

9324/9325/9326/9327 Disk Subsystem

Product Specification



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General Description

The DATAPOINT 9324/25/26/27 family of disks provides data storage for DATAPOINT processors. Their compact design allows a multi-drive system to easily fit on a table top.

The 9325 (see Figure 1) consists of a 40 MB fixed disk drive, a 10 MB cartridge disk (see Figure 2), a controller, a microbus interface, and a power supply.

The 9324 is similar to the 9325, but contains two removable 10 MB disk drives that provide 20 MB of removable data storage.

Extension drives provide additional storage capability for a system. The 9326 contains one fixed 40 MB drive with space for another; the 9327 offers two fixed 40 MB drives for an additional 80 MB of on-line storage. The 9326 may be upgraded to make it equivalent to the 9327 disk subsystem. One 9326 or 9327 may be connected to either a 9324 or a 9325. The 9324, 9326 and 9327 units are contained in a desk top cabinet similar to the 9325 cabinet. (All information in this specification applies to the 9324, 9325, 9326 and 9327 units.)

The 9325 storage unit uses a fixed, oxide coated, 8-inch Winchester disk for high density recording. Both the fixed disk and the disk cartridge are supplied ready for use.

The removable media in the 9325 are easy-to-handle disk cartridges capable of storing 10 MB of data. These disk cartridges can be used for on-line data storage, system backup, or for data transport from one system to another. The cartridge features an automatically sealing head access door, designed to keep out dust and other particles. These light-weight compact disk cartridges are also easily stored and shipped. The disk controller interprets all commands, performs the indicated action, places user data in the controller buffer, and informs the processor the task is complete. Selectable addresses, for the microbus interface, support up to four disk subsystems on one 8605 processor.

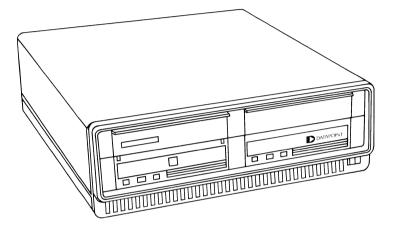
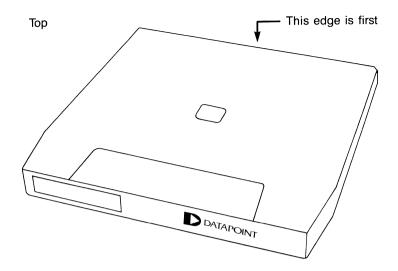


Figure 1. 9325 Cabinet



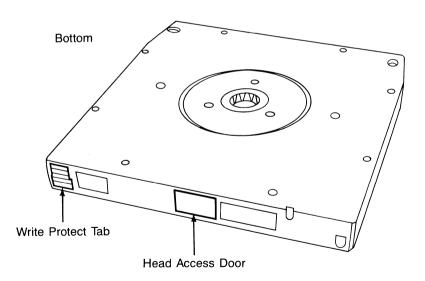


Figure 2. 9325 Disk Cartridge

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System Requirements

All communications between the 9325 subsystem and the processor are through the microbus. The microbus is composed of an 8-bit command/address bus, an 8-bit bidirectional data bus with parity, 2 strobe lines, an interrupt acknowledge, and an interrupt request line. The microbus can support multiple peripherals connected in daisy chain fashion, through a 25-conductor flat shielded cable. The connectors are female sockets with integral strain relief. Maximum cable length is 90 inches. Two cables connect the basic subsystem to the extension box. They are 50-conductor flat shielded cables, a maximum of 84 inches in length.

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Technical Description

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Fixed Disk Capacity (formatted)

| Disk Type | fixed |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Surfaces/Disk | 4 |
| Tracks/Surface | 864 |
| Sectors/Track | 48 |
| Bytes/Sector | 256 |
| Bytes/Track | 12.3 KB |
| Bytes/Drive | 40.0 MB (user capacity) |

Fixed Disk Timing

| Bit Transfer Rate: | 875 KB per second (maximum instantaneous) |
|--------------------|---|
| Rotation: | |
| Average Speed | 3600 RPM |
| Average Delay | 8.3 ms |
| Head Positioning: | |
| Average | 60 ms |
| Track to track | 15 ms |
| Maximum | 150 ms |
| Start Time: | 45 sec |

Cartridge Disk Capacity (formatted)

| Disk Type | removable |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Surfaces/Disk | 2 |
| Tracks/Surface | 432 |
| Sectors/Track | 48 |
| Bytes/Sector | 256 |
| Bytes/Track | 12.3 KB |
| Bytes/Drive | 10.0 MB (user capacity) |

Cartridge Disk Timing

| Bit Transfer Rate: | 875 KB per second (maximum instantaneous) |
|--------------------|---|
| Rotation: | |
| Average Speed | 3600 RPM |
| Average Delay | 8.3 ms |
| Head Positioning: | |
| Average | 60 ms |
| Track to track | 15 ms |
| Maximum | 110 ms |
| Start Time: | 90 sec |

Operator Controls and Indicators

The 9325 front panel switches and indicators provide basic operator control of the disk subsystem (see Figure 3). The 9325 has two sets of switches and indicators that control the operation of the two disks. Those associated with the removable cartridge are located on the left-hand side of the drive's front panel. The fixed disk's indicators and switches are on the right-hand side of the front panel. The main power switch, which controls power to both drives, is located on the front lower right-hand corner of the cabinet. The operator should become familiar with these controls and indicators before using the system. (Switches and indicators on the 9324, 9326 and 9327 are similar).

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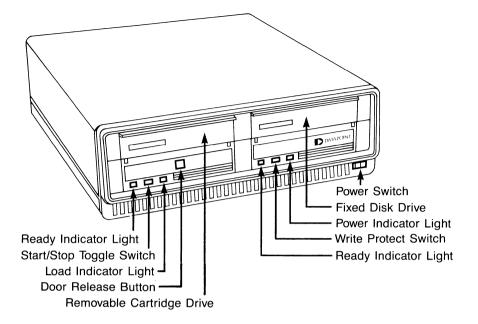


Figure 3. Operator Controls and Indicators

POWER Switch : The main POWER switch, located on the lower right-hand corner of the 9325 front panel, is a two-position rocker switch. Set the switch to the ON position, to power on both drives in the 9325 and begin the start-up cycle for the fixed disk.

Before powering off the disks, ensure all tasks using the 9325 are finished and the LOAD light is on, indicating the cartridge drive is ready to load. To start the cartridge unloading cycle, set the START/STOP toggle switch to STOP and wait until the LOAD light comes on before powering off the disks. This ensures the read/write mechanism is unloaded from the disk surface. If this sequence is not followed, the cartridge door remains locked and the cartridge can not be removed. To power off the disk, set the switch to the OFF position.

NOTE: The disk subsystem and any expansion disk cabinets connected must be powered on before the processor and powered off after the processor.

Fixed Disk Drive

The fixed disk in the 9325 cabinet is on the right side of the unit. The switches and indicators that control this drive are described in the following paragraphs.

POWER Indicator Light: The red POWER light is the rightmost indicator on the fixed drive. When continuously lit, power is on (it is on whenever the power switch is on). If the light starts flashing at a fast rate, a power fault or improper rotation-speed conditon exists. If this occurs, contact DATAPOINT Customer Service.

WRITE PROTECT Switch: The WRITE PROTECT switch is a two-position black toggle switch located between the two-red indicator lights on the the front panel. When the toggle switch is set to the WRITE position, data can be transferred to or from the disk. If the toggle switch is set to the PROTECT position, data cannot be written on the disk. If an attempt is made to write on the disk while the toggle switch is in the PROTECT position, a disk FAULT error message appears on the system display screen.

READY Indicator Light: The READY light is a red indicator located just to the left of the WRITE PROTECT switch. When lit, the start-up cycle is complete and the drive is ready to operate. The READY indicator lights about 45 seconds after the POWER switch is set to ON.

Cartridge Disk Drive

The cartridge disk drive is on the left-hand side of the 9325 cabinet. On the 9324, both sides of the cabinet contain cartridge drives. The switches and indicators that control the drive are described in the following paragraphs.

The disk cartridge has two features which should be noted:

- The head access door on the edge opposite the label is opened by a mechanism in the drive to allow a disk read or write. Once the disk is removed from the drive, this door should automatically close. If it does not, call DATAPOINT Customer Service.
- The cartridge has a physical WRITE PROTECT tab that can be removed to prevent writing on the disk.

DOOR RELEASE Button: The DOOR RELEASE button is a square black pushbutton located in the middle of the cartridge drive. This button opens the drive door for loading or unloading cartridges. While disk operations execute, the button automatically locks to prevent accidental door opening.

To remove the cartridge after disk operations have ended and the cartridge disk is spun down, push the DOOR RELEASE button, then press the cartridge back until it unlatches and pops out.

NOTE: Do not attempt to open the door unless the LOAD indicator is continuously lit.

START/STOP Switch: The START/STOP switch is a two-position black toggle switch located between two red indicator lights on the front panel. With a cartridge in place, set the toggle switch to the START position to begin start-up. Set the toggle switch to STOP to begin the cartridge unloading cycle and to spin down the cartridge disk.

NOTE: The complete start-up cycle takes about 90 seconds. During this cycle, the disk spins up and the air in the drive is circulated through a filter system to remove dust and particles. The disk then spins down, the read/write heads are loaded, and the disk spins back up.

READY Indicator Light: The READY light is a red indicator located on the far left-hand side of the front panel. When lit, the start-up cycle is complete and the drive is ready to operate. The READY indicator lights about 90 seconds after the START/STOP switch is set to START.

LOAD Indicator Light: The LOAD light is the red indicator located to the right of the START/STOP toggle switch on the front panel. After a cartridge is inserted and the START/STOP toggle switch is set to START, the LOAD light flashes twice per second. After 60 seconds, this light stops flashing for a moment. If the disk stops spinning at this time, wait 10 seconds for it to start spinning again. The LOAD light then begins flashing for about 30 seconds. The start-up cycle is in progress. During normal operations this light is off.

When the START/STOP toggle switch is set to STOP, the LOAD light flashes twice per second until it glows steadily, indicating the cartridge may be removed. If the LOAD light flashes rapidly, a power fault or rotation-speed fault has been detected. If this occurs, call DATAPOINT Customer Service.

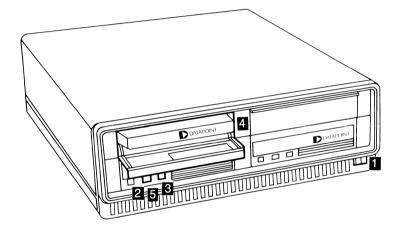
WRITE PROTECT Control Tab: Included with each cartridge is an insertable tab that allows the operator to write (or not write) on the disk. The WRITE PROTECT tab is located on the right edge of the cartridge, opposite the identification label. To WRITE PROTECT the cartridge, remove the tab; this prevents accidental writing on the disk. To write on the disk, insert the WRITE PROTECT tab in its slot.

Cartridge Loading

When loading the cartridge, remember to handle the cartridge carefully. The disk is light-weight, about 1.6 pounds.

Before loading a cartridge, ensure all plugs and cords are secure on both the processor and the disk drive. If power is interrupted while the drive is operating, the door of the disk drive remains locked until correct power is restored. To load the cartridge, take the following steps:

- 1. Power on the disk drive. Wait until the POWER indicator lights before proceeding.
- 2. Grasp the front of the cartridge so the WRITE PROTECT plug is on the end of the cartridge opposite your hand. The front of the cartridge is the edge with the DATAPOINT label (see Figure 4).



Step 1: Power On

- Step 2: Set Start/Stop switch to Stop
- Step 3: After Load light glows continuously, press Door Release button
- Step 4: Gently push cartridge into place and close cartridge door
- Step 5: Set Start/Stop switch to Start

Figure 4. Loading The Cartridge

3. Hold the cartridge right side up (the bottom of the cartridge has a circular hole in the center which should be facing down).

- 4. Set the START/STOP toggle switch to STOP and wait for the LOAD light to glow steadily. The LOAD light must always be glowing steadily before a cartridge can be inserted.
- 5. Press the DOOR RELEASE button, open the drive door, and carefully insert the the cartridge into the drive (see Figure 4).
- 6. Push the cartridge gently into the drive against spring pressure until the cartridge latches in place. Then slowly close the cartridge drive door.
- 7. Set the START/STOP toggle switch on the front panel to START. When the LOAD light stops flashing and the READY indicator lights, disk operations can begin. Once the START/STOP toggle switch is set to START, the LOAD light flashes for 60 seconds, pauses, then flashes again for 30 seconds. During this time, if the disk stops spinning, wait a few seconds and it should start spinning again (this is part of normal disk operations). After 90 seconds, the READY indicator should light and the disk cartridge can be used.

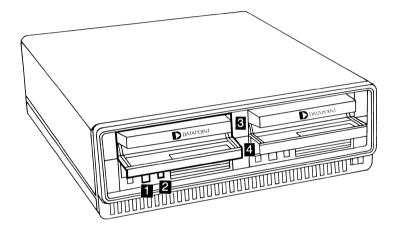
Cartridge Unloading

Before removing a cartridge, ensure all tasks using the 9325 are complete. If no data transfers are occurring, take the following steps to unload the cartridge:

- 1. Set the START/STOP toggle switch on the front panel to STOP. The LOAD indicator flashes for about 45 seconds.
- 2. Once the LOAD indicator glows continuously, push the DOOR RELEASE button to open the door. Press the cartridge (still in the drive) back until it unlatches; this ejects the cartridge about one-third of the way. Then grasp the front edge of the cartridge and gently pull it free (see Figure 5).

- 3. Place the cartridge in its dust jacket for protection.
- 4. Load another cartridge or completely close the door of the drive slot to safeguard the disk drive when not in use.

NOTE: If the door does not close properly, open it and remove the cartridge. Inspect the cartridge and the door; if they appear normal, try loading the cartridge again. If the cartridge or drive is defective, call DATAPOINT Customer Service.



- Step 1: Set Start/Stop switch to Stop
- Step 2: Wait for Load light to glow continuously, push Door Release button
- Step 3: Press cartridge in to unlatch
- Step 4: Gently remove cartridge

Figure 5. Unloading the Disk Cartridge

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Programming Considerations

Switch Selectable Options

A seven-position switch provides microbus address selection, parity enable, and loopback. This is a right angle DIP switch which is located at the card edge and is accessible from the rear of the subsystem. Switch assignments are:

| OFF 1 ON | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------|
| Microt UAD3 | | l iress D2 UAD1 | | | Parity Disabl | Loopback e |

Microbus Address Assignment - Address selection is accomplished through the use of switches accessible from the rear of the unit. These switches correspond to the Microbus Address Byte bits UAD0 through UAD3 respectively. The controller responds to one of the 16 unique addresses that can be formed through binary combinations of address bits 0 thru 3. Addresses 010 to 013 octal (8 to 11 decimal) are for system use.

Bus Parity - The subsystem contains circuitry for checking and generating parity on the microbus. Parity is checked/generated on all microbus transfers including IACK Response. Odd parity is generated. Parity is generated/checked on 16 lines: 8 data, 4

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command, and 4 address. These lines are sampled on the leading edge of USTB1.

The controller need not be addressed; it generates an interrupt upon receipt of bad parity no matter which peripheral device is addressed. The microbus parity interrupt is a non-maskable interrupt and generates an interrupt to the host processor even if the interrupt mask is set. If parity is incorrect, the command is ignored and a microbus parity error interrupt is generated. The switch allows enabling or disabling of microbus parity to the host processor.

Loopback - A switch setable loopback function allows the internal bus to be looped back to itself. This allows a processor to output a byte on the data bus and read it back. This tests 60% of the logic on the interface card. This provision is meant as an aid in troubleshooting; the interface does not operate with the disk in this mode. Loopback must be preceded by a software reset command to ensure the controller is in the idle state.

Microbus Command Formats

All communications between the 9325 disk controller and the DATAPOINT processor are through the microbus using the External Command instructions and the I/O register (A register) of the processor. The microbus is composed of an 8-bit command/address bus, an 8-bit data bus with parity, two command strobes, an interrupt acknowledge line, and an interrupt request line. For pin assignments see Interface Requirements. The 8-bit command bus carries four bits of address and four bits of command from the processor to the 9325 controller. The command format is:

Processor A Register

| | | | 1 |
|--|--|--|---|
| | | | 1 |
| | | | 1 |
| | | | |
| | | | i |
| | | | |
| | | | |

UCOM3 UCOM2 UCOM1 UCOM0 A3 A2 A1 A0

UCOM3 through UCOM0 contain the command and A0 through A3 contain the disk controller address.

The peripheral microbus commands are used by the processor to control the disk system. All commands are issued to the interface using Strobe 1. There are 16 possible commands; the following table shows the 8 acceptable commands:

| Comma | and Word | Command | Description |
|-------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| UCOM | 3 - UCOM0 | | |
| 0 1 1 | 1 | READ DATA | Read Status/Data from the disk |
| 0 1 1 | 0 | ENABLE INT | Clear Interrupt Mask Register |
| 0 1 0 | 1 | DISABLE INT | Set Interrupt Mask Register |
| 0 1 0 | 0 | SELECT | Issue SELECT to Disk |
| 0 0 1 | 1 | ID BYTE READ | Read the ID byte |
| 0 0 1 | 0 | WRITE DATA | Write Data/Command to disk |

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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ISTATUS READ | Read the Interface Status |
|---|---|---|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RESET | Software Reset to Subsystem |

Bits A0 through A3 of the command byte address the controller. Legal addresses are:

| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | A3 A2 A1 A0 E 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 | Decimal Address 8 9 10 11 |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|--|---|---------------------------------------|

• Microbus Command Definitions:

ENABLE INT/DISABLE INT - This command sets or clears the interrupt mask register. DISABLE INT disables all interrupts (except Microbus Parity error) to the processor. Interrupts are disabled at power up and as a result of a software reset.

SELECT - This command sets the select latch on the interface. Setting the select latch indicates to the controller the beginning of a command transfer. The select latch is cleared by the controller when it is ready to accept a command.

ID BYTE READ - This command returns a unique value of 004 to identify this member of the 9325 drive series within the defined microbus address space.

WRITE DATA/READ DATA - These commands put the interface in the data mode (data mode consists of all transfers: data, command, or status). They are used to transfer data both to or from the disk. The acknowledge latch is set by all data reads and writes to the disk. An acknowledge latch is reset by the disk upon completion of each data transfer. Acknowledge also serves to notify the processor of a transfer in progress.

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ISTATUS READ - This command allows the host processor to read the interface status from the status latch. The status is returned on the microbus data lines.

RESET - This command provides for a software reset without powering off the system. It resets the interface, disk controller, and disk drives to the power-up state.

Interface Status Latch Information

A status latch allows the processor to read the interface status by issuing the ISTATUS READ command. The status is returned as an 8-bit word.

| STATUS BIT | SIGNAL | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|---------|--|
| D7 | I/O | I/O low transfer to disk high transfer from disk |
| D6 | BUSY | BUSY (active, high) |
| D5 | C/D | C/D high command trans low data transfer |
| D4 | MSG | MSG (active, high) |
| D3 | REQ | REQUEST (active, high) |
| D2 | LACK | Latched acknowledge (active, high) |
| D1 | UPARERR | Microbus Parity Error (active, high) |
| D0 | SPARERR | SASI Bus Parity Error (active, high) |

Status Latch Definitions

I/O (Input/Output) - This bit indicates the direction of the data transfer across the SASI bus. A high level from the controller indicates information will be transferred to the host processor from the controller on the SASI bus. A low level from the controller indicates information will be transferred to the controller from the host processor on the SASI bus.

BUSY (Busy - active, high) - A high level by the controller indicates the controller has control of the SASI interface bus and cannot be interrupted.

C/D (Command/Data) - A high level from the controller indicates command or status information is to be transferred on the SASI data bus. A low level on this line indicates data information is to be transferred on the data bus.

MSG (Message - active, high) - A high level from the controller on the SASI bus indicates a status byte transfer has been accomplished. When the MESSAGE is high, REQUEST is also high to transfer an 8-bit byte, indicating the end of the operation. When the REQ/ACK handshake is complete, the controller resets all interface signal lines and returns to the IDLE state.

REQ (Request - active, high) - A high level from the controller indicates an 8-bit byte is to be transferred on the SASI data bus. REQUEST is reset by the controller following the setting of the acknowledge line.

LACK (Latched Acknowledge - active, high) - An acknowledge latch is set by all data reads and writes to the disk. An acknowledge latch is reset by the disk upon completion of each data byte transfer. LACK also serves to notify the processor of a transfer in progress.

UPARERR (Microbus Parity Error - active, high) -This bit indicates the occurrence of a parity error on the microbus. If and error occurs, the command is ignored, the status bit set, and an interrupt is generated.

SPARERR (SASI Bus Parity Error - active, high) -This bit indicates the occurrence of a parity error in the 8-data bits on the SASI bus.

Additional controller status information may be obtained from the SASI disk interface status lines. The status register may be read and bits 4, 5, and 7 must be decoded to obtain the controller status:

I/O C/D MSG

| 0 | 1 | 0 | Next Command |
|---|---|---|------------------|
| 0 | 0 | Х | OUTPUT Data |
| 1 | 0 | Х | INPUT Data |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | Disk Sense |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Command Complete |

For the Disk Sense Status, the processor must issue the REQUEST SENSE Command to obtain status information from the controller.

Interrupts

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The microbus/SASI interface is an interrupt driven device using the interrupt features of the microbus. Interrupts may be generated by the interface and the host processor is notified via the interrupt request line. Interrupts are generated at the completion of an operation or when an error has occurred which requires service by the host processor.

Interrupts may also be selectively generated during multisector I/O commands, by setting a flag bit in the command string. Upon issuing an interrupt request to the host processor, the subsystem waits for receipt of the interrupt acknowledge strobe. Upon receipt of this strobe, the interface provides an interrupt response byte. The interrupt response byte consists of the controller address and the interrupt status bits (see the following table). The interrupt request and the interrupt response byte are cleared at the trailing edge of the interrupt acknowledge strobe.

Interrupts may be disabled to the host by setting the interrupt mask register. This inhibits interrupts to the host, to allow polled mode operation. Microbus Parity Error is a nonmaskable interrupt and cannot be disabled.

| Interrupt | Response Byte |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| BIT | Definition |
| 7 | I/O |
| 6 | Parity Error |
| 5 | C/D |
| 4 | MSG |
| 3 | Controller Address A3 |
| 2 | Controller Address A2 |
| 1 | Controller Address A1 |
| 0 | Controller Address A0 |

Parity Error - This interrupt is generated whenever a parity error is detected by the interface logic. The interface status register must be read to determine the source of the error (two errors are possible, Microbus Parity or SASI Bus Parity). The interface need not be addressed to generate a Microbus Parity Error, therefore; multiple units may respond to this error.

I/O, C/D and MSG - These lines reflect the SASI bus status and must be decoded to obtain the proper interrupt response. Refer to Interface Status Latch for a detailed description.

Disk Formats

Standard Track Format

The standard track format for the 10 MB and 40 MB disk drives is 48 sectors per track with each sector containing 256 bytes of user data. Each sector consists of two fields separated by gaps to allow updating and recovery of the data. The first field in the sector is the ID FIELD. This field contains three data bytes which uniquely identify the sector. The three bytes are defined as:

- Cylinder Address
- Head Address
- Logical Sector Address

The second field contains the user data bytes.

10 MB/40 MB Sector Format (Typical for 48 sectors)

| SPLC | = 1 byte of 00 |
|-------|-----------------|
| VFO 1 | = 3 bytes of 00 |
| SYNC | = 1 byte of 04 |
| ID | = 3 bytes |
| ECC | = 3 bytes |

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| VFO 2 | = 7 bytes of 00 |
|-------|--------------------------|
| SYNC | = 1 byte of 04 |
| DATA | = 256 bytes of user data |
| ECC | = 3 bytes |
| GUARD | = 2 bytes of 00 |
| | |

280 bytes per sector

ID FIELD

| Byte 1 – | Bit 7-0 | = Cylinder Address Low |
|----------|--|--|
| Byte 2 — | Bit 7 Bit 6 Bit 5-4 Bit 3 Bit 2 Bit 1-0 | Alternate Address Fla 0 Head Address Bad Sector Flag Write Protect Flag Cylinder Address High |
| Byte 3 – | Bit 7-0 | = Logical Sector Address |

Total bytes/sector = 280 bytes

Total bytes/track = 13440

Defective Track Format

If a track is defective, the host processor can assign an alternate track. When the controller encounters a defective track with an alternate track assigned, the controller automatically seeks the assigned alternate track. In all sectors of the defective track, the alternate track address is contained in the first three bytes of the data field. A defective alternate track cannot specify another alternate track.

| 10 MB/40 MB Defective Track Format (Typical for 48 sectors) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Indel- | S | V | S | Í | Е | V | S | D | E | G | Indel- |
| ible | Р | F | Y | D | С | F | Y | А | С | U | ible |
| Area | L | 0 | Ν | | С | Ο | Ν | Т | С | Α | Area |
| | С | | С | | | | С | Α | | R | |
| | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | D | |

 $\begin{array}{rcl} SPLC &= 1 \ byte \\ VFO 1 &= 3 \ bytes \\ SYNC &= 1 \ byte \\ ID &= 3 \ bytes \\ ECC &= 3 \ bytes \\ VFO 2 &= 7 \ bytes \\ DATA &= 3 \ bytes \ (ALT \ TRACK \ ADDR) \\ GUARD &= 255 \ bytes \end{array}$

Disk Command Operations

Whenever the host processor has a command for the controller, it performs a series of actions to gain controller attention. The sequence is:

- Select
- Command
- Data Transfer (if required)
- Status & Message

Each command follows this sequence. Command execution begins after 'Command'.

Command Sequence Information

SELECT - Following a reset or the completion of a command, the controller is in the IDLE state. The command sequence begins with the host processor issuing a SEL command. The subsystem interface asserts SEL and DB0 (controller address bit) on the

SASI bus indicating a command is ready for the controller. It then waits for the controller to respond with BUSY. Upon receipt of BUSY, the subsystem interface deasserts SEL. The controller now has control of the SASI bus.

COMMAND FETCH - After the subsystem interface deasserts select and DB0, the controller asserts C/D (indicating command mode transfer) and deasserts I/O (indicating output from the host) to fetch the command bytes from the host processor. The subsystem interface generates an interrupt to the host to indicate the controller is ready to accept the command transfer. The command bytes are transferred over the SASI bus with the REQ/ACK handshake protocol until all command bytes are transferred to the controller. (The command byte fetch mode ends after the last REQ pulse from the controller is deasserted.)

The subsystem interface must not assert ACK until REQ is asserted, and must not deassert ACK until after REQ is deasserted. The controller waits until the ACK from the previous byte transfer is deasserted before it reasserts REQ to transfer the next byte.

NOTE: This provides a means for the subsystem interface to regulate the byte transfer across the host bus.

DATA TRANSFER - If the command does not require a data transfer, this action is skipped. If a data transfer is required for the command, such as read or write, the following occurs. The controller deasserts the C/D line to indicate data mode. Depending on the command type (read/write disk), the I/O bit on the host bus is asserted or deasserted by the controller. The subsystem interface generates an interrupt to the host to indicate the controller is ready for the data transfer. The data is transferred (one byte at a time) with the same REQ/ACK handshake protocol used during Command Fetch. After all bytes are transferred the controller goes to the next step. STATUS AND MESSAGE - After all the data bytes have been transferred, a completion status byte is placed on the data bus by the controller - C/D and I/O are asserted while MSG is deasserted. An interrupt is generated by the subsystem interface to identify the status phase to the host; the host must then read the status byte. REO is asserted and the controller waits for an ACK from the subsystem interface. After the status byte transfer, the controller places zeros on the data bus and asserts C/D, I/O and MSG along with **REO** to indicate to the host that the command is complete. An interrupt is generated by the subsystem interface to identify the message phase to the host; the host must then read the message byte. After the subsystem interface responds with ACK, the controller deasserts REO, BUSY and all other lines. This completes the command execution and the controller is now ready to be selected for the next command.

Abnormal Termination

If no errors occur, the command proceeds as described above. However, if errors do occur, the controller terminates the command and immediately enters the status and message phase. Error conditions can be classified as:

Bus Parity Errors - Upon the detection of a SASI Bus Parity Error (command or data) the controller completes the command execution and generates an interrupt to the host processor. The interrupt status byte indicates a parity error has occurred and the host processor must read the interface status register to determine the error type. If the error is detected on the controller, the error is contained in the completion status bytes and the error code in the controller status bytes. If a Microbus Parity Error is detected, the command is terminated and an interrupt generated to the host. The host processor must read the interface status register to determine the error type. Drive Interface or Controller Related Errors - These errors occur after the command bytes have been transferred to the controller. Upon the detection of the error condition (Drive Fault, Drive Not Ready, Illegal Command, etc.), the subsystem interface generates an interrupt to the host processor. The completion status indicates the occurrence of an error and the controller status bytes contain the error code.

Read/Write Channel Errors - Upon detection of these errors (such as Read Data Error and Record Not Found), the controller may transfer a sector or more of data before the error is reported. The command terminates in a normal manner and the completion status indicates the occurrence of an error. The error code may be obtained from the controller status bytes.

During Drive Interface/Controller Related or Read/Write Channel errors, a REQUEST SENSE command may be issued to retrieve error information. In either case, any other command may be issued if the host system does not accept the errors.

Controller Operation

Following the controller selection sequence, the controller always requests a Device Command Field (DCF) which is either 6 or 10 bytes in length. The first byte of the DCF must always contain the command. The remaining bytes specify the drive's Logical Unit Number (LUN), logical sector address, number of sectors to be transferred, and a control byte.

The controller checks the validity of all incoming DCF's and, unless disabled, also checks both DCFs and data for odd parity. An error in the command structure terminates the command and causes a status

byte transfer to occur upon completion of the DCF transfer.

After power-up or after any RESET command, the controller rejects all commands except REQUEST SYNDROME (02), REQUEST SENSE (03), and REQUEST DRIVE TYPE (0C). This state is indicated by setting bit 2 of the COMPLETION STATUS BYTE to 1, and it is maintained until an ASSIGN DRIVE TYPE (C1) command is received by the controller. Acceptance of the ASSIGN DRIVE TYPE command sets bit 2 of the COMPLETION STATUS BYTE to 0. This sequence may be used to determine if a Power-on Reset (POR) has occurred to the controller since the last drive access.

Command Format

| BYTE 1 BYTE 2 BYTE 3 BYTE 4 BYTE 5 BYTE 6 | 7 6 LUN NUMBER (| 5 4 COMM/ LOGICAI LOGICAI CONTRO OF SECTORS | AND CO GICAL A L ADDR L ADDR L ADDR | ADDR 1 0 (LS) | 5) | |
|--|--|--|---|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | 7 | Bit 6 | 5 | |
| | Drive Select 1 = Drive Select 2 = Drive Select 3 = Drive Select 4 = | = LUN 2 = LUN 3 | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 1 1 | 0 1 0 1 | |

LOGICAL ADDRESS (byte 2, bits 0 to 4, byte 3, and byte 4) contain the logical sector address of the

specified sector. Logical address 0 is the Least Significant Byte (LSB). Sectors start at cylinder 0, head 0, sector 0 and continue through cylinder 0, head 1; cylinder 0, head 2, etc.

When the end of a cylinder is reached, the next logical sector is located on cylinder 1, head 0, sector 0.

The logical address is computed using the following formula:

LOGICAL ADDRESS = (CYADR * HDCYL + HDADR) * SETRK + SEADR

| CYADR | = cylinder address |
|-------|---------------------------|
| HDADR | = head address |
| SEADR | = physical sector address |
| HDCYL | = number of heads per c |
| SETRK | = number of sectors per |

The NUMBER OF SECTORS (byte 5) specifies the number of sectors to transfer per command. A value of 0 transfers 256 sectors.

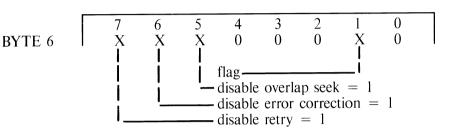
This byte also specifies the interleave factor for certain commands, (i.e. FORMAT DRIVE). An interleave factor of 0 defaults to an interleave factor of 1. Interleave factors greater than one half the number of sectors per track are invalid. An example of the interleave mechanism for a track with 32 sectors and an interleave factor of 10 is:

| Phy. Sec. 0 Log. Sec. 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Phy. Sec. 11 Log. Sec. 3 | 12 13 | 13 23 | 14 4 | 15 14 | 16 24 | 17 5 | 18 15 | 19 25 | 20 6 | 21 16 |
| Phy. Sec. 22 Log. Sec. 26 | | | | | | | | | | |

Control Field Operation

The CONTROL FIELD (byte 6) contains information relating to the method by which the controller processes the command.

CONTROL FIELD



If the flag bit is set during any READ or WRITE DATA command, the MSG line is set to the alternate state for each sector transferred. The MSG line is toggled one microsecond prior to the first REQ asserted. At the conclusion of the data transfer sequence, the MSG line is always deasserted. A zero value disables this function. This function may be used to notify the host processor a sector is available during multisector I/O instructions.

If the DISABLE OVERLAP SEEK bit is SET, the controller waits until the drive completes the seek before returning completion information to the host processor. If the bit is NOT SET, the controller returns the completion information immediately following the issuance of the SEEK command to the drive.

If the DISABLE ERROR CORRECTION bit is SET and an ECC correctable or uncorrectable data error occurs, the controller does not attempt to correct the data read from the disk. If the transfer is a multisector transfer, the command is aborted and the error reported. The sector in which the error was detected is not transferred.

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If the DISABLE ERROR CORRECTION bit is NOT SET and a correctable data error occurs, the controller corrects the data and transfers the data to the host. A multisector transfer continues and the error is reported at the completion of the transfer. An uncorrectable data error aborts a multisector transfer. The sector in which an uncorrectable data error occurred is not transferred and the error is reported upon termination.

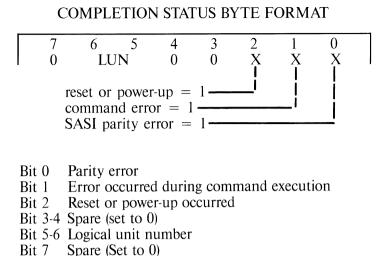
If the DISABLE RETRY bit is SET, the controller does not attempt to retry the command. If the bit is NOT SET, the controller retries the command up to eight times before reporting an error. If the retry attempt is successful, the error is not reported.

The DISABLE ERROR CORRECTION bit and the DISABLE RETRY bit perform independent functions and may be used in any combination.

Completion Status Byte

At the termination of a command, the controller transfers a status byte from the controller to the host processor. Bit 0 is set to 1, if a parity error is detected. Bit 1 is set to 1, if the controller detects an error condition during command execution. Bit 2 is set to 1, if a reset or power-up has occurred. Bits 5 and 6 represent the LUN of the device where the error occurred. If no error occurs, bits 0 through 4 are set to 0.

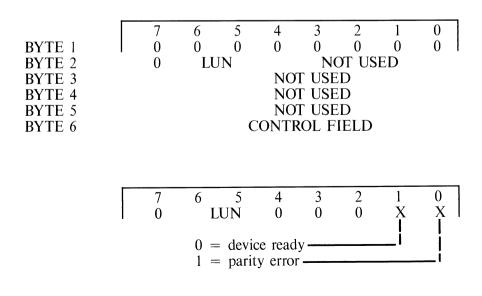
Following status byte transfer, the MSG line is asserted to indicate a completion message. This message consists of a single byte transfer with all bits set to 0 if no error occurred. If an error occurred, the message contains the error code.



Type 0 Commands

TEST DRIVE READY (HEX 00)

The device addressed by the LUN is selected and tested for ready. The completion status byte indicates the state of the addressed device.



00000000

The drive specified by the LUN is stepped toward the outside track until either:

- 1. Track 0 flag is detected or
- 2. More steps have been issued than available tracks for the device type.

Since no steps are overlapped, the RECALIBRATE command steps and looks for track 0. The RECALIBRATE command is not executed until the next command to that LUN is issued.

| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|---|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | LU | N | | N | ot us | ED | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | C | ONTRO | DL FI | ELD | | |
| | 7 0 0 | 7 6 0 0 0 LU | 7 6 5 0 0 0 0 LUN | NO NO NO | NOT USE NOT USE NOT USE | 7 6 5 4 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 LUN NOT USED NOT USED NOT USED CONTROL FIELD | NOT USED NOT USED NOT USED |

REQUEST SYNDROME (HEX 02)

00000010

The controller transfers to the processor four bytes of ECC correction data - two bytes of data indicating byte displacement and two bytes of data indicating the error correction pattern.

| | | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|----|---|--------|-------|----------------|---|---|
| BYTE 1 | 1 | Ó | ŏ | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | $\overline{0}$ | 1 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | | | LU | Ν | | NƠ | T USE | D | |
| BYTE 3 | | | | | | t use | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | | C | ONTR(| OL FI | ELD | | |

The format of these four bytes is:

BYTE 1 BYTE 2 BYTE 3 BYTE 4

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 BYTE DISPLACEMENT CORRECTION PATTERN (MS)CORRECTION PATTERN (LS)

Byte displacement is from the beginning of the record counting the first byte as zero. An exclusive OR operation must be performed on the least significant correction pattern byte with the byte at the indicated displacement. The most significant correction pattern byte must be an exclusive OR with displacement plus one.

A special case is encountered when byte displacement is 255 (HEX FF). In this case, the error is fully contained in the last data byte and byte 3 is always zero. If the correction pattern was automatically applied to the data passed to the processor, the two correction pattern bytes are zero. Byte 1 is not used with 256-byte records.

REQUEST SENSE (HEX 03)

00000011

This command causes the controller to transfer four bytes of sense data to the processor. A description of the sense byte format follows in the section on Error Codes.

| | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|----|----|------|-------|-------|----|---|
| BYTE 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | | 0 | LU | JN | | N | DT US | ED | |
| BYTE 3 | | | | | NO | T USE | D | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | | NO | T USE | D | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | | NO | T USE | D | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | | CO | ONTR | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

This command formats the specified LUN using the interleave factor specified in byte 5. Formatting starts from track 0 of cylinder 0 and continues until all tracks have been written. Data fields are written with an EX E5. Invalid interleave factors are those greater than one half the number of sectors per track. An interleave factor of 0 is set to 1. Track and cylinder overflow is handled automatically by the controller.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|----------------|---|----|----|-------|-------|-------|----|---|
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | JN | | | ot us | ED | |
| ΒΥ ΤΕ 3 | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | | T USE | | | |
| β ΥΤΕ 5 | | | | ERLE | | |)R | |
| ΒΥΤΕ 6 | | | C | ONTRO | OL FI | ELD | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

CHECK TRACK FORMAT (HEX 05)

00000101

The track specifed by the logical sector address in bytes 2 through 4 is checked to see that its interleave scheme matches that specified by the interleave factor in byte 5. Reading begins with the first sector after index.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|----|-----|-------|--------------|-------|------|------|
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | JN | LC | IGICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| ΒΥΤΕ 3 | | | | | L ADD | | | |
| ΒΥΓΕ 4 | | | | | _ ADD | | | |
| ΒΥΤΕ 5 | | | INT | FERLE | EAVE | FACTO | OR | |
| ΒΥΤΕ 6 | | | CO | NTRO | L FIE | LD | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

This command formats the track specified by the logical sector address in bytes 2 through 4 using the interleave factor specified in byte 5. The track is written starting with index and all data fields are filled with a HEX E5. The first sector after index is always sector 0. The second sector is 0 plus the interleave factor. Interleave factors greater than one half the number of sectors per track are invalid. bret

| BYTE 20LUNLOGICAL ADDR 2 (MS)BYTE 3LOGICAL ADDR 1BYTE 4LOGICAL ADDR 0 (LS)BYTE 5INTERLEAVE FACTORBYTE 6CONTROL FIELD |
|--|
|--|

FORMAT BAD TRACK (HEX 07)

00000111

This command sets the defective bit in the ID field (bit 3 of byte 2) of the specifed sector. The data field is not changed.

| BYTE 3LOGICAL ADDR 1BYTE 4LOGICAL ADDR 0 (LS)BYTE 5NOT USEDBYTE 6CONTROL FIELD |
|--|
|--|

READ DATA (HEX 08)

00001000

This command transfers the number of sectors specifed by byte 5 to the processor. The starting sector is specifed by the logical sector addresses in bytes 2, 3, and 4. When the SECTOR XFER COUNT is zero, 256 sectors are transferred with a single read command.

3 2 7 6 5 4 1 0 BYTE 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 LOGICAL ADDR 2 (MS) LUN BYTE 2 0 BYTE 3 LOGICAL ADDR 1 LOGICAL ADDR 0 BYTE 4 (LS)SECTOR XFER COUNT BYTE 5 BYTE 6 CONTROL FIELD

WRITE PROTECT SECTOR (HEX 09)

00001001

This command sets the write-protected bit in the ID field (bit 2 of byte 2) of the sector. A FORMAT TRACK or FORMAT DRIVE command is the only way to remove the write-protect bit.

| BYTE 1 BYTE 2 BYTE 3 BYTE 4 BYTE 5 | 7 0 0 | 6 0 LU |)GICA)GICA | L AD | DR 1 DR 0 | 1 0 DR 2 (LS) | 0 1 (MS) |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|
| BYTE 5 BYTE 6 | | | | Г USE | D | . , | |

WRITE DATA (HEX 0A)

00001010

The number of sectors specified in byte 5 are written to the selected LUN beginning with the sector specifed by the logical sector addresses in bytes 2, 3, and 4.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|----|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | L | UN | LC |)GICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | _ | OGICA | | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | OGICA | | | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | TOR X | | | Т | |
| BYTE 6 | | | С | ONTRO | OL FI | ELD | | |

SEEK (HEX 0B)

00001011

This command causes the device addressed by the LUN to be physically positioned to the cylinder as defined by the logical sector address in bytes 2, 3, and 4. The cylinder address is automatically computed by the controller.

No attempt to verify seek position is made until a READ or WRITE command is issued. Unless the DISABLE OVERLAP SEEK bit is set, completion status is returned to the processor immediately after receipt of the SEEK command.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|----|----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | | | | | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | | OGICA | | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | LC | DGICA | | | (LS) | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | | Г USE | | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | C | ONTR | OL FI | ELD | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

REQUEST DRIVE TYPE (HEX OC)

00001100

This command returns six bytes of controller, drive, and track format information to the processor. If this command is issued after a power-up or reset and before ASSIGN DRIVE TYPE command, it returns default parameters as set by the dip switch. If issued after the ASSIGN DRIVE TYPE command, it returns the user defined drive type.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|----|----|-------|-------|-----|---|---|
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | JN | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 3 | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | | T USE | | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | C | ONTRO | OL FI | ELD | | |

The information is returned to the processor in data form The data format is:

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|---|-------|-------|-------|----|---|
| BYTE 1 | | | С | ONTR | OLLE | R TY | PE | |
| BYTE 2 | | | V | ERSIC | DN NU | JMBE | R | |
| BYTE 3 | | | D | RIVE | TYPE | e cod | E | |
| BYTE 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BYTE 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BYTE 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CONTROLLER TYPE is the code for the model number of the controller. VERSION NUMBER is the controller firmware revision number and DRIVE TYPE CODE is the type of drive connected to the specified LUN.

DRIVE TYPE E (HEX)

10 MB (removable) 02 40 MB (fixed) 03

ASSIGN ALTERNATE TRACK (HEX 0E)

00001110

This command assigns an alternate track address to a specified track. If an attempt is made to use the original track, the controller automatically switches to the alternate track. The command sets the alternate track flags and writes the alternate track address in all sectors on the defective track. An alternate track can be assigned to one level only. An alternate track cannot have another alternate track assigned to it.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|----|------|--------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| BYTE 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | JN | LC | OGICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | LC | OGICA | L AD | DR 1 | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | LC | OGICA | L AD | DR 0 | (LS) | |
| BYTE 5 | | | INTE | ERLEA | WE FA | ACTO | 2 | |
| BYTE 6 | | | CC | ONTRO | JL FII | ELD | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

The alternate track is passed to the controller as data using the following format:

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|----|-------------|-------|-----|-----------|-------|
| BYTE 1 | Ó | ŏ | Õ | IC | OGĨCA | LÃD | $DR^{1}2$ | (MS) |
| BYTE 2 | - | - | ĹĊ |) GIĈĂ | | | 2112 | (110) |
| BYTE 3 | | | | GICA | | | (LS) | |
| BYTE 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Type 1 Commands

COPY COMMAND (HEX 20)

00100000

This command copies a given number of records from a source LUN to a destination LUN without processor intervention. Upon completion (with or without errors), the controller returns the source LUN number in the completion status byte. Source and destination

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LUNs may be the same. SRC is the SOURCE LUN and DST is the DESTINATION LUN.

| | - | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-----|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|------|
| | | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| BYTE 1 | l | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BYTE 2 | | 0 | SRC | LUN | LC | IGICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | | LO | GICA | L AD | DR 1 | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | | LO | GICA | L AD | DR 0 | (LS) | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | SEG | CTOR | XFEI | R COU | JNT | |
| BYTE 6 | | 0 | DS | T LUN | N LC | IGICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 7 | | | | L | DGIC. | al ae | DDR | 1 | |
| BYTE 8 | | | | LC | DGIC | AL AE | DDR | 0 (LS | S) |
| BYTE 9 | | | | N | ot u | SED | | | |
| BYTE 10 | | | | C | ONTF | ROL FI | IELD | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Type 6 Commands

ASSIGN DRIVE TYPE (HEX Cl)

11000001

This command assigns a drive type to a particular LUN if the drive is different from the default as defined by the dipswitch.

NOTE: After a power-up or reset, this must be the first command issued to any LUN.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|----------|----|----|--------|------|-------|----|---|
| BYTE 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | JN | | N | OT US | ED | |
| BYTE 3 | NOT USED | | | | | | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | - | NOT U | | | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | RIVE ' | | COD | E | |
| BYTE 6 | | | l | NOT U | JSED | | | |

DRIVE TYPE CODE is the type of drive connected to the specified LUN.

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DRIVE TYPE CODE (HEX)

10 MB (removable) 02 40 MB (fixed) 03

Type 7 Commands

WRITE ECC (HEX E1)

This command allows testing of the ECC logic. One sector (256 = 253 bytes of data + 3 bytes of ECC) is transferred to the controller which writes it on the disk, offset by 3 bytes. The offset consists of 3 bytes of 0s. The usual 3 bytes of ECC are not written.

Sending 256 bytes of 0s results in a data field of 256 bytes of 0s and an ECC field of 3 bytes of 0s. This is a readable data sector with no ECC error. If the data sent has 1 bit set, this is read as a 1 bit error (correctable). If the data sent has 5 bits set, this is read as a 5 bit error (uncorrectable).

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|----|---|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|
| BYTE 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | N | LC | GICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | Ι | OGIC | AL AI | DDR 1 | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | I | OGIC | AL AI | DDR (|) (LS) | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | NC | ot usi | ED | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | (| CONTE | ROL F | IELD | | |

READ IDENTIFIER (HEX E2)

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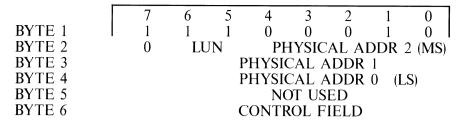
11100010

11100001

The ID field of the sector given by the physical sector address is transferred to the processor. Only one sector is processed. The data length is four bytes.

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The data returned to the processor is in the following format:

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|--------|---|---|---|-------|-------|---|---|---|
| BYTE 1 | | | I | D BTY | Έ3 | | | |
| BYTE 2 | | | I | D BTY | Έ4 | | | |
| BYTE 3 | | | I | D BTY | Έ5 | | | |
| ΒΥΤΕ 4 | | | E | CC B | ΓYE 1 | | | |
| BYTE 5 | | | E | CC B | FYE 2 | | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | E | CC B | FYE 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

READ SECTORS WITHOUT DATA TRANSFER (HEX E5) 11100101

This command is identical to the READ command except no data is transferred. The ID fields and the data field are checked for errors and the errors are reported.

| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Ο |
|--------|---|----|----|--------------|--------|------|------|------|
| | 1 | 0 | 5 | + | 5 | 2 | 1 | |
| BYTE 1 | 1 | I | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| BYTE 2 | 0 | LU | N | LO | GICA | L AD | DR 2 | (MS) |
| BYTE 3 | | | LC | OGICA | L AD | DR 1 | | |
| BYTE 4 | | | LC | OGICA | L AD | DR 0 | (LS) | |
| BYTE 5 | | | | NO | г use | D | | |
| BYTE 6 | | | CC | ONTRO | DL FII | ELD | | |

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Error Codes

Disk Drive and Controller Sense Bytes

Following an error indication from the status byte, the processor may send a REQUEST SENSE (HEX 03) command to obtain more detailed information about the error. The REQUEST SENSE command transfers four bytes of error information to the processor.

| BYTE 1 BYTE 2 BYTE 3 BYTE 4 | | 7 0 | 6 L | UN L | 4 ERROF LOG OGIC OGIC | HCAL AL AI | ADD DDR 1 | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------|--------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----|---|
| | | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | I | Х | 0 | TY | PE | | CC | DDE | 1 |

Sector address valid

Sector Address Valid indicates the logical sector address in bytes 2, 3, and 4 and contains the sector where the error occurred.

ERROR TYPE bits 4 and 5 are decoded as:

Bits 5 4

- 0 0 Drive errors
- 0 1 Data errors
- 1 0 Command errors
- 1 1 Miscellaneous errors

DRIVE ERROR CODE bits 0, 1, 2, and 3 are decoded as:

| Bits | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
|------|---|------|------|---|-----------------------------|
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No error |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | No index |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No seek complete |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Write fault |
| | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Drive not ready |
| | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Drive not selected |
| | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | No seek complete on restore |
| | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Multiple drive selected |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | No address acknowledge |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Reserved |
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Tag sequence fault |
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | No data transitions |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | thre | ougl | 1 | |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Reserved |

DATA ERROR CODE bits 0, 1, 2, and 3 are decoded as:

| Bits | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
|------|---|------|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ECC error in ID field |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Uncorrectable error in data field |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | No ID address mark detected |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | No data address mark detected |
| | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | No record found |
| | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Seek error |
| | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Reserved |
| | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Write protected |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Correctable data error |
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Bad track or sector flag set |
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Track fromat error |
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Reserved |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Unable to read alt. track data |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | thro | bugh | ı | |
| | 1 | 1 | ĩ | 1 | Reserved |

COMMAND ERROR CODE bits 0, 1, 2 and 3 are decoded as:

Bits 3 2 1 0

| | 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 1 1 | 1 0 1 | Invalid command Illegal sector address Illegal function for drive type |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| | | thro | ough | 1 | |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Reserved |
| MIS 3 are | | | | | JS ERROR CODE bits 0, 1, 2, and |
| Bits | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |

| ns | 3 | Ζ | 1 | 0 | |
|----|---|------|------|---|-----------|
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RAM error |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | thro | ougł | 1 | |
| | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Reserved |

Error Handling Routine

The error codes listed below are drive related and no error recovery is performed.

- 01 NO INDEX FOUND controller timeout after waiting 52 msecs for an index pulse.
- 02 NO SEEK COMPLETE controller timeout after waiting 800 msecs for seek completes.
- 03 DRIVE FAULT drive is tested for a 'drive fault' condition before turning on the write gate and after turning off write gate.
- 04 DRIVE NOT READY drive is tested for 'ready' before all drive-related commands and during

command execution.

- 05 DRIVE NOT SELECTED drive is tested for 'selected' condition before all drive-related commands. 'Selected' must respond to 'drive select' within 1 usec.
- 06 NO TRACK ZERO FOUND drive is tested for 'track zero' during a recalibration sequence.

10/40 MB - timeout approximately 17 seconds after toggling the 'restore' line to drive.

- 07 MULTIPLE DRIVES SELECTED drive is tested for more than one (1) 'selected' signal approximately 1 usec after selecting the drive.
- 08 NO ADDRESS ACKNOWLEDGE drive is tested for 'address acknowledge' 4 msec after setting the 'restore' line.
- 0A TAG SEQUENCE FAULT drive is tested for 'address acknowledge' before starting a seek or restore sequence or a seek/restore sequence failure.
- 97 WRITE PROTECT SECTOR the specified ID field has the write protect bit set.
- 99 BAD TRACK OR BAD SECTOR FLAG SET -10/40 MB - the specified ID field has the bad sector bit set.
- 9A TRACK FORMAT ERROR the sectors on a specified track are not interleaved with the same factor as specified in the command.
- 20 INVALID COMMAND the command operating code is not valid.
- 21 DEVICE PARAMETER VIOLATION the controller has received a parameter exceeding the drive volume.
- 22 ILLEGAL DRIVE FUNCTION the command

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or drive type code is invalid for the specified drive type.

The following error codes are position related and the controller performs up to eight recalibrations and reseeks.

- 90 ECC ERROR IN ID FIELD at least one ID field had an ECC error.
- 92 NO ID ADDRESS MARK FOUND controller was unable to find any address mark.
- 94 NO RECORD FOUND controller was unable to find the specified ID field.
- 95 SEEK ERROR the ID field contains a head or cylinder mismatch.

The following error codes are data related and the controller performs up to eight rereads.

- 91 UNCORRECTABLE ERROR IN DATA FIELD - ECC is unable to correct the data error.
- 93 MISSING DATA ADDRESS MARK controller is unable to find the data field address mark.
- 98 CORRECTABLE DATA ERROR with correction disabled, the data field error is correctable by ECC, but is not corrected. With correction enabled, the data error is corrected.
- 9C ALTERNATE TRACK ERROR after finding the ID field with the alternate track bit set, the controller is unable to read the alternate track data due to either a missing data address mark or a data field ECC error.

Physical Description

9325 Disk Drive

Figure 6 shows the dimensions of the 9325, which weighs approximately 95 pounds (43.09 kg).

Height 7.40 in. (18.79 cm) Width 21.80 in. (55.37 cm) Depth 23.90 in. (60.70 cm)

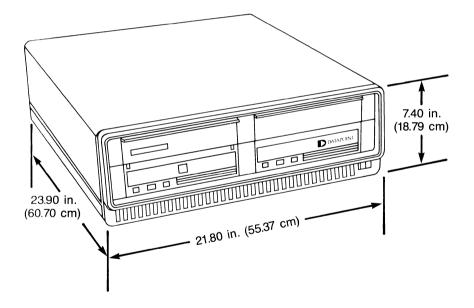


Figure 6. 9325 Dimensions

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9325 Cartridge Disk

Figure 7 shows the dimensions of the 9325 10 MB Cartridge, which weighs approximately 1.6 pounds (.73 kg)

Height 1.0 in. (25.40 mm) Length 8.3 in. (211.50 mm) Width 8.2 in. (208.30 mm)

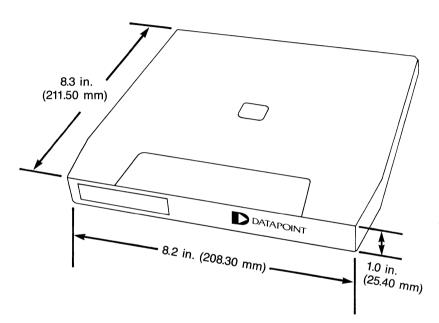


Figure 7. Cartridge Dimensions

Environmental Requirements

Temperature:

50 to 100 degress Fahrenheit 10 to 38 degrees Celsius 20 to 80% relative, noncondensing Humidity: Altitude: 0 to 6,500 feet 1400 BTU/hour, maximum Heat Dissipation: Acoustic Noise: 55 dB PNC

Interface Requirements

Microbus Pin Assignment

PIN SIGNAL DESCRIPTION Ground 1 Signal return 2 Micro Command Strobe 1 Strobe 1 3 Ground Signal return 4 Strobe 2 Micro Command Strobe 2 5 Ground Signal return 6 IACK Interrupt Acknowledge 7 Ground Signal return 8 Address 0 Microbus Address Bit 0 9 Address 1 Microbus Address Bit 1 10 Address 2 Microbus Address Bit 2 11 Address 3 Microbus Address Bit 3 12 Microbus Command Bit 0 COMM 0 13 COMM 1 Microbus Command Bit 1 14 COMM 2 Microbus Command Bit 2 15 COMM 3 Microbus Command Bit 3 *PARITY 16 Microbus Parity Bit 17 Interrupt Reg Interupt request 18 DATA 0Microbus Data Bit 0 19 DATA 1 Microbus Data Bit 1 20 DATA 2 Microbus Data Bit 2 21 DATA 3 Microbus Data Bit 3 22 DATA 4 Microbus Data Bit 4 23 DATA 5 Microbus Data Bit 5 24 DATA 6 Microbus Data Bit 6 25 DATA 7 Microbus Data Bit 7 26 +5 Power Indication Voltage sensing signal

* Required on all new designs (formerly spare pin)

9324/25/26/27 PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

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Primary Power

The 9325 disk and cartridge drive, as supplied by DATAPOINT, operates at 120 VAC (+/- 10% VAC), 60 Hz (+/- 2%).

Current in amps @ 120 VAC: 4 amps

NOTE: The 9324, 9325, and extension units are field strappable to operate at a frequency of 50 or 60 Hz (+/-2%) and the following voltages:

100 VAC (+/- 10% VAC) 220 VAC (+/- 10% VAC) 240 VAC (+/- 10% VAC)

Power consumption is 400 watts (maximum)

Options

- 9324 Two 10 MB cartridge disk drives and a controller
- 9325 One 40 MB disk drive, one 10 MB cartridge disk drive and a controller
- 9326 One 40 MB disk drive with space for another disk
- 9327 Two 40 MB disk drives

Shipping List

Quantity Item

1 9325 40 MB Disk and 10 MB Cartridge Disk Unit

1 9325 Product Specification

NOTE: This shipping list is provided for information purposes only and may be amended at any time by DATAPOINT Corporation.

