanout of the MPC972 clock driver is effectively doubled due to its capability to drive multiple lines.





The waveform plots of Figure 12 show the simulation results of an output driving a single line vs two lines. In both cases the drive capability of the MPC972 output buffers is more than sufficient to drive 50  $\Omega$  transmission lines on the incident edge. Note from the delay measurements in the simulations a delta of only 43 ps exists between the two differently loaded outputs. This suggests that the dual line driving need not be used exclusively to maintain the tight output–to–output skew of the MPC972. The output waveform in Figure 12 shows a step in the waveform, this step is caused by the impedance mismatch seen looking into the driver. The parallel combination of the  $43 \Omega$  series resistor plus the output impedance does not match the parallel combination of the line impedances. The voltage wave launched down the two lines will equal:

$$
VL = VS (Zo / Rs + Ro + Zo) = 3.0 (25/53.5) = 1.40 V
$$

At the load end the voltage will double, due to the near unity reflection coefficient, to 2.8 V. It will then increment towards the quiescent 3.0 V in steps separated by one round trip delay (in this case 4.0 ns).

Since this step is well above the threshold region it will not cause any false clock triggering, however designers may be uncomfortable with unwanted reflections on the line. To better match the impedances when driving multiple lines the situation in Figure 13 should be used. In this case the series terminating resistors are reduced such that when the parallel combination is added to the output buffer impedance the line impedance is perfectly matched.

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#### **Figure 13. Optimized Dual Line Termination**

SPICE level output buffer models are available for engineers who want to simulate their specific interconnect schemes. In addition IV characteristics are in the process of being generated to support the other board level simulators in general use.

# **Using the Output Freeze Circuitry**

With the recent advent of a "green" classification for computers the desire for unique power management among system designers is keen. The individual output enable control of the MPC972 allows designers, under software control, to implement unique power management schemes into their designs. Although useful, individual output control at the expense of one pin per output is too high, therefore a simple serial interface was derived to economize on the control pins.

The freeze control logic provides a mechanism through which the MPC972 clock outputs may be frozen (stopped in the logic '0' state):

The freeze mechanism allows serial loading of the 12–bit Serial Input Register, this register contains one programmable freeze enable bit for 12 of the 14 output clocks. The Qc0 and QFB outputs cannot be frozen with the serial port, this avoids any potential lock up situation should an error occur in the loading of the Serial Input Register. The user may program an output clock to freeze by writing logic '0' to the respective freeze enable bit. Likewise, the user may programmably unfreeze an output clock by writing logic '1' to the respective enable bit.

The freeze logic will never force a newly–frozen clock to a logic '0' state before the time at which it would normally transition there. The logic simply keeps the frozen clock at logic '0' once it is there. Likewise, the freeze logic will never force a newly–unfrozen clock to a logic '1' state before the time at which it would normally transition there. The logic re–enables the unfrozen clock during the time when the respective clock would normally be in a logic '0' state, eliminating the possibility of 'runt' clock pulses.

The user may write to the Serial Input register through the Frz\_Data input by supplying a logic '0' start bit followed serially by 12 NRZ freeze enable bits. The period of each Frz\_Data bit equals the period of the free–running Frz\_Clk signal. The Frz\_Data serial transmission should be timed so the MPC972 can sample each Frz\_Data bit with the rising edge of the free–running Frz\_Clk signal.



D0-D3 are the control bits for Qa0-Qa3, respectively D4-D7 are the control bits for Qb0-Qb3, respectively D8-D10 are the control bits for Qc1-Qc3, respectively D11 is the control bit for QSync

# **Figure 14. Freeze Data Input Protocol**



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