12.4 The excess junction temperature (above 25 °C) is:  $T_j = 172 \cdot 0.4 = 69$  °C. The contribution from excess temperature, process spread, and reduced voltage is:

$$\tau_{CL\;req} = (1+3.75\;10^{-3}\cdot69)(1+0.35)(1+0.3\cdot0.25)\;\tau_{CL\;design} =$$
 
$$= 1.2588\cdot1.35\cdot1.075\;\tau_{CL\;design} = 1.827\;\tau_{CL\;design}$$
 
$$f_{CL\;design} = 1.827\cdot f_{CL\;req} = 1.827\cdot50 = 91.4\;\mathrm{MHz}$$

Thus, the circuit should be designed with nominal parameter values to run with a clock frequency that exceeds the required frequency with 83%.



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