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Preface

Overview

This manual describes the DIGITAL AlphaPC 164 motherboard, a module for computing systems based on the Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha microprocessor and the Digital Semiconductor 21172 core logic chipset.

Audience

This manual is intended for system designers and others who use the AlphaPC 164 motherboard to design or evaluate computer systems based on the Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha microprocessor and the Digital Semiconductor 21172 core logic chipset.

Scope

This manual describes the features, configuration, functional operation, and interfaces of the AlphaPC 164 motherboard. This manual does not include specific bus specifications (for example, PCI or ISA buses). Additional information is available in the AlphaPC 164 schematics, program source files, and the appropriate vendor and IEEE specifications. See Appendix F for information on how to order related documentation and obtain additional technical support.

Manual Organization

This manual includes the following chapters and appendixes and an index.

- Chapter 1, Introduction to the AlphaPC 164 Motherboard, is an overview of the AlphaPC 164 motherboard, including its components, features, and uses.
- Chapter 2, System Configuration and Connectors, describes the user-environment configuration, board connectors and functions, and jumper functions. It also identifies jumper and connector locations.
- Chapter 3, Power and Environmental Requirements, describes the AlphaPC 164 power and environmental requirements and provides board dimensions.

- Chapter 4, Functional Description, provides a functional description of the AlphaPC 164 motherboard, including the 21172 core logic chipset, L3 backup cache (Bcache) and memory subsystems, system interrupts, clock and power subsystems, and peripheral component interconnect (PCI) and Industry Standard Architecture (ISA) devices.
- Chapter 5, Upgrading the AlphaPC 164, describes how to upgrade the AlphaPC 164 motherboard's DRAM memory and microprocessor speed.
- Appendix A, System Address Mapping, describes the mapping of the 40-bit processor address space into memory and I/O space addresses.
- Appendix B, I/O Space Address Maps, lists the physical AlphaPC 164 PCI address spaces and regions, including the 21172-CA operating registers and PCI/ISA device registers.
- Appendix C, SRAM Initialization, describes the general serial read-only memory (SRAM), Bcache, and memory initialization steps and associated parameters. Also included are the firmware interface, timing considerations, and SRAM header information.
- Appendix D, Supporting Products, lists sources for components and accessories not included with the AlphaPC 164 motherboard.
- Appendix E, Glossary and Acronyms, lists and defines terms associated with the AlphaPC 164 motherboard.
- Appendix F, Support, Products, and Documentation, describes how to obtain Digital Semiconductor information and technical support, and how to order Digital Semiconductor products and associated literature.

Conventions

This section defines product-specific terminology, abbreviations, and other conventions used throughout this manual.

Abbreviations

- Register Access

The following list describes the register bit and field abbreviations:

Bit/Field Abbreviation	Description
RO (read only)	Bits and fields specified as RO can be read but not written.
RW (read/write)	Bits and fields specified as RW can be read and written.
WO (write only)	Bits and fields specified as WO can be written but not read.

- **Binary Multiples**

The abbreviations K, M, and G (kilo, mega, and giga) represent binary multiples and have the following values.

$$K = 2^{10} (1024)$$

$$M = 2^{20} (1,048,576)$$

$$G = 2^{30} (1,073,741,824)$$

For example:

$$2KB = 2 \text{ kilobytes} = 2 \times 2^{10} \text{ bytes}$$

$$4MB = 4 \text{ megabytes} = 4 \times 2^{20} \text{ bytes}$$

$$8GB = 8 \text{ gigabytes} = 8 \times 2^{30} \text{ bytes}$$

Addresses

Unless otherwise noted, all addresses and offsets are hexadecimal.

Bit Notation

Multiple-bit fields can include contiguous and noncontiguous bits contained in angle brackets (<>). Multiple contiguous bits are indicated by a pair of numbers separated by a colon (:). For example, <9:7,5,2:0> specifies bits 9,8,7,5,2,1, and 0. Similarly, single bits are frequently indicated with angle brackets. For example, <27> specifies bit 27.

Caution

Cautions indicate potential damage to equipment, software, or data.

Data Field Size

The term INT nn , where nn is one of 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, or 64, refers to a data field of nn contiguous NATURALLY ALIGNED bytes. For example, INT4 refers to a NATURALLY ALIGNED longword.

Data Units

The following data-unit terminology is used throughout this manual.

Term	Words	Bytes	Bits	Other
Byte	½	1	8	—
Word	1	2	16	—
Longword/Dword	2	4	32	Longword
Quadword	4	8	64	2 Longwords
Octaword	8	16	128	2 Quadwords
Hexword	16	32	256	2 Octawords

Note

Notes emphasize particularly important information.

Numbering

All numbers are decimal or hexadecimal unless otherwise indicated. The prefix 0x indicates a hexadecimal number. For example, 19 is decimal, but 0x19 and 0x19A are hexadecimal (also see Addresses). Otherwise, the base is indicated by a subscript; for example, 100₂ is a binary number.

Ranges and Extents

Ranges are specified by a pair of numbers separated by two periods (..) and are inclusive. For example, a range of integers 0..4 includes the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Extents are specified by a pair of numbers in angle brackets (< >) separated by a colon (:). Bit fields are often specified as extents. For example, bits <7:3> specifies bits 7, 6, 5, 4, and 3.

Register and Memory Figures

Register figures have bit and field position numbering starting at the right (low order) and increasing to the left (high order).

Memory figures have addresses starting at the top and increasing toward the bottom.

Schematic References

Logic schematics are included in the AlphaPC 164 design package. In this manual, references to schematic pages are printed in *italics*. For example, the following specifies schematic page 3:

“... the 36.66-MHz oscillator (*pc164.3*) supplies ...”

In some cases, more than one schematic page is referenced. For example, the following specifies schematic pages 10 through 13:

“. . . the data switches (*pc164.10–13*) . . .”

Signal Names

All signal names are printed in boldface type. Signals whose name originates in an industry-standard specification, such as PCI or IDE, are printed in the case as found in the specification (usually uppercase). Active-high signals are indicated by the **_h** suffix. Active-low signals have the **_l** suffix, a pound sign “#” appended, or a “not” overscore bar. Signals with no suffix are considered high-asserted signals. For example, signals **data_h<127:0>** and **cia_int** are active-high signals. Signals **mem_ack_l**, **FRAME#**, and **RESET** are active-low signals.

UNPREDICTABLE and UNDEFINED

Throughout this manual the terms UNPREDICTABLE and UNDEFINED are used. Their meanings are quite different and must be carefully distinguished.

In particular, only privileged software (that is, software running in kernel mode) can trigger UNDEFINED operations. Unprivileged software cannot trigger UNDEFINED operations. However, either privileged or unprivileged software can trigger UNPREDICTABLE results or occurrences.

UNPREDICTABLE results or occurrences do not disrupt the basic operation of the processor. The processor continues to execute instructions in its normal manner. In contrast, UNDEFINED operations can halt the processor or cause it to lose information.

The terms UNPREDICTABLE and UNDEFINED can be further described as follows:

- UNPREDICTABLE
 - Results or occurrences specified as UNPREDICTABLE might vary from moment to moment, implementation to implementation, and instruction to instruction within implementations. Software can never depend on results specified as UNPREDICTABLE.
 - An UNPREDICTABLE result might acquire an arbitrary value that is subject to a few constraints. Such a result might be an arbitrary function of the input operands or of any state information that is accessible to the process in its current access mode. UNPREDICTABLE results may be unchanged from their previous values.

Operations that produce UNPREDICTABLE results might also produce exceptions.

- An occurrence specified as UNPREDICTABLE may or may not happen based on an arbitrary choice function. The choice function is subject to the same constraints as are UNPREDICTABLE results and must not constitute a security hole.

Specifically, UNPREDICTABLE results must not depend upon, or be a function of, the contents of memory locations or registers that are inaccessible to the current process in the current access mode.

Also, operations that might produce UNPREDICTABLE results must not write or modify the contents of memory locations or registers to which the current process in the current access mode does not have access. They must also not halt or hang the system or any of its components.

For example, a security hole would exist if some UNPREDICTABLE result depended on the value of a register in another process, on the contents of processor temporary registers left behind by some previously running process, or on a sequence of actions of different processes.

- UNDEFINED

- Operations specified as UNDEFINED can vary from moment to moment, implementation to implementation, and instruction to instruction within implementations. The operation can vary in effect from nothing, to stopping system operation.
- UNDEFINED operations can halt the processor or cause it to lose information. However, UNDEFINED operations must not cause the processor to hang, that is, reach an unhalted state from which there is no transition to a normal state in which the machine executes instructions. Only privileged software (that is, software running in kernel mode) can trigger UNDEFINED operations.

Introduction to the AlphaPC 164 Motherboard

This chapter provides an overview of the AlphaPC 164 motherboard, its components, features, and uses.

The Digital Semiconductor AlphaPC 164 Motherboard (AlphaPC 164) is a module for computing systems based on the Digital Semiconductor 21172 core logic chipset.

The AlphaPC 164 provides a single-board hardware and software development platform for the design, integration, and analysis of supporting logic and subsystems. The board also provides a platform for PCI I/O device hardware and software development.

Appendix F provides ordering information and a list of related documentation.

1.1 System Components and Features

The AlphaPC 164 is implemented in industry-standard parts and uses a Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha microprocessor running at 366 MHz (supports 400, 433, 466, and 500 MHz). The functional components are shown in Figure 1-1 and introduced in the following subsections.

1.1.1 Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset

The 21164 microprocessor is supported by the 21172 core logic chipset. The chipset consists of the following two application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) types:

- One copy of the Digital Semiconductor 21172-CA control, I/O interface, and address (CIA) chip provides the interface between the 21164 microprocessor, main memory (addressing and control), and the PCI bus. It also provides the companion data switch chips with control information to direct the data flow.
- Four copies of the Digital Semiconductor 21172-BA data switch (DSW) chip provide the memory interface data path and route PCI data through the CIA chip.

The chipset includes the majority of functions required to develop a high-performance PC or workstation, requiring minimum discrete logic on the module. It provides flexible and generic functions to allow its use in a wide range of systems.

1.1.2 Memory Subsystem

The dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) is contained in one bank of single inline memory modules (SIMMs). Single- or double-sided SIMMs may be used. Each SIMM is 36 bits wide, with 32 data bits and 4 check bits, with 70 ns or less access. Four SIMMs fill a data bus width of 128 bits and provide 16MB to 256MB. Eight SIMMs fill a data bus width of 256 bits and provide 32MB to 512MB. Table 1-1 lists the SIMM sizes supported and the corresponding main memory size for 256-bit arrays.

System Components and Features

Table 1–1 Main Memory Sizes

Total Memory	128-Bit Data Bus Width with 4 SIMMs of Size...
16MB	1Mb X 36
32MB	2Mb X 36
64MB	4Mb X 36
128MB	8Mb X 36
256MB	16Mb X 36
Total Memory	256-Bit Data Bus Width with 8 SIMMs of Size...
32MB	1Mb X 36
64MB	2Mb X 36
128MB	4Mb X 36
256MB	8Mb X 36
512MB	16Mb X 36

1.1.3 L3 Bcache Subsystem Overview

The AlphaPC 164 board-level L3 backup cache (Bcache) is a 1MB, direct-mapped, synchronous SRAM with a 128-bit data path. The board is capable of handling an L3 cache size of 2MB.

1.1.4 PCI Interface Overview

The AlphaPC 164 PCI interface is the main I/O bus for the majority of functions (SCSI interface, graphics accelerator, and so on). The PCI interface has a 33 MHz data transfer rate at all supported microprocessor speed BINs. PCI-IDE support is provided by an onboard controller chip (CMD646). An onboard PCI-to-ISA bridge is provided through an Intel 82378ZB Saturn-I/O (SIO) chip.

The PCI bus has four dedicated PCI expansion slots (two 64-bit and two 32-bit).

1.1.5 ISA Interface Overview

The ISA bus provides the following system support functions:

- Two expansion slots.
- An SMC FDC37C935 combination controller chip provides:
 - A mouse and keyboard controller
 - A diskette controller
 - Two universal asynchronous receiver-transmitters (UARTs) with full modem control
 - A bidirectional parallel port
 - A time-of-year (TOY) clock
- Operating system support—provided by a 1MB flash ROM that contains supporting firmware.

1.1.6 Miscellaneous Logic

The AlphaPC 164 contains the following miscellaneous components:

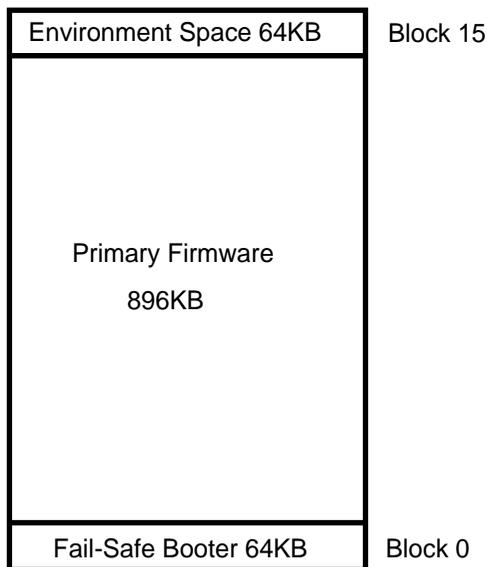
- Clocks
 - A 36.66-MHz oscillator (default) and X10 phase-locked loop (PLL) clock generator provide a clock source to the 366 MHz 21164 microprocessor. The microprocessor supplies a clock to the system PLL/clock buffer for the chipset and PCI devices.
 - A 14.318-MHz crystal and frequency generator provide a clock source for the FDC37C935 ISA device controller. The controller's onchip generator then provides other clocks as needed.
 - A 32-kHz crystal provides the TOY clock source.
- Serial ROM – A Xilinx XC17128 serial ROM (SRAM) contains initial code that is loaded into the 21164 instruction cache (Icache) on power-up. A serial line interface is also provided to allow direct connection to a terminal line for debugging purposes.
- AMD MACH210-15 programmable logic devices (PLDs) for interrupts and PCI bus arbitration.

Flash Memory Organization

1.2 Flash Memory Organization

The AlphaPC 164 incorporates a 1MB flash having sixteen 64KB blocks or segments. Figure 1–2 shows the division of these blocks. The first 64KB block, block 0, contains the fail-safe booter. The next fourteen 64KB blocks, blocks 1 through 14 (896KB), are allocated to the primary firmware. The last block, block 15, is allocated for storing any environment variables that the primary firmware needs to save.

Figure 1–2 Division of Flash Blocks



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The AlphaPC 164 ships with one of two types of primary firmware; Windows NT ARC firmware or the Alpha SRM Console firmware. Under normal conditions the primary firmware runs by default when power is applied to the AlphaPC 164. A user may run other firmware by replacing their primary firmware with the desired code using the standard firmware update utility (`fwupdate.exe`) provided with the Evaluation Board Software Developer's Kit and Firmware Update (EBSDK) compact disk.

1.3 Fail-Safe Booter

The fail-safe booter is a small (64KB) firmware program that provides a recovery procedure when the flash is corrupted. When the flash becomes corrupted, this utility can be run to facilitate booting a firmware update utility from a floppy diskette that is capable of reprogramming the flash. When the fail-safe booter runs, it expects to find a floppy containing the file `fwupdate.exe`. If the file is found, the fail-safe booter loads and executes this program.

Due to the size limitation placed on the fail-safe booter, status is not displayed on either the graphics display or the serial communications ports while the firmware update utility is loading. The user is informed that the fail-safe booter is in operation by a series of beeps along with the activity light being activated on the floppy drive while the program is loading. The beep code 1-2-3 is the beep sequence assigned to the fail-safe booter. That is one beep, then two beeps, followed by three beeps.

A user can force the fail-safe booter to run instead of the primary firmware by inserting jumper CF7, described in Section 2.1.6. If the primary firmware image becomes corrupted in flash memory, the fail-safe booter is automatically run to enable the user to reprogram the flash image.

In the unlikely event that the entire flash is corrupted such that neither the fail-safe booter or the primary firmware can be started, the `Xload` procedure (`Uload` on UNIX) can be used along with the SROM Mini-Debugger to provide a low-level flash recovery mechanism. `Xload` and `Uload` are provided on the EBSDK along with instructions on how to use them. The EBSDK also includes source code for the fail-safe booter and some of the tools required to build it.

1.4 Software Support

The support elements described in this section are either included with the AlphaPC 164 or are available separately.

1.4.1 Windows NT ARC Firmware

Windows NT ARC firmware is required to install and boot the Microsoft Windows NT operating system on the AlphaPC 164. This Digital Semiconductor firmware comes factory installed in the 21A04-B0 variation of the AlphaPC 164. When installed, this firmware occupies the flash blocks reserved for the primary firmware. Binary images of the Windows NT ARC firmware are included on the EBSDK, along with a license describing the terms for use and distribution.

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1.4.2 Alpha SRM Console Firmware

The Alpha SRM Console firmware is required to install and boot DIGITAL UNIX on the AlphaPC 164. This Digital Semiconductor firmware comes factory installed in the 21A04-B2 variation of the AlphaPC 164. When installed, this firmware occupies the flash blocks reserved for the primary firmware. Binary images of the Alpha SRM Console firmware are included on the EBSDK compact disk, along with a license describing the terms for use and distribution.

1.4.3 Evaluation Board Software Developer's Kit

The Evaluation Board Software Developer's Kit and Firmware Update is designed to provide an environment for developing software for Alpha motherboard products. It is also specially suited for low-level software development and hardware debug for other Alpha microprocessor-based designs.

The following list includes some of the components of the EBSDK:

- The Alpha Evaluation Board Debug Monitor firmware with source code.
- Power-up initialization SROM and SROM Mini-Debugger with source code.
- Sample PALcode sources modeled after DIGITAL UNIX with source code.
- Fail-safe booter with source code.
- Various additional tools with source code.

The following development platforms are supported by the EBSDK:

- DIGITAL UNIX with the C Developer's Extensions.
- Windows NT (Alpha) with the Microsoft Visual C++ Development System for DIGITAL Alpha.
- Windows NT (Intel) with the Microsoft Visual C++ Development System and Tools provide limited support. This environment is currently useful for SROM and PALcode development only.

1.4.4 Design Support

The full design database, including schematics and source files, is supplied. User documentation is also included. The database allows designers with no previous Alpha architecture experience to successfully develop a working Alpha system with minimal assistance.

System Configuration and Connectors

This chapter describes the user-environment configuration, board connectors and functions, and jumper functions. It also identifies jumper and connector locations.

The AlphaPC 164 uses jumpers to implement configuration parameters such as system speed, data path width, and boot parameters. These jumpers must be configured for the user's environment. Onboard connectors are provided for the I/O interfaces, SIMMs, and serial and parallel peripheral ports.

Figure 2-1 shows the board outlines, and identifies the location of jumpers, connectors, and major components. Table 2-1 lists and defines these items. Refer to Section 2.1 for jumper configurations. Refer to Section 2.2 for connector pinouts.

Figure 2-1 AlphaPC 164 Jumper/Connector/Component Location

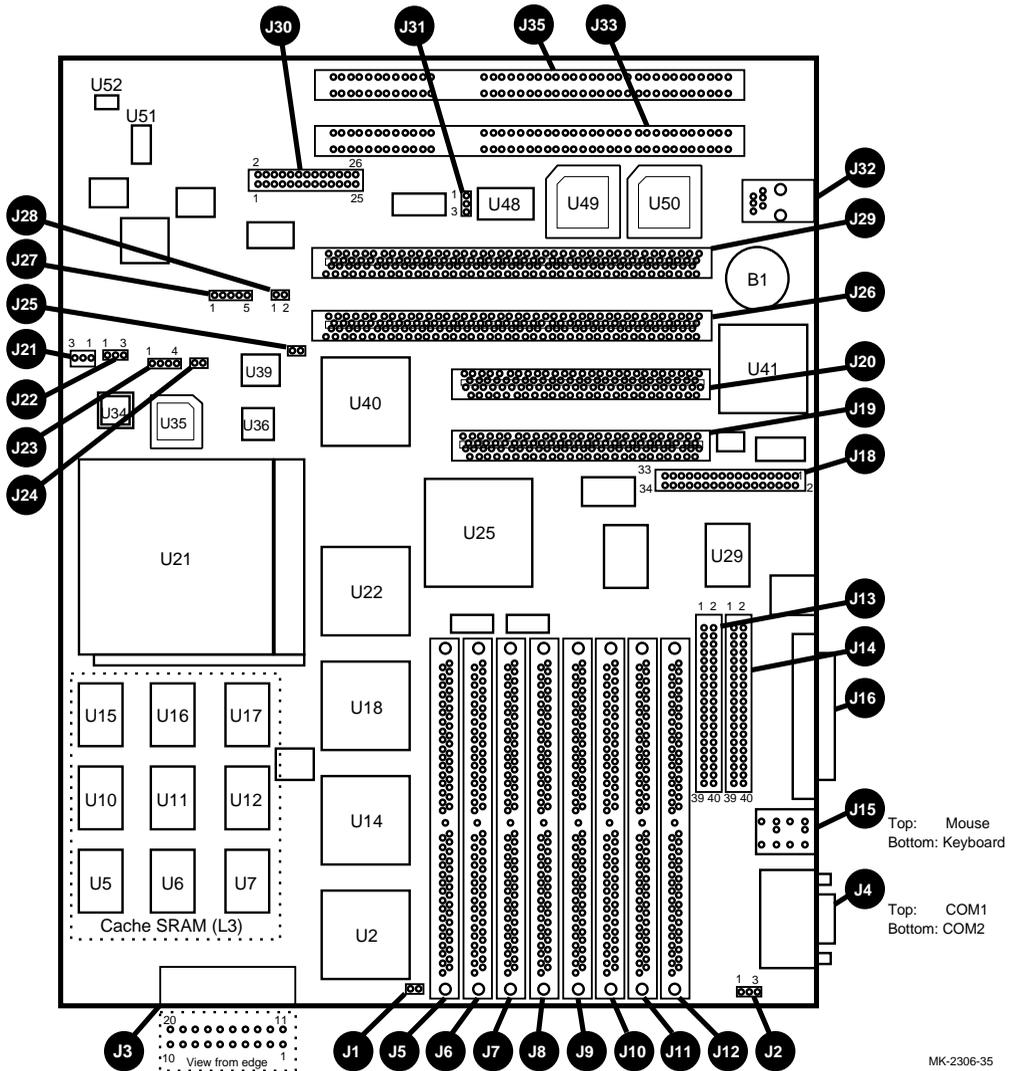


Table 2–1 AlphaPC 164 Jumper/Connector/Component List

Item Number	Description	Item Number	Description
B1	RTC battery (CR2032)	J1	Memory bus width jumper
J2	Fan power, enclosure (+12V)	J3	Power (+3V, +5V, -5V, +12V, -12V)
J4	COM1/COM2 (DB9) connectors	J5	DRAM SIMM 0 [35:0] connector
J6	DRAM SIMM 1 [71:36] connector	J7	DRAM SIMM 2 [107:72] connector
J8	DRAM SIMM 3 [143:108] connector	J9	DRAM SIMM 4 [179:144] connector
J10	DRAM SIMM 5 [215:180] connector	J11	DRAM SIMM 6 [251:216] connector
J12	DRAM SIMM 7 [287:252] connector	J13	IDE drive 2/3 connector
J14	IDE drive 0/1 connector	J15	Keyboard/mouse connectors
J16	Parallel I/O connector	J18	Diskette (floppy) drive connector
J19	PCI slot 3 (32-bit)	J20	PCI slot 2 (32-bit)
J21	Microprocessor fan/fan sense connector	J22	Enclosure fan +12V power connector
J23	Speaker connector	J24	Reset button connector
J25	Halt button connector	J26	PCI slot 1 (64-bit)
J27	Power LED connector	J28	Hard-drive LED connector
J29	PCI slot 0 (64-bit)	J30	Configuration jumpers
J31	Flash update enable/disable jumper	J32	SRAM test port connector
J33	ISA slot 1	J35	ISA slot 0
U2	Data switch 0 (DSC 21172-BA)	U5 to U7	Cache SRAM (L3)
U10 to U12	Cache SRAM (L3)	U14	Data switch 1 (DSC 21172-BA)
U15 to U17	Cache SRAM (L3)	U18	Data switch 2 (DSC 21172-BA)
U21	Microprocessor, socketed (DSC 21164 Alpha)	U22	Data switch 3 (DSC 21172-BA)
U25	I/O interface and address control (DSC 21172-CA)	U29	IDE controller
U34	Microprocessor clock crystal, 36.66-MHz (default), socketed	U35	Microprocessor clock PLL (TriQuint TQ2061)
U36	System clock PLL (CDC 2586)	U39	Serial ROM, socketed (Xilinx XC17128D)
U40	PCI-to-ISA bridge (Intel 82378ZB)	U41	Combination controller, Super I/O (SMC FDC37C935)
U48	Flash ROM (1MB)	U49	PCI arbiter PAL
U50	PCI interrupt request PAL	U51	Power controller
U52	Power sense	—	—

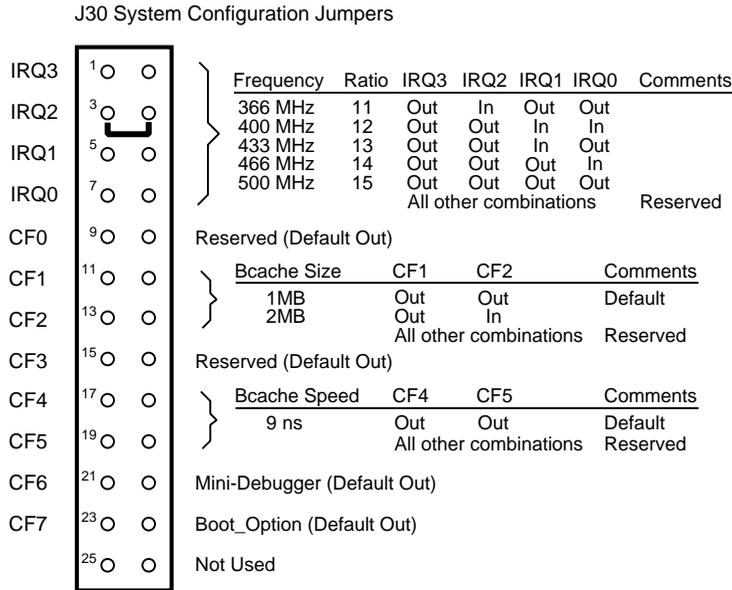
AlphaPC 164 Jumper Configurations

2.1 AlphaPC 164 Jumper Configurations

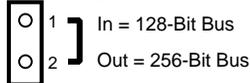
The AlphaPC 164 has three groups of jumpers at location J1, J30, and J31. These jumpers set the hardware configuration and boot options. Figure 2-1 shows the jumper location on the AlphaPC 164. Figure 2-2 shows the jumper functions for each group. Section 2.1.1 through Section 2.1.7 describe the jumper configurations.

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Figure 2–2 AlphaPC 164 Configuration Jumpers

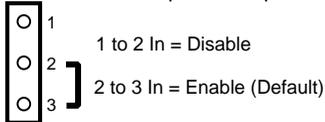


J1 Memory Bus Width Jumper



Note: Jumper must be out when all eight DRAM SIMM sockets are populated.

J31 Flash ROM Update Jumper



MK-2306-36A

2.1.1 Memory Bus Width Jumper (J1)

The memory bus width can be either 128-bits (J5 through J8 populated with SIMMs and J9 through J12 empty) or 256-bits (J5 through J12 populated with SIMMs). When using a memory bus width of 128-bits, jumper J1 must be in. When using a memory bus width of 256-bits, jumper J1 must be out.

AlphaPC 164 Jumper Configurations

2.1.2 System Clock Divisor Jumpers (IRQ3 through IRQ0)

The system clock divisor jumpers are located at J30—1/2 (IRQ3), J30—3/4 (IRQ2), J30—5/6 (IRQ1), and J30—7/8 (IRQ0). The jumper configuration set in IRQ3 through IRQ0 determines the frequency of the microprocessor's system clock output. These four jumpers set the speed at power-up as listed in Figure 2-2. The microprocessor frequency divided by the ratio determines the system clock frequency.

2.1.3 Bcache Size Jumpers (CF1 and CF2)

The Bcache size jumpers are located at J30—11/12, CF1 and J30—13/14, CF2. These jumpers configure the Bcache as specified in Figure 2-2.

2.1.4 Bcache Speed Jumpers (CF4 and CF5)

The Bcache speed jumpers are located at J30—17/18, CF4 and J30—19/20, CF5. These jumpers select the Bcache timing parameters used to compute a value that is loaded into the microprocessor's Bcache configuration register at power-up time. Because the Bcache SRAMs are soldered onto the board, the default jumper configuration selecting an SRAM access time of 9 ns as shown in Figure 2-2 will *always* be used.

2.1.5 Mini-Debugger Jumper (CF6)

The Mini-Debugger jumper is located at J30—21/22 (CF6). The default position for this jumper is out (Figure 2-2). The Alpha SROM Mini-Debugger is stored in the SROM. When this jumper is in it causes the SROM initialization to trap to the Mini-Debugger (communication through connector J32) after all initialization is complete, but before starting the execution of the system flash ROM code.

2.1.6 Boot Option Jumper (CF7)

The boot option jumper is located at J30—23/24 (CF7). The default position for this jumper is out (Figure 2-2). This jumper selects the image to be loaded into memory from the system flash ROM. With the jumper out, the Windows NT ARC firmware is loaded. With the jumper in, the fail-safe booter is loaded. For more information about the fail-safe booter, refer to the *AlphaPC 164 Motherboard User's Manual*.

2.1.7 Flash ROM Update Jumper (J31)

When J31—2/3 are jumpered together (default), the flash ROM is write-enabled.
 When J31—1/2 are jumpered together, the flash ROM is write-protected.

2.2 AlphaPC 164 Connector Pinouts

This section lists the pinouts of all connectors (see Table 2–2 through Table 2–18).
 See Figure 2–1 for connector locations.

Table 2–2 Peripheral Component Interface (PCI) Bus Connector Pinouts

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
32-Bit and 64-Bit PCI Connectors (J19, J20, J26, J29)							
A1	TRST#	A2	+12V	A3	TMS	A4	TDI
A5	+5V	A6	INTA	A7	INTC	A8	+5V
A9	—	A10	+5V	A11	—	A12	GND
A13	GND	A14	—	A15	RST#	A16	+5V
A17	GNT#	A18	GND	A19	—	A20	AD[30]
A21	+3V	A22	AD[28]	A23	AD[26]	A24	GND
A25	AD[24]	A26	IDSEL	A27	+3V	A28	AD[22]
A29	AD[20]	A30	GND	A31	AD[18]	A32	AD[16]
A33	+3V	A34	FRAME#	A35	GND	A36	TRDY#
A37	STOP#	A38	STOP#	A39	+3V	A40	SDONE
A41	SBO#	A42	GND	A43	PAR	A44	AD[15]
A45	+3V	A46	AD[13]	A47	AD[11]	A48	GND
A49	AD[09]	A50	Not used	A51	Not used	A52	C/BE#[0]
A53	+3V	A54	AD[06]	A55	AD[04]	A56	GND
A57	AD[02]	A58	AD[00]	A59	+5V	A60	REQ64#
A61	+5V	A62	+5V	B1	-12V	B2	TCK
B3	GND	B4	TDO	B5	+5V	B6	+5V
B7	INTB	B8	INTD	B9	PRSENT1#	B10	—
B11	PRSENT2#	B12	GND	B13	GND	B14	—
B15	GND	B16	CLK	B17	GND	B18	REQ#
B19	+5V	B20	AD[31]	B21	AD[29]	B22	GND
B23	AD[27]	B24	AD[25]	B25	+3V	B26	C/BE#[3]
B27	AD[23]	B28	GND	B29	AD[21]	B30	AD[19]
B31	+3V	B32	AD[17]	B33	C/BE#[2]	B34	GND
B35	IRDY#	B36	+3V	B37	DEVSEL#	B38	GND
B39	LOCK#	B40	PERR#	B41	+3V	B42	SERR#

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Table 2–2 (Continued) Peripheral Component Interface (PCI) Bus Connector Pinouts

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
B43	+3V	B44	C/BE#[1]	B45	AD[14]	B46	GND
B47	AD[12]	B48	AD[10]	B49	GND	B50	Not used
B51	Not used	B52	AD[08]	B53	AD[07]	B54	+3V
B55	AD[05]	B56	AD[03]	B57	GND	B58	AD[01]
B59	+5V	B60	ACK64#	B61	+5V	B62	+5V
64-Bit PCI Connectors Only (J26, J29)							
A63	GND	A64	C/BE#[7]	A65	C/BE#[5]	A66	+5V
A67	PAR64	A68	D[62]	A69	GND	A70	D[60]
A71	D[58]	A72	GND	A73	D[56]	A74	D[54]
A75	+5V	A76	D[52]	A77	D[50]	A78	GND
A79	D[48]	A80	D[46]	A81	GND	A82	D[44]
A83	D[42]	A84	+5V	A85	D[40]	A86	D[38]
A87	GND	A88	D[36]	A89	D[34]	A90	GND
A91	D[32]	A92	—	A93	GND	A94	—
B63	—	B64	GND	B65	C/BE#[6]	B66	C/BE#[4]
B67	GND	B68	D[63]	B69	D[61]	B70	+5V
B71	D[59]	B72	D[57]	B73	GND	B74	D[55]
B75	D[53]	B76	GND	B77	D[51]	B78	D[49]
B79	+5V	B80	D[47]	B81	D[45]	B82	GND
B83	D[43]	B84	D[41]	B85	GND	B86	D[39]
B87	D[37]	B88	+5V	B89	D[35]	B90	D[33]
B91	GND	B92	—	B93	—	B94	GND

Table 2–3 ISA Expansion Bus Connector Pinouts (J33, J35)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	GND	2	IOCHCK#	3	RSTDRV	4	SD7
5	+5V	6	SD6	7	IRQ9	8	SD5
9	-5V	10	SD4	11	DRQ2	12	SD3
13	-12V	14	SD2	15	ZEROWS#	16	SD1
17	+12V	18	SD0	19	GND	20	IOCHRDY
21	SMEMW#	22	AEN	23	SMEMR#	24	SA19
25	IOW#	26	SA18	27	IOR#	28	SA17
29	DACK3#	30	SA16	31	DRQ3	32	SA15
33	DACK1#	34	SA14	35	DRQ1	36	SA13
37	REFRESH#	38	SA12	39	SYSCLK	40	SA11
41	IRQ7	42	SA10	43	IRQ6	44	SA9
45	IRQ5	46	SA8	47	IRQ4	48	SA7

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Table 2–3 (Continued) ISA Expansion Bus Connector Pinouts (J33, J35)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
49	IRQ3	50	SA6	51	DACK2#	52	SA5
53	TC	54	SA4	55	BALE	56	SA3
57	+5V	58	SA2	59	OSC	60	SA1
61	GND	62	SA0	63	MEMCS16#	64	SBHE#
65	IOCS16#	66	LA23	67	IRQ10	68	LA22
69	IRQ11	70	LA21	71	IRQ12	72	LA20
73	IRQ15	74	LA19	75	IRQ14	76	LA18
77	DACK0#	78	LA17	79	DRQ0	80	MEMR#
81	DACK5#	82	MEMW#	83	DRQ5	84	SD8
85	DACK6#	86	SD9	87	DRQ6	88	SD10
89	DACK7#	90	SD11	91	DRQ7	92	SD12
93	+5V	94	SD13	95	MASTER#	96	SD14
97	GND	98	SD15	—	—	—	—

Table 2–4 DRAM SIMM Connector Pinouts (J5 through J12)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	GND	2	DQ1	3	DQ2	4	DQ3
5	DQ4	6	DQ5	7	DQ6	8	DQ7
9	DQ8	10	+5V	11	GND	12	A0
13	A1	14	A2	15	A3	16	A4
17	A5	18	A6	19	A10	20	DQ9
21	DQ10	22	DQ11	23	DQ12	24	DQ13
25	DQ14	26	DQ15	27	DQ16	28	A7
29	A11	30	+5V	31	A8	32	A9
33	RAS3	34	RAS2	35	DQ17	36	DQ18
37	DQ19	38	DQ20	39	GND	40	CAS0
41	CAS2	42	CAS3	43	CAS1	44	RAS0
45	RAS1	46	+5V	47	WE	48	NC
49	DQ21	50	DQ22	51	DQ23	52	DQ24
53	DQ25	54	DQ26	55	DQ27	56	DQ28
57	DQ29	58	DQ30	59	+5V	60	DQ31
61	DQ32	62	DQ33	63	DQ34	64	DQ35
65	DQ36	66	+5V	67	NC	68	NC
69	NC	70	NC	71	GND	72	GND

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Table 2–5 IDE Drive Bus Connector Pinouts (J13, J14)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	RESET	2	GND	3	IDE_D7	4	IDE_D8
5	IDE_D6	6	IDE_D9	7	IDE_D5	8	IDE_D10
9	IDE_D4	10	IDE_D11	11	IDE_D3	12	IDE_D12
13	IDE_D2	14	IDE_D13	15	IDE_D1	16	IDE_D14
17	IDE_D0	18	IDE_D15	19	GND	20	NC (key pin)
21	MARQ	22	GND	23	IOW	24	GND
25	IOR	26	GND	27	CHRDY	28	BALE
29	MACK	30	GND	31	IRQ	32	IOCS16
33	ADDR1	34	NC	35	ADDR0	36	ADDR2
37	CS0	38	CS1	39	ACT	40	GND

Table 2–6 Diskette Drive Bus Connector Pinouts (J18)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	GND	2	DEN0	3	GND	4	NC
5	GND	6	DEN1	7	GND	8	INDEX
9	GND	10	MTR0	11	GND	12	DR1
13	GND	14	DR0	15	GND	16	MTR1
17	GND	18	DIR	19	GND	20	STEP
21	GND	22	WDATA	23	GND	24	WGATE
25	GND	26	TRK0	27	GND	28	WRTPRT
29	ID0	30	RDATA	31	GND	32	HDSSEL
33	ID1	34	DSKCHG	—	—	—	—

Table 2–7 Parallel Bus Connector Pinouts (J16)

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	STB	2	PD0	3	PD1	4	PD2
5	PD3	6	PD4	7	PD5	8	PD6
9	PD7	10	ACK	11	BUSY	12	PE
13	SLCT	14	AFD	15	ERR	16	INIT
17	SLIN	18	GND	19	GND	20	GND
21	GND	22	GND	23	GND	24	GND
25	GND	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 2–8 COM1/COM2 Serial Line Connector Pinouts (J4)

COM1 Pin (Top)	COM1 Signal	COM2 Pin (Bottom)	COM2 Signal
1	DCD1	1	DCD2
2	RxD1	2	RxD2
3	TxD1	3	TxD2
4	DTR1	4	DTR2
5	SG1	5	SG2
6	DSR1	6	DSR2
7	RTS1	7	RTS2
8	CTS1	8	CTS2
9	RI1	9	RI2

Table 2–9 Keyboard/Mouse Connector Pinouts (J15)

Keyboard Pin (Top)	Keyboard Signal	Mouse Pin (Bottom)	Mouse Signal
1	KBDATA	1	MSDATA
2	NC	2	NC
3	GND	3	GND
4	+5V	4	+5V
5	KBCLK	5	MSCLK
6	NC	6	NC

Table 2–10 SRAM Test Data Input Connector Pinouts (J32)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	NC	—
2	SRAM_CLK_L	Clock out
3	GND	—
4	NC	—
5	TEST_SRAM_D_L	SRAM serial data in
6	NC	—

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Table 2–11 Input Power Connector Pinouts (J3)

Pin	Voltage	Pin	Voltage	Pin	Voltage	Pin	Voltage
1	+3.3 V dc	2	+3.3 V dc	3	Ground	4	+5 V dc
5	Ground	6	+5 V dc	7	Ground	8	P_DCOK
9	NC	10	+12 V dc	11	+3.3 V dc	12	-12 V dc
13	Ground	14	NC	15	Ground	16	Ground
17	Ground	18	-5 V dc	19	+5 V dc	20	+5 V dc

Table 2–12 Enclosure Fan (+12 V dc) Power Connector Pinouts (J2, J22)

Pin	Voltage
1	Ground
2	+12 V dc
3	Ground

Table 2–13 Speaker Connector Pinouts (J23)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	SPKR	Speaker output
2	GND	—
3	GND	—
4	GND	—

Table 2–14 Microprocessor Fan Power Connector Pinouts (J21)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	+12V	—
2	FAN_CONN_L	Fan connected
3	GND	—

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Table 2–15 Power LED Connector Pinouts (J27)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	POWER_LED_L	Pull-up to +5V
2	GND	—
3	NC	—
4	NC	—
5	NC	—

Table 2–16 IDE Drive LED Connector Pinouts (J28)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	HD_ACT_L	Hard drive active
2	HD_LED_L	Pull-up to +5V

Table 2–17 Reset Button Connector Pinouts (J24)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	RESET_BUTTON	Reset system
2	GND	—

Table 2–18 Halt Button Connector Pinouts (J25)

Pin	Signal	Name
1	HALT_BUTTON	Halt system
2	GND	—

Note: The Halt button is not used with the Windows NT operating system.

Power and Environmental Requirements

This chapter describes the AlphaPC 164 power and environmental requirements, and physical board parameters.

3.1 Power Requirements

The AlphaPC 164 derives its main dc power from a user-supplied power supply. The board has a total power dissipation of 116 W, excluding any plug-in PCI and ISA devices. An onboard +5 V to +2.5 V dc-to-dc convertor is designed to handle 15 A of current. Table 3–1 lists the power requirement for each dc supply voltage.

The power supply must supply a **dcok** signal to the system reset logic. Refer to Section 4.7, and schematic pages *pc164.29* and *pc164.30* for additional information.

Table 3–1 Power Supply DC Current Requirements

Voltage	Current ¹
+3.3 V dc	5.0 A
+5 V dc	12.0 A
–5 V dc	0 A
+12 V dc	1.0 A
–12 V dc	100.0 mA

¹Values indicated are for an AlphaPC 164 (64MB DRAM) excluding adapter cards and disk drives.

Caution: Fan Sensor Required

The 21164 cooling fan *must* have a built-in sensor that will drive a signal if the airflow stops. The sensor is connected to AlphaPC 164 board connector J21. When the signal is generated, it resets the system.

Environmental Requirements

3.2 Environmental Requirements

The 21164 microprocessor is cooled by a small fan blowing directly into the chip's heat sink. The AlphaPC 164 is designed to run efficiently using only this fan. Additional fans may be necessary depending upon cabinetry and I/O board requirements. Such fans (12 V dc) may be connected to J2 and J22.

The AlphaPC 164 is specified to run within the following environment:

Parameter	Specification
Operating temperature	10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F)
Storage temperature	-55°C to 125°C (-67°F to 257°F)
Relative humidity	10% to 90% with maximum wet bulb temperature 28°C (82°F) and minimum dew point 2°C (36°F)
Rate of (dry bulb) temperature change	11°C/hour \pm 2°C/hour (20°F/hour \pm 4°F/hour)

3.3 Board Dimensions

The AlphaPC 164 is an ATX-size printed-wiring board (PWB) with the following dimensions:

- Width: 24.38 cm (9.6 in. \pm 0.0005 in.)
- Length: 30.48 cm (12.0 in. \pm 0.0005 in.)
- Height: 6.0 cm (2.4 in.)

The board can be used in certain desktop and desktside systems that have adequate clearance for the 21164 heat sink and its cooling fan. All ISA and PCI expansion slots are usable in standard desktop or desktside enclosures.

Functional Description

This chapter describes the functional operation of the AlphaPC 164. The description introduces the Digital Semiconductor 21172 core logic chipset and describes its implementation with the 21164 microprocessor, its supporting memory, and I/O devices. Figure 1–1 shows the AlphaPC 164 major functional components.

Information, such as bus timing and protocol, found in other data sheets and reference documentation is not duplicated. See Appendix F for a list of supporting documents and order numbers.

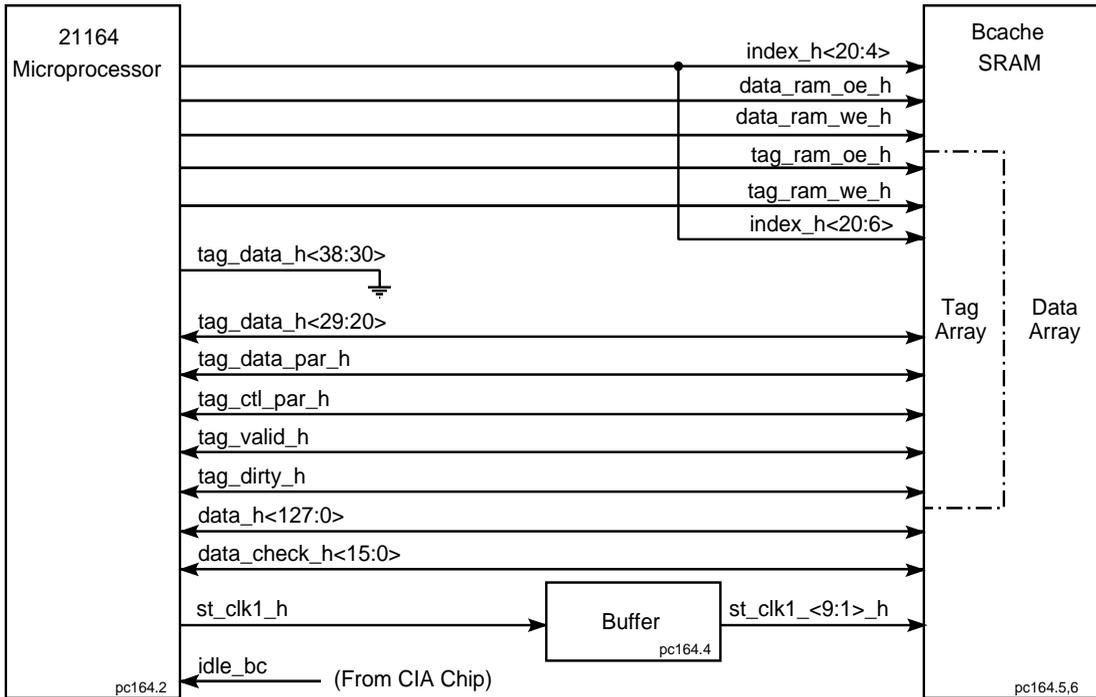
Note: For detailed descriptions of bus transactions, chipset logic, and operation, refer to the *Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha Microprocessor Hardware Reference Manual* and the *Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset Technical Reference Manual*. For details of the PCI interface, refer to the *PCI System Design Guide*.

AlphaPC 164 Bcache Interface

4.1 AlphaPC 164 Bcache Interface

The 21164 microprocessor controls the board-level L3 backup cache (Bcache) array (see Figure 4–1). The data bus (**data_h<127:0>**), check bus (**data_check_h<15:0>**), **tag_dirty_h**, and **tag_ctl_par_h** signals are shared with the system interface.

Figure 4–1 AlphaPC 164 L3 Bcache Array



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The Bcache is a 1MB, direct-mapped, synchronous SRAM with a 128-bit data path. It is populated with 9 ns, 32K x 36 static RAMs (SRAMs). In most cases, wave-pipelined accesses can decrease the cache loop times by one CPU cycle. The Bcache supports 128-byte or 64-byte transfers to and from memory as dictated by the DSW chip mode.

4.2 Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset

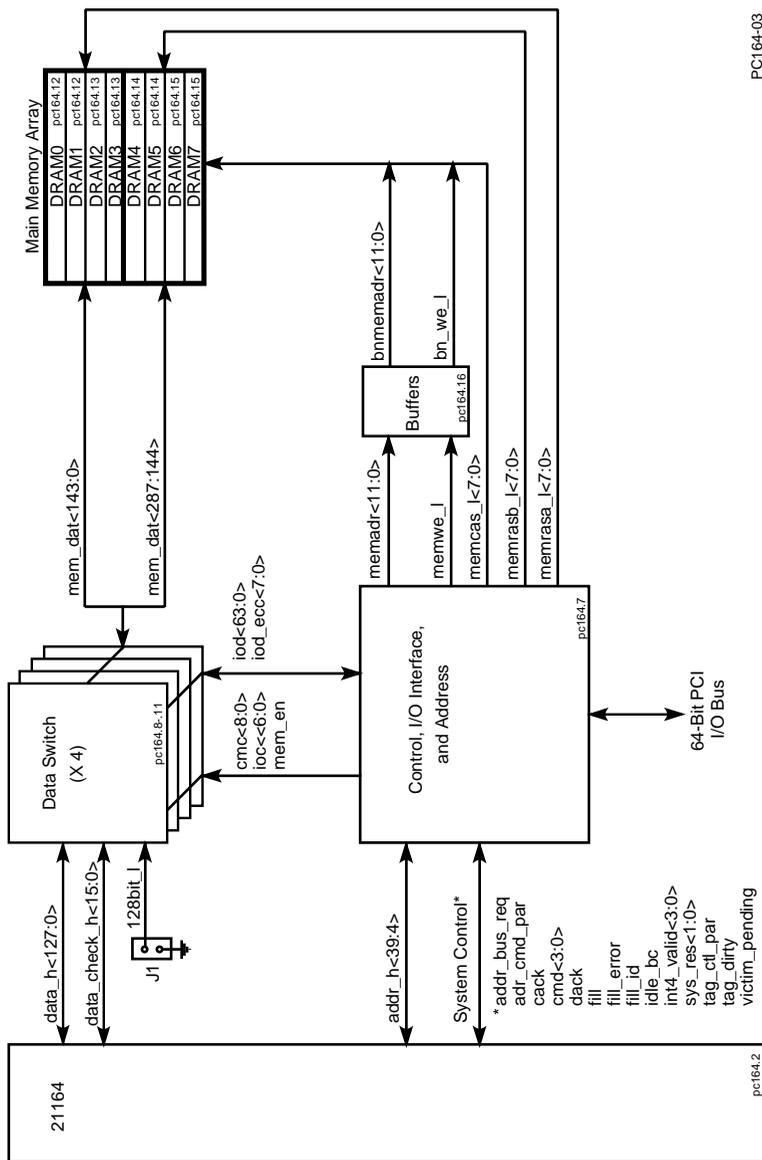
The 21172 core logic chipset provides a cost-competitive solution for designers using the 21164 microprocessor to develop uniprocessor systems. The chipset provides a 128-bit or 256-bit memory interface and a PCI I/O interface, and includes the following two gate array types:

- One Digital Semiconductor 21172-CA CIA chip packaged in a 388-pin plastic ball grid array (PBGA)
- Four Digital Semiconductor 21172-BA DSW chips, each packaged in a 208-pin plastic quad flat pack (PQFP)

Figure 4–2 shows the AlphaPC 164 implementation of the 21172 core logic chipset.

Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset

Figure 4-2 Main Memory Interface



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4.2.1 CIA Chip Overview

The CIA application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) accepts addresses and commands from the 21164 microprocessor and drives the main memory array with the address and control signals. It also provides an interface to the 64-bit PCI I/O bus.

The CIA chip provides the following functions:

- Serves as the interface between the 21164 microprocessor, main memory (addressing and control), and the PCI bus. A 3-entry CPU instruction queue is implemented to capture commands should the memory or I/O port be busy.
- Provides the DSW chips with control information to direct the data flow.
- Provides the interface to the PCI bus, and therefore, contains a portion of the data path. This includes the error correction code (ECC) generation and check logic for data transfers to and from the DSW chips. It also contains data buffers for all four transaction types (I/O read and write operations, and direct memory access (DMA) read and write operations). Each buffer is 64 bytes in size.
- Generates the row and column addresses for the DRAM SIMMs, as well as all the memory control signals (RAS, CAS, WE). All the required DRAM refresh control is contained in the CIA.
- Provides all the logic to map 21164 noncacheable addresses to PCI address space, as well as all the translation logic to map PCI DMA addresses to system memory.

Two DMA conversion methods are supported: direct mapping, where a base offset is concatenated with the PCI address, and scatter-gather mapping, which maps an 8KB PCI page to any 8KB memory page. The CIA contains an 8-entry scatter-gather translation lookaside buffer (TLB), where each entry holds four consecutive page table entries (PTEs).

Refer to Appendix A for additional details on PCI and DMA address mapping.

4.2.2 DSW Chip Overview

Four DSW ASICs provide the interface between the 128-bit 21164 data bus (**data_h<127:0>**) and 16-bit check bus (**data_check_h<15:0>**), the 288-bit DRAM memory data bus (**mem_dat<287:0>**), and the CIA chip for PCI data (**iod<63:0>** and **iod_ecc<7:0>**).

PCI Devices

The DSW chip contains the memory interface data path. This includes a 64-byte victim buffer, a 32-byte I/O read buffer, four 32-byte I/O write buffers, and two DMA buffers.

The four DSW chips receive data from the CPU by means of the 128-bit CPU data bus. They transfer data to and from the CIA by means of the 64-bit IOD bus. Any data directed to or from the PCI bus must be transferred through the CIA. The DSW chips provide the system with a selectable 128-bit or 256-bit-wide memory path. Selection is made through jumper J1.

4.2.3 Main Memory Interface

Four DSW chips, along with the CIA, provide a 128-bit or 256-bit-wide, high-speed memory data path for both CPU memory accesses and PCI DMA. The AlphaPC 164 supports four (128-bit mode) or eight (256-bit mode) DRAM SIMM modules.

Quadword ECC is supported on the DRAM and CPU buses. The same quadword ECC that is supported by the 21164 microprocessor is also supported on the memory bus. Byte parity is generated on the PCI bus.

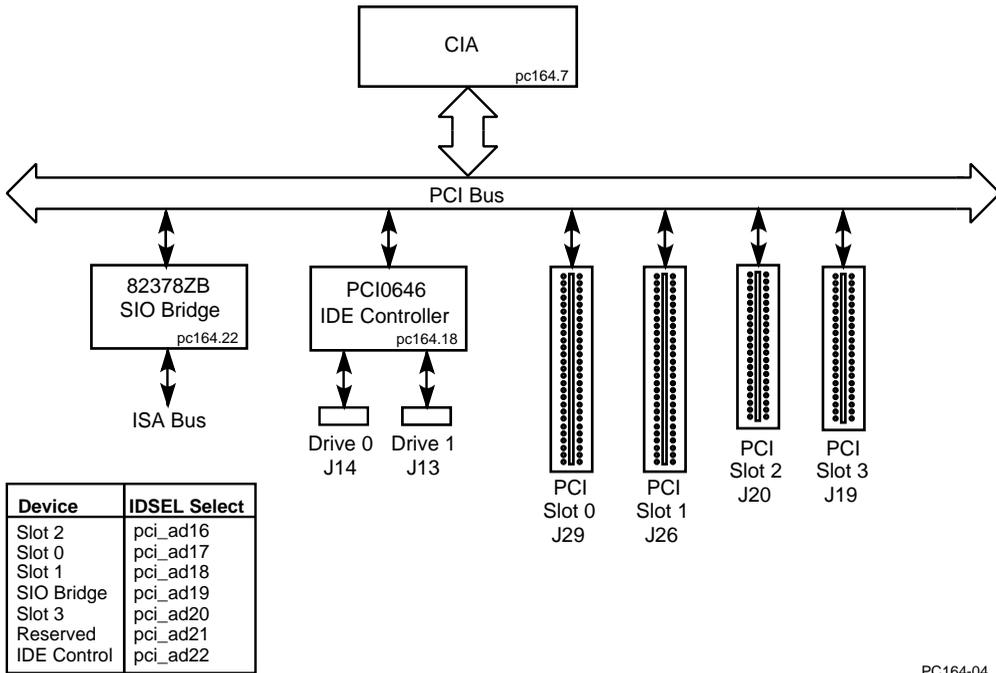
The AlphaPC 164 supports a maximum of 512MB of main memory. In all cases, the memory is organized as one single bank. Table 1–1 lists total memory and memory bus width along with the corresponding SIMM sizes required. All CPU cacheable memory accesses and PCI DMA accesses are controlled and routed to main memory by the 21172 core logic chipset.

The AlphaPC 164 implements the alternate memory mode for DRAM RAS and CAS control signals. Alternate memory mode is explained in the *Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Technical Reference Manual*. The row and column addresses for the DRAM SIMMs are partitioned such that any victim's row address will match its corresponding read miss row address. This allows a page-mode-write operation to follow a read operation during read miss/victim processing.

4.3 PCI Devices

The AlphaPC 164 uses the PCI bus as the main I/O bus for the majority of peripheral functions (see Figure 4–3). The board implements the ISA bus as an expansion bus for system support functions and for relatively slow peripheral devices.

Figure 4–3 AlphaPC 164 PCI Bus Devices



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The PCI bus supports multiplexed, burst mode, read and write transfers. It supports synchronous operation of between 25 MHz and 33 MHz. It also supports either a 32-bit or 64-bit data path with 32-bit device support in the 64-bit configuration. Depending upon the configuration and operating frequencies, the PCI bus supports anywhere between 100-MB/s (25 MHz, 32-bit) to 264-MB/s (33 MHz, 64-bit) peak throughput. The PCI provides parity on address and data cycles. Three physical address spaces are supported:

- 32-bit memory space
- 32-bit I/O space
- 256-byte-per-agent configuration space

PCI Devices

The bridge from the 21164 system bus to the 64-bit PCI bus is provided by the CIA chip. It generates the required 32-bit PCI address for 21164 I/O accesses directed to the PCI. It also accepts 64-bit double address cycles and 32-bit single address cycles. However, the 64-bit address support is subject to some constraints. Refer to Appendix A for more information on these constraints.

4.3.1 Saturn-IO (SIO) Chip

The 82378ZB SIO chip provides the bridge between the PCI bus and the ISA bus. The SIO incorporates the logic for the following:

- A PCI interface (master and slave)
- An ISA interface (master and slave)
- Enhanced 7-channel DMA controller that supports fast DMA transfers and scatter-gather, and data buffers to isolate the PCI bus from the ISA bus
- PCI and ISA arbitration
- A 14-level interrupt controller
- A 16-bit basic input/output system (BIOS) timer
- Three programmable timer counters
- Nonmaskable interrupt (NMI) control logic
- Decoding and control for utility bus peripheral devices
- Speaker driver

Refer to Intel document *82420/82430 PCIset ISA and EISA Bridges* for additional information.

4.3.2 PCI Expansion Slots

Four dedicated PCI expansion slots are provided on the AlphaPC 164. This allows the system user to add additional 32-bit or 64-bit PCI options. While both the 32-bit and the 64-bit slots use the standard 5-V PCI connector and pinout, +3.3 V is supplied for those boards that require it. The SIO chip provides the interface to the ISA expansion I/O bus.

4.4 ISA Bus Devices

Figure 4–4 shows the AlphaPC 164 ISA bus implementation with peripheral devices and connectors. Two dedicated ISA expansion slots are provided. System support features such as serial lines, parallel port, diskette controller, keyboard/mouse control, and time-of-year clock are embedded on the module by means of an FDC37C935 combination controller chip. Also shown is the utility bus (Ubus) with its system support devices.

4.4.1 Combination Controller

The AlphaPC 164 uses the Standard Microsystems Corporation FDC37C935 Ultra I/O combination controller chip (see Figure 4–4). It is packaged in a 160-pin PQFP configuration. The chip provides the following ISA peripheral functions:

- **Diskette controller**—Software compatible to the Intel N82077 FDC. Integrates the functions of the formatter/controller, digital data separator, write precompensation, and data-rate selection logic requiring no external filter components. Supports the 2.88MB drive format and other standard diskette drives used with 5.25-inch and 3.5-inch media. FDC data and control lines are brought out to a standard 34-pin connector (J18). A ribbon cable interfaces the connector to one or two diskette drives.
- **Serial ports**—Two UARTs with full modem control, compatible with NS16450 or PC16550 devices, are brought out to two separate onboard, 9-pin D-subminiature connectors (J4).
- **Parallel port**—The bidirectional parallel port is brought out to an onboard 25-pin connector (J16). It can be brought out through a 25-pin female D-subminiature connector on the bulkhead of a standard PC enclosure.
- **Keyboard/mouse**—An 8042-compatible interface is brought out to separate 6-pin DIN connectors (J15).
- **Time-of-year clock**—A DS1287-compatible clock is backed up by a replaceable battery.

An onboard clock generator chip supplies a 14.3-MHz reference clock for the diskette data separator and serial ports.

Refer to Appendix F for additional information on the combination controller.

4.4.2 Utility Bus Memory Device

The AlphaPC 164 Ubus drives a flash ROM memory device. The flash ROM chip provides 1MB of flash memory for operating system support.

Flash data is accessed through 20 address inputs. The low-order 19 address bits are driven by ISA bus **sa<18:0>**. The high-order 20th bit (**flash_adr19**) is driven by the Ubus decode PLA. Address bit **flash_adr19** can be changed by writing to ISA I/O port x800.

The +12 V is applied to the flash ROM by means of jumper J31 so that code updates can be accomplished, if desired.

4.4.3 ISA Expansion Slots

Two ISA expansion slots are provided for plug-in ISA peripherals (J33 and J35).

4.5 Interrupts

This section describes the AlphaPC 164 interrupt logic. PCI-, ISA-, and CIA-generated interrupts are described. Figure 4–5 shows the interrupt logic.

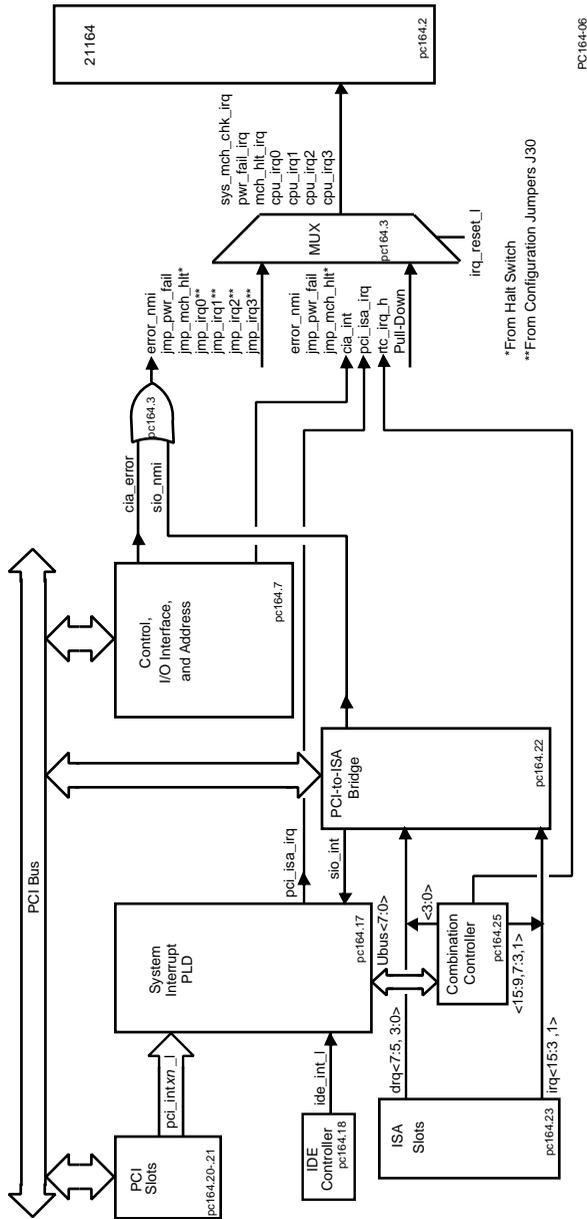
The PCI-to-ISA SIO bridge chip provides the functionality of two 8259 interrupt control devices. These ISA-compatible interrupt controllers are cascaded such that 14 external and 2 internal interrupts are available. The PCI interrupt acknowledge command should be used to read the interrupt request vector from the SIO.

However, the AlphaPC 164 system has more external interrupts than the SIO can handle. Therefore, all the ISA interrupts are sent to the SIO except for the 2 CIA interrupts, the TOY interrupt, the IDE controller interrupt, and the 16 PCI interrupts. They are sent to an external interrupt programmable logic array (PLA). This PLA takes these interrupts, as well as an OR of the nonexistent memory (NMI) and error signals from the SIO, and generates **pci_isa_irq**. During reset, **cpu_irq<3:0>** convey the system clocking ratios and delays, which are set by jumpers on J30.

Table 4–1 lists each system interrupt, its fixed interrupt priority level (IPL), and its AlphaPC 164 implementation. Table 4–2 lists each ISA bus interrupt and its AlphaPC 164 implementation.

Interrupts

Figure 4-5 Interrupt Logic



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Table 4–1 AlphaPC 164 System Interrupts

21164 Interrupt	IPL¹	Suggested Usage	AlphaPC 164 Usage
cpu_irq<0>	20	Corrected system error	Corrected ECC error and sparse space reserved encodings detected by CIA
cpu_irq<1>	21	—	PCI and ISA interrupts
cpu_irq<2>	22	Interprocessor and timer interrupts	TOY clock interrupt
cpu_irq<3>	23	—	Reserved
pwr_fail_irq	30	Powerfail interrupt	Reserved
sys_mch_chk_irq	31	System machine check interrupt	SIO NMI and CIA errors
mch_hlt_irq	—	Halt	Reserved

¹IPL = interrupt priority level (fixed)

Interrupts

Table 4–2 ISA Interrupts

Interrupt Number	Interrupt Source
IRQ0	Internal timer
IRQ1	Keyboard
IRQ2	Interrupt from controller 2
IRQ3	COM2
IRQ4	COM1
IRQ5	Available
IRQ6	Diskette
IRQ7	Parallel port
IRQ8# ¹	Reserved
IRQ9	Available
IRQ10	Available
IRQ11	Available
IRQ12	Mouse
IRQ13	Available
IRQ14	IDE
IRQ15	IDE

¹The # symbol indicates an active low signal.

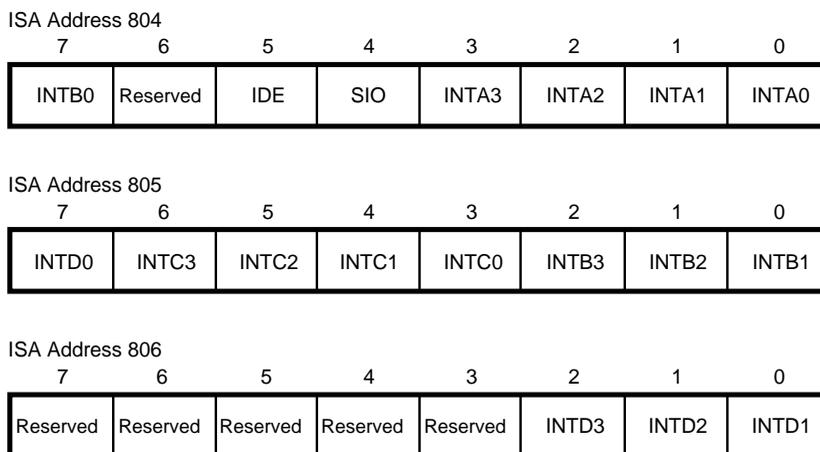
4.5.1 Interrupt PLD Function

The MACH210A PLD is an 8-bit I/O slave on the ISA bus at hex addresses 804, 805, and 806. This is accomplished by a decode of the three ISA address bits **sa<2:0>** and the three **ecas_addr<2:0>** bits.

Each interrupt can be individually masked by setting the appropriate bit in the mask register (see Figure 4–6). An interrupt is disabled by writing a 1 to the desired position in the mask register. An interrupt is enabled by writing a 0. For example, bit <1> set in interrupt mask register 1 indicates that the INTB2 interrupt is disabled. There are three mask registers located at ISA addresses 804, 805, and 806.

An I/O read transaction at ISA addresses 804, 805, and 806 returns the state of the 18 PCI interrupts rather than the state of the masked interrupts. On read transactions, a 1 means that the interrupt source has asserted its interrupt. The mask register can be updated by writing addresses 804, 805, or 806. The mask register is write-only.

Figure 4–6 Interrupt/Interrupt Mask Registers



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System Clocks

4.6 System Clocks

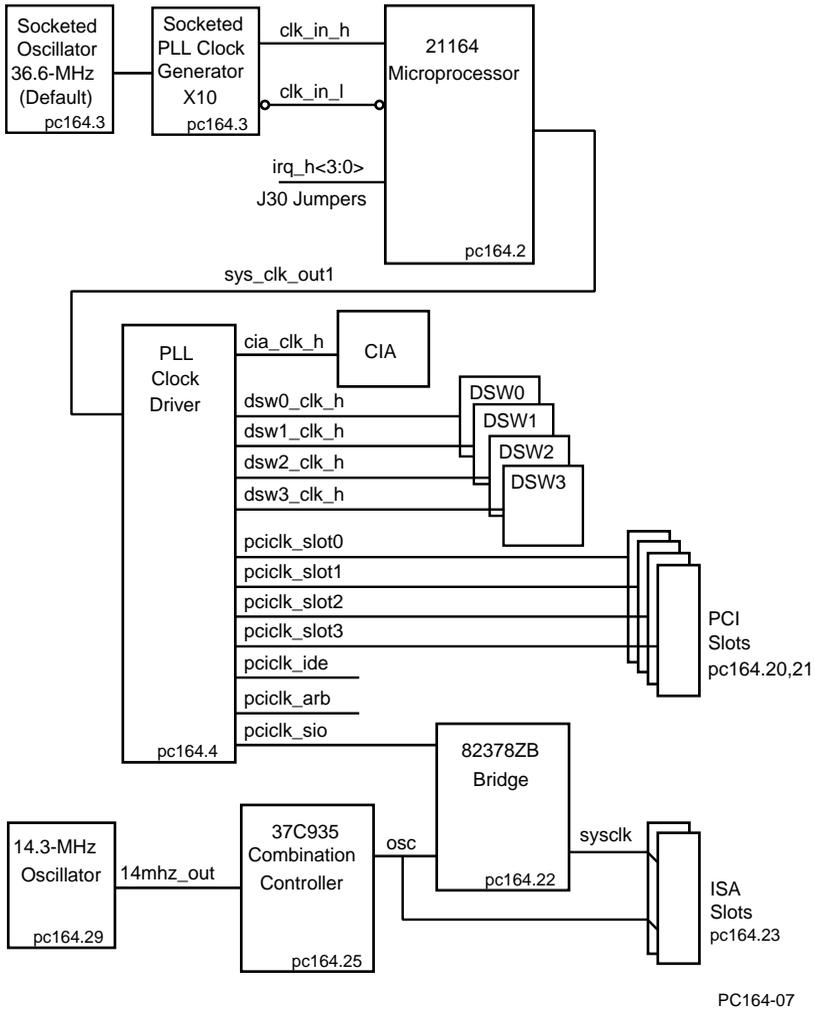
Figure 4–7 shows the AlphaPC 164 clock generation and distribution scheme.

The AlphaPC 164 system includes input clocks to the microprocessor as well as clock distribution for the various system memory and I/O devices. There are other miscellaneous clocks for ISA bus support. System clocking can be divided into the following three main areas:

- **Microprocessor input clock** — The input clock runs at the operating frequency of the 21164 microprocessor. The AlphaPC 164 supports cycle times from 2.72 ns to 2.0 ns. This implies input clock frequencies from 366 MHz to 500 MHz. The clock is provided by using a relatively low-frequency oscillator whose output is fed into a PLL. The PLL multiplies the input frequency by a factor of 10. This 10x frequency is then used as the 21164 input clock.
- **Clock distribution** — Clock distribution includes the distribution of system clocks from the 21164 microprocessor to the system logic. The AlphaPC 164 clock distribution scheme is flexible enough to allow the majority of cycle-time combinations to be supported. Because the PCI is synchronous to the system clock generated by the 21164 microprocessor, the PCI cycle time is a multiple of the 21164 cycle time. This distribution scheme allows a range of supported PCI clock combinations between 25 MHz and 33 MHz.
- **Miscellaneous clocks** — The miscellaneous clocks include those needed for ISA and the combination controller. These clocks are provided by a crystal and a frequency generator with fixed scaling.

The default microprocessor input clock oscillator runs at 36.66 MHz. A TriQuint TQ2060 PLL multiplier synthesizes a higher-frequency CPU clock (signals **clk_in_h** and **clk_in_l**) and drives the 21164 differential clock inputs at 366.6 MHz. The 21164 microprocessor uses this clock to generate its internal 366.6-MHz clock. The divide-by-one function (normal state) is set in the 21164 microprocessor (**clk_mode_h<2:0>** input pins = 101). This oscillator is socketed. Other oscillators with different frequencies can be substituted. Refer to Section 5.3.1 for examples.

Figure 4-7 AlphaPC 164 System Clocks



System Clocks

At system reset, the 21164 microprocessor's **irq_h<3:0>** pins are driven by the clock divisor values set by four jumpers on J30. During normal operation, these signals are used for interrupt requests. The pins are either switched to ground or pulled up in a specific combination to set the 21164 microprocessor's internal divider. The divisor is programmable and can range from 3 to 15. (Refer to Section 2.1.2 for a list of jumper combinations.)

The 21164 microprocessor produces the divided clock output signal **sys_clk_out1** that drives the CDC586 PLL clock-driver chip. This synchronous system clock provides the system memory and I/O clock reference.

The clock-driver chip is used to minimize system-level clock skew as well as creating square-wave clocks from what can sometimes be an asymmetrical clock from the 21164 microprocessor. The clock driver provides a 50% duty-cycle output clock that is referenced to the 21164 microprocessor's **sys_clk_out1** signal and aligned with a reference feedback clock. The clock driver is configured (**OPT<2:0>** = 011) such that the output frequency equals the input frequency and is in phase. The PLL provides copies to each DSW chip, the CIA chip, each PCI slot, the PCI-to-ISA bridge, and the PCI IDE controller. The PLL also synchronizes the arbiter.

The DSW/CIA chipset generates its own 1X and 2X clocks on each ASIC. Each ASIC uses an integrated PLL together with an onchip clock trunk/buffer scheme to maintain chip skews under 0.6 ns.

Clock signal **pciclk_sio** synchronizes the PCI-to-ISA bridge's PCI bus transactions. The supported PCI cycle times range from 40 ns (25 MHz) to 30 ns (33.3 MHz). However, because of the 21164 microprocessor's speed BIN points, the 33.3-MHz cycle time will always be used.

A 14.3-MHz frequency generator produces the signal **14mhz_out**. This signal is delivered to the 37C935 combination controller for the diskette data separator and other I/O clocks. The combination controller produces output clock **osc**, which is then delivered to the two ISA slots and the PCI-to-ISA bridge for synchronization.

4.7 Reset and Initialization

A TL7702B power monitor senses the +3.3-V rail to ensure that it is stable before +2.5 V is applied to the 21164 microprocessor. In normal operation, should the +3.3-V rail fall below 2.5 V, the power monitor enables **shdn_1**, which turns off the +2.5-V regulator (*pc164.32*).

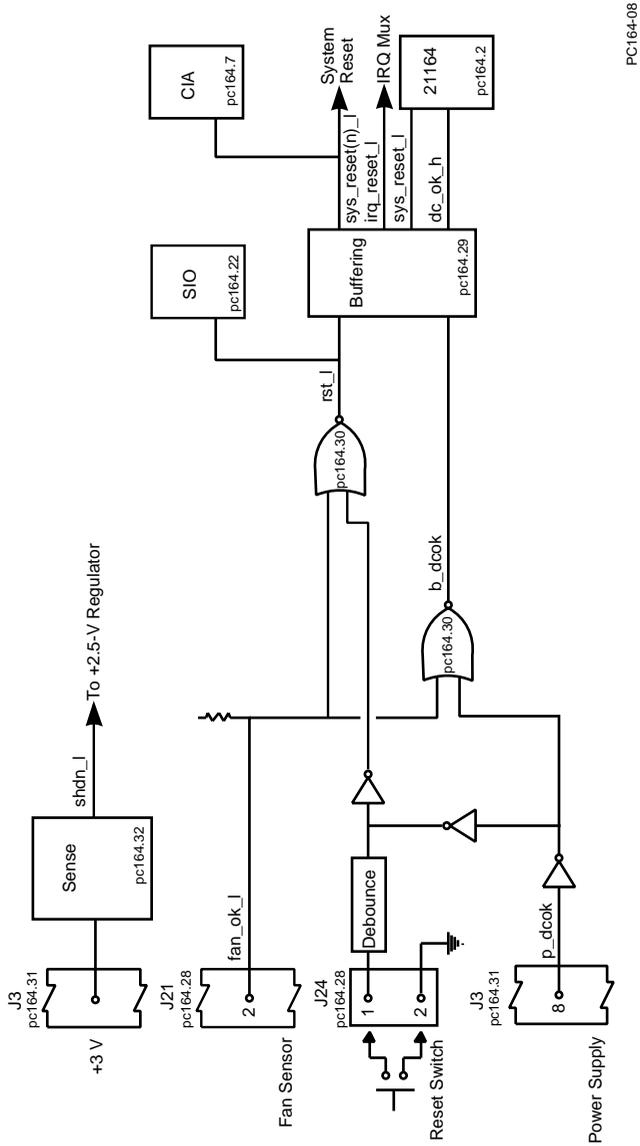
An external reset switch can be connected to J24 (*pc164.28*). The reset function initializes the 21164 microprocessor and the system logic. The **p_dcok** signal provides a full system initialization, equivalent to a power-down and power-up cycle.

In addition, the fan sense signal (**fan_ok_1**) is logically ORed with the reset switch output and, when enabled, drives **rst_1**, indicating a fan failure.

The **rst_1** signal is buffered and drives a set of **sys_reset** signals to reset the remainder of the system, including PCI and ISA devices through the CIA chip.

Reset and Initialization

Figure 4-8 System Reset and Initialization



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4.8 Serial ROM

The serial ROM (SROM) provides the following functions:

- Initializes the CPU's internal processor registers (IPRs).
- Sets up the microprocessor's internal L1/L2 caches.
- Performs the minimum I/O subsystem initialization necessary to access the real-time clock (RTC) and the system's flash ROM.
- Detects CPU speed by polling the periodic interrupt flag (PIF) in the RTC.
- Sets up memory and backup cache (Bcache) parameters based on the speed of the CPU.
- Wakes up the DRAMs.
- Initializes the Bcache.
- Copies the contents of the entire system memory to itself to ensure good memory data parity.
- Scans the system flash ROM for a special header that specifies where and how the system flash ROM firmware should be loaded.
- Copies the contents of the system flash ROM to memory and begins code execution.
- Passes parameters up to the next level of firmware to provide a predictable firmware interface.

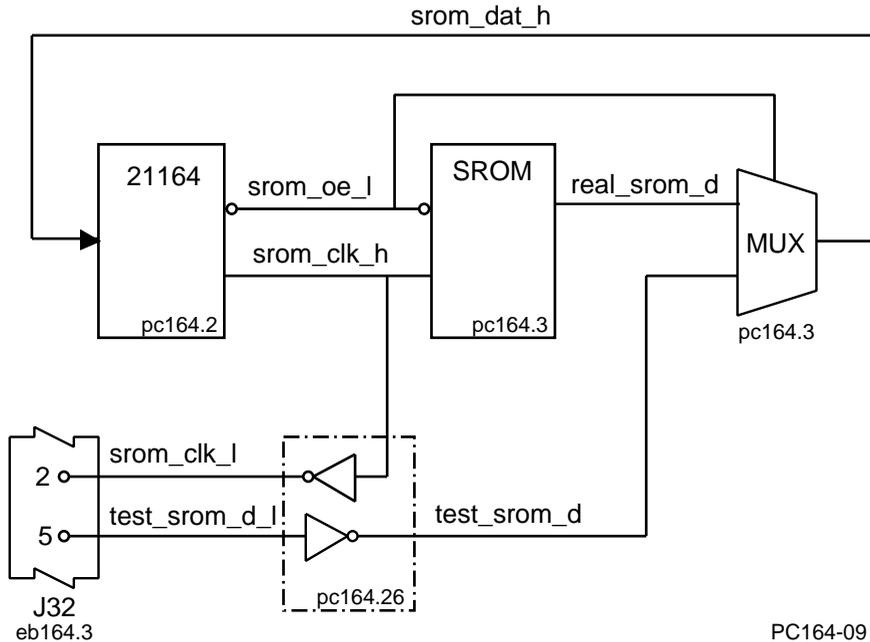
Figure 4–9 is a simplified diagram of the SROM and serial port logic.

Signal **srom_oe_1** selects the input to a multiplexer (*pc164.3*). The multiplexer selects either the output of the Xilinx XC17128 SROM (**real_srom_d**) or a user-supplied input through the test SROM port (**test_srom_d**). The multiplexer output (**srom_dat_h**) provides data input to the 21164 microprocessor.

After the initial SROM code has been read into the 21164 microprocessor's Icache, the test SROM port can be used as a software-controlled serial port. This serial port can be used for diagnosing system problems when the only working devices are the microprocessor, the SROM, and the circuits needed for the direct support of the microprocessor and SROM (such as the clock). Connector J32 supports an RS-232 or RS-422 terminal connection to this port by using 1488 and 1489 line driver and receiver components. Additional external logic is not required.

DC Power Distribution

Figure 4–9 Serial ROM

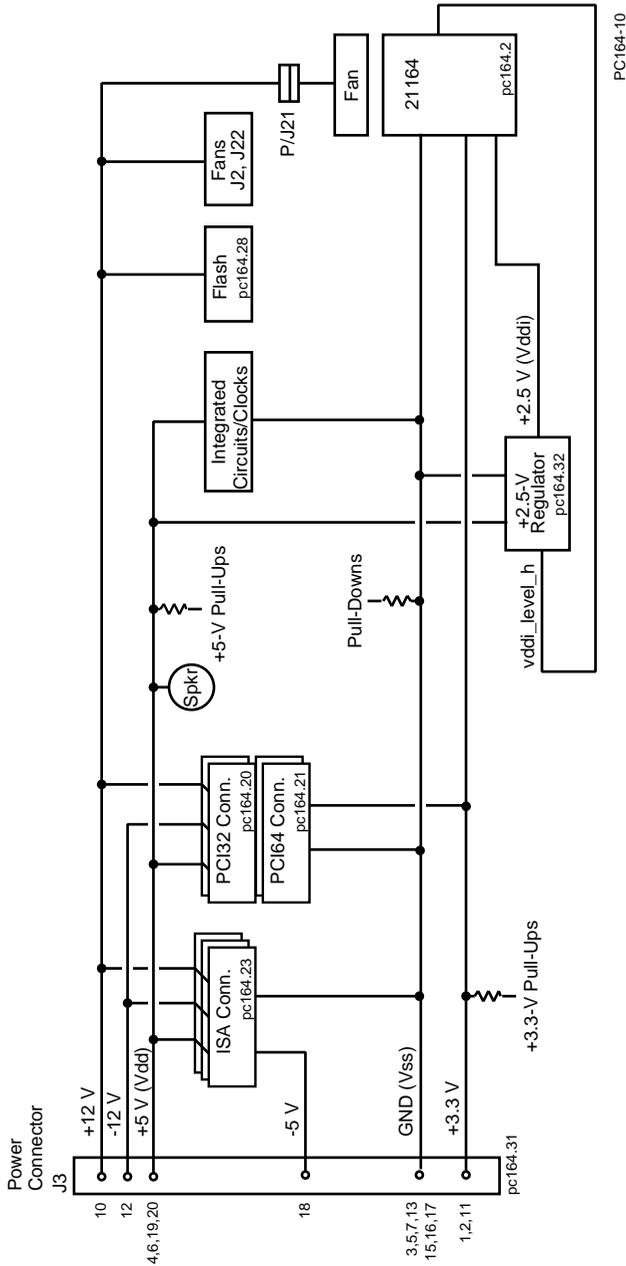


4.9 DC Power Distribution

The AlphaPC 164 derives its system power from a user-supplied PC power supply. The power supply must provide +12 V dc and -12 V dc, -5 V dc, +3 V dc, and +5 V dc (**Vdd**). The dc power is supplied through power connector J3 (*pc164.31*). (See Figure 4–10.) Power is distributed to the board logic through dedicated power planes within the 8-layer board structure.

As shown in Figure 4–10, the +12 V dc, -12 V dc, and -5 V dc are supplied to ISA connectors J33 and J35 (*pc164.23*). The +12 V dc and -12 V dc are supplied to ISA connectors and PCI32 connectors J19 and J20 (*pc164.20*). The +12 V dc is also supplied to the CPU fan connector J21 (*pc164.28*), auxiliary fan connectors J2 and J22 (*pc164.28*), and to the flash ROM write-enable connector J31 (*pc164.28*). **Vdd** (+5.0 V) is supplied to ISA connectors, PCI32 connectors, and most of the board's integrated circuits. **Vdd** also drives the +2.5-V regulator, which supplies the 21164 microprocessor.

Figure 4-10 AlphaPC 164 Power Distribution



System Software

4.10 System Software

AlphaPC 164 software consists of the following:

- Serial ROM code
- Mini-Debugger code
- Windows NT ARC firmware
- Operating systems

The serial ROM code, Mini-Debugger code, and Windows NT ARC firmware are all included with the AlphaPC 164 and do not require a license. Only binaries for the Windows NT ARC firmware are included, not the sources. Operating systems are available as licensed products. Refer to Appendix F for a list of related documentation.

4.10.1 Serial ROM Code

The serial ROM code is contained in the Xilinx XC17128 serial configuration ROM. This code is executed by the 21164 microprocessor when system power is turned on (see Section 4.8). The serial ROM code initializes the system, then transfers control to either the Mini-Debugger or the selected firmware, depending upon the setting of the configuration jumpers (CF6 and CF7).

4.10.2 Mini-Debugger Code

The Alpha SROM Mini-Debugger provides basic hardware debugging capability through a serial connector interface to the SROM port of the 21164 microprocessor. Using only an SROM containing this program, a clock source, the 21164 microprocessor, and a few gates, you can exercise devices connected to the CPU to debug caches, main memory, and I/O subsystems until the board is functional enough to support a more fully-featured monitor.

The Mini-Debugger provides the following:

- Basic hardware debugging capability
- The capability to load code through the SROM test port
- A monitor that can point to hardware addresses, and exercise registers and devices at those locations
- The ability to examine and deposit memory locations
- A case-independent command language
- Support for variable CPU speeds and communication baud rates

For additional information, refer to the *Alpha Microprocessors SROM Mini-Debugger User's Guide*.

4.10.3 Operating Systems

The AlphaPC 164 is designed to run the Windows NT and DIGITAL UNIX licensed operating systems. AlphaPC 164 model number 21A04-B0 runs Windows NT. AlphaPC 164 model number 21A04-B1 runs DIGITAL UNIX. For additional information, contact Digital Semiconductor (see Appendix F).

Upgrading the AlphaPC 164

The AlphaPC 164 can be upgraded in two ways. For higher system speed or greater throughput, DRAM memory can be upgraded either by replacing SIMMs with those of greater size, or by widening the memory bus from 128 bits to 256 bits by adding more SIMMs. For higher CPU speed, the Digital Semiconductor 21164 microprocessor can be replaced with a higher speed Alpha chip. The following sections describe the upgrade processes.

Note: When configuring or upgrading DRAM, the following rules must be observed:

- All SIMMs must be 36-bit and have a 70-ns or faster access time.
- All SIMMs must be of equal size.

5.1 Configuring DRAM Memory

Table 5-1 lists the DRAM memory configurations available. Refer to Figure 2-1 for SIMM connector location.

Upgrading DRAM Memory

Table 5–1 AlphaPC 164 DRAM Memory Configurations

Total Memory	128-Bit Memory Mode (J1 In) J5 Through J8 Populated with SIMM Sizes...
16MB	1Mb X 36
32MB	2Mb X 36
64MB	4Mb X 36
128MB	8Mb X 36
256MB	16Mb X 36

Total Memory	256-Bit Memory Mode (J1 Out) J5 Through J12 Populated with SIMM Sizes...
32MB	1Mb X 36
64MB	2Mb X 36
128MB	4Mb X 36
256MB	8Mb X 36
512MB	16Mb X 36

5.2 Upgrading DRAM Memory

There are three options for upgrading DRAM memory (see Table 5–2).

Table 5–2 Memory Upgrade Options

Option	Memory Bus Width Before	Memory Bus Width After	Upgrade Possibilities
1	128-bit	128-bit	Replace the 4 SIMMs in sockets J5 through J8 with SIMMs of greater size, thus retaining the 128-bit memory bus width.
2	128-bit	256-bit	Add 4 SIMMs in sockets J9 through J12 with sizes equal to those in sockets J5 through J8, thus widening the memory bus width to 256 bits.
3	256-bit	256-bit	Replace the 8 SIMMs in sockets J5 through J12 with SIMMs of greater size.

Increasing Microprocessor Speed

To widen the memory bus to its 256-bit maximum (upgrade option 2), add four SIMMs and make a jumper change (remove J1). The SIMMs that you add must be of the same size ($n\text{Mb} \times 36\text{-bit}$) and have an access time equal to or less than the four SIMMs already in the system. Refer to Figure 2–1 for SIMM connector and jumper location.

To upgrade DRAM memory, perform the following steps:

1. *Observe antistatic precautions.* Handle SIMMs only at the edges to prevent damage.
2. Remove power from the system.
3. Hold the SIMM at an angle with the notch facing the key in the socket.
4. Firmly push the module into the connector and stand the module upright. Ensure that the SIMM snaps into the metal locking clips on both ends.
5. For 128-bit memory bus width, jumper J1 must be in. For 256-bit memory bus width, jumper J1 must be out.
6. Restore power to the system.

5.3 Increasing Microprocessor Speed

To increase microprocessor speed, the following must be done:

- Replace the Digital Semiconductor 21164 microprocessor with an Alpha chip that has a higher speed rating.
- Replace the microprocessor clock oscillator.
- Reconfigure the clock divisor jumpers.

5.3.1 Preparatory Information

Caution: Static-Sensitive Component – Due to the sensitive nature of electronic components to static electricity, anyone handling the microprocessor *must* wear a properly grounded antistatic wriststrap. Use of antistatic mats, ESD approved workstations, or exercising other good ESD practices is recommended.

A Digital Semiconductor 21164 microprocessor with a higher speed rating is available from your local distributor. For the name of the distributor nearest you, call the Digital Semiconductor Information Line (refer to Appendix F).

Increasing Microprocessor Speed

When replacing the microprocessor chip, the thermal conducting GRAFOIL pad should be replaced with it. A parts kit, including the heat sink, GRAFOIL pad, two hex nuts, heat sink clips, 60-mm fan, fan guard, and four screws is available from:

United Machine and Tool Design
River Road
Fremont NH 03044
Phone: 603.642.5040
FAX: 603.642.5819

When replacing the microprocessor chip with one of a different speed rating, the clock oscillator must also be changed. Individual clock oscillators are available from the sources listed in Appendix D. A complete kit of oscillators with supported frequencies is available from Digital Equipment Corporation as part number 70-33058-01. Refer to Appendix F for ordering instructions.

CPU Frequency	Oscillator Frequency
21164-366	36.66 MHz (default)
21164-400	40.0 MHz
21164-433	43.33 MHz
21164-466	46.66 MHz
21164-500	50.0 MHz

5.3.2 Required Tools

The following tools are required when replacing the microprocessor chip:

A TS30 manual nut/torque driver (or equivalent) with the following attachments is required to affix the heat sink and fan to the microprocessor's IPGA package:

- 1/4-inch hex bit
- 7/16-inch socket with 1/4-inch hex drive
- #2 Phillips-head screwdriver bit

5.3.3 Removing the 21164 Microprocessor

Remove the microprocessor currently in place at location U21 by performing the following steps:

1. Unplug the fan power/sensor cable from connector J21 (see Figure 2–1).
2. Remove the four 6-32 X 0.875-inch screws that secure the fan and fan guard to the heat sink.
3. Remove the fan and fan guard.
4. If the sink/chip/fan clip is used, remove it by unhooking its ends from around the ZIF socket retainers.
5. Using a 7/16-inch socket, remove the two nuts securing the heat sink to the microprocessor studs.
6. Remove the heat sink by gently lifting it off the microprocessor.
7. Remove and discard the GRAFOIL heat conduction pad.
8. Thoroughly clean the bottom surface of the heat sink before affixing it to the new microprocessor.
9. Lift the ZIF socket actuator handle to a full 90° angle.
10. Remove the microprocessor chip by lifting it straight out of the socket.

5.3.4 Installing the 21164 Microprocessor

Install the new microprocessor in location U21 by performing the following steps:

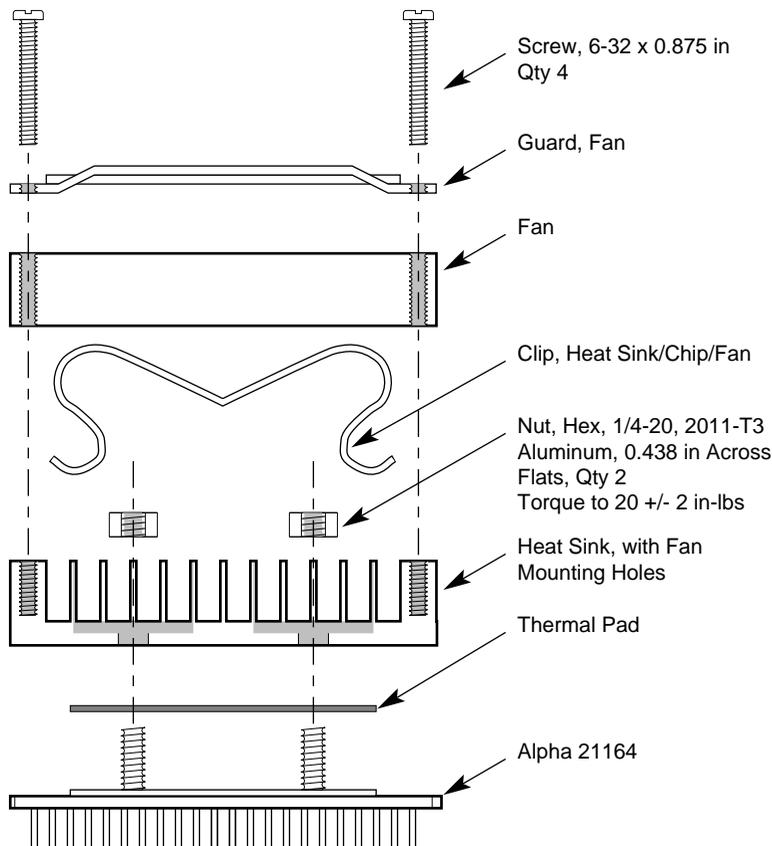
Note: Install the heat sink only after the microprocessor has been assembled to the ZIF socket.

1. Observe antistatic precautions.

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2. Lift the ZIF socket actuator handle to a full 90° angle.
3. Ensure that all the pins on the microprocessor package are straight.
4. The ZIF socket and microprocessor are keyed to allow for proper installation. Align the microprocessor, with its missing AD01 pin, with the corresponding plugged AD01 position on the ZIF socket. Gently lower into position.
5. Close the ZIF socket actuator handle to its locked position.
6. Install the heat sink and heat sink fan as directed in the following steps. A heat sink/fan kit is available from the vendor listed at the beginning of this procedure. Refer to Figure 5-1 for heat sink and fan assembly details.

Figure 5-1 Fan/Heat Sink Assembly



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- a. Put the GRAFOIL thermal pad in place. The GRAFOIL pad is used to improve the thermal conductivity between the chip package and the heat sink by replacing micro air pockets with a less insulative material. Perform the following steps to position the GRAFOIL pad:
 1. Perform a visual inspection of the package slug to ensure that it is free of contamination.
 2. Wearing clean gloves, pick up the GRAFOIL pad. *Do not* perform this with bare hands because skin oils can be transferred to the pad.
 3. Place the GRAFOIL pad on the gold-plated slug surface and align it with the threaded studs.
- b. Attach the microprocessor heat sink. The heat sink material is clear anodized, hot-water-sealed, 6061-T6 aluminum. The nut material is 2011-T3 aluminum (this grade is critical). Perform the following steps to attach the heat sink:
 1. Observe antistatic precautions.
 2. Align the heat sink holes with the threaded studs on the ceramic package.
 3. Handle the heat sink by the edges and lower it onto the chip package, taking care not to damage the stud threads.
 4. Set a calibrated torque driver to 20 in-lbs, ± 2 in-lbs, (2.3 Nm, ± 0.2 Nm). The torque driver should have a mounted 7/16-inch socket.
 5. Insert a nut into the 7/16-inch socket, place on one of the studs, and tighten to the specified torque. Repeat for the second nut.
 6. If the sink/chip/fan clip is used, properly install it by positioning it over the assembly and hooking its ends around the ZIF socket retainers.
- c. Attach the heat sink fan assembly:
 1. Place the fan assembly on top of the heat sink, aligning the fan mounting holes with the corresponding threaded heat sink holes. Align the fan so that the fan power/sensor wires exit the fan closest to connector J21 (see Figure 2-1). Fan airflow must be directed into the heat sink (fan label facing down toward the heat sink).
 2. Place the fan guard on top of the fan. Orient the guard so that the corner mounting areas lay flush against the heat sink.

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3. Secure the fan and fan guard to the heat sink with four 6–32 X 0.875-inch screws.
4. Plug the fan power/sensor cable into connector J21 (see Figure 2–1).

Note: When installing a 400-MHz, 433-MHz, 466-MHz, or 500-MHz microprocessor, you must reconfigure the clock divisor jumpers on header J30 as shown in Figure 2–2. You must also change the clock oscillator at location U34. The clock oscillators and oscillator kit are available from the sources listed in Appendix D.

System Address Mapping

This appendix describes the AlphaPC 164 motherboard's CIA chip mapping of 40-bit 21164 physical addresses to memory addresses and I/O space addresses. It also describes translation of a 21164-initiated address into a PCI address and translation of a PCI-initiated address into a physical memory address.

Topics include dense and sparse address space¹, PCI addressing, scatter-gather address translation for DMA operations, and Industry Standard Architecture (ISA) requirements.

A.1 Address Mapping Overview

The 21164 address space is divided into two regions, as shown in Figure A-1, using physical address bit **addr<39>**. When clear, the 21164 access is to cacheable memory space (partly reserved). When set, the 21164 access is to noncacheable address space. The noncached address space is used for the CSRs, uncached diagnostic memory access, and to access the memory-mapped PCI I/O address space.

The PCI defines the following three physical address spaces:

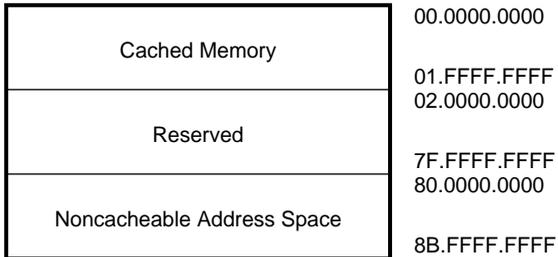
- A 64-bit PCI memory space
- A 4GB PCI I/O space
- A 256-byte-per-device PCI configuration space

In addition to these three PCI address spaces, the 21164 microprocessor's noncached space is also used to generate PCI interrupt acknowledge and special cycles.

¹ Dense and sparse address spaces are defined in Section A.3.1 and Section A.3.2, respectively.

21164 Address Space Configuration Supported by the CIA

Figure A–1 21164 Address Space



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A.2 21164 Address Space Configuration Supported by the CIA

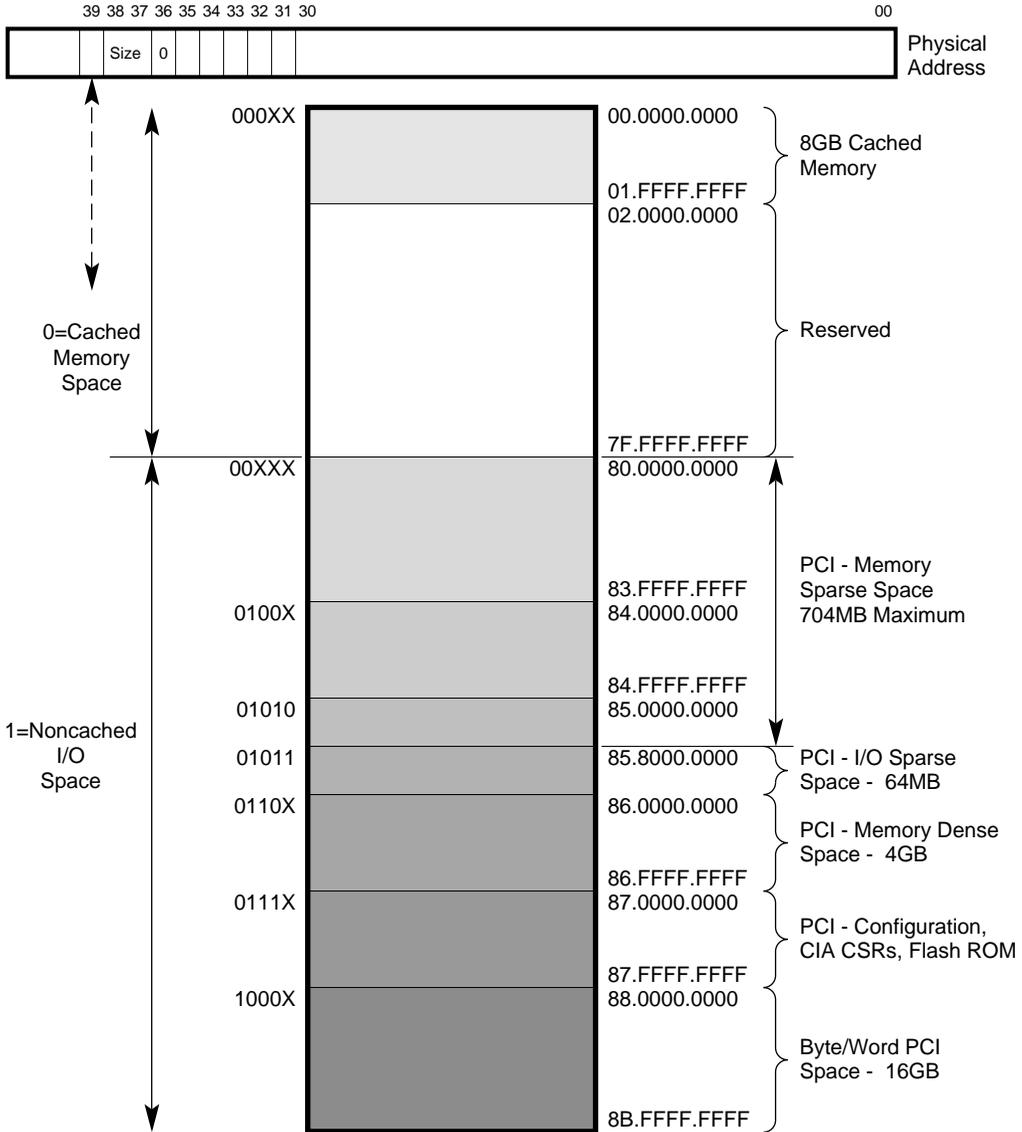
As shown in Figure A–2, the CIA supports only the first 8GB of cacheable memory space; the remainder is reserved. The cacheable memory space block size is fixed at 64 bytes. The CIA will send READ and FLUSH commands to the 21164 caches for DMA traffic to the 8GB memory address area.

The CIA supports 21164 access to memory-mapped I/O devices in noncacheable address space. The CIA defines the following five address spaces within the noncacheable space:

- 22GB PCI memory sparse space
- 2GB PCI I/O space
- 4GB PCI memory dense space
- 4GB that includes address space for:
 - PCI configuration
 - Special/interrupt acknowledge cycles
 - CIA control and status registers (CSR)
 - Flash ROM and support logic registers
- 16GB PCI byte/word I/O space

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Figure A-2 21164 Address Space Configuration



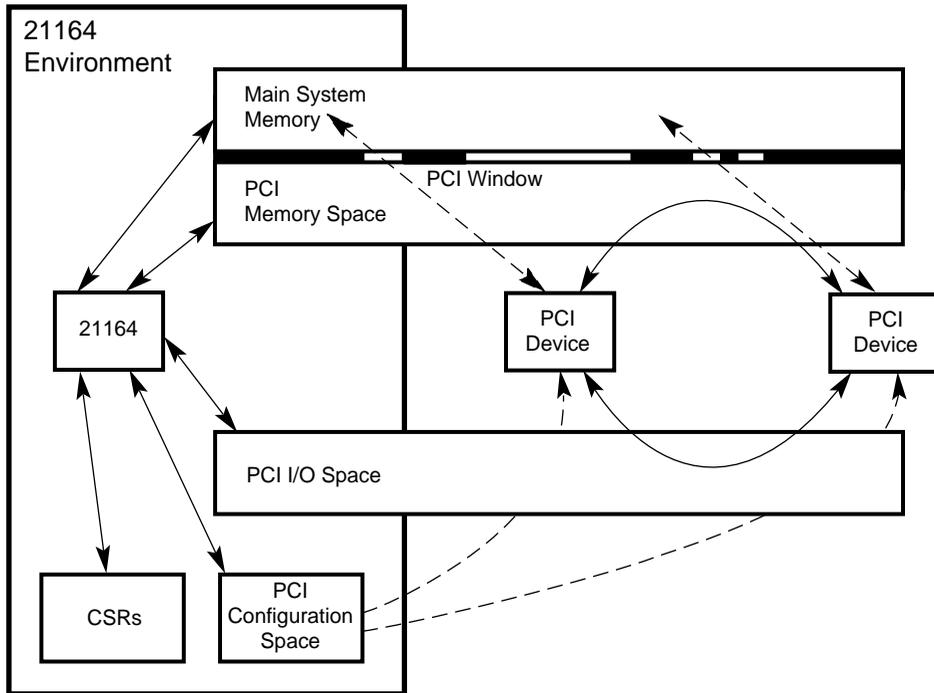
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21164 Address Space Configuration Supported by the CIA

A.2.1 21164 Access to Address Space

The 21164 microprocessor has access to the complete address space. It can access cached memory and CSRs, as well as all the PCI memory, I/O, and configuration regions, as shown in Figure A-3.

Figure A-3 Address Space Overview



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A.2.2 PCI Access to Address Space

PCI devices have a restricted view of the address space. They can access any PCI device through the PCI memory or PCI I/O space, but they have no access to PCI configuration space.

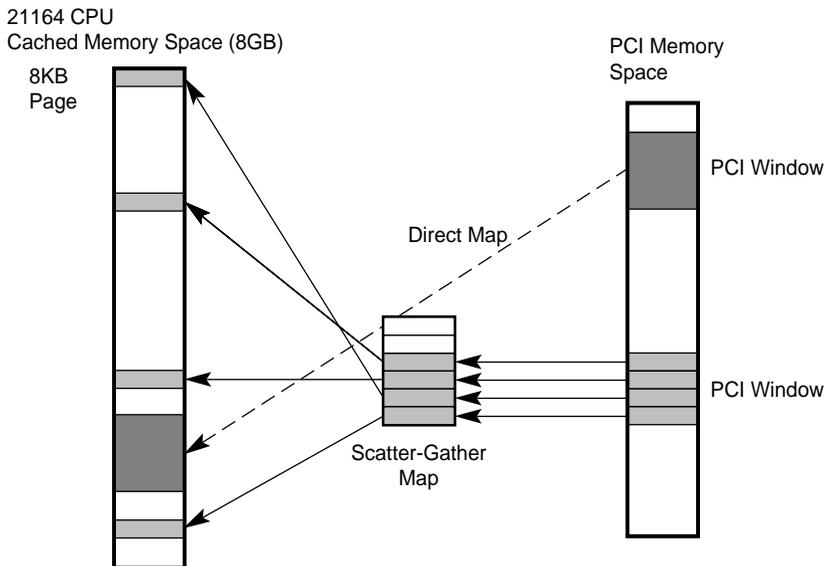
Furthermore, the CIA restricts PCI access to the system memory (for DMA operations) through five programmable address windows in PCI memory space, as shown in Figure A-3.

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DMA access to system memory is achieved by means of windows through one of the following three access methods:

- The direct method uses the “Monster Window” with dual address cycles where PCI address $\langle 33:0 \rangle$ equals memory address $\langle 33:0 \rangle$.
- The directly-mapped method concatenates an offset to a portion of the PCI address.
- The virtually-mapped method uses a scatter-gather translation map. The scatter-gather map allows any 8KB page of PCI memory address region (page) to be redirected to any 8KB cached memory page, as shown in Figure A-4.

Figure A-4 Address Mapping Overview



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21164 Address Space Configuration Supported by the CIA

The CIA generates 32-bit PCI addresses but accepts both 64-bit PCI address cycles (DAC¹) and 32-bit PCI address cycles (SAC²). The following window restrictions apply to PCI main memory accesses:

- Window 4, the “Monster Window,” provides full access to main memory. It is accessed by DAC cycles only with PCI address bit <40>=1. Memory address bits <33:0> equal PCI address bits <33:0>.
- Window 3 can be accessed either by DAC or SAC cycles, but not both. If using DAC cycles, the following three restrictions apply:
 - PCI address bits <63:40> must be zero
 - PCI address bits <39:32> must match the DAC register
 - PCI address bits <31:0> must hit in window 3.
- Windows 0, 1, and 2 accept only SAC cycles.

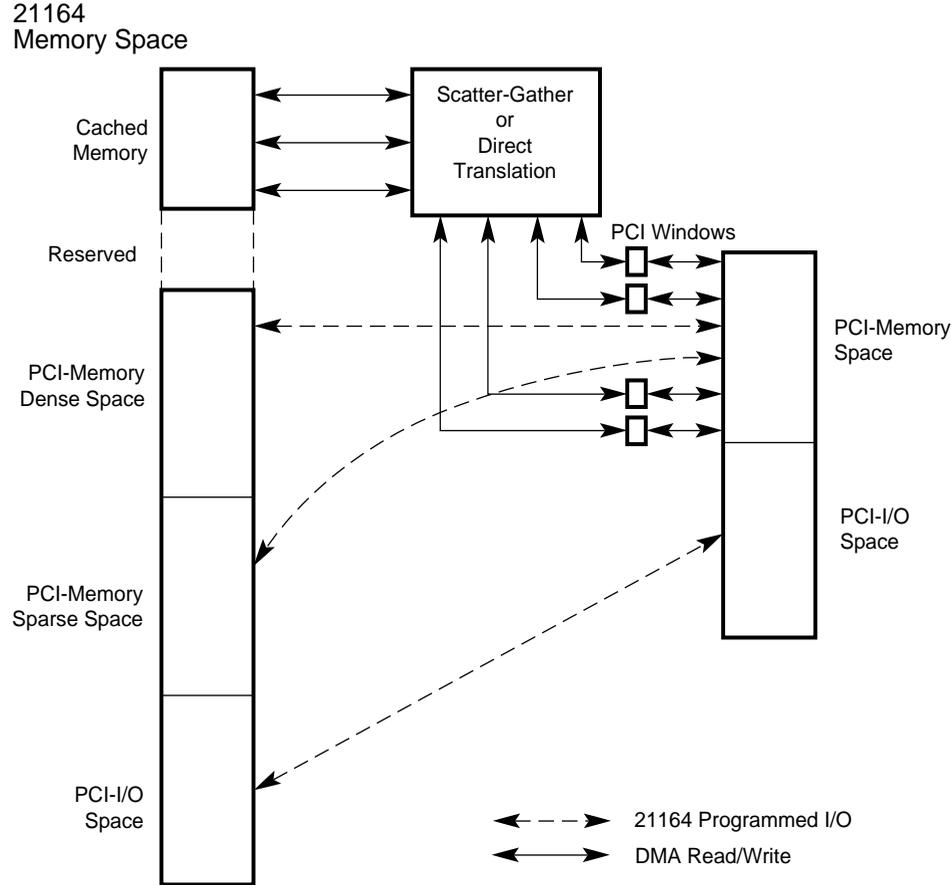
Figure A–5 shows how the 21164 address map translates to the PCI address space. It also shows how PCI devices access 21164 memory space via DMAs. Notice that the PCI memory space is double mapped using dense and sparse space.

¹ Dual-address cycle (PCI 64-bit address transfer)-used only if address bits **ad<63:32>** are nonzero.

² Single-address cycle (PCI 32-bit address transfer).

21164 Address Space Configuration Supported by the CIA

Figure A-5 21164 and DMA Read and Write Transactions



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A.3 21164 Address Space

This section lists and describes the 21164 address space regions. The requirements for using the address regions are also shown and described. Table A–1 lists the 21164 address regions.

Table A–1 21164 Physical Address Space

21164 Address	Size (GB)	Selection
00.0000.0000–01.FFFF.FFFF	8	Main memory
80.0000.0000–83.FFFF.FFFF	16	PCI memory—512MB sparse space—Region 0
84.0000.0000–84.FFFF.FFFF	4	PCI memory—128MB sparse space—Region 1
85.0000.0000–85.7FFF.FFFF	2	PCI memory—64MB sparse space—Region 2
85.8000.0000–85.BFFF.FFFF	1	PCI I/O space—32MB sparse space—Region A
85.C000.0000–85.FFFF.FFFF	1	PCI I/O space—32MB sparse space—Region B
86.0000.0000–86.FFFF.FFFF	4	PCI memory, 4GB—Dense space
87.0000.0000–87.1FFF.FFFF	0.5	PCI configuration sparse space
87.2000.0000–87.3FFF.FFFF	0.5	PCI special/interrupt acknowledge sparse space
87.4000.0000–87.4FFF.FFFF	0.25	CIA main CSRs pseudospars ¹
87.5000.0000–87.5FFF.FFFF	0.25	CIA PCI memory control CSRs pseudospars ¹
87.6000.0000–87.6FFF.FFFF	0.25	CIA PCI address translation pseudospars ¹
87.7000.0000–87.7FFF.FFFF	0.25	Reserved
88.0000.0000–88.FFFF.FFFF	4	21164 byte/word PCI memory space
89.0000.0000–89.FFFF.FFFF	4	21164 byte/word PCI I/O space
8A.0000.0000–8A.FFFF.FFFF	4	21164 byte/word PCI configuration space—type 0
8B.0000.0000–8B.FFFF.FFFF	4	21164 byte/word PCI configuration space—type 1

¹Pseudospars space is a hardware-specific restricted version of sparse space.

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The reasons for using the 21164 I/O space address map are as follows:

- Provides 4GB of dense space to completely map the 32-bit PCI memory space.
- Provides abundant PCI sparse memory space because sparse memory space has byte granularity and is the safest memory space to use (no prefetching). Furthermore, the larger the space, the less likely software will need to dynamically relocate the sparse space segments. The main problem with sparse space is that it is wasteful of 21164 address space. For instance, 16GB of 21164 address space maps to only 512MB of PCI sparse space.

The CIA supports three PCI sparse space memory regions, allowing 704MB of total sparse memory space. The three regions can be relocated by using the HAE_MEM CSR, and the simplest configuration allows for 704MB of contiguous memory space:

- 512MB region, which may be located on any NATURALLY ALIGNED 512MB segment of the PCI memory space. Software developers may find this region sufficient for their needs and can ignore the remaining two regions.
- 128MB region, which may be located on any NATURALLY ALIGNED 128MB segment of the PCI memory space.
- 64MB region, which may be located on any NATURALLY ALIGNED 64MB segment of the PCI memory space.
- Limits the PCI I/O space to sparse space. Although the PCI I/O space can handle 4GB, some chips can access only 64KB. So most, if not all, PCI devices will not exceed 64KB for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the CIA supports 64MB of sparse I/O space.
- Supports two CIA PCI sparse space I/O regions. Region A contains 32MB and is fixed in PCI segment 0-32 MB. Region B also contains 32MB, but can be relocated using the HAE_IO register.

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A.3.1 PCI Dense Memory Space

PCI dense memory space is located in the range 86.0000.0000 to 86.FFFF.FFFF. It is typically used for memory-like data buffers such as video frame buffers or nonvolatile RAM (NVRAM). Dense space does not allow byte or word access but has the following advantages over sparse space:

- **Contiguous memory locations**—Some software, like the default graphics routines of Windows NT, require memory-like access. These routines cannot use sparse space addresses because sparse space addresses require PCI transactions to be at adjacent Alpha addresses, instead of being widely separated as in sparse space. As a result, if the user-mode driver uses sparse space for its frame-buffer manipulation, it cannot “hand over” the buffer to the common Windows NT graphics code.
- **Higher bus bandwidth**—PCI bus burst transfers are not usable in sparse space except for a 2-longword burst for quadword write transactions. Dense space is defined to allow both burst read and write transactions.
- **Efficient read/write buffering**—In sparse space, separate accesses use separate read or write buffer entries. Dense space allows separate accesses to be collapsed in read and write buffers (this is exactly what the 21164 microprocessor does).
- **Few memory barriers**—In general, sparse space accesses are separated by memory barriers to avoid read/write buffer collapsing. Dense space accesses only require barriers when explicit ordering is required by the software.

Dense space is provided for the 21164 microprocessor to access PCI memory space, but not for accessing PCI I/O space. Dense space has the following characteristics:

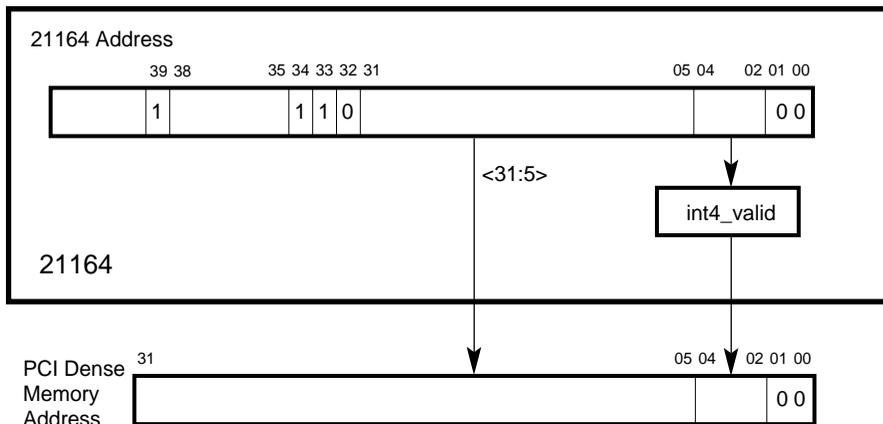
- There is a one-to-one mapping between 21164 microprocessor addresses and PCI addresses. A longword address from the 21164 microprocessor will map to a longword on the PCI with no shifting of the address field.
- The concept of dense space (and sparse space) is applicable only to 21164-generated addresses. There is no such thing as dense space (or sparse space) for PCI-generated address.
- Byte or word accesses are *not* possible in this space. The minimum access granularity is a longword on write transactions and a quadword on read transactions. The maximum transfer length is 32 bytes (performed as a burst of 8 longwords on the PCI). Any combination of longwords may be valid on write

transactions. Valid longwords surrounding invalid longwords (called a “hole”) are required to be handled correctly by all PCI devices. The CIA will allow such “holes” to be issued.

- Read transactions will always be performed as a burst of two or more longwords on the PCI because the minimum granularity is a quadword. The processor can request a longword but the CIA will always fetch a quadword, thus prefetching a second longword. Therefore, this space cannot be used for devices that have read side effects. Although a longword may be prefetched, the prefetch buffer is not treated as a cache and thus coherency is not an issue. A quadword read transaction is not atomic on the PCI, that is, the target device is at liberty to force a retry after the first longword of data is sent, and then allow another device to take control of the PCI bus. The CIA does not drive the PCI **lock** signal and thus the PCI cannot ensure atomicity. This is true of all current Alpha systems using the PCI.
- The 21164 microprocessor merges noncached read transactions up to a 32-byte maximum. The largest dense space read transaction is thus 32 bytes from the PCI bus.
- Write transactions to this space are buffered in the 21164 microprocessor. The CIA supports a burst length of 8 on the PCI, corresponding to 32 bytes of data. In addition, the CIA provides four 32-byte write buffers to maximize I/O write performance. These four buffers are strictly ordered.

Address generation in dense space is shown in Figure A–6.

Figure A–6 Dense Space Address Generation



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Address generation in dense space is described in the following list:

- **addr<31:5>** is directly sent out on the PCI as **ad<31:5>**.
- **addr<4:2>** is not sent from the 21164 microprocessor, but is inferred from **int4_valid_h<3:0>**.
- **ad<4:3>** is a copy of **addr<4:3>**.
- **ad<2>** differs for read and write transactions as follows:
 - For a read transaction, **ad<2>** is zero (minimum read resolution in non-cached space is a quadword).
 - For a write transaction, **ad<2>** equals **addr<2>**.

A.3.2 PCI Sparse Memory Space

The CIA supports three regions of contiguous 21164 address space that maps to PCI sparse memory space. The total 21164 range is from 80.0000.0000 to 85.7FFF.FFFF. Sparse address space maps a large piece of 21164 memory address space to a small PCI address space. For example, a 32-byte memory address might map to a single-byte PCI address.

A problem arises because the Alpha instruction set can express only ALIGNED longword and quadword data references. The PCI bus requires the ability to express byte, word, tribyte, longword, and quadword references. The CIA must also be able to emulate PCI transactions for PCI devices designed for systems that are capable of generating the UNALIGNED references.

The CIA accomplishes UNALIGNED PCI references by encoding the size of the data transfer (byte, word, and so on) and the byte-enable information in the 21164 address. Address bits **addr<6:3>** are used for this purpose. The PCI longword address **ad<26:3>** is generated by using the remaining address bits **addr<31:7>**.

Quadword address encoding is provided by **addr<6:3>** with **addr<7>** assumed to be zero by the CIA hardware (see Table A-3).

The loss of address bits **addr<6:3>** has resulted in a 22GB “sparse” address space that maps to only 704MB of address space on the PCI.

The rules for accessing sparse space are as follows:

- Sparse space supports all the byte encodings that are expected to be generated in a system to ensure compatibility with existing and expected PCI devices/drivers. The results of some references are not explicitly defined (these are the missing

entries in Table A–3, such as word size with address **addr<6:5>** = 11). The hardware will complete the reference, but the reference is not required to produce any particular result nor will the CIA report an error.

- Software must use longword load or store instructions (LDL/STL) to perform a reference that is of longword length or less on the PCI bus.
 - The bytes to be transferred must be positioned within the longword in the correct byte lanes as indicated by the PCI byte enable.
 - The hardware will do no byte shifting within the longword.
- Quadword load and store instructions (LDQ/STQ) must be used only to perform quadword transfers. Use of LDQ/STQ instructions for any other references will produce UNPREDICTABLE results.
- Read-ahead (prefetch) is not performed in sparse space by the CIA hardware because the read-ahead might have unwanted side effects.
- Programmers are required to insert memory barrier (MB) instructions between sparse space accesses to prevent collapsing in the 21164 write buffer. However, this is not always necessary. For instance, consecutive sparse space addresses will be separated by 32 bytes (and will not be collapsed by the 21164 microprocessor).
- Programmers are required to insert MB instructions if the sparse space address ordering/coherency to a dense space address is to be maintained.
- On read transactions, the 21164 microprocessor sends out **addr<4:3>** indirectly on the **int4_valid_h<3:0>**.
- Accesses with **addr<2:0>** nonzero will produce UNPREDICTABLE results.
- The relationship between **int4_valid_h<3:0>** and 21164 **addr<4:3>** for a sparse space write transaction is shown in Table A–2. The important point is that all other **int4_valid_h<3:0>** patterns will produce UNPREDICTABLE results such as the result of collapsing in the 21164 write buffer or issuing an STQ instruction when an STL instruction was required.

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Table A–2 int4_valid_h<3:0> and addr<4:3> for Sparse Space Write Transactions

21164 Data Cycle	int4_valid_h<3:0> ¹	addr_h<4:3>
First	0001 0010 0100 1000	00 00 01 01
Second	0001 0010 0100 1000 1100 (STQ) ²	10 10 11 11 11

¹All other **int4_valid_h<3:0>** patterns cause UNPREDICTABLE results.

²Only one STQ case is allowed.

Table A–3 defines the low-order PCI sparse memory address bits. Address bits **addr<7:3>** are used to generate the length of the PCI transaction in bytes, the byte enables, and **ad<2:0>**. Address bits **addr<30:8>** correspond to the quadword PCI address and are sent out on the PCI as **ad<25:3>**.

Table A–3 PCI Memory Sparse Space Read/Write Encodings

Size	Byte Offset	21164	PCI		Data-In Register
			Instruction	ad<2:0> ²	Byte ³ Enable
addr<4:3>	addr<6:5> ¹				
Byte					
00	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1110	<0>
	01			1101	<1>
	10			1011	<2>
	11			0111	<3>
Word					
01	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1100	<1:0>
	01			1001	<2:1>
	10			0011	<3:2>
Tribyte					
10	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1000	<2:0>
	01			0001	<3:1>

Table A–3 (Continued) PCI Memory Sparse Space Read/Write Encodings

Size	Byte Offset	21164	PCI		Data-In Register
			Instruction	ad<2:0> ²	Byte ³ Enable
Longword					
11	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	0000	<3:0>
Quadword					
11	11	LDQ, STQ	000	0000	<7:0>

¹Missing entries (such as word size with **addr<6:5>** = 11₂ cause UNPREDICTABLE results.

²In PCI sparse memory space, **ad<1:0>** is always equal to zero.

³Byte enable set to zero indicates that the byte lane carries meaningful data.

The high-order PCI address bits **ad<31:26>** are obtained from either the hardware address extension register (HAE_MEM) or the 21164 address, depending on sparse space regions, as shown in Table A–4.

Table A–4 HAE_MEM High-Order Sparse Space Bits

Region ¹	PCI Address					
	<31>	<30>	<29>	<28>	<27>	<26>
1	HAE_MEM <31>	HAE_MEM <30>	HAE_MEM <29>	21164<33>	21164<32>	21164<31>
2	HAE_MEM <15>	HAE_MEM <14>	HAE_MEM <13>	HAE_MEM <12>	HAE_MEM <11>	21164<31>
3	HAE_MEM <7>	HAE_MEM <6>	HAE_MEM <5>	HAE_MEM <4>	HAE_MEM <3>	HAE_MEM <2>

¹Region 1 is 80.0000.0000 to 83.FFFF.FFFF.

Region 2 is 84.0000.0000 to 84.FFFF.FFFF.

Region 3 is 85.0000.0000 to 85.7FFF.FFFF.

The HAE_MEM register is located in the CIA chip. Figure A–7, Figure A–8, and Figure A–9 show mapping for the three regions.

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Figure A-7 PCI Memory Sparse Space Address Generation (Region 1)

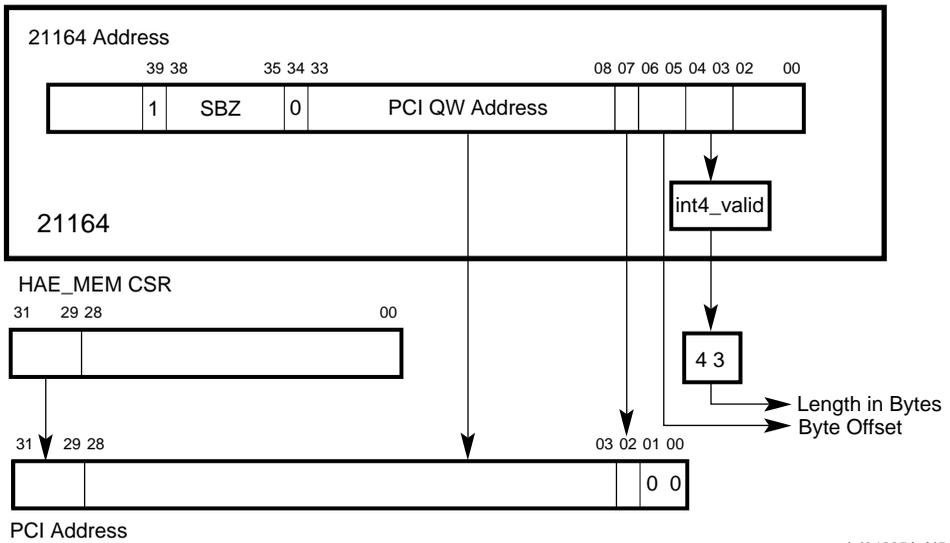


Figure A-8 PCI Memory Sparse Space Address Generation (Region 2)

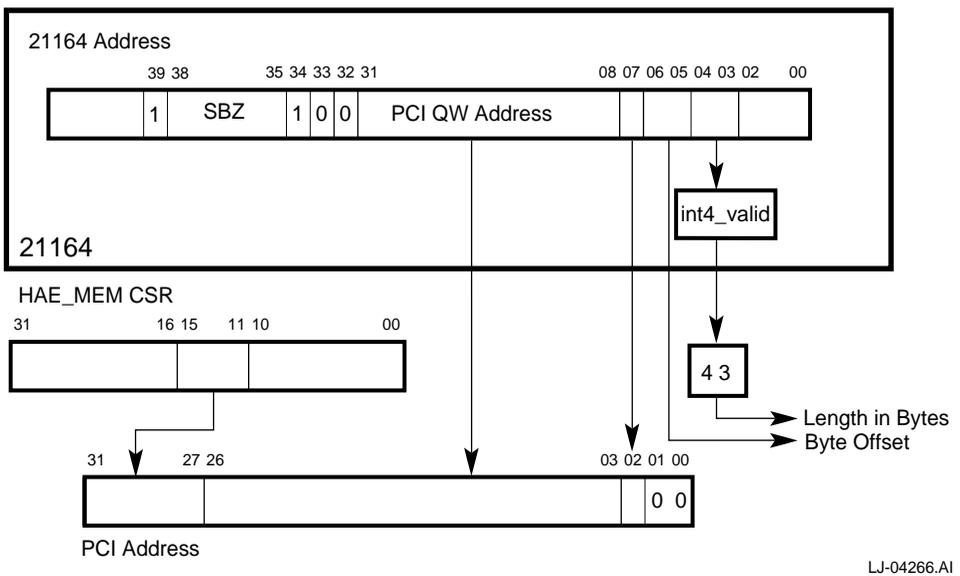
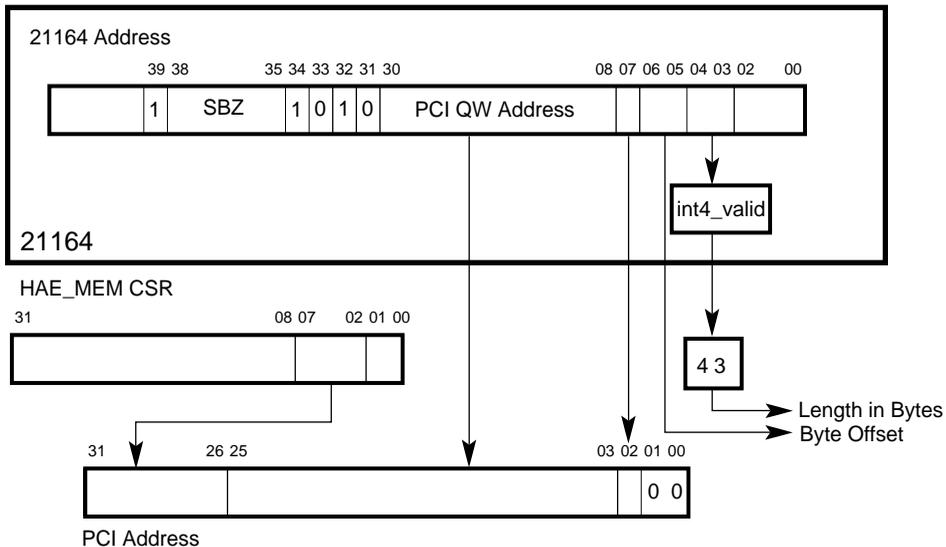


Figure A-9 PCI Memory Sparse Space Address Generation (Region 3)



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The 21164 microprocessor provides six physical address bits <39:34> that can be used to backfill the “lost” sparse space bits. However, other 21164 platforms use these high-order bits in different ways, encoding multiple PCI ports for instance. Therefore, for easier software portability, these bits are not used.

A.3.3 PCI Sparse I/O Space

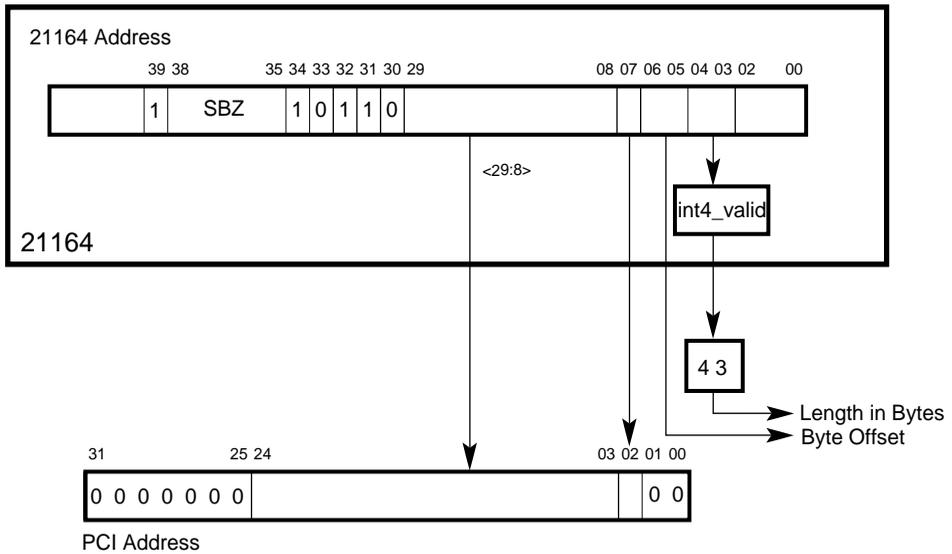
PCI sparse I/O space has characteristics similar to the PCI sparse memory space. PCI sparse I/O space is located in the address range 85.8000.0000 to 85.FFFF.FFFF. This 2GB 21164 address segment maps to two 32MB regions of PCI I/O address space. A read or write transaction to this space causes a PCI I/O read or write transaction.

The high-order PCI address bits for region A are handled as follows:

- This region has **addr<34:30>** equal to 10110₂, and addresses the lower 32MB of PCI sparse I/O space; thus, **ad<31:25>** are set to zero by the hardware (see Figure A-10).
- **ad<24:3>** are derived from **addr<29:8>**.
- This region is used for ISA addressing (the ISA 64KB I/O space cannot be relocated).
- **ad<2:0>** are defined in Table A-5.

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Figure A–10 PCI Sparse I/O Space Address Translation (Region A)

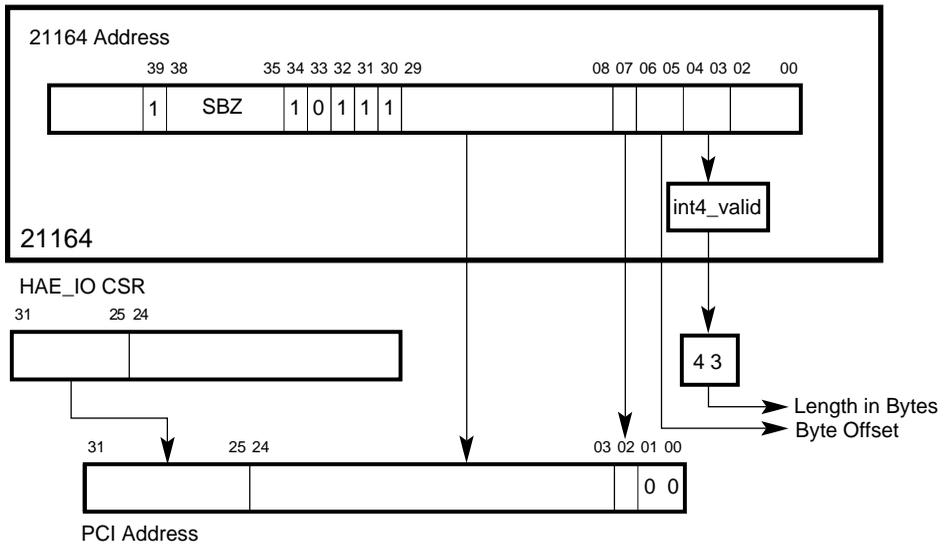


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The high-order PCI address bits for region B are handled as follows:

- This region has **addr<34:30>** equal to 10111_2 , and addresses 32MB of PCI sparse I/O space that can be relocated.
- This 32MB segment is relocated by assigning **ad<31:25>** equal to **HAE_IO<31:25>**, as shown in Figure A–11.

Figure A-11 PCI Sparse I/O Space Address Translation (Region B)



The power-on self-test (POST), running POST11 software, should initialize the contents of HAE_IO and the register should then remain unchanged.

The PCI address is assembled as follows:

- **ad<31:25>** are derived from HAE_IO<31:25>
- **ad<24:3>** are derived from **addr<29:8>**.
- **ad<2:0>** are defined in Table A-5.

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Table A–5 PCI I/O Sparse Space Read/Write Encodings

Size	Byte Offset	21164	PCI		Data-In Register
			ad<2:0> ¹	Byte ² Enable	Byte Lanes [7:0]
Instruction					
Byte					
00	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1110	<0>
	01		addr<7>,01	1101	<1>
	10		addr<7>,10	1011	<2>
	11		addr<7>,11	0111	<3>
Word					
01	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1100	<1:0>
	01		addr<7>,01	1001	<2:1>
	10		addr<7>,10	0011	<3:2>
Tribyte					
10	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	1000	<2:0>
	01		addr<7>,01	0001	<3:1>
Longword					
11	00	LDL, STL	addr<7>,00	0000	<3:0>
Quadword					
11	11	LDQ, STQ	000	0000	<7:0>

¹Missing entries (such as word size with **addr<6:5>** = 11₂ cause UNPREDICTABLE results.

²Byte enable set to zero indicates that the byte lane carries meaningful data.

The ISA devices have reserved the lower 64KB of PCI I/O space (85.8000.0000 to 85.801F.FFFF). Hence, all PCI devices should be relocated above this region.

Note: A quadword access to the PCI sparse I/O space will result in a 2-long-word burst on the PCI. However, PCI devices might not support bursting in I/O space.

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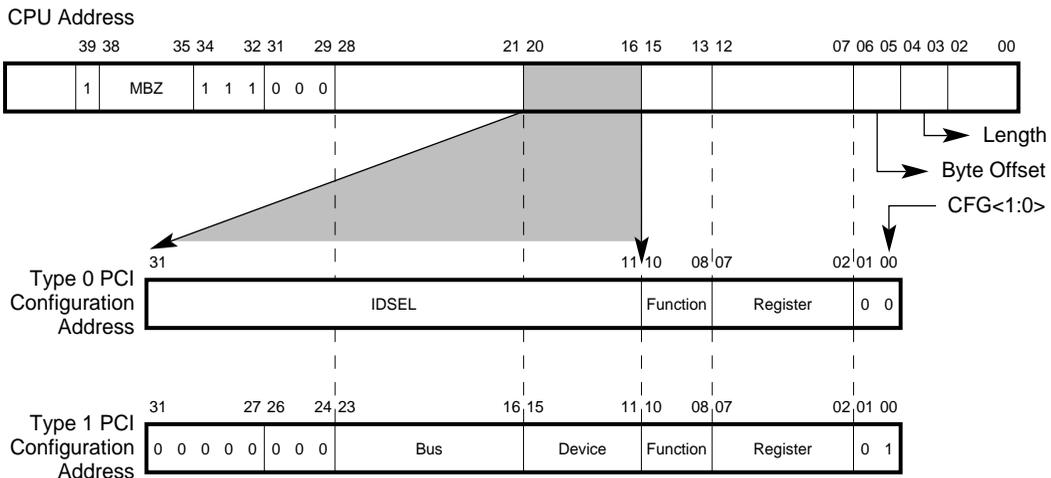
PCI configuration space is located in the address range: 87.0000.0000 to 87.1FFF.FFFF. Software designers are advised to clear CIA_CTRL[FILL_ERR_EN] when probing for PCI devices using configuration space read transactions. This will prevent the CIA from generating an ECC error if no device responds to the configuration cycle and UNPREDICTABLE data is read from the PCI bus.

A 21164 read or write access to this address space causes a configuration read or write cycle on the PCI. The two types of targets selected, depending upon the value of the configuration register (CFG), are listed here and shown in Figure A-12.

- **Type 0**—These are targets on the primary 64-bit 21164 system PCI bus. These are selected by making CFG<1:0> equal to 00₂.
- **Type 1**—These are targets on the secondary 32-bit 21164 system PCI bus (that is, behind a PCI-PCI bridge). These are selected by making CFG<1:0> equal to 01₂.

Note: CFG<1:0> equal to 10₂ and 11₂ are reserved by the PCI specification.

Figure A-12 PCI Configuration Space Definition



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Software must program CFG before running a configuration cycle. Sparse address decoding is used.

Note: The CIA uses CFG<1:0> instead of unused **addr<38:35>** to be compatible with the Digital Semiconductor 21071 core logic chipset. The Digital Semiconductor 21071 core logic chipset is used with Alpha 21064 series microprocessors.

The configuration space address is assembled as follows:

- The high-order PCI address bits **ad<31:24>** are always zero.
- Address bits **addr<28:7>** correspond to PCI **ad<23:2>** and provide the configuration command information (which device to select).
- Address bits **addr<6:3>** are used to generate both the length of the PCI transaction in bytes and the byte enables, as shown in Table A-6.
- Address bits **ad<1:0>** are obtained from CFG<1:0>

Table A–6 PCI Configuration Space Read/Write Encodings

Size	Byte Offset	21164	PCI		Data-In Register
			ad<1:0> ¹	Byte ² Enable	Byte Lanes [7:0]
addr<4:3>	addr<6:5> ¹	Instruction			
Byte					
00	00	LDL, STL	CFG<1:0>	1110	<0>
	01		CFG<1:0>	1101	<1>
	10		CFG<1:0>	1011	<2>
	11		CFG<1:0>	0111	<3>
Word					
01	00	LDL, STL	CFG<1:0>	1100	<1:0>
	01		CFG<1:0>	1001	<2:1>
	10		CFG<1:0>	0011	<3:2>
Tribyte					
10	00	LDL, STL	CFG<1:0>	1000	<2:0>
	01		CFG<1:0>	0001	<3:1>
Longword					
11	00	LDL, STL	CFG<1:0>	0000	<3:0>
Quadword					
11	11	LDQ, STQ	CFG<1:0>	0000	<7:0>

¹Missing entries (such as word size with **addr<6:5>** = 11₂ cause UNPREDICTABLE results.

²Byte enable set to zero indicates that the byte lane carries meaningful data.

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A.3.4.1 Device Select (IDSEL)

Peripherals are selected during a PCI configuration cycle if the following three statements are true:

- Their IDSEL pin is asserted.
- The PCI bus command indicates a configuration read or write transaction.
- Address bits <1:0> are 00.

Address bits <7:2> select a longword register in the peripheral's 256-byte configuration address space. Transactions can use byte masks.

Peripherals that integrate multiple functional units (like SCSI and Ethernet) can provide configuration space for each function. Address bits **ad<10:8>** can be decoded by the peripheral to select one of eight functional units. Address bits **ad<31:11>** are available to generate the IDSEL signals. (Note that IDSELS behind a PCI-PCI bridge are determined from the device field encoding of a Type 1 access.)

The IDSEL pin of each device corresponds to a unique PCI address bit from **ad<31:11>**. The binary value of **addr<20:16>** is used to select an address that is asserted on **ad<31:11>**, as listed in Table A-7.

Table A-7 Generating IDSEL Pin Signals

addr<20:16>	ad<31:11>-IDSEL
00000	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1
00001	0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 0
00010	0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 0
00011	0000 0000 0000 0000 0100 0
.....
10011	0100 0000 0000 0000 0000 0
10100	1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0
10101	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0 ¹
.....
11111	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0 ¹

¹No device selected.

Note: If a quadword access is specified for the configuration cycle, then the least significant bit (LSB) of the register number field, **ad<2>**, must be zero. A quadword read/write transaction must access quadword-aligned registers.

If the PCI cycle is a configuration read or write cycle, but **ad<1:0>** equals 01_2 (like a Type 1 transfer), then a device on an hierarchical bus is being selected using a PCI-PCI bridge. This cycle is accepted by the PCI-PCI bridge for propagation to its secondary PCI bus. During this cycle, **ad<23:16>** selects a unique bus number; **ad<15:8>** selects a device on that bus (typically decoded by the PCI-PCI bridge to generate the secondary PCI address pattern for IDSEL); and **ad<7:2>** selects a longword in the device's configuration space.

Each PCI-PCI bridge can be configured by PCI configuration cycles on its primary PCI interface. Configuration parameters in the PCI-PCI bridge will identify the bus number for its secondary PCI interface, and a range of bus numbers that can exist hierarchically behind it.

If the bus number of the configuration cycle matches the bus number of the PCI-PCI bridge secondary PCI interface, it will accept the configuration cycle, decode it, and generate a PCI configuration cycle with address bits $\langle 1:0 \rangle = 00_2$ on its secondary PCI interface.

If the bus number is within the range of bus numbers that may exist hierarchically behind its secondary PCI interface, the PCI-PCI bridge passes on the unmodified PCI configuration cycle (address bits $\langle 1:0 \rangle = 01_2$). It will be accepted by a bridge further downstream. The IDSEL lines are significant in Type 0 configuration cycles.

A.3.4.2 PCI Special/Interrupt Acknowledge Cycles

PCI special/interrupt acknowledge cycle addresses are located in the range 87.2000.0000 to 87.3FFF.FFFF.

The special-cycle command provides a simple message broadcasting mechanism on the PCI.

The special cycle contains no explicit destination address, but is broadcast to all devices. The CIA will drive all zeros as the special-cycle address. Each receiving device must determine if the message contained in the data field is applicable to it.

A write transaction to address range 87.2000.0000 to 87.3FFF.FFFF causes a special cycle write transaction on the PCI. The 21164 write data will be passed unmodified to the PCI. Software must write the data in longword 0 of the hexword within the following fields:

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- Bytes 0 and 1 contain the encoded message.
- Bytes 2 and 3 contain a message-dependent (optional) data field.

A read to address range 87.2000.0000 to 87.3FFF.FFFF will result in an interrupt acknowledge cycle on the PCI returning the vector data, which is provided by the PCI-to-ISA bridge, to the 21164 microprocessor.

A.3.4.3 Hardware-Specific and Miscellaneous Register Space

Hardware-specific and miscellaneous register space is located in the range 87.4000.0000 to 87.FFFF.FFFF. Table A–8 lists the regions, with hardware registers, within this space.

Table A–8 Hardware-Specific Register Address Space

addr<39:28>	Selected Region	addr<27:6>	addr<5:0>
1000.0111.0100 ¹	CIA control, diagnostic, error registers	LW address	000000
1000.0111.0101 ¹	CIA memory control registers	LW address	000000
1000.0111.0110 ¹	CIA PCI address translation (S/G, windows, and so on)	LW address	000000
1000.0111.0111 to 1000.0111.1111	Reserved	—	—

¹This address space is a hardware-specific variant of sparse space encoding. For the CSRs, **addr<27:6>** specify a longword address where **addr<5:0>** must be zero. All CIA registers are accessed with longword granularity. For more specific details on the CIA CSRs, refer to the *Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset Technical Reference Manual*.

A.3.5 Byte/Word PCI Space

The 21164 microprocessor supports byte/word instructions that allow software to access I/O space with byte granularity without using sparse space. Byte/word space is divided into four regions as shown in Figure A–13.

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The size field (address bits <38:37>) is added by the 21164 hardware as shown in the following list. The software value is zero.

Size	Data Size
00	INT8
01	INT4
10	INT2
11	INT1

The following operations have single data transfers on the PCI:

- INT1 read/write operations
- INT2 read/write operations
- INT4 read operations

The following operations may have multiple data transfers on the PCI:

- INT4 write operations
- INT8 read/write operations

Byte/word support is enabled when 21164 CSR ICSR<17>=1 and when CIA CSR CIA_CNFG<IOA_BWEN>=1. Table A-9 shows noncached 21164 addresses when byte/word support is enabled.

Table A-9 21164 Byte/Word Addressing

Instruction	addr<38:37>	int4_valid<3:0>
LDQ	00	INT8 mask
LDL	01	addr<3:2>,<1:0>undefined
LDWU	10	addr<3:1>,<0>undefined
LDBU	11	addr<3:0>
STQ	00	INT4 mask
STL	01	INT4 mask
STW	10	addr<3:1>,<0>undefined
STB	11	addr<3:0>

A.4 PCI-to-Physical Memory Addressing

This section describes direct and scatter-gather mapping through the use of windows.

A.4.1 Address Mapping Windows

PCI addresses coming into the CIA (32-bit or 64-bit) are mapped to the 21164 cached memory space (8GB). The CIA provides five programmable address windows that control access of PCI peripherals to system memory. Each window location is defined by its base register (Wn_BASE), and its size is defined by its mask register (Wn_MASK). The five PCI address windows are also referred to as the PCI *target windows*.

Mapping from the PCI address to a physical memory address can be direct (physical mapping with an address offset) or scatter-gather (virtual mapping).

Windows [3:0]

Windows [3:0] have three registers associated with them. They are as follows:

- PCI base register (Wn_BASE)
- PCI mask register (Wn_MASK)
- Translation base register (Tn_BASE)

In addition, there is an another register that is associated with window 3 only. It is the PCI window DAC base register (W_DAC). It is used for PCI 64-bit addresses (DAC).

Wn_MASK provides a mask corresponding to bits <31:20> of an incoming PCI address. The size of each window can be programmed to be from 1MB to 4GB in powers of two, by masking bits of the incoming PCI address using Wn_MASK as shown in Table A-10.

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Table A–10 PCI Target Window MASK Register (Wn_MASK)

$W_MASK<31:20>$	Size of Window	Value of n^1
0000 0000 0000	1MB	20
0000 0000 0001	2MB	21
0000 0000 0011	4MB	22
0000 0000 0111	8MB	23
0000 0000 1111	16MB	24
0000 0001 1111	32MB	25
0000 0011 1111	64MB	26
0000 0111 1111	128MB	27
0000 1111 1111	256MB	28
0001 1111 1111	512MB	29
0011 1111 1111	1GB	30
0111 1111 1111	2GB	31
1111 1111 1111	4GB	32
All others	UNPREDICTABLE	–

¹Only incoming $ad<31:n>$ are compared with PCI base register $<31:n>$ as shown in Figure A–15. If $n=32$, no comparison is performed. Windows are not allowed to overlap.

Based on the value of the window mask register, the unmasked bits of the incoming PCI address are compared with the corresponding bits of each window's Wn_BASE . If the address in one of the Wn_BASE registers and the incoming PCI address match, then the PCI address has hit that PCI target window. Otherwise, it has missed the window.

A window enable bit, $Wn_BASE [W_EN]$, allows windows to be independently enabled ($[W_EN]=1$) or disabled ($[W_EN]=0$). If a hit occurs in any of the windows that are enabled, the CIA will respond to the PCI cycle by asserting $devsel_i$. The PCI target windows must be programmed so that their address ranges do not overlap. If they overlap, the compare results are UNDEFINED.

The window base address must be on a NATURALLY ALIGNED address boundary corresponding to the size of the window. For example, a 4MB window cannot start at address 1MB; it must start at address 4MB, or 8MB, or 12MB, and so on.

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A.4.1.1 PCI Device Address Space

A PCI device specifies the amount of memory space it requires by using base registers in its configuration space. The registers are implemented such that the address space consumed by the device is a power of two in size, and is NATURALLY ALIGNED on the size of the space consumed.

A PCI device need not use all of the address range that it consumes, that is, the size of the PCI address window defined by the base address. Also, a PCI device need not respond to unused portions of the address space.

Note: The one exception to this is a PCI bridge that requires two additional registers (the base and limit address registers). These registers specify the address space that the PCI bridge will respond to in transactions.

A PCI bridge responds to all addresses in the range: $\text{base} \leq \text{address} < \text{limit}$.

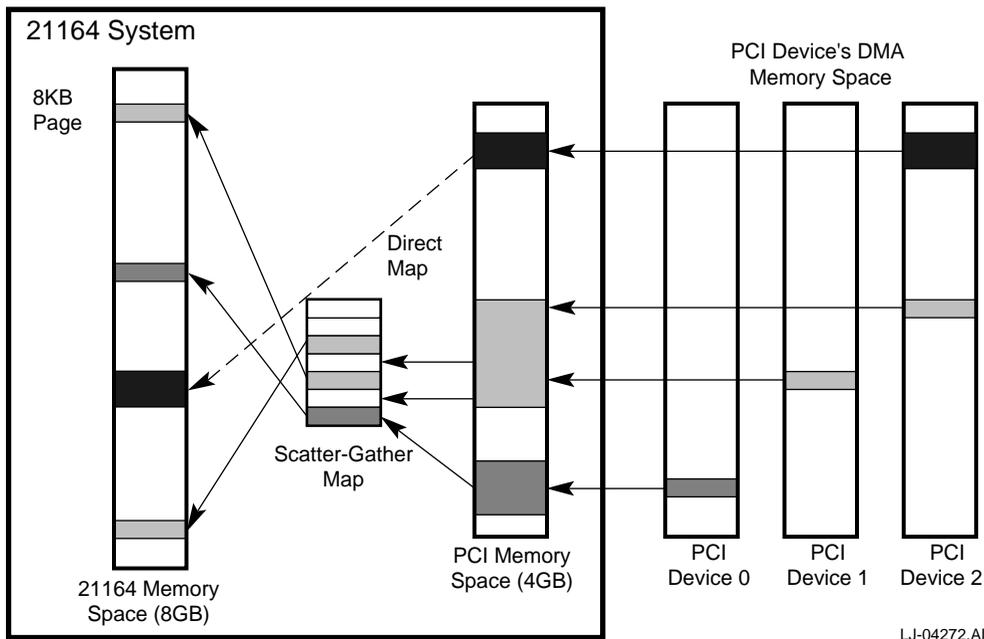
These base and limit address registers are initialized by POST code at power-up. The CIA, as a PCI host-bridge device, does not have base and limit registers. Host bridges, because they are under system control, do not have to operate within the rules for other PCI devices. The CIA does respond to all the addresses within the four windows.

A.4.1.2 Address Mapping Example

Figure A–14 shows how the DMA address ranges of a number of PCI devices are within the PCI window ranges. PCI devices are allowed to have multiple DMA address ranges, like device 2.

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Figure A–14 PCI DMA Addressing Example



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Figure A–14 also shows that the CIA window can be larger than the corresponding device's DMA address range, as with device 0. Devices 1 and 2 have address ranges that are accepted by one CIA window. Wn_BASE [Wn_BASE_SG] for each window determines whether direct mapping or scatter-gather mapping is used to access physical memory.

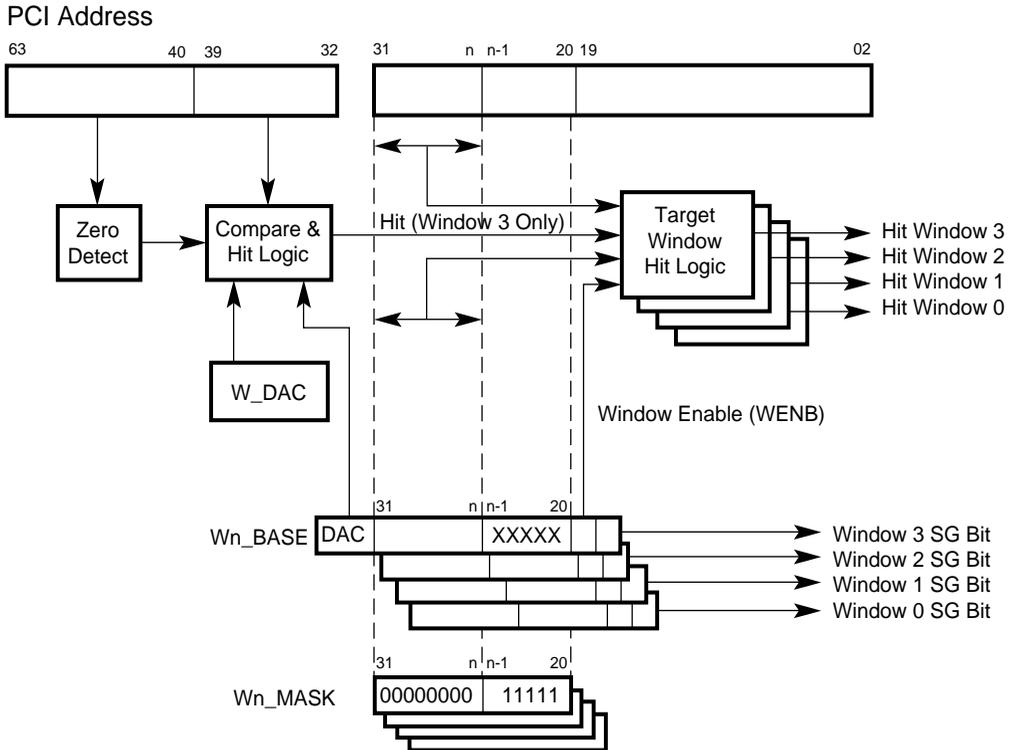
PCI single- and dual-address cycles have the following characteristics:

- Dual-address cycle (DAC)—Issued only if $\langle 63:32 \rangle$ are nonzero in 64-bit PCI address mode, and only if enabled by $W3_BASE[DAC_ENABLE]$.
- Single-address cycle (SAC)—All 32-bit addresses. A PCI device must use SAC if bits $\langle 63:32 \rangle$ of a 64-bit address equal zero.

Figure A–15 shows the PCI window comparison logic.

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Figure A-15 PCI Target Window Compare



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The comparison logic associated with **ad<63:32>** is used only for DAC with window 3. The other windows recognize only 32-bit PCI addresses (SAC).

For a hit to occur on a DAC address, address bits **<63:40>** must be zero and **ad<39:32>** must match the **W_DAC[*DAC_BASE*<7:0>]**. The low-order address bits **ad<31:20>** must also hit. This scheme allows a NATURALLY ALIGNED 1MB-to-4GB PCI window to be placed anywhere in the first 1TB of a 64-bit PCI address space.

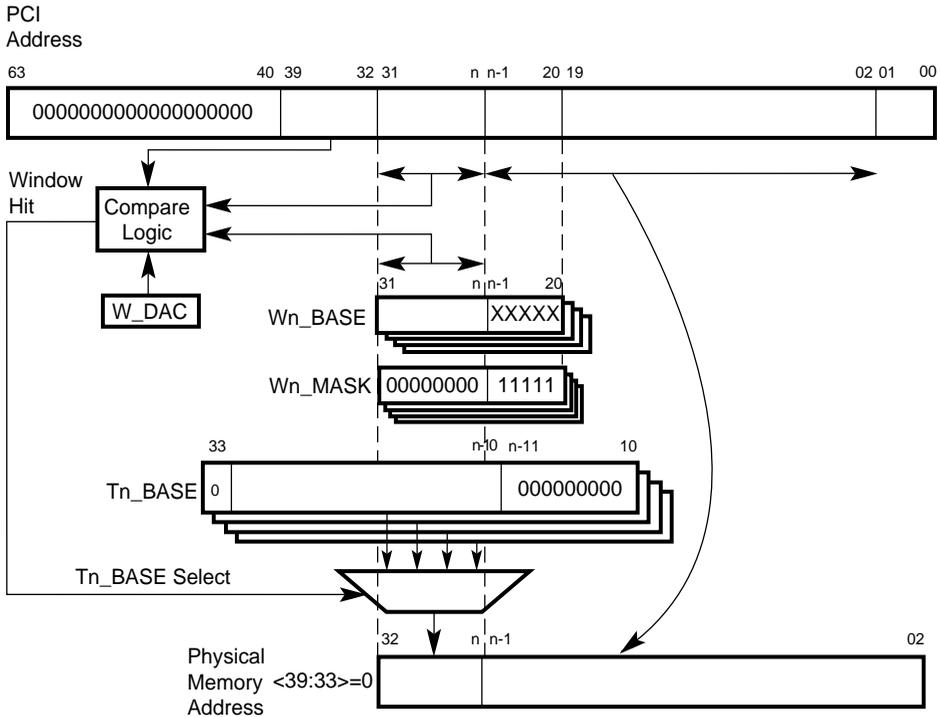
When an address match occurs with a PCI target window, the CIA translates the 32-bit PCI address **ad<31:0>** to a memory address **<33:0>**. The translated address is generated in one of two ways as determined by **Wn_BASE[*Wn_BASE_SG*]**.

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A.4.2 Direct-Mapped Addressing

If Wn_BASE [Wn_BASE_SG] is clear, the DMA address is direct mapped. The translated address is generated by concatenating bits from the matching window's Tn_BASE with bits from the incoming PCI address ($ad<31:0>$). This process is shown in Figure A-16 with n being the LSB from the Tn_BASE column of Table A-11.

Figure A-16 Direct-Mapped Translation



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The bits involved in the concatenation are defined by the window's Wn_MASK , as shown in Table A-11. Because memory is located in the lower 8GB of the 21164 address space, the CIA implicitly ensures that $addr<39:33>$ are always zero. Because Tn_BASE is simply concatenated to the PCI address, direct mapping is to a NATURALLY ALIGNED memory region. For example, a 4MB direct-mapped window will map to any 4MB region in main memory that falls on a 4MB boundary.

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Table A–11 Direct-Mapped PCI Target Address Translation

W_MASK<31:20>	Window Size	Translated Address Source	
		Tn_BASE ¹	PCI Address
0000 0000 0000	1MB	addr<32:20>	addr<19:2>
0000 0000 0001	2MB	addr<32:21>	addr<20:2>
0000 0000 0011	4MB	addr<32:22>	addr<21:2>
0000 0000 0111	8MB	addr<32:23>	addr<22:2>
0000 0000 1111	16MB	addr<32:24>	addr<23:2>
0000 0001 1111	32MB	addr<32:25>	addr<24:2>
0000 0011 1111	64MB	addr<32:26>	addr<25:2>
0000 0111 1111	128MB	addr<32:27>	addr<26:2>
0000 1111 1111	256MB	addr<32:28>	addr<27:2>
0001 1111 1111	512MB	addr<32:29>	addr<28:2>
0011 1111 1111	1GB	addr<32:30>	addr<29:2>
0111 1111 1111	2GB	addr<32:31>	addr<30:2>
1111 1111 1111	4GB	addr<32>	addr<31:2>

¹Unused bits of Tn_BASE must be cleared because the hardware performs an OR operation for the concatenation.

A.4.3 Scatter-Gather Addressing

When Wn_BASE[Wn_BASE_SG] is set, the translated address is generated by using a table lookup. The table is referred to as a scatter-gather map.

The incoming PCI address is compared to the PCI window addresses for a hit. The Tn_BASE of the window that was hit is used to specify the starting address of the scatter-gather map table in memory.

Part of the incoming PCI address is used as an offset from this starting address to access the scatter-gather PTE. This PTE, together with the remaining least-significant PCI address bits, forms the 21164 memory address.

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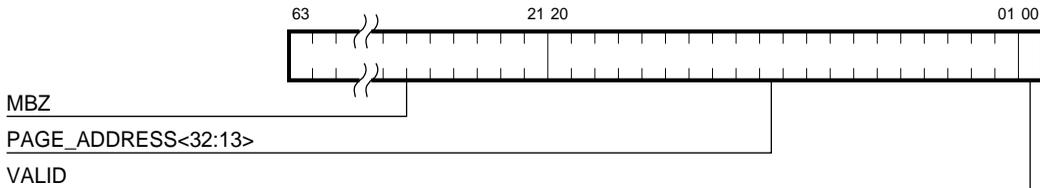
Each scatter-gather map entry maps an 8KB page of PCI address space into an 8KB page of 21164 address space. This offers a number of advantages to software such as:

- Performance—ISA devices map to the lower 16MB of memory. The Windows NT operating system currently copies data from this part of memory to user space. The scatter-gather map avoids this copy operation.
- Address management—User I/O buffers might not be physically contiguous or contained within a page. Without scatter-gather maps, software has to manage the scattered nature of the user buffer.

In PCA, the term scatter-gather is not an address translation scheme, but instead, is used to signify a DMA transfer list. An element of this transfer list contains the DMA address and the number of data items to transfer. The DMA device fetches each item of the list until the list is empty. Many of the PCI devices, such as the PCI-to-ISA bridge, support this form of scatter-gather process.

Each scatter-gather PTE is a quadword and has a valid bit in PTE<0> as shown in Figure A–17. Page address bit <13> is at PTE<1>.

Figure A–17 Scatter-Gather PTE Format



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Because the CIA implements only valid memory addresses up to 8GB, scatter-gather PTE bits <63:21> must be set to zero. PTE bits <20:1> are used to generate the physical page address. This address is appended to **ad<12:5>** of the incoming PCI address to generate the memory address.

The size of the scatter-gather map table is determined by the size of the PCI target window defined by *Wn_MASK*, as shown in Table A–12. The number of entries is the window size divided by the page size (8KB). The size of the table is simply the number of entries multiplied by 8 bytes.

The scatter-gather map table address is obtained from *Tn_BASE* and the PCI address, as shown in Table A–12.

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Table A–12 Scatter-Gather Mapped PCI Target Address Translation

W_MASK<31:20>	Window Size	S-G Map Table Size	Scatter-Gather Map Address<33:3>	
			Tn_Base ¹	PCI Address
0000 0000 0000	1MB	1KB	<32:10>	<19:13>
0000 0000 0001	2MB	2KB	<32:11>	<20:13>
0000 0000 0011	4MB	4KB	<32:12>	<21:13>
0000 0000 0111	8MB	8KB	<32:13>	<22:13>
0000 0000 1111	16MB	16KB	<32:14>	<23:13>
0000 0001 1111	32MB	32KB	<32:15>	<24:13>
0000 0011 1111	64MB	64KB	<32:16>	<25:13>
0000 0111 1111	128MB	128KB	<32:17>	<26:13>
0000 1111 1111	256MB	256KB	<32:18>	<27:13>
0001 1111 1111	512MB	512KB	<32:19>	<28:13>
0011 1111 1111	1GB	1MB	<32:20>	<29:13>
0111 1111 1111	2GB	2MB	<32:21>	<30:13>
1111 1111 1111	4GB	4MB	<32:22>	<31:13>

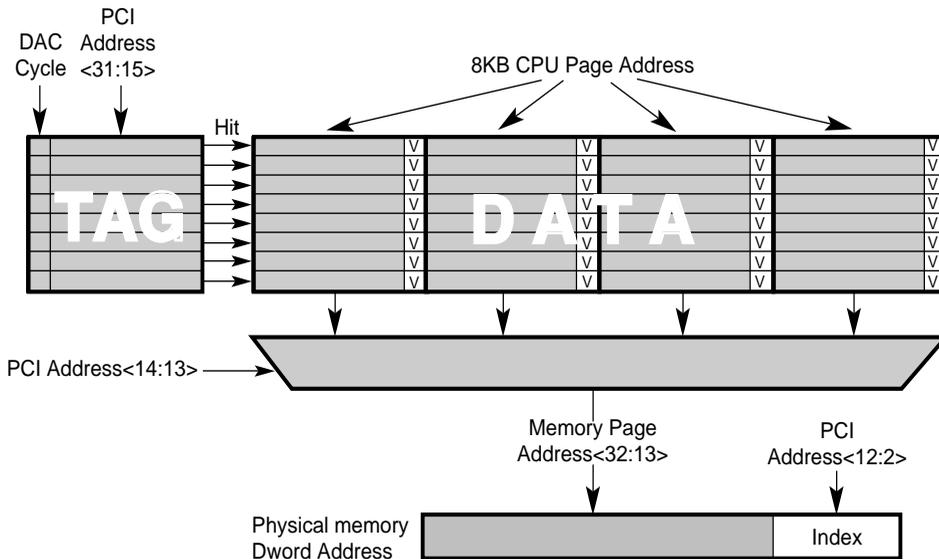
¹Unused bits of Tn_BASE must be zero for correct operation.

A.4.3.1 Scatter-Gather Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)

An 8-entry TLB is provided in the CIA for scatter-gather PTEs. The TLB is a fully-associative cache and holds the eight most recent scatter-gather map lookups. Four of these entries can be “locked,” preventing their displacement by the hardware TLB-miss handler. Each of the eight TLB entries holds a PCI address for the tag, and four consecutive 8KB page addresses as the TLB data, as shown in Figure A–18.

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Figure A-18 Scatter-Gather Associative TLB



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Each time an incoming PCI address hits in a PCI target window that has scatter-gather enabled, **ad<31:15>** are compared with the 32KB PCI page address in the TLB tag. If a match is found, the required 21164 page address is one of the four items provided by the data in the matching TLB entry. Address bits **ad<14:13>** select the correct 8KB page address from the four addresses fetched.

With a TLB hit, the scatter-gather map table lookup in memory is avoided, resulting in enhanced performance. If no match is found in the TLB, the scatter-gather map lookup is performed and four PTE entries are fetched and written over an existing entry in the TLB. The TLB entry to be replaced is determined by a round-robin algorithm on the “unlocked” entries. Coherency of the TLB is maintained by software write transactions (invalidates) to the translation buffer invalidate all (TBIA) register.

The TAG portion of the TLB entry contains a DAC flag to indicate that PCI tag address bits <31:15> correspond to a 64-bit DAC address. Only one bit is required instead of the high-order PCI address bits **ad<39:32>**, because only window 3 is assigned to a DAC cycle, and the window-hit logic has already performed a comparison of the high-order address bits against W_DAC.

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Figure A–19 shows the entire translation process, from PCI address to physical address, on a window that implements scatter-gather. The MSB from the PCI address column of Table A–12 equals $n-1$. Both paths are indicated; the path for a TLB *hit* is to the right, and the path for a TLB *miss* is to the left. The scatter-gather TLB is shown in a slightly simplified but functionally equivalent form.

Scatter-Gather TLB Hit Process

The process for a scatter-gather TLB hit is as follows:

- The window-compare logic determines if the PCI address has hit in one of the four windows, and $Wn_BASE[Wn_BASE_SG]$ determines if the scatter-gather path should be taken. If window 3 has DAC mode enabled, and the PCI cycle is a DAC cycle, then a further comparison is made between the high-order PCI bits and W_DAC .
- Address bits **ad<31:13>** are sent to the TLB associative tag together with the DAC hit indication. If the address and DAC bits match in the TLB, the corresponding 8KB page 21164 memory address is read out of the TLB. If the data entry is valid, then a TLB hit occurs and this page address is concatenated with **ad<12:2>** to form the physical memory address. If the data entry is invalid, or if the TAG compare fails, then a TLB miss occurs.

Scatter-Gather TLB Miss Process

The process for a scatter-gather TLB miss is as follows:

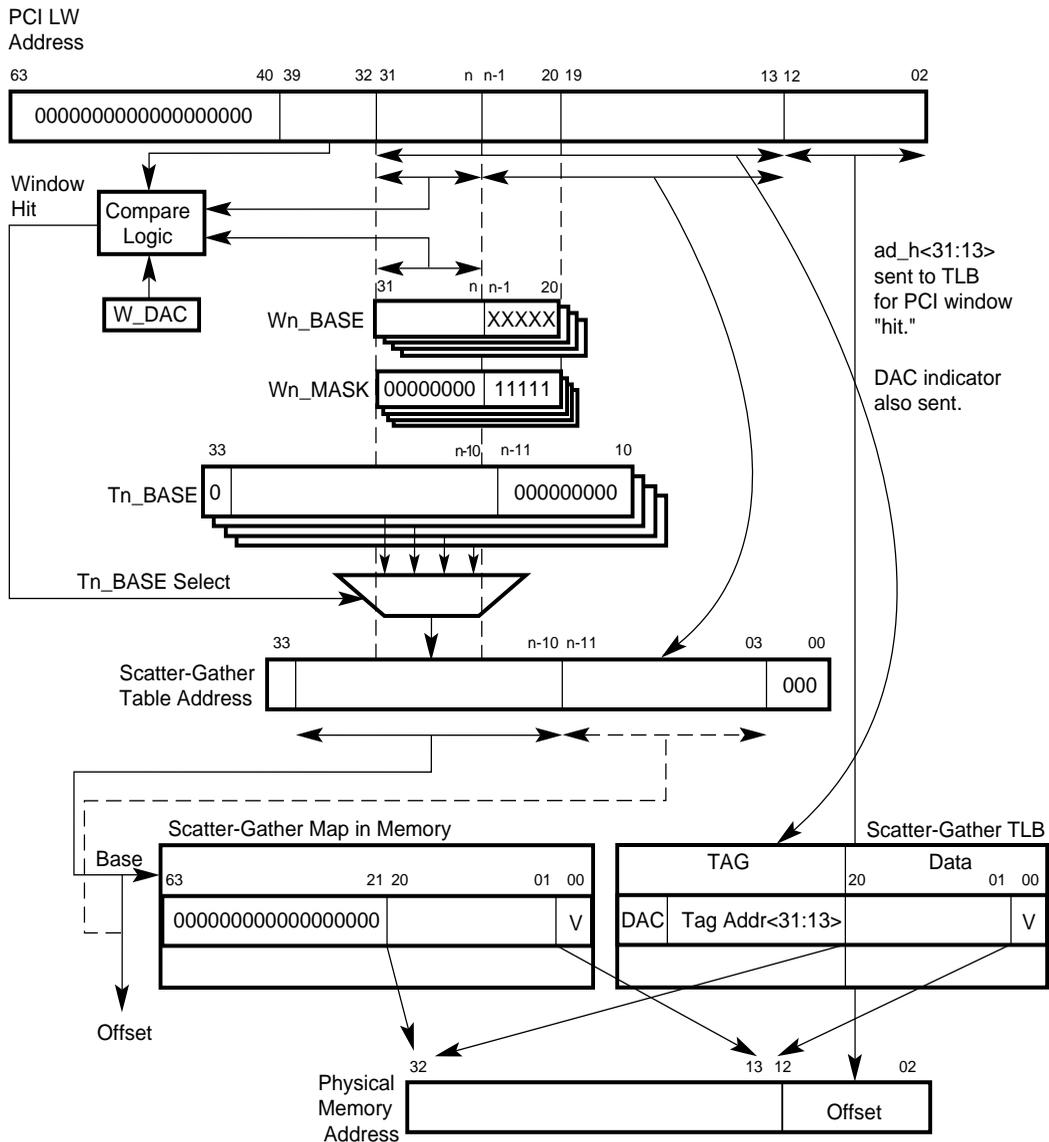
- The relevant bits of the PCI address (as determined by Wn_MASK) are concatenated with the relevant Tn_BASE bits to form the address used to access the scatter-gather PTE from a table located in main memory.
- Scatter-gather PTE<20:1> are used to generate the page address that is appended to the page offset to generate the physical memory address.

At this point, the TLB is also updated (round-robin algorithm) with the four PTE entries that correspond to the 32KB PCI page 21164 memory address that first missed the TLB. The tag portion of the TLB is loaded with this PCI page address, and the DAC bit is set if this PCI cycle is a DAC cycle.

- If the requested PTE is marked invalid (bit 0 clear), then a TLB invalid entry exception is taken.

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Figure A-19 Scatter-Gather Map Translation



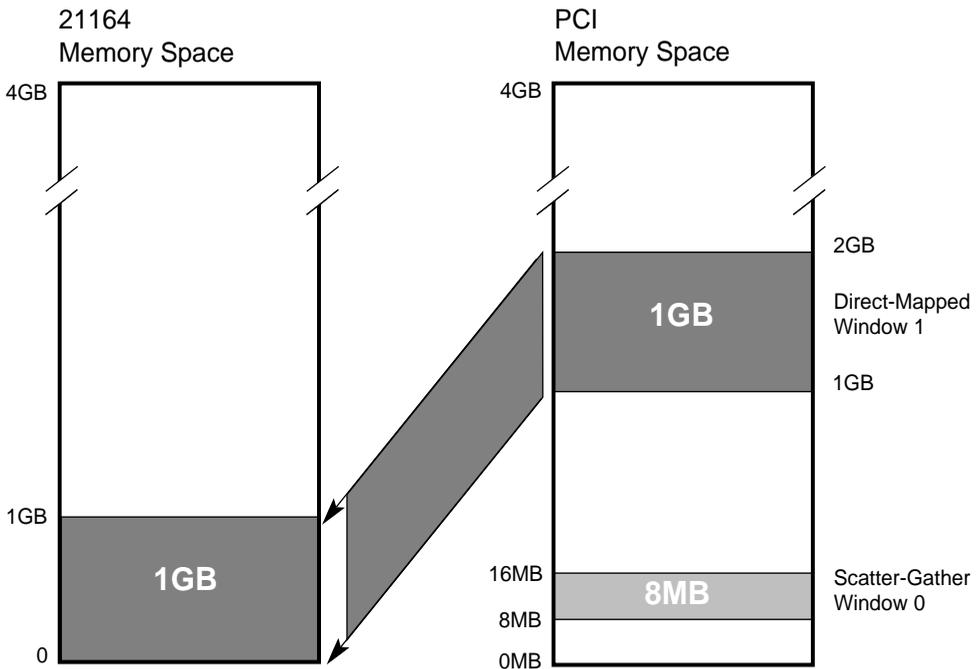
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A.4.4 Suggested Use of a PCI Window

Figure A–20 shows a power-up PCI window assignment (as configured by firmware) and Table A–13 lists the details. PCI window 0 was chosen for the 8MB-to-16MB ISA region because this window incorporates the `mem_cs_1` logic. PCI window 3 was not used as it incorporates the DAC cycle logic. PCI window 1 was chosen arbitrarily for the 1GB direct-mapped region, and PCI window 2 is not assigned.

Figure A–20 Default PCI Window Allocation



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Table A–13 PCI Window Power-Up Configuration

PCI Window	Assignment	Size	Comments
0	Scatter-Gather	8MB	Not used by firmware. mem_cs_1 disabled.
1	Direct Mapped	1GB	Mapped to 0GB to 1GB of main memory.
2	Disabled	—	—
3	Disabled	—	—

A.4.4.1 PCA Compatibility Addressing and Holes

The peripheral component architecture (PCA) allows certain ISA devices to respond to hardwired memory addresses. An example is a VGA graphics device that has its frame buffer located in memory address region A0000-BFFFF. Such devices “pepper” memory space with holes that are collectively known as *peripheral component architecture compatibility holes*.

The PCI-to-ISA bridge decodes PCI addresses and generates a signal, **mem_cs_1**, that takes into account the various compatibility holes.

A.4.4.2 Memory Chip Select Signal **mem_cs_1**

The PCI-to-ISA bridge provides address decode logic with attributes (such as read only, write only, VGA frame buffer, memory holes, and BIOS shadowing) to help manage the ISA memory map and peripheral component architecture compatibility holes.

This is known as main memory decoding in the PCEB chip, and results in the generation of the memory chip select (**mem_cs_1**) signal. One exception is the VGA memory hole region that never asserts **mem_cs_1**. If enabled, the CIA uses **mem_cs_1** with W0_BASE.

In Figure A–21, the two main holes are lightly shaded, while the **mem_cs_1** range is darkly shaded.

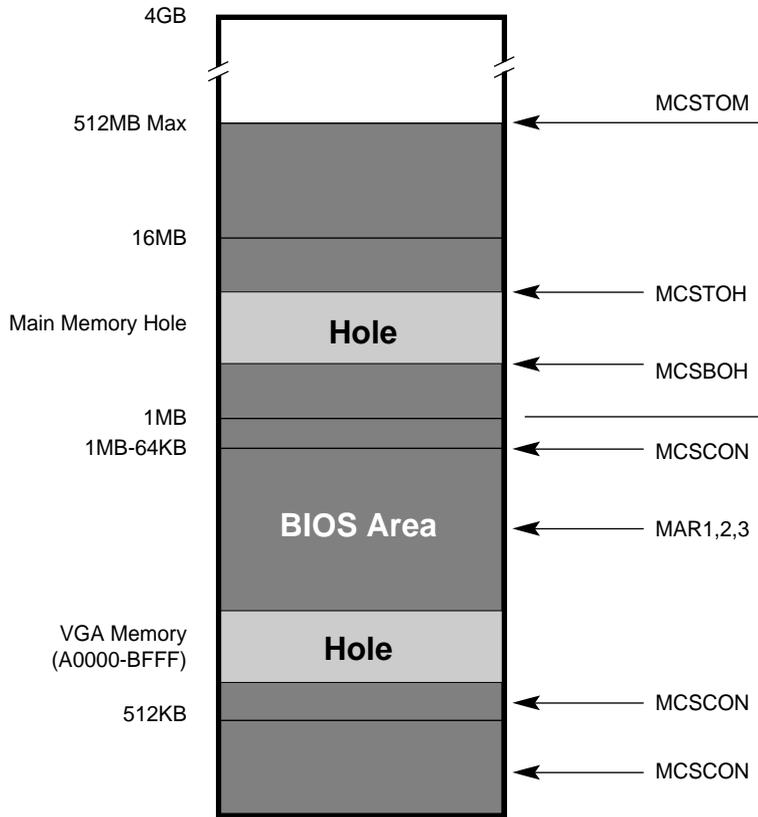
The **mem_cs_1** range of Figure A–21 is subdivided into several portions (such as the BIOS area) that are individually enabled/disabled using CSRs as listed here:

- The MCSTOM (top-of-memory) register has 2MB granularity and can be programmed to select the regions from 1MB up to 512MB.
- The MCSTOH (top-of-hole) and MCSBOH (bottom-of-hole) registers define a memory hole region where **mem_cs_1** is not selected. The granularity of the hole is 64KB.

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- The MAR1, 2, and 3 registers enable various BIOS regions.
- The MCSCON (control) register enables the **mem_cs_1** decode logic, and in addition, selects a number of regions (0KB to 512KB).

Figure A-21 Memory Chip Select Signal (mem_cs_1**) Decode Area**

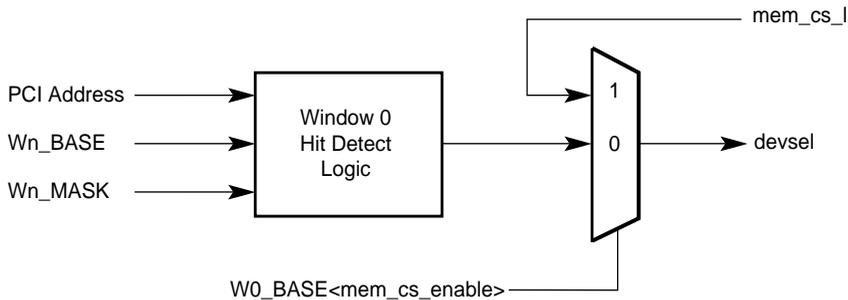


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As shown in Figure A-22, PCI window 0 in the CIA can be enabled to accept the **mem_cs_1** signal as the PCI memory decode signal. With this path enabled, the PCI window-hit logic simply uses the **mem_cs_1** signal. For example, if **mem_cs_1** is asserted, then a PCI window 0 hit occurs and the **dev_sel_1** signal is asserted on the PCI.

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Figure A-22 Memory Chip Select Signal (**mem_cs_1**) Logic



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Consequently, the window address area must be large enough to encompass the **mem_cs_1** region programmed into the PCI-to-ISA bridge. The remaining window attributes listed as follows are still applicable and/or required.

- **W0_BASE** [**Wn_BASE_SG**] determines if scatter-gather or direct mapping is applicable.
- **W0_MASK** size information must match the **mem_cs_1** size for the scatter-gather and direct-mapping algorithms to correctly use the translated base register.
- The **mem_cs_1** enable bit, **W0_BASE** [**MEMCS_ENABLE**], takes precedence over **W0_BASE** [**W_EN**].

I/O Space Address Maps

This appendix provides lists of the physical AlphaPC 164 I/O space assignments, including CIA operating register address space maps and PCI/ISA device register maps. Refer to Appendix A for detailed information on sparse/dense space and address translation. The lists include only that portion that is unique to AlphaPC 164 and that affects or reflects the system environment. For full descriptions of all AlphaPC 164 registers refer to the *Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha Microprocessor Hardware Reference Manual*, the *Digital Semiconductor 21172 Core Logic Chipset Technical Reference Manual*, and applicable manufacturer's chip data sheets.

B.1 PCI Sparse Memory Space

There are three regions in the PCI sparse memory contiguous CPU address space:

- Region 0 occupies physical addresses 80.0000.0000 through 83.FFFF.FFFF.
- Region 1 occupies physical addresses 84.0000.0000 through 84.FFFF.FFFF.
- Region 2 occupies physical addresses 85.0000.0000 through 85.7FFF.FFFF.

Refer to Section A.3.2 for additional information on PCI sparse memory space.

B.2 PCI Sparse I/O Space

There are two regions in the PCI sparse I/O contiguous CPU address space:

- Region A occupies physical addresses 85.8000.0000 through 85.BFFF.FFFF.
- Region B occupies physical addresses 85.C000.0000 through 85.FFFF.FFFF.

Refer to Section A.3.3 for additional information on PCI sparse I/O space.

B.2.1 PCI Sparse I/O Space-Region A

PCI sparse I/O space, Region A, occupies physical addresses 85.8000.0000 through 85.BFFF.FFFF. The ISA devices are included in this space. Section B.2.1.1 through Section B.2.1.4 list the ISA device address maps.

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B.2.1.1 FDC37C935 Combination Controller Register Address Space

Table B-1 lists the base address values for the SMC FDC37C935 combination diskette, serial port, parallel port, keyboard, mouse, and TOY clock controller.

The general registers are located at addresses 398 (index address) and 399 (data address). For example, writing an index value of 1 to address 398 selects the function address register. If a read operation from address 399 follows, the data associated with the function address register is returned. If a write operation to address 399 follows, the function address register will be updated.

Table B-1 Combination Controller Register Address Space Map

Address Offset	Physical Address	Register
General Registers		
398	85.8000.7300	Index address
399	85.8000.7320	Data address
	Index	Register
	0	Function enable
	1	Function address
	2	Power and test
COM2 Serial Port Registers		
2F8-R 0DLAB=0	85.8000.5F00	COM2 receiver buffer
2F8-W 0DLAB=0	85.8000.5F00	COM2 transmitter holding
2F8 0DLAB=1	85.8000.5F00	COM2 divisor latch (LSB)
2F9 1DLAB=0	85.8000.5F20	COM2 interrupt enable
2F9 1DLAB=1	85.8000.5F20	COM2 divisor latch (MSB)
2FA-R	85.8000.5F40	COM2 interrupt identification
2FA-W	85.8000.5F40	COM2 FIFO control
2FB	85.8000.5F60	COM2 line control
2FC	85.8000.5F80	COM2 modem control
2FD	85.8000.5FA0	COM2 line status

Table B–1 (Continued) Combination Controller Register Address Space Map

Address Offset Read/Write	Physical Address	Register
2FE	85.8000.5FC0	COM2 modem status
2FF	85.8000.5FE0	COM2 scratch pad
Parallel Port Registers		
3BC-R/W	85.8000.7780	Data
3BD-R	85.8000.77A0	Status
3BE-R/W	85.8000.77C0	Control
3BF-R/W	85.8000.77E0	EPP address
3C0-R/W	85.8000.7800	EPP data 0
3C1-R/W	85.8000.7820	EPP data 1
3C2-R/W	85.8000.7840	EPP data 2
3C3-R/W	85.8000.7860	EPP data 3
Diskette Registers		
3F0-R	85.8000.7E00	Status A
3F1-R	85.8000.7E20	Status B
3F2-R/W	85.8000.7E40	Digital output
3F3-R/W	85.8000.7E60	Tape drive
3F4-R	85.8000.7E80	Main status
3F4-W	85.8000.7E80	Data rate select
3F5-R/W	85.8000.7EA0	Data (FIFO)
3F6	85.8000.7EC0	None (tristate bus)
3F7-R	85.8000.7EE0	Digital input
3F7-W	85.8000.7EE0	Configuration control
COM1 Serial Port Registers		
3F8-R ODLAB=0	85.8000.7F00	COM1 receiver buffer
3F8-W ODLAB=0	85.8000.7F00	COM1 transmitter holding

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Table B-1 (Continued) Combination Controller Register Address Space Map

Address Offset Read/Write	Physical Address	Register
3F8 0DLAB=1	85.8000.7F00	COM1 divisor latch (LSB)
3F9 1DLAB=0	85.8000.7F20	COM1 interrupt enable
3F9 1DLAB=1	85.8000.7F20	COM1 divisor latch (MSB)
3FA-R	85.8000.7F40	COM1 interrupt identification
3FA-W	85.8000.7F40	COM1 FIFO control
3FB	85.8000.7F60	COM1 line control
3FC	85.8000.7F80	COM1 modem control
3FD	85.8000.7FA0	COM1 line status
3FE	85.8000.7FC0	COM1 modem status
3FF	85.8000.7FE0	COM1 scratch pad
Keyboard and Mouse Registers		
60-R	85.8000.0C00	Auxiliary/keyboard data
60-W	85.8000.0C00	Command data
64-R	85.8000.0C80	Read status
64-W	85.8000.0C80	Command
Time-of-Year Clock Registers		
0	85.8000.0E00	Seconds
1	85.8000.0E00	Seconds alarm
2	85.8000.0E00	Minutes
3	85.8000.0E00	Minutes alarm
4	85.8000.0E00	Hour
5	85.8000.0E00	Hour alarm
6	85.8000.0E00	Day of week
7	85.8000.0E00	Day of month
8	85.8000.0E00	Month
9	85.8000.0E00	Year

Table B–1 (Continued) Combination Controller Register Address Space Map

Address Offset Read/Write	Physical Address	Register
A	85.8000.0E00	Register A
B	85.8000.0E00	Register B
C	85.8000.0E00	Register C
D	85.8000.0E00	Register D

B.2.1.2 Flash ROM Segment Select Register

The flash ROM is partitioned into two 512KB segments. The segments are selected by **flash_adr19**. To select the first 512KB segment, write a value of 0 to ISA port address 0x800₁₆. To access the second 512KB segment, write a value of 1 to this register.

Table B–2 lists the register address for the flash ROM segment select register. This register is write-only. Refer to Section B.3.1 for dense space flash ROM memory addresses.

Table B–2 Flash ROM Segment Select Register

Offset	Physical Address	Register
x800	85.8001.0000	Flash ROM segment select

B.2.1.3 Configuration Jumpers (CF0–CF7)

Reading the addresses listed in Table B–3 returns the value of the configuration jumpers CF0 through CF7.

Table B–3 Configuration Jumpers (CF0-CF7)

Offset	Physical Address	Description
x801	85.8001.0020	Bits <7:0> are CF<7:0>.

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B.2.1.4 Interrupt Control PLD Addresses

Table B-4 lists the registers and memory addresses for the interrupt control programmable logic device (PLD).

Table B-4 Interrupt Control PLD Addresses

Offset	Physical Address	Register
x804	85.8001.0080	Interrupt status/interrupt mask 1
x805	85.8001.00A0	Interrupt status/interrupt mask 2
x806	85.8001.00C0	Interrupt status/interrupt mask 3

B.2.2 PCI Sparse I/O Space-Region B

PCI sparse I/O space, Region B, occupies physical addresses 85.C000.0000 through 85.FFFF.FFFF. This region includes the PCI-to-ISA bridge operating register address space as well as the operating registers for any optional PCI plug-in boards. Table B-5 is a map of the SIO PCI-to-ISA bridge operating address space.

Table B-5 SIO Bridge Operating Register Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
000	85.C000.0000	DMA1 CH0 base and current address
001	85.C000.0020	DMA1 CH0 base and current count
002	85.C000.0040	DMA1 CH1 base and current address
003	85.C000.0060	DMA1 CH1 base and current count
004	85.C000.0080	DMA1 CH2 base and current address
005	85.C000.00A0	DMA1 CH2 base and current count
006	85.C000.00C0	DMA1 CH3 base and current address
007	85.C000.00E0	DMA1 CH3 base and current count
008	85.C000.0100	DMA1 status and command
009	85.C000.0120	DMA1 write request
00A	85.C000.0140	DMA1 write single mask bit
00B	85.C000.0160	DMA1 write mode
00C	85.C000.0180	DMA1 clear byte pointer

Table B-5 (Continued) SIO Bridge Operating Register Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
00D	85.C000.01A0	DMA1 master clear
00E	85.C000.01C0	DMA1 clear mask
00F	85.C000.01E0	DMA1 read/write all mask register bits
020	85.C000.0400	INT 1 control
021	85.C000.0420	INT 1 mask
040	85.C000.0800	Timer counter 1 - counter 0 count
041	85.C000.0820	Timer counter 1 - counter 1 count
042	85.C000.0840	Timer counter 1 - counter 2 count
043	85.C000.0860	Timer counter 1 - command mode
060	85.C000.0C00	Reset Ubus IRQ12
061	85.C000.0C20	NMI status and control
070	85.C000.0E00	CMOS RAM address and NMI mask
078-07B	85.C000.0F18	BIOS timer
080	85.C000.1000	DMA page register reserved
081	85.C000.1020	DMA channel 2 page
082	85.C000.1040	DMA channel 3 page
083	85.C000.1060	DMA channel 1 page
084	85.C000.1080	DMA page register reserved
085	85.C000.10A0	DMA page register reserved
086	85.C000.10C0	DMA page register reserved
087	85.C000.10E0	DMA channel 0 page
088	85.C000.1100	DMA page register reserved
089	85.C000.1120	DMA channel 6 page
08A	85.C000.1140	DMA channel 7 page
08B	85.C000.1160	DMA channel 5 page
08C	85.C000.1180	DMA page register reserved

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Table B-5 (Continued) SIO Bridge Operating Register Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
08D	85.C000.11A0	DMA page register reserved
08E	85.C000.11C0	DMA page register reserved
08F	85.C000.11E0	DMA low page register refresh
090	85.C000.1200	DMA page register reserved
092	85.C000.1240	Port 92
094	85.C000.1280	DMA page register reserved
095	85.C000.12A0	DMA page register reserved
096	85.C000.12C0	DMA page register reserved
098	85.C000.1300	DMA page register reserved
09C	85.C000.1380	DMA page register reserved
09D	85.C000.13A0	DMA page register reserved
09E	85.C000.13C0	DMA page register reserved
09F	85.C000.13E0	DMA low page register refresh
0A0	85.C000.1400	INT2 control
0A1	85.C000.1420	INT2 mask
0C0	85.C000.1800	DMA2 CH0 base and current address
0C2	85.C000.1840	DMA2 CH0 base and current count
0C4	85.C000.1880	DMA2 CH1 base and current address
0C6	85.C000.18C0	DMA2 CH1 base and current count
0C8	85.C000.1900	DMA2 CH2 base and current address
0CA	85.C000.1940	DMA2 CH2 base and current count
0CC	85.C000.1980	DMA2 CH3 base and current address
0CE	85.C000.19C0	DMA2 CH3 base and current count
0D0	85.C000.1A00	DMA2 status(r) and command(w)
0D2	85.C000.1A40	DMA2 write request
0D4	85.C000.1A80	DMA2 write single mask bit

Table B-5 (Continued) SIO Bridge Operating Register Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
0D6	85.C000.1AC0	DMA2 write mode
0D8	85.C000.1B00	DMA2 clear byte pointer
0DA	85.C000.1B40	DMA2 master clear
0DC	85.C000.1B80	DMA2 clear mask
0DE	85.C000.1BC0	DMA2 read/write all mask register bits
0F0	85.C000.1E00	Coprocessor error
372	85.C000.6E40	Secondary floppy disk digital output
3F2	85.C000.7E40	Primary floppy disk digital output
40A	85.C000.8140	Scatter/gather interrupt status
40B	85.C000.8160	DMA1 extended mode
410	85.C000.8200	CH0 scatter/gather command
411	85.C000.8220	CH1 scatter/gather command
412	85.C000.8240	CH2 scatter/gather command
413	85.C000.8260	CH3 scatter/gather command
415	85.C000.82A0	CH5 scatter/gather command
416	85.C000.82C0	CH6 scatter/gather command
417	85.C000.82E0	CH7 scatter/gather command
418	85.C000.8300	CH0 scatter/gather status
419	85.C000.8320	CH1 scatter/gather status
41A	85.C000.8340	CH2 scatter/gather status
41B	85.C000.8360	CH3 scatter/gather status
41D	85.C000.83A0	CH5 scatter/gather status
41E	85.C000.83C0	CH6 scatter/gather status
41F	85.C000.83E0	CH7 scatter/gather status
420-423	85.C000.8418	CH0 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
424-427	85.C000.8498	CH1 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer

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Table B–5 (Continued) SIO Bridge Operating Register Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
428–42B	85.C000.8518	CH2 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
42C–42F	85.C000.8598	CH3 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
434–437	85.C000.8698	CH5 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
438–43B	85.C000.8718	CH6 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
43C–43F	85.C000.8798	CH7 scatter/gather descriptor table pointer
481	85.C000.9020	DMA CH2 high page
482	85.C000.9040	DMA CH3 high page
483	85.C000.9060	DMA CH1 high page
487	85.C000.90E0	DMA CH0 high page
489	85.C000.9120	DMA CH6 high page
48A	85.C000.9140	DMA CH7 high page
48B	85.C000.9160	DMA CH5 high page
4D6	85.C000.9AC0	DMA2 extended mode

B.3 PCI Dense Memory Space

PCI dense memory space occupies physical addresses 86.0000.0000 through 86.FFFF.FFFF, and is typically used for PCI data buffers (such as a video frame buffer). Refer to Section A.3.1 for additional information on PCI dense memory space.

B.3.1 Flash ROM Memory Addresses

Table B–6 lists the address range for the flash ROM. Refer to Section B.2.1.2 for details on selecting one of two flash ROM segments.

Table B–6 Flash ROM Memory Addresses (Within Segment)

Offset	Physical Address	Capacity
0.0000–7.FFFF	86.FFF8.0000–86.FFFF.FFFF	512KB

B.3.2 Map of Flash ROM Memory

Table B–7 provides a map of flash ROM memory.

Table B–7 Map of Flash ROM Memory

Offset	Physical Address ¹	Block Number ²	Capacity
0.0000–0.FFFF	86.FFF8.0000–86.FFF8.FFFF	0,8	64KB
1.0000–1.FFFF	86.FFF9.0000–86.FFF9.FFFF	1,9	64KB
2.0000–2.FFFF	86.FFFA.0000–86.FFFA.FFFF	2,10	64KB
3.0000–3.FFFF	86.FFFB.0000–86.FFFB.FFFF	3,11	64KB
4.0000–4.FFFF	86.FFFC.0000–86.FFFC.FFFF	4,12	64KB
5.0000–5.FFFF	86.FFFD.0000–86.FFFD.FFFF	5,13	64KB
6.0000–6.FFFF	86.FFFE.0000–86.FFFE.FFFF	6,14	64KB
7.0000–7.FFFF	86.FFFF.0000–86.FFFF.FFFF	7,15	64KB

¹Dense space addresses. Byte accesses are not possible using this space. Use sparse space for finer granularity.

²The block number is determined by the value in the flash ROM segment select register (see Section B.2.1.2).

B.3.3 Flash ROM Configuration Registers

Table B–8 lists the configuration registers for the Intel 28F008SA 1MB flash ROM. A read operation is performed by reading from the appropriate address.

To write data, the flash ROM must first be erased. The structure of the flash ROM allows only the flash ROM to be erased in 64KB blocks (see Section B.3.2).

In order to change one byte, the following steps must be completed:

1. Read the entire 64KB block into system memory.
2. Change the desired byte in system memory.
3. Erase the 64KB block in flash ROM.
4. Write the entire 64KB block from system memory to the flash ROM.

Note: In order to write to flash ROM, Jumper J31 (enable/disable) must be positioned on pins 2 and 3 (see Figure 2–2 and schematic *pc164.28*).

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All flash ROM accesses (except for read operations) require two bus cycles. During the first cycle, register data is written to set up the registers. During the second cycle, the read or write transaction performs the operation desired. For more information about reading, erasing, and writing the flash ROM, see the Intel *Flash Memory* document.

Accessing the flash ROM registers requires byte access, which is only possible through use of PCI sparse memory space. The AlphaPC 164 flash ROM resides in PCI memory address range FFF8.0000 to FFFF.FFFF. See Section B.2.2 for information about accessing this address range through sparse memory space.

Table B–8 Flash ROM Configuration Registers

Offset	Data Written on First Access	Register
X ¹	FF	Read array/reset
X	90	Intelligent identifier
X	70	Read status
X	50	Clear status
BA ²	20	Erase setup/confirm
X	B0	Erase suspend/resume
WA ³	40	Byte write setup/write
WA	10	Alternate byte write setup/write

¹X = Any byte within the flash ROM address range.

²BA = Target address within the block being erased.

³WA = Target address of write transaction to memory.

B.4 PCI Configuration Address Space

The PCI configuration address space occupies physical addresses 87.0000.0000 through 87.1FFF.FFFF. The PCI configuration register set occupies this space. A read or write access to this space causes a configuration read or write cycle on the PCI. Table B–9 identifies the AlphaPC 164 PCI devices and the corresponding PCI address bit that drives the device’s **idsel** pin. Refer to Section A.3.4 for additional information on PCI configuration address space.

Table B–9 Address Bits and PCI Device IDSEL Pins

PCI Device	PCI Address Bit Driving IDSEL Pin	Physical Address
PCI expansion slot 2 (J20)	pci_ad<16>	87.0005.0000
PCI expansion slot 0 (J29)	pci_ad<17>	87.0006.0000
PCI expansion slot 1 (J26)	pci_ad<18>	87.0007.0000
SIO bridge	pci_ad<19>	87.0008.0000
PCI expansion slot 3 (J19)	pci_ad<20>	87.0009.0000
Reserved	pci_ad<21>	87.000A.0000
PCI IDE controller	pci_ad<22>	87.000B.0000

B.4.1 SIO PCI-to-ISA Bridge Configuration Address Space

Table B–10 is a map of SIO PCI-to-ISA bridge configuration address space. PCI address bit **pci_ad19** drives the **idsel** chip select pin for access to the configuration register space.

Table B–10 SIO Bridge Configuration Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
00–01	87.0008.0008	Vendor ID
02–03	87.0008.0048	Device ID
04–05	87.0008.0088	Command
06–07	87.0008.00C8	Device status
08	87.0008.0100	Revision ID
40	87.0008.0800	PCI control

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Table B-10 (Continued) SIO Bridge Configuration Address Space Map

Offset	Address	Register
41	87.0008.0820	PCI arbiter control
42	87.0008.0840	PCI arbiter priority control
44	87.0008.0880	MEMCS# control
45	87.0008.08A0	MEMCS# bottom of hole
46	87.0008.08C0	MEMCS# top of hole
47	87.0008.08E0	MEMCS# top of memory
48	87.0008.0900	ISA address decoder control
49	87.0008.0920	ISA address decoder ROM block enable
4A	87.0008.0940	ISA address decoder bottom of hole
4B	87.0008.0960	ISA address decoder top of hole
4C	87.0008.0980	ISA controller recovery timer
4D	87.0008.09A0	ISA clock divisor
4E	87.0008.09C0	Utility bus chip select enable A
4F	87.0008.09E0	Utility bus chip select enable B
54	87.0008.0A80	MEMCS# attribute register #1
55	87.0008.0AA0	MEMCS# attribute register #2
56	87.0008.0AC0	MEMCS# attribute register #3
57	87.0008.0AE0	Scatter/gather relocation base address
80-81	87.0008.1008	BIOS timer base address

PCI Special/Interrupt Acknowledge Cycle Address Space

B.5 PCI Special/Interrupt Acknowledge Cycle Address Space

This space occupies physical addresses 87.2000.0000 through 87.3FFF.FFFF. Refer to Section A.3.4.2 for additional information on this address space.

B.6 Hardware-Specific and Miscellaneous Register Space

This space occupies physical addresses 87.4000.0000 through 87.6FFF.FFFF and covers the 21172-CA (CIA) address space. Registers accessed in this space use a hardware-specific variant of sparse space encoding. CPU address bits <27:6> are used as a longword address. CPU address bits <5:0> must be zero. All CIA registers are accessed with longword granularity.

B.6.1 CIA Main CSR Space

This space occupies physical addresses 87.4000.0000 through 87.4FFF.FFFF. Table B-11 lists all the CIA chip's general control, diagnostic, and error registers.

Table B-11 CIA Control, Diagnostic, and Error Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
General Registers			
CIA_REV	RO	87.4000.0080	CIA revision register
PCI_LAT	RO	87.4000.00C0	PCI latency register
CIA_CTRL	RW	87.4000.0100	CIA control register
CIA_CNFG	RO	87.4000.0140	CIA configuration register
HAE_MEM	RW	87.4000.0400	Hardware address extension register
HAE_IO	RW	87.4000.0440	Hardware address extension I/O register
CFG	RW	87.4000.0480	PCI configuration register
CACK_EN	RW	87.4000.0600	CIA acknowledgment enable register
Diagnostic Registers			
CIA_DIAG	RW	87.4000.2000	CIA diagnostic control register
DIAG_CHECK	RW	87.4000.3000	Diagnostic check register

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Table B–11 (Continued) CIA Control, Diagnostic, and Error Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
Performance Monitor Registers			
PERF_MONITOR	RO	87.4000.4000	Performance monitor register
PERF_CONTROL	RW	87.4000.4040	Performance control register
Error Registers			
CPU_ERR0	RO	87.4000.8000	CPU error information register 0
CPU_ERR1	RO	87.4000.8040	CPU error information register 1
CIA_ERR	R/WC	87.4000.8200	CIA error register
CIA_STAT	RW	87.4000.8240	CIA status register
ERR_MASK	R/WC	87.4000.8280	CIA error mask register
CIA_SYN	RO	87.4000.8300	CIA syndrome register
MEM_ERR0	RO	87.4000.8400	CIA memory port status register 0
MEM_ERR1	RO	87.4000.8440	CIA memory port status register 1
PCI_ERR0	R/WC	87.4000.8800	PCI error status register 0
PCI_ERR1	R/WC	87.4000.8840	PCI error status register 1
PCI_ERR2	R/WC	87.4000.8880	PCI error status register 2

B.6.2 CIA Memory Control CSR Space

CIA memory control CSR space occupies physical addresses 87.5000.0000 through 87.5FFF.FFFF. Table B–12 lists all the CIA chip’s memory control registers.

Table B–12 CIA Memory Control Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
MCR	RW	87.5000.0000	Memory configuration register
MBA0	RW	87.5000.0600	Memory base address register 0
MBA2	RW	87.5000.0680	Memory base address register 2
MBA4	RW	87.5000.0700	Memory base address register 4
MBA6	RW	87.5000.0780	Memory base address register 6
MBA8	RW	87.5000.0800	Memory base address register 8

Hardware-Specific and Miscellaneous Register Space

Table B–12 (Continued) CIA Memory Control Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
MBAA	RW	87.5000.0880	Memory base address register 10
MBAC	RW	87.5000.0900	Memory base address register 12
MBAE	RW	87.5000.0980	Memory base address register 14
TMG0	RW	87.5000.0B00	Memory timing information base register 0
TMG1	RW	87.5000.0B40	Memory timing information base register 1
TMG2	RW	87.5000.0B80	Memory timing information base register 2

B.6.3 CIA PCI Address Translation Map Space

CIA PCI address translation map space occupies physical addresses 87.6000.0000 through 87.6FFF.FFFF. Table B–13 lists all the CIA chip's PCI address translation registers.

Table B–13 PCI Address Translation Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
TBIA	WO	87.6000.0100	Scatter-gather translation buffer invalidate register
W0_BASE	RW	87.6000.0400	Window base 0 register
W0_MASK	RW	87.6000.0440	Window mask 0 register
T0_BASE	RW	87.6000.0480	Translated base 0 register
W1_BASE	RW	87.6000.0500	Window base 1 register
W1_MASK	RW	87.6000.0540	Window mask 1 register
T1BASE	RW	87.6000.0580	Translated base 1 register
W2_BASE	RW	87.6000.0600	Window base 2 register
W2_MASK	RW	87.6000.0640	Window mask 2 register
T2_BASE	RW	87.6000.0680	Translated base 2 register
W3_BASE	RW	87.6000.0700	Window base 3 register
W3_MASK	RW	87.6000.0740	Window mask 3 register
T3_BASE	RW	87.6000.0780	Translated base 3 register
W_DAC	RW	87.6000.07C0	Window DAC register

Hardware-Specific and Miscellaneous Register Space

Table B–13 (Continued) PCI Address Translation Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
LTB_TAG0	RW	87.6000.0800	Lockable translation buffer tag0
LTB_TAG1	RW	87.6000.0840	Lockable translation buffer tag1
LTB_TAG2	RW	87.6000.0880	Lockable translation buffer tag2
LTB_TAG3	RW	87.6000.08C0	Lockable translation buffer tag3
TB_TAG0	RW	87.6000.0900	Translation buffer tag0
TB_TAG1	RW	87.6000.0940	Translation buffer tag1
TB_TAG2	RW	87.6000.0980	Translation buffer tag2
TB_TAG3	RW	87.6000.09C0	Translation buffer tag3
TB0_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1000	Translation buffer 0 page0
TB0_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1040	Translation buffer 0 page1
TB0_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1080	Translation buffer 0 page2
TB0_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.10C0	Translation buffer 0 page3
TB1_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1100	Translation buffer 1 page0
TB1_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1140	Translation buffer 1 page1
TB1_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1180	Translation buffer 1 page2
TB1_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.11C0	Translation buffer 1 page3
TB2_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1200	Translation buffer 2 page0
TB2_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1240	Translation buffer 2 page1
TB2_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1280	Translation buffer 2 page2
TB2_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.12C0	Translation buffer 2 page3
TB3_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1300	Translation buffer 3 page0
TB3_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1340	Translation buffer 3 page1
TB3_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1380	Translation buffer 3 page2
TB3_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.13C0	Translation buffer 3 page3
TB4_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1400	Translation buffer 4 page0
TB4_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1440	Translation buffer 4 page1

Hardware-Specific and Miscellaneous Register Space

Table B–13 (Continued) PCI Address Translation Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
TB4_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1480	Translation buffer 4 page2
TB4_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.14C0	Translation buffer 4 page3
TB5_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1500	Translation buffer 5 page0
TB5_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1540	Translation buffer 5 page1
TB5_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1580	Translation buffer 5 page2
TB5_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.15C0	Translation buffer 5 page3
TB6_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1600	Translation buffer 6 page0
TB6_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1640	Translation buffer 6 page1
TB6_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1680	Translation buffer 6 page2
TB6_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.16C0	Translation buffer 6 page3
TB7_PAGE0	RW	87.6000.1700	Translation buffer 7 page0
TB7_PAGE1	RW	87.6000.1740	Translation buffer 7 page1
TB7_PAGE2	RW	87.6000.1780	Translation buffer 7 page2
TB7_PAGE3	RW	87.6000.17C0	Translation buffer 7 page3

21164 Microprocessor Cbox IPR Space

B.7 21164 Microprocessor Cbox IPR Space

The 21164 microprocessor cache control and bus interface unit (Cbox) IPR space occupies physical addresses FF.FFF0.0000 through FF.FFFF.FFFF.

Table B–14 lists three key 21164 registers that configure the internal L2 secondary cache (Scache) and external L3 backup cache (Bcache). For additional information, refer to the *Digital Semiconductor 21164 Alpha Microprocessor Hardware Reference Manual*.

Table B–14 21164 Cache Configuration Registers

Register	Type	Address	Description
SC_CTL	RW	FF.FFF0.00A8	Scache control register
BC_CONTROL	W	FF.FFF0.0128	Bcache, system interface, and Bcache test control register
BC_CONFIG	W	FF.FFF0.01C8	Bcache configuration register (size and timing)

SROM Initialization

The 21164 microprocessor provides a mechanism for loading the initial instruction stream (Istream) from a compact serial ROM (SROM) to start the bootstrap procedure. The SROM executable image is limited to the size of the CPU instruction cache (Icache). Because the image is running only in the Icache, it is relatively difficult to debug. Therefore, DIGITAL suggests that the scope and purpose of this code be limited to performing the system initialization necessary to boot the next level of firmware contained in the larger system (flash) ROM.

However, trade-offs between simplicity and convenience were made to support the AlphaPC 164 in various configurations. The source code for the AlphaPC 164 SROM is available with free licensing for use and modification.

C.1 SROM Initialization

After reset, the contents of the SROM are loaded into the Icache. After loading the Icache, the CPU begins execution at location zero. Execution is performed in the CPU PALmode environment with privileged access to the computer hardware. The general steps performed by the SROM initialization are:

1. Initialize the CPU's IPRs.
2. Set up internal L1/L2 caches.
3. Perform the minimum I/O subsystem initialization necessary to access the TOY clock and the system's flash ROM.
4. Detect CPU speed by polling the PIF in the TOY clock.
5. Set up memory and Bcache parameters based on the speed of the CPU.
6. Wake up the DRAMs.
7. Initialize the Bcache.
8. Copy the contents of the entire system memory to itself to ensure good memory data parity.
9. Scan the system flash ROM for a special header that specifies where and how the system flash ROM firmware should be loaded.

Firmware Interface

10. Copy the contents of the system flash ROM to memory and begin code execution.
11. Pass parameters up to the next level of firmware to provide a predictable firmware interface.

C.2 Firmware Interface

A firmware interface provides a mechanism for passing critical information about the state of the system and CPU up to the next level of firmware. This interface is achieved through the use of a set of defined SROM output parameters as described in Table C-1.

This specific firmware interface serves the 21164 microprocessor. Other Alpha microprocessor implementations require a different firmware interface.

Table C-1 Output Parameter Descriptions

Output Parameter	Parameter Description
r1 (t0)—BC_CONTROL value	The BC_CONTROL value allows the next-level software to preserve any system-specific Bcache configuration information.
r2 (t1)—BC_CONFIG value	The BC_CONFIG value preserves the Bcache configuration information such as size and read/write speed.
r3 (t2)—BC_CONFIG_OFF value	The BC_CONFIG value for turning the Bcache off (if necessary). This value may be harder to be determined by the next level of firmware, so the SROM computes it and passes it up.
r17 (a1)—Memory size	This value is an unsigned quadword count of the number of contiguous bytes of good memory in the system starting at physical address zero. This simple mechanism is sufficient for simple systems. Systems that need to communicate more detailed memory configuration can do so through the system context value (see last entry in this table).
r18 (a2)—Cycle count in picoseconds	This value is the number of picoseconds that elapse for each increment of the processor cycle count (as read by the RPCC instruction). This may be a multiple of the actual internal cycle count of the microprocessor as specified in the <i>Alpha AXP Architecture Reference Manual</i> (a microprocessor will increment the processor cycle count a multiple of the microprocessor clock, where the multiple is a power of 2, including $2^0 = 1$).

Table C–1 (Continued) Output Parameter Descriptions

Output Parameter	Parameter Description
r19 (a3)—Signature and system revision ID	<p>This register includes a signature that specifies that the transfer is following the standard protocol and that the other values can be trusted. In addition, the signature can identify which version of the protocol is being followed. The system revision is a 16-bit field that communicates system revisions that would be significant to operating system software. The register has the following format:</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">Bits <63:32> = Ignore Bits <31:16> = Signature Bits <15:0> = System Revision</p> <p>Valid signatures have the following values: 0xdeca–V1 (previous version of this specification) 0xdecb–V2 (current version of this specification)</p>
r20 (a4)—Active processor mask	<p>The processor mask identifies each processor that is present on the current system. Each mask bit corresponds to a processor number associated by the bit number (for example, bit 0 corresponds to processor 0). A value of 1 in the mask indicates that the processor is present, a value of 0 indicates that the processor is not present.</p> <p>To qualify as present a processor must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically present • Functioning normally • Capable of sending and receiving interprocessor interrupt requests <p>Uniprocessor systems pass a value of 1 to this register.</p>
r21 (a5)—System context value	<p>The context value is interpreted in a system-specific manner. If the system needs to pass more than one system-specific parameter, then it may pass a context value. A context value is a physical address pointer to a data structure of many system-specific values.</p>

C.3 Automatic CPU Speed Detection

The AlphaPC 164 TOY clock detects the speed of the CPU. This allows a somewhat generic SROM to support AlphaPC 164 systems configured for different CPU speeds. The speed is determined by counting CPU cycles between TOY clock interrupts that are set to occur at known time intervals (1/8 second).

Memory Initialization

C.4 Memory Initialization

Eight consecutive row address strobe (RAS) cycles are performed to the system memory bank to “wake up” the DRAMs. This is done by reading the bank eight times. The caches are disabled at this point so the read data goes directly to the DRAMs (except for the Scache, which cannot be turned off).

Good data parity is ensured by writing all memory locations. This is done by rewriting the full contents of memory with the same data. Reading before writing memory lengthens the time to initialize data parity, however, it conserves the memory state for debugging purposes.

C.5 Bcache Initialization

The Bcache is initialized by the following steps:

1. Set the BC_CONTROL register in the CPU to ignore parity/ECC reporting.
2. Turn on the Bcache in the 21164 microprocessor and the CIA.
3. Sweep the Bcache with read operations at cache-block increments.
4. Reenable error reporting.
5. Clear error registers.

When the system is powered up, the Bcache contains UNPREDICTABLE data in the tag RAMs. As the Bcache is swept for initialization, the old blocks (referred to as dirty-victim blocks) are written back to main memory. These victim write operations will occur based on the tag address (tag), which stores the upper part of the address location for the dirty blocks of memory.

Because the tags are unpredictable, the victim write operations could occur to UNPREDICTABLE addresses. Therefore, these write operations could be attempted to nonexistent memory. Should this happen, the transaction would complete and an error would be reported. Therefore, reporting of all nonexistent memory errors in the CIA must be turned off prior to sweeping.

C.6 Special ROM Header

The MAKEROM tool is used to place a special header on ROM image files. The SROM allows the system (flash) ROM to contain several different ROM images, each with its own header. The header informs the SROM where to load the image, and whether or not it has been compressed with the MAKEROM tool. The header is optional for system ROMs containing a single image. If the header does not exist, the complete 1MB system flash ROM is loaded and executed starting at physical address zero. For more information on the MAKEROM tool, refer to the *Alpha Microprocessors Evaluation Board Software Design Tools User's Guide*. Figure C-1 shows the header content.

Figure C-1 Special Header Content

31	0	Offset		
Validation Pattern 5A5AC3C3		0x00		
Inverse Validation Pattern A5A53C3C		0x04		
Header Size (Bytes)		0x08		
Image Checksum		0x0C		
Image Size (Memory Footprint)		0x10		
Decompression Flag		0x14		
Destination Address Lower Longword		0x18		
Destination Address Upper Longword		0x1C		
Rsvd<31:24>	Hdr Rev Ext<23:16>	FW ID<15:8>	Hdr Rev<7:0>	0x20
Flash ROM Image Size		0x24		
Optional Firmware ID<31:0>		0x28		
Optional Firmware ID<63:32>		0x2C		
ROM Offset <31:2>		ROM Offset Valid <0>	0x30	
Header Checksum (excluding this field)		0x34		

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Special ROM Header

Table C–2 describes each entry in the special header.

Table C–2 Special Header Entry Descriptions

Entry	Description
Validation and inverse validation pattern	This quadword contains a special signature pattern used to validate that the special ROM header has been located. The pattern is 5A5AC3C3A5A53C3C.
Header size (bytes)	This longword provides the size of the header block, which varies among versions of the header specification. When the header is located, SROM code determines where the image begins based on the header size. Additional data added to the header is ignored by older SROM code. A header size of 32 bytes implies version 0 of the header specifications. For other sizes, see Header revision to determine header version.
Image checksum	This longword is used to verify the integrity of the ROM.
Image size	The image size is used by the SROM code to determine how much of the system flash ROM should be loaded.
Decompression flag	The decompression flag informs the SROM code whether the MAKEROM tool was used to compress the ROM image with a repeating byte algorithm. The SROM code contains routines that execute the decompression algorithm. Other compression and decompression schemes, which work independently from this scheme, may be employed.
Destination address	This quadword contains the destination address for the image. The SROM code loads the image at this address and begins execution.
Header revision	The revision of the header specification used in this header. This is necessary to provide for changes to the header specification. Version 0 headers are identified by the size of the header (32 bytes). See Header size. For Version 1 or greater headers, this field must be set to a value of 1. The header revision for version 1 or greater headers is determined by the sum of this field and the Header rev ext field. See Header rev ext.

Table C–2 (Continued) Special Header Entry Descriptions

Entry	Description																					
Firmware ID	The firmware ID is a byte that specifies the firmware type. This information facilitates image boot options necessary to boot different operating systems. Firmware IDs and types include the following: <table border="1" data-bbox="540 491 1046 808" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Firmware</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Firmware ID</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Type</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DBM</td> <td>0</td> <td>Debug monitor firmware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WNT</td> <td>1</td> <td>Windows NT ARC firmware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SRM</td> <td>2</td> <td>Alpha SRM Console firmware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FSB</td> <td>6</td> <td>Fail-safe booter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milo</td> <td>7</td> <td>Linux miniloader</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Firmware			Firmware ID	Type	Description	DBM	0	Debug monitor firmware	WNT	1	Windows NT ARC firmware	SRM	2	Alpha SRM Console firmware	FSB	6	Fail-safe booter	Milo	7	Linux miniloader
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Header rev ext	The header revision for version 1 or greater headers is determined by the sum of this field and the Header revision field. See Header revision.																					
Flash ROM image size	The flash ROM image size reflects the size of the image as it is contained in the flash ROM. See Image size.																					
Optional firmware ID	This optional field can be used to provide additional firmware information such as firmware revision or a character-descriptive string of up to eight characters.																					
ROM offset	This field specifies the default ROM offset to be used when programming the image into the ROM.																					
ROM offset valid	The lower bit of ROM offset valid must be set when the ROM offset field is specified. When no ROM offset is specified, the ROM offset and ROM offset valid fields will contain zero.																					
Header checksum	The checksum of the header. This is used to validate the presence of a header beyond the validation provided by the validation pattern.																					

Flash ROM Loading

C.7 Flash ROM Loading

Under normal conditions, the AlphaPC 164 loads and executes the second firmware image that it finds in the flash. If jumper CF7 is installed, the first firmware image will be loaded. This process begins with a search for the header signature beginning at the first location in the flash.

Once the appropriate header is found, based on its ordinal position in the flash, the header checksum is validated. If the header checksum is valid, the image is loaded into memory based on the location specified in the header. If the header checksum is not valid, the search continues until the first physically valid header is located. If no header containing a proper checksum is located, the search repeats from the first location in the flash ignoring header checksums.

While loading an image into memory, the image checksum is validated. If the image checksum is valid, control is turned over to the loaded image, passing in the SROM parameters defined by the firmware interface.

If the image checksum is not valid, the search continues as though this image did not contain a valid header.

If no image containing a proper checksum is located, the search repeats from the first location in the flash ignoring all checksums.

Then, if no image can be located in the flash, the entire flash is loaded and executed starting at memory location zero.

C.8 Flash ROM Access

The flash ROM can be viewed as two banks of 512KB each. At power-up the lower 512KB bank is accessed by using the address range 86.FFF8.0000 to 86.FFFF.FFFF.

Setting address bit 19 (**flash_adr19**) allows you to access the higher 512KB of flash ROM. Write a 1 to the register at address 0x800 to set address bit 19. Manually deposit a 1 to address 0x800 or enter the following command from the debug monitor:

```
> wb 800 1
```

The address range for the higher bank is 86.FFF8.0000 to 86.FFFF.FFFF, the same as for the lower bank. Access is now to the higher bank and will continue until the AlphaPC 164 is reset or a 0 is written to the register at address 0x800.

Note: The write-enable jumper must be installed at J31—2/3 (see Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2). This enables writing to the flash ROM.

Icache Flush Code

C.9 Icache Flush Code

The following code is loaded into memory after the system ROM image. The code is then executed to flush the SROM initialization code from the Icache. The SROM initialization code is loaded into the Icache and maps to memory beginning at address zero.

```
77FF0119  mt    r31, flushIc
C0000001  br    r0,  +4
        .long destination
6C008000  ldl_p r0,  0x0 (r0)
47FF041F  bis   r31, 31, 31
47FF041F  bis   r31, 31, 31
        .
        . (total of 44 bis instructions)
        .
47FF041F  bis   r31, 31, 31
47FF041F  bis   r31, 31, 31
6BE00000  jmp   r31, (r0)
```

In an attempt to transfer execution to the first page in memory, execution would continue in the SROM initialization code at that address. Therefore, execution must be transferred to some address that does not hit in the Icache where other code can flush the Icache.

The NOPs following the Icache flush allow the instructions that were fetched before the Icache was updated to be cleared from the pipeline. Execution will ultimately continue at the address contained in r0. At this point r0 contains the starting address where the system flash ROM image was loaded into memory.

Supporting Products

This appendix lists sources for components and accessories, some of which are not included with the AlphaPC 164. Digital Equipment Corporation does not warrant components or accessories available from other vendors, or guarantee that they will function in all configurations.

Clock Oscillators

An Alpha microprocessor clock solution. Components are available from:

Digital Equipment Corporation

A complete kit of clock oscillators is available under PN 70-33058-01.

Individual oscillators are available from the following sources:

NEL Frequency Controls, Inc.

357 Beloit Street

PO Box 457

Burlington WI 53105

Phone: 414.763.3591

FAX: 414.763.2881

PN HA-1259 (frequency)

Valpey Fisher Corporation

75 South Street

Hopkinton MA 01748

Phone: 800.982.5737

FAX: 508.435.5289

PN VF70-T xxx (xxx = frequency)

CPU Frequency	Oscillator Frequency
21164-366	36.66 MHz (default)
21164-400	40.0 MHz
21164-433	43.33 MHz
21164-466	46.66 MHz
21164-500	50.0 MHz

Thermal Products

A heat-sink and fan solution. Components included: heat sink, GRAFOIL pad, two hex nuts, heat-sink clips, 60-mm fan, fan guard, and four screws. Components are available from:

United Machine and Tool Design
 River Road
 Fremont NH 03044
 Phone: 603.642.5040

Power Supply

An ATX form-factor power supply, suitable for use with the AlphaPC 164 (+3.3 V, +5 V, -5 V, +12 V, -12 V), is available from the following vendors:

Emacs Electronics USA, Inc.
 1410 Gail Borden Place C-4
 El Paso TX 79935
 Phone: 915.599.2688
 PN AP2-5300F (300 W)

Enclosure

An enclosure, suitable for housing the AlphaPC 164 and its power supply, is available from:

Axxion Group Corporation
 7801 Trade Center Avenue
 El Paso TX 79912
 Phone: 915.877.5288
 PN DL17 (modified for DIGITAL applications)

Glossary and Acronyms

This glossary provides definitions for terms and acronyms associated with the AlphaPC 164 motherboard and chips, specifically as applied to Alpha architecture.

AlphaPC 164

An evaluation board. A hardware/software application development platform for the Digital Semiconductor 21164 microprocessor and Digital Semiconductor 21172 core logic chipset program.

ASIC

Application-specific integrated circuit.

Bcache

Backup cache. On the AlphaPC 164, a board-level L3 cache with a size of between 2MB and 8MB.

BGA

Ball grid array.

BIOS

Basic input/output system. A set of programs encoded in read-only memory (ROM). These programs facilitate the transfer of data, and control instructions between the computer and peripherals, such as, ISA devices and the keyboard.

bridge

The circuitry that connects one computer bus to another computer bus and allows an agent on one bus to access an agent on the other bus.

bus

A group of signals that consists of many transmission lines or wires. It interconnects computer-system components to provide communications paths for addresses, data, and control information. The buses used in the AlphaPC 164 include PCI64, PCI32, and ISA.

cache memory

A small, high-speed memory placed between slower main memory and the processor. A cache increases effective memory transfer rates and processor speed. It contains copies of data recently used by the processor and fetches several bytes of data from memory, anticipating that the processor will access the next sequential series of bytes. The 21164 microprocessor contains three onchip internal caches, one 8KB L1 cache for instructions, one 8KB L1 cache for data, and one unified 96KB L2 combined instruction and data cache. *See also* Bcache and write-back cache.

CAS

Column address strobe.

CIA

Control, I/O interface, and address chip. Part of the 21172 core logic chipset.

CMOS

Complementary metal-oxide semiconductor.

Dcache

Data cache. An 8KB L1 cache reserved for data on the 21164 microprocessor chip.

DRAM

Dynamic random-access memory. Read/write memory that must be refreshed (read from or written to) periodically to maintain the storage of information.

DSW

Data switch chip. Part of the 21172 core logic chipset.

EBSDK

Evaluation board software design kit.

ECC

Error correction code. A 16-bit ECC is passed on the 21164 microprocessor's **data_check** lines for each 128-bit data transfer.

flash ROM

Flash read-only memory. On the AlphaPC 164, a 1MB, nonvolatile, writable ROM.

lcache

Instruction cache. An 8KB L1 cache reserved for instructions on the 21164 microprocessor chip.

IPR

Internal processor register.

ISA

Industry Standard Architecture. An 8-bit or 16-bit interface for interconnecting data storage, data processing, and peripheral control devices in a closely-coupled configuration.

local bus

A bus that is in close proximity to the CPU and shares its speed. PCI is a local bus.

PAL

Programmable array logic.

PCI

Peripheral component interconnect. The 64-bit and 32-bit local bus developed by Intel.

PGA

Pin grid array.

PLA

Programmable logic array.

PLD

Programmable logic device.

PLL

Phase-locked loop.

PQFP

Plastic quad flat pack.

primary cache

The cache that is the fastest and closest to the processor. The 21164 microprocessor contains instruction, data, and unified instruction and data caches. *Also called L1 cache.*

RAM

Random-access memory.

RAS

Row address strobe.

region

One of four areas in physical memory space based on the two most significant, implemented, physical address bits.

RISC

Reduced instruction set computing. A computing system architecture with an instruction set that is paired down and reduced in complexity so that most instructions can be performed in a single processor cycle. High-level compilers synthesize the more complex, least frequently used instructions by breaking them down into simpler instructions. This approach allows the RISC architecture to implement a small, hardware-assisted instruction set, thus eliminating the need for microcode.

Scache

Secondary cache. A 96KB L2 cache reserved for instructions and data on the 21164 microprocessor chip.

SIMM

Single inline memory module.

SRAM

Static random-access memory.

SROM

Serial read-only memory.

UART

Universal asynchronous receiver–transmitter.

word

Two contiguous bytes (16 bits) starting on an arbitrary byte boundary. The bits are numbered from right to left, 0 through 15.

write-back cache

A cache in which copies are kept of any data in the region. Read and write operations may use the copies, and write operations use additional states to determine whether there are other copies to invalidate or update.

write-through cache

A cache in which copies are kept of any data in the region. Read operations may use the copies, but write operations update the actual data location and either update or invalidate all copies.

Support, Products, and Documentation

If you need technical support, a *Digital Semiconductor Product Catalog*, or help deciding which documentation best meets your needs, visit the Digital Semiconductor World Wide Web Internet site:

<http://www.digital.com/semiconductor>

or call the Digital Semiconductor Information Line:

United States and Canada **1-800-332-2717**
Outside North America **+1-510-490-4753**

Digital Semiconductor Products

To order the AlphaPC 164 motherboard, 21164 microprocessor, or 21172 core logic chipset, contact your local distributor.

The following table lists some of the semiconductor products available from DIGITAL.

Product	Order Number
AlphaPC 164 Motherboard with 1MB L3 cache for Windows NT	21A04-B0
AlphaPC 164 Motherboard with 1MB L3 cache for DIGITAL UNIX	21A04-B2
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