

Introduction

Xilinx provides a comprehensive and TUV SUD certified functional safety design flow solution to our customers to simplify and accelerate functional safety certifications according to IEC 61508, ISO 26262, DO-254/DO-178.

Over the last decades Xilinx FPGAs have been and are being used in a wide variety of industries and applications. The success is based on to their inherent value of:

- Configurability and increased performance.
- Integration of complex and complete systems into a single device.
- Reliability and long life time.

The unique value proposition of Xilinx FPGAs and All Programmable (AP) SoCs help you to drive innovations in:

- Industrial
- Automotive
- Medical
- Aerospace and Defence

In all these markets, reliability and safety is a key requirement, and designers are concerned about developing their products to meet established standards defining the minimum safety and reliability requirements. Xilinx FPGA and AP SoC are used at the heart of products that comply with functional safety requirements, and designers are concerned with questions like:

"How can I leverage the benefits of FPGA and at the same time, meet the functional safety requirements imposed by established standards?"

Safety Standards

The safety standards that are established worldwide are:

- Industrial - IEC 61508, (IEC62061/ISO13489)
- Automotive - ISO 26262
- Medical - IEC 60601
- Process Industry - IEC 61511
- Aerospace and Defense - DO-254/ D0178b

The fundamental safety standards immediately relevant to FPGA designs are IEC 61508, ISO 26262, and DO-254/DO178b.

Xilinx Certified Safety Design Flow Solution

Xilinx provides a certified and comprehensive functional safety design flow solution for FPGA and AP SoC which includes:

- Certificate and Reports.
- FPGA design and verification tools and methodologies.
- IP and devices.

This solution helps to shorten the certification process by many months.

The solution delivers essential project documentation and guidelines, along with Functional Safety system IP.

Xilinx's unique and certified functional safety design methodologies allow you to integrate safety with general applications in the same device. Xilinx Isolation Design Flow (IDF) and Isolation Verification Tools (IVT) provide a certified methodology to separate areas on the FPGA. Designs can be placed into these areas and physically isolated. The areas can be changed at any time without impacting other isolated locations, proven by the IVT tools (*impact analysis*). For more information, see <http://www.xilinx.com/applications/isolation-design-flow/index.htm>.

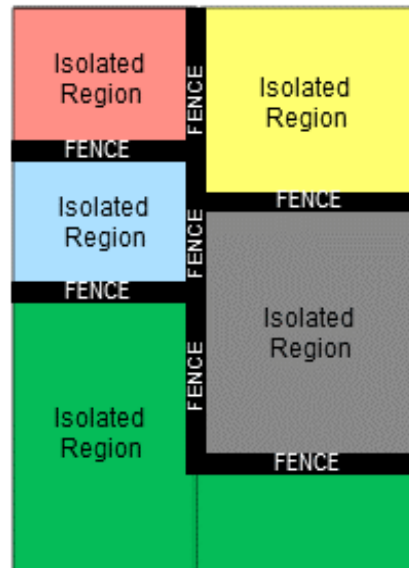


Figure 1: Isolation Design Flow

The solution includes:

- Certification for ISE® Design Suite 14.7 tools.
- Safety manual, *Elements for the Safety Guidelines IEC 61508 and ISO 26262* (UG990).
- SEM IP (diagnostic IP).
- IDF/IVT methodology.
- Comprehensive training for Xilinx products and Xilinx functional safety design flow solutions.



Figure 2: Certification

Qualified Tools

Table 1-1: ISE Design Suite Qualified Tools

Tool/Feature	ISE Design Suite			Applicable Document (Doc ID) for v14.7
	Logic Edition	Embedded Edition	DSP Edition	
PlanAhead™	✓	✓	✓	UG632 UG685
ISE Simulator (ISim)	✓	✓	✓	UG626
XST Synthesis	✓	✓	✓	UG687 UG628 UG658
Power Optimization	✓	✓	✓	UG733 UG786 UG440

Table 1-1: ISE Design Suite Qualified Tools (Cont'd)

Tool/Feature	ISE Design Suite			Applicable Document (Doc ID) for v14.7
	Logic Edition	Embedded Edition	DSP Edition	
Partial Reconfiguration ⁽¹⁾	✓	✓	✓	UG702 UG743 WP374
Design Preservation ⁽²⁾	✓	✓	✓	UG748 WP362
CORE Generator™	✓	✓	✓	CORE Generator Help
iMPACT	✓	✓	✓	iMPACT Help
Additional Flow				
Isolation Design Flow	✓	✓	✓	UG747 UG633 UG676
Diagnostic Tools				
SEM (Soft Error Mitigation)	✓	✓	✓	PG036
ChipScope™ Pro and the ChipScope Pro Serial I/O Toolkit	✓	✓	✓	UG029
Xilinx SEU FIT-Rate Calculator ⁽³⁾	✓	✓	✓	Release Version 1.2g 10-10-2011

Notes:

1. This feature is used for Isolation Design Flow.
2. This feature is used for Isolation Design Flow and to preserve safe or non-safe designs against changes.
3. Xilinx SEU FIT-Rate Calculator is a spreadsheet included in the safety package, and is not part of the ISE tool download.

Licensing and Ordering Information

The Xilinx All Programmable Functional Safety Design Flow Solution Safety package can be purchased under ordering code EM-DI-SAFETY-SITE, which gives full access to the functional safety solutions as well as real time updates for one year.

For more detailed discussions about the Xilinx functional safety design flow solution, please contact your [local Xilinx sales representative](#).

References

For more information on the markets served by Xilinx, use the links below:

1. <http://www.xilinx.com/applications/industrial/index.htm>
2. <http://www.xilinx.com/applications/automotive/index.htm>
3. <http://www.xilinx.com/applications/aerospace-and-defense/avionics/index.htm>
4. <http://www.xilinx.com/applications/medical/index.htm>
5. http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/white_papers/wp461-functional-safety.pdf

Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document:

Date	Version	Description of Revisions
07/09/2014	1.1	Updated Figure 2 , Certification.
07/31/2013	1.0	Initial Xilinx release.

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