

Turbo Chameleon 64

VGA, turbo, freezer and memory expansion for the Commodore-64

The Programmers Manual

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1 Introducing the Chameleon core

The Turbo Chameleon FPGA core can run in a few different configurations and so can be used in various ways. The Chameleon cartridge itself can also run other FPGA images (that can provide other machine emulations). This documentation however only covers the C64 mode of the cartridge.

1.1 Turbo Chameleon Cartridge for the C64

This is the main purpose of the core and also where the name 'Chameleon' is coming from. As it is capable of emulating various cartridges and peripherals in a way that is invisible to the software. Most of the functions of the original C64 hardware is taken over by an enhanced emulation in the cartridge. This gives access to all data and address lines, but also internal registers and various control signals normally not accessible on the cartridge port. The CPU can be made to run faster, memory is expanded and various cartridges can be mapped into the address space without changing anything to the main machine.

1.2 Standalone Mode

1.3 Chameleon core for the C-One Reconfigurable Computer

Both the Chameleon cartridge and the C-One extender board are based on the same type of FPGA. Therefore it made sense to release a Chameleon core for the C-One with extender board. The C-One version of Chameleon behaves like the standalone mode of the Chameleon Cartridge. Because the hardware is different there are some small differences between the two cores. The most important difference are in the amount of memory available and the layout of the memory map.

2 Configuration Mode

Configuration mode is where the required functionality is selected and additional registers and extensions are switched on. The configuration registers are located at 53488 (D0F0_h) to 53503 (D0FF_h). It is recommended to deactivate configuration mode after the required settings have been made, as some programs could overwrite these registers by accident.

2.1 Detecting a Chameleon

Because the Chameleon can emulate a variety of cartridges and even combinations of those, the normal cartridge type detection method by probing DExx_h or DFxx_h fails to reliably detect it. However if the Chameleon is active, a few extra registers are visible in one of the VIC-II mirror areas. Reading at address 53502 (D0FE_h) on a stock machine always results in 255 (FF_h). On the Chameleon the value can be unequal to 255 (FF_h) if the configuration mode is active. Use the following sequence to reliably detect the presence of the Chameleon: Read and backup the current value at 53502 (D0FE_h). Write 42 (2A_h) at 53502 (D0FE_h) and read at the same location. The value represents the FPGA core version. If the backupped value was 255 (FF_h) store it into 53502 (D0FE_h) to restore previous mode.

Core version number	Configuraion or Mode
1 01 _h	C64 with Chameleon cartridge present
161 A1 _h	Chameleon running in standalone mode (C64 emulation)
193 C1 _h	Chameleon core for the C-One reconfigurable computer
255 FF _h	C64 without Chameleon

2.2 Activating Configuration Mode

To enter configuration mode and make the setup registers available write the value 42 (2A_h) in memory location 53502 (D0FE_h). To disable the configuration registers write 255 (FF_h) at this location. Any value written to either 53501 (D0FD_h) or 53503 (D0FF_h) also leaves configuration mode. Activation of configuration mode is very unlikely to happen by accident as sequential writes will never or only briefly activate the registers. During configuration mode the extra registers are

visible from 53488 (D0F0_h) to 53503 (D0FF_h). With these registers other memory areas can be configured and additional registers mapped into the CPU address space.

2.3 Reconfigure the FPGA core

The onboard flash has room for upto sixteen FPGA cores. On power-up the core in the first slot (slot 0) is loaded into the FPGA. This core is the Chameleon core and provides the functions for use as expansion cartridge and for standalone emulation of a Commodore 64. Other cores can be loaded however by writing a new slot number into the configuration register at 53502 (D0FE_h) or'ed with 16.

To reconfigure the FPGA first enter configuration mode by writing 42 (2A_h) at 53502 (D0FE_h) followed by a write of the slot number (0-15) or'ed with 16. So 16 (10_h) reloads the Chameleon core, while values 17 to 31 (11_h to 1F_h) load other cores from the other slots in the onboard Flash. For more information about cores and the flash filesystem refer to the "Core Developers Manual".

2.4 Force menu mode

While configuration mode is active, writing 32 (20_h) at 53502 (D0FE_h) enables menu mode. Refer to chapter 8 for more information about this mode. As almost all RAM and ROM can change on the switch to menu mode, the program performing the switch should be running in the memory area from C000_h to DFFF_h.

2.5 Force reset from software

To force a reset from software write the value 165 (A5_h) into the register at 53502 (D0FE_h). Alternatively the value of 166 (A6_h) can be used that not only performs a reset, but also disables configuration mode. Both values only work if either configuration or menu mode is active.

3 Memory

The Chameleon Cartridge brings its own memory. The internal memory of the C64 is not used except for the color ram. Because the CPU and VIC-II chip can only access 64 Kbyte at a time, a few tricks are required to address more. There are different methods implemented, so the best one can be choosen for each purpose.

By far the fastest method to move large amount of data around in a compatible way is using the REU emulation. The REU is a DMA engine that can copy or compare blocks of data at a speed of 1 Mbyte per second.

A MMU is provided to allows splitting the C64 memory into sixteen segments (banks) of 4 Kbyte each. Each of these 4 Kbyte pages can be placed at any byte offset in memory. There are additional MMU slots for specifying the location of ROMs. This gives support for ROM replacements, emulation of various freezer cartridges and can even be used to implement multitasking.

The CPU is not the only device using memory. The REU emulation was already mentioned, which can use upto 16 Mbyte of storage space. The drive emulation needs memory for the disk images and a bit of work memory. Also the VGA video port uses quite a bit of memory for the framebuffer.

3.1 Allocated memory ranges

3.1.1 32 MByte Layout

This is the memory layout used by the Turbo Chameleon Cartridge both as cartridge and in standalone mode. The area 0100000_h to $019FFFF_h$ is read from onboard Flash-ROM during startup (640 KByte total) by bootloader code inside the FPGA. After loading from Flash-ROM, the Chameleon is switched to either menu-mode or standard C64 mode depending on the status of the arrow-left key.

The MMU blocks 00_h to $0F_h$ are mapped to memory from $000\ 0000_h$ to $000\ FFFF_h$. MMU block $1F_h$ (Kernal ROM) is mapped to $010\ E000_h$ and $1E_h$ (BASIC ROM) is mapped to $010\ A000_h$. MMU block $1D_h$ (character ROM) is mapped to $010\ D000_h$. This emulates the standard C64 memory layout. For the menu mode, four additional blocks are mapped (20_h , 24_h , 25_h and 26_h). See following table where they map. Any additional setup for the menu system must be done by the code located at $010\ 0000_h$ – $010\ 7FFF_h$.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
$000\ 0000_h$ – $000\ FFFF_h$			64 KByte RAM for C64 mode (MMU banks 00_h – $0F_h$)
$001\ 0000_h$ – $00F\ FFFF_h$			960 Kbyte RAM free
$010\ 0000_h$ – $010\ 1FFF_h$			Initial Menu 0000-1FFF (MMU bank 20_h)
$010\ 2000_h$ – $010\ 3FFF_h$			Initial Menu 8000-9FFF (MMU bank 24_h)
$010\ 4000_h$ – $010\ 5FFF_h$			Initial Menu A000-BFFF (MMU bank 25_h)
$010\ 6000_h$ – $010\ 7FFF_h$			Initial Menu E000-FFFF (MMU bank 26_h)
$010\ 8000_h$ – $010\ 9FFF_h$			MMC64 BIOS image
$010\ A000_h$ – $010\ BFFF_h$			BASIC V2 ROM image (MMU $1E_h$)
$010\ C000_h$ – $010\ CFFF_h$			*** reserved 4K ****
$010\ D000_h$ – $010\ DFFF_h$			Character ROM image (MMU $1C_h$)
$010\ E000_h$ – $010\ FFFF_h$			Kernal ROM image (MMU $1F_h$)
$011\ 0000_h$ – $0FF\ FFFF_h$			*** reserved for menu system ****
$100\ 0000_h$ – $1FF\ FFFF_h$			16 MByte REU memory

3.2 MMU Registers

The MMU has 256 slots that store 25 bit wide address offsets in memory. These offsets are the start address in SDRAM memory of the corresponding bank. This start address of each bank can be positioned anywhere in memory at any byte offset. This makes the MMU more flexible as a simple banking scheme as they don't have to start at a multiple of the bank size. This allows MMU banks to overlap and point to shared memory (with each MMU bank at a possibly different offset).

Some slots have specific functions or regions, others are free assignable. By updating the offsets everything can be moved and relocated freely in memory. The MMU registers are located at $D0A0_h$ to $D0AF_h$ and can be activated by setting bit 1 in the configuration register $D0FA_h$. When changing an offset, first select the required slot by writing the slot-number into $D0AF_h$. Then the offset can be read or changed with the registers from $D0A0_h$ to $D0A3_h$.

The first 16 slots have offsets for the 64Kbyte memory that the 6510 and VIC-II can see. Each of the 16 slots specifies the location of a 4 KByte segment.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0A0 _h	53408		Address offset bits A ₇ –A ₀ of current MMU slot
D0A1 _h	53409		Address offset bits A ₁₅ –A ₈ of current MMU slot
D0A2 _h	53410		Address offset bits A ₂₃ –A ₁₆ of current MMU slot
D0A3 _h	53411		Address offset bit A ₂₄ of current MMU slot
bit	settings		description
7	read-only		0 = Block of memory can be read and written 1 = Block of memory is read-only
6–1	Reserved for address extension, must be set to 0		
0	Address offset bit A ₂₄		
D0A4 _h –D0AE _h	53412 –53422		Reserved for future use
D0AF _h	53423		Select MMU slot
bit	settings		description
7–0	Current slot		00 _h = C64 r/w memory at 0xxx _h 01 _h = C64 r/w memory at 1xxx _h 02 _h = C64 r/w memory at 2xxx _h 03 _h = C64 r/w memory at 3xxx _h 04 _h = C64 r/w memory at 4xxx _h 05 _h = C64 r/w memory at 5xxx _h 06 _h = C64 r/w memory at 6xxx _h 07 _h = C64 r/w memory at 7xxx _h 08 _h = C64 r/w memory at 8xxx _h 09 _h = C64 r/w memory at 9xxx _h 0A _h = C64 r/w memory (under basic) at Axxx _h 0B _h = C64 r/w memory (under basic) at Bxxx _h 0C _h = C64 r/w memory at Cxxx _h 0D _h = C64 r/w memory (under I/O) at Dxxx _h 0E _h = C64 r/w memory (under kernal) at Exxx _h 0F _h = C64 r/w memory (under kernal) at Fxxx _h 10 _h = REU internal memory (upto 16 MByte) 11 _h = geoRAM internal memory (upto 4 MByte) 12 _h = Freezer/Game cartridge RAM 13 _h = Freezer/Game cartridge ROM 14 _h = MMC64 cartridge ROM (8 KByte) 15 _h = *** reserved *** 16 _h = *** reserved *** 17 _h = *** reserved for tape *** 18 _h = Drive 8 RAM/ROM (64 KByte) 19 _h = Drive 9 RAM/ROM (64 KByte) 1A _h = *** reserved for drive 9 *** 1B _h = *** reserved *** 1C _h = VIC-II Frame-buffer location 1D _h = character ROM (4 KByte) 1E _h = ROM at A000 _h –BFFF _h (BASIC, 8 KByte) 1F _h = ROM at E000 _h –FFFF _h (KERNAL, 8 KByte) 20 _h = C64 r/w memory at 0000 _h –1FFF _h in menu-mode 21 _h = C64 r/w memory at 2000 _h –3FFF _h in menu-mode 22 _h = C64 r/w memory at 4000 _h –5FFF _h in menu-mode 23 _h = C64 r/w memory at 6000 _h –7FFF _h in menu-mode 24 _h = C64 r/w memory at 8000 _h –9FFF _h in menu-mode 25 _h = C64 r/w memory at A000 _h –BFFF _h in menu-mode 26 _h = C64 r/w memory at E000 _h –FFFF _h in menu-mode 27 _h = ROM or RAM at D700 _h –D7FF _h 28 _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 1 29 _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 2 2A _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 3 2B _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 4 2C _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 1 2D _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 2 2E _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 3 2F _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 4 30 _h –FF _h = *** Free for applications ***

3.3 Memory Overlays (6510 CPU)

	System RAM	System ROMs	Simple ROM	Retro- Replay	REU, MMC, Clockport	Expert Cartridge	Menu Mode	Boot ROM
FFFF	0F _h							FPGA internal Boot-ROM
F000 EFFF		1F _h	13 _h	13 _h		12 _h	26 _h	
E000 DFFF	0E _h	KERNAL	Ultimax	Freeze		Freeze or Reset		
D000 CFFF	0D _h	1D _h Char ROM			registers	Freeze	27 _h	
C000 BFFF	0C _h							
B000 AFFF	0B _h	1E _h	13 _h	13 _h				25 _h
A000 9FFF	0A _h	BASIC V2	16K mode					
9000 8FFF	09 _h		13 _h	12 _h 13 _h	14 _h	R/W 12 _h	24 _h	
8000 7FFF	08 _h				MMC64 Bios	Prg, Freeze or Reset		
7000 6FFF	07 _h						23 _h	
6000 5FFF	06 _h							
5000 4FFF	05 _h						22 _h	
4000 3FFF	04 _h							
3000 2FFF	03 _h						21 _h	
2000 1FFF	02 _h							
1000 0FFF	01 _h						20 _h	
0000	00 _h							

The large hexadecimal number represent the MMU bank that is assigned to that segment. Some MMU banks are assigned to two segments. In that case the segments are located behind each other in that bank with the segment with the lowest address first.

4 Buttons

There are three buttons on the Chameleon. The functions they perform, can be changed by software. The default functions are:

- Left, Turbo On/Off toggle

- Middle, short press is Freeze, long press accesses Chameleon menu
- Right, short press is Reset, long press restarts to core selection menu

4.1 Buttons Configuration Register

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0FB _h	53499	CFGBTN	Debug info and Buttons
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Debug info on VGA	00 = No debug information 01 = Show memory and cache load and also main 6510 CPU state on the top of the screen. 10 = Show memory, cache, 6510 and drive CPU state. 11 = Show all debug information (note this uses a considerable amount of screen space).	
5-4	Reserved, must be 0		
3-0	Left button configuration		
	short		long
	0000	Menu	—
	0001	Cartridge On/Off	Cartridge Prg (expert)
	0010	Toggle Turbo On/Off	—
	0100	Disk change drive 8 (next)	Disk change drive 8 (first)
	0101	Disk change drive 9 (next)	Disk change drive 9 (first)
	others		*** reserved ***

5 VGA Output

One of the major features on the Turbo Chameleon Cartridge is the VGA connector. This interface allows rendering of the C64 picture on a VGA monitor in high quality. It doesn't use the original PAL or NTSC output, but generates the picture by monitoring the address and databus of the expansion connector. This results in a crisp and perfect stable picture on the monitor. If compatibility with a stock C64 is not required, the VGA controller can be reprogrammed to provide higher resolutions and more colors.

5.1 VGA Resolution and Sync Registers

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D040 _h			VGA Visual X-size _{7..0}
D041 _h			VGA Visual Y-size _{7..0}
D042 _h			VGA Visual size upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	visual Y-size _{11..8}	
	3-0	visual X-size _{11..8}	
D043 _h			VGA total X-size _{7..0}
D044 _h			VGA total Y-size _{7..0}
D045 _h			VGA total size upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	total Y-size _{11..8}	
	3-0	total X-size _{11..8}	
D046 _h			VGA HSync start _{7..0}
D047 _h			VGA HSync end _{7..0}
D048 _h			VGA HSync upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	HSync end _{11..8}	
	3-0	HSync start _{11..8}	
D049 _h			VGA VSync start _{7..0}
D04A _h			VGA VSync end _{7..0}
D04B _h			VGA VSync upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	VSyn end _{11..8}	
	3-0	VSyn start _{11..8}	
D04C _h			Select current object Object registers are at D050 _h -D05F _h
D04D _h			First object to render
D04E _h			Last object to render
D04F _h			Polarity and Pixel-clock
	bit	settings	description
	7	VSyn polarity	0 = negative sync 1 = positive sync
	6	HSyn polarity	0 = negative sync 1 = positive sync
	5	Enable VGA VSync Interrupt	0 = disabled 1 = enabled
	4	VGA VSync Interrupt status	0 = no interrupt 1 = pending
	3-0	Pixel-clock frequency	Interrupt status is cleared on any write to D04F _h 0000 = 25.175 Mhz 0001 = 31.5 Mhz 0010 = Reserved for future use 0011 = Reserved for future use 0100 = 50 Mhz 0101 = Reserved for future use 0110 = Reserved for future use 0111 = Reserved for future use 1000 = 94.4 Mhz 1001 = Reserved for future use others = Reserved for future use

5.2 Example settings for standard VGA modes

Screen mode	Visual Size		Total Size		HSync	VSyn	Polarity
	W	H	W	H	start / end	start / end	& Pixelclock
640x480 @ 60Hz	640	480	?				H=n / V=p / 25.175
800x600 @ 72Hz	800	600	1040	666	860 / 980	625 / 631	H=p / V=p / 50
1024x768 @ 70Hz	1024	768	1328	806			H=n / V=n / 75
1024x768 @ 75Hz	1024	768	1312	800			H=p / V=p / 78.8
1280x1024 @ 60Hz	1280	1024	1688	1066			H=p / V=p / 108

5.3 Chameleon Object Processor

The COP (Chameleon Object Processor) is a separate processor designed to perform graphic tasks. It can render multiple moving objects to the screen, these objects can take the form of sprites/MOBs or even complete bitmaps (with smooth scrolling in all directions). Objects of different resolutions (pixels can be stretched both horizontally and vertically) and different bit-depths can be combined on the same screen. A object can be configured as a window showing only a part of a larger bitmap. Combining this feature with smooth scroll and byte wise addressing allows the window to be positioned anywhere on the bitmap. Objects that overlap other objects can have one of their colors set to transparent to show the objects below it.

Programming the COP is done with 19 registers, 16 of these are mapped at D050_h and are used to configure the objects. The register at D04C_h selects one of a possible 256 objects to configure. Registers D04D_h and D04E_h allow selection of a sub-range of objects. Only the objects within this range are rendered to the screen. The drawing order is fixed, an object with lower index number is always behind an object with a higher index number. All other objects outside the range are invisible (and won't use any memory nor object processor bandwidth).

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D050 _h	53328	COPXL	X position _{7..0}
D051 _h	53329	COPYL	Y position _{7..0}
D052 _h	53330	COPYXH	position upper bits
bit	settings	description	
7-4	Y position _{11..8}		
3-0	X position _{11..8}		
D053 _h	53331	COPWL	X size _{7..0}
D054 _h	53332	COPHL	Y size _{7..0}
D055 _h	53333	COPHWH	size upper bits
bit	settings	description	
7-4	Y size _{11..8}		
3-0	X size _{11..8}		
D056 _h	53334	COPLIL	Line increment low
D057 _h	53335	COPLIH	Line increment high
D058 _h	53336	COPMMU	MMU slot
D059 _h	53337		Stretch and flip
bit	settings	description	
7	Vertical flip	0 = normal 1 = flipped / mirror	
6-4	stretch	000 = normal size 001 = double height pixels 010 = 4x height pixels 011 = 8x height pixels 100 = 16x height pixels others = Reserved for future use	
3	Horizontal flip	0 = normal 1 = flipped / mirror	
2-0	stretch	000 = normal size 001 = double width pixels 010 = 4x width pixels 011 = 8x width pixels 100 = 16x width pixels others = Reserved for future use	
D05A _h	53338		Horizontal smooth scroll (in pixels)
D05B _h	53339		Vertical smooth scroll (in lines)
D05C _h	53340		Palette offset
D05D _h	53341		*** free ***
D05E _h	53342		Group and Alpha
bit	settings	description	
7	-		
6-4	Collision group	Selects group for collision detection	
3-0	Alpha	Alpha-blending value in 6% steps (1/16th) 0000 = Fully opaque (100% new) 1111 = 6% of the new color and 94% of background	
D05F _h	53343		Mode selection
bit	settings	description	
7	Command	0 = Render bitmap graphics 1 = Define tile-set or mask	
When bit 7 (command) is 0			
6	Clip rectangle	0 = use existing clip rectangle 1 = Set new clip rectangle from object position and dimensions. All following objects will clip to the boundary of this object.	
5	Use masking	0 = No masking 1 = Use previously set mask	
4	Enable color dither	0 = 5 bits color channels (truncated) 1 = 8 bits color channels (dithered)	
3	Color keying	0 = object is fully opaque. 1 = color 0 is transparent.	
2-0	Color depth	000 = Solid color 001 = 1 bit/pixel, 2 palette colors 010 = 2 bits/pixel, 4 palette colors 011 = 4 bits/pixel, 16 palette colors 100 = 8 bits/pixel, 256 palette colors 101 = 16 bits/pixel, 32768 color mode 110 = 8 bits/tile, 256 tiles 111 = 16 bits/tile, 256 tiles with palette offset	
When bit 7 (command) is 1			
TBD			

5.4 Palette Registers

To support higher color depths on the VGA, a set of registers is added to store custom colors. The 'palette offset' register in the Object-Processor select which of the colors of the palette are being used. The first 32 entries in the color palette are fixed. Entries 32 (020_h) to 287 (11F_h) are software redefinable by using the palette registers (note that entries 271 to 287 are only reachable in 256 color mode).

When bit 0 of configuration register D0FA_h is set, an additional 768 registers become available at memory locations D100_h to D3FF_h. The registers at D1xx_h store the red color intensities. The next 256 registers at D2xx_h store the green intensity of the colors and the last 256 at D3xx_h store the blue intensity value of the RGB triplets. Although the color resolution is limited to 5 bits (bit 7–3), all 8 bits are stored so the palette registers can also be used as 768 bytes of extra memory.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D100 _h –D1FF _h	53504 –53759	PALRED	256 entry color palette Red intensity
D200 _h –D2FF _h	53760 –54015	PALGRN	256 entry color palette Green intensity
D300 _h –D3FF _h	54016 –54271	PALBLU	256 entry color palette Blue intensity

5.5 Fixed Palette Entries

The first 32 entries in the color palette are fixed. They contain VIC-II and VDC compatible color definitions. Palette entries 0 (000_h) to 15 (00F_h) contain VIC-II compatible colors. Palette entries 16 (010_h) to 31 (01F_h) contain RGBI entries compatible with the VDC chip that is found in Commodore 128 machines. Custom color entries start at palette index 32 (020_h) with the last entry at index 287 (11F_h).

Palette Index	Color (VIC-II)	Palette Index	Color (VDC)
0 (000 _h)	black	16 (010 _h)	black
1 (001 _h)	white	17 (011 _h)	dark gray
2 (002 _h)	red	18 (012 _h)	dark blue
3 (003 _h)	cyan	19 (013 _h)	light blue
4 (004 _h)	purple	20 (014 _h)	dark green
5 (005 _h)	green	21 (015 _h)	light green
6 (006 _h)	blue	22 (016 _h)	dark cyan
7 (007 _h)	yellow	23 (017 _h)	light cyan
8 (008 _h)	orange	24 (018 _h)	dark red
9 (009 _h)	brown	25 (019 _h)	light red
10 (00A _h)	light red	26 (01A _h)	dark purple
11 (00B _h)	dark gray	27 (01B _h)	light purple
12 (00C _h)	mid gray	28 (01C _h)	dark yellow (brown)
13 (00D _h)	light green	29 (01D _h)	yellow
14 (00E _h)	light blue	30 (01E _h)	light gray
15 (00F _h)	light gray	31 (01F _h)	white

6 VGA Status Lines

Chameleon can display up to three status lines on the VGA screen. When one or more status lines are enable also two colored bars appear that show the memory performance in a graphical representation. The color bars are split in sixteen equal segment, so each segment represents $6\frac{1}{4}$ percent. The top bar represents the current load placed by the system on the SDRAM memory. The bottom bar represents the cache miss rate in percent. When the cache controller has many misses it will cause the SDRAM load to increase as well. Idle values (e.g. READY prompt in basic) for the two bars are around three segments for the top bar (18 percent) and no more than one segment for the cache miss rate. When running graphic intensive applications the system load

can increase significantly. Also the turbo function can cause many cache misses as the CPU will perform about 10 times as many memory accesses compared to 1 Mhz mode.

The first status line displays the status of the main CPU (6510). From left to right it displays the following values:

- The current Program Counter (PC)
- The opcode currently executed (IR)
- Contents of the accumulator (A)
- Contents of the index X register (X)
- Contents of the index Y register (Y)
- Position of the stack-pointer (S)
- Processor flags zero is flag cleared, N = negative flag set, V=Overflow flag set, D=Decimal flag set, I=Interrupts disabled, Z=Zero flag set, C=Carry set
- Values of memory locations 0 and 1, which control the IO lines on the CPU (IO). Both addresses are combined into a single value that represents the real memory layout (calculation is $IO_1 \text{ OR } (\text{NOT } IO_0)$). Clearing the direction register (set to input) causes the output to become high due to pull-ups in the machine.
- CPU speed in percentage relative to the phi-2 clock. Numbers below 100 percent indicate that the CPU is slowed down by badlines or sprite fetches. If the turbo mode is active, numbers much larger as 100 can be seen.

The next two lines (if enabled) show the status for the two drive CPUs. The first fields are the same as for the main CPU. The two digits with a slash in between represent the current selected disk-image and maximum loaded disk-images. The last number is the current disk track represented as decimal number in the range 1 to 40.

6.1 VGA Status Configuration Register

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0FB _h	53499	CFGBTN	Debug info and Buttons
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Debug info on VGA	00 = No debug information 01 = Show memory and cache load and also main 6510 CPU state on the top of the screen. 10 = Show memory, cache, 6510 and drive CPU state. 11 = Show all debug information (note this uses a considerable amount of screen space).	
5-4	Reserved, must be 0		
3-0	Left button configuration		
	short		long
	0000	Menu	–
	0001	Cartridge On/Off	Cartridge Prg (expert)
	0010	Toggle Turbo On/Off	–
	0100	Disk change drive 8 (next)	Disk change drive 8 (first)
	0101	Disk change drive 9 (next)	Disk change drive 9 (first)
	others		*** reserved ***

7 Cartridge Emulation

The Chameleon occupies the expansion connector and can not share it with any other cartridge(s). Fortunately it can emulate many types of cartridges. Even some combinations of different cartridges can be emulated. A few of these combinations are special as such that these are normally not possible to be used in a single machine without tricks.

7.1 Freezer Logic

Chameleon contains a generic freezer implementation, the same logic is used for all the available freezer cartridge emulations. The freezer logic in Chameleon is often more reliable as the kludgy logic used originally in many of the cartridges.

The freezer emulation can successfully freeze programs that have interrupts disabled or force the NMI line low. It also properly waits for the acknowledge of the interrupt before enabling the freezer ROMs. Although some programs might not function correctly after a restart, it is impossible for an application to prevent the freeze action itself.

7.2 Clock port

This is not really a separate cartridge type, but a part of other cartridges. The clockport is an interface that originally comes from the Amiga 1200 computer, but can be found on many Commodore 64 cartridges as well. It allows small add-on cards to be easily connected to the machine. The shape of the Chameleon PCB and casing is designed for an optional RR-Net ethernet adapter. Many other addons don't fit properly as they were designed for different hardware.

As the Chameleon can emulate multiple cartridges that have their own (conflicting) clockport settings, the configuration for this port is moved to a Chameleon specific register. The clockport configuration bits in the register maps of various cartridges are therefore not emulated.

7.3 Simple ROM cartridges

These are simple cartridges with an EPROM, an optional on/off switch and sometimes one logic chip. These type of cartridges are often used for utilities like tape speeders, assemblers and machine-monitors or for small games. There are three different cartridge layouts that can be configured.

- 8 Kbyte ROM at 8000_h to $9FFF_h$. If the ROM doesn't support autostart, the machine will report 30719 basic bytes free.
- 16 Kbyte ROM at 8000_h to $BFFF_h$. This type of cartridge replaces the BASIC interpreter ROM to get 8 Kbyte more ROM space.
- 16 Kbyte ROM at 8000_h to $9FFF_h$ and $E000_h$ to $FFFF_h$. This type of cartridge replaces Kernal ROM to get 8 Kbyte more ROM space. This configuration is known as ultimax and changes the memory layout as well.

The 8 Kbyte configuration is the most common. Some games cartridges are using the 16 Kbyte variants if they need more as 8 Kbyte of ROM space. Some Kernal ROM replacement cartridges also use a 16 Kbyte ROM layout (ultimax), but have some extra logic on the PCB to keep the normal RAM layout. These type of cartridges can not be emulated, but the Kernal ROM can be replaced much easier on Chameleon by simply reprogramming the MMU. Changing the address for slot $1F_h$ in the MMU has the same effect as replacing the ROM inside the machine and is completely transparent for any software.

7.4 MMC64

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DF10 _h	57104	MMCSPI	SPI transfer register. Write in this register sends byte to SPI bus, read is last retrieved byte.
DF11 _h	57105	MMCCTL	MMC64 Control register.
bit	settings	description	
7	MMC64 active	0 = MMC64 is active 1 = MMC64 is disabled Bit can only be modified when unlocked	
6	SPI trigger mode	0 = Trigger SPI transfer on write to register DF10 _h 1 = Trigger SPI transfer on read of register DF10 _h	
5	External ROM	0 = Allow external ROM when BIOS is disabled 1 = Disable external ROM	
4	Flash mode	0 = Normal mode 1 = Flash update mode Not implemented, must be set to 0	
3	Clock port address	Not implemented, must be set to 0	
2	Clock Speed	0 = 250 KHz SPI clock 1 = 8 Mhz SPI clock	
1	MMC cart select	0 = Cart selected 1 = Cart not selected	
0	MMC64 Bios	0 = MMC64 BIOS ROM active 1 = BIOS ROM disabled (external ROM active)	
DF12 _h	57106	MMCST	MMC64 Status register (read-only).
bit	settings	description	
5	Flash jumper	Not implemented reads always as 0	
4	MMC Write Protect	0 = Cart can be written 1 = Cart is write protected	
3	MMC Cart Detect	0 = Cart inserted 1 = No cart present, slot empty	
2	External EXROM line		
1	External GAME line		
0	Busy	0 = SPI bus ready 1 = SPI bus busy (only for 250 Khz mode)	

7.4.1 MMC64 + SPI

Same as MMC64, but with unused bit 4 combined with card select to have access to three SPI devices: MMC cart, FlashRom or RTC (Real Time Clock). When accessing the RTC, the transfer speed must be set to 250 Khz. The RTC device is too slow to accept data at 8 Mhz. The FlashRom is fast enough to be accessed in 8 Mhz mode.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DF11 _h	57105	MMCCTL	MMC64 Control register.
bit	settings	description	
4,1	Select	00 = MMC cart selected 01 = Nothing selected 10 = Flash ROM selected 11 = RTC (Real Time Clock) selected	

7.5 RAM expansions

The standard internal memory of 64 Kbyte of the Commodore 64 is not always enough. Therefore some memory expansions have been developed.

- RAM Expansion Unit (REU)
- geoRAM

The operating system GEOS was one of the first programs to support the REU. Because the REU was difficult to obtain, the company behind GEOS made their own expansion called geoRAM. The REU has a builtin DMA engine that the geoRAM module lacks. This makes the REU the better expansion option and has also slightly more software support. Chameleon can emulate both the

REU and geoRAM. The registers of the two expansions don't overlap and therefore can even be activated at the same time.

7.5.1 REU (Ram Expansion Unit) 1700, 1750, 1764 registers

The memory of the REU is not directly visible in the address space of the C64. The REU transfers blocks of data to or from its onboard RAM by using DMA. While the transfer is in progress the CPU is stopped. The REU copies and compares at a speed of 1 Mbyte/second (memory swaps run at half that speed), but like the processor it will stop on badlines when the VIC-II video chip needs the extra memory cycles.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DF00 _h	57088	DMAST	REU Status register (read-only)
bit	settings	description	
7	1 = IRQ pending		
6	1 = End of block		
5	1 = Fault	Compare operation detected a difference	
4	Size	0 = 128 or 256 KByte 1 = 512 KByte A single bit can't represent all memory sizes. So software should probe for the amount that is really available	
3-0	Version	Always 0000	
DF01 _h	57089	DMACMD	REU Command register
bit	settings	description	
7	1 = Execute		
6	Reserved	–	
5	1 = Auto load	When autoloading is enabled. The memory pointers and length registers are reloaded at the end of the transfer	
4	FF00 _h flag	0 = Wait for write to FF00 _h before starting transfer 1 = Start immediately when bit 7 becomes set	
3-2	Reserved	–	
1-0	Transfer type	00 = C64 to REU 01 = REU to C64 10 = Swap 11 = Compare / verify	
DF02 _h	57090	DMA64L	C64 memory pointer low
DF03 _h	57091	DMA64H	C64 memory pointer high
DF04 _h	57092	DMAINL	REU memory pointer low
DF05 _h	57093	DMAINM	REU memory pointer mid
DF06 _h	57094	DMAINH	REU memory pointer high
DF07 _h	57095	DMACNL	Transfer length low
DF08 _h	57096	DMACNH	Transfer length high
DF09 _h	57097	DMAINT	Interrupt mask register
bit	settings	description	
7	Interrupt enable	1 = enabled	
6	End Of Block mask	1 = interrupt after transfer	
5	Verify mask	1 = interrupt on verify error	
4-0	Reserved	Read as 1	
DF0A _h	57098	DMACTL	Address control register
bit	settings	description	
7	C64 Address control	0 = Increment C64 address 1 = Fix C64 address	
6	REU Address control	0 = Increment REU address 1 = Fix REU address	
5-0	Reserved	Read as 1	

7.5.2 geoRAM registers

There is a 256 byte large window at DE00_h–DEFF_h to access the GeoRAM memory. Two registers at DFFE_h and DFFF_h select the position of the memory window. The registers are write only. A read can return any random value. On reset the registers are cleared to zero.

The GeoRAM register layout allows upto 4 Mbyte of internal memory (its location in memory is determined by MMU bank 17 (11_h)). The real GeoRAM cartridge has only 512 KByte, but some

clone hardware have appeared with more memory (NeoRAM). The emulation in Chameleon can be configured from 64KByte upto 4 MByte in powers of two.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DE00 _h -DEFF _h	56832 -57087	GEOBUF	geoRAM 256 byte memory window
DFFE _h	57342	GEOLOW	geoRAM address A ₁₃ -A ₈
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Unused	must be set to 0	
5-0	geoRAM A ₁₃ -A ₈		
DFFF _h	57343	GEOHI	geoRAM address A ₂₁ -A ₁₄

7.6 Action Replay / RetroReplay

Chameleon can emulate the RetroReplay hardware. This is a freezer cartridge developed by Individual Computers and is an improvement on and backwards compatible with the Action Replay. The RetroReplay cartridge provides access to 64 KByte of ROM and 32 KByte of RAM. The real cartridge has two ROMs of 64 KByte that can be selected with a hardware jumper, this is not emulated as the MMU in Chameleon can provide similar functionality.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DE00 _h	56832	RRCTRL	RR control register (on write)
bit	settings	description	
7	A15	ROM address line 15	
6	ROM/RAM	0 = ROM	
5		1 = RAM	
4	A14	ROM/RAM address line 14	
3	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13	
2	Disable	Write 1 to disable cartridge	
1	EXROM		
0	GAME (inverted)		
DE01 _h	56833	RREXTD	RR extended control register (on write)
bit	settings	description	
7	A15	ROM address line 15 (mirror of DE00 _h)	
6	REU Compatibility	0 = Standard memory map	
		1 = REU compatible memory map	
5		Not implemented, must be set to 0	
4	A14	ROM/RAM address line 14 (mirror of DE00 _h)	
3	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13 (mirror of DE00 _h)	
2		Not implemented, must be set to 0	
1	AllowBank	0 = no RAM banking in DE02 _h -DFFF _h area	
		1 = Enable RAM banking in DE02 _h -DFFF _h area	
0		Not implemented, must be set to 0	
DE00 _h -DE01 _h	56832 -56833	RRSTAT	RR status (on read)
bit	settings	description	
7	A15	ROM address line 15	
6		Not implemented, reads 0	
5		ROM/RAM address line 14	
4	A14	ROM/RAM address line 14	
3	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13	
2			
1			
0		Not implemented, reads 0	

The ROM/RAM switch determines if memory or ROM is visible at 8000_h-9FFF_h and at DE00_h-DFFF_h. The memory locations A000_h-BFFF_h and E000_h-FFFF_h always map ROM and are not affected by this bit. Although the ROM can be located at different memory addresses only 8 Kbyte is available at any time. When more as one location is activated they are mirrors of each other. The ROM has 8 banks of 8 Kbyte for a total of 64 KByte ROM. The RAM only has 4 banks for a total of 32 KByte RAM.

The lowest two bits of the configuration register at DE00_h determine where in memory the ROM or RAM of the cartridge is visible. Take note that the control of the GAME line is inverted. After reset the register is cleared so the first 8 Kbyte of the ROM is visible at 8000_h-9FFF_h. The

”CBM80” signature in the ROM makes the kernel jump into the cartridge and this will display the startup menu.

EXROM bit 1	GAME (inverted) bit 0	ROM Mapping
0	0	8 KByte at 8000_h-9FFF_h
0	1	8 KByte ROM/RAM at 8000_h-9FFF_h and 8 Kbyte ROM at $A000_h-BFFF_h$
1	0	Cartridge ROM/RAM disabled.
1	1	Ultimax mode, ROM/RAM at 8000_h-9FFF_h and ROM at $E000_h-FFFF_h$.

The RetroReplay has a slight incompatibility (by design) compared to the original Action-Replay cartridge. When writing to the RAM on the Action Replay at 8000_h-9FFF_h it will also write to the internal C64 memory at the same address. On the RetroReplay (and its emulation in Chameleon) a write operation will only write to the cartridge RAM, leaving the C64 memory below it intact.

7.7 Final Cartridge 3

Chameleon can emulate the Final Cartridge 3 hardware. The cartridge provides 64 KByte of ROM containing disk and tape speeders, basic extensions, machine monitor and a freezer. A unique feature of the cartridge is its graphical menu system that can be controlled with a mouse. The ROM is divided into four banks of 16 KByte each. A control register at $DFFF_h$ allows selection of the required bank. The register can only be written as any reads in the $DE00_h-DFFF_h$ address range always access the ROMs. As the cartridge occupies all addresses in the IO space at $DE00_h-DFFF_h$ no other emulations can be active at the same time.

By setting bit 7 of the control register at $DFFF_h$ disables the cartridge and makes any hidden registers available again. This makes it possible for example to use the clock-port or REU. Use the freeze button to re-activate the Final Cartridge 3 emulation.

On a system reset the control register at $DFFF_h$ is cleared to zero. This maps the first 16 KByte of the ROM into 8000_h-BFFF_h and makes the control register writable. The ”CBM80” signature at the beginning of the ROM will make the Kernal jump into the cartridge on reset to let it initialize and active the graphic desktop environment. The control register also has two individual bits for GAME and EXROM so it can enable either 8 Kbyte or 16 KByte of the current ROM bank.

GAME bit 5	EXROM bit 4	ROM Mapping
0	0	16 KByte at 8000_h-BFFF_h
0	1	Ultimax mode, ROM at 8000_h-9FFF_h and $E000_h-FFFF_h$.
1	0	8 KByte at 8000_h-9FFF_h
1	1	Cartridge ROM disabled.

Pressing the freeze button on a Final Cartridge 3, pulls GAME low (activating Ultimax mode) and pulls NMI low as well to force an interrupt. In Chameleon freezing is handled by the generic freezing logic that can for example also freeze while NMI is already low. The behavior of the control register during a freeze is therefore slightly different from the original hardware.

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
DE00 _h –DFFF _h	56832 –57343		Reads will read cartridge ROM at 1E00 _h –1FFF _h , 5E00 _h –5FFF _h , 9E00 _h –9FFF _h or DE00 _h –DFFF _h depending on the current selected bank.
DFFF _h	57343	FC3BNK	On write
bit	settings	description	
7	register enable	0 = Banking register writable at DFFF. 1 = Banking register invisible. On Chameleon setting this bit to 1 also disables the ROM mirror at DE00 _h –DFFF _h .	
6	NMI	0 = Force NMI line low 1 = Normal operation	
5	GAME	State of the GAME line	
4	EXROM	State of the EXROM line	
3	unused		
2	unused		
1	A15	ROM address line 15	
0	A14	ROM address line 14	

7.8 The Expert Cartridge

7.9 Game cartridges

There are game cartridges that need (much) more ROM space as the 16 Kbyte provided by the standard memory layouts. These cartridges use bank switching logic inside the cartridge to map different parts of the ROM into memory. A couple of these bank switching methods can be emulated by Chameleon. This allows the games to be played without unplugging the Chameleon. All that is needed to play the game is a copy of the game cartridge ROM contents on a MMC card or in the onboard flash chip.

7.10 Configuration registers

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0F0 _h	53488	CFGCRT	Cartridge emulation
bit	settings	description	
7-0	Freezer/Game Type	00000000 = Off 00000001 = RetroReplay 00000011 = Final Cartridge 3 00000110 = Expert Cartridge 11111100 = 16K ROM cartridge at 8000 _h -BFFF _h 11111101 = 16K ROM cartridge in Ultimax mode 11111110 = 8K ROM cartridge at 8000 _h -9FFF _h others = reserved for future use	
D0F1 _h	53489	CFGSPI	Clock-port and MMC64 Emulation
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Reserved, must be 0		
5-4	Clock port	00 = Off 01 = Clock port at DE00 _h -DE0F _h 10 = Clock port at DF20 _h -DF2F _h 11 = reserved	
3	ROM source	0 = ROMs are banked with MMU at D0A0 _h -D0AF _h 1 = C64 original Basic and Kernal ROMs are used This bit is only functional in cartridge mode. In standalone mode and on the C-One this bit should always be clear. Note that the character ROM is always emulated and never the C64 original.	
2	MMC64 active	0 = MMC64 active (Copy of bit 7 in DF11 _h) 1 = MMC64 disabled (DF1x _h registers are invisible) This bit can only be toggled in DF11 _h after unlocking, while it can be accessed here at any time. On reset this bit is set to 1 if MMC64 emulation is disabled (bits 1-0 are zero) and 0 when emulation is enabled.	
1-0	MMC64 Emulation, SPI	00 = Off 01 = MMC64 Emulation 10 = reserved 11 = MMC64 Emulation with extra bits combinations defined for access to RTC (Real Time Clock) and FlashRom.	
D0F5 _h	53493	CFGREU	REU (Ram Expansion Unit) and geoRAM Emulation Config
bit	settings	description	
7	1 = Enable REU	Enable REU emulation and activate registers at DF00 _h -DF0A _h .	
6	1 = Enable geoRAM	Enable geoRAM emulation and activate registers at DE00 _h -DEFF _h , DFFE _h and DFFF _h	
5-3	geoRAM size	000 = 64 KByte 001 = 128 KByte 010 = 256 KByte 011 = 512 KByte 100 = 1 MByte 101 = 2 MByte 110 = 4 MByte 111 = reserved for future use	
2-0	REU memory size	000 = 128 KByte 001 = 256 KByte 010 = 512 KByte 011 = 1 MByte 100 = 2 MByte 101 = 4 MByte 110 = 8 MByte 111 = 16 MByte (Note there is not enough RAM on C-One for this setting)	

7.11 Cartridge stacks and combinations

Unless a port expander is used only a single cartridge can be used in the Commodore 64 at any time. In Chameleon there are a variety of functions integrated into a single device. This makes it a lot more likely that multiple functions are selected and active at the same time. However the original cartridges on which the Chameleon functions are based on, were never designed to be used at the same time. So not all possible combinations make sense. There are some overlaps in memory areas and registers that each cartridge uses. So some functions will hide the registers and ROM images used by other functions when enabled.

The cartridge emulator engine in Chameleon assigns highest priority to the MMC64 registers and boot ROM. The freezer (or game) emulation has next priority followed by the clockport, any ram

expander registers and simple ROMs. The internal ROMs (BASIC and Kernal) and system RAM have the lowest priority.

8 Menu mode

Menu mode is similar in function to a freezer cartridge, but is separate from the normal cartridge emulation logic. The mode is designed for configuration and control of the various aspects of the cartridge. Because it functions as a freezer it is possible to enter menu mode at any time and in most cases return to the original application again when done.

8.1 Entering menu mode

Menu mode can be entered in three different ways:

- The menu mode is active after a reset
- Pressing the freeze button longer as 0.7 seconds
- Writing 32 (20_h) into 53502 ($D0FE_h$) while in configuration mode

8.2 Programming for menu mode

In menu mode the I/O space is always active (the CPU banking registers at address 0 and 1 have no effect in menu mode). Some Chameleon specific settings in the configuration registers at $D0F0_h$ – $D0FF_h$ are also over-ridden. Any changes made to those configuration registers therefore will only take effect when leaving the menu mode. In menu mode the REU and MMC64 emulations are always active and any freezers or game emulations are (temporarily) disabled.

In menu mode a total of 56 KByte of ROM and RAM memory is replaced. This allows utility functions to operate without disturbing the frozen program. The MMU can be used for banking additional memory in and out of the address space. The 56 KByte is build up from seven banks of 8 KByte each. The area $C000_h$ – $CFFF_h$ keeps it original mapping to MMU bank $0C_h$.

8.3 VIC-II memory access in menu mode

In menu mode the VIC-II accesses also go to the seven new 8K banks. However the character ROM accesses at 1000_h – $1FFF_h$ and 9000_h – $9FFF_h$ stay intact and access MMU bank $1D_h$. As there is no new memory at $C000_h$ – $DFFF_h$ in menu mode, the VIC-II will gets it data from normal C64 MMU banks $0C_h$ and $0D_h$ on these addresses. Note that the CPU is not able to access any data (character ROM or RAM) at the memory range $D000_h$ – $DFFF_h$ directly as the I/O space is always on top.

8.4 Differences between Menu and Configuration modes

In menu mode only the registers $D0FD_h$ and $D0FF_h$ are readable. All other configuration registers read as 255 (FF_h), unless the configuration mode is active at the same time as well. Also writes to $D0FE_h$ are possible without first enabling configuration mode. This allow the menu system to perform soft-resets and reconfiguration commands. It is therefore possible to detect menu mode by disabling the configuration mode and check if $D0FD_h$ is unequal to 255 (FF_h).

8.5 Extra 256 bytes of ROM or RAM

To facilitate the use of menu mode for other functions normally implemented in (freezer) cartridges an extra I/O area can be enabled. An extra space of 256 bytes can be enabled at $D700_h$ – $D7FF_h$, which normally is an unused mirror of the SID registers. This keeps the $DE00_h$ – $DFFF_h$ memory area (which often performs similar functions) empty for use by the cartridge emulations. Once the $D7xx_h$ area is enabled with bit 5 of 53498 ($D0FA_h$), it stays active even in C64 mode. This allows basic or kernal vector hooks to point into this area, where extra trampoline-code can be placed to jump into menu mode (by writing 20_h into $D0FE_h$) perform the function and then leave menu mode again.

8.6 Leaving menu mode

8.6.1 Leaving menu mode with RTI

To leave menu mode perform a read at address 53503 ($D0FF_h$). The configuration disable register at 53503 ($D0FF_h$) always contains the RTI opcode (64 or 40_h) when the menu (or configuration) mode is active. A read on that location turns off menu mode. One way to leave menu mode is to jump to $D0FF_h$ and while the RTI opcode is fetched the memory configuration is restored. So the machine is in a same state before the menu mode was activated. The RTI instruction will fetch the program-counter and CPU state from the original stack and continues execution. However when menu mode is entered with a reset or under software control, the menu software is responsible to initialize the stack in such a way that the RTI can be used to leave the menu. Alternatively the menu application can run in a memory area that is unaffected by the switch, which is the range $C000_h$ – $DFFF_h$ by default and perform a load operation at $D0FF_h$.

8.6.2 Leaving menu mode with reset

The other way to leave the menu mode is by performing a software reset by writing the value 165 or 166 ($A5_h$ or $A6_h$) to 53502 ($D0FE_h$).

8.7 Limitations

It is not recommended to change any cartridge emulation settings while in menu mode unless a (soft) reset is performed on exit. As changing cartridge type while it is in use might result in undefined behavior. This is especially true for freezer cartridges as these might have hooks installed into the basic and system vectors for basic enhancements and turbo loaders. Removing the cartridge without a reset will leave the vectors pointing into the void and crashing the machine.

To force a reset from software write the value 165 or 166 ($A5_h$ or $A6_h$) into the register at 53502 ($D0FE_h$).

9 CPU Turbo/Accelerator

The 6510 CPU emulation inside the Chameleon can run faster as the normal 1 Mhz. Only CPU cycles where memory is accessed can be speed-up. When any registers are accessed the CPU needs to slow down and resynchronize to the C64 clock. This is true for all register accesses in the $D000_h$ – $DFFF_h$ area. This includes color ram, CIA, VIC-II, SID and also the Chameleon specific registers.

The turbo can run at two speeds either double speed or maximum. At double speed there are two accesses in a single system cycle, when VIC-II accesses are turned off the timing is almost identical to the C128 in 2 Mhz mode. When the turbo is set to maximum the CPU uses all remaining free SDRAM cycles. The exact speed of the CPU will depend on the type of code executed and which RAM locations are accessed (which influences the cache hit rate) and how many other devices

and controllers are activated inside Chameleon. Turning off unused blocks inside Chameleon will allow the CPU to run at faster speed. Especially the amount, depth and size of graphic layers active on the VGA display can have a great effect on the available memory bandwidth.

9.1 Turbo Configuration Register

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0F3 _h	53491	CFGTUR	Turbo configuration
bit	settings	description	
7	Turbo Enable	0 = 1 Mhz mode 1 = Turbo mode active	
6	Reserved, must be 0		
5	VIC-II turbo bit	0 = Off 1 = "Turbo Enable" is mirrored at bit 0 of D030 _h	
4	Reserved, must be 0		
3-0	Turbo speed limit	0000 = CPU not limited, runs at maximum speed possible. 0001 = CPU limited to 2x normal speed 0010 = CPU limited to 3x normal speed 0011 = CPU limited to 4x normal speed 0100 = CPU limited to 5x normal speed 0101 = CPU limited to 6x normal speed others = reserved for future use Setting a speed limit determines the maximum speed the CPU is allowed to run, it can actually run slower if other factors slow it down (like I/O accesses or many cache misses). The limit is caculated using the average speed over the last 250 CPU cycles.	

10 Disk Drive Emulation

The Chameleon can emulate upto two 1541 disk-drives. These are known as drive 8 and drive 9, although the ID can be changed when there is also an external drive connected. Drive 8 emulates a standard 1541 drive with optional 8 Kbyte RAM expansion. The ROM size can be upto 32 Kbyte.

Drive 9 can also emulate a standard 1541 drive with optional 8 KByte RAM expansion, but can also switched into an enhanced mode. In this mode it has additional registers to access the MMU, MMC card and it can also control parts of the drive 8 emulation. This advanced drive is able to D64 without going though the menu. This can have advantages when using the Chameleon as standalone drive emulator. Ofcourse other functions could be assigned that use MMC and IEC bus (printer emulation). This however will require additional software effort.

10.1 Drive Memory Map

10.2 Disk track layout

10.3 Drive Configuration Registers

11 SID Emulation

The Chameleon can emulate one or two SID chips. The two SID emulation is there to support stereo sid-tunes. Stereo SID can be enabled in cartridge mode even if the Commodore 64 only has one chip installed. In that case the internal SID chip plays the left channel only (writes to the right channel will not reach the chip). The second SID can be placed at a number of possible addresses in the memory map. The current supported choices are D420_h, D500_h, D700_h, DE00_h or DF00_h. The recommended value is D420_h as that will not cause any conflicts with the various cartridge emulations.

12 Using a Second SID Chip

When the Commodore 64 has a second chip installed it can be activated as well. Now writes for the left channel go to the first SID chip and writes for the right channel will go to the second SID chip inside the machine. Because the machine was designed with only one SID, there is no standard for the address range for a second chip. Each stereo SID modification will be different. Chameleon supports many possible address locations that can be configured to accomodate most existing stereo SID configurations. Note that this address is only used when addressing the chip and that address can be completely different from where the stereo SID is visible in Chameleon address space.

This dual addressing allows an easy modification to the machine by using one of the IOe or IOf lines as chip-select for the second SID, without causing any address conflicts for freezer emulation in the Chameleon. Note that some freezer cartridge emulations or memory expansions might make the second SID unaddressable if it is mapped at DE00_h or DF00_h. The cartridge emulation always has higher priority. Here the remapping comes at the rescue as Chameleon can map the second chip at a different (not conflicting) address. The recommended value is D420_h as that will not cause any conflicts with the various cartridge emulations.

The current beta firmware of the Chameleon doesn't emulate the SID filters correctly. It is recommended to use the audio output of the real SID chip(s) if possible.

12.1 SID Configuration Register

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0F4 _h	53492	CFGSID	SID emulation
bit	settings	description	
7	Reserved, must be 0	0 = Emulate 6581 SID-Chip(s) 1 = Emulate 8580 SID-Chip(s)	
6	SID type	Not implemented in beta firmware, must be set to 0!	
5-3	Stereo SID in C64	Specify where the second SID chip is located inside the C64 memory space. 000 = Single SID in C64 001 = Second SID in C64 at D420 _h 010 = reserved 011 = reserved 100 = Second SID in C64 at D500 _h 101 = Second SID in C64 at D700 _h 110 = Second SID in C64 at DE00 _h 111 = Second SID in C64 at DF00 _h For C-One use "000" when zero or one SID-Chip is placed and "001" when both SID-Chips are present. For stereo SID chip to properly work you also need to turn Chameleon SID emulation in stereo mode.	
2-0	Stereo SID (emulation)	Specify if and where the second SID must be placed in chameleon memory space. This doesn't have to be the same address as a second SID chip inside the C64 as Chameleon can translate the address automatically. 000 = Emulate single SID 001 = Emulate stereo SID use A ₅ for selection (D420 _h , D460 _h , D4A0 _h ...) 010 = reserved 011 = reserved 100 = Emulate stereo SID use A ₉ for selection (D5xx _h , D7xx _h) 101 = Same as setting 100 _b (D5xx _h , D7xx _h) 110 = Emulate stereo SID use IO1 for second SID (DE00 _h) 111 = Emulate stereo SID use IO2 for second SID (DF00 _h) others = reserved for future use When only a single SID chip is emulated (setting "000") it is played through both audio output channels in mono. For any of the stereo settings, the first SID-Chip emulation is played through the left audio output channel and is always located in memory at D400 _h . The second SID-Chip emulation is played through the right audio output channel.	

13 VIC-II Emulation

Inside the Chameleon is a replica of the VIC-II chip. This is the chip that generates the video picture. The replica allows the picture to be captured in a framebuffer and then shown on the

VGA screen.

In cartridge mode the Chameleon also send the data fetched from its memory to the VIC-II inside the Commodore 64 machine. The machine is put into Ultimax mode and then one of the highest address lines is driven low during VIC-II fetches. This disables all internal Commodore 64 memory and ROMs accesses. Now data from the Chameleon memory can be send to the VIC-II. This trick uses a previously undocumented mode of the Commodore 64. It allows the memory map to be changed with the MMU and still keep an identical picture on both the original video output and the VGA connector. Everything can be moved and relocated in memory except for the color-RAM, as that is a separate SRAM inside the machine and only accessable through reads and writes at $D800_h-DBFF_h$.

13.1 Commodore 128 Incompatibility

The undocumented mode used by the Chameleon to feed the VIC-II chip is unfortunately not available on any of the Commodore 128 machines. It makes Chameleon strictly a Commodore 64 only cartridge even though the cartridge port and the signals on it are defined the same for all the different machine types.

The equivalent PLA logic equations required are simply not there in the Commodore 128 logic chips. Even if the machine is put into "GO64" mode by holding EXROM low on the cartridge port it will fail to accept the external data. The resulting bus-conflicts are dangerous for both the Chameleon cartridge and the logic chips inside the Commodore 128. It is unwise to experiment as unreparable damage can occur to your equipment.

13.2 Framebuffer

The VIC-II emulation writes the graphics into a framebuffer. The location of the framebuffer in memory is controlled by MMU bank 28 ($1C_h$). The framebuffer has a fixed size of 256 KByte and must be placed in memory on an 8 byte boundary (lowest 3 bits must be 0). It is 512 pixels wide and 1024 lines high, each pixel uses 4 bits to store one out of 16 colors. Not all memory locations are used and which ones depends on the VIC-II type (PAL or NTSC) and if double buffering is enabled in the core. For the current beta cores the double buffer logic is disabled, currently leaving half of the framebuffer unused.

13.3 VIC-II Emulation Registers

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D0F2 _h	53490	CFGVIC	VIC-II Emulation Config
bit	settings	description	
7	VIC-II Read Enable	0 = Off 1 = Perform memory accesses for VIC-II	
6	Frame buffer Enable	0 = Off 1 = VIC-II emulation writes graphics to framebuffer (MMU slot 1C _h)	
5	reserved, must be 0	-	
4	Force side-border open	0 = Not forced open 1 = Side-border is forced open (turbo mode must be on!)	
3	reserved, must be 0	-	
2-0	VIC-II type	000 = PAL (63 columns, 312 lines) 001 = Reserved 010 = NTSC (65 columns, 263 lines) 011 = Old-NTSC (64 columns, 262 lines) 1xx = Reserved These bits are read-only in cartridge mode. They can be changed in standalone mode and on the C-One.	

14 Using the Onboard Flash Memory

15 Using the RTC (Real Time Clock) Chip

16 PS/2 Keyboard connector

A PS/2 compatible keyboard can be connected to the Chameleon by using the purple connector on the break-out cable. The keyboard should be connected before applying power to the Chameleon, PS/2 devices are not hot-pluggable.

In cartridge mode the PS/2 keyboard can be used in parallel with the C64 keyboard, both operate at the same time. Besides the keyboard function it also emulates a joystick on the numeric-keypad. The NUM-LOCK key toggles between emulating a joystick on port 1 or port 2.

16.1 PS/2 Keyboard layout

PS/2 keyboard	C64 function	PS/2 keyboard	C64 function
ALT	C= key	NUM-LOCK	Select port 1 or port 2
ESCAPE	RUN/STOP	Numeric 0	Joystick Fire Button
F1	F1	Numeric 1	Joystick Left + Down
F2	RShift + F1	Numeric 2	Joystick Down
F3	F3	Numeric 3	Joystick Right + Down
F4	RShift + F3	Numeric 4	Joystick Left
F5	F5	Numeric 6	Joystick Right
F6	RShift + F5	Numeric 7	Joystick Left + Up
F7	F7	Numeric 8	Joystick Up
F8	RShift + F8	Numeric 9	Joystick Right + Up
F9	£	F11	Left cartridge button
F10	+	F12	Middle (Freeze) cartridge button
PAUSE	RESTORE	Print Screen	Right (Reset) cartridge button
~	⇐		
-	-		
= / +	=		
Home	HOME/CLR		
Backspace	DEL/INST		
[/ {	@		
] / }	*		
\ /	↑		

Take note that it is possible with the keyboard to press both "Joystick Left" and "Joystick Right" at the same time (same is true for up and down). There are a few games that crash when you do so. Don't blame Chameleon for the crash, but the programmer that wrote the fragile game code.

17 PS/2 Mouse connector

A PS/2 compatible mouse can be connected to the Chameleon by using the green connector on the break-out cable. The mouse should be connected before applying power to the Chameleon, PS/2 devices are not hot-pluggable. Both two buttons mice and three buttons mice with scroll-wheel (known as intelli-mouse) can be used. The type of mouse connected is automatically detected by the Chameleon hardware.

The Chameleon emulates a commodore 1351 mouse. The optional scroll-wheel is mapped compatible with the Micromys PS/2 mouse adapter. Therefore the mouse emulation is compatible with most existing software packages that have mouse support.

Mouse emulation can be used both in cartridge and standalone mode. The mouse normally plugs into joystick port 1 and uses the paddle inputs (and corresponding converters in the SID) for X and Y movement information. Therefore if used in cartridge mode, any paddles or other analog controllers connected to the joystick ports will not function. To prevent conflicts the mouse emulation can be completely switched off by setting bit 5 of configuration register 53500 (D0FC_h). Set bit 4 of the configuration register if the software requires the mouse on joystick port 2.

17.1 Emulation Behavior

The range of possible values for the emulated mouse is 82 to 209 when reading the SID registers for the potX and potY. The following table shows how the mouse maps to the joystick port.

Mouse action	Bit in CIA register	Joystick Movement	Comment
Left button	4	Fire	
Right button	0	Up	
Middle button	1	Down	
Scroll up	2	Left	50 ms long pulse (pulses are at least 50 ms apart)
Scroll down	3	Right	50 ms long pulse (pulses are at least 50 ms apart)

18 Infrared remote (CDTV)

Chameleon can be controlled with an Amiga CDTV compatible IR remote. The keys on the remote are mapped to C64 joystick and key presses. See following table for the mapping of the keys.

Infrared CDTV remote key	C64 function
1	F1
2	RShift + F1
3	F3
4	RShift + F3
5	F5
6	RShift + F5
7	F7
8	RShift + F7
9	RUN/STOP
0	Spacebar
ESCAPE	arrow left
ENTER	RETURN
REW	cursor left (RShift + right)
PLAY/PAUSE	cursor up (RShift + down)
FF	cursor right
STOP	cursor down
GENLOCK	Left push button
CD/TV	Middle push button (Freeze/Menu)
POWER	Right push button (Reset/Reboot)
Vol Up	+
Vol Down	-
Switch in MOUSE position	Joystick 1
Switch in JOY position	Joystick 2
A	Fire
B	Auto fire (8 Hz)

19 Complete register map

Address (Hex)	Address (Dec)	Name	Description
D040 _h			VGA Visual X-size _{7..0}
D041 _h			VGA Visual Y-size _{7..0}
D042 _h			VGA Visual size upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	visual Y-size _{11..8}	
	3-0	visual X-size _{11..8}	
D043 _h			VGA total X-size _{7..0}
D044 _h			VGA total Y-size _{7..0}
D045 _h			VGA total size upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	total Y-size _{11..8}	
	3-0	total X-size _{11..8}	
D046 _h			VGA HSync start _{7..0}
D047 _h			VGA HSync end _{7..0}
D048 _h			VGA HSync upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	HSync end _{11..8}	
	3-0	HSync start _{11..8}	
D049 _h			VGA VSync start _{7..0}
D04A _h			VGA VSync end _{7..0}
D04B _h			VGA VSync upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	VSyn end _{11..8}	
	3-0	VSyn start _{11..8}	
D04C _h			Select current object
			Object registers are at D050 _h -D05F _h
D04D _h			First object to render
D04E _h			Last object to render
D04F _h			Polarity and Pixel-clock
	bit	settings	description
	7	VSyn polarity	0 = negative sync 1 = positive sync
	6	HSyn polarity	0 = negative sync 1 = positive sync
	5	Enable VGA VSync Interrupt	0 = disabled 1 = enabled
	4	VGA VSync Interrupt status	0 = no interrupt 1 = pending
	3-0	Pixel-clock frequency	Interrupt status is cleared on any write to D04F _h 0000 = 25.175 Mhz 0001 = 31.5 Mhz 0010 = Reserved for future use 0011 = Reserved for future use 0100 = 50 Mhz 0101 = Reserved for future use 0110 = Reserved for future use 0111 = Reserved for future use 1000 = 94.4 Mhz 1001 = Reserved for future use others = Reserved for future use
D050 _h	53328	COPXL	X position _{7..0}
D051 _h	53329	COPYL	Y position _{7..0}
D052 _h	53330	COPYXH	position upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	Y position _{11..8}	
	3-0	X position _{11..8}	
D053 _h	53331	COPWL	X size _{7..0}
D054 _h	53332	COPHL	Y size _{7..0}
D055 _h	53333	COPHWH	size upper bits
	bit	settings	description
	7-4	Y size _{11..8}	
	3-0	X size _{11..8}	

D056 _h	53334	COPLIL	Line increment low
D057 _h	53335	COPLIH	Line increment high
D058 _h	53336	COPMMU	MMU slot
D059 _h	53337		Stretch and flip
	bit	settings	description
	7	Vertical flip	0 = normal 1 = flipped / mirror
	6–4	stretch	000 = normal size 001 = double height pixels 010 = 4x height pixels 011 = 8x height pixels 100 = 16x height pixels others = Reserved for future use
	3	Horizontal flip	0 = normal 1 = flipped / mirror
	2–0	stretch	000 = normal size 001 = double width pixels 010 = 4x width pixels 011 = 8x width pixels 100 = 16x width pixels others = Reserved for future use
D05A _h	53338		Horizontal smooth scroll (in pixels)
D05B _h	53339		Vertical smooth scroll (in lines)
D05C _h	53340		Palette offset
D05D _h	53341		*** free ***
D05E _h	53342		Group and Alpha
	bit	settings	description
	7	–	
	6–4	Collision group	Selects group for collision detection
	3–0	Alpha	Alpha-blending value in 6% steps (1/16th) 0000 = Fully opaque (100% new) 1111 = 6% of the new color and 94% of background
D05F _h	53343		Mode selection
	bit	settings	description
	7	Command	0 = Render bitmap graphics 1 = Define tile-set or mask
	When bit 7 (command) is 0		
	6	Clip rectangle	0 = use existing clip rectangle 1 = Set new clip rectangle from object position and dimensions. All following objects will clip to the boundary of this object.
	5	Use masking	0 = No masking 1 = Use previously set mask
	4	Enable color dither	0 = 5 bits color channels (truncated) 1 = 8 bits color channels (dithered)
	3	Color keying	0 = object is fully opaque. 1 = color 0 is transparent.
	2–0	Color depth	000 = Solid color 001 = 1 bit/pixel, 2 palette colors 010 = 2 bits/pixel, 4 palette colors 011 = 4 bits/pixel, 16 palette colors 100 = 8 bits/pixel, 256 palette colors 101 = 16 bits/pixel, 32768 color mode 110 = 8 bits/tile, 256 tiles 111 = 16 bits/tile, 256 tiles with palette offset
	When bit 7 (command) is 1		
	TBD		
D0A0 _h	53408		Address offset bits A ₇ –A ₀ of current MMU slot
D0A1 _h	53409		Address offset bits A ₁₅ –A ₈ of current MMU slot
D0A2 _h	53410		Address offset bits A ₂₃ –A ₁₆ of current MMU slot
D0A3 _h	53411		Address offset bit A ₂₄ of current MMU slot
	bit	settings	description
	7	read-only	0 = Block of memory can be read and written 1 = Block of memory is read-only
	6–1	Reserved for address extension, must be set to 0	
	0	Address offset bit A ₂₄	
D0A4 _h –D0AE _h	53412–53422		Reserved for future use

D0AF _h	53423	Select MMU slot
bit	settings	description
7-0	Current slot	00 _h = C64 r/w memory at 0xxx _h 01 _h = C64 r/w memory at 1xxx _h 02 _h = C64 r/w memory at 2xxx _h 03 _h = C64 r/w memory at 3xxx _h 04 _h = C64 r/w memory at 4xxx _h 05 _h = C64 r/w memory at 5xxx _h 06 _h = C64 r/w memory at 6xxx _h 07 _h = C64 r/w memory at 7xxx _h 08 _h = C64 r/w memory at 8xxx _h 09 _h = C64 r/w memory at 9xxx _h 0A _h = C64 r/w memory (under basic) at Axxx _h 0B _h = C64 r/w memory (under basic) at Bxxx _h 0C _h = C64 r/w memory at Cxxx _h 0D _h = C64 r/w memory (under I/O) at Dxxx _h 0E _h = C64 r/w memory (under kernal) at Exxx _h 0F _h = C64 r/w memory (under kernal) at Fxxx _h 10 _h = REU internal memory (upto 16 MByte) 11 _h = geoRAM internal memory (upto 4 MByte) 12 _h = Freezer/Game cartridge RAM 13 _h = Freezer/Game cartridge ROM 14 _h = MMC64 cartridge ROM (8 KByte) 15 _h = *** reserved *** 16 _h = *** reserved *** 17 _h = *** reserved for tape *** 18 _h = Drive 8 RAM/ROM (64 KByte) 19 _h = Drive 9 RAM/ROM (64 KByte) 1A _h = *** reserved for drive 9 *** 1B _h = *** reserved *** 1C _h = VIC-II Frame-buffer location 1D _h = character ROM (4 KByte) 1E _h = ROM at A000 _h -BFFF _h (BASIC, 8 KByte) 1F _h = ROM at E000 _h -FFFF _h (KERNAL, 8 KByte) 20 _h = C64 r/w memory at 0000 _h -1FFF _h in menu-mode 21 _h = C64 r/w memory at 2000 _h -3FFF _h in menu-mode 22 _h = C64 r/w memory at 4000 _h -5FFF _h in menu-mode 23 _h = C64 r/w memory at 6000 _h -7FFF _h in menu-mode 24 _h = C64 r/w memory at 8000 _h -9FFF _h in menu-mode 25 _h = C64 r/w memory at A000 _h -BFFF _h in menu-mode 26 _h = C64 r/w memory at E000 _h -FFFF _h in menu-mode 27 _h = ROM or RAM at D700 _h -D7FF _h 28 _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 1 29 _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 2 2A _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 3 2B _h = Drive 8 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 4 2C _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 1 2D _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 2 2E _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 3 2F _h = Drive 9 Disk tracks for virtual floppy 4 30 _h -FF _h = *** Free for applications ***
D0F0 _h	53488	CFGCRT Cartridge emulation
bit	settings	description
7-0	Freezer/Game Type	00000000 = Off 00000001 = RetroReplay 00000011 = Final Cartridge 3 00000110 = Expert Cartridge 11111100 = 16K ROM cartridge at 8000 _h -BFFF _h 11111101 = 16K ROM cartridge in Ultimex mode 11111110 = 8K ROM cartridge at 8000 _h -9FFF _h others = reserved for future use

D0F1 _h	53489	CFGSPI	Clock-port and MMC64 Emulation
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Reserved, must be 0	00 = Off	
5-4	Clock port	01 = Clock port at DE00 _h -DE0F _h	
		10 = Clock port at DF20 _h -DF2F _h	
		11 = reserved	
3	ROM source	0 = ROMs are banked with MMU at D0A0 _h -D0AF _h	
		1 = C64 original Basic and Kernal ROMs are used	
		This bit is only functional in cartridge mode. In standalone mode and on the C-One this bit should always be clear.	
		Note that the character ROM is always emulated and never the C64 original.	
2	MMC64 active	0 = MMC64 active (Copy of bit 7 in DF11 _h)	
		1 = MMC64 disabled (DF1x _h registers are invisible)	
		This bit can only be toggled in DF11 _h after unlocking, while it can be accessed here at any time.	
		On reset this bit is set to 1 if MMC64 emulation is disabled (bits 1-0 are zero) and 0 when emulation is enabled.	
1-0	MMC64 Emulation, SPI	00 = Off	
		01 = MMC64 Emulation	
		10 = reserved	
		11 = MMC64 Emulation with extra bits combinations defined for access to RTC (Real Time Clock) and FlashRom.	
D0F2 _h	53490	CFGVIC	VIC-II Emulation Config
bit	settings	description	
7	VIC-II Read Enable	0 = Off	
		1 = Perform memory accesses for VIC-II	
6	Frame buffer Enable	0 = Off	
		1 = VIC-II emulation writes graphics to framebuffer (MMU slot 1C _h)	
5	reserved, must be 0	-	
4	Force side-border open	0 = Not forced open	
		1 = Side-border is forced open (turbo mode must be on!)	
3	reserved, must be 0	-	
2-0	VIC-II type	000 = PAL (63 columns, 312 lines)	
		001 = Reserved	
		010 = NTSC (65 columns, 263 lines)	
		011 = Old-NTSC (64 columns, 262 lines)	
		1xx = Reserved	
		These bits are read-only in cartridge mode. They can be changed in standalone mode and on the C-One.	
D0F3 _h	53491	CFGTUR	Turbo configuration
bit	settings	description	
7	Turbo Enable	0 = 1 Mhz mode	
		1 = Turbo mode active	
6	Reserved, must be 0		
5	VIC-II turbo bit	0 = Off	
		1 = "Turbo Enable" is mirrored at bit 0 of D030 _h	
4	Reserved, must be 0		
3-0	Turbo speed limit	0000 = CPU not limited, runs at maximum speed possible.	
		0001 = CPU limited to 2x normal speed	
		0010 = CPU limited to 3x normal speed	
		0011 = CPU limited to 4x normal speed	
		0100 = CPU limited to 5x normal speed	
		0101 = CPU limited to 6x normal speed	
		others = reserved for future use	
		Setting a speed limit determines the maximum speed the CPU is allowed to run, it can actually run slower if other factors slow it down (like I/O accesses or many cache misses).	
		The limit is caculated using the average speed over the last 250 CPU cycles.	
D0F4 _h	53492	CFGSID	SID emulation

bit	settings	description
7	Reserved, must be 0	
6	SID type	0 = Emulate 6581 SID-Chip(s) 1 = Emulate 8580 SID-Chip(s) Not implemented in beta firmware, must be set to 0!
5–3	Stereo SID in C64	Specify where the second SID chip is located inside the C64 memory space. 000 = Single SID in C64 001 = Second SID in C64 at D420 _h 010 = reserved 011 = reserved 100 = Second SID in C64 at D500 _h 101 = Second SID in C64 at D700 _h 110 = Second SID in C64 at DE00 _h 111 = Second SID in C64 at DF00 _h For C-One use "000" when zero or one SID-Chip is placed and "001" when both SID-Chips are present. For stereo SID chip to properly work you also need to turn Chameleon SID emulation in stereo mode.
2–0	Stereo SID (emulation)	Specify if and where the second SID must be placed in chameleon memory space. This doesn't have to be the same address as a second SID chip inside the C64 as Chameleon can translate the address automatically. 000 = Emulate single SID 001 = Emulate stereo SID use A ₅ for selection (D420 _h , D460 _h , D4A0 _h ...) 010 = reserved 011 = reserved 100 = Emulate stereo SID use A ₉ for selection (D5xx _h , D7xx _h) 101 = Same as setting 100 _b (D5xx _h , D7xx _h) 110 = Emulate stereo SID use IO1 for second SID (DE00 _h) 111 = Emulate stereo SID use IO2 for second SID (DF00 _h) others = reserved for future use When only a single SID chip is emulated (setting "000") it is played through both audio output channels in mono. For any of the stereo settings, the first SID-Chip emulation is played through the left audio output channel and is always located in memory at D400 _h . The second SID-Chip emulation is played through the right audio output channel.

D0F5_h 53493 CFGREU REU (Ram Expansion Unit) and geoRAM Emulation Config

bit	settings	description
7	1 = Enable REU	Enable REU emulation and activate registers at DF00 _h –DF0A _h .
6	1 = Enable geoRAM	Enable geoRAM emulation and activate registers at DE00 _h –DEFF _h , DFFE _h and DFFF _h
5–3	geoRAM size	000 = 64 KByte 001 = 128 KByte 010 = 256 KByte 011 = 512 KByte 100 = 1 MByte 101 = 2 MByte 110 = 4 MByte 111 = reserved for future use
2–0	REU memory size	000 = 128 KByte 001 = 256 KByte 010 = 512 KByte 011 = 1 MByte 100 = 2 MByte 101 = 4 MByte 110 = 8 MByte 111 = 16 MByte (Note there is not enough RAM on C-One for this setting)

D0F6_h 53494 CFG??? Reserved

D0F7_h 53495 CFGDSK Disk images

bit	settings	description
7-6	Disk 9 floppy range	Number of floppy images for drive 9
5-4	Disk 9 floppy select	Select floppy image for drive 9
3-2	Disk 8 floppy range	Number of floppy images for drive 8
1-0	Disk 8 floppy select	Select floppy image for drive 8

D0F8_h 53496 CFGFD0 Drive emulation

bit	settings	description
7–6	Enable virtual-drive CPU	00 = drive cpu stopped 01 = drive cpu running
5	Drive door	0 = Drive door closed 1 = Drive door open
4–3	Reserved, must be 0	–
2	Drive memory size	0 = 2 Kbyte (default) 1 = 8 Kbyte
1–0	Drive ID jumpers	00 = drive device id is 8 01 = drive device id is 9 10 = drive device id is 10 11 = drive device id is 11

D0F9 _h	53497	CFGFD1	Reserved for second drive
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Enable virtual-drive CPU	00 = drive cpu stopped 01 = drive cpu running	
5	Drive door	0 = Drive door closed 1 = Drive door open	
4-3	Reserved, must be 0	-	
2	Drive memory size	0 = 2 Kbyte (default) 1 = 8 Kbyte	
1-0	Drive ID jumpers	00 = drive device id is 8 01 = drive device id is 9 10 = drive device id is 10 11 = drive device id is 11	
D0FA _h	53498	CFGREG	Enable Chameleon registers
bit	settings	description	
7-6	reserved, must be 0	-	
5	Chameleon banking RAM or ROM at D700 _h	0 = D700 _h -D7FF _h has SID mirrors 1 = RAM or ROM with banking and trampoline-code for the menu is mapped at D700 _h -D7FF _h	
4	reserved, must be 0	-	
3	Palette Registers Enable	0 = VIC-II chip mirrors at D100 _h -D3FF _h 1 = Palette registers are at D100 _h -D3FF _h	
2	reserved, must be 0	-	
1	Enable Bank/MMU registers	0 = VIC-II chip mirrors at D0A0 _h -D0AF _h 1 = Chameleon Bank/MMU registers at D0A0 _h -D0AF _h	
0	Enable VGA Controller Registers	0 = VIC-II chip mirrors at D040 _h -D07F _h 1 = VGA/COP registers at D040 _h -D07F _h	
D0FB _h	53499	CFGBTN	Debug info and Buttons
bit	settings	description	
7-6	Debug info on VGA	00 = No debug information 01 = Show memory and cache load and also main 6510 CPU state on the top of the screen. 10 = Show memory, cache, 6510 and drive CPU state. 11 = Show all debug information (note this uses a considerable amount of screen space).	
5-4	Reserved, must be 0		
3-0	Left button configuration		
	short	long	
	0000 Menu	-	
	0001 Cartridge On/Off	Cartridge Prg (expert)	
	0010 Toggle Turbo On/Off	-	
	0100 Disk change drive 8 (next)	Disk change drive 8 (first)	
	0101 Disk change drive 9 (next)	Disk change drive 9 (first)	
	others	*** reserved ***	
D0FC _h	53500	CFGIO	I/O and IEC configuration
bit	settings	description	
7	IEC port	0 = Chameleon IEC bus connected to virtual CIAs 1 = Chameleon IEC bus and any emulated disk-drives are disconnected from the system By setting this bit, the Chameleon IEC bus is disconnected from the C64 side. In this mode the Chameleon can function as a 1541 drive emulator. This feature is not available on the C-One due to a hardware limitation.	
6	IEC reset	0 = Normal operation 1 = Chameleon IEC bus and attached devices are held in reset	
5	PS/2 mouse enable	0 = Autodetect mouse on PS/2 port and activate 1351 emulation if found. 1 = 1351 emulation disabled (Paddle inputs on joystick ports can be used)	
4	PS/2 mouse port	0 = Mouse emulation on port 1 1 = Mouse emulation on port 2	
3	IR receiver	0 = IR is enabled 1 = IR is disabled	
2	Menu-mode on reset	0 = Reset to C64 mode 1 = Reset to menu-mode. Menu will be displayed after pressing reset button.	
1	CIA-2 emulation	0 = Old 1 = Type A This bit has no effect in cartridge mode	
0	CIA-1 emulation	0 = Old 1 = Type A This bit has no effect in cartridge mode	

D0FD _h	53501	CFGDIS	A write (any value) leaves configuration mode. A read returns current flash slot where the FPGA image is started from.	
bit	settings	description		
7	VIC-II emulation error	0 = VGA emulation in sync. with VIC-II chip 1 = Error, VGA and VIC-II chip not in sync. This bit has a valid value in cartridge mode only. It is always 0 in standalone mode.		
6–5	Reserved, always 0			
4	Flash slot valid	0 = Slot number is unknown 1 = Slot number is valid		
3–0	Flash slot	One of 16 slots where the FPGA started from.		
D0FE _h	53502	CFGENA	Write 42 (2A _h) to enter configuration mode. When in configuration mode write 16 to 31 (10 _h to 1F _h) to re-configure the FPGA with a new core. The 4 lower bits specify the slot number in the onboard flash. Write 32 (20 _h) in configuration mode to force menu mode. Write 165 (A5 _h) to reset machine. Write 166 (A6 _h) to reset and leave configuration mode.	
D0FF _h	53503	CFGRTI	A write (any value) leaves configuration mode. A read leaves menu mode.	
D100 _h –D1FF _h	53504	–53759	PALRED	256 entry color palette Red intensity
D200 _h –D2FF _h	53760	–54015	PALGRN	256 entry color palette Green intensity
D300 _h –D3FF _h	54016	–54271	PALBLU	256 entry color palette Blue intensity

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DE00 _h	56832	RRCTRL	RR control register (on write)	
bit	settings	description		
7	A15	ROM address line 15		
6	ROM/RAM	0 = ROM		
5		1 = RAM		
4	A14	ROM/RAM address line 14		
3	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13		
2	Disable	Write 1 to disable cartridge		
1	EXROM			
0	GAME (inverted)			
DE01 _h	56833	RREXTD	RR extended control register (on write)	
bit	settings	description		
7	A15	ROM address line 15 (mirror of DE00 _h)		
6	REU Compatibility	0 = Standard memory map		
		1 = REU compatible memory map		
5	A14	Not implemented, must be set to 0		
4		ROM/RAM address line 14 (mirror of DE00 _h)		
3	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13 (mirror of DE00 _h)		
2	AllowBank	Not implemented, must be set to 0		
1		0 = no RAM banking in DE02 _h –DFFF _h area		
		1 = Enable RAM banking in DE02 _h –DFFF _h area		
0		Not implemented, must be set to 0		
DE00 _h –DE01 _h	56832	–56833	RRSTAT	RR status (on read)
bit	settings	description		
7	A15	ROM address line 15		
6	A14	Not implemented, reads 0		
5		ROM/RAM address line 14		
4	A13	ROM/RAM address line 13		
3				
2				
1				
0		Not implemented, reads 0		

REU

DF00 _h	57088	DMAST	REU Status register (read-only)
bit	settings	description	
7	1 = IRQ pending		
6	1 = End of block		
5	1 = Fault	Compare operation detected a difference	
4	Size	0 = 128 or 256 KByte 1 = 512 KByte A single bit can't represent all memory sizes. So software should probe for the amount that is really available	
3-0	Version	Always 0000	
DF01 _h	57089	DMACMD	REU Command register
bit	settings	description	
7	1 = Execute		
6	Reserved	-	
5	1 = Auto load	When autoloading is enabled. The memory pointers and length registers are reloaded at the end of the transfer	
4	FF00 _h flag	0 = Wait for write to FF00 _h before starting transfer 1 = Start immediately when bit 7 becomes set	
3-2	Reserved	-	
1-0	Transfer type	00 = C64 to REU 01 = REU to C64 10 = Swap 11 = Compare / verify	
DF02 _h	57090	DMA64L	C64 memory pointer low
DF03 _h	57091	DMA64H	C64 memory pointer high
DF04 _h	57092	DMAINL	REU memory pointer low
DF05 _h	57093	DMAINM	REU memory pointer mid
DF06 _h	57094	DMAINH	REU memory pointer high
DF07 _h	57095	DMACNL	Transfer length low
DF08 _h	57096	DMACNH	Transfer length high
DF09 _h	57097	DMAINT	Interrupt mask register
bit	settings	description	
7	Interrupt enable	1 = enabled	
6	End Of Block mask	1 = interrupt after transfer	
5	Verify mask	1 = interrupt on verify error	
4-0	Reserved	Read as 1	
DF0A _h	57098	DMACCTL	Address control register
bit	settings	description	
7	C64 Address control	0 = Increment C64 address 1 = Fix C64 address	
6	REU Address control	0 = Increment REU address 1 = Fix REU address	
5-0	Reserved	Read as 1	

MMC64

DF10 _h	57104	MMCSPI	SPI transfer register. Write in this register sends byte to SPI bus, read is last retrieved byte.
DF11 _h	57105	MMCCTL	MMC64 Control register.
bit	settings	description	
7	MMC64 active	0 = MMC64 is active 1 = MMC64 is disabled Bit can only be modified when unlocked	
6	SPI trigger mode	0 = Trigger SPI transfer on write to register DF10 _h 1 = Trigger SPI transfer on read of register DF10 _h	
5	External ROM	0 = Allow external ROM when BIOS is disabled 1 = Disable external ROM	
4	Flash mode	0 = Normal mode 1 = Flash update mode Not implemented, must be set to 0	
3	Clock port address	Not implemented, must be set to 0	
2	Clock Speed	0 = 250 KHz SPI clock 1 = 8 Mhz SPI clock	
1	MMC cart select	0 = Cart selected 1 = Cart not selected	
0	MMC64 Bios	0 = MMC64 BIOS ROM active 1 = BIOS ROM disabled (external ROM active)	
DF12 _h	57106	MMCST	MMC64 Status register (read-only).

bit	settings	description	
5	Flash jumper	Not implemented reads always as 0	
4	MMC Write Protect	0 = Cart can be written 1 = Cart is write protected	
3	MMC Cart Detect	0 = Cart inserted 1 = No cart present, slot empty	
2	External EXROM line		
1	External GAME line		
0	Busy	0 = SPI bus ready 1 = SPI bus busy (only for 250 Khz mode)	

GeoRAM

DE00 _h -DEFF _h	56832	-57087	GEOBUF	geoRAM 256 byte memory window
DFFE _h	57342		GEOLOW	geoRAM address A ₁₃ -A ₈
bit	settings	description		
7-6	Unused	must be set to 0		
5-0	geoRAM A ₁₃ -A ₈			
DFFF _h	57343		GEOHI	geoRAM address A ₂₁ -A ₁₄

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DE00 _h -DFFF _h	56832	-57343		Reads will read cartridge ROM at 1E00 _h -1FFF _h , 5E00 _h -5FFF _h , 9E00 _h -9FFF _h or DE00 _h -DFFF _h depending on the current selected bank.
DFFF _h	57343		FC3BNK	On write
bit	settings	description		
7	register enable	0 = Banking register writable at DFFF. 1 = Banking register invisible. On Chameleon setting this bit to 1 also disables the ROM mirror at DE00 _h -DFFF _h .		
6	NMI	0 = Force NMI line low 1 = Normal operation		
5	GAME	State of the GAME line		
4	EXROM	State of the EXROM line		
3	unused			
2	unused			
1	A15	ROM address line 15		
0	A14	ROM address line 14		
