

## Low Voltage PLL Clock Driver

The MPC972/973 are 3.3V compatible, PLL based clock driver devices targeted for high performance CISC or RISC processor based systems. With output frequencies of up to 125MHz and skews of 550ps the MPC972/973 are ideally suited for most synchronous systems. The devices offer 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 125MHz
- Compatible with PowerPC™ and Pentium™ Microprocessors
- TQFP Packaging
- 3.3V V<sub>CC</sub>
- ± 100ps Typical Cycle-to-Cycle Jitter

The MPC972/973 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 system dependent, it is difficult to guarantee. All other conditions of the fsel pins will automatically synchronize during PLL lock acquisition.

The MPC972/973 offers a very flexible output enable/disable scheme. This enable/disable scheme helps facilitate system debug as well as provide unique opportunities for system power down schemes to meet the requirements of "green" class machines. The MPC972 allows for the enabling of each output independently via a serial input port. When disabled or "frozen" the outputs will be locked in the "LOW" state, however the internal state machines will continue to run. Therefore when "unfrozen" the outputs will activate synchronous and in phase with those outputs which were not frozen. The freezing and unfreezing of outputs occurs only when they are already in the "LOW" state, thus the possibility of runt pulse generation is eliminated. A power-on reset will ensure that upon power up all of the outputs will be active. Note that all of the control inputs on the MPC972/973 have internal pull-up resistors.

The MPC972/973 is fully 3.3V 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 50Ω transmission lines. For series terminated lines each MPC972/973 output can drive two 50Ω lines in parallel thus effectively doubling the fanout of the device.

The MPC972/973 can consume significant power in some configurations. Users are encouraged to review Application Note AN1545/D in the Timing Solutions book (BR1333/D) for a discussion on the thermal issues with the MPC family of clock drivers.

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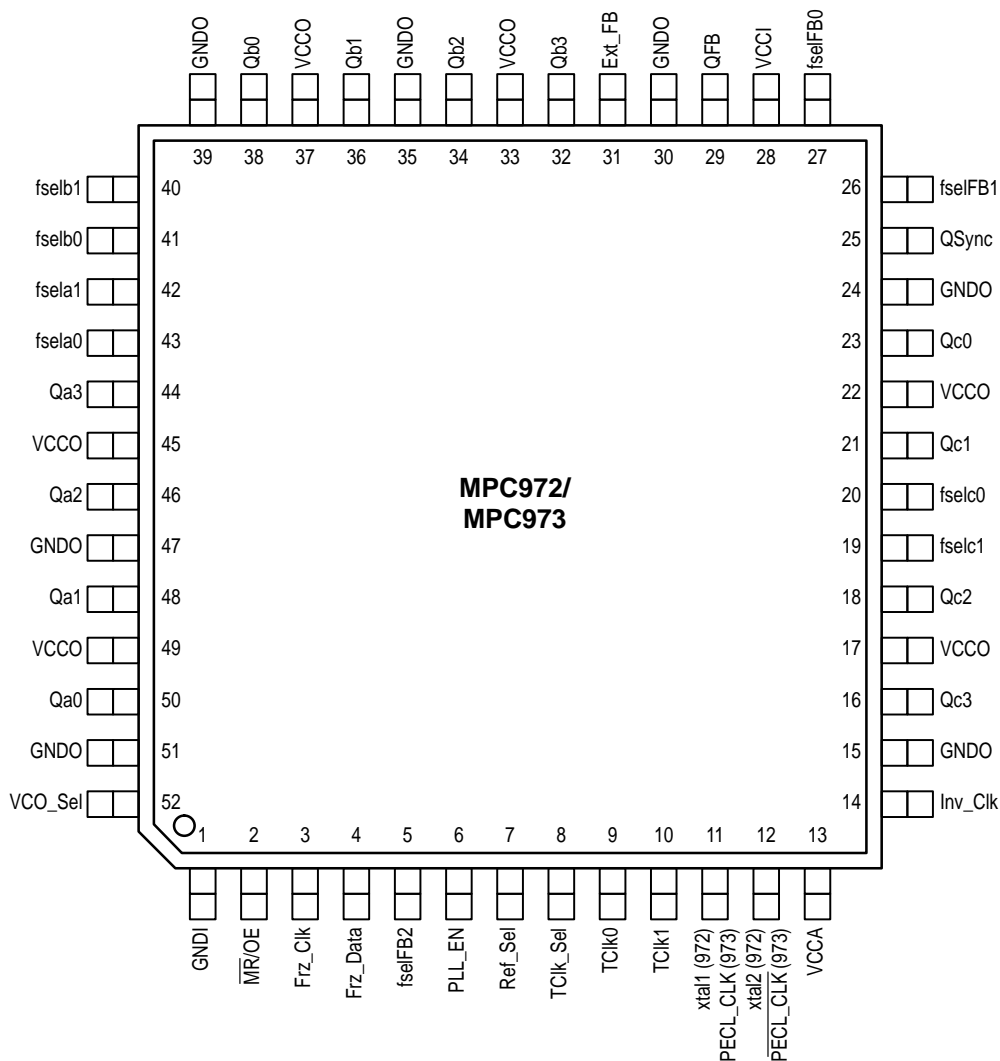


Figure 1. 52-Lead Pinout (Top View)

FUNCTION TABLE 1

fsela1	fsela0	Qa	fselb1	fselb0	Qb	fselc1	fselc0	Qc
0	0	+4	0	0	+4	0	0	+2
0	1	+6	0	1	+6	0	1	+4
1	0	+8	1	0	+8	1	0	+6
1	1	+12	1	1	+10	1	1	+8

FUNCTION TABLE 2

fselFB2	fselFB1	fselFB0	QFB
0	0	0	+4
0	0	1	+6
0	1	0	+8
0	1	1	+10
1	0	0	+8
1	0	1	+12
1	1	0	+16
1	1	1	+20

FUNCTION TABLE 3

Control Pin	Logic '0'	Logic '1'
VCO_Sel	VCO/2	VCO
Ref_Sel	TCLK	Xtal (PECL)
TCLK_Sel	TCLK0	TCLK1
PLL_En	Bypass PLL	Enable PLL
MR/OE	Master Reset/Output Hi-Z	Enable Outputs
Inv_Clk	Non-Inverted Qc2, Qc3	Inverted Qc2, Qc3

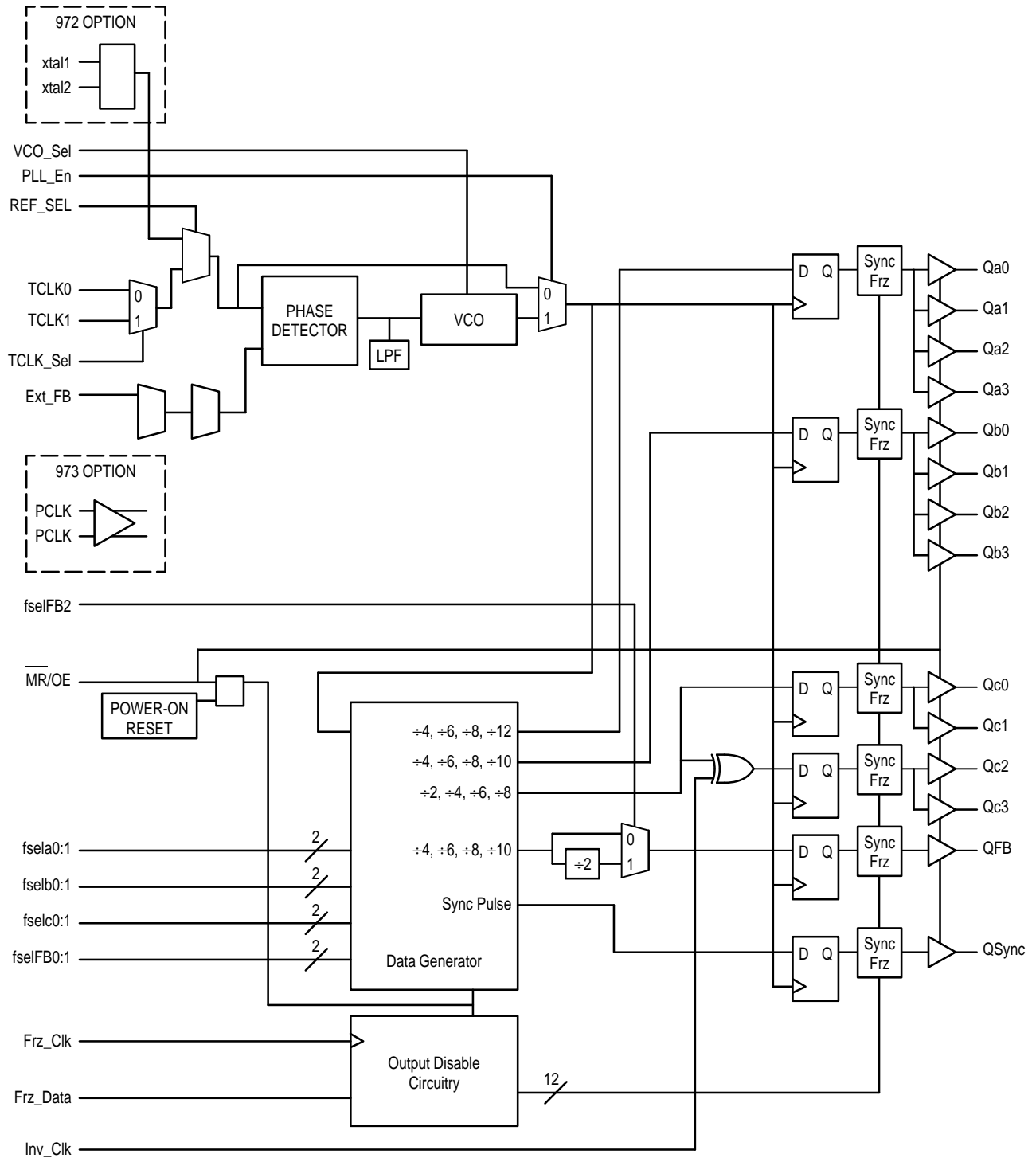


Figure 2. Logic Diagram

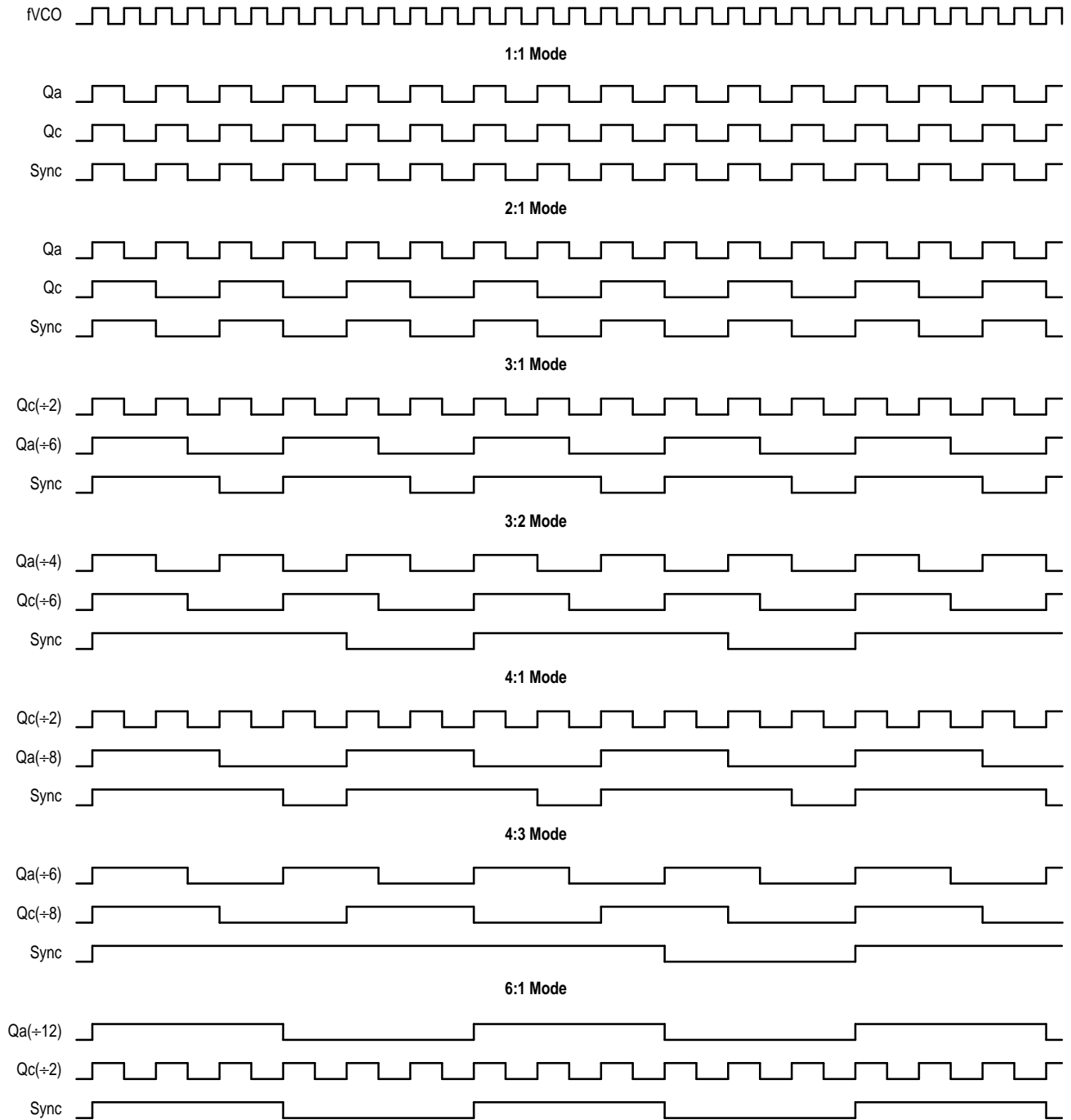


Figure 3. Timing Diagrams

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\***

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
V <sub>CC</sub>	Supply Voltage	-0.3	4.6	V
V <sub>I</sub>	Input Voltage	-0.3	V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3	V
I <sub>IN</sub>	Input Current		±20	mA
T <sub>Stor</sub>	Storage Temperature Range	-40	125	°C

\* 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.

**DC CHARACTERISTICS** (Note 4.; T<sub>A</sub> = 10° to 70°C; V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.3V ±5%)

Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition
V <sub>IH</sub>	Input HIGH Voltage	2.0		3.6	V	
V <sub>IL</sub>	Input LOW Voltage			0.8	V	
V <sub>PP</sub>	Peak-to-Peak Input Voltage PECL_CLK	300		1000	mV	
V <sub>CMR</sub>	Common Mode Range PECL_CLK	V <sub>CC</sub> -2.0		V <sub>CC</sub> -0.6		Note 1.
V <sub>OH</sub>	Output HIGH Voltage	2.4			V	I <sub>OH</sub> = -20mA (Note 2.)
V <sub>OL</sub>	Output LOW Voltage			0.5	V	I <sub>OL</sub> = 20mA (Note 2.)
I <sub>IN</sub>	Input Current			±120	μA	Note 3.
I <sub>CC</sub>	Maximum Quiescent Supply Current		190	215	mA	All VCC PIns
I <sub>CCA</sub>	Analog V <sub>CC</sub> Current		15	20	mA	
C <sub>IN</sub>	Input Capacitance			4	pF	
C <sub>pd</sub>	Power Dissipation Capacitance		25		pF	Per Output

1. V<sub>CMR</sub> is the difference from the most positive side of the differential input signal. Normal operation is obtained when the "High" input is within the V<sub>CMR</sub> range and the input lies within the V<sub>pp</sub> specification.
2. The MPC972/973 outputs can drive series or parallel terminated 50Ω (or 50Ω to V<sub>CC</sub>/2) transmission lines on the incident edge (see Applications Info section).
3. Inputs have pull-up/pull-down resistors which affect input current.
4. Special thermal handling may be required in some configurations.

**PLL INPUT REFERENCE CHARACTERISTICS** (T<sub>A</sub> = 10° to 70°C)

Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
t <sub>r</sub> , t <sub>f</sub>	TCLK Input Rise/Falls		3.0	ns	
f <sub>ref</sub>	Reference Input Frequency	Note 5.	100, Note 5.	MHz	Note 5.
f <sub>refDC</sub>	Reference Input Duty Cycle	25	75	%	
t <sub>xtal</sub>	Crystal Oscillator Frequency	10	25	MHz	Note 6.

5. 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.
6. See Applications Info section for more crystal information.

**AC CHARACTERISTICS** ( $T_A = 10^\circ$  to  $70^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $V_{CC} = 3.3\text{V} \pm 5\%$ )

Symbol	Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition
$t_r, t_f$	Output Rise/Fall Time (Note 7.)	0.15		1.2	ns	0.8 to 2.0V
$t_{pw}$	Output Duty Cycle (Note 7.)	$t_{CYCLE}/2$ -750	$t_{CYCLE}/2$ $\pm 500$	$t_{CYCLE}/2$ +750	ps	
$t_{pd}$	SYNC to Feedback Propagation Delay	MPC973 TCLK0 -70 TCLK1 -130 PECL_CLK -225	130 70 -25	330 270 175	ps	Notes 7., 8.; QFB = +8
		MPC972 TCLK0 -270 TCLK1 -330	130 70	530 470		
$t_{os}$	Output-to-Output Skew			550	ps	Note 7.
$f_{VCO}$	VCO Lock Range	200		480	MHz	
$f_{max}$	Maximum Output Frequency	Q (+2)		125	MHz	
		Q (+4)		120		
		Q (+6)		80		
		Q (+8)		60		
$t_{jitter}$	Cycle-to-Cycle Jitter (Peak-to-Peak)		$\pm 100$		ps	
$t_{PLZ}, t_{PHZ}$	Output Disable Time	2		8	ns	
$t_{PZL}, t_{PZH}$	Output ENable Time	2		10	ns	
$t_{lock}$	Maximum PLL Lock Time			10	ms	
$f_{MAX}$	Maximum Frz_Clk Frequency			20	MHz	

7.  $50\Omega$  transmission line terminated into  $V_{CC}/2$ .

8.  $t_{pd}$  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 MPC972/973

The MPC972/973 is the most flexible frequency programming device 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 +6 and the Qc outputs to +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 +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 MPC972/973 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 +10 mode. If the input needed to be half the lowest frequency output the fselFB2 input could be asserted to half 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 100MHz. If one was also constrained because the only reference frequency available was 50MHz the setup in Figure 8 could be used. The MPC972/973 provides the 100, 66 and 40MHz outputs all synthesized from the 50MHz source. With its multitude of divide ratio capabilities the MPC972/973 can generate almost any frequency from a standard, common frequency already present in a design. Figure 9 and Figure 10 illustrate a few more examples of possible MPC972/973 configurations.

The MPC972/973 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  $180^\circ$  phase shifted clocks. This output could also be used as a feedback output to the MPC972/973 or a second PLL device to generate early or late clocks for a specific design. Figure 11 illustrates the use of two

MPC972/973's to generate two banks of clocks with one bank divided by 2 and delayed by 180° relative to the first.

### Using the MPC973 as a Zero Delay Buffer

The external feedback of the MPC973 clock driver allows for its use as a zero delay buffer. By using one of the outputs as a feedback to the PLL the propagation delay through the device is eliminated. The PLL works to align the output edge with the input reference edge thus producing a near zero delay. The reference frequency affects the static phase offset of the PLL and thus the relative delay between the inputs and outputs. Because the static phase offset is a function of the reference clock the Tpd of the MPC973 is a function of the configuration used.

When used as a zero delay buffer the MPC973 will likely be in a nested clock tree application. For these applications the MPC973 offers a LVPECL clock input as a PLL reference. This allows the user to use LVPECL as the primary clock distribution device to take advantage of its far superior skew performance. The MPC973 then can lock onto the LVPECL reference and translate with near zero delay to low skew LVCMOS outputs. Clock trees implemented in this fashion will show significantly tighter skews than trees developed from CMOS fanout buffers.

To calculate the overall uncertainty between the input reference clock and the output clocks the following approach should be used. Figure 4 through Figure 7 contain the performance information required to calculate the overall uncertainty. Since the overall skew performance is a function of the input reference frequency all of the graphs provide relevant data with respect to the input reference frequency.

The overall uncertainty can be broken down into three parts; the static phase offset variation (Tpd), the I/O phase jitter and the output skew. If we assume that we have a 75MHz reference clock, from the graphs we can pull the

following information for static phase offset (SPO) and I/O jitter: the SPO variation will be 300ps (-100ps to +200ps assuming a TCLK is used) and the I/O jitter will be ±105ps (assuming a VCO/6 configuration and a ±3 sigma for min and max). The nominal delay from Figure 5 is 50ps so that the propagation delay between the reference clock and the feedback clock is 50ps ±255ps.

Figure 4 can now be used to establish the uncertainty between the reference clock and all of the outputs for the MPC973. Figure 4 provides the skew of the MC973 outputs with respect to the feedback output. From Figure 4, if all of the outputs are used the propagation delay of the device will range from -555ps (50ps - 255ps - 350ps) to +705ps (50ps + 255ps + 400ps) for a total uncertainty of 1.26ns. This 1.26ns uncertainty would hold true if multiple 973's are used in parallel in the application given that the skew between the reference clock for the devices were zero. Notice from the data in Figure 4 that if a subset of the outputs were used significant reductions in uncertainty could be obtained.

### 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 MPC972/973 is designed to specifically address this need. The MPC972/973 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.

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

fsel1	fsel0	Qa	fselb1	fselb0	Qb	fselc1	fselc0	Qc
0	0	VCO/4	0	0	VCO/4	0	0	VCO/2
0	1	VCO/6	0	1	VCO/6	0	1	VCO/4
1	0	VCO/8	1	0	VCO/8	1	0	VCO/6
1	1	VCO/12	1	1	VCO/10	1	1	VCO/8

**Table 2. Programmable Output Frequency Relationships (VCO\_Sel='1')**

fselFB2	fselFB1	fselFB0	QFB
0	0	0	VCO/4
0	0	1	VCO/6
0	1	0	VCO/8
0	1	1	VCO/10
1	0	0	VCO/8
1	0	1	VCO/12
1	1	0	VCO/16
1	1	1	VCO/20

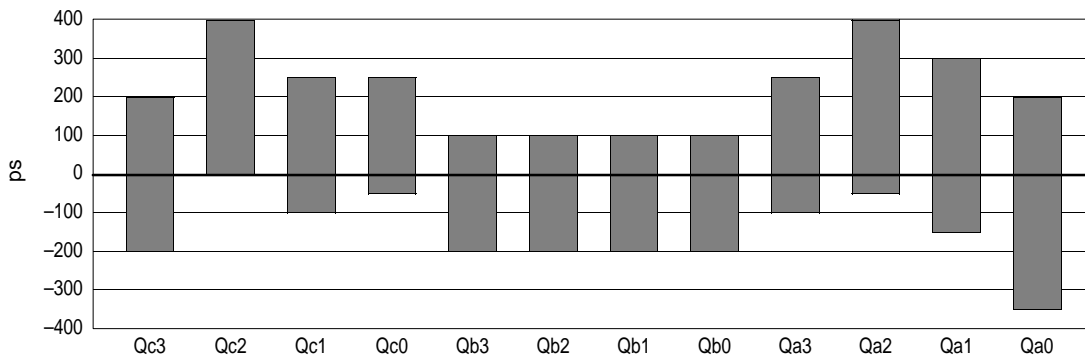


Figure 4. Skews Relative to QFB

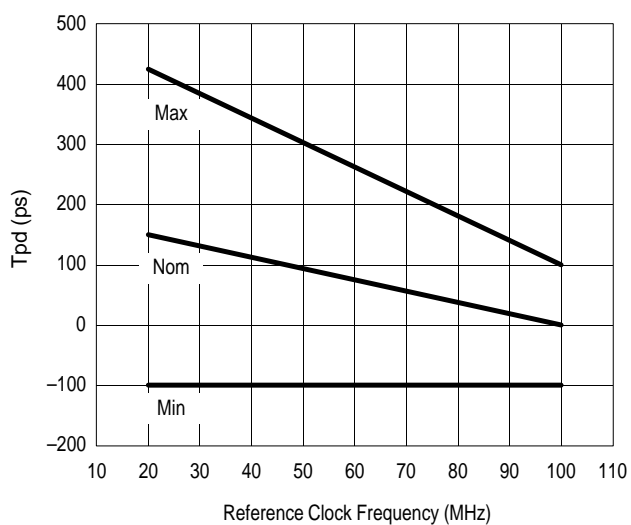


Figure 5. Static Phase Offset versus Reference Frequency  
T<sub>pd</sub> versus TCLK

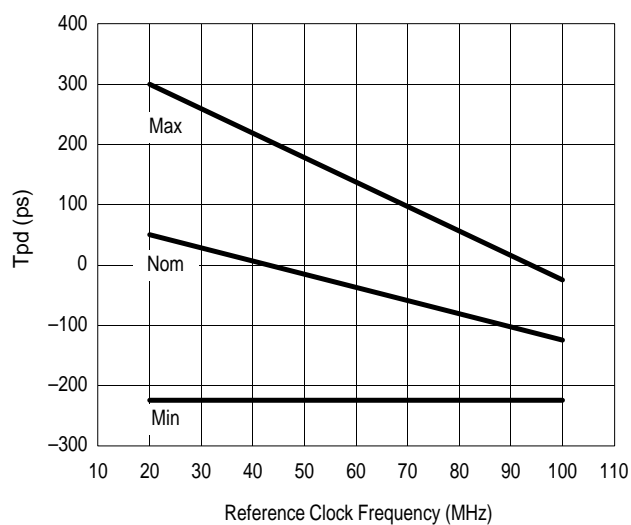


Figure 6. Static Phase Offset versus Reference Frequency  
T<sub>pd</sub> versus PECL\_CLK

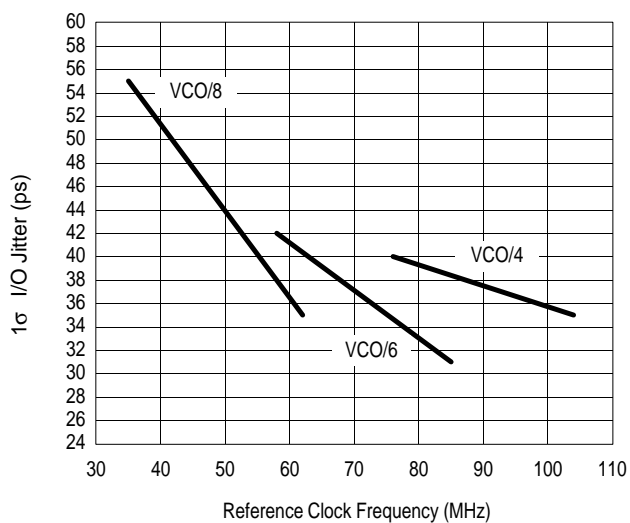


Figure 7. Phase Jitter versus Reference Frequency  
I/O Jitter



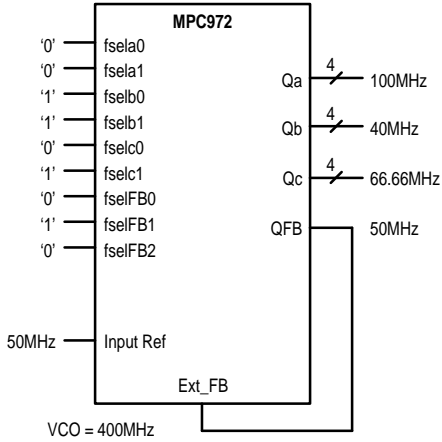


Figure 8. Programming Configuration Example

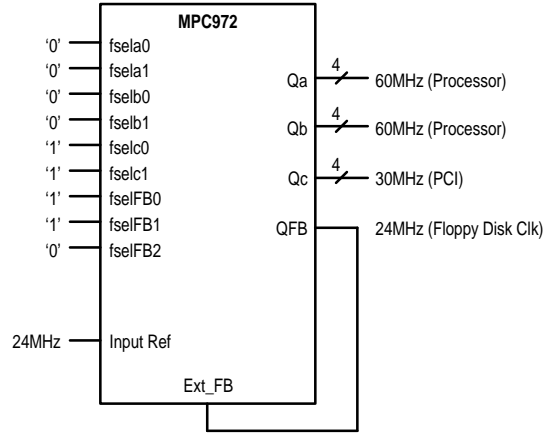


Figure 9. Generating Pentium Clocks from Floppy Clock

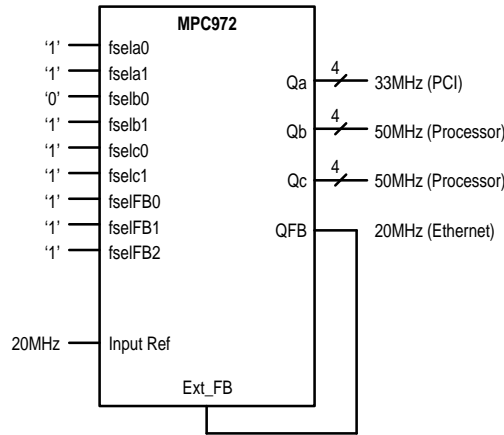


Figure 10. Generating MPC604 Clocks from Ethernet Clocks

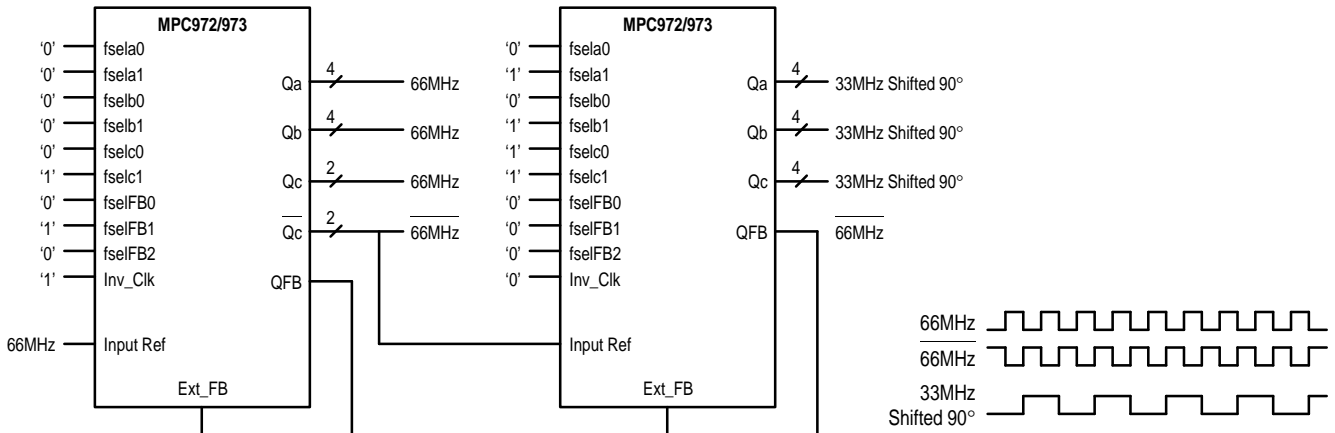


Figure 11. Phase Delay Using Multiple MPC972/973's

### 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.

**Table 3. Crystal Specifications**

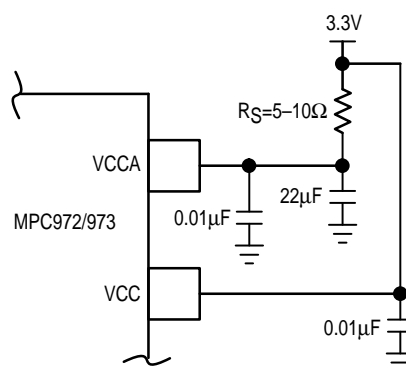
Parameter	Value
Crystal Cut	Fundamental AT Cut
Resonance	Series Resonance*
Frequency Tolerance	$\pm 75$ ppm at 25°C
Frequency/Temperature Stability	$\pm 150$ ppm 0 to 70°C
Operating Range	0 to 70°C
Shunt Capacitance	5–7pF
Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR)	50 to 80Ω Max
Correlation Drive Level	100μW
Aging	5ppm/Yr (First 3 Years)

\* See accompanying text for series versus parallel resonant discussion.

The MPC972/973 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.

### Power Supply Filtering

The MPC972/973 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 MPC972/973 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 MPC972/973.



**Figure 12. Power Supply Filter**

Figure 12 illustrates a typical power supply filter scheme. The MPC972/973 is most susceptible to noise with spectral content in the 1KHz to 1MHz 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  $V_{CCA}$  pin of the MPC972/973. From the data sheet the  $I_{VCCA}$  current (the current sourced through the  $V_{CCA}$  pin) is typically 15mA (20mA maximum), assuming that a minimum of 3.0V must be maintained on the  $V_{CCA}$  pin very little DC voltage drop can be tolerated when a 3.3V  $V_{CC}$  supply is used. The resistor shown in Figure 12 must have a resistance of 5–10Ω 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 20KHz. 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.

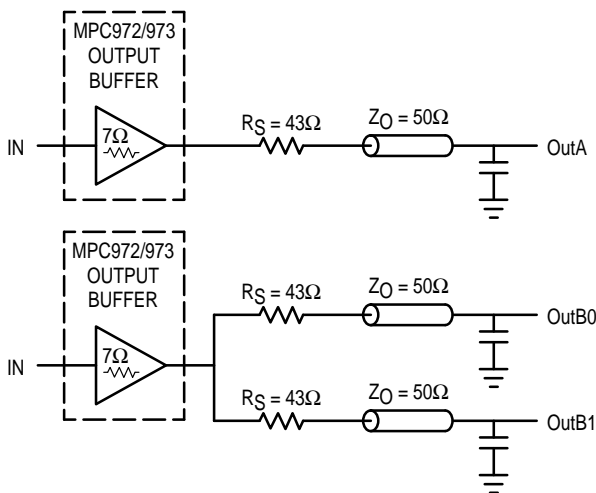
Although the MPC972/973 has several design features to minimize the susceptibility to power supply noise (isolated power and grounds and fully differential PLL) there still may be applications in which overall performance is being degraded due to system power supply noise. The power supply filter schemes discussed in this section should be

adequate to eliminate power supply noise related problems in most designs.

**Driving Transmission Lines**

The MPC972/973 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 less than 10Ω 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 brochure (BR1333/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 50Ω resistance to VCC/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 MPC972/973 clock driver. For the series terminated case however there is no DC current draw, thus the outputs can drive multiple series terminated lines. Figure 13 illustrates an output driving a single series terminated line vs two series terminated lines in parallel.



**Figure 13. Single versus Dual Transmission Lines**

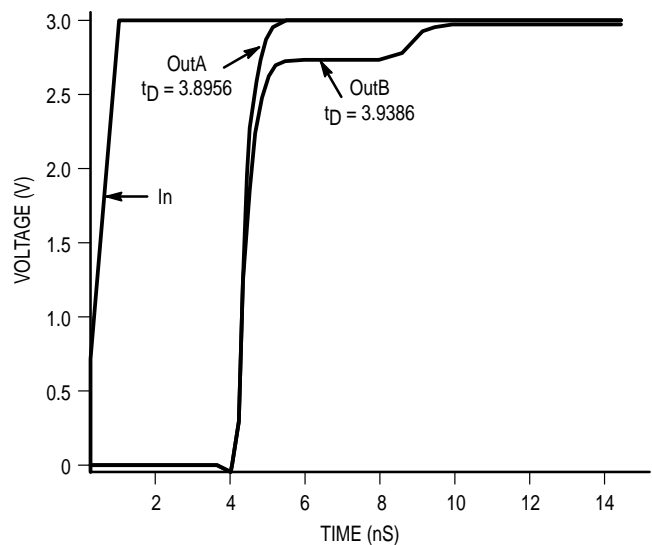
The waveform plots of Figure 14 show the simulation results of an output driving a single line vs two lines. In both cases the drive capability of the MPC972/973 output buffers is more than sufficient to drive 50Ω transmission lines on the incident edge. Note from the delay measurements in the simulations a delta of only 43ps 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 MPC972/973. The output waveform in Figure 14 shows a step in the waveform, this step is caused by the impedance mismatch seen looking into the driver. The parallel combination of the 43Ω 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:

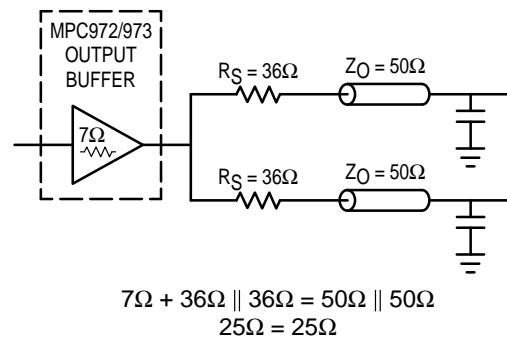
$$V_L = V_S ( Z_o / R_s + R_o + Z_o ) = 3.0 ( 25 / 53.5 ) = 1.40V$$

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

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 15 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.



**Figure 14. Single versus Dual Waveforms**



**Figure 15. 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

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control of the MPC972/973 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.

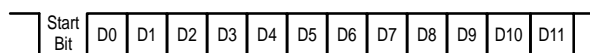
The freeze control logic provides a mechanism through which the MPC972 clock outputs may be frozen (stopped in the logic '0' state):

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 programmably freeze an output clock 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 16. Freeze Data Input Protocol**



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