2.5V, 3.3V Differential 1:4 **HCSL Fanout Buffer**

Description

The NB3L204K is a differential 1:4 Clock fanout buffer with High-speed Current Steering Logic (HCSL) outputs. Inputs can directly accept differential LVPECL, LVDS, and HCSL signals. Single-ended LVPECL, HCSL, LVCMOS, or LVTTL levels are accepted with a proper external Vth reference supply per Figures 4 and 6. The input signal will be translated to HCSL and provides four identical copies operating up to 350 MHz.

The NB3L204K is optimized for ultra-low phase noise, propagation delay variation and low output-to-output skew, and is DB400H compliant. As such, system designers can take advantage of the NB3L204K's performance to distribute low skew clocks across the backplane or the motherboard making it ideal for Clock and Data distribution applications such as PCI Express, FBDIMM, Networking, Mobile Computing, Gigabit Ethernet, etc.

Output drive current is set by connecting a 475 Ω resistor from IREF (Pin 14) to GND per Figure 11. Outputs can also interface to LVDS receivers when terminated per Figure 12.

Features

Maximum Input Clock Frequency > 350 MHz 2.5 V 5% / 3.3 V 10% Supply Voltage Operation **4 HCSL Outputs** DB400H Compliant PCIe Gen 3, Gen 4 Compliant Individual OE Control Pin for Each Output 100 ps Max Output-to-Output Skew Performance 1 ns Typical Propagation Delay 500 ps Typical Rise and Fall Times 80 fs Maximum Additive RMS Phase Jitter -40 C to +85 C Ambient Operating Temperature QFN 24-pin Package, 4 mm x 4 mm These Devices are Pb-Free and are RoHS Compliant **Typical Applications**

PCI Express FBDIMM Mobile Computing Networking **Gigabit Ethernet**



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Table 1. PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin Number	Pin Name	I/O	Description
1	VDD_O	Power	Power supply for outputs
2	OE3#	I, SE	LVTTL / LVCMOS active low input for enabling output DIF_3/3#. 0 enables outputs, 1 disables outputs. Internal pull down.
3	CLK_IN	I, DIF	Differential True input
4	CLK_IN#	I, DIF	Differential Complementary input
5	VDD	Power	Core power supply
6	VDD_O	Power	Power supply for outputs
7	GND_O	Power	Ground for outputs
8	DIF_3#	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential Complementary Output
9	DIF_3	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential True Output
10	DIF_2#	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential Complementary Output
11	DIF_2	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential True Output
12	GND_O	Power	Ground for outputs
13	GND	Power	Ground
14	IREF	I	A precision resistor is attached to this pin to set the differential output current. Use $R_{REF} = 475 \Omega$, 1% for 100 Ω trace, with 50 Ω termination. Use $R_{REF} = 412 \Omega$, 1% for 85 Ω trace, with 43 Ω termination.
15	OE0#	I, SE	LVTTL / LVCMOS active low input for enabling output DIF_0/0#. 0 enables outputs, 1 disables outputs. Internal pull down.
16	OE1#	I, SE	LVTTL / LVCMOS active low input for enabling output DIF_1/1#. 0 enables outputs, 1 disables outputs. Internal pull down.
17	OE2#	I, SE	LVTTL / LVCMOS active low input for enabling output DIF_2/2#. 0 enables outputs, 1 disables outputs. Internal pull down.
18	GND	Power	Ground
19	GND_O	Power	Ground for outputs
20	DIF_0	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential True Output
21	DIF_0#	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential Complementary Output
22	DIF_1	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential True Output
23	DIF_1#	O, DIF	0.7 V Differential Complementary Output
24	GND_O	Power	Ground for outputs
EP	Exposed Pad	Thermal	The Exposed Pad (EP) on the QFN24 package bottom is thermally connected to the die for improved heat transfer out of package. The exposed pad must be attached to a heat-sinking conduit. The pad is electrically connected to the die, and must be electrically and thermally connected to GND on the PC board.

Table 2. ATTRIBUTES

Charact	Value	
ESD Protection	Human Body Model	> 2000 V
RPD – Pull–down Resistor	50 kΩ	
Moisture Sensitivity (Note 1)	Level 1	
Flammability Rating	Oxygen Index: 28 to 34	UL 94 V-0 @ 0.125 in
Transistor Count	1344	
Meets or exceeds JEDEC Spec		

1. For additional information, see Application Note AND8003/D.

Table 3. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Мах	Unit	
V _{DD}	Core Supply Voltage		-	4.6	V
V _{DD_O}	I/O Supply Voltage		-	4.6	V
V _{IH}	Input High Voltage (Note 2)		-	4.6	V
VIL	Input Low Voltage	-0.5	-	V	
I _{OUT}	Maximum Output Current	-	24	mA	
T _A	Operating Temperature Range		-40 to +85	С	
T _{stg}	Storage Temperature Range			-65 to +150	С
θ_{JA}	Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Ambient) (Note 3)	37 32		C/W	
θ_{JC}	Thermal Resistance (Junction-to-Case) (Note 3)	11		C/W	
T _{sol}	Wave Solder		265		С

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.
Maximum V_{IH} is not to exceed maximum V_{DD}.
JEDEC standard multilayer board – 2S2P (2 signal, 2 power) with 8 filled thermal vias under exposed pad.

Table 4. DC CHARACTERISTICS V_{DD} = V_{DD} $_{O}$ = 3.3 V $\,$ 10% or 2.5 V $\,$ 5%, T_{A} = -40 C to 85 C

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
POWER SU	PPLY CURRENT	•		-	
V _{DD}		2.970 2.375	3.3 2.5	3.630 2.625	V
V _{DD_0}	Output Power Supply Voltage $V_{DD_O} = 3.3 \text{ V} 10\%$ $V_{DD_O} = 2.5 \text{ V} 5\%$	2.970 2.375	3.3 2.5	3.630 2.625	V
I _{DD} + I _{DD_} O	Total Power Supply Current (all outputs active @ 350 MHz, R_{REF} = 412 $\Omega,$ R_L = 43 $\Omega)$		110	150	mA
I _{stdby}	Standby Current, all OE pins de-asserted with inputs @ 350 MHz		50	65	mA
l _{incr}	Incremental output current for additional output; One OE Enabled		15	23	mA
I _{stdby} + I _{incr}	Standby Current plus incremental current for one additional differential output; One OE Enabled @ 350 MHz		65	88	mA
HCSL OUTF	PUTS (Notes 4, 5)				
V _{OH}	Output HIGH Voltage	660		850	mV
V _{OL}	Output LOW Voltage	-150			mV
V _{OUT}	Output Swing (Single–Ended) Output Swing (Differential)	400 800	750 1500		mV
DIFFERENT	IAL INPUT DRIVEN SINGLE-ENDED (Note 6) (Figures 4 and 6)				
V _{IH}	CLK_IN/CLK_IN# Single-ended Input HIGH Voltage	0.5		V _{DD}	V
V _{IL}	CLK_IN/CLK_IN# Single-ended Input LOW Voltage	GND		V _{IH} – 0.3	V
V _{th}	Input Threshold Reference Voltage Range (Note 7)	0.25		V _{DD} – 1.0	V
V_{ISE}	Single-ended Input Voltage ($V_{IH} - V_{IL}$)	0.5		Vdd	V
DIFFERENT	IAL INPUTS DRIVEN DIFFERENTIALLY (Note 8) (Figures 5 and 7)				
V _{IHD}	Differential Input HIGH Voltage	0.5		V _{DD} – 0.85	V
V _{ILD}	Differential Input LOW Voltage	0		V _{IHD} – 0.25	V
V _{ID}	Differential Input Voltage (V _{IHD} – V _{ILD})	0.25		1.3	V
VIHCMR	Input Common Mode Range (Differential Configuration) (Note 9) (Figure 8)	0.5		V _{DD} – 0.85	V
IIL	Input Leakage Current 0 < V _{IN} < V _{DD} (Note 10)	-5		5	μA
	CMOS INPUTS (OEx#)				
V _{IH}	Input HIGH Voltage	2.0		V_{DD} + 0.3	V
Vii	Input LOW Voltage	-0.3		0.8	V

VIH	Input HIGH voltage	2.0	$V_{DD} + 0.3$	V
V _{IL}	Input LOW Voltage	-0.3	0.8	V
١ _{١L}	Input LOW Current (V _{IN} = GND)	-10	+10	μA
I _{IH}	Input HIGH Current (V _{IN} = V _{DD})		100	μΑ

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions. 4. Test configuration is $R_S = 33.2 \Omega$, $R_L = 49.9$, $C_L = 2 pF$, $R_{REF} = 475 \Omega$. 5. Measurement taken from Single-Ended waveform unless specified otherwise. 6. V_{IH} , V_{IL} , V_{th} and V_{ISE} parameters must be complied with simultaneously. 7. V_{th} is applied to the complementary input when operating in single-ended mode.

8. V_{IHD} , V_{ILD} , V_{ID} and V_{CMR} parameters must be complied with simultaneously. 9. The common mode voltage is defined as V_{IH} . 10. Does not include inputs with pulldown resistors.

Symbol	Characteristics	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
F _{max}	Maximum Input Frequency	350			MHz
T _{rise} /T _{fall}	Rise Time / Fall Time (Notes 13, 17 and 33) (Figure 13)	175	500	700	ps
Output Slew Rate	Output Slew Rate (Notes 13 and 17)	0.5		2.0	V/ns
$\Delta T_{rise} / \Delta T_{fall}$	Rise/Fall Time Variation (Notes 17 and 26)			125	ps
Slew Rate Matching	(Notes 18, 27 and 28)			20%	
V _{high}	Voltage High (Notes 17, and 20) (Figure 14)	660	700	850	mV
V _{low}	Voltage Low (Notes 17, and 21) (Figure 14)	-150	0	+150	mV
Input Slew Rate	(Note 29 and 32)	0.35			V/ns
V _{cross} absolute	Absolute Crossing Point Voltages (Notes 12, 17 and 24) Relative Crossing Point Voltages can be calculated (Notes 16, 17 and 24) (Figure 16)	250		550	mV
Total ΔV_{cross}	Total Variation of Vcross Over All Edges (Notes 17 and 25)			140	mV
Duty Cycle	(Note 18) (Figure 15)	45		55	%
V _{ovs}	Maximum Voltage (Overshoot) (Notes 17 and 22) (Figure 14)			V _{high} + 0.3	V
V _{uds}	Maximum Voltage (Undershoot) (Notes 17 and 23) (Figure 14)			$V_{low} - 0.3$	V
V _{rb}	Ringback Voltage (Note 17) (Figure 14)	0.2		N/A	V
T _{oe_lat}	OE Latency (Note 11)	4	6	12	Cycles
t _{pd}	Input-to-Output Delay CLK_IN, DIF_[3:0] (Note 31)	0.6	1.0	1.4	ns
t _{SKEW}	Output-to-Output Skew across all 4 outputs DIF_[3:0] (Notes 30 and 31)	0	30	100	ps
T _{SKEW(0-0)}	Output-to-Output Skew between 2 output pairs controlled by the same OE DIF_[3:0] (Notes 30 and 31)	0	5	20	ps
$t_{JITTER\varphi}$	Additive RMS Phase Jitter f _{carrier} = 156.25 MHz, 12 kHz – 20 MHz Inte- grated Range		46	80	fs

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11. Time from deassertion until outputs are >200 mV.

12. Measured at crossing point where the instantaneous voltage value of the rising edge of CLK equals the falling edge of CLK#.

13. Measured from V_{OL} = 0.175 V to V_{OH} = 0.525 V. Only valid for Rising Clock and Falling Clock#.

14. This measurement refers to the total variation from the lowest crossing point to the highest, regardless of which edge is crossing 15. Test configuration is $R_S = 33.2 \Omega$, $R_P = 49.9$, $C_L = 2 pF$, $R_{REF} = 475 \Omega$.

16. Vcross(rel) Min and Max are derived using the following, Vcross(rel) Min = 0.250 + 0.5 (V_{high avg} – 0.700). Vcross(rel) Max = 0.550 - 0.5

 $(0.700 - V_{high avg})$, (see Figure 16 for further clarification). 17. Measurement taken from Single Ended waveform.

18. Measurement taken from differential waveform.

19. Unless otherwise noted, all specifications in this table apply to all frequencies.

20. V_{high} is defined as the statistical average High value as obtained by using the Oscilloscope V_{high} Math function.

21. Vlow is defined as the statistical average Low value as obtained by using the Oscilloscope Vlow Math function.

22. Overshoot is defined as the absolute value of the maximum voltage.

23. Undershoot is defined as the absolute value of the minimum voltage.

24. The crossing point must meet the absolute and relative crossing point specifications simultaneously.

25. ΔVcross is defined as the total variation of all crossing voltages of Rising CLOCK and Falling CLOCK#. This is the maximum allowed variance in Vcross for any particular system.

26. Measured with oscilloscope, averaging off, using min max statistics. Variation is the delta between min and max.

27. Matching applies to rising edge rate for clock and falling edge rate for Clock#. It is measured using a 75 mV window centered on the average crosspoint where clock rising meets Clock# falling. The median crosspoint is used to calculate the voltage threshold the oscilloscope is to use for the edge rate calculations.

28. Slew Rate matching is derived using the following, 2 * $(T_{rise} - T_{fall}) / (T_{rise} + T_{fall})$.

29. Input slew rate is based on single ended measurement. This is the minimum input slew rate at which the NB3L204K devices are guaranteed to meet all performance specifications.

- 30. Measured into fixed 2 pF load cap. Input to output skew is measured at the first output edge following the corresponding input.
- 31. Measured from differential cross-point to differential cross-point with scope averaging on to find mean value.
- 32. The differential input clock is expected to be sourced from a high performance clock oscillator.
- 33. Measured at 3.3 V 10% with typical HCSL input levels.



Frequency

Figure 3. Typical Phase Noise Plot at f_{carrier} = 156.25 MHz at an Operating Voltage of 3.3 V, Room Temperature

The above phase noise data was captured using Agilent E5052A/B. The data displays the input phase noise and output phase noise used to calculate the additive phase jitter at a specified integration range. The additive RMS phase jitter contributed by the device (integrated between 12 kHz and 20 MHz) is 45.7 fs.

The additive RMS phase jitter performance of the fanout buffer is highly dependent on the phase noise of the input source. To obtain the most accurate additive phase noise measurement, it is vital that the source phase noise be notably lower than that of the DUT. If the phase noise of the source is similar or greater than the device under test output, the source noise will dominate the additive phase jitter calculation and lead to an artificially low result for the additive phase noise measurement within the integration range.

Additive RMS phase jitter =
$$\sqrt{\text{RMS phase jitter of output}^2 - \text{RMS phase jitter of input}^2}$$

45.7 fs = $\sqrt{73.7 \text{ fs}^2 - 57.8 \text{ fs}^2}$

Table 6. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS – PHASE JITTER PARAMETERS

(V_DD = V_DD_O = 3.3 V 10% or 2.5 V 5%, T_A = -40 C to 85 C)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions (Notes 34 and 39)	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
t _{jphPCleG1}		PCIe Gen 1 (Notes 35 and 36)			10	ps (p–p)
		PCIe Gen 2 Lo Band 10 kHz < f < 1.5 MHz (Notes 35 and 38)			0.3	ps (rms)
t _{jphPCleG2}		PCIe Gen 2 High Band 1.5 MHz < f < Nyquist (50 MHz) (Notes 35 and 38)			0.7	ps (rms)
t _{jphPCleG3}		PCle Gen 3 (PLL BW of 2–4 MHz, CDR = 10 MHz) (Notes 35 and 38)			0.3	ps (rms)
t _{jPCIeG3}	Additive Phase Jitter	PCIe Gen 3 (PLL BW= 2-4 MHz or 2-5 MHz, CDR = 10 MHz) (Notes 35 and 38)		0.07	0.4	ps
t _j PCleG4		PCIe Gen 4 (PLL BW= 2-4 MHz or 2-5 MHz, CDR = 10 MHz) (Notes 35 and 38)		0.07	0.4	ps
		QPI & SMI (100.00 MHz or 133.33 MHz, 4.8 Gb/s, 6.4 Gb/s 12UI) (Notes 37 and 38)			0.3	ps (rms)
t _{jphQPI_SMI}		QPI & SMI (100.00 MHz, 8.0 Gb/s, 12UI) (Notes 37 and 38)			0.1	ps (rms)
		QPI & SMI (100.00 MHz, 9.6 Gb/s, 12UI) (Notes 37 and 38)			0.1	ps (rms)

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34. Applies to all outputs.

35. See http://www.pcisig.com for complete specs
36. Sample size of at least 100K cycles. This figures extrapolates to 108 ps pk-pk @ 1M cycles for a BER of 1–12.

37. Calculated from Intel-supplied Clock Jitter Tool v 1.6.3. 38. For RMS figures, additive jitter is calculated by solving the following equation: $(Additive jitter)^2 = (total jitter)^2 - (input jitter)^2$

39. Guaranteed by design and characterization, not tested in production











Figure 8. VIHCMR Diagram















A. Connect 475 Ω resistor $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{REF}}$ from $\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{REF}}$ pin to GND.

B. R_{S1}, R_{S2}: 33 Ω for Test and Evaluation. Select to Minimizing Ringing.

 $\textbf{C}. \ C_{L1}, \ C_{L2}: \ \text{Receiver Input Simulation (for test only not added to application circuit.}$

D. R_{L1} , R_{L2} Termination and Load Resistors Located at Received Inputs.

Figure 10. Typical Termination Configuration for Output Driver and Device Evaluation





Figure 12. HCSL Interface Termination to LVDS

MEASUREMENT POINTS FOR DIFFERENTIAL



Figure 13. Single-Ended Measurement Points for Trise, Tfall



Figure 14. Single–Ended Measurement Points for $V_{\text{ovs}}, V_{\text{uds}}, V_{\text{rb}}$



Figure 15. Differential (CLOCK – CLOCK#) Measurement Points (Tperiod, Duty Cycle)



Figure 16. V_{cross} Range Clarification (Note 40)

40. The picture above illustrates the effect of V_{high} above and below 700 mV on the V_{cross} range. The purpose of this is to prevent a 250 mV V_{cross} with an 850 mV V_{high}. In addition, this prevents the case of a 550 mV V_{cross} with a 660 mV V_{high}. The actual specification for V_{cross} is dependent upon the measured amplitude of V_{high}.

Signal and Feature Operation

Table 7. OE# FUNCTIONALITY (Notes 41, 42 and 43)

CLK_IN / CLK_IN#	OE# (Pin)	DIF	DIF #	Notes
Running	1	Low	Low	41
Running	0	Running	Running	
Not Running	х	х	х	

41. The outputs are tri-stated, but the termination networks pull them low

42.OE# pins are asynchronous asserted-low signals.

43. Each OE# pin controls two pair of DIF outputs.

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

All differential outputs that were tri-stated (low due to termination pull down) will resume normal operation in a glitch free manner. The latency from the assertion to active outputs is 4 - 12 DIF clock periods.

Note: Input clock must remain running for a minimum of 12 clock cycles.

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

The maximum latency from the de-assertion to tristated (low due to termination pull down) outputs is 12 DIF clock periods.

Table 8. NB3L204K RESISTIVE LUMPED TEST LOADS FOR DIFFERENTIAL CLOCKS

Board Target Trace/Term Z	Reference R, Iref = VDD/(3*R _{REF})	Output Current	V _{OH} @ Z	Rs	Rp
100 Ω Differential 50 Ω Single-Ended	R _{REF} = 475 Ω 1%, I _{REF} = 2.32 mA	I _{OH} = 6 * I _{REF}	0.7 V @ 50	33 Ω 5%	50 Ω 5%
85 Ω Differential 43 Ω Single-Ended	R _{REF} = 412 Ω, 1%, I _{REF} = 2.67 mA	I _{OH} = 6 * I _{REF}	0.7V @ 43.2	27 Ω 5%	43 Ω 5%

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Shipping [†]
NB3L204KMNG	QFN24 (Pb-Free)	123 Units / Rail
NB3L204KMNTXG	QFN24 (Pb-Free)	1000 / Tape & Reel

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