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1. Introduction

1.1 About this Product Specification Manual

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In addition the previous version (Ver2.03) of this manual is the last version for SDX-300.If you use SDX-300 (No Data Compression model of AIT drive) , please refer to that manual.

This manual provides information about the Sony SDX-300 series Advanced Intelligent Tape Drives which is necessary to integrate the drives into OEM products. This manual describes the specifications, SCSI Interface, diagnostics, operation and installation of the Sony AIT-1 Tape Drives.

The Sony SDX-300C drives uses data compression to achieve high capacity and high transfer rates. Actual capacity and transfer rate depends on the source file type. The capacity rating s listed in the next subsection are based on a 170 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX-T3N and SDX-T3C) and 230 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX1-35C). Short tapes are also available. The Sony SDX-300C drive is a high capacity data storage device using Advanced intelligent tape (AIT) technology. The Sony SDX-300C drive achieves high data integrity through read-after-write, an additional level of Error Correction Code, and other features.

The Sony SDX-300C drives provide MIC technology that automatically enhance reliability and performance. The Sony SDX-300C drives provide read and write capability for MIC user data area.

1.2 Introducing The Sony AIT Technology

While magnetic storage technologies continue to push the envelope of recording density and provide higher capacities and transfer rates every 18 to 24 months, improvements in time to access this data have become very limited. Since 1990, tape recording densities have increased up to ten fold, while the time to access this data has increased less than two fold, creating a large mismatch between the amount of stored data and the ability to access it.

This large “gap” between data access latency and areal density has created a dilemma in application development and limited the potential to implement truly cost-effective tertiary storage solutions. Many applications compensated for this deficiency by incorporating multiple redundant tape drives, at higher cost, to achieve an acceptable level of service for their users. Sony’s new Advanced Intelligent Tape design has recognized this need and provided an innovative approach to solving the data latency problem while increasing capacity and data transfer rates.

Traditional, older tape technologies relied mostly on conventional mechanical means, such as faster search speeds or an on-tape index to improve access to stored data. While improvements in electronics and magnetics have been the main enablers of increased capacity and transfer rates, rarely have these same technologies been employed to significantly improve access to data.

Sony’s Advanced Intelligent Tape (AIT) architecture has deviated from conventional designs and employed electronic enhancements to significantly improve access to stored data, using a captive, non-volatile memory chip contained within the magnetic data cartridge. Known as Memory-In-Cassette, or MIC, this memory chip provides a direct and immediate connection to the tape drive’s on-board processors to enable quick media load, fast access to user files and provide a wealth of data about the history and current state of the data cartridge.

1.3 Features of the drive

Major features of the Sony SDX-300C include:

- Capacity

  25 GB typical when using 170 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX-T3N or SDX-T3C)

  - Approximately 50 GB to 75 GB with Data Compression

  35 GB typical when using 230 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX1-35C)

  - Approximately 70 GB to 105 GB with Data Compression

- Sustained transfer rate – 3 MB / sec (approximately 6 MB/sec to 9 MB/sec with Data Compression)
- Supported Format : AIT-1
- Not compatible with the DDS and EXABYTE format tapes
- Burst transfer rate

  12 Mbytes/ sec Asynchronous

  20 Mbytes / sec Synchronous

- Large 4 MB Buffer Memory
- 3.5 inch form factor
- Embedded SCSI interface (FAST/WIDE ,Single-ended or differential)
- Supports Variable or Fixed record length
- Supports SCSI Disconnection/Arbitration
- Read After Write (RAW) On and Off capability
- Read Retry On and Off capability
- Frame rewrite function
- Three levels of Error Correction Code (ECC)
- High Speed search (150 times nominal Read/Write speed)
- Random read, Append write
- Repeat Write option
- MIC Support (Automatic reliability and performance enhancement.)
- MIC Support (Read and write capability for MIC user data area.)

1.4 Reference

Please refer to the following documents for additional information:

- Small Computer System Interface (SCSI-1), ANSI X3.131-1986

  The ANSI authorized standard for SCSI implementation, available through [1]ANSI.

- Enhanced Small Computer Systems Interface (SCSI-2)

  ANSI X3T9.2/86-109 (Revision 10H, or above), available through ANSI.

- Parallel Small Computer Systems Interface (SCSI-3)

  ANSI X3T10/855D (Revision 15a, or above), available through ANSI.

- ALDC - Adaptive Lossless Data Compression (ALDC) Algorithm;
  ECMA-222, available through [2]ECMA.

- 8mm Wide Magnetic Tape Cartridge for Information Interchange - Helical Scan Recording - AIT-1 Format;
  ECMA-246, available through ECMA.

1.1.1. How to get ECMA-222 Standard Document

You can get ECMA-222 Standard Document file from the following URL.

ftp:// ftp.ecma.ch/ecma-st/E222-DOC.EXE

1.1.2. How to get ECMA-246 Standard Document

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[1] ANSI (American National Standard for Industry)

[2] ECMA (European Computer Manufacturers Association)

2. Specifications

Physical, environmental and performance specifications for the SDX-300, SDX-300C, and SDX-300C/R.

2.1. Specifications

2.1.1. Dimensions

The SDX-300C

Height	41.2 mm (1.62 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Width	101.6 mm (4.00 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Depth	155.0 mm (6.10 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)

The SDX-300C/R

Height	41.2 mm (1.62 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Width	146.0 mm (5.75 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Depth	155.0 mm (6.10 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)

The SDX-310C

Height	41.2 mm (1.62 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Width	146.0 mm (5.75 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)
Depth	170.0 mm (6.69 in)	± 0.5 mm (0.02 in)

Note : The above dimensions do not include the front panel thickness, eject button and SCSI connector.

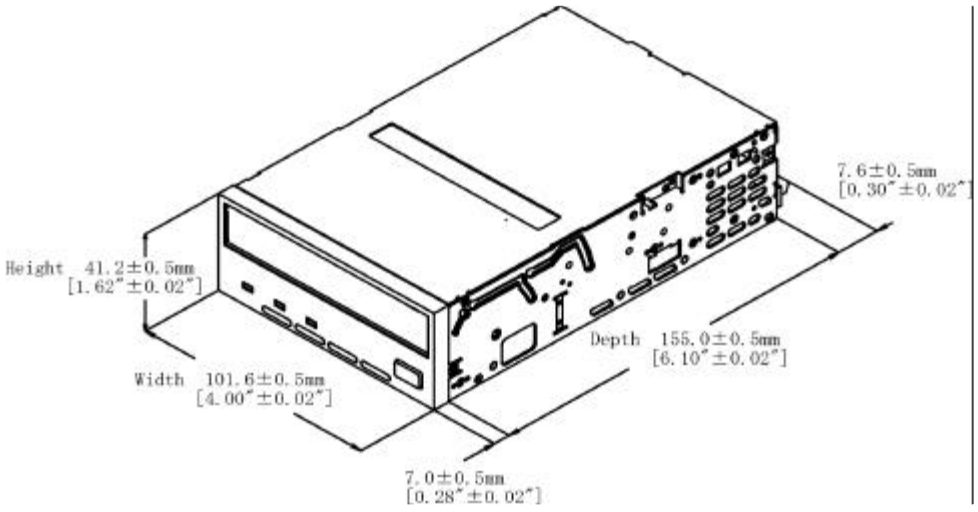


Figure 2-1: Dimensions (SDX-300C)

2.1.1.1. Mounting Holes

Figure 2-2a gives details of the mounting holes for the Sony SDX-300 and SDX-300C, figure 2-2b for the Sony SDX-300C/R,and figure 2-2c for SDX-310C.

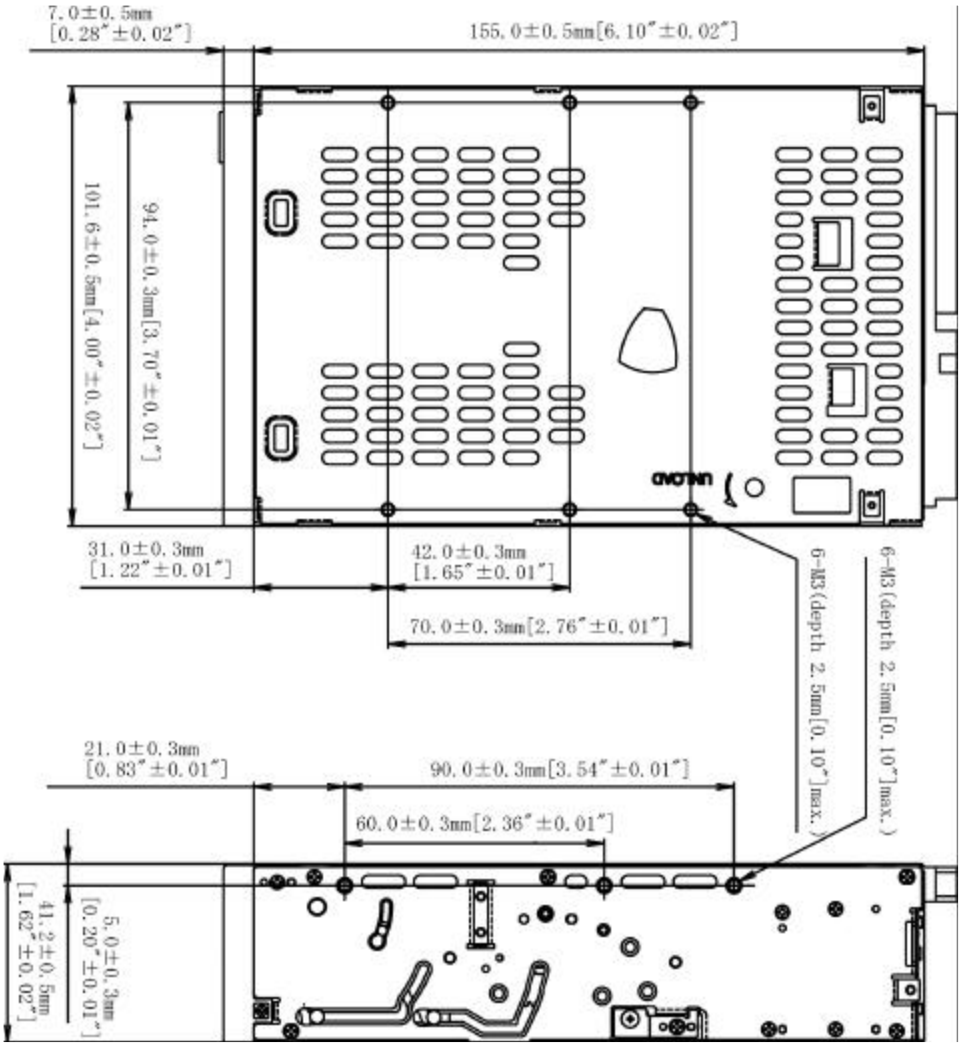


Figure 2-2a: SDX-300, SDX-300C Mounting Holes

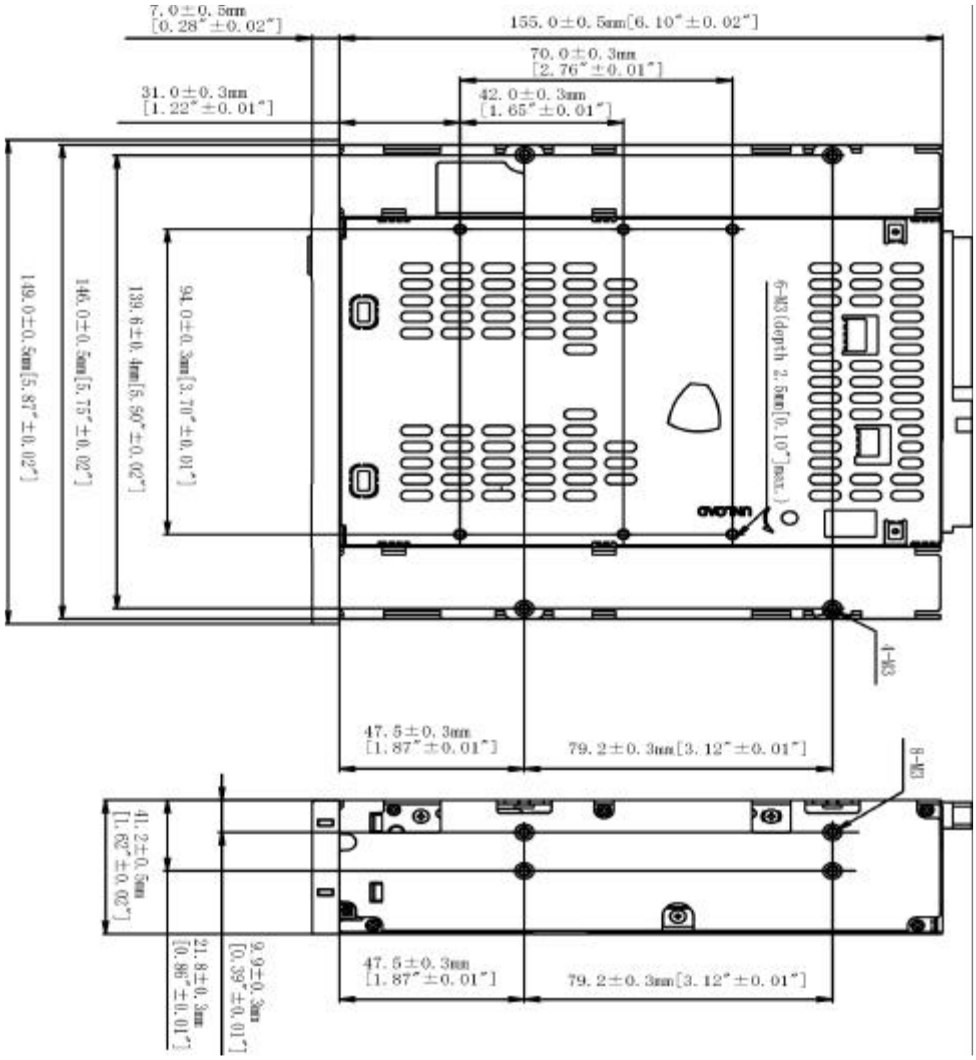


Figure 2-2b: SDX-300C/R Mounting Holes

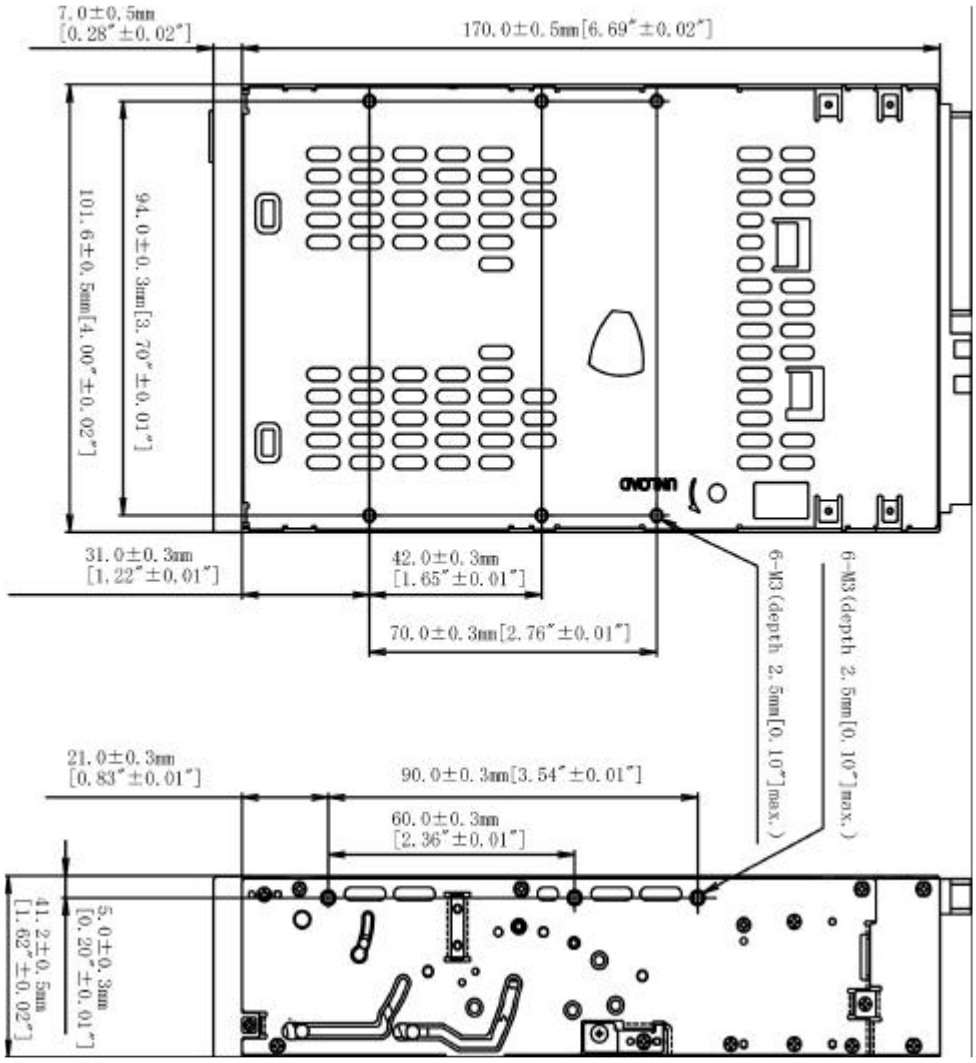


Figure 2-2c: SDX-310C Mounting Holes

Note: Mounting Screw Thread Length 2.5 mm. If the mounting screw thread length is exceeded, damage to the drive may occur.

2.1.2. Weight

SDX-300 750 grams, without a cassette and a front bezel.

SDX-300C 750 grams, without a cassette and a front bezel.

SDX-300C/R 1020 grams, without a cassette and a front bezel.

SDX-310C 820 grams, without a cassette and a front bezel.

2.1.3. Connectors

The SDX-300C has a SCSI connector with a power connector and Jumpers at the positions shown in Figure 2-3. All other connectors are for use by Sony's manufacturing and service facilities only.

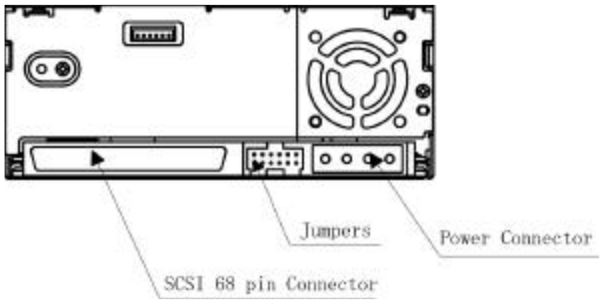


Figure 2-3: Connector Positions

2.1.3.1. SCSI Cables and Terminators

The Single-Ended SCSI configuration is supported by SDX-300,SDX-300C and SDX-300C/R. The differential SCSI configuration is supplied by SDX-310C.The hardware and terminator specification of this interface can be found in Clause 3. Physical Characteristics, of the X3T10/855D (SCSI-3 Parallel Interface) standard. Only unshielded connectors are supported. Active internal termination, that is able to be turned off by the DIP switch, is provided. Possible cable and connector sources are listed below. This does not imply that these are the only sources for SCSI accessories. SCSI Single-Ended Unshielded:

Note: When using high speed data transfer with the SDX-300C, it is recommended that total length of the SCSI data cable not exceeded 3m. As for SDX-310C, less than 25 m is recommended.

Cable	30 AWG Ribbon Hitachi UL 20848 (or equivalent)
Connector	AMP 1-786090-7 (or equivalent)

2.2. Environmental Specifications

The specifications which apply when media is present may be different than these.

2.2.1. Temperature and Humidity Range

Temperature

Operating	5 °C to 40 °C (ΔT < 10 °C/h)
Non-Operating(mech.)	-40 °C to 70 °C (ΔT < 20 °C/h)
Non-Operating(tape)	-40 °C to 45 °C (ΔT < 20 °C/h)

Humidity

Operating	20 to 80% RH, non-condensing Maximum wet bulb temperature = 26 °C
Non-operating (mech.)	5 to 95%RH(ΔRH<30%/h)

Non-operating (tape)	20 to 80%RH(ΔRH<30%/h)

Note: Do not cover the FAN. The drive can malfunction if the internal temperature rises too high.

2.2.2. Altitude

Operating	0 to 10,000 feet

2.2.3. Suspended Particulate

Operating	Less than 150 microgram/m^3 Based Sampling period 24 hours

2.2.4. Vibration

Operating	Swept Sine 5 to 500Hz, @0.25G Peak 1 Octave/min. 3 axis, 3 directions
Non-operating	Swept Sine 5 to 500Hz, @ 0.5G Peak 1 Octave/min. 3 axis, 3 directions

2.2.5. Shock

Operating	No Data Loss Half Sine Performance 5 G Peak 3 ms 3 axes, 3 directions *Interval 10 seconds
Non-operating	No Device Damage Half Sine 90 G Peak 3 ms (30 G Peak 11 ms) 3 axes, 3 directions *Interval 10 seconds

2.2.6. Acoustic Noise

The ambient noise level is no greater than 25 dB (A). The sound-meter on (A) scale is located 1m in front of the center of the drive front panel. (A): A curve weight

Streaming Write/Read	35dB(A)
Insert/Eject	60dB(A)

2.2.7. EMC

EMI/EMS	Radiated Emissions / Conducted noise Emissions	EMC Directive (89/336/EEC)
EMS	ESD (Front Panel Only, integrated product)	Discharge Voltage Less than 15kV: No operation failure Less than 20kV: No drive damage

2.2.8. Orientation

The SDX-300C can be installed in three different mounting positions as shown in the figure below. Each position has a maximum tolerance of ± 10 degrees.

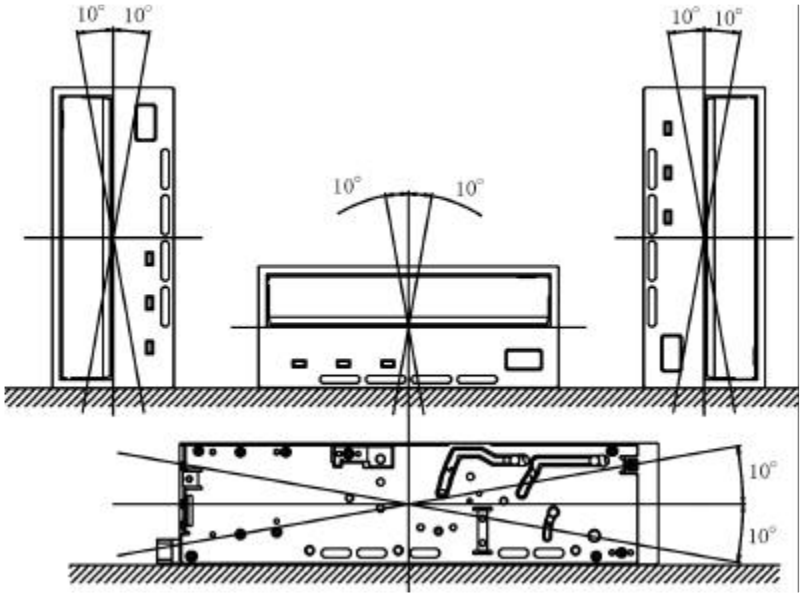


Figure 2-4: Mounting Attitude and Tolerance

2.3. Performance Specification

The data capacity, data transfer rate and data reliability specifications this chapter require the media to conform to the AIT-1 Media Specification and also require the drive and media to remain within their respective operating and non-operating environmental specifications. The specifications below also assume that the C3 ECC frame is generated on writing and used as necessary on reading, and further assumes that read-after-write rewrites are used as necessary on writing.

2.3.1. Data Capacity

The SDX-300C includes a data compression capability. When data compression is enabled the drive capacity can increase from 2 times to 3 times. The efficiency of the data compression depends on the actual data that is being compressed and cannot be predicted precisely prior to compression.

Format	AIT-1 Standard Format	
Native Capacity	25.0 GB typical	when using 170 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX-T3N or SDX-T3C)
	35.0 GB typical	when using 230 meter tape AIT-1 cassette (SDX1-35C)

2.3.2. Data transfer Rate

2.3.2.1. Sustained Data Transfer Rate To and From Tape

The sustained transfer rate to and from the tape is 3 Mbytes per second . For this sustained rate to be achieved, the drive must be streaming. There may be some dependency on the host for this to be achieved. When data compression is enabled the drive can achieve a transfer rate from 6 Mbytes per second to 9 Mbytes per second.

2.3.2.2. Burst Transfer Rate To and From the SCSI Bus

The SDX-300C will transmit and receive data bursts to and from the SCSI bus at a maximum burst rate of 12 Mbytes per second, using WIDE SCSI asynchronous transfers and 20 Mbytes per second, using WIDE SCSI synchronous transfers.

2.3.3. Initialize Time

Initialize Time means the period from the time the drive is powered on to the time when the drive is ready and waiting for a SCSI command such as INQUIRY or TEST UNIT READY. Initialize Time is less than 5 seconds.

The drive will respond with BUSY status until the completion of the Initialize Time. The Initialize Time does not include the time necessary for drive diagnostics to complete and the drive to become ready for tape insertion.

2.3.4. Load Time

Load Time means the period from the time when the operator inserts a cassette into the drive to the time when the drive is ready.

Firmware Version	SDX-T3N (170m)	SDX-T3C (170m)	SDX1-35C (230 m)
Version : before 0300	<24 sec	<24 sec	-
Version : 0300		<12 sec	-
Version : 0400 and later		<12 sec	<14 sec

2.3.5. Unload Time

Unload Time means the period from the beginning of the unload sequence caused by Unload Command or Eject button to the time when a cassette is ejected from the slot. Unload Time does not include Rewind time.

Firmware Version	SDX-T3N (170m)	SDX-T3C (170m)	SDX1-35C (230 m)
Version : before 0300	<30 sec	<30 sec	-
Version : 0300		<18 sec	-
Version : 0400 and later		<18 sec	<20 sec

2.3.6. Search Time

Search Time means the period for the drive to find the position that is required by a command. This time also depends on the tape length and the position of the head along the tape.

Firmware Version	SDX-T3N (170m)	SDX-T3C (170m)	SDX1-35C (230 m)
Version : before 0300	<130 sec	<130 sec	-
Version : 0300		<85 sec	-
Version : 0400 and later		<85 sec	<120 sec

2.3.7. Rewind Time

Rewind Time means the period from the beginning to the end of rewinding sequence. This value depends on the tape length and the position of the head along the tape. Rewind Time is less than 80 seconds, when a 170 meter tape (SDX-T3N or SDX-T3C) is loaded. And it is less than 105 seconds, when a 230 meter tape (SDX1-35C) is loaded.

2.3.8. Error Rate

The un-correctable bit error rate is expected to be less than 1 in 10 to the 17th.

2.3.9. Retry Limits on Rewrites

For Read-after-Write error correction, each frame can be rewritten up to a maximum of 63 times giving 64 writes of the frame. With Repeat Writing, where every group is written a fixed number of times, the upper limit is 5.

2.3.10. Definition of Failure

A failure is defined as any permanent manufacture of the drive that prevents the user from retrieving data from tape. This includes failure to power up, failure to unload or eject a cassette, or failure to write and read data to and from the tape, providing that both the drive and tape are being used within specification.

Faults are not considered failures when they are related to operator error mishandling and abuse, system-related faults (cabling problems unsupported systems, operating software and so on) no trouble found, and transportation damage.

2.3.11. Mean Time Between Failures

The Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) for the SDX-300C is 200,000 power-on hours, assuming a duty cycle of 40%, where:

$$DutyCycle = \frac{Tape\ \ Motion\ \ Time}{PowerOn\ \ Time} \times 100$$

2.3.12. Mean Time To Repair

The Mean Time To Repair (MTTR) of the SDX-300C is 30 minutes. Since at the field level the entire drive is considered a Field Replaceable Unit (FRU) the time to replace the drive with a new one is less that 30 minutes.

2.3.13. Component Life

The specified life of the SDX-300C is 5 years average.

2.3.14. Durability

The durability of the components in the SDX-300C will exceed the number of operations listed on the following table:

Start/Stop	400,000 times
Reposition	3,000,000 times
Thread/Unthread	100,000 times
Load/Eject	100,000 times

2.4. Safety

The SDX-300C conforms to the following safety standards:

• Underwriters Laboratory, Inc.
UL 1950 Information Processing and Business Equipment (Fifth Edition)

• Canadian Standards Association
CSA No 950 Information Processing and Business Equipment

• TUV
IEC 950 Safety of Information Technology Equipment including
Electrical Business Equipment (First Edition)

• CE Mark

2.4.1. Conditions of Acceptability

The SDX-300C is for use only in equipment where the suitability of the combination has been determined by an appropriate certification organization (for example, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or the Canadian Standards Association in North America, and the British Standards Institution or Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker in Europe). Other considerations include the following:

1. An enclosure must be supplied to limit the operator's access to live parts, to provide system stability, and to furnish the drive with the necessary grounding integrity.
2. The necessary voltage supplies must be provided. These supplies are Extra Low Voltage SEC for UL and CSA, or Safety Extra Low Voltage for BSI, VDE, and so on, of +5V and +12V DC.

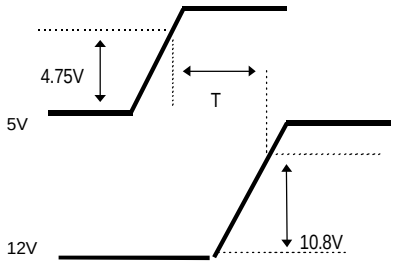
2.5. Installation Requirements

Note: Do not move the drive while it is operating. It may cause malfunction.

2.5.1. Power Requirements

Voltage	Max Ripple	Current	
		Typical	Maximum
5V ± 5%	100 mV p-p	SDX-300C : 1.55A SDX-310C : 1.70A	2.5A
12V ± 10%	150 mV p-p	0.35A	1.2A

* exclude SCSI terminator



-100 ms ≤ T ≤ 100 ms

Figure 2-5: Power-up Sequence

Note: Do not turn off the drive while the tape is in the drive.

2.6. Data Compression

The tape capacity is increased by compressing data prior to writing it to the tape. Data compression is a well established technology for reducing the number of bits used to represent data in order to improve data transfer rate as well as reduce the amount of storage space consumed by the data. The compression ratio depends on the source file type. The SDX-300C uses the ALDC Data Compression IC from IBM. This chip provides a powerful data compression algorithm in a very small package. The data compression used by the chip is the ALDC algorithm. ALDC is ECMA standard data compression algorithm. (ECMA-222) The Data Compression control page allows the host computer to enable data compression and decompression and also configure the way in which the drive responds to compressed/uncompressed data boundaries on the tape. The AIT-1 Format allows both compressed and uncompressed data to reside on the same tape.

The Sony SDX-300C has a DIP switch to disable the Data Compression/ Decompression. After power-on reset with this DIP switch set, both data compression and data decompression are disabled However, a MODE SELECT command can override the setting of this DIP switch. After power-on reset without this DIP switch set, both data compression and data decompression are enabled. (See clause 3.1.5)

3. Installation

3.1. Installation Guide

This Product Specification Manual (version 2.0) is applicable for AIT drive which the revision numbers are later equal than B01. Please check your drive's revision number prior to referring to this Manual. If your drive's revision number is older than B01, please refer to previous version of the Production Specification Manual (version 1.0).

Figure 3-1 illustrates jumper positions, and figure 3-2 illustrates DIP switch positions. This clause explains about the hardware revision B01 and later.

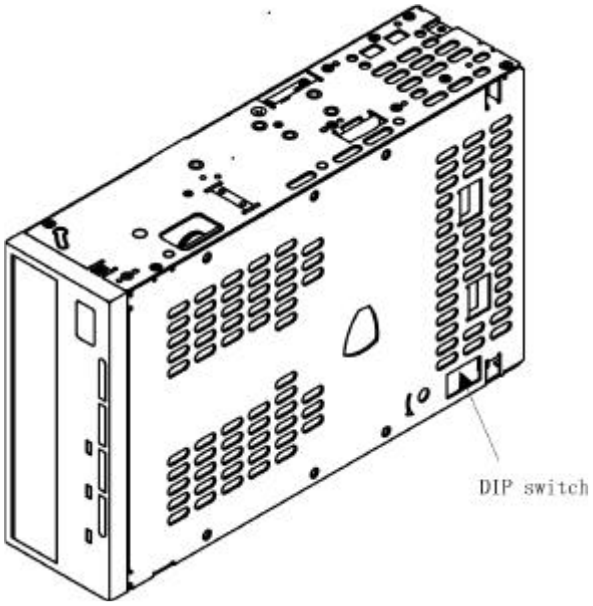


Figure 3-1: DIP switch

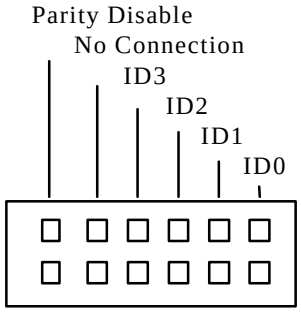
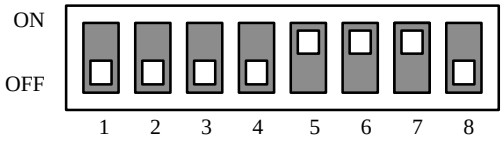


Figure 3-2: Jumper positions



1 Reserved (OFF)
2 Reserved (OFF)
3 Reserved (OFF)
4 Reserved (OFF)
5 Terminator Power (ON)
6 Terminator Enable
(No connection for SDX-310C)
7 DC Control-1
8 DC Control-2

Figure 3-3: DIP Switch positions

3.1.1. SCSI ID Number Jumper

The SCSI ID number of the SDX-300C is selected by the SCSI ID number jumpers. The figure below shows the jumper configuration for each of the possible SCSI IDs.

SCSI	ID3	ID2	ID1	ID0
0	:	:	:	:
1	:	:	:	|
2	:	:	|	:
3	:	:	|	|
4	:	|	:	:
5	:	|	:	|
6	:	|	|	:
7	:	|	|	|
8	|	:	:	:
9	|	:	:	|
10	|	:	|	:
11	|	:	|	|
12	|	|	:	:
13	|	|	:	|
14	|	|	|	:
15	|	|	|	|

: = OPEN Jumper not installed
| = CLOSED Jumper installed

3.1.2. Termination Power Switch

Position 5 of DIP switch is used to set whether SDX-300C provides the termination power to pin 17,18,51,52 on SCSI bus, or not.

3.1.3. Termination Resistors Setting

To provide a reliable transmission line for SCSI signals, the SCSI bus needs the termination resistors at both ends. When the SDX-300C is not connected to the end of the bus, all termination resistors must be disabled by setting position 6 of DIP switch off.

3.1.4. Parity Disable Jumper

Parity check function can be disabled by Jumper. Parity check is disabled while left end jumper is installed. Parity generate function is always enabled.

Parity	Setting
Disable	|
Enable	:

: = OPEN Jumper not installed
| = CLOSED Jumper installed

3.1.5. Data Compression ON switch

Data compression can be selected by DIP switch.

DC Control-1	DC Control-2	Definition
OFF	OFF	Compression disabled at power-on. The host is allowed to control compression.
OFF	ON	Compression disabled at power-on. The host is not allowed to control compression.
ON	OFF	Compression enabled at power-on. The host is allowed to control compression.
ON	ON	Compression enabled at power-on. The host is not allowed to control compression.

Figure 3-4: Data Compression Switches

3.1.6. Power Connector

The power connector is illustrated as Figure 3-5.

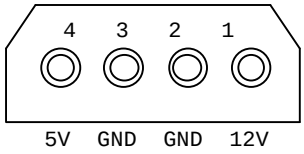


Figure 3-5: Power Connector

3.1.7. SCSI 68 pin Connector

Figure 3-4 illustrates SCSI 68 pin connector, and table 3-1 shows the assignments for the pins of the connector.

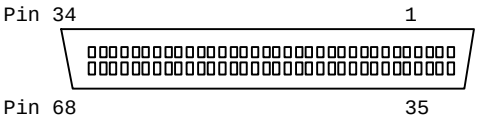


Figure 3-4: Non-shielded SCSI Device Connector

Table 3-1: SDX-300C SCSI Signals (Single End Type BUS P Cable Signal Assignment)

Signal Name	Cable Conductor Number		Signal Name
-DB(12)	35	1	GROUND
-DB(13)	36	2	GROUND
-DB(14)	37	3	GROUND
-DB(15)	38	4	GROUND
-DB(P1)	39	5	GROUND
-DB(0)	40	6	GROUND
-DB(1)	41	7	GROUND
-DB(2)	42	8	GROUND
-DB(3)	43	9	GROUND
-DB(4)	44	10	GROUND
-DB(5)	45	11	GROUND
-DB(6)	46	12	GROUND
-DB(7)	47	13	GROUND
-DB(P)	48	14	GROUND
GROUND	49	15	GROUND
GROUND	50	16	GROUND
TERMPWR	51	17	TERMPWR
TERMPWR	52	18	TERMPWR
RESERVED	53	19	RESERVED
GROUND	54	20	GROUND
-ATN	55	21	GROUND
GROUND	56	22	GROUND
-BSY	57	23	GROUND
-ACK	58	24	GROUND
-RST	59	25	GROUND
-MSG	60	26	GROUND
-SEL	61	27	GROUND
-C/D	62	28	GROUND
-REQ	63	29	GROUND
-I/O	64	30	GROUND
-DB(8)	65	31	GROUND
-DB(9)	66	32	GROUND
-DB(10)	67	33	GROUND
-DB(11)	68	34	GROUND

Table 3-2 : SDX-310C SCSI Signals (Differential Type BUS P Cable Signal Assignment)

Signal Name	Cable Conductor Number		Signal Name
-DB(12)	35	1	-DB(12)
-DB(13)	36	2	-DB(13)
-DB(14)	37	3	-DB(14)
-DB(15)	38	4	-DB(15)
-DB(P1)	39	5	-DB(P1)
GROUND	40	6	GROUND
-DB(0)	41	7	-DB(0)
-DB(1)	42	8	-DB(1)
-DB(2)	43	9	-DB(2)
-DB(3)	44	10	-DB(3)
-DB(4)	45	11	-DB(4)
-DB(5)	46	12	-DB(5)
-DB(6)	47	13	-DB(6)
-DB(7)	48	14	-DB(7)
-DB(P)	49	15	-DB(P)
GROUND	50	16	DIFFSENS
TERMPWR	51	17	TERMPWR
TERMPWR	52	18	TERMPWR
RESERVED	53	19	RESERVED
-ATN	54	20	-ATN
GROUND	55	21	GROUND
-BSY	56	22	-BSY
-ACK	57	23	-ACK
-RST	58	24	-RST
-MSG	59	25	-MSG
-SEL	60	26	-SEL
-C/D	61	27	-C/D
-REQ	62	28	-REQ
-I/O	63	29	-I/O
GROUND	64	30	GROUND
-DB(8)	65	31	-DB(8)
-DB(9)	66	32	-DB(9)
-DB(10)	67	33	-DB(10)
-DB(11)	68	34	-DB(11)

4. Operation

4.1. Summary of LED indications

The SDX-300C LEDs have 5 different methods of reporting the current status /operation of the drive.

Table 4-1: Possible LED indication meaning

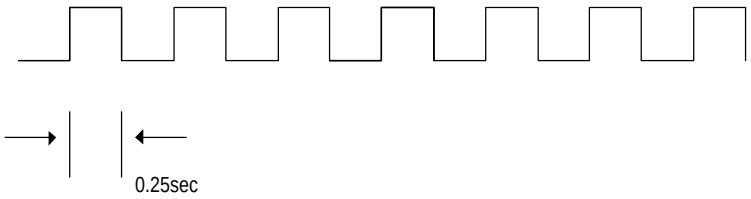
LED function	Meaning
Off	Not active
On	Activity
flashing-1	Drive Activity
flashing-2	Warning
flash code	Failure

The following table shows the meaning of each of the possible combinations of LED indications:

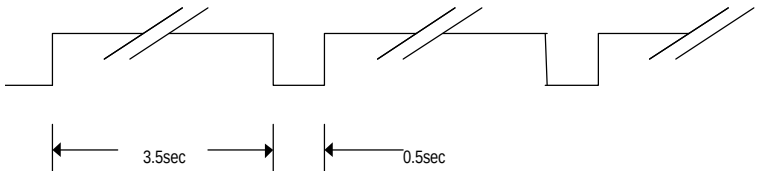
Table 4-2: Meaning of each LED indications

LED	Busy	Tape	Status
Off	Not Busy	Unloaded	
On	SCSI active	Loaded	Write Protected
Flashing-1	Drive active	Loading/Unloading	Cleaning Tape at EOM
Flashing-2		Error Rate Warning	Cleaning Request
Flash code 1	Waiting for Reset	Waiting for Eject	
Flash code 2			Self-test Failure

Flashing-1 (0.25sec on/ 0.25sec off)



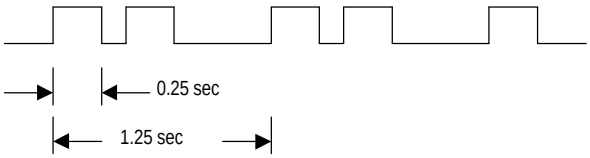
Flashing-2 (3.5sec on/ 0.5sec off)



Flash Code LED Indication:

Flash code 1 (one pulse)

Flash code 2 (two pulses)



The following table shows the LED indication for each drive status/condition:

Table 4-3: LEDs indications for each state

LED			STATE		
BUSY	**TAPE**	**STATUS**	**Activity**	**Cartridge**	**Other**
off	off	off	None	None	None
on	off	off	SCSI	None	None
flashing-1	flashing-1	off	Drive	Loading/ Unloading	None
flashing-1	flashing-1	on	Drive	Loading/ Unloading	Write Protected
off	on	flashing-1	None	Loaded	Cleaning Tape at EOM
off	on	off	None	Loaded	None
on	on	off	SCSI	Loaded	None
flashing-1	on	off	SCSI/ Drive	Loaded	None
*	on	on	*	Loaded	Write Protected
*	flashing-2	*	*	Loaded	Error Rate Warning
*	*	flashing-2	*	*	Cleaning Request
*	*	flash code 2	*	*	Self-test Failure
flash code 1	*	*	*	*	Waiting for Reset
*	flash code 1	*	*	*	Waiting for Eject
	See 0				Front Panel Test

* : any

4.2. Operator Action

4.2.1. Powering up the SDX-300C

After the initial installation of the SDX-300C has been verified, power can be applied to the unit. The +12V and +5V power must be applied simultaneously. (See Figure 2-5) The SDX-300C will execute a power-up diagnostic and then comes ready.

Once the tape has been loaded the SDX-300 sends a CHECK CONDITION response on receipt of the next SCSI command from the host. The UNIT ATTENTION key is set in the returned REQUEST SENSE data to indicate that the tape may have been changed. (Sense Key/ASC/ASCQ = 06/28/00)

4.2.2. Inserting Cassettes

The operator inserts a cassette into the slot on the front panel. As the cassette is inserted, the drive takes it and automatically loads it into the drive mechanism. The SDX-300C performs a tape load sequence as described in clause 4.3.1

4.2.3. Removing Cassettes

The cassette can be removed from the SDX-300C either in response to a SCSI UNLOAD command, or by pressing the Eject button. The operator uses the Eject button to initiate the unload sequence (see clause 4.3.2). The mechanism winds the tape to Beginning of Media (BOM), unthreads it, and ejects the cassette from the slot.

Operation of the Eject button is disabled if the host has previously sent an SCSI PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL command with prevent bit set to one. In this case, pressing the Eject button has no effect, and does not initiate an Unload sequence. The Eject button returns to normal operation following receipt of an PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL command with prevent bit clear.

4.2.4. Write-Protecting Cassettes

Cassettes can be write-protected by sliding the tab on the back of the cassette open. In this state, data can be read from the tape but not written to it. When a Write Protected tape is loaded in the drive the Tape and Status LEDs will be lit. The Busy LED will indicate any activity on the SCSI bus or mechanical motions in the drive itself.

Caution: The Tape Log, which contains a history of usage of the tape, will not be updated when the cassette is write-protected. It follows that the Tape Log becomes inaccurate if a cassette is used write-protected, and the media warning cannot be relied on to indicate that the cassette needs to be copied and replaced.

4.3. Internal Function

4.3.1. The Load Sequence (Effective for SDX-T3N, non MIC cassette, only) Refer to 12.2.1. Fast Media Load/Unload (Effective for SDX-T3C, MIC cassette)

During load sequence, the following occurs:

(1) The drive mechanism accepts the cassette and threads the tape. The tape is then moved to Beginning-of-Tape(BOT) and the Reference area is checked to find the tape format. If the format is not AIT-1, the drive rewinds the tape to BOT and awaits either a Write, Partitioning, Mode Select or an UNLOAD command.

(2) The System area is then accessed and the System log is read into the drive.

(3) Finally the drive goes on-line.

In the case of 2 partition tape the drive detects that the tape has been formatted as a two partition tape when the Reference Area is read. The drive will then automatically position to the beginning of partition 0 before coming on -line. Partition 0 is the partition that begins the furthest from BOM.

4.3.2. The Unload Sequence (Effective for SDX-T3N, non MIC cassette, only) Refer to 12.2.1. Fast Media Load/Unload (Effective for SDX-T3C, MIC cassette)

The drive will always write any buffered data out to tape followed by an EOD prior to initiating the Unload sequence.

During this sequence the tape is rewound to BOT and, if the tape is write-enabled, the copy of the tape log held in RAM is written back to tape. The tape is then rewound to BOM and the tape unthreaded from the mechanism. At this stage the tape is either retained in the drive or ejected, depending on media removal is enabled by the Prevent Allow Media Removal command.

In the case of two partition tape the drive detects that the tape has been formatted as a two partition tape when the Reference Area is read during the load sequence. When the Unload operation begins the drive will then automatically update the Tape Log for each partition before unloading the tape.

4.3.3. Power-Fail or SCSI Reset Handling

If there is a power-fail, the SDX-300C performs the following actions, and reverts to its default configuration**:**

(1) The drive remains positioned at the point where the power-fail or SCSI Reset occurred.

(2) It executes the Power-Up sequence of self-tests. (When power is restored.)

(3) If a tape is in the drive, the SDX-300C starts a LOAD sequence. The drive rewinds the tape to BOT and remains on-line.

(4) The drive returns CHECK CONDITION status for the first command after the power-fail or Reset. The next command from the initiator should be a REQUEST SENSE. The drive will return sense data including a sense key that will indicate that the drive has been reset. (Sense Key / ASC / ASCQ = 06/29/00)

4.3.4. Diagnostic and Normal Status Displays

This chapter describes LED displays while the SDX-300C is starting up. When power is turned on, the SDX-300C will go through its diagnostics to reach normal status. When a failure is detected during diagnostics, the LEDs show that the SDX-300C is out of order and needs to be repaired.

4.3.4.1. Diagnostic Status Display

The SDX-300C starts with its Diagnostic function. This is made up of the Front Panel Test and the Kernel Test**.**

Front Panel Test

LED display sequence**:**

	Busy	Tape	Status	
0.25sec	on	on	on	
0.25sec	-	-	-	
0.25sec	on	on	on	
0.25sec	-	-	-	
0.25sec	on	-	-	
0.25sec	-	on	-	Front Panel Test
0.25sec	-	-	on	
0.25sec	on	-	-	
0.25sec	-	on	-	
0.25sec	-	-	on	
0.25sec	on	-	-	

This function is for checking BUSY, STATUS and TAPE LEDs and the related circuits. No errors can be generated as this test is only for operator verification of indicator operation**.**

Kernel Test

After the Front Panel Test, the SDX-300C checks its internal units. When a Diagnostic error occurs, the SDX-300C must be powered off. The SDX-300C will not work and should be checked or repaired immediately.

The purpose of the diagnostic firmware to test the SDX-300C electronics for functionality. If the diagnostic request comes from the host through SCSI, then the results are reported through SCSI.

If the electronics are not functioning, the diagnostic firmware tries to isolate the non-functional area to a specific Failed Unit. Given a failure, the firmware decides on an hierarchical basis which Unit to designate as the Most Suspect Failed Unit (MSFU). The confidence in this decision is intended to be 95%. For the details of Diagnostics, see clause 7.2.6

4.3.4.2. Normal Status Display

After the Diagnostic Display, when no failures are detected, the SDX-300C is in the Normal Status. The LEDs show various Normal Status (No Error) indications as shown in the table below:

Table 4-4: Normal LED indications

LED			STATE		
BUSY	**TAPE**	**STATUS**	**Activity**	**Cartridge**	**Other**
off	off	off	None	None	None
on	off	off	SCSI	None	None
flashing-1	flashing-1	off	Drive	Loading/ Unloading	None
flashing-1	flashing-1	on	Drive	Loading/ Unloading	Write Protected
off	on	flashing-1	None	Loaded	Cleaning Tape at EOM
off	on	off	None	Loaded	None
on	on	off	SCSI	Loaded	None
flashing-1	on	off	SCSI/ Drive	Loaded	None
*	on	on	*	Loaded	Write Protected

4.4. Tape Format

The SDX-300C is an implementation of the Advanced Intelligent Tape (AIT-1) format, a standard developed by Sony for 8mm data storage drives.

- C1,C2, first and second level Error Correction Code, providing correction for random and Burst Symbol errors.
- C3 ECC, third level Error Correction Code, providing correction across frames within groups
- Read-After-Write, where data is verified immediately after it is written and re-written if there is any error.
- Repeat Writing, where every group is repeated a set number of times.
- Randomizer, to reduce inter-symbol interference.

4.4.1. Tape Partitions

Tapes can be formatted as a single data space or as two partitions. With two partitions, each has the same structure and can be written independently. Some for example, the partition further from BOM (Partition 0) can contain data files, and the partition closer to BOM (Partition 1) could contain a directory of these files, written later.

With the exception of the Device area on the tape, each partition of a 2-partition tape is identical to a single data space tape in structure. This means each partition has its own Tape Log area; this is necessary because the patterns of usage may be very different for each partition. Similarly, each has its own Vendor Group, because the partitions might be written by different drives.

4.4.1.1. Formatting Partitions

The SCSI MODE SELECT command is used to create partitions on a tape. The command can perform the following operations:

- Set up two partitions on a blank tape.
- Convert a single data space tape to a 2-partition tape.
- Convert a 2-partition tape to a single data space tape.

- Change the size of both partitions on a 2-partition tape.
- Re-size the partitions of a 2-partition.

Note: Formatting is not needed for single partition operation.

The MODE SELECT, Medium Partitions Parameters Page (11h) is used to Format the tape. MODE SELECT, Device Configuration Page (10h) is used to change from one partition to another, see the MODE SELECT Command description in the SCSI command clause of this manual. The LOCATE Command also has the capability to select a partition prior to positioning.

Any data on the tape before the format pass becomes inaccessible, even if the format pass is intended only to change the size of the two partitions. The Tape Logs are also destroyed and new logs created.

If you do not format a new tape, it will be organized as a single data space tape. After data has been written to it, whether it was first initialized or not, a format pass is necessary to alter its characteristics and hence how it is handled by the tape drive system.

Note: The format operation can be very time consuming depending on the requested size of the first partition on the tape. The amount of time required can be approximated by use of the following formula:

- Number of Megabytes in Partition 1 $\times$ 0.006 = number of minutes required
- Add 30 additional seconds for processing overhead

4.5. Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Service

4.5.1. Head Cleaning

In case of SDX-300C,a cleaning function which prevents and recovers from head contamination is built in the drive and hence, a periodic cleaning using cleaning cassette such as other format requires is not necessary. However, when the drive does not recover at the worst case, cleaning cassette is recommended to use.

4.5.1.1. Message when cleaning cassette is necessary

(1) When drive displays cleaning cassette requirement, (STATUS LED blinks or in case of SCSI, CLN bit is set at Request Sense.) use specified cleaning cassette (model name : SDX-TCL)

(2) The message for cleaning cassette requirement does not appear periodically.

4.5.1.2. Usage of cleaning cassette

(1) Drive displays cleaning cassette requirement.

(2) When specified cleaning cassette is inserted, automatic cleaning operation starts and when its over, the cassette is ejected.

(3) One cleaning cassette can be used approximately 35 times.

(4) When the cleaning cassette is ejected without doing cleaning, it is possible that there were no more cleaning tape left. Since cleaning tape cannot be used twice, please insert new cleaning cassette in this case.

(5) SDX-TCL can be inserted in other drives or consumer 8 mm drives, but you cannot expect good effect.

(6) The drive will automatically eject cleaning cassette for consumer drives or for any other format. The cleaning Request is indicated by the Starts LED flashing:
   - on for 3.5 seconds
   - off for 0.5 seconds

4.5.2. Troubleshooting Guide

Problems encountered while operating the Sony SDX-300C tape drive fall into two categories: Operational problems and Read/Write problems.

Operational problems include any conditions that prevent the tape drive from operating. Operational problems usually are discovered the first time the drive is installed on a system or when the system configuration is changed or physically moved.

Read/Write problems include conditions that effect the transfer of data to and from the tape drive. Commands such as REWIND, REQUEST SENSE and UNLOAD perform normally but data transfers fail.

The following clauses describe the recommended procedures for solving operational and read/write problems.

4.5.2.1. Operational Problems

The tape drive will not accept a tape cartridge

Withdraw the tape cassette and turn the power to drive off, wait 5 seconds, then back on**.** Observe the drive for a normal power up sequence (see clause 4.3.4). If the LEDs do not light, check the power supply and power cable connection. If the drive completes the power on sequence normally but still won't accept the tape cassette, the drive may be defective.

A tape may already be in the drive. Tape LED is on. Press EJECT to remove the first tape. The power has been removed from the drive with a tape loaded. When the power is restored to the drive, it will detect the tape and rewind the tape to BOT. Press EJECT remove the cassette.

A tape is in the drive and will not eject.

If the SCSI command PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL (with Prevent bit set to one) has been sent to the drive, the cartridge will be retained in the drive even after an UNLOAD command. The EJECT button is also disabled. Send an PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL (with prevent bit clear)command, issue a SCSI bus reset, or power the drive off and back on to override this condition.

If Tape is still in the drive after following the above procedure. The drive has a serious problem and should be returned to Sony for repair with the tape in place.

Note: If it is absolutely mandatory that the tape cassette be removed prior to returning the drive for repair the following Emergency Cassette Removal procedure should be followed:

Caution: This procedure should only be attempted by a mechanically qualified person and will probably result in the tape being unusable. Do not proceed if further damage to the tape drive would be done.

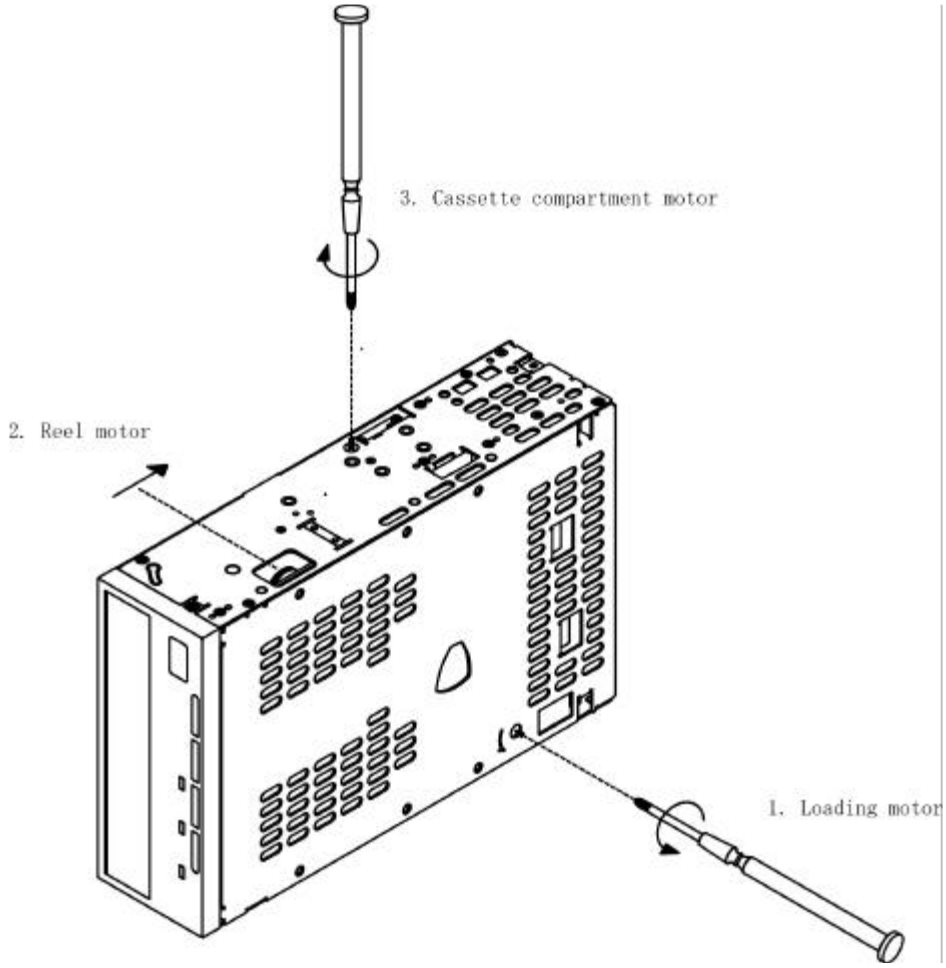


Figure 4-1: Emergency Tape Removal Procedure

Emergency Cassette Removal Procedure

1. Remove the drive from the chassis or enclosure to allow access to the bottom and right side of the drive.
2. Remove the drive's top cover.
3. Locate the small opening in the bottom of the drive and insert the tip of a precision screwdriver so that the Threading motor shaft can be rotated.
4. Rotate the motor shaft counterclockwise to bring the threading mechanism back to the initial position.

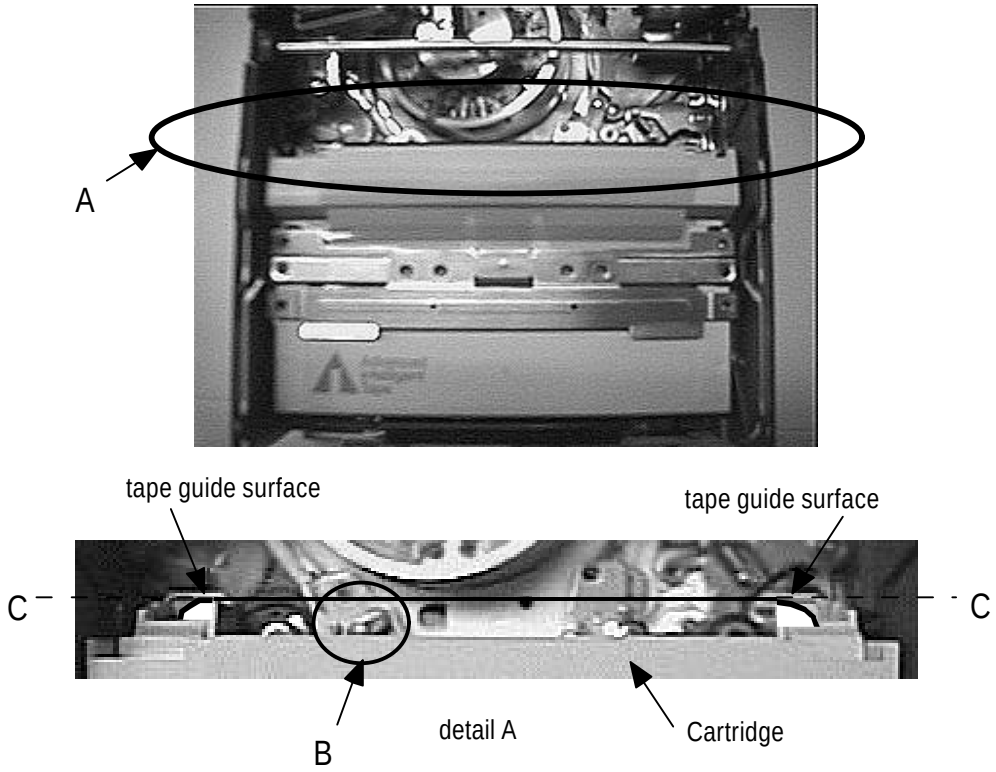


Photo 1: The Initial Position of the Threading Mechanism

Caution:

Stop rotating the motor shaft immediately, when the guide B (see detail A of Photo 1) gets to the area below the line C-C (This line is defined by 2 circular tape guide surfaces of the cartridge).Otherwise the gear of the drive can be damaged.

5. Before manual eject procedure, tape slack must be removed in order to prevent tape damage. Rotate the gear mechanism located on the right side of the drive clockwise to tighten the tape.
6. After the tape slack has been removed, turn the screw located on the right side of the drive clockwise by a precision screwdriver until the tape cartridge is lifted out of the drive mechanism and is ejected.
7. Return the drive to Sony for repair.

The drive powers up properly and loads and unloads tapes but will not respond to any SCSI commands.

(A) If SCSI bus reset does not cause the drive to reset (same as power-on self test):

- Check the SCSI cable connectors
- Check SCSI cable pin one is aligned with the SCSI connector pin one
- Check for a broken cable or defective connector
- Try another known good SCSI device in the same location

(B) If SCSI bus reset causes the drive to reset then the problem is with the SCSI bus addressing or termination.

- Check that the SCSI bus ID jumper is set for the proper address (see clause 3.1.1)
- Check SCSI bus termination. The two SCSI devices at the ends of the bus should be terminated. No other units should have terminators installed

Note: The strength of the SCSI bus signals can be affected if too many terminators are installed (Signal drivers can be damaged as well)

4.5.2.2. Read/Write Problems

To prevent read/write errors, follow the cleaning recommendation in clause 4.5.1 If a read/write error occurs, a combination of the following steps should correct the problem.

- Remove the tape.
- Clean the drive with the AIT-1 cleaning cartridge.
- Load a new tape in the drive.
- Retry the operation.

Note: If these steps do not correct the problem the drive may be defective and should be returned to Sony for service.

4.5.2.3. Media Warning

When a Media Warning threshold is exceeded the drive will indicate that the tape is bad by flashing the Tape LED or MEW(Media Warning) bit is 1. The indicator will be on for 3.5 seconds, off for 0.5 seconds. The Busy and Status LEDs will operate normally. If this occurs, the data on the cassette should be copied onto a new one and the old cassette discarded. This status is cleared by unloading the cassette. The Media Warning is displayed if any of the following conditions are met:

- More than 1,024 RAW retry per 1,024 groups written
- More than 11 read retry or 11 C3 ECC, third level Error Correction Code, per 1,000 groups read

Note: Media warning is calculated as an average value of 1024 groups of data (either Read of Write) 1024 Groups of data is approximately 820 Mbytes.

4.5.3. Clearance for Service

All servicing is performed only after removal of the SDX-300C from is mounting. It is recommended that in mounting the drive into a chassis provisions should be made to allow easy access to the mounting screws (see Figure 2-2).

4.5.4. Packaging for Return to Sony

The drive should be returned in its original packaging. Sony will not take responsibility for shipping damage caused to an improperly packaged drive.

5. SCSI Interface

5.1. Introduction

The Sony SDX-300C uses the SCSI interface to connect to the host system. The Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) is an industry standard interface, approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). It is recommended that this document be used along with the ANSI standard document. The ANSI specification defines the interface in general while this document describes the specific implementation for this unit. The SCSI documents, listed in detail in clause 1.2, offer the information required to integrate this unit with SCSI-compatible computer systems. This clause includes four sub-clauses:

- Introduction
- SCSI Bus Operation
- SCSI Messages
- SCSI Status

Note: The details of each SCSI Command are covered in clause 6

The Introduction provides general, high-level information. For the hardware description and the installation requirements, see clause 2 The SCSI protocol supported by the unit are covered in the Bus Operation, Message, and Status clauses.

5.1.1. Overview of the SCSI Interface

The SCSI implementation provides the unit with a standard set of features and functions. These include:

- Asynchronous and Synchronous communication modes
- Single-ended / Differential Configurations
- Full implementation of Mandatory commands
- Implementation of most sequential non-Mandatory commands
- Internal active termination resistors

Note: These terminators do not have to be removed from the drive in order to be disabled. A jumper position is used for this function. Terminator power can be supplied by the drive.

5.1.2. Supported Messages

The following messages are supported: (alphabetic order)

* Abort
* Bus Device Reset
* Command Complete
* Disconnect
* Extended Message - Synchronous Data Transfer Request
* Extended Message - Wide Data Transfer Request
* Identify (w/ & w/o disconnect)
* Initiator Detected Error
* Ignore Wide Residue
* Message Parity Error
* Message Reject
* No Operation
* Restore Pointers
* Save Data Pointer

For implementation details on these messages, see clause 5.3.

5.1.3. Supported and Unsupported Commands

The following commands are supported. They include all Mandatory and Extended commands, most Optional commands.

Table 5-1: Supported SCSI Commands

Command Name	Operation Code
ERASE	19h
INQUIRY	12h
LOAD/UNLOAD	1Bh
LOCATE	2Bh
LOG SELECT	4Ch
LOG SENSE	4Dh
MODE SELECT(6)	15h
MODE SENSE(6)	1Ah
PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL	1Eh
READ	08h
READ BLOCK LIMITS	05h
READ BUFFER	3Ch
READ POSITION	34h
RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS	1Ch
RELEASE UNIT	17h
REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS	02h
REQUEST SENSE	03h
RESERVE UNIT	16h
REWIND	01h
SEEK BLOCK	0Ch
SEND DIAGNOSTIC	1Dh
SPACE	11h
TEST UNIT READY	00h
VERIFY	13h
WRITE	0Ah
WRITE BUFFER	3Bh
WRITE FILEMARKS	10h

For implementation details on these commands, see the Command clause 6 The following Optional commands are NOT supported.

- CHANGE DEFINITION
- COMPARE
- COPY AND VERIFY
- 10 byte MODE SENSE & MODE SELECT
- READ REVERSE
- TRACK SELECT (SCSI-1 optional command, not applicable to the SDX-300C)

5.2. SCSI Bus Operation

5.2.1. Typical SCSI Operation

This example describes the typical SCSI bus sequence between the host and the drive.

1. After waiting for the bus clear time the Host arbitrates for the SCSI bus. It does this by asserting BSY and the data line corresponding to its bus ID. If any other devices wish to compete for the bus, they also assert BSY and the appropriate data line. Each arbitrating device then inspects the data bus. The device with the highest ID wins the bus. All the other devices must release BSY and their data lines.
2. The Host attempts to select the target by asserting SEL and releasing BSY. The Host maintains its ID and asserts the target's ID on the data bus. Each target then checks the data lines. If the target's ID matches that on the data bus, it accepts selection by asserting BSY. Once the Host has detected BSY being asserted, it asserts ATN to indicate that it wants the target to go to the MESSAGE OUT phase. The Host releases SEL.

3. The target now has control of the SCSI bus and it is the target which switches between phases. The target responds to the ATTENTION condition and initiates the MESSAGE OUT phase. The Host sends an IDENTIFY message which tells the target which logical unit the Host wishes to talk to. The fact that the target responds to the ATN indicates to the Host that the target can accommodate more than just a COMMAND COMPLETE message.
4. The target initiates the COMMAND phase and transfers the Command Descriptor Block from the Host. In the COMMAND phase, the target decodes the command and either executes the command (TEST UNIT READY) or sets itself up for a data transfer to the Host (READ, WRITE, INQUIRY etc.). The target then either switches to the STATUS phase, if the command is complete, or if it is ready to transfer data, the DATA phase.
5. The data transfer length is set by the Host in the Command Descriptor Block. The target will remain in the DATA phase until all the data is transferred.
6. The target then initiates a STATUS phase and transfers one byte to the Host to indicate whether the target has successfully completed the command. If the target has detected an error, the next command that the Host is expected to send is REQUEST SENSE. This allows the target to return further status information to the Host.
7. The target completes the SCSI sequence by going to the MESSAGE IN phase and transferring a COMMAND COMPLETE message to the Host. The target then releases BSY allowing the bus to go to the BUS FREE state.

5.2.2. Disconnect

In order to improve bus usage and performance, the unit is capable of temporarily disconnecting from the bus, consequently allowing other initiator-target communications to take place. To do so, however, the Host needs to support Disconnect/ Re-select. The mechanism for performing the Disconnect/ Re-select procedure is implemented as follows:

1. The Host arbitrates for the SCSI bus and upon winning the bus it proceeds to select target device. Prior to releasing SEL and completing the selection phase, the Host asserts the ATN line. The Host then releases SEL and BSY to allow the target to assume control of the SCSI bus. By asserting ATN, the host indicates that the target should go to a MESSAGE OUT phase.
2. At this point, the target responds to the Host ATTENTION condition by initiating a MESSAGE OUT phase and receiving a message from the Host which tells it whether or not the Host allows Disconnects for the desired logical unit on the target.
3. If the Host does not send an Identify message, the target assumes that Disconnects are not permitted.
4. The I/O activity from this point is controlled entirely by the target. The target initiates the COMMAND phase and reads in the Command Descriptor Block (CDB) from the Host. If the Host has sent an Identify message with the Disconnect permission bit set, then the target will immediately disconnect from the bus after the entire CDB has been received.
5. The Disconnect process occurs when the target initiates a MESSAGE IN phase and sends a DISCONNECT message back to the Host. This message may be preceded by a SAVE DATA POINTERS message byte if the Disconnect is performed in the middle of the DATA phase. Following the MESSAGE IN phase, the target frees the bus by releasing the BSY.
6. The host now waits for the target to perform Re-selection. When ready, the target re-selects the Host and sends an Identify message via a MESSAGE IN phase, indicating the specific logical unit with which the subsequent communications are to take place. Usually, the target will proceed from the MESSAGE IN phase to either a DATA or a STATUS phase. If the Host had been previously told to SAVE DATA POINTERS, then the target's Identify message implies that the Host restores its data pointers upon re-selection; in other words, it is not necessary for the target to send a specific RESTORE DATA POINTERS to the Host in such context.

7. When doing a large data transfer, the target may choose to divide the entire transfer into several smaller transfers. This allows the target to free the SCSI bus whenever it needs to perform its own system tasks not immediately related to the actual data transfer over the SCSI bus. The target will not lock the bus into the DATA phase if it is not presently ready to efficiently execute the transfer. After the data transfer is completed, the target enters a STATUS phase and sends a single status byte to the Host. It then proceeds to a MESSAGE IN phase, during which the target sends a COMMAND COMPLETE message. Finally, the target frees the bus and the current command is considered completed.

8. The Host may change Disconnect permission at any time after the SELECTION phase by asserting ATN and sending an Identify message via a MESSAGE OUT phase. If the Host, however, performs this action during a DATA phase, it is possible that the target will not notice the change in Disconnect permission status until past the end of the current bus phase.

5.3. Message Specification

This clause includes all SCSI messages. Both supported and non-supported messages are listed. Elements of this clause come from clause 5, Logical Characteristics, of the SCSI standard. The message system allows communication between an initiator and a target for the purpose of physical path management. The table below lists the Messages supported by the SDX-300C.

The SDX-300C supports the Synchronous Data Transfer Request Extended Message, and the Wide Data Transfer Request Message.

Table 5-2: Message Descriptions

Code	Description	Direction	
		In	Out
00	COMMAND COMPLETE	*	
01	EXTENDED MESSAGE (Note 1)	*	*
02	SAVE DATA POINTER	*	
03	RESTORE POINTERS	*	
04	DISCONNECT	*	
05	INITIATOR DETECTED ERROR		
06	ABORT		*
07	MESSAGE REJECT		*
08	NO OP	*	*
09	MESSAGE PARITY ERROR		*
23	IGNORE WIDE RESIDUE	*	
0C	BUS DEVICE RESET		*
80-CO	IDENTIFY	*	*

5.3.1. COMMAND COMPLETE (00h)

This message is sent from a target to an initiator to indicate that the execution of a command or a series of linked commands has completed and valid status has been sent to the initiator. After successfully sending this message, the target goes to the BUS FREE phase by releasing BSY.

When received as a target, it will be handled as an illegal message, the unit will return MESSAGE REJECT and will enter the status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

5.3.2. EXTENDED MESSAGE (01h)

5.3.2.1. SYNCHRONOUS DATA TRANSFER REQUEST(01h)

This is sent by either the initiator or the target as the first byte of a multiple-byte message. When acting as an initiator, the unit will not send any Extended Messages. No Vendor Unique codes are implemented and only the Synchronous Data Transfer Request code is supported. Any other message code is handled as an illegal message; the unit will return MESSAGE REJECT and will continue. A Synchronous Data Transfer Request message has the following format:

Table 5-3: Synchronous Data Transfer Request

Byte	Value	Description
0	01h	Extended message
1	03h	Extended message length
2	01h	SYNCHRONOUS DATA TRANSFER REQUEST code
3	m	Transfer period (m times 4 nanoseconds)
4	x	REQ/ACK offset

A SYNCHRONOUS DATA TRANSFER REQUEST (SDTR) message exchange shall be initiated by an SCSI device whenever a previously-arranged data transfer agreement may have become invalid. The agreement becomes invalid after any condition which may leave the data transfer agreement in an indeterminate state such as:

(1) after a hard reset condition
(2) after a BUS DEVICE RESET message and
(3) after a power cycle.

In addition, a SCSI device may initiate an SDTR message exchange whenever it is appropriate to negotiate a new data transfer agreement (either synchronous or asynchronous). SCSI devices that are capable of synchronous data transfers shall not respond to an SDTR message with a MESSAGE REJECT message.

The SDTR message exchange establishes the permissible transfer periods and the REQ/ACK offsets for all logical units and target routines on the two devices. This agreement only applies to data phases. The transfer period factor times four is the value of the transfer period.

Transfer period is the minimum time allowed between leading edges of successive REQ pulses and of successive ACK pulses. The SDX-300C supports the following transfer periods:

Table 5-4: Synchronous Data Transfer Rates

Transfer Period (hex)	19	1F	26	2C	32	38
Transfer Rate (MB/s) - narrow	10.0	8.0	6.67	5.71	5.00	4.44
Transfer Rate (MB/s)- wide	20.0	16.0	13.34	11.42	10.00	8.88

REQ/ACK offset: is the maximum number of REQ pulses allowed to be outstanding before the leading edge of its corresponding ACK pulse is received at the target. A REQ/ACK offset value of ZERO shall indicate asynchronous data transfer mode. The SDX-300C supports synchronous data transfer REQ/ACK offset values from 1 to 15.

The originating device (the device that sends the first of the pair of SDTR messages) sets its values according to the rules above to permit it to receive data successfully. If the responding device can also receive data successfully with these values (or smaller transfer periods or larger REQ/ACK offsets or both), it returns the same values in its SDTR message. If it requires a larger transfer period, a smaller REQ/ACK offset, or both in order to receive data successfully, it substitutes values in its SDTR message as required, returning unchanged any value not required to be changed. Each device when transmitting data shall respect the limits set by the other's SDTR message, but it is permitted to transfer data with larger transfer periods, smaller REQ/ACK offsets, or both than specified in the other's SDTR message. The successful completion of an exchange of SDTR messages implies an agreement as follows:

Responding Device SDTR response	Implied Agreement
(1) Non-ZERO REQ/ACK offset	Each device transmits data with a transfer period equal to or greater than and a REQ/ACK offset equal to or less than the values received in the other device's SDTR message.
(2) REQ/ACK offset equal to ZERO	Asynchronous transfer
(3) MESSAGE REJECT message	Asynchronous transfer

If the initiator recognizes that negotiation is required, it asserts the ATN signal and sends a SDTR message to begin the negotiating process. After successfully completing the MESSAGE OUT phase, the target shall respond with the proper SDTR message. If an abnormal condition prevents the target from returning an appropriate response, both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices.

Following target response (1) above, the implied agreement for synchronous operation shall be considered to be negated by both the initiator and the target if the initiator asserts the ATN signal and the first message out is either MESSAGE PARITY ERROR or MESSAGE REJECT. In this case, both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfers between the tow devices. For the MESSAGE PARITY ERROR case, the implied agreement shall be reinstated if a re-transmittal of the second of the pair of messages is successfully accomplished. After two retry attempts, if the target receives a MESSAGE PARITY ERROR message, it shall terminate the retry activity. This may be done either by changing to any other information transfer phase and transferring at least one byte of information or by going to the BUS FREE phase. The initiator shall accept such action as aborting the negotiation, and both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfer between the two devices.

If the target recognizes that negotiation is required, it sends an SDTR message to the initiator. Prior to releasing the ACK signal on the last byte of the SDTR message from the target, the initiator shall assert the ATN signal and respond with its SDTR message or with a MESSAGE REJECT message. If an abnormal condition prevents the initiator from returning an appropriate response, both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices.

Following an initiator's responding SDTR message, an implied agreement for synchronous operation shall not be considered to exist until the target leaves the MESSAGE OUT phase, indicating that the target has accepted the negotiation. After two retry attempts, if the target has not received the initiator's responding SDTR message, it shall go to the BUS FREE phase without any further information transfer attempt. This indicates that a catastrophic error condition has occurred. Both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfer between the two devices.

If, following an initiator's responding SDTR message, the target shifts to MESSAGE IN phase and the first message in is MESSAGE REJECT, the implied agreement shall be considered to be negated and both devices shall go to asynchronous data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices.

The implied synchronous agreement shall remain in effect until a BUS DEVICE RESET message is received, until a hard reset condition occurs, or until one of the two SCSI devices elects to modify the agreement. The default data transfer mode is asynchronous data transfer mode. The default data transfer mode is entered at power on, after a BUS DEVICE RESET message, or after a hard reset condition.

5.3.2.2. WIDE DATA TRANSFER REQUEST

Byte	Value	
0	01	Extended message
1	02	Extended message length
2	03	WIDE DATA TRANSFER REQUEST code
3	m	Transfer Width exponent

A WIDE DATA TRANSFER REQUEST (WDTR) message exchange shall be initiated by a SCSI device whenever a previously-arranged transfer width agreement may have become invalid. The agreement becomes invalid after any condition which may leave the data transfer agreement in an indeterminate state such as:

(1) after a hard reset condition;
(2) after a BUS DEVICE RESET message and;
(3) after a power cycle.

In addition, a SCSI device may initiate a WDTR message exchange whenever it is appropriate to negotiate a new transfer width agreement. SCSI devices that are capable of wide data transfers (greater than eight bits) shall not respond to a WDTR with a MESSAGE REJECT message.

The WDTR message exchange establishes an agreement between two SCSI devices on the width of the data path to be used for DATA phase transfers between the two devices. This agreement applies to DATA IN and DATA IN and DATA OUT phases only. All other information transfer phases shall use an eight-bit data path.

If an SCSI device implements both wide data transfer option and synchronous data transfer option, then it shall negotiate the wide data transfer agreement prior to negotiating the synchronous data transfer agreement. If a synchronous data transfer agreement is in effect, then a SCSI device that accepts a WDTR message shall reset the synchronous agreement to asynchronous mode.

The transfer width is two to the transfer width exponent bytes wide. The transfer width that is established applies to an logical units on both SCSI devices. Valid transfer widths are 8 bits (m=00h) ,and 16 bits (m=01h). Values of m=02 and greater are reserved.

The originating SCSI device (the SCSI device that sends the first of the pair of WDTR messages)sets its transfer width value to maximum data path width it elects to accommodate. If the responding SCSI device can also accommodate this transfer width , it returns the same value in its WDTR message. If it requires a smaller transfer width, it substitutes the smaller value in its WDTR message. The successful completion of an exchange of WDTR messages implies an agreement as follows:

Responding device WDTR response	Implied agreement
a) Non-ZERO transfer width	Each device transmits and receives data with a transfer width equal to the responding SCSI device's transfer width.
b) Transfer width equal to ZERO	Eight -bit data transfer
c) MESSAGE REJECT message	Eight -bit data transfer

If the initiator recognizes that negotiation is required, it asserts the ATN signal and sends a WDTR message to begin the negotiating process. After successfully completing the MESSAGE OUT phase, the target shall respond with the proper WDTR message. If an abnormal condition prevents the target from returning an appropriate response, both devices shall go to eight-bit data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices.

Following target response (1)above, the implied agreement for wide data transfers shall be considered to be negated by both the initiator and the target if it the initiator asserts ATN and the first message out is either MESSAGE PARITY ERROR or MESSAGE REJECT. In this case, both devices shall go to eight-bit data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices. For the MESSAGE PARITY ERROR case, the implied agreement shall be reinstated if a re-transmittal of the second of the pair of messages is successfully accomplished. After a vendor-specific number of retry attempts (greater than ZERO),if the target receives a MESSAGE PARITY ERROR message, it shall terminate the retry activity. This may be done either by changing to any other information transfer phase and transferring at least on byte of information or by going to the BUS FREE phase. The initiator shall accept such action as aborting the negotiation and both devices shall go to eight -bit data transfer mode for data transfers between the two devices.

The implied transfer width agreement shall remain in effect until a BUS DEVICE RESET message is received, until a hard reset condition occurs, or until one of the two SCSI devices elects to modify the agreement. The default data transfer width is eight-bit data transfer mode. The default data transfer mode is entered at power on m, after a BUS DEVICE RESET message, or after a hard reset condition.

5.3.3. SAVE DATA POINTER (02h)

This message is sent from a target to the initiator at the end of a Data Phase to request that the initiator save a copy of the present active data pointer for the currently attached logical unit. The unit will accept this message when in the initiator mode. As a target, it will send this message prior to a disconnect. When received as a target, it will be handled as an illegal message, the unit will return MESSAGE REJECT and will enter the status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

5.3.4. RESTORE POINTERS (03h)

This message is sent from a target to direct the initiator to restore the most recently saved pointers for the currently attached logical unit to the active state. Pointers to the command, data, and status locations for the logical unit will be restored to the active pointers. Command and status pointers will be restored to the beginning of the present command and status areas. The data pointer will be restored to the value at the beginning of the data area in the absence of a SAVE DATA POINTER message or to the value at the point at which the last SAVE DATA POINTER message occurred for that logical unit.

The unit send a RESTORE POINTERS message. Rather, it relies on the implicit restore pointers inherent in a re-selection.

When acting as initiator, the unit will accept a RESTORE POINTERS message before resending a previously unsuccessful status or data transfer. It doesn't send a RESTORE POINTERS for re-selection but relies on the implicit restore pointers in re-selection.

When received as a target, it will be handled as an illegal message; the unit will return MESSAGE REJECT and will continue.

5.3.5. DISCONNECT (04h)

This message is sent from a target to inform an initiator that the present physical path is going to be broken (the target plans to disconnect by releasing BSY). Later, reelection will be required in order to complete the current operation.

Note: The initiator detects a catastrophic error condition when the BUS FREE phase occurs (other than as result of a RESET condition) without first receiving a DISCONNECT or COMMAND COMPLETE message. If the target intentionally creates this condition, the target clears the current command. This message does not cause the initiator to save the data pointer.

The unit will support this message as an initiator. As a target, the unit supports this message and will disconnect if allowed by the initiator.

When received as a target, it will be handled as an illegal message; the unit will return MESSAGE REJECT and will continue.

5.3.6. INITIATOR DETECTED ERROR (05h)

This message is sent from an initiator to inform a target that an error (e.g.: parity error) has occurred that does not prevent the target from re-trying the operation. At this point, present pointer integrity is not assured. A RESTORE POINTERS message or a disconnect followed by a re-selection, will cause the pointers to be restored to their previously defined state.

This message will not be sent by the drive, when the drive is acting as an initiator. When received as a target the unit will enter the status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

5.3.7. ABORT (06h)

This message is sent from the initiator to the target to clear the present operation. All pending data and status from the affected logical unit is cleared, and the target goes to the BUS FREE phase. This message can be sent to a logical unit that is not currently performing an operation for the initiator.

A transaction which has not yet been acknowledged with a good Status byte will cause the transaction to be aborted. If a transaction has already been acknowledged, the abort will force a Write of any pending data. The device will proceed directly to BUS FREE state.

5.3.8. MESSAGE REJECT (07h)

This message is sent from either the initiator or target to indicate that the last message it received was inappropriate or has not been implemented.

In order to indicate its intentions of sending this message, the initiator asserts the ATN signal prior to its release of ACK for the REQ ACK handshake of the message that is to be rejected. Message Reject is issued in response to any messages which the unit considers to be illegal or not supported. The illegal message will cause the current command to be aborted and the unit will enter the status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

When received as a target, if the unit was previously in Message In phase (i.e.: sending messages to the host) then MESSAGE REJECT will cause the unit to go straight to the Status phase with a CHECK CONDITION status and a sense key of COMMAND ABORTED. If the unit was not previously in Message In phase then MESSAGE REJECT will be handled as an illegal message.

If the initiator sends MESSAGE REJECT message in response to the units DISCONNECT message, the unit will disable disconnects for the rest of the nexus and continue.

5.3.9. NO OPERATION (08h)

This message is sent by an initiator in response to a target's request for a message when the initiator does not currently have any other valid message to send. This message is accepted when the drive is acting as a target, and may be sent when it is an initiator. When a NO-OP is received during any phase, the unit will continue as though nothing had happened.

5.3.10. MESSAGE PARITY ERROR (09h)

This message is sent from the initiator to the target to indicate that one or more bytes in the last message it received had a parity error.

To indicate its intentions of sending this message, the initiator will send the ATN signal prior to its release of ACK for the REQ/ACK handshake of the message that has the parity error. This provides an interlock so that the target can determine which message has the parity error.

This message will not be sent by the drive, when the drive is acting as an initiator. When received as a target, the unit will enter the Status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

5.3.11. BUS DEVICE RESET (0Ch)

This message is sent from an initiator to direct a target to clear all current commands. Upon recognizing this message, the currently executing command will be aborted and the drive will proceed to the BUS FREE state. The drive will then execute a hard reset which will leave the drive in a state as if it had been power-cycled. All data in the buffer will be written to tape before the reset is performed.

A BUS DEVICE RESET message should be used to reset the drive, rather than a hard reset, as this will only reset the drive rather than all the devices on the bus.

Due to the catastrophic nature of this command, it should be used cautiously in a multiple initiator system.

5.3.12. IDENTIFY (80h-FFh)

These messages are sent by either the initiator or the target to establish the physical connection path between an initiator and target for a particular logical unit. This message byte can have the following bits set:

Bit 7 This bit is always set to one to distinguish these messages from other messages.

Bit 6 This bit is only set to one by the initiator. When set to one, it indicates that the initiator has the ability to disconnect and reconnect.

Bit 5 LUNTAR: This bit is always ZERO to indicate that the LUNTRN field below is valid.

Bits 4-3 Reserved.

Bits 2-0 LUNTRN: These bits specify a logical unit number in a target, and must always be set to ZERO as the unit is a single target, single logical unit device on the SCSI bus. The Logical Unit Number for the drive is fixed and is set to ZERO. Any other value will cause the unit to enter the status phase reporting CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to COMMAND ABORTED.

Therefore, only the values 80h and C0h are supported.

When sent from a target to an initiator during reconnection, an implied RESTORE POINTERS message will be performed by the initiator prior to completion of this message, since at no time will a RESTORE POINTERS be sent.

5.3.13. IGNORE WIDE RESIDUE (23h)

Table 5-5: Ignore Wide Residue Message

Byte	Value	
0	23	Message Code
1	01	Ignore

The IGNORE WIDE RESIDUE message (see table 5-5) shall be sent from the SDX-300C to indicate that the number of valid bytes sent during the last REQ/ACK handshake and REQB/ACKB handshake of a DATA IN phase is less than the negotiated transfer width. The ignore field indicates the number of invalid data bytes transferred. This message shall be sent immediately following that DATA IN phase and prior to any other messages. The ignore field is defined in table 5-6. More than one IGNORE WIDE RESIDUE message may occur during an I/O process.

Table 5-6: Ignore Field

Ignore	Invalid data bits
	16-bit transfers
00h	Reserved
01h	DB (15-8)
02-FFh	Reserved

Even though a byte is invalid its corresponding parity bit shall be valid for the value transferred.

5.4. Status Specification

A Status byte is sent from the drive to the Host during the STATUS phase at the termination of each command as specified in the SCSI specification, unless the command has been cleared by an ABORT message, by a BUS DEVICE RESET message, or by a hard RESET.

The Status bytes that will be return are:

00h GOOD: This status indicates that the drive has successfully completed the command.

02h CHECK CONDITION: Any error, exception, or abnormal condition that causes sense data to be set returns CHECK CONDITION. The REQUEST SENSE command should be sent following this status to determine the nature of the error.

08h BUSY: The drive is busy. This status is returned whenever the drive is unable to accept a command from an otherwise acceptable initiator. The BUSY status will be returned by the unit, if, while it is DISCONNECTED from the SCSI bus, it receives a command from a different initiator. The unit does not stack commands and therefore will not accept the next command until the current one has completed. Note that if an initiator sends overlapped commands to the unit (i.e.: it sends a new command while the previous one is still executing and the unit is disconnected) then the first command will be aborted and a CHECK CONDITION will be returned to the initiator to indicate that the command was aborted. The second command will NOT be executed.

The BUSY status returned by the drive must not be confused with DRIVE NOT READY. DRIVE NOT READY will be returned as part of the Sense data following a REQUEST SENSE command and indicates that the drive is off-line and no media is loaded in the drive.

The drive is deemed off-line if the tape is currently unloaded and, normally, ejected from the drive. However, the drive will still be off-line if the tape has been retained within the drive following a Host issued PREVENT MEDIA REMOVAL command prior to the unload.

In the off-line state, the Host cannot perform any operation which would cause tape motion. These commands will return a CHECK CONDITION status with a DRIVE NOT READY sense key set. The command types which are not allowed are write, read, verify or space commands. The Host may load the tape when the unit is off-line so long as the tape has been prevented from being ejected via the PREVENT/ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL command.

While the drive is “Busy” the Host may issue any commands, including diagnostic commands, which do not access the tape and a GOOD status shall be returned. These commands are:

INQUIRY
LOG SELECT
LOG SENSE
MODE SELECT
MODE SENSE
PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL
READ BLOCK LIMITS
READ BUFFER
RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS
RELEASE UNIT
REQUEST SENSE
RESERVE UNIT
SEND DIAGNOSTIC
WRITE BUFFER

The TEST UNIT READY command is used to determine the on-line/off-line state of the drive and will, therefore, return a CHECK CONDITION status with a DRIVE NOT READY sense key set if no media is currently loaded.

10h INTERMEDIATE GOOD: This status is returned for every command in a series of linked commands (except the last command), unless an error, exception or abnormal condition causes a CHECK CONDITION status or RESERVATION CONFLICT status to be set. If this status is not returned, the chain of linked commands is broken; no further commands in the series are executed.

18h RESERVATION CONFLICT: This status is returned by the drive whenever the host or another SCSI device attempts to access the drive if it has been reserved via the RESERVE UNIT command.

6. Command Specification

This clause includes all supported and unsupported SCSI commands. Elements of this clause come from clauses 7, 8 and 9 of the ANSI X3T9.2, SCSI interface specification.

There are different types of SCSI commands, each with a specific, required length (in bytes.) The majority of the commands are 6 byte Group 0 commands. Group 1 & 2 commands are 10 bytes long. Note that the drive will wait until the required number of bytes are transferred. At the termination of each command, the target sends a status byte tpo the initiator. See the clause on Status for more details. The following is a list of the supported SCSI Commands and page index:

Table 6-1: SCSI Commands and Page Index

PARA	SCSI COMMAND	OP CODE	PAGE
6.1	ERASE	19h	6-2
6.2	INQUIRY	12h	6-3
6.3	LOAD /UNLOAD	1Bh	6-7
6.4	LOCATE	2Bh	6-8
6.5	LOG SELECT	4Ch	6-9
6.6	LOG SENSE 4Dh	4Dh	6-11
6.7	MODE SELECT(6)	15h	6-32
6.8	MODE SENSE(6)	1Ah	6-54
6.9	PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL	1Eh	6-57
6.10	READ	08h	6-58
6.11	READ BLOCK LIMITS	05h	6-60
6.12	READ BUFFER	3Ch	6-61
6.13	READ POSITION	34h	6-63
6.14	REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT	44h	6-65
6.15	RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS	1Ch	6-67
6.16	RELEASE UNIT	17h	6-69
6.17	REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS	02h	6-70
6.18	REQUEST SENSE	03h	6-71
6.19	RESERVE UNIT	16h	6-79
6.20	REWIND	01h	6-80
6.21	SEEK BLOCK	0Ch	6-81
6.22	SEND DIAGNOSTIC	1Dh	6-82
6.23	SPACE	11h	6-84
6.24	TEST UNIT READY	00h	6-88
6.25	VERIFY	13h	6-89
6.26	WRITE	0Ah	6-91
6.27	WRITE BUFFER	3Bh	6-93
6.28	WRITE FILEMARKS	10h	6-94

Note: In compliance with the SCSI specification, the unit will terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status and the sense key will be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST when a reserved bit, byte, field or code is not ZERO.

The unit has an embedded SCSI controller interface and therefore is a single target, single logical unit device when on the SCSI bus. The Logical Unit Number for the drive is fixed and is set to ZERO. In order to be SCSI-2 compatible, the following scheme is used to check the LUN:

SCSI-2 states that the LUN addressed by the host should appear in the IDENTIFY message sent to the target on selection. If SDX-300C receives an IDENTIFY message with a LUNTRN field of ZERO, then it will not check the LUN field in the CDB (ANSI have reserved the right to reclaim the LUN field in the CDB in the next release of SCSI and has recommended that this field not be used in SCSI-2 compatible devices). However, SCSI-1 and SCSI-2 devices are allowed to coexist on the same bus, and SCSI-1 hosts will not send an IDENTIFY message. If SDX-300C does NOT receive an IDENTIFY message on selection then it WILL check the LUN field in the CDB and expect it to be ZERO. If it isn't the unit will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

6.1. ERASE 19h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (19h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			Immed	Long
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

ERASE causes part or all of the remaining data within a partition to be erased beginning at the current logical position. Any write data that is currently held in the buffer is written to tape before the ERASE is executed.

Immed: If the Immediate bit is set to ZERO, the drive will not return status until the selected operation has completed. If the bit is set, status will be returned as soon as the operation has been initiated.

Long: The Long bit controls the distance to be erased. The drive will always erase data from its current logical position and then write 300 frames of EOD. If the bit is set, an EOD is then written to the end of the current partition.

6.2. INQUIRY 12h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (12h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			CmdDT	EVPD(0)
2	Page or Operation Code							
3	Reserved							
4	Allocation Length							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

INQUIRY tells the drive to send information regarding the drive parameters to the initiator.

CmdDT: The Command support data (CmdDT) bit of one specifies that the drive returns the optional support data specified by the operation code field.

If both the CmdDT and EVPD bits are zero, the drive returns the standard INQUIRY data. If the page of operation code field is not zero when both CmdDT and EVPD are zero, the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key.

If bits the CmdDT and EVPD bits are one, the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key.

When the EVPD bit is set to one, the drive returns vital product data that is specified in the page or operation code field. If the page or operation code field is reserved or not implemented by the target, the target shall terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

When the Cmd DT bit is set to one,the page or operation field specifies the SCSI operation code for which the drive shall return support data.

EVPD: The Enable Vital Product Data (EVPD) bit of one specifies that the drive returns the optional vital product data specified by the page code field.

Allocation Length: This specifies the maximum number of bytes that the initiator has allocated for returned Inquiry data. An Allocation Length of ZERO indicates that no Inquiry data is transferred. This condition is not considered an error. The drive will terminate the DATA IN phase when Allocation Length bytes have been transferred or when all available Inquiry data have been transferred to the initiator, whichever is less.

INQUIRY will return a CHECK CONDITION status only when the target cannot return the requested Inquiry data. If an INQUIRY is received from an initiator with a pending UNIT ATTENTION condition (before the drive reports CHECK CONDITION status), the target will perform the INQUIRY and will not clear the UNIT ATTENTION condition. The drive returns the standard INQUIRY data as described below.

Table 6-1: Standard INQUIRY Data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Peripheral Qualifier			Peripheral Device Type (01h)				
1	RMB(1)	Device-Type Modifier (0)						
2	ISO Version(0)		ECMA Version (0)			ANSI-Approved Version(2)		
3	AENC(0)	TrmIOP	Reserved(0)		Response Data Format (2)			
4	Additional Length (1Fh)							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	RelAdr(0)	WB32(0)	WB16(1)	Sync(1)	Linked(0)	Reserved	CmdQ(0)	SftRe(0)
8	(MSB)	Vendor Identification						
15		(SONY)						(LSB)
16	(MSB)	Product Identification						
31		(SDX-300/SDX-300C)						(LSB)
32	(MSB)	Product Revision Level						

35		(LSB)

Peripheral Qualifier and Peripheral Device Type: These fields identify the device that is currently connected to the logical unit. The drive is a single target, single logical unit device. The logical unit number is set to ZERO. Therefore, the drive normally returns Peripheral Qualifier set to 000b the specified peripheral device type is currently connected to this logical unit and Peripheral Device Type set to 01h sequential-access device .However, if the initiator requests a logical unit number greater than ZERO, the drive returns Peripheral Qualifier set to 011b the target is not capable of supporting a physical device on this logical unit and Peripheral Device Type set to 1Fh unknown device type .

RMB: The Removable Medium bit is one, indicating that the tape can be removed.

Device-Type Modifier: This is a seven-bit user defined code, set to 00h.

ISO Version: This field is ZERO, indicating that the drive does not necessarily comply with the ISO version of SCSI.

ECMA VERSION: This field is ZERO, indicating that the drive does not necessarily comply with the ECMA version of SCSI.

ANSI Approved Version: This field is 2, indicating that the drive complies with the ANSI version of SCSI-2.

AENC: The drive does not support asynchronous event notification, so this field is ZERO.

TrmIOP: The drive does not support the Terminate I/O Process message, so this field is ZERO.

Response Data Format: This field is 2 indicating that the INQUIRY DATA format complies with the ANSI version of SCSI-2.

Additional length: The additional length field specifies the length in bytes of the parameters, in this case, 31 bytes.

RelAdr: The drive does not support the Relative Addressing mode, so this bit is never set.

WBus32: The drive does not support 32-bit wide data transfers, so this bit is never set.

Wbus16: The drive supports 16-bit wide data transfers, so this bit is set.

Sync: The drive supports synchronous data transfers, so this bit is set.

Linked: The drive does not support linked command.

CmdQue: The drive does not support tagged command queuing , so this bit is never set.

SftRe: The drive responds to the RESET condition with a HARD reset , so this bit is never set.

Vendor Identification: This field contains eight bytes of ASCII data identifying the vendor of the product as " SONY".

This and the next two fields are left-aligned with the unused bytes at the end of the fields and filled with space characters(20h).

Product Identification: This field contains sixteen bytes of ASCII data identifying the product as "SDX-300"for the non-data compression model or "SDX-300C" for the data compression model.

Product Revision Level: This field contains four bytes of ASCII data, which define the SCSI Interface Revision Level.

Vital Product Data

This contains a list of the vital product data codes supported by the drive.

- Supported Vital Product Data pages

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Peripheral Qualifier			Peripheral Device Type (01h)				
1	Page Code (00h)							
2	Reserved (00h)							
3	Page Length (03h)							
4	Supported Page List (00h)							
5	Supported Page List (80h)							
6	Supported Page List (83h)							

- Unit Serial Number page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Peripheral Qualifier			Peripheral Device Type (01h)				
1	Page Code (80h)							
2	Reserved (00h)							
3	Page Length (03h)							
4	Product Serial number (in ASCII)							
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The page length field specifies the length of the product serial number. If the allocation length is too small to transfer all of the page, the page length shall not be adjusted to reflect the truncation.

The product serial number field contains ASCII data that is vendor-specific. The leas significant ASCII character of the number shall appear as the last byte of a successful data transfer.

- Device Identification page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Peripheral Qualifier			Peripheral Device Type (01h)				
1	Page Code (83h)							
2	Reserved (00h)							
3	Page Length (26h)							
4	Reserved (00h)				Code set (02h)			
5	Reserved (00h)				Identifier type (01h)			
6	Reserved (00h)							
7	Identifier length (22h)							
8	Vendor ID (SONY)							
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16	Product ID (SDX-300C)
31	
32	Serial Number of the drive
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Command support data

If the drive implements the requested SCSI operation code, it shall return the data defined in table 6-2. If the device does not implement the requested SCSI operation code it shall return the peripheral qualifier and type and 001h in the Support field.

Table 6-2: Standard INQUIRY Data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Peripheral Quaifier				Peripheral Device Type (01h)			
1	Reserved (00h)					Support (03h)		
2	ISO version (0)		ECMA version (0)		ANSI – Approved version (02h)			
3	Reserved (00h)							
4	Reserved (00h)							
5	CDB size (m-5)							
6	CDB usage data							
m								

Support : The drive supports the tested SCSI operation code in conformance with an SCSI standard. The data format conforms to the definition in table 6-2 .

6.3. LOAD/UNLOAD 1Bh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (1Bh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				Immed
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved					EOT	Re-Ten	Load
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

LOAD/UNLOAD allows the host to tell the drive to enable or disable the media for further operations.

Load: When this bit is set, the drive loads the tape and positions it at the beginning of Partition 0. The load command is used when the tape has been retained in the drive by the command sequence, Prevent Allow Media Removal(with prevent bit set), Unload. The drive will automatically perform a Load operation when a tape is inserted, a SCSI Reset is received, or when power is restored with a tape in the drive. If the bit is not set (UNLOAD), the drive writes any buffered data to the tape, writes the EOD, then rewinds the tape to BOM and ejects it.

Immed: If this bit is set, status is returned as soon as the load or unload operation is initiated. Otherwise, the status is returned after the operation has completed.

Re-Ten: If this bit is set, the drive winds to EOM then rewinds to BOM before starting a normal loading sequence.

EOT: An end-of-tape (EOT) bit of one and a Load bit of ZERO indicates that the medium shall be positioned at end-of-medium for removal from the peripheral device. Prior to performing the unload operation, any buffered data that is to be written shall be transferred to the medium. An EOT bit of ZERO and Load bit of ZERO indicates that the medium shall positioned at beginning-of-medium for removal etc. An EOT bit of one and a Load bit of one shall cause the target to return CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code shall be set to ILLEGAL FIELD IN CDB.

If the drive has received an UNLOAD command with the Immediate bit set and then receives either another command which would involve tape motion or TEST UNIT READY, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with a NOT READY sense key set.

When the drive receives the UNLOAD, it updates the System area of whichever partition on the tape is currently active. The tape is then rewound to BOM and ejected. The operator must reload the drive manually. If, however, the drive has previously received a

PREVENT MEDIA REMOVAL (with prevent bit set) command, the tape is retained in the drive. A subsequent LOAD command will load and position the tape at BOP ZERO. If an UNLOAD were sent instead, the drive would return NOT READY and the tape would remain within the drive. In this case, the drive requires an PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL (with prevent bit clear) command before an UNLOAD will eject the tape.

Note: While the PREVENT MEDIA REMOVAL is in effect, the Front Panel EJECT button is completely disabled.

If the cassette is unloaded but has not been ejected from the drive because of moisture detection, then a subsequent UNLOAD will cause the tape to ejected from the drive. All commands except INQUIRY, REQUEST SENSE and READ BLOCK LIMITS will return a CHECK CONDITION status with a HARDWARE ERROR sense key set. The tape may also be ejected via the Front Panel EJECT button.

If no cassette is in drive, both LOAD and UNLOAD will return a CHECK CONDITION status with NOT READY sense key set

6.4. LOCATE 2Bh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (2Bh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		BT(0)	CP	Immed
2	Reserved							
3	(MSB)							
4				Block Address				
5								
6								(LSB)
7	Reserved							
8	Partition							
9	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

LOCATE command causes the drive to position the logical unit to the specified block address in a specified partition. Upon completion, the logical position shall be after the specified location. Prior to performing the locate operation, the drive shall ensure that all buffered data, File-marks, and Set-marks have been transferred to tape.

BT: A block address type (BT) bit=1 is not supported and shall be set to ZERO otherwise a CHECK CONDITION with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key will be returned.

CP: A change partition (CP) bit of one indicates that a change to the partition specified in the partition field is to occur prior to positioning to the block specified in the block address field. A CP bit of ZERO indicates no partition change is to be made and the partition field is to be ignored.

Immed: An immediate (Immed) bit of ZERO indicates that the drive shall not return status until the locate operation has completed. An Immed bit of one indicates that the drive shall return status as soon as all buffered commands have completed execution and the command descriptor block of the LOCATE command has been validated. If CHECK CONDITION status is returned for a LOCATE command with an Immed bit of one, the locate operation shall not be performed.

Block Address: The Block Address field specifies the block address to which the drive shall be positioned on the tape.

Partition: The Partition field specifies which partition to select if the CP bit is one. Refer to the Mode Select command, Medium Partition page for additional information about partitioning.

6.5. LOG SELECT 4Ch

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (4Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			PCR	SP(0)
2	PC		Reserved					
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	(MSB)	Parameter List Length						
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

The LOG SELECT command provides a means for the Host to manage statistical information maintained by the device about its own hardware or the installed media. This description should be read in conjunction with the description of the LOG SENSE command which follows it, to provide the reader with information about log page format, parameters and supported pages.

PCR: A Parameter Code Reset bit of one and a Parameter List Length of ZERO will cause ALL log pages which can be cleared, to be cleared. If this field is set and the Parameter List Length field is non-ZERO then the command will be terminated with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

SP: The device does not have non-volatile RAM into which it may save parameters. Therefore, the Save Page bit is not supported by this device and shall always be set to ZERO. If the SP bits is set, the command will be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

PC: The Page Control field defines the type of parameter values to be selected:

Table 6-3: Page Control field values

Value	Description
00b	Current Threshold Values
01b	Current Cumulative Values
10b	Default Threshold Values
11b	Default Cumulative Values

If this field is set to 00b, 10b or 11b and the Parameter List Length field is non-0 then the command will be terminated with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB. This is because no modification of these log pages are permitted. For a description of command behavior if this field is set to 01b then see the description of the Parameter List Length field below.

If this field is set to 10b and the Parameter List length field is 0 then all Current Threshold Values will be reset to the Default Threshold Values. This is equivalent to no change as Threshold Values cannot be modified.

If this field is set to 11b and the Parameter List Length field is 0 then all Current Cumulative Values will be reset to the Default Cumulative Values. This is equivalent to all log pages which can be cleared.

Parameter List Length : This field specifies the length in bytes of the LOG SELECT parameter list that shall be transferred from the initiator to the target during the DATA OUT phase. A parameter list length of ZERO indicates that no data shall be transferred. This condition shall not be considered as an error (see description of Parameter Code Reset and Page Control fields above). If this field is non-0 the Page Control field must be 01b.

The purpose of the Log Select command is to allow the initiator to modify and initialize parameters within the logs supported by the device. However in this case, access to individual parameters within log pages is not supported and so initiator is restricted to resetting complete log pages only.

To achieve this, during the DATA OUT phase the initiator must send the log page header of the page to be cleared, with the Page Length field set to ZERO. The following pages can be cleared in this manner.

Table 6-4: Page Codes

Page Code	Description
02h	Write Error Counter Page
03h	Read Error Counter Page
07h	Last n Error Events Page
39h	Data Compression Transfer Log Page
3Eh	AIT Variable Length Information Page for MIC

Note: Due to the way in which logs are stored and updated, clearing log page 2 will result in log page 3 also being cleared and vice versa.

Because of this method of clearing the log pages, the Parameter List Length field must be an integer multiple of the Log Page Header length (i.e. 4). Otherwise the command will be terminated with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

If multiple pages are sent during the DATA OUT phase then they must be sent in ascending order according to page code. Otherwise the command will terminate with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of ILLEGAL FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST. The same status will be returned if an unsupported Page Code appears in any header or if the specified page cannot cleared.

Other Log Select Page Codes have been defined for MIC support. MIC Variable Length Information Page is assigned as 3Eh. Please refer the description for “Log Sense Page 3Eh” and Appendix (MIC) on this Product Specification Manual. User Volume Note and User Partition Note is automatically created with indicated size, if it is not exist. User Volume Note size and User Partition Note size must be the same size with current one, if it is already exist. Just only supersede operation is allowed.

Table 6-5: MIC Variable Length Information Parameter Codes

Parameter Code	Description	Length
0001h	User Volume Note	n-3
0002h	User Partition Note for Partition 0	n-3
0003h	User partition Note for Partition 1	n-3
n	User partition Note for Partition n-2 (only when AIT bit is ONE)	n-3

1. See **Note** for Log Sense Page 3Eh.
2. If there is no User Volume Note and there is no User Partition Note, User Volume Note will be created for the specific Length if it does not exceed the Available Free Byte Count returned in Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0003h. If there is existing User Volume Note and User Partition Note data the new User Volume Note data must be exactly the same size as the existing User Volume Note data, otherwise a Check Condition status will be returned and no new data will be written to MIC. If there is existing User Volume Note data but no User Partition Note data then User Volume Note length may be equal to the Available Free Byte Count.
3. If there is User Partition 00 Note data, but no User Partition 01 Note data User Partition 01 Note data will be created for the specified Length, if it does not exceed the Available Free Byte Count. If there is both User Partition 00 Note data and User Partition 01 Note data, new User Partition 00 Note data size must be exactly the same size as the existing User Partition 00 Note data size, otherwise a Check Condition status will be returned, and no new data will be written to MIC.
4. There is no format to writing user data to MIC. The application is free to define MIC data for its use.

6.6. LOG SENSE 4Dh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (4Dh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			PPC(0)	SP(0)
2	PC		Page Code					
3	(MSB)							
4			Parameter Pointer					
5								
6								(LSB)
7	(MSB)		Allocation Length					
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

LOG SENSE provides a means for the Host to retrieve statistical information maintained by the device about its own hardware or the installed media. It is a complementary command to the LOG SELECT command.

SP: The device does not have non-volatile RAM into which it may save parameters. Therefore, the Save Page bit is not supported by this device and shall always be set to ZERO. If the SP bit is set, the command will be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

PPC: The Parameter Pointer Control bit shall always be set to ZERO. This indicates that the parameter data requested from the device will start with the parameter code specified in the Parameter Pointer field and return the number of bytes specified in the Allocation Length field in ascending order of parameter codes from the specified log page. A PPC bit of ZERO and a Parameter Pointer field of ZERO cause all available parameter data for that page code to be returned to the initiator. If the PPC bit is set or the Parameter Pointer is larger than the highest numbered parameter on the page, then the target shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code shall be set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB. If the drive does not support a parameter code within this page then it shall not return any data associated with this parameter.

PC: The Page Control field defines the type of parameter values to be selected. The page control field is defined below:

Table 6-6: Page Control field values

Value	Type of Parameter Values
00b	Current Threshold Values
01b	Current Cumulative Values
10b	Default Threshold Values
11b	Default Cumulative Values

The Current Threshold Values and the Default Threshold Values are non-changeable and will both return the same values-i.e. the maximum values that each parameter can attain. Note that for some parameters the term threshold value has no meaning. See the description of individual pages/ parameters below for more details.

The Current Cumulative Values are the values computed since the last reset of the device (either by power-cycling, BUS DEVICE RESET or SCSI RESET). Note that for some parameters these values cannot be reset by any method. See description of individual pages/parameters below for more details.

The Default Cumulative Values are the values to which each parameter gets initialized on a reset condition as described above. See description of individual pages/parameters below for more details.

Page Code: The Page Code field identifies which log page is being requested by the initiator. If the page is not supported then the command will terminate with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

Supported pages are:

Table 6-7: Supported Log Pages

Page Code	Description	
00h	Supported Log Pages	12h
02h	Write Error Counter Page	20h
03h	Read Error Counter Page	20h
07h	Last n Error Events Page	1A8h (max)
30h	Tape Log Page (Sony Unique)	5Ch
31h	Tape Capacity Log Page	24h / 404h (404h – AIT mode)
33h	Drive Usage Page (Sony Unique)	8Eh
34h	Write Frame Error Counter Page	3Ch
35h	Read Frame Error Counter Page	4Ch
39h	Data Compression Transfer Log Page	5Ch
3Ch	AIT Log Page	90h x Partition number +4
3Dh	AIT Fixed Length Information Page for MIC	334h – MIC phase 1 37Ch – AIT mode 2k MIC 4a8h – AIT mode 8k MIC
3Eh	AIT Variable Length Information Page for MIC	n

Parameter Pointer: The Parameter Pointer field allows the host to specify at which parameter within a log page the requested data should begin.

For example if a page supported parameters 0 through 5, and the Parameter Pointer field contained 3 then only parameters 3, 4 and 5 would be returned to the initiator. Similarly, if a page supported parameters 1, 3 and 6, and the Parameter Pointer field contained 2, then only parameters 3 and 6 would be returned to the initiator.

Note that parameters within a page are always returned in ascending order according to parameter code. If an invalid parameter pointer is sent the drive will return CHECK CONDITION with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

Allocation Length: The Allocation Length field is used to inform the target how much space the initiator has allocated for data. There must be sufficient space allocated for all the requested data. If there isn't then the command will terminate with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN CDB. Note however that if this field is 0 then this is not considered an error and the device will just return a GOOD STATUS.

6.6.1. The Log Page Descriptor

The format of the log pages consists of ZERO or more variable-length parameter structures. Each page begins with a 4-byte page header followed by ZERO or more variable-length parameter structures defined for that page. The Log Select command supports the ability to send ZERO or more log pages. The LOG SENSE command returns a single log page as specified in the Page Code field of the CDB.

Table 6-8: Log Page Format

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code					
1	Reserve							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n-3)						
3								(LSB)
	Log Parameters(s)							
4 - x+3	The First Log Parameter (Length x)							
	. . .							
n-y n	The Last Log Parameter (Length y)							

Page code: Identifies which page of data is being transferred. If the Page Code field value is reserved or not implemented by the target, the target shall terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and the additional sense code shall be set to INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

Page Length: The Page Length field indicates the total number of bytes that follow this byte. The value returned for this field depends on the value you specified for the Page Code and the Parameter Pointer in the CDB. This value is independent of what you specified for the Allocation Length. A Page Length value that results in the truncation of any parameter shall cause the target to terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code shall be set to INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

6.6.2. The Log Parameter Descriptor

Most log pages contain one or more special data structures called log parameters. These may be data counters which record the occurrence of certain events, or they may be more complex structures which describe activities or other events which occur within the device. Each parameter structure begins with a 4-byte parameter header followed by one or more bytes of parameter structure data. The 4-byte header is shown below:

Table 6-9: Log Parameter

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
1								(LSB)
2	DU	DS(1)	TSD	ETC	TMC		Reserved	LP
3	Parameter Length (n-3)							
4	Parameter Value							
n								

Parameter Code: Identifies which parameter of data is being transferred. If the parameter code value is reserved or not implemented by the target, then the target shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code shall be set to INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

The DU, DS, TSD, ET, TMC, and LP fields are collectively referred to as the control byte.

DU: The DU bit (Disable Update) is not defined for threshold values (indicated by the PC field of the LOG SENSE command descriptor block). The target shall ignore the value of any DU bits in a LOG SELECT command.

DS: The DS bit informs the initiator that savable parameters are disabled (i.e. not supported), and should always be 1. If it is 0 the command will terminate with CHECK CONDITION status with sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and additional sense code of ILLEGAL FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

TSD: A target save disable (TSD) bit of ZERO indicates a target-defined method for saving log parameters. This implicit saving operation shall be done frequently enough to insure that the cumulative parameter values retain statistical significance (i.e. across power cycles). A TSD bit of one indicates that either the target does not provide a target-defined method for saving log parameters or the target-defined method has been disabled by the initiator. If the initiator sets both the DS and the TSD bits set to one, the target shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status . The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST with the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

ETC: An enable threshold comparison (ETC) bit of one indicates that when the cumulative parameter value is updated, it shall be compared to the threshold parameter value and the action specified by the TMC field shall be taken. An (ET) bit of ZERO disables this comparison. The ET bit is the same for both the cumulative and threshold log parameter. Thus when the ET bit is set to a value by the initiator, this value is returned for both the cumulative and threshold values of the log parameter.

TMC: The threshold met criteria (TMC) field defines the binary relationship between the cumulative and threshold log parameter values under which the threshold is met. If the ET bit is one and the threshold condition is met, a Unit Attention condition shall be posted to all initiators. When reporting the unit attention condition, the target shall set the sense key to UNIT ATTENTION, the additional sense code to LOG EXCEPTION, and the additional sense code qualifier to THRESHOLD CONDITION MET.

The TMC field is the same for both the cumulative and threshold parameter. Thus when the TMC field is set to a value by the initiator, this value is returned for both cumulative and threshold values of the log parameter.

Table 6-10: Threshold Met criteria

TMC	Threshold Met Criteria
00b	Any update of the parameter
01b	Cumulative = Threshold
10b	Cumulative < > Threshold
11b	Cumulative > Threshold

LP: The LP bit field defines whether the parameter is a data counter or a list parameter. See the description of each supported page below for information on the setting of this field.

Note: If any of the other bit-fields in the control byte are set then the command will terminate with a CHECK CONDITION status with a sense key of ILLEGAL REQUEST and an additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST

6.6.3. Supported Log Pages

The following log pages are supported:

Table 6-11: Supported Log pages

Page Code	Description	Allocation Length
00h	Supported Log Pages	12h
02h	Write Error Counter Page	20h
03h	Read Error Counter Page	20h
07h	Last n Error Events Page	1A8h (max.)
30h	Tape Log Page (Sony Unique)	5Ch
31h	Tape Capacity Log Page	24h / 404h(404h –AIT mode)
33h	Drive Usage Log Page (Sony Unique)	8Eh
34h	Write Frame Error Counter Page	3Ch
35h	Read Frame Error Counter Page	4Ch
39h	Transfer Log Page	5Ch
3Ch	AIT Log Page	90h X Partition_number +4
3Dh	AIT Fixed Length Information Page for MIC	334h – MIC Phase 1 37ch – AIT mode 2k MIC 4a8h – AIT mode 8k MIC
3Eh	AIT Variable Length Information Page for MIC	n

A description of each supported log page is given below.

6.6.3.1. Summary List of Supported Pages

The summary list of supported log pages returns the list of page codes supported by the target. This page is only valid for the Log Sense command and if sent to the host during a Log Select command will cause termination with CHECK CONDITION status with sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and additional sense code of INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST.

Table 6-12: Supported Log Pages

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (00h)					
1	Reserved (00h)							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 0Eh)						
3								(LSB)
4	Supported Page List							
17	(00 02 03 072E 30 31 33 34 35 39 3C 3D 3Eh)							

This page returns the summary list of supported log pages for the specified logical unit to the requesting initiator.

IMPLEMENTORS NOTE: Typically, an initiator should first request page ZERO to determine the list of pages supported by the device. The page code parameters are a list containing the page codes of the supported pages for the logical unit in ascending order. Note that neither Threshold nor Cumulative values have any meaning for this page.

6.6.4. Write and Read Error Counters Pages

The Error Counters Pages (Write and Read) are used to report statistical information about Write and Read soft and hard errors and retries. Each parameter is a counter which is updated by the target every time the corresponding event occurs. The format of the Error Counters Pages is given below:

Table 6-13: Write/Read Error counters page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (02h or 03h)					
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n)						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								(LSB)
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ETC(0)	TMC (00)		Reserved	LP(0)
7	Parameter Length (n-3)							
8	(MSB)	Parameter Value						
n								(LSB)

The Page Code is one of the following:

Table 6-14: Page Code

Page Code	Description
02h	Write error Counter Page
03h	Read error Counter Page

The following parameter codes are supported for each Error Counters Page:

Table 6-15: Error Counter parameter codes

Parameter Code	Description	Parameter Length (Bytes)	Default Cumulative	Default Threshold
0003h	Total Errors Corrected (Soft Errors)	2	0	FFFFh
0004h	Total Times Correction	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0005h	Total Groups Processed (Algorithm Processed)	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0006h	Total Errors Uncorrected (Hard Errors)	2	0	FFFFh

6.6.5. Last N Error Events List

This page is used to report information on soft and hard errors encountered by the device during normal operation. Each parameter corresponds to an encountered error and is a report of what type of error occurred and when it occurred. The format of the page is given below:

Table 6-16: Last N Error Events Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (07h)					
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n*14)						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								(LSB)
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ETC(0)	TMC(00)		Reserved	LP(1)
7	Parameter Length (0Ah)							
8	Parameter Value							
17								

The Parameter Codes supported are 1 through 30 where 30 is the maximum number of entries in the log page.

If there are no entries, the command will return the Page Header with the Page Length field set to ZERO.

Each error event record contains diagnostic information for a single error encountered by the device. The parameter codes associated with the error-event records indicate the order in which the errors occurred. A higher parameter code indicates that the error event occurred later in time.

Each parameter entry is 10 bytes long and has the following format:

Table 6-17: Error Event format

Byte Offset	Meaning
0 - 4	Result Message (see Diagnostic Clause)
5	Unused
6 - 9	Time-stamp (number of 50 ms increments since power-on)

When the log page becomes full, no more entries will be added until the log is cleared (using one of the methods described previously) or a reset occurs. The current cumulative values will be returned regardless of the page control field in the LOG SENSE CDB.

6.6.6. Tape Log Page (Sony Unique)

This page is a Sony unique page which provides information on the tape currently being used. This log cannot be cleared and has the following format:

Table 6-18: Tape Log Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (30h)					
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (58h)						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ETC(0)	TMC (00)		Reserved	LP(0)
7	Parameter Length (m)							
8	Parameter Value							
3+m								

This page is used to return Tape Log information to the host in a format which conforms to the LOG SENSE command page format.

Supported Parameter Codes in this page are listed below along with their meanings:

Table 6-19: Tape Log parameter codes

Parameter Code	Description	Description
001h	Current number of Groups Written	3
002h	Current number of RAW Retries	2
003h	Current number of Groups Read	3
004h	Current number of ECC-3 Retries	2
005h	Previous number of Groups Written	3
006h	Previous number of RAW Retries	2
007h	Previous number of Groups Read	3
008h	Previous number of ECC-3 Retries	2
009h	Total number of Groups Written	4
00Ah	Total number of RAW Retries	3
00Bh	Total number of Groups Read	4
00Ch	Total number of ECC-3 Retries	3
00Dh	Load Count	2

This information is contained within RAM in the Drive Controller. When a cassette is loaded, the contents of the System Area are copied into this log. The log is updated as the tape is used and is copied back onto the System Area when the cassette is unloaded (if the tape is Write enabled).

Note: The System Area only contains 'previous' and 'total' information - (when the cassette is unloaded, the 'current' values become the System Area 'previous' values).

The term 'current' refers to information generated during the current load of the tape; 'previous' refers to information generated during the last tape load; 'total' refers to information generated during the life of the tape since it was first initialized including the current load.

Use: An estimate of reading and writing performance can be made by the ratios of 'RAW retries' to 'groups written' and 'ECC-3 retries' to 'groups read'. An indication of tape degradation can be gained by comparing these ratios for 'current', 'previous' and 'total' entries.

Any attempt to change this page using LOG SELECT will result in a CHECK CONDITION with a Sense Key of ILLEGAL REQUEST. The current cumulative values will be returned regardless of the Page Control field in the LOG SENSE CDB.

6.6.7. Tape Capacity Log Page

The tape Capacity Log Page is used to indicate the approximate capacity of the tape currently being used. The PC field of the LOG SENSE command is ignored for this field.

When the AIT bit is set to ZERO in Mode Sense Page 31h, the 36 bytes of the log page shall be returned.

When the AIT bit is set to ONE, the 1028 bytes of the log page shall be returned.

The 36 bytes of the log page have the following format.

Table 6-20: Tape Capacity Log Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code(31h)							
1	Reserved(0)							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 20h when AIT bit =0						
3		O4 00h when AIT bit =1)						(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								(LSB)
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(1)	ETC(0)	TMC(11)		Reserved(0)	LP(0)
7	Parameter Length (04h)							
8	(MSB)	Parameter Value						
11								(LSB)

Tape Capacity Log Page Parameters:

Code Value : When AIT bit is set to ZERO in Mode Sense Page 31h

0001	Remaining capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0002	Remaining capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes), For a single partition tape, it will be ZERO.
0003	Maximum capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0004	Maximum capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes). For a single partition tape, it will be ZERO.

Code Value : When AIT bit is set to ONE in Mode Sense Page 31h

0001	Remaining capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0002	Remaining capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes)
0003	Maximum capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0004	Maximum capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes)
0005	Remaining capacity, partition 2 (kilobytes)
0006	Remaining capacity, partition 3 (kilobytes)
0007	Maximum capacity, partition 2 (kilobytes)
0008	Maximum capacity, partition 3 (kilobytes)
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007D	Remaining capacity, partition 62 (kilobytes)

007E	Remaining capacity, partition 63 (kilobytes)
007F	Maximum capacity, partition 62 (kilobytes)
0080	Maximum capacity, partition 63 (kilobytes)

6.6.8. Drive Usage Log Page (Sony Unique)

This page is a SONY unique page which provides information on the drive currently being used. This log cannot be cleared and has the following format.

Table 6-21: Drive Usage Log Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (33h)					
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (8ah)						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								(LSB)
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ETC(0)	TMC(00)		Reserved	LP(0)
7	Parameter Length (m)							
8	Parameter Value							
7+m								

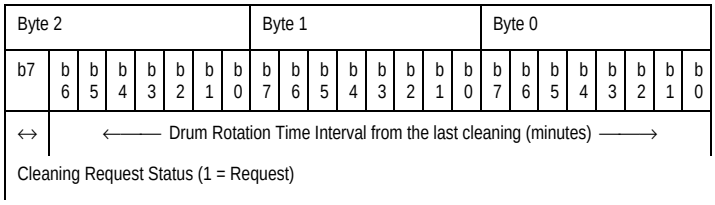
This page is used to return the vendor unique Drive Usage Log information to the host in a format which conforms to the Log Sense command page format.

Supported Parameter Codes in this page are listed below with their meaning:

Table 6-22 : Supported Parameter Codes

Parameter Code		Length (bytes)
0001h	Drum revolution minute	3
0002h	Load count	2
0003h	Thread count	2
0004h	Mechanism motion count (rotary encoder)	3
0005h	* Cleaning Request Flag and Interval (minute)	3
0006h	EEPROM written count	3
0007h	MD serial number	4
0008h	All board revision number	6
0009h	Drive serial number	4
0011h - 0018h	Last 8 Mechanism Error Events List	5×8

* Detail of the Cleaning Request Flag and Interval



All board revision number is 6 bytes long and has a following format:

0 1	SSS Board revision
2 3	BDC Board revision
4 5	RF Board revision

Each Mechanism Error Event is 5 bytes long and has following format:

Table 6-23: Mechanism Error Event Format

Byte offset	Meaning
0	Error code
1	Executing Mechanism Commands when error was detected
2-4	Time-stamp(minute)

Executing Mechanism Commands

Eject	01h
Thread	02h
Stop	03h
Pause	04h
Forward	05h
Recording	06h
Forward-1×	07h
Forward-3×	08h
Forward-15×	09h
Reverse-1×	0Ah
Reverse-3×	0Bh
Reverse-15×	0Ch
Spool-Forward-25×	0Dh
Spool-Forward-75×	0Eh
Spool-Forward-120×	0Fh

Spool-Forward-150×	10h
Spool-Reverse-25×	11h
Spool-Reverse-75×	12h
Spool-Reverse-120×	13h
Spool-Reverse-150×	14h
Pinch-On	15h
Pinch-Off	16h
Un-tension	17h
Re-tension	18h
Mechanism Initialize	19h
Re-load	1Ah
Un-thread	1Bh
Re-start	1Eh
Forward-ATF-On	1Fh

6.6.9. Read and Write Frame Error Counter Page

The Read and Write Error Counter Page has the following format. All fields in these logs are initialized to ZERO in the following circumstances:

At Power On
After a cassette loading
After a user sends a request for initialization through Log Select
After a SCSI Bus Reset

Following configuration for error rate testing

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (34h Write Frame Error Counters, 35h Read Frame Error Counters)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (38h/ 48h)						
3								(LSB)

Error Counter Descriptors

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
1								(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(0)		Rsvd(0)	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (4)							
4	(MSB)	Parameter Value						
7								(LSB)

Parameter Code: This identifies which parameter of data is being transferred. The following codes are supported for each Error Counter Page.

Parameter Code	Length	Default Cumulative	Default Threshold
0001h Frame Read or Write	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0002h Main Data SYMN Block Errors CH1	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0003h Main Data SYMN Block Errors CH2	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0004h Reserved	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0005h Reserved	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0006h Reserved	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0007h Reserved	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0008h Total Retry Count (Read Only)	4	0	FFFFFFFFh
0009h C2 un-correctable Block (Read Only)	4	0	FFFFFFFFh

Block_Error_Rate [CH1] = Param0002h / (Param0001h×224)

Block_Error_Rate [CH2] = Param0003h / (Param0001h×224)

6.6.10. Data Compression Transfer Log Page

The page allows the host to monitor the performance of the ALDC compression. The PC field in LOG SENSE determines whether current cumulative, or current/default threshold values are returned. The page has the following format:

6-24: Data Compression Transfer Log Page

Bit Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0			Page Code (39h)					
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (58h)						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code (n)						
5								(LSB)
6	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ETC(0)	TMC(00)		Reserved	LP(0)
7	Parameter Length (4)							
8	(MSB)	Parameter Value						
11								(LSB)

Data Compression Log Page Fields:

Supported Parameter Codes in this page and their meanings are as follows:

Code	Description
0001h	Number of entities written
0002h	Number of entities read
0003h	Number of records written
0004h	Number of records read
0005h	Kilobytes to data compression
0006h	Kilobytes from data compression
0007h	Kilobytes to tape
0008h	Kilobytes from tape
0009h	Logical entity size
000Ah	Physical entity size
000Bh	Uncompressed entities

Entities Written/Read: The total number of complete entities written to or read from the tape since the last power-on or Clear Log operation.

Records Written/Read: The total number of records(both compressed and uncompressed) written to or read from the tape since the last power-on or Clear Log operation.

Kilobytes to/from Data Compression: The total number of kilobytes written to or read from the tape since the last power-on or Clear Log operation. For Kilobytes from Data Compression, this number may be greater than the number of kilobytes transferred to the host due to read ahead.

Logical Entity Size: The logical size of the last entity written to or read from the tape: size = number of record in entity × record size in bytes

Physical Entity Size: The physical size of the last entity written to or read from the tape: size = entity header length + uncompressed data length

Uncompressed Entities: The total number of times non-ALDC entities have been encountered on the tape during read operations since the last power-on or Clear Log operation.

LOG SENSE Commands: From these figures, the host can calculate the average compression ratio achieved by the autoloader since the last power-on or Clear Log operation as follows:

Average_compression_ratio = Kilobytes_to_data_compression / Kilobytes_to_tape

Similarly, the host can calculate instantaneous compression ratio achieved by the autoloader for a particular read or write command:

Instantaneous_compression_ratio = Logical_entity_size / Physical_entity_size

6.6.11. AIT Log Page (3Ch)

This page is for the AIT original Tape Log. The AIT Tape Log of each fields are larger than legacy Tape Log Page. The legacy Tape Log Page returns the part of AIT original.

Page Format:

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (3Ch)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n+1)						
3								(LSB)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0001h - 0012h and 0101h - 0112h)						
1								(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)		Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (n-3)							
4	(MSB)	Parameter Value						
n								(LSB)

Previous Groups Written: This is the number of groups physically written to the tape or partition since the last update of the System area. Where Repeat Writing is in force, this count increments for each instance.

Total Groups Written: This is the total number of groups physically written to the tape or partition since the first time the tape or partition was written. The number accumulates over the life of the tape but is ZEROed by a format pass. Where Repeat Writing is in force, this count increments for each instance.

Previous Groups Read: This is the number of groups physically read from the tape or partition since the last update of the System area.

Total Groups Read: This is the total number of groups physically read from the tape or partition since the first time the tape or partition was written. This does not include any reading as part of a Read-After-Write check. The number accumulates over the life of the tape but is ZEROed by a format pass.

Total Rewritten Frames: This is the total number of frames on the tape or within the partition that were needed to be rewritten since the tape or partition was first written. It is incremented by 1 each time a frame is repeated following error detection by the Read-After-Write process. This count does not include any frames which are written between the original frame and its rewrite. The number accumulates over the life of the tape but is ZEROed by a format pass.

Total 3rd ECC Count: This is the number of groups which have been physically read and data has not been recovered without requiring the use of C3 correction since the first time the tape or partition was written. The number accumulates over the life of the tape but is ZEROed by a format pass.

Access Count: This is the number of times the drive accesses the partition. The both an "Unload" and a "Change Partition" is the event for incrementing the Access Count counter.

Update Replace Count: This is the number of times the drive update the partition.

Previous Rewritten Frames: This is the number of frames on the tape or within the partition that were needed to be rewritten since the last update of the System area. It is incremented by 1 each time a frame is repeated following error detection by the Read-After-Write process. This count does not include any frames which are written between the original frame and its rewrite.

Previous 3rd ECC Count: This is the number of groups which have been physically read and data has not been recovered without requiring the use of C3 correction since the last update of the System are.**Load Count**: This is the number of times the tape has been loaded since the first time a tape was written. One load consists of threading the media around the drum of the drive mechanism, positioning the tape ready for use and later unthreading the media. The number accumulates over the life of the tape but is ZEROed by a format pass. This field is Reserved in the System Log of Partition 0 of a multiple partitioned tape.

Last Valid Absolute Frame Number: This field shall specify the Absolute Frame Number which is the number of Frames written since the beginning of the partition, excluding any Frames that are written in the test area. The first Frame of the Reference area is the first Frame after the Logical Beginning-Of-Tape (LBOT) point of the current partition and has an Absolute Frame Number of 1. Any discontinuous or repeated numbers shall occur only in an Amble Frame sequence.

Maximum Absolute Frame Count: This field shall specify the Absolute Frame Number of the last Frame of the last EOD Area as the Maximum Absolute Frame Number. After that, the Maximum Absolute Frame Number is equal to the Valid Maximum Absolute Frame Number, because the whole data area in the partition contains valid data. The Maximum Absolute Frame Number shall not be changed as long as the partition size is the same.

Partition Attributes: Both Log Sense and Log Select are available for this field. This field shall specify the attribute of the partition as follows.

OC: (Read Only bit) If this bit indicates 1 then the Partition is still opened. This bit always managed by SDX-300C, and cannot modify by others.

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	(MSB)			Parameter Code (0011h)				
1								(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)		Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (4)							
4	Reserved (00h)							
5	Reserved (00h)							
6	Reserved (00h)							
7	OC	0	0	0	Reserved			

The WR is equipped as logical write-protection tab. The RD is equipped as logical read-protection tab. You can control retry action for each partitions by setting WR_R and RD_R. SDX-300C shall set OC before start writing operation, and reset OC after end writing operation. In case of the emergency like sudden death of power while writing operation, OC will be 1 even if no body perform writing now. By this technique, SDX-300C can detect the partition have had a corruption.

Parameter Code:

Code	Description	Length
0001h	Current Number of Groups Written	4
0002h	Current RAW Retries	4
0003h	Current Number of Groups Read	4
0004h	Current C3 ECC Retries	4
0005h	Previous Number of Group Written	4
0006h	Previous RAW Retries	4
0007h	Previous Number of Group Read	4
0008h	Previous C3 ECC Retries	4
0009h	Total Number of Groups Written	4
000Ah	Total RAW Retries	4
000Bh	Total Number of Groups Read	4
000Ch	Total C3 ECC Retries	4
000Dh	Load Count	4
000Eh	Access Count	4
000Fh	Update Replace Count	4
0010h	Last Valid Absolute Frame Number	4
0011h	Partition Attribute	4
0012h	Maximum Absolute Frame Number	4

Code	Description	Length
0101h	Current Number of Groups Written	4
0102h	Current RAW Retries	4
0103h	Current Number of Groups Read	4
0104h	Current C3 ECC Retries	4
0105h	Previous Number of Group Written	4
0106h	Previous RAW Retries	4
0107h	Previous Number of Group Read	4
0108h	Previous C3 ECC Retries	4
0109h	Total Number of Groups Written	4
010Ah	Total RAW Retries	4
010Bh	Total Number of Groups Read	4
010Ch	Total C3 ECC Retries	4
010Dh	Load Count	4
010Eh	Access Count	4
010Fh	Update Replace Count	4
0110h	Last Valid Absolute Frame Number	4
0111h	Partition Attribute	4
0112h	Maximum Absolute Frame Number	4

Note: The upper byte of Parameter Code indicates the Partition Number.

6.6.12. MIC Fixed Length Information Page (3Dh)

Page Format:

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (3Dh)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n+1)						
3								(LSB)

Parameter Code:

Code	Description	Length
0001h	MIC Logical Format Type	2
0002h	Device Configuration bits	2
0003h	Available free byte count	2
0004h	User Volume Note size	2
0005h	Reserved	8
0006h	Cassette Serial Number, etc.	36
0007h	Reserved	36
0008h	Reserved	36
0009h	Reserved	36
000Ah	Reserved	36
000Bh	Reserved	36
000Ch	Reserved	36
000Dh	Reserved	36
000Eh	Reserved	36
000Fh	Reserved	36
0010h	Reserved	36
0011h	Reserved	36
0012h	Reserved	36
0013h	Reserved	36
0014h	User Partition Note Map	32
0015h	Accumulative System Log	62
0016h	Volume Information	94
0017h	Element Address	4
0018h	User Partition Note size for Partition #0	2
0019h	User Partition Note size for Partition #1	2
0018+n h	User Partition Note size for Partition #n	2

Note:

1. Parameter Code 0002h AIT Device Configuration Byte is the same byte value returned in Mode Sense Page 31h byte 2. See page 6-56 paragraph 6.8.1 for a description of the fields in this byte.

2. Parameter Code 0003h Available Free Byte Count represents the current user MIC memory that is available for writing data to the MIC using the Log Select command through Page 3Eh Parameter Code 0001h, 0002h and 0003h. If Available Free Byte Count is 1 or higher the application may use exactly that size or smaller to write MIC User data. If this field is ZERO a Check Condition status is returned if attempts are made to write data to the MIC. If the application attempts to write data to the MIC that is larger than this field a Check Condition status will also be returned. In both cases where Check Condition status is returned no data is written to the MIC.

3. Parameter Code 0014h List of Partitions is a bit map field that represents all 256 partitions. Presently, for MIC Phase 1 only 2 partitions are supported. Only 2 partitions can have Partition Note data. Below is a diagram of the bit map ordering of the Partition Note data. A "1" in the bit field for the partition indicates there is Partition Note in MIC; a "0" in the bit field indicates there is no Partition Note in MIC for that partition. As an example, if partition 0 and partition 1 have Notes data Byte #0 below will be 0C0h, and Byte #1 to #31 will be 00h.

4. Parameter Code 0017h Drive Element Address data field is reserved. The drive always returns ZERO for this field.

Byte #0 (MSB)								.....			**Byte #31 (LSB)**							
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	.....	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0001h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	(MSB)	MIC Logical Format Type					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0002h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	Reserved						
5	AIT	DEVICE	ABS	ULPBOT	PRTH	PONEJ	SysLogAlive

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0003h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	(MSB)	Available Free Byte Count					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0004h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	(MSB)	User Volume Note Size					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0005h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Parameter Length (8)						
4	(MSB)	Reserved					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0006h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(0)	TSD(1)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Parameter Length (36)						
4	(MSB)	Cassette Serial Number (ASCII Code)					
35							(LSB)
36	Manufacturer ID (ASCII Code)						
37	Secondary ID (ASCII Code)						
38	Check Sum						
39	Reserved						

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0007h - 0013h)					
1							(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (36)						
4	(MSB)	Reserved					
39							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0014h)					
1		(User Partition Note Map)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (32)						
4	(msb for the Partition 0)	256 bits of Map					
35							(lsb for the Partition 255)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0018h + n)					
1		(User Partition Note for Partition n)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (32)						
4	(MSB)	User Partition Note Size					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0015h)					
1		(Accumulative System Log)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Parameter Length (62)						
4-7	Current Number of Groups Written						
8-11	Current RAW Retries						
12-15	Current Number of Groups Read						
16-19	Current C3 ECC Retries						
20-23	Previous Number of Group Written						
24-25	Reserved						
26-27	Previous RAW Retries						
28	Reserved						
29-31	Previous Number of Group Read						
32-33	Reserved						
34-35	Previous C3 ECC Retries						
36-39	Total Number of Groups Written						
40	Reserved						
41-43	Total RAW Retries						
44-47	Total Number of Groups Read						
48	Reserved						
49-51	Total C3 ECC Retries						
52	Reserved						
53-55	Load Count						
56-59	Access Count						
60-63	Update Replace Count						
64	Reserved						
65	Reserved						

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0016h)					
1		(Volume Information)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Parameter Length (94)						
4-23	Reserved (Eject Status)						
24-27	Reserved (Reel Diameter)						
28	Reserved						
29-31	Initialize Count						
32	Reserved		ABS	SysLogAlive		ULPBOT	AIT
33	Last Partition Number						
34	(msb for Partition 0)	256 of bit array					
65							(lsb for Partition 255)
66-97	Reserved						

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0017h)					
1		(Element Address)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Parameter Length (4)						
4	(MSB)						
5	SDX-300C always return 00 00 00 00h						
6							
7							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0018h)					
1		(User Partition Note for Partition 0)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	(MSB)	User Data					
5							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0019h)					
1		(User Partition Note for Partition 1)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(0)
3	Parameter Length (2)						
4	(MSB)	User Data					
5							(LSB)

6.6.13. MIC Variable Length Information Page (3Eh)

The page 3Eh is a variable length page. That is not defined by ANSI. This page is Sony Vendor Unique.

Important NOTE:

1. Only one Parameter Code in Page 3Eh should be handled at a time.
2. Byte position 3 of Parameter Code in the Page 3Eh is Reserved. (Should be set to ZERO.)
3. Parameter Length for the contents of the Parameter Code in Page 3Eh is stored at the byte position 4 and 5.
4. The Page Length field in the Page Code indicates the total number of bytes that follow this byte. This value is independent of what is specified for the Allocation Length in the CDB.

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (3Eh)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n-3)						
3								(LSB)

Parameter Code	Description	Length
0001h	User Volume Note	n-3
0002h	User Partition Note for Partition 0	n-3
0003h	User Partition Note for Partition 1	n-3
n	User Partition Note for Partition n-2 (only when AIT bit is ONE)	n-3

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0001h)					
1		(User Volume Note)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Reserved						
4	(MSB)	User Data Length					
5							(LSB)
6	(MSB)	User Data					
n							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0002h)					
1		(User Partition Note for Partition #0)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Reserved						
4	(MSB)	User Data Length					
5							(LSB)
6	(MSB)	User Data					
n							(LSB)

0	(MSB)	Parameter Code (0003h)					
1		(User Partition Note for Partition #1)					(LSB)
2	DU(0)	DS(1)	TSD(0)	ET(0)	TMC(00)	Reserved	LP(1)
3	Reserved						
4	(MSB)	User Data Length					
5							(LSB)
6	(MSB)	User Data					
n							(LSB)

Note:

1. If there is no Note data in MIC for the Parameter Code specified in the CDB a Check Condition status will be returned.
2. If the CDB allocation length is ZERO a Good status is always returned and there is no data phase.
3. If the CDB allocation length is non-ZERO and there is data in MIC for the Parameter Code data will be returned up to the size of the MIC data, as limited by the allocation length. For example, if the CDB allocation length is 0FFh and MIC data size for the Parameter Code is 020h 020h data will returned. If the CDB allocation length is 010h and the MIC data size for the Parameter Code is 020h only 010h data will be returned.
4. Length 'n' represents the maximum value for a MIC data size. This will depend on MIC type. Present MIC tape supports a 2Kbyte MIC. Less than half of this is available for MIC application data; the rest of MIC memory is reserved for MIC System data. Future MIC tapes will support larger area for MIC application.

6.7. MODE SELECT 15h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (15h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			PF	Reserved			SP (0)
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Parameter List Length							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

MODE SELECT enables the Host to configure the drive. Similarly MODE SENSE enables the Host to identify which configuration parameters the drive supports and what its current configuration is. Implementing MODE SELECT and MODE SENSE requires a certain amount of "handshaking" between the Host and the drive. Before configuring the drive, the Host should issue a MODE SENSE. This allows the drive to return its current configuration and indicate what parameters are configurable. The Host interprets this information and may then issue a MODE SELECT command to set up the drive to the Host's preferred configuration. **Note:** In the MODE SELECT and MODE SENSE (operation code 1Ah) descriptions much of the information overlaps and therefore the two descriptions should be read in conjunction.

MODE SELECT allows the initiator to specify configuration parameters to the drive.

The drive always powers-up with its default configurations set. This is also true, if the drive receives a BUS DEVICE RESET message or a hard reset through the RST line on the SCSI bus.

PF: The Page Format bit indicates that the data sent by the Host after the MODE SELECT header and block descriptors complies with the definition of pages as set out in SCSI-2.

SP: The Save Parameters bit instructs the drive to save all savable pages. This bit is not supported and the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key, if it is set.

Parameter List Length: This specifies the length, in bytes, of the MODE SELECT parameter list that is transferred during the DATA OUT phase. A ZERO parameter list length indicates that no data is transferred. The Parameter List length must be a value which coincides with header, block descriptor or page boundaries. If this does not occur then the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

The MODE SELECT parameter list shown below, contains a four-byte header, followed by one eight-byte block descriptor.

Table 6-25: MODE SELECT parameter list

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved							
1	Reserved							
2	Reserved	Buffered Mode			Speed (00h)			
3	Block Descriptor Length (08h)							
4	Density Code (30h)							
5	(MSB)	Number of Blocks (00 00 00h)						
6								
7								(LSB)
8	Reserved							
9	(MSB)	Block Length						
10								
11								(LSB)

Buffered Mode: Buffered Mode is the mechanism by which the drive implements Immediate Reporting on WRITE commands.

If the field is ZERO, then the drive does not report a GOOD status on WRITE commands until the data blocks are actually written to tape.

If the Buffered Mode field is one, then the drive reports GOOD status on WRITE commands as soon as the data block has been transferred to the buffer. This is the default configuration for the drive.

If Buffered Mode field is ZERO the drive will operate in un-Buffered Mode. In un-Buffered Mode the drive will not report SCSI status on a Write Command until all data is on tape, or the write retry is exceeded. The drive may suffer a significant degradation in capacity and SCSI throughput. If the write data is much smaller than an AIT Group the unused area of AIT Group will be marked as non data on tape. This AIT Group results in under-utilization of tape area and therefore a reduction in tape capacity. The next Write Command will create a new AIT Group for Write data and append to last AIT Group. It will not append to the last record within the unused area of the previous AIT Group. For example, if the Write Command block size or record size is 4,096 bytes and it is variable block mode and there is no data in buffer (from a previous buffered Write) the AIT Group will contain only 4,096 bytes of data and (801,792 - 4,096 - (40+8)) = 797,648 bytes of non data on tape. The description of the values for the unused part of the AIT Group is:

801,792 = size of AIT Group.
40 = size of the Group Information Table (GIT) of the AIT Group.
8 = size of the Block Access Table (BAT) of the AIT Group.

The SCSI throughput is reduced because the Write Command is not completed until either all the data is on tape, or the write retry is exceeded.

Speed: The drive only supports one speed, the default speed. Because of this, this field must be set to ZERO. Any other value will cause a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key is returned.

Block Descriptor Length: This specifies the length in bytes of all the block descriptors. Since the drive only allows one block descriptor, this value must be eight. Any other value will cause a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key to be returned. **Note:** The block descriptor specifies the media characteristics for the SDX drive. The block descriptor contains the density code, number of blocks and block length fields.

Density Code: The supported values for the density code field are defined in the following table. **Note:** 00h - Default: The use of the word “Default” is SCSI specific. It instructs the drive to use its default or only density.

Table 6-26: Sequential-Access Density Codes

Code Value	Code Value
00h	Default Format
30h	AIT-1 Format
7Fh	No change from previous density

Number of Blocks: A MODE SENSE field which will be returned as ZERO, indicating that all of the remaining logical blocks on the media will have the medium characteristics specified by the block descriptor, or until a subsequent MODE SELECT command changes those parameters. This field must be set to ZERO on a MODE SELECT otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status will be returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

Block length: The Block Length field specifies the length in bytes of each logical block transferred over the SCSI bus. A block length of ZERO indicates that the length is variable. Any other value indicates the number of bytes per block that the drive must handshake over the bus. This establishes block length such that the transfer length for read, write and verify type commands will be a block count not a byte count.

Note: It is value of this field together with the Fixed Bit Field in the READ, or WRITE commands that determines whether the drive is in Fixed or Variable block mode.

Mode	Fixed Bit in Read, Write & Verify	Block Length in Mode Select/Sense
Fixed Block	1	Block Size
Variable Block	0	0

The default fixed block size is 512 bytes however, the drive will accept a variable command (fixed bit of ZERO) without reporting an error. **Note:** Minimum block-size is 2. If a non ZERO block-size is 1, CHECK CONDITION status will be return, and Sense Key will be ILLEGAL REQUEST.

Following the Block Descriptor are the MODE SELECT pages. They are the method by which the device parameters are set. Each page has a two byte header which identifies the page code and indicates the number of bytes in that page.

Table 6-27: MODE SELECT Page Header

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS	Reserved	Page Code					
1	Additional Page Length							

PS: when the Page Savable bit is set, this indicates that the page contains saved parameters. This bit will never be set as there is no non-volatile RAM on the drive into which parameter data may be saved.

The page codes that are supported are:

Table 6-28: Supported MODE SELECT Page Codes

Page Code	Description	Parameter List Length
00h	Standard Sense	0Ch
02h	Disconnect-Reconnect	0Ch+10h=1Ch
0Fh	Data Compression Control	0Ch+10h=1Ch
10h	Device Configuration	0Ch+10h=1Ch
11h	Medium Partitions Parameter	0Ch+0Ch=18h (when AIT bit is ZERO)
		0Ch + (8+2 x n)=14h +2x (when AIT bit is ONE)
1Ch	Information Exception Control	0Ch+0Ch=18h
31h	AIT Device Configuration	0Ch+0Ah=16h
32h	Append Partition	0Ch+0Ah=16h (only when AIT bit is ONE)
33h	Delete Partition	0Ch+0Ah=16h (only when AIT bit is ONE)
3Fh	Return All Pages	0Ch+10h+10h+10h+0Ch+0Ah=5Eh
		0Ch+10h+10h+10h+(8+2Xn)+0Ch+0Ah+0Ah+0Ah=6Eh+2Xn

n: Partition Number

Additional Page Length: Indicates the number of bytes in that page. The value does not, however, include bytes 0 and 1. The length is returned on MODE SENSE and must subsequently be set to the same value when performing MODE SELECT.

If the page length does not match that expected by the drive a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with the sense key to set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

The drive also returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key if the Host sends an unsupported Page Code, a page field with values that are not supported or are not changeable. In this case, no parameters will have been changed by the command.

6.7.1. Disconnect-Reconnect Page (02h)

The drive supports the Disconnect-Reconnect Page which has the following format:

Table 6-29: Disconnect-Reconnect Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (02h)					
1	Page Length (0Eh)							
2	Buffer Full Ratio (00h)							
3	Buffer Empty Ratio (00h)							
4	(MSB)	Bus Inactivity Limit (00h)						
5								(LSB)
6	(MSB)	Disconnect Time Limit						
7								(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Connect Time Limit (00h)						
9								(LSB)
10	(MSB)	Maximum Burst Size						
11								(LSB)
12	Reserved						DTDC	
13	Reserved							
14	Reserved							
15	Reserved							

Buffer Full Ratio, Buffer Empty Ratio, Bus Inactivity Limit and Connect Time Limit fields are not supported by the drive if set to non-ZERO values a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Disconnect Time Limit: This field indicates the minimum time in 100 microsecond increments that the drive shall wait after releasing the SCSI bus before attempting re-selection. This should be 0 and this is non-changeable field.

Maximum Burst Size: This field defines the maximum amount of data that the drive shall transfer during a data phase before disconnecting. This value is expressed in increments of 512 bytes. This is non-changeable field and should be 061Eh.

Note: 512×1,566(061Eh) = 801,792 bytes which means that the Maximum Burst Size is approximately equal to AIT-1 Groups of user data.

DTDC: This field defines further restrictions on when a disconnect is permitted.

DTDC	Description
00b	Data transfer disconnect control is not used. Disconnect is controlled by the other field in this page.
01b	A target shall not attempt to disconnect once the data transfer of a command has started until all data the command is to transfer has been transferred. The connect time limit and bus inactivity limit are ignored during the data transfer.
10b	Reserved
11b	A target shall not attempt to disconnect once the data transfer of a command has started until the command is complete. The connect time limit and bus inactivity limit are ignored once data transfer has started.

6.7.2. Data Compression Control Page (OFh)

The drive supports the Data Compression Control Page which has the following format:

Table 6-30: Data Compression Control Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (0Fh)					
1	Page Length (0Eh)							
2	DCE	DCC	Reserved					
3	DDE	RED		Reserved				
4	(MSB)	Compression Algorithm						
7								(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Decompression Algorithm						
11								(LSB)
12	Reserved							
13	Reserved							
14	Reserved							
15	Reserved							

Note: If the drive does not support compression the drive will return Check Condition status, and the sense key will be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

This page specifies the parameters for the control of the data compression capability of the drive.

DCE: A Data Compression Enable (DCE) bit of one indicates that data compression is enabled. When this bit is set, data sent to the device by the initiator shall be processed using the selected compression algorithm before being written to the medium. A DCE bit of ZERO indicates that data compression is disabled.

DCC: A Data Compression Capable (DCC) bit of one indicates that the drive supports data compression and shall process data sent to it for transferal to the medium using the selected compression algorithm when the DCE bit is one. A DCC bit of ZERO indicates that the device does not support data compression. This shall be a non-changeable field. The SDX-300C has the capability to decompress data and will set this bit to a one.

DDE: A Data Decompression Enable (DDE) bit of one indicates that data decompression is enabled. The SDX-300C will always decompress the data. Setting this bit to ZERO has no effect.

RED: The Report Exception on Decompression (RED) field indicates the device's response to a boundary condition caused by a change in the format of recorded data from:
uncompressed to compressed or *compressed to uncompressed*
This field only has an effect during reading not during writing. This field is not supported and should be always set to 00b.

RED Value	Description
00b	The SDX-300C will return a CHECK CONDITION status (MEDIUM ERROR) whenever data is encountered on the media that the drive cannot decompress. The SDX-300C will not return a CHECK CONDITION status at a boundary condition as long as the data is uncompressed or ALDC1 compressed.
01b	A RED field of 01b is undefined.
10b	The drive shall return a CHECK CONDITION status whenever a boundary condition is encountered on the medium. The boundary conditions are from: *uncompressed to compressed* or *compressed to uncompressed* CHECK CONDITION will be reported on the boundary condition even if the drive supports hardware decompression. For any of the boundary conditions which result in a CHECK CONDITION status, the additional sense code shall be set to either DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION, ALGORITHM ID OF NN. The drive will set the decompression algorithm field to the algorithm identifier of the compression algorithm used to process the encountered data. The device shall be positioned on the EOP side of the encountered data, and the command-specific information field in the sense data shall contain a count of the number of data blocks contained within the encountered data. **Note**: When compressed data is encountered on the medium which the device cannot decompress, the device should treat the data as a single variable-length record. In the sense data, the valid bit, the ILI bit and the information field should be set accordingly.
11b	A RED field of 11b is undefined.

Compression Algorithm: The compression algorithm field indicates the compression algorithm the drive will use to process data sent to it by the initiator (if the DCE bit is one).

The SDX-300C supports the ALDC1 data compression algorithm which is identified by the value: 00 00 00 03h in the compression algorithm field. A value of ZERO shall indicate that no compression algorithm is currently selected. Any other values in this field will cause the drive to return a CHECK CONDITION status the sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

Decompression Algorithm: For MODE SELECT the decompression algorithm field indicates the decompression algorithm selected by the initiator for use in subsequent decompression of data encountered on the medium.

The SDX-300C can decompress data recorded with the ALDC1 algorithm therefore this field can be set to 00 00 00 03h. However, the SDX-300C is capable of automatic recognition of the compression algorithm used to process the data encountered on the medium. Therefore, the drive will override the value in the decompression field (if is set to ZERO) for a subsequent read operation when ALDC1 compressed data is detected on the media.

A CHECK CONDITION will occur on the transition from uncompressed to compressed if RED = 10b.

For the MODE SENSE command, the decompression algorithm field reflects either the algorithm selected by the initiator or compression algorithm which was used to process the data most recently encountered on the medium, during a read operation.

A value of ZERO shall indicate that the data encountered on the medium during the most recent read operation was uncompressed.

6.7.3. Device Configuration Page (10h)

The drive supports the Device Configuration Page which has the following format:

Table 6-31: Device Configuration Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (10h)					
1	Page Length (0Eh)							
2	Reserved	CAP	CAF	Active Format				
3	Active Partition							
4	Write Buffer Full Ratio (00h)							
5	Read Buffer Empty Ratio (00h)							
6	(MSB)	Write Delay Time						
7								(LSB)
8	DBR(0)	BIS(1)	RSmk	AVC(0)	SOCF (00b)		RBO(0)	REW (0)
9	Gap Size (00h)							
10	EOD Defined (000b)			EEG(1)	SEW(1)	Reserved		
11	(MSB)	Buffer Size at Early Warning (00 00 00h)						
12								
13								(LSB)
14	Select Data Compression Algorithm							
15	Reserved							

CAP: The Change Active Partition bit, when set to one, indicates that the partition is changed to the one specified by the Active Partition Field. This is a feature supported by the drive and is discussed below.

CAF: The Change Active Format bit, set to one, indicates that the active format is to be changed to that set in the Active Format Field.

Active Format: This field is used to enable AIT format options and is described below:

Table 6-32: Active Format

4	3	2	1	0
Disable RAW	3rd ECC	Repeat		

Disable RAW: This bit is used to enable or disable the use of Read-After-Write error detection. If this bit is NOT set, RAW is enabled. This is the drive's default configuration.

3rd ECC: This bit is used to enable or disable the use of Third Level Error Correction. If this bit is set, 3rd ECC is enabled. This is the drive's default configuration.

Repeats: The value of this field indicates the number of times a group will repeatedly be written to tape. The default is ZERO repetitions. This feature may be used to performance match the drive with the Host. A decode of the field is shown below:

Table 6-33: Repeat field values

2	1	0	Number of Repetitions
0	0	0	0 (Default)
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	2
0	1	1	3
1	0	0	4
1	0	1	5
1	1	0	6
1	1	1	7

Active Partition: Indicates the current partition number in use on the medium.

The partition number may be either partition 0 or 1. Setting this field to any other values will be rejected by the drive with a CHECK CONDITION status and the ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

The drive will default to Partition 0 if the drive has been power-cycled, has received a BUS DEVICE RESET message, a Hard RESET or a tape is loaded. This is irrespective of whether the tape has been partitioned or not.

If the media is to be used in the two partition format, the media must first be initialized using MODE SELECT Medium Partitions Parameter Page.

If the currently loaded tape has not been formatted to be a two partition tape and the Host requests the Active Partition to be changed via the CAP and Active Partition fields, then the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Write Buffer Full Ratio and Read Buffer Empty Ratio: These fields are not supported by the drive. Setting these fields to anything other than ZERO will cause the drive to return a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

The drive implements an algorithm which automatically adjusts these ratios so as to maximize streaming to the Host.

Write Delay Time: This field indicates the maximum time, in 100 millisecond increments, that the drive shall wait with a partially full buffer before forcing the data to tape. The drive defaults to a 10 second delay since the last SCSI bus activity before the data is flushed from the buffer to the tape. If Write Delay Time is set to ZERO the drive will wait indefinitely for the data group to be filled.

DBR: This field is not supported and should be always set to ZERO.

BIS: Block Identifiers Supported is set to one to indicate that the media has recorded information about the logical block ID relative to the partition.

The DBR and BIS bit are only valid on a MODE SENSE command where they are used to report drive capabilities. These bits are ignored by the drive on a MODE SELECT command. The drive will not return a CHECK CONDITION.

RSmk: The Report Set Mark bit, when set to one, indicates that Set Marks will be reported to the drive. When ZERO, Set Marks are NOT reported. The default is one, Set Marks reported.

AVC: Automatic Velocity Control function is not supported by the drive and if this bit is set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

SOCF: Stop on Consecutive File-marks function is not supported by the drive and if this bit is set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

RBO: This field is not supported. If this bit is set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

REW: The Report Early-Warning End-of –Media bit is set to ZERO indicates the drive will not report the early-warning condition on reads but will report early-warning on writes at a distance of 2,500 mm before the physical End-Of –Partition. The REW bit is changeable. A value of ONE indicates that the drive will report the early-warning condition on writes and reads.

Gap Size: This field is not used by the SDX-300C and shall be set to ZERO otherwise a CHECK CONDITION with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key will be returned.

EOD Defined: This field shall always be set to ZERO so that the drive will use its default EOD definition to detect and generate EOD. Any other value will cause the drive to return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

EEG: The Enable EOD Generation bit shall always be set to indicate that drive will generate an EOD. The drive generates an EOD mark prior to any change of direction, if that change follows a write-type operation. This bit is only valid on the MODE SENSE command where it is used to report drive capabilities. This bit is ignored by the drive on a MODE SELECT command. The drive will not return a CHECK CONDITION.

SEW: The Synchronize at Early-Warning bit is set to ONE indicates buffered write data, File-marks and Set-marks at or after Early-Warning End-of-Media will be written to the Medium. The SEW bit changeable. A value of ZERO indicates that the target will retain any unwritten buffered data, File-marks, or Set-marks in the buffer when logical Early-Warning is encountered. The default is 1.

Buffer Size at Early Warning: This field is not supported by the drive and if set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Select Data Compression Algorithm: The SDX-300C supports the Data Compression Page and that page should be used instead of this field to control Data Compression. This field is not supported by the drive and if set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

6.7.4. Medium Partitions Parameter Page (11h)

The drive supports the Medium Partitions Parameter Page, which has the following format:

Table 6-34: Medium Partitions Parameter Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (11h)					
1	Page Length (0Ah)							
2	Maximum Additional Partitions (01h)							
3	Additional Partitions Defined (00h or 01h)							
4	FDP(0)	SDP(0)	IDP	PSUM (10b)		Reserved		
5	Medium Format Recognition (03h)							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 0)						
9								(LSB)
10	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 1)						
11								(LSB)

Warning: *This page is used to format a tape to one or two partitions. Extreme care must be used with this parameter page to avoid accidental reformatting of a tape. Reformatting will destroy all previous data.*

Maximum Additional Partitions: This field is only valid on MODE SENSE where it is used to report the maximum number of additional partitions that are supported by the drive. This field is non-changeable, however it accepts all values as a don't care. This number is the maximum number of additional partitions supported.

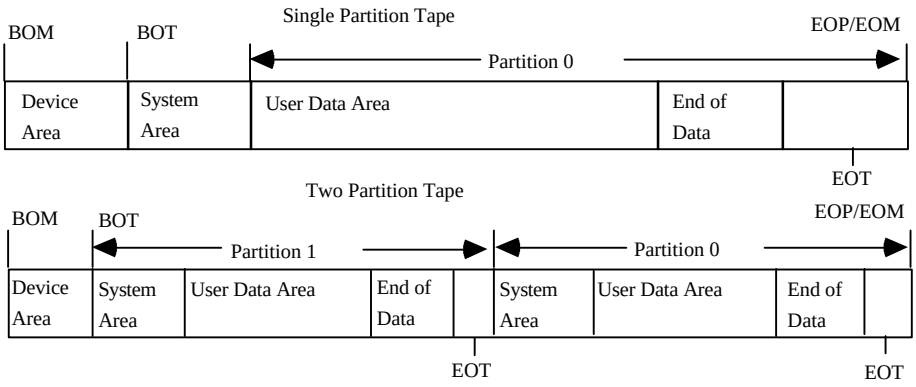
Additional Partitions Defined: This field specifies the number of additional partitions to be defined for the tape based on the IDP bit. The maximum allowed is the value returned in the Maximum Additional Partitions field.

FDP: The Fixed Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

SDP: The Select Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

IDP: The Initiator Defined Partitions bit is supported and, when set to one, indicates that the tape shall be partitioned based on the Additional Partitions Defined field, PSUM and Partition Size field.

The SDX-300C allows the tape to be split into two entirely separate and independent partitions like DDS format. Each partition will have its own Reference, System and Vendor Group area. The maximum size of a partition will be the whole tape. The partitions may exist together or the entire tape may be treated as a single partition. This is illustrated below:



BOM = Beginning-of-Media (Physical)

BOT = Beginning-of-Tape (Logical)

EOM = End-of-Media (Physical)

EOP = End-of-Partition (Logical)

EOT = End-of-Tape (Logical)

Figure 6-1: Tape Partition Layout

The Host may, therefore, partition a tape into one partition which spans the whole physical length of the tape or into two partitions, each of which will behave as completely separate and independent tapes.

A tape does not require partitioning prior to use. If a Host only wishes to use a single partition tape, then there is no need to send this page. On the first WRITE to a blank tape, the device will create the System, Reference and Vendor areas on tape before proceeding with the write. To reformat from a two to a single, or from a single to a two partition tape, the Host is required to use the Medium Partitions Parameter page.

PSUM: The Partition Size Unit of Measured field defines the units in which the Partition Size value selects the partition size, which in the case of this drive is Megabytes. Therefore, the drive returns 10b for a MODE SENSE and will only accept this value for a MODE SELECT, otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

Medium Format Recognition: This field is only valid on a MODE SENSE and is set to 03h to indicate that the drive is capable of format and partition recognition. This is non-changeable field. It accepts all the value, however always returns 1.

Partition Sizes: This field allows the initiator to allocate the capacity of each partition. It will also allow the initiator to reallocate the capacity of previously partitioned tapes.

The Partition Size specifies the capacity of all partitions in Megabytes. The drive rounds the Partition Size to the next whole group value and then applies an algorithm which allows for the writing of ECC-3 frames and for RAW error recovery so as to reserve sufficient physical space on the media for the specified capacity. The minimum space allocated shall be 3050 frames.

If the Additional Partitions Defined and Partition Size fields are set to ZERO the drive will initialize the tape as partition 0, and create a single partitioned tape.

The size of partition 0 is only valid during Mode Sense and is ignored during Mode Select. For Mode Select only partition 1 size is used when Additional Partitions Defined field is set to 01h. Partition 0 size is ignored. Internally, the drive computes partition 0 size to be the remaining capacity of the tape. This remaining capacity is the maximum uncompressed capacity minus partition 1 size.

A second way to issue Mode Select Page 11h is to set Page Length to 08h, and set bytes 8 and 9 to partition 1 size. In this method partition 0 size is not sent, but this size is still computed as defined above. In either case, Mode Sense will report partition 0 and partition 1 sizes.

6.7.5. Mode Select 11h (for multi-partitioned tapes)

The Medium Partitions Parameter Page supported by the drive has the following format:

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (11h)					
1	Page Length (08h - 88h)							
2	Maximum Additional Partitions							
3	Additional Partitions Defined							
4	FDP(0)	SDP(0)	IDP (1)	PSUM (10b)		Reserved		
5	Medium Format Recognition (03h)							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 0)						
9								(LSB)
10	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 1)						
11								(LSB)
	:							
	:							
	:							
134	(MSB)	Partition Size (Physical & Logical Partition 63)						
135								(LSB)

Warning: *This page is used to format a tape to with one or two partitions. Extreme care must be used with this parameter page to avoid accidental reformatting of the tape. Reformatting will destroy all existing data.*

Maximum Additional Partitions: This field is only valid for MODE SENSE, and it is used to report the maximum number of additional partitions. This field is non-changeable; however it accepts all values as a don't care. The field value represents the maximum number of additional partitions supported, and it is limited by the free memory available in MIC, as well as the AIT Format limit of 256 partitions. SDX-300C calculates how many partitions can be created for the current SDX-T3C media; for example, you can make up to 14 partitions with net total 13 bytes of the User Volume Note and User Partition Notes when using 2Kbytes version of SDX-T3C.

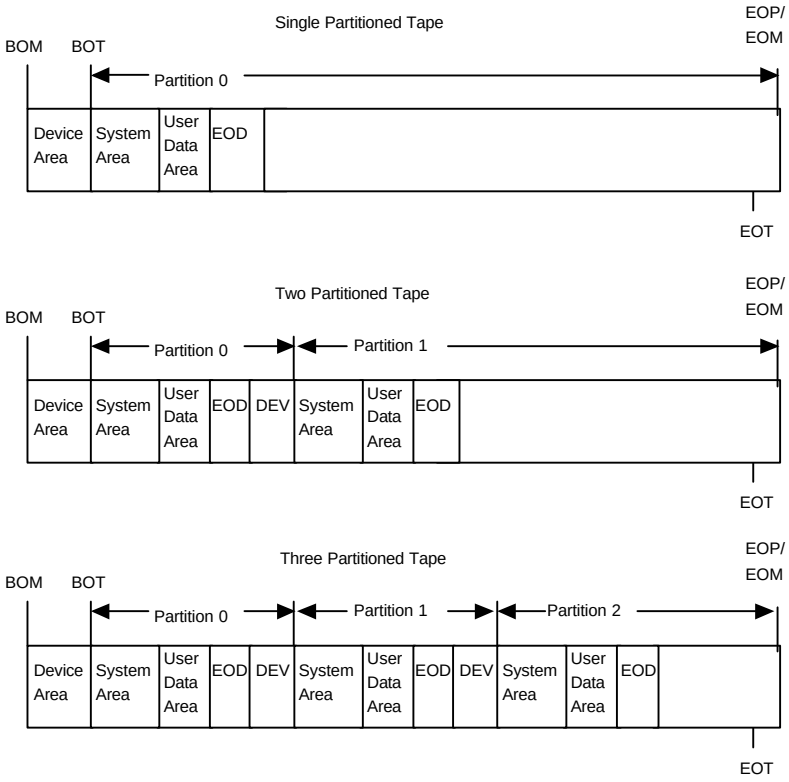
Additional Partitions Defined: This field specifies the number of additional partitions to be defined for the tape based on the IDP bit. The maximum allowed is the value returned in the Maximum Additional Partitions field. The drive the CHECK CONDITION status (ASC/ ASCQ = 83h/ 80h), when there is not enough room in the MIC.

FDP: The Fixed Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

SDP: The Select Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

IDP: The Initiator Defined Partitions bit is supported and, when set to one, indicates that the tape shall be partitioned based on the Additional Partitions Defined field, PSUM and Partition Size field.

The SDX-300C operating in the AIT Format Mode allows tapes to be split into separate and independent partitions, each with its own Reference, System and Vendor Group areas. The maximum size of a partition may be the entire tape. A tape partitioned into several partitions may be considered a collection of several separate logical tapes. This is illustrated below:



BOM = Beginning-of-Media (Physical)

BOT = Beginning-of-Tape (Logical)

EOM = End-of-Media (Physical)

EOP = End-of-Partition (Logical)

EOT = End-of-Tape (Logical)

Figure 6-2: Tape Partition Layout

A tape does not require partitioning prior to use. On the first WRITE to a blank tape, the device creates the System, Reference and Vendor areas before proceeding with the write. In order to reformat media from a two to a single, or from a single to a two partition tape, the Host is required to use the Medium Partitions Parameter page.

PSUM: Partition Size Unit of Measured field defines the units in which the Partition Size value selects the partition size, which in the case of this drive is Megabytes. Therefore, the drive returns 10b for a MODE SENSE and will only accept this value for a MODE SELECT, otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

Medium Format Recognition: This field is only valid in response to the MODE SENSE command and is set to 03h in order to indicate that the drive is capable of format and partition recognition. This is non-changeable field. It accepts any values, and always returns 1.

Partition Sizes: This field allows the initiator to allocate the capacity for each partition. It will also allow the initiator to reallocate the capacity of previously partitioned tapes.

The Partition Size specifies the capacity of all partitions in Megabytes (in the case of SDX-300C - see PSUM field definition). The drive rounds the Partition Size to the next whole group value and then applies an algorithm which allows for the writing of ECC-3 frames and for RAW error recovery so as to reserve sufficient physical space on the media for the specified capacity. The minimum space allocated shall be 3050 frames.

If the Additional Partitions Defined and Partition Size fields are set to ZERO the drive will initialize the tape as Partition 0, spanning the whole length of the tape.

The size of Partition 0 is only valid during MODE SENSE and is ignored during MODE SELECT. And remaining Capacity belongs to Partition 0.

Note 1: SDX-300C accepts any number including 0FFh for the Parameter List Length in CDB, although the drive returns valid information only. For example, in case of a single partition, SDX-300C returns 16h bytes of parameter list (sufficient for one partition size descriptor), even if the host sets 0FFh for the Parameter List Length in CDB.

Note 2: The Partition Size represents a changeable value, because tapes can be re-initialized. The drive would return N-1 pieces of partition size descriptors that contents is all 0FFh when N partitions on tape.

Note 3: Last partitions are open-ended partitions, because they are extendible up to the EOT. Consequently, the size of the last partition can be calculated from the number of remaining frames, excluding the Option Device Area.

Note 4: The Volume Information Data is stored both into MIC and on tape, after completing a Mode Select Page 11h command. This is so, because the SysLogAlive bits must be valid on the tape, in order to indicate where the System Log information is.

Note 5: SDX-300C create ODA (Optional Device Area) at all partitions except for the last partition.

Note 6: If ODA is active we can format this tape.

6.7.6. Informational Exceptions Control Page

The Informational Exceptions control page defines the methods used by the target to control the reporting and the operations of specific informational exception conditions.

Table 6-35 : Informational Exceptions Control Page

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (0 x 1Ch)					
1	Page Length (0Ah)							
2	Perf(0)	Reserved (0)			Dexcpt(1)	Test(0)	Reserved	LogErr0)
3	Reserved				MRIE			
4	(MSB)	Interval Timer						
7		(00 00 00 00h)						(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Report Count						
11		(00 00 00 00h)						(LSB)

LogErr : Log Error bit (LogErr) of ZERO indicates that the logging of informational exception conditions by a drive is vendor – specific. This bit of one indicates the drive shall log informational exception conditions.

DE xcpt : The Disable Exception Control (DE xcpt) bit of ZERO indicates information operations shall be enabled. The reporting of information exception conditions when the Dexcpt bit is set to ZERO is determined from the method of reporting informational exception field. The Dexcpt bit of ONE indicates the drive shall be disable all information exception operations. The method of reporting informational exceptions field is ignored when Dexcpt is set to ONE.

Test : This field is not supported. If this bit is set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

Perf : The Performance bit (Per) of ZERO indicates that informational exception operations that are the cause of delays are acceptable. The Perf bit of ONE indicates the drive shall be set to ZERO otherwise a CHECK CONDITION with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

MRIE : The Method of Reporting Informational Exceptions field (MRIE) is not used by SDX-300C and shall be set to ZERO otherwise a CHECK CONDITION with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Interval Timer : This field is not supported by the drive and if set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Report Count : This field is not supported by the drive and if set a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

6.7.7. MODE SELECT 31H (AIT Device Configuration Page)

Note 1: The values set by Mode Select Page 31h become valid after the Mode Select Page 11h command is completed.

Note 2: Mode Sense

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (31h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	AIT	DEVICE	ABS	ULPBOT	PRTH	PONEJ	SysLogAlive	
3	SPAN (0Ah)							
4	MIC	Reserved						
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Reserved							

AIT

The AIT-bit is a changeable bit. The status of the AIT-bit is valid after a cassette is initialized. Until then the AIT-bit indicates ZERO, even if the bit is set with the Mode Select command.

0 - DDS emulation mode (default)

1 - AIT native mode

Device

0 - Do not create optional device area. (DDS mode only)

1 - Create optional device area. (AIT mode only)

ABS

0 - Do not create the Absolute Volume Map information. (Not Supported)

1 - Create and maintain the Absolute Volume Map information.

ULPBOT

0 - Load/unload is performed at the Optional Device Area, except for partition 0.

1 - Load/ unload must be performed at the device area located at PBOT, even if there is an Optional Device Area. (default)

PRTH

0 - Allow Thread; Thread the tape after cartridge insertion, and return ready status. (default)

1 - Prevent Thread; Do not thread the tape after cartridge insertion, and return ready status immediately after the cartridge is loaded. The tape will automatically be threaded when a media access SCSI command (Erase, Locate, Mode Select Page 11h, Read, Read Position, Seek Block, Space, Write, and Write File-mark) is received from the host.

PONEJ

This bit is recorded in drive's EEPROM, and it effects the drive itself.

0 - Power On immediate Eject disable. If this bit set to 0, then the cassette will stay in the drive when power is applied. (default)

1 - Power On immediate Eject enable. If this bit set to 1, then cassette will be immediately ejected when power is applied to the drive.

Span

The Span field is in binary notation. If the span value is set to 0Ah and the tape is 170 meters in length, then the span would be 10 meters and the size of the Absolute Volume Map data structure in MIC will be 350 bytes. (default=0Ah (00001010B), other values are prohibited)

SysLogAlive

0 0 - System logs located only on tape. (default for SDX-T3N)

1 1 - System logs located only in MIC. (default for SDX-T3C)

The SysLogAlive-bits shall be set to 00B for non-MIC cartridges, and to 11B for MIC cartridges. Other bit combinations are prohibited.

MIC

This bit is effective for Mode Sense only. If this bit is 0 then MIC has not been detected in the cassette.

Bit Combination Table

AIT	DEV	ULPBOT	Description
0	0	0	illegal
0	0	1	DDS Mode, Unload at PBOT
0	1	0	illegal
0	1	1	illegal
1	0	0	illegal
1	0	1	illegal
1	1	0	AIT Mode, Unload at ODA
1	1	1	AIT Mode, Unload at PBOT

6.7.8. MODE SELECT 32h (Append Partition)

The Append Partition Command is available in the AIT mode. The Append Partition Command takes effect if the current partition is the last partition. When the command is issued in the last partition, SDX-300C will automatically space to the EOD area find the bottom of the Device Area, and then create a new partition. If the command is issued in any other partition, SDX-300C will return the CHECK CONDITION status (83h/97h Current Partition is no the last partition).

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (32h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved			PSUM (10)		Reserved		
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved				Partition units			
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	Partition Size Descriptor						
9								(LSB)

PSUM

Partition Size Unit of Measured field defines the units in which the Partition Size value selects the partition size, which in the case of this drive is Megabytes. Therefore, the drive returns 10b for a MODE SENSE and will only accept this value for a MODE SELECT, otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

Partition units

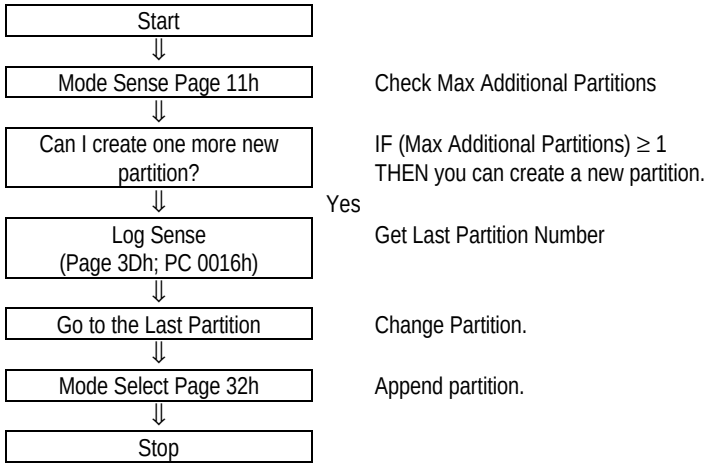
The Partition Size Units of Measure (PSUM) field defines the units used in the partition size descriptors. A logical unit is not required to retain the Partition Size Unit of Measure used to partition the medium. The PSUM field is defined in following table.

Code	Description	Support
00B	bytes (unit of one)	Optional
01B	kilobytes (10^3 bytes)	Optional
10B	megabytes (10^6 bytes)	Optional
11B	10^x bytes (x = partition units field)	Optional

Partition Size Descriptor

Partition size in megabytes, in binary notation. Bytes 8, 9: Partition Size Descriptor. For a Mode Sense Command, the value in this field is invalid unless the Mode Sense Command follows a successful Mode Select Command Page 32. Therefore, on power-up without a Mode Select Page 32h, the Current Page 32h Partition Size Descriptor should be set to the default value of 00 00. There is no relation between this field and the IDP bit in the parameter block of Mode Select Page 11h.

Append Partition example procedure:



Note 1: The partition to be appended inherits the conditions previously set by the Mode Select Page 31h.

Note 2: *Example 1*:

This example does not contains formatting overhead. AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0 = 2 GB, P1 = 23 G. P1 contains 4 GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 1 GB for the partition size. After the Mode Select command returns Good status we have the following:

P0 = 2GB
P1 = 4 GB (old data) + 1 GB of Append space = 5 GB **<---** new append partition
P2 = 23 GB - 5 GB = 18 GB.

After this command completes Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command Mode Sense page 11h will show the following:

Additional Partition = 2

P0 = 2GB
P1 = 5 GB
P2 = 18 GB

Note 3: *Example 2*:

This example does not contains formatting overhead. *Case 3.1*: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 5 GB for the partition size. This command will be rejected with a CHECK CONDITION and ASC/ASCQ (83h/98h: Cannot append the new partition because the remaining capacity too short) and the tape format will not be changed.

Case 3.2: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 3GB for the partition size. This command will not be rejected. This command completes with Good status; however the new partition will be an empty partition. After this command completes, Unit Attention condition is set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command, Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

P0=2GB
P1=20GB (old data) + 3GB = 23 GB **<---** new append partition.
P2=23 GB - 23 GB = 0 GB.

Case 3.3: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 2 GB for the partition size. This command completes with Good status, and the Unit Attention condition is set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command, Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

P0=2GB
P1=20GB (old data) + 2GB = 22 GB <--- new append partition.
P2=23 GB - 22 GB = 1 GB.

Note 4: After partition appended, the Last Partition Number field of Volume Information in MIC indicates a valid value, while the value in the Last Partition Number field of Volume Information on tape is not valid.

Note 5: The Append Partition Page operation is not allowed when the WP tab is set.

Note 6: Append Partition Page writes all buffered data to tape, before appending a partition.

6.7.9. Mode Select Page 33h (Delete Partition)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (33h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	Indicated Partition Number							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Reserved							

SDX-300C rewind the tape to Bottom of Active Partition, after Delete Partition.

Note 1: The Delete Partition Command is available in the AIT mode and only for an AIT mode cassette.

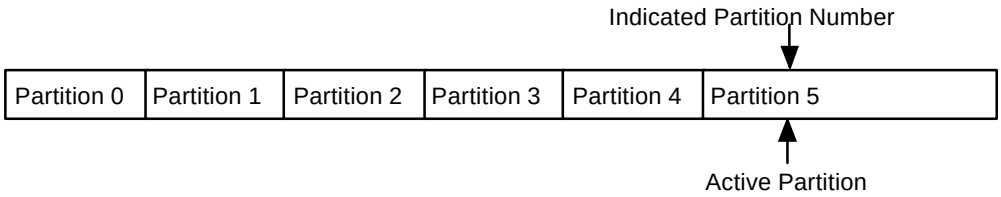
Note 2: The Indicated Partition Number value specifies the partition number ABOVE which partitions are to be deleted. Consequently, the value cannot represent the last, open-ended partition on tape. The specified partition itself is converted into an open-ended partition with its data contents preserved.

Note 3: Delete Partition is System area in the Active partition.

Examples:

***Case 1 (with PRTH=0)*;**

With the tape already loaded, and with partition 5 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated partition Number set to 5 (the last partition) will be rejected with CHECK CONDITION (Illegal parameter). See Notes 2 and 3.

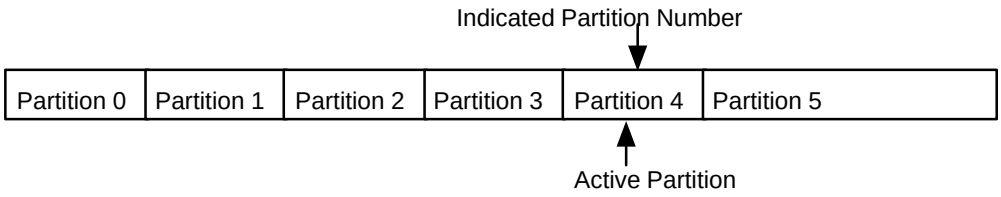


Case 2 (with PRTH=0);

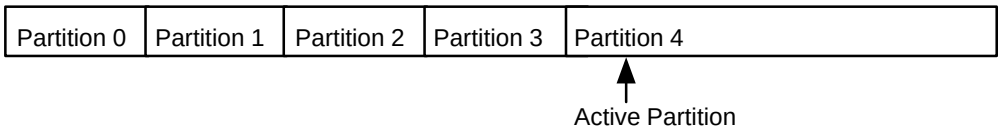
With the tape already loaded, and with partition 4 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 4 will delete partition 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 4. No tape motion will take place. The new last partition - partition 4 - will become open-ended, spanning up to the OEM.

After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed, and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:



New tape layout:

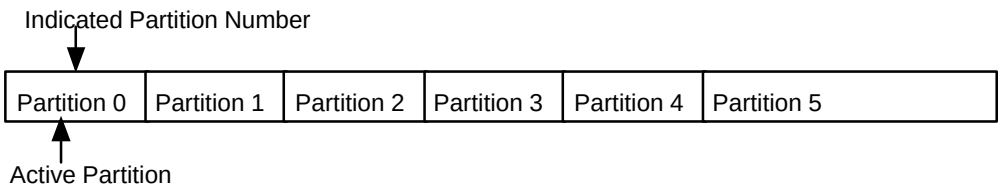


***Case 3 (with PRTH=0)*;**

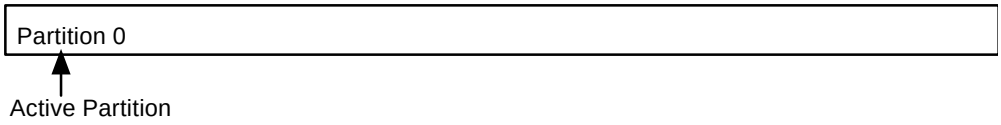
With the tape already loaded, and with partition 0 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 0 will delete partitions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 0. No tape motion will take place.

After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed, and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:



New tape layout:

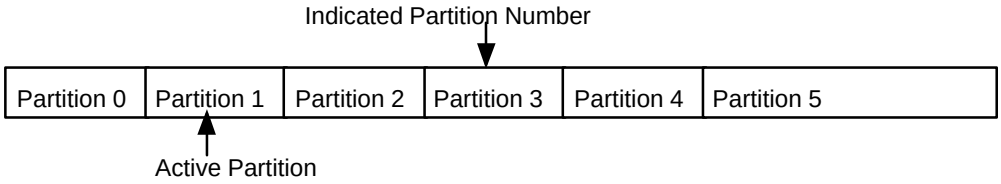


Case 4 (with PRTH=0);

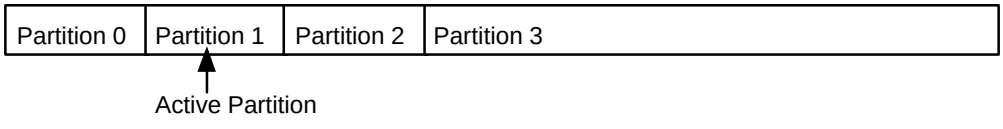
With the tape already loaded, and with partition 1 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 3 will delete partitions 4 and 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 3. No tape motion will take place.

After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:

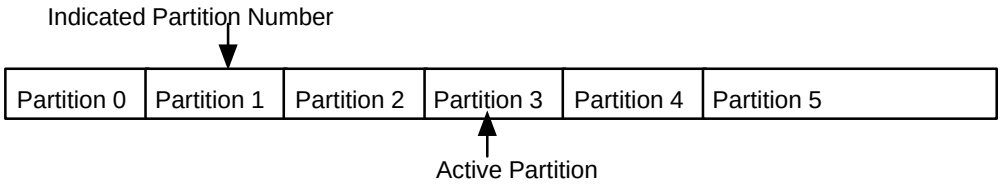


New tape layout:



Case 5 (with PRTH=0);

With the tape already loaded, and with partition 3 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 1 will be rejected with CHECK CONDITION. See Note 2.



Case 6; (with PRTH=1)

In case of the PRTH = 1, SDX-300C returns ready status after the cassette is inserted without tape threading. The current physical position is the ODA of partition 1, because the tape is not threaded yet. Threading will position the tape at the top of partition 2 - therefore, partition 2 and the preceding partitions cannot be deleted at this point; partition 3, 4, and 5 may be deleted. Consequently, the Indicated Partition Number shall be greater than 2.

An AIT cassette is equipped with a lock mechanism for both reels preventing tape movement. This feature guarantees that tape loading is done at the point of prior unload. However, if the AIT cassette is inserted into an 8mm VCR, then the tape position will change, in which case SDX-300C will rewind the tape to PBOT, after detecting that the load position is different from the unload position.

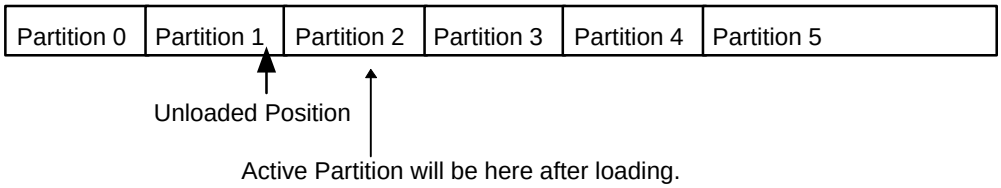
After the Mode Select Page 33h is processed by the drive, the following Parameters shall be changed:

a. Mode Sense Page 11h
b. Log Page 31h = Parameter Codes for Partitions deleted
c. Log Page 3Ch = Parameter Codes for Partitions deleted
d. Log Page 3Dh, Parameter Codes=0004h, 0015h, 0016h, and User Partition Notes for Partitions deleted
c. Log Page 3Eh, Parameter Codes = User Partition Notes for Partitions deleted.

After the command completes successfully Unit Attention is set for other Initiators.

Loaded tape scenario: (Indicated Partition Number) ≥ (Active Partition)

PRTH condition scenario: (Indicated Partition Number) ≥ (Unloaded Position) + 1



Note 4: The Last Partition Number field of Volume Information in MIC indicates true value, after a partition deleting. The Last Partition Number field of Volume Information on tape does not indicate true value, after a partition deleting.

Note 5: After a Delete Partition command completes successfully all data in the deleted partitions are also marked deleted.

]Note 6: Remaining capacity of the last partition should be updated to include the maximum capacity of the deleted partitions.

Note 7: Delete Partition command deletes partitions with ODA.

Note 8: If the WP tab is set we do not allow Delete Partition Page.

Note 9: Delete Partition page should write all buffered data to tape, then delete partition.

6.8. MODE SENSE 1Ah

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (1Ah)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved	DBD	Reserved		
2	PCF		Page Code					
3	Reserved							
4	Allocation Length							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

MODE SENSE provides a means for the drive to report its media, current and changeable configuration parameters to the host. It is a complementary command to MODE SELECT.

DBD: A Disable Block Descriptors (DBD) bit of ZERO indicates that the target may return ZERO or more block descriptors in the returned MODE SENSE data at the target's discretion. A DBD bit of one specifies that the target shall not return any block descriptors in the returned MODE SENSE data.

PCF: The Page Control Field indicates the type of page parameter values to be returned to the Host as shown below.

Table 6-36: Page Control field values

Bit 7	Bit 6	Parameter Values	Description
0	0	Current Values	This is the normal default situation where the drive returns to the host its current configuration. Page fields not supported are set to ZERO by the drive.
0	1	Changeable Values	These are any values which a host may alter in a subsequent MODE SELECT command. Any field that the drive allows to be changed is set to one. Otherwise the field is set to ZERO.
1	0	Default Values	These are the default values on power-up
1	1	Saved Values	Not supported by the drive

The addition page length field of each page returned by the drive indicates the number of bytes supported for that page. Fields not supported by the drive are set to ZERO.

Page Code: This allows the Host to select any specific or all pages supported by the drive. The page codes that are supported are:

Table 6-37: Supported MODE SENSE Page Codes

Page Code	Description	Parameter List Length
00h	Standard Sense	0Ch
02h	Disconnect-Reconnect	0Ch+10h=1Ch
0Fh	Data Compression Control	0Ch+10h=1Ch
10h	Device Configuration	0Ch+10h=1Ch
11h	Medium Partitions Parameter	0Ch+0Ch=18h (when AIT bit is ZERO) 0Ch+(8+2xn)=14h+2x (when AIT bit is ONE)
1Ch	Informational Exception Control	0Ch+0Ch=18h
31h	AIT Device Configuration	0Ch+0Ah=16h
32h	Append Partition	0Ch+0Ah=16h (when AIT bit is ONE)
33h	Delete Partition	0Ch+0Ah=16h (when AIT bit is ONE)
3Fh	Return All Pages	0Ch+10h+10h+10h+0Ch+0Ch+0Ah=5Eh 0Ch+10h+10h+10h+(8+2xn)+0Ch+0Ah+0Ah+0Ah=6Eh+2xn

n : Partition Number

If the Host selects any other values, the drive will terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Note: If the Page Code is ZERO, the drive will only return the four-byte header and the one eight-byte block descriptor and terminate the command with GOOD status.

Allocation Length: The Allocation Length specifies the number of bytes that the HOST has allocated for returned MODE SENSE data. An Allocation Length of ZERO means that the drive will return no MODE SENSE data. This is not considered an error and GOOD status will be returned. Any other value indicates the maximum number of bytes that can be transferred. The drive terminates the DATA IN phase when the Allocation Length bytes have been transferred or when all available MODE SENSE data has been transferred to the initiator, whichever is less. The Allocation Length must fall on header or block descriptor boundaries. If the Allocation Length does not fall on these boundaries then the drive returns CHECK CONDITION status with the ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set, unless the value is greater than that required for the specified page.

If the Page Code is ZERO, the Host requires MODE SENSE to only return the four-byte header the one eight-byte block descriptor, therefore the Allocation Length must be set to 0Ch. The value of the Page Control Field is then not checked by the drive and may be set to any value.

If the Allocation Length is non ZERO, it must be set to 4 or more. If the Allocation length is non ZERO and less than 4, the drive will return CHECK CONDITION status, and ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

If the drive does not support Data Compression and a Mode Sense Page is received the drive will return CHECK CONDITION status, and sense key will set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

The MODE SENSE data contains a four-byte header, followed by one eight-byte block descriptor, followed by ZERO or more variable length pages, depending on the Page Code and the Allocation Length.

Table 6-38: MODE SENSE data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Mode Data Length							
1	Medium Type (00h)							
2	WP	Buffered Mode			Speed (00h)			
3	Block Descriptor Length (08h)							
4	Density Code (30h)							
5	(MSB)	Number of Blocks (00 00 00h)						
6								
7								(LSB)
8	Reserved							
9	(MSB)	Block Length						
10								
11								(LSB)

Mode Data Length: The mode data length specifies the length in bytes of the following mode sense data that is available to be transferred during the DATA IN phase. The mode data length does not include itself but does include the total length of all requested MODE SENSE pages.

Media Type: The media value will be ZERO as only one media type is supported.

WP: A Write Protected bit of ZERO indicates that the tape is write enabled. A Write Protected bit of one indicates that the tape is write protected.

Buffered Mode: if this bit is set to ZERO, the drive will not report a GOOD status on WRITE commands until the data blocks are actually written on the tape. If set, the drive is in buffered mode and may report a GOOD status on WRITE commands as soon as the data block has been transferred to the drive's buffer. One or more blocks may be buffered prior to writing to the tape.

Speed Field: will return ZERO as the drive only supports one speed.

Block Descriptor Length: returns a value of 8, which specifies the length in bytes of the following Block Descriptor. The drive only returns a single Block Descriptor.

Destiny Code: The drive returns 30h in the Density Code field.

Number of Blocks: The Number of Blocks field is ZERO, indicating that an unspecified (or unknown) number of the remaining logical blocks on the tape may have the media characteristics specified by the Block Descriptor.

Block Length: The Block Length field specifies the length in bytes of each logical block transferred over the SCSI bus. A Block Length of ZERO indicates that the length is variable. Any other value indicates the number of bytes per block that the drive must handshake over the bus. This establishes Block Length such that the Transfer Length for read, write and verify type commands will be a block count not a byte count. Minimum Block Length is 2. If Block Length is 1, Check Condition Status will be return ,Sense Key will be ILLEGAL REQUEST. **Note**: It is value of this field together with the Fixed Bit Field in the READ, or WRITE commands that determines whether the drive is in Fixed or Variable block mode.

Page Descriptor: The supported pages are fully documented in the MODE SELECT clause of this Chapter.

PS: When the Page Savable bit is set, this indicates that the page contains saved parameters. This bit will never be set as there is no non-volatile RAM on the drive into which parameter data may be saved.

All fields not supported by the drive must be set to ZEROs.

6.8.1. Mode Sense 31h (AIT Device Configuration Page)

Note 1: SDX-300C always reports the status of the cassette present in the drive, even if the mode values are changed.

Note 2: AIT-bit and DEV-bit values are changed after completing the Mode Select Page 11h.

Note 3: SDX-300C reports the following status for a virgin cassette:

Bits	SDX-T3N	SDX-T3C
AIT	0	0
DEV	0	0
ULPBOT	1	1
PRTH	0	0
PONEJ	0	0
ABS	0	1
MIC	0	1
SysLogAlive	00B	11B

6.9. PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL 1Eh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (1Eh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							Prevent
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

The PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL command requests that the target enable or disable the removal of the medium in the drive. This mechanism is independent of device reservations and the drive shall not allow medium removal if any initiator currently has medium removal prevented.

The prevention of medium removal shall begin when any initiator issues a PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL command with a prevent bit of one (medium removal prevented). The prevention of medium removal for the logical unit shall terminate:

1. Upon a hard RESET condition.
2. Upon the receipt of a BUS DEVICE RESET message from any initiator
3. After all initiators that have medium removal prevented issue PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL commands with a prevent bit of ZERO, and the target has successfully performed a synchronize cache operation.

While a prevention of medium removal condition is in effect the target shall inhibit mechanisms that normally allow removal of the medium by an operator.

Prevent: When this bit is set, the drive will not eject the tape following an UNLOAD. When it receives the UNLOAD, the drive writes any buffered data to tape, rewinds and updates the system logs, then unthreads the tape from the mechanism. The drive does not eject the tape. Setting this bit also completely disables the Eject button on the front panel. This situation remains until the Prevent bit is set to ZERO.

When this bit is set to ZERO, the drive ejects the cassette following completion of an UNLOAD. The Eject button is also re-enabled.

6.10. READ 08h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (08h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			SILI	Fixed
2	(MSB)							
3				Transfer Length				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

READ transfers one or more data blocks to the initiator starting with the next block on the drive.

Fixed: This bit specifies the meaning of the Transfer Length field and whether fixed-length or variable-length blocks are to be transferred.

If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, Variable Block mode is requested. A single block is transferred with the Transfer Length specifying the maximum number of bytes the Host has allocated for the returned data.

If the Fixed bit is set to one, the Transfer Length specifies the number of blocks to be transferred to the Host. This is valid only if the logical unit is currently operating in Fixed Block mode, in other words, when it has been instructed to use fixed-length blocks with MODE SELECT command. If the Fixed bit is set and the drive is in Variable Block mode, the READ is rejected with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

When the Transfer Length is ZERO, no data will be transferred and the current position on the logical unit will not be changed.

A successful READ command with the Fixed bit set transfers (current Block Length) X (Transfer Length) bytes of data to the Host. Upon termination of the READ command, the media will be logically positioned after the last block transferred (EOM side).

SILI: A Suppress Incorrect Length Indicator bit of one indicates that the device will not return CHECK CONDITION status if the only error is that the Transfer Length is not equal to the actual Block Length recorded on the media. Note, however, that if the SILI bit is one and the Fixed bit is ZERO, then the device will report CHECK CONDITION, if the requested Transfer Length is less than the actual record size recorded on the medium (over-length condition) AND the device is configured to be in Fixed Block mode (i.e. the Block Length field in the MODE SELECT/SENSE block descriptor is non-ZERO).

If the SILI bit is one and the Fixed bit is one, the drive will terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code to ILLEGAL FIELD IN CDB. If the SILI bit is not set and the actual Block Length is different from the specified transfer length, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned. Within the Sense data, the Incorrect Length Indicator (ILI) bit and Valid bit will be set to one, the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE and the Information Bytes are to set the difference (residue) between the requested Transfer Length and the actual Block Length, or in Fixed Block mode, the difference (residue) between the requested number of blocks and the actual number of blocks read. No more than Transfer Length bytes are transferred to the initiator and the tape is logically positioned after the last block transferred (EOM side).

If the drive reads a File-mark, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the File-mark and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE. The information fields contain the residue count. The Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to File-mark Detected. Upon termination, the media will be logically positioned after the File-mark (EOM side).

If, however, the drive encounters a Save-Set Mark during a READ, nothing is reported unless the drive has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Save-Set Marks. The drive will ignore the Set-mark and continue the READ. If the Report Save-Set Marks configuration is enabled then the File-mark and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE. The information fields contain the residue count and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to Set-mark Detected. The tape is logically positioned after the Save-Set Mark (EOM side).

If the drive detects EOD during the READ, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the Valid bit is set and the Sense Key field is set to BLANK CHECK. The information fields contain the residue count. The Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOD DETECTED. Upon termination, the media will be physically positioned before EOD and after the last block on tape.

The meaning of EOM is different for READ than for a WRITE type of command. EOM is only reported when the physical EOM/P is encountered. The drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status. The EOM and Valid bits are set and the Information fields contain the residue count. If EOD is not written after the physical EOM/P, the Sense Key is set to MEDIUM ERROR and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P Detected. If EOD is written, the Sense Key is set to BLANK CHECK and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to END-OF-DATA DETECTED. The tape is physically positioned at EOM/P.

For a File-mark, a (reported) Save-Set Mark, EOD or EOM detected, if the Fixed bit is set, the Information field in the REQUEST SENSE Data will be set to the difference (residue) between the requested Transfer Length and the actual number of blocks read (not including the File-mark or Save-Set Mark). If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, the information bytes will be set the requested Transfer Length because File-marks and Save-Set Marks are considered to have a byte count of ZERO, (though this does not cause the ILI bit to be set).

READ may return the following sense keys on a CHECK CONDITION:

NO SENSE: If the actual Block Length is different from the specified Transfer Length and the SILI bit is ZERO, the ILI (Incorrect Length Indicator) bit and Valid bit are set to one. The Information bytes in extended sense are set to the difference (residue) between the requested Transfer Length and the actual Block Length, or in blocked mode, the difference (residue) between the requested number of blocks and the actual number of blocks read (not including the incorrect length block). No more than Transfer Length bytes are transferred to the initiator and the tape is logically positioned after the block (EOM side).

If the drive reads a File-mark during this command, it sets the File-mark bit in the REQUEST SENSE data. Upon termination, the tape is logically positioned after the File-mark (EOM side). If, however, the drive encounters a Save-Set Mark during this command, nothing is reported unless the SDX-300C has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Save Set Marks. If the Report Save Set Marks configuration is enabled then the Valid bit and the Additional Sense Key flags are set in the REQUEST SENSE data to indicate that a Save-Set Mark has been encountered. The tape is also logically positioned after the Save-Set Mark (EOM side).

For both a File-mark and a reported Save-Set Mark, if the Fixed bit is one, the Information bytes in the REQUEST SENSE data are set to the difference residue between the requested Transfer Length and the actual number of blocks read (not including the File-mark or Save-Set Mark).

If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, the Information bytes are set to the difference (residue) between the requested Transfer Length and the actual number of bytes read. File-marks and Save-Set Marks are considered to have a byte count of ZERO, though this does not cause the ILI bit to be set.

MEDIUM ERROR: The current record being read or a previously acknowledged WRITE type of operation experienced an error probably related to the condition of the tape, or the cleanliness of the head.

HARDWARE ERROR: Either a previously acknowledged WRITE type of operation had a major non-media related failure or the read itself experienced the failure. The Valid bit is set, and the Information field contains the appropriate residue. The meaning of EOM is different in a READ command from that in a WRITE type of command. EOM is only reported on physical end-of-media. However, this condition is indistinguishable from other fatal servo errors and so is reported as a HARDWARE ERROR.

BLANK CHECK: If EOD (End-of-Data) was encountered during a read, the sense key is BLANK CHECK, the Valid bit is set and the Information bytes contain the residue count.

6.11. READ BLOCK LIMITS 05h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (05h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)						Flag	Link

The READ BLOCK LIMITS command tells the drive to return its limits for Block Length. The READ BLOCK LIMITS data shown below will be sent during the DATA IN phase of the command. The command does not reflect the currently selected block size, only the available limits. MODE SENSE returns the current block size. 2 bytes is the minimum and 16 Mbytes - 1 byte is the maximum block size which the unit can support.

Table 6-39: READ BLOCK LIMITS Data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved							
1	(MSB)	Maximum Block Length Limit (FF FF FFh)						
2								
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Minimum Block Length Limit (00 02h)						
5								(LSB)

6.12. READ BUFFER 3Ch

Bit / Bite	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (3Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		Mode		
2	Buffer ID (00h)							
3	(MSB)							
4				Buffer Offset				
5								(LSB)
6	(MSB)							
7				Allocation Length				
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

READ BUFFER is used in conjunction with WRITE BUFFER as a diagnostic function for testing the 4MB data buffer and the SCSI bus integrity of the drive. A REWIND command should be sent to the drive after WRITE/READ BUFFER diagnostic testing to return to normal operation.

Note: This command may not be used to recover data that is buffered within the drive. If the drive receives a READ BUFFER without having had a prior WRITE BUFFER command, only the four byte header will be returned. There is no available data to return, as the drive writes any buffered data to tape prior to accepting either a READ BUFFER or WRITE BUFFER for the first time.

Mode: The drive supports the following values within this field. If any other value is set, the drive will terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Table 6-40: READ BUFFER Mode values

Mode	Description
000b	Combined Header and Data
010b	Data
011b	Descriptor

Combined Header and Data Mode - in this mode, the drive returns a four-byte header followed by the data bytes. The drive terminates the DATA IN phase when Allocation Length bytes of header plus data have been transferred or when the header and all available data have been transferred to the initiator, whichever is less. The four-byte READ BUFFER header is followed by data bytes from the drive's data buffer.

Table 6-41: READ BUFFER Header

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved							
1	(MSB)							
2				Available Length (40 00 00h)				
3								(LSB)

Available Length: specifies the total number of data bytes that are available in the target's data buffer. This number is not reduced to reflect the Allocation Length nor is it reduced to reflect the actual number of bytes written using the WRITE BUFFER command. Following the READ BUFFER header, the target will transfer data from its data buffer.

Data Mode - in this mode, the DATA IN phase contains buffer data only.

Descriptor Mode - In this mode a maximum of four bytes of READ BUFFER descriptor information are returned. The drive returns the descriptor information for the buffer specified by the Buffer ID. Only a Buffer ID of ZERO will return a valid descriptor. In this mode, the drive does not reject the valid Buffer IDs with a CHECK CONDITION status but returns 40 00 00h in the READ BUFFER descriptor.

Table 6-42: READ BUFFER Descriptor

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved							
1	(MSB)							
2		Buffer Capacity (40 00 00h)						
3								(LSB)

Buffer ID: The drive only supports a single Buffer ID field of ZERO. If an unsupported Buffer ID code is requested, the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Buffer Offset: The Buffer Offset field contains the byte offset within the specified buffer from which data shall be transferred from. The initiator should conform to the offset boundary requirements returned in the READ BUFFER descriptor. If the target is unable to accept the specified buffer offset, it shall return CHECK CONDITION status, shall set the Sense Key to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and set the Additional Sense Code to ILLEGAL FIELD IN CDB.

Allocation Length: The Allocation Length specifies the maximum number of bytes that the initiator has allocated for returned data. An Allocation Length of ZERO indicates that no data will be transferred. Any other value indicates the maximum number of bytes that will be transferred. The drive terminates the DATA IN phase when Allocation Length bytes of data have been transferred or when all available data has been transferred to the initiator, whichever is less. The Allocation Length must be greater than four (except in data only mode), else the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

6.13. READ POSITION 34h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (34h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		TCLP	LONG	BT
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

The READ POSITION command reports the current position of the logical unit. No medium movement shall occur as a result of the command. The position is given in two parts:

TCLP : The Total Current Logical Position (TCLP) bit of ONE indicates the drive shall return data specifying the partition, file, and set number with the current logical position. The TCLP bit of ZERO indicates the drive shall return data specifying the first and last block location with the number of bytes and blocks in buffer.

LONG : The Long Format (LONG) bit of ONE indicates the drive shall return 32 bytes of data. The LONG bit of ZERO indicates the drive shall return 20 bytes of data.

The LONG bit and the TCLP bit shall be equal. If the LONG and TCLP bits are not equal, or if both the LONG and the Block Address Type (BT) bits are ONE, the command is rejected with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

BT: The Block Address type (BT) bit controls the content of the short format data. The BT bit if one requests the drive to return its current First Block Location shall include data block only. The BT bit of ZERO requests the drive to return the First Block Location are a SCSI Logical Block Address (data blocks, File-marks and Save Set Marks are counted.)

Table 6-43: READ POSITION Data Format, short form

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	BOP	EOP	Reserved			BPU	Reserved	
1	Partition Number							
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	(MSB)	First Block Location						
7								(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Last Block Location (00 00 00 00h)						
11								(LSB)
12	Reserved							
13	(MSB)	Number of Blocks in Buffer (00 00 00h)						
15								(LSB)
16	(MSB)	Number of Bytes in Buffer (00 00 00 00h)						
19								(LSB)

BOP: A Beginning Of Partition (BOP) bit of one indicates that the logical unit is at the beginning-of-partition in the current partition. A BOP bit of ZERO indicates that the current logical position is not at the beginning-of-partition.

EOP: An End Of Partition (EOP) bit of one indicates that the logical unit is positioned between early-warning and end-of-partition in the current partition. An EOP bit of ZERO indicates that the current logical position is not between early-warning and end-of-partition. Note that this bit is mutually exclusive with the BOP bit.

BPU: A Block Position Unknown (BPU) bit of one indicates that the First and Last Block Locations are not known or cannot be obtained. A BPU bit of ZERO indicates that the First contains valid position information. Support for this option of the READ POSITION command is indicated by a BIS bit set to one in the MODE SELECT Device Configuration page.

Partition Number: reports the current partition number for the current logical position.

First block location: indicates the Block Address associated with the current logical position. The value shall indicate the Block Address of the next data block to be transferred between the initiator and the target if a READ or WRITE command is issued. See BT field for description of Logical Block Address. Note that the Logical Block Address at BOT/P is 0.

Last block location: This field is not supported and is always set to ZERO.

Number of Blocks in Buffer: This field is not supported and is always set to ZERO.

Number of Bytes in Buffer: This field is not supported and is always set to ZERO.

Table 6-44: READ POSITION Data Format, long form

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	BOP	EOP	Reserved		MPU	BPU	Reserved	
1	Reserved							
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	(MSB)	First Block Location						
7								(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Last Block Location (00 00 00 00h)						
11								(LSB)
12	Reserved							
13	(MSB)	Number of Blocks in Buffer (00 00 00h)						
15								(LSB)
16	(MSB)	Number of Bytes in Buffer (00 00 00 00h)						
19								(LSB)

The BOP, EOP, and Partition Number are as defined in the READ POSITION data returned when the TCLP bit is set to 0.

BPU : The Block Position Unknown (BPU) bit of ONE indicates the partition number or block number are not know or accurate reporting is not currently available. The BPU bit of ZERO indicates the partition number and block number fields contain valid position information.

MPU : The Mark Position Unknown (MPU)bit of ONE indicates the file number and set number are not known or accurate reporting is not currently available. The MPU bit of ADRO indicates the File number and Set number fields contain valid position information.

Block Number : Block Number reports the number of logical blocks between beginning-of-partition and current logical position. Set-marks and File-marks count as one logical block each.

File Number : File Number reports the number of file-marks between beginning-of -partition and the current logical position.

Set Number : Set Number reports the number of set-marks between beginning –of-partition and the current logical position.

6.14. REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT 44h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (44h)							
1	Reserved							MEDIA
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	(MSB)	Allocation Loengh						
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT provides information regarding the supported densities for the logical unit be sent to application client.

MEDIA : The MEDIA bit of ZERO indicates that the drive shall return density support data block for densities supported by the logical unit for any supported media. The data returned by the drive shall be static if the MEDIA bit is ZERO. The MEDIA bit of ZERO indicates that the drive shall return density support data block for densities supported by the mounted medium. If the MEDIA bit is ONE and the logical unit is not in the ready state, CHECK CONDITION status shall be returned . The sense key shall be sent to NOT READY.

The Allocation Length field specifies the maximum number of bytes that the drive may return.

The REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT command returns the REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT header followed by one DENSITY SUPPORT data block. The Density support data blocks shall be in numerical ascending order og the primary density code value for each block.

Table 45 – REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT header

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	(MSB)	Available Density Support Length (00h)						
1						(36h)		(LSB)
2	Reserved (00h)							
3	Reserved (00h)							

Available Density Support Length : This field specified the number of bytes in the following data that is available to be transferred. The Available density support length does not include itself.

Table 46 – REPORT DENSITY SUPPORT header

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PRIMARY DENSITY CODE (30 h)							
1	SECONDARY DENSITY CODE (30 h)							
2	WRTOK(1)	DUP(0)	DEFLT(1)	Reserved (00h)				
3	Reserved (00h)							
4	Reserved (00h)							
5	(MSB)	BITS PER MM (00 11 D7 h)						
7								(LSB)
8	(MSB)	Allocation Length						
9								(LSB)
10	(MSB)	TRACKS (00 01 h)						
11								(LSB)

12	(MSB)	CAPACITY (00 00 63 3ch)	
15			(LSB)
16	(MSB)	ASSIGNING ORGANIZATION (SONY)	
23			(LSB)
24	(MSB)	DENSITY NAME (AIT-1)	
31			(LSB)
32	(MSB)	DESCRIPTION (Advanced Intelligent Tape 1)	
51			(LSB)

Density support data blocks shall be returned by ascending primary density code values.

Primary Density Code : This field contains the value returned by a Mode Sense command for the density described in the remainder of the density support block. The drive shall accept a Mode Select command containing this value, for appropriate media. The value of 00h shall only be used for the default of the logical unit.

WRTOK : The WRTOK bit of ZERO indicates that logical unit support for this density does not include writing to the media. The WRTOK bit of ONE indicates the logical unit is capable of writing this density to either the currently mounted medium (Media bit in CDB set to one) or for some media (Media bit in CDB set to Zero).

DUP : The DUP bit of ZERO indicates this primary density code has exactly support data block. The DUP bit of ONE indicates this primary density code is specified in more than on density support block.

DEFLT : The DEFLT bit of ZERO indicates this density in not the default density of the drive. The DEFLT of ONE indicates this density is the default density of the logical unit. If neither the Primary or Secondary density code is zero and the DEFLT bit is one, the logical unit shall accept a Mode Select density code of 00h as equivalent to the Primary and Secondary density code.

Bits Per MM : This field indicates the number of bits per millimeter per track as recorded on the medium. The value in this field shall be rounded up if the fractional value of the actual value is greater than or equal to 0.5. A value of 00h indicates that the number of bits per millimeter does not apply to this logical unit. Direct of this value between different suppliers (possible products) is discouraged since the definition of bits may vary.

Media Width : This field indicates the width of the medium supported by this density. This field has units of tenths of millimeters. The value in this field of equal to 0.5. The Media Width field may vary for a given density depending on the mounted medium. A value of 00h indicates that the width of the medium does not apply to this logical unit.

Tracks : This field indicates the number of data tracks supported on medium by this density.

Capacity : If MEDIA bit of CDB is set to 0, this field shall indicates the approximate capacity of the longest supported medium assuming recording in this density with one partition. If the Media bit of CDB is set to 0, set to 0m this field should indicate the approximate capacity of the current medium assuming recording in this density with one partition. If the approximate capacity of the current medium cannot be determined for the mounted medium, the longestsupported medium capacity shall be used. The data and block size assumes that compression is disabled. The capacity also assumes that the media is in “good” condition, and that “normal”data and block size are used. This value is in units of megabytes (10000000 bytes). The lofical unit does not guarantee that this space is actually available in all cases.

6.15. RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS 1Ch

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (1Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	(MSB)	Allocation Length						
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS requests error analysis data be sent to the initiator after completion of a SEND DIAGNOSTIC command.

Allocation Length: This field specifies the number of bytes that the initiator has allocated for returned diagnostic data. An Allocation Length of ZERO means that no diagnostic data will be transferred. Any other value indicates the maximum number of bytes that will be transferred.

If the SEND DIAGNOSTIC had the PF bit set, the drive returns four bytes of header data as will as eight bytes of the diagnostic result. If the PF bit was not set, the drive returns only the eight bytes of the diagnostic result.

The drive terminates the DATA IN phase when Allocation Length bytes have been transferred or when all the available diagnostic data (four or eight bytes depending on the PF bit) have been transferred to the initiator, whichever, is less.

If the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with the HARDWARE ERROR Sense Key and an Additional Sense Code of DIAGNOSTIC FAILURE set on completion of a SEND DIAGNOSTIC, then the Host should issue a RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS command to receive the eight bytes of data indicating the actual failure and the Most Suspect Unit (MSU).

If the Host issued a SEND DIAGNOSTIC with the PF bit set and a page Code of ZERO, the drive returns which pages it supports in the following format:

Table 6-47: RECEIVE DIAGNOSTICS supported pages

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (00h)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 02h)						
3								(LSB)
4	Supported Page Code (00h)							
5	Supported Page Code (81h)							

If the Host issued a SEND DIAGNOSTIC with the PF bit set and a Page Code of 81h, the drive returns the following four bytes of page header, then four bytes of diagnostic results.

Table 6-48: RECEIVE DIAGNOSTICS page header

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (81h)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 05h)						
3								(LSB)

The structure of the diagnostic results data is described below:

All error messages are of the same format. All fields within the error message may not be known or applicable and are cleared to ZERO. A diagnostic result of all ZEROs is returned if the diagnostic completed successfully without error.

Table 6-49: RECEIVE DIAGNOSTICS results data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reset Error	Time Re-Sync	Reserved		Error Set			
1	Error Code							
2	Result A							
3	Result B							
4	Test Number							

Reset error: This bit is set when an error occurs during power-on self-test.

Time Re-Sync: This bit indicates that the time stamp saved with the error log has no relation to that of the previous entry. It is only set by the logging routine within the data buffer as an error is logged.

Error set: Various set of error codes exist. The definition of the error is dependent upon when set is taken from as follows:

0 - Runtime errors
1 - Drive mechanism diagnostic errors
2 - Drive electronics diagnostic errors

Error code: Error codes for each error set are defined in the Diagnostics clause.

Result A and B: The content of these bytes depends on the test being run. See the Diagnostics clause.

Test number: This is the test number to which the message applies (if a test fails within a sequence, the individual test number will be returned).

6.16. RELEASE UNIT 17h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (17h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			3rdPty	Third Party Device ID			Reserved
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

RELEASE UNIT releases the drive if it is currently reserved by the requesting initiator.

It is not an error to attempt to release the drive if it is not currently reserved to the requesting initiator. However, if it is reserved by another initiator, the drive is not released.

3rdPty: The Third-Party release option for the RELEASE UNIT command allows an initiator to release a logical unit that was previously reserved using the Third-Party reservation option.

If the 3rdPty bit is ZERO, then the Third-Party release option is not requested. If the 3rdPty bit is one, then the drive is released, if the reservation was made using the Third-Party reservation option by the initiator that is requesting the release and for the same SCSI device as specified in the Third-Party Device ID field.

6.17. REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS (02h)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (02h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Allocation Length (03h)							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

The REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS command reports the current position of the logical unit. No medium movement shall occur as a result of the command. This command is used in conjunction with the SEEK BLOCK (0Ch) command.

Note: This command is similar in function to the SCSI-2 READ POSITION command and is supported by the SDX-300C to allow backward compatibility with QIC-104 type devices.

Blocks are numbered sequentially, starting with 0 at BOT. Each SCSI Block, File-mark or Save Set Mark after BOT adds one to the count.

Allocation Length: Indicates the number of bytes of the Block Address to transfer. A value of ZERO indicates that the default data Transfer Length of 3 bytes is used.

Table 6-50: Request Block Address Data Format

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Logical Block Address (MSB)							
1	Logical Block Address							
2	Logical Block Address (LSB)							

The Logical Block Address fields contain the current tape position block number.

6.18. REQUEST SENSE 03h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (03h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Allocation Length (1Ch)							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

The REQUEST SENSE command requests that the target transfer sense data to the initiator.

The Sense Data will be valid for a CHECK CONDITION or RESERVATION CONFLICT status returned on the previous command. The Sense data will be preserved by the target until retrieved by the REQUEST SENSE command or until the receipt of any other command from the same initiator. The 28 bytes of Sense data are cleared upon receipt of any subsequent command to the logical unit, including another REQUEST SENSE.

If the drive receives an unsolicited REQUEST SENSE, then it returns Sense Data with the File-mark, EOM and the appropriate values in the Additional Sense Code/ Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields. These fields are only set if the drive is currently logically positioned at BOM/P, EOM , EOD, or after a File-mark or after a Set-mark. The Host is required to know what the current direction of tape motion is and, therefore to know whether the logical position at a File-mark or Set-mark is either on the BOT or EOT side of that mark.

The positional information provided reflects the logical position of the drive. The drive returns information based on the data still in its buffer as well as the data on tape.

The REQUEST SENSE command does not cause the drive to flush its buffered data to tape. Therefore, if the Host requires the exact physical positioning of the media, it should precede the REQUEST SENSE with a WRITE FILEMARKS command with the number of File-marks field = 0 and with the immediate bit set to ZERO. This command will force the drive to flush any currently buffered data to tape. A subsequent REQUEST SENSE will return the initiator the actual physical (and logical) position of the drive.

Note: The drive will only maintain valid positional information on normal operating commands. If the SEND DIAGNOSTIC or READ/WRITE BUFFER commands are sent to the drive, valid positional information will not be returned in response to an unsolicited REQUEST SENSE.

Allocation Length: The Allocation Length specifies the maximum number of sense bytes to be returned. The drive terminates the transfer when the Allocation Length bytes have been transferred or when all available sense data has been transferred to the Host, whichever is less.

The returned sense information has the following format:

Table 6-51: Error Codes 70h and 71h Sense Data Format

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Valid	Error Code (70h or 71h)						
1	Segment Number							
2	File-mark	EOM	ILI	Reserved	Sense Key			
3	(MSB)	Information Bytes						
6								(LSB)
7	Additional Sense Length (14h)							
8	(MSB)	Command-Specific Information						
11								(LSB)
12	Additional Sense Code							
13	Additional Sense Code Qualifier							
14	Field Replaceable Unit Code							
15	SKSV	Sense-Key Specific						
17								
18	Reserved							
19	(MSB)	Read/Write Data Error Counter						
21								(LSB)
22	(MSB)	Remaining Tape						
25								(LSB)
26	Reserved				CLN	Reserved		MEW
27	Reserved							

Valid: A valid bit of one indicates that the Information Bytes hold residual data as defined in the SCSI spec.

Error Code: A value of 70h indicates a current error, i.e. the report is associated with the most recently received command. A value of 71h indicates a deferred error, i.e. the report is associated with a previous command and is not as a result of the current command. No other values will be returned.

Segment Number: Contains the number of the current segment descriptor if the REQUEST SENSE command is in response to a COPY command. Otherwise this byte is ZERO.

File-mark: This bit indicates that the current command has read a File-mark or a Set-mark. Reporting of Set-marks is optional and indicated by the RSmk bit in the MODE SENSE/SELECT Device Configuration Parameter page.

EOM: An End-Of-Medium (EOM) bit of ONE indicates that an End-Of-Medium condition exists. This bit, when set, indicates that the drive is at or past the Logical Early Warning Point if the direction was forward, or that the command could not be completed because Beginning-Of-Partition was encountered if the direction was reverse. The drive will also set the Sense Key to NO SENSE and the Additional Sense Code Qualifier to either 04h for Beginning of Partition or 02h for End of Partition.

For WRITE type operations, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION on any operation which occurs following detection of the Early Warning End-of-Partition marker. The EOM and Additional Sense Code fields will be set.

For READ type operations, the drive will not return a CHECK CONDITION until the drive encounters the physical End-of-Partition.

Note that at PHYSICAL End-of-Partition, a WRITE FILEMARK command will cause the command to terminate with a CHECK CONDITION and a sense key of VOLUME OVERFLOW.

ILI: This is the Incorrect Length Indicator bit, which indicates that the requested logical block length did not match the logical block length of the data on the medium. Only READ or VERIFY may cause this bit to be set.

Information Bytes: The conditions of these bytes will contain the differences (residue) of the requested length minus the actual length in either bytes, blocks, File-marks or Set-marks as determined by the command. (Negative values are indicated by two's complement notation.) These bytes will be valid for all READ, WRITE, SPACE and VERIFY commands for which a CHECK CONDITION status has been generated. These bytes will be ZERO for MODE SELECT/SENSE, INQUIRY, READ BLOCK LIMITS and TEST UNIT READY commands.

Additional Sense Length: This specifies the number of additional sense bytes that are to follow. If the Allocation Length of the Command Descriptor Block is too small to transfer all of the additional sense bytes, the Additional Sense Length is not adjusted to reflect the truncation.

Command Specific Information Bytes: Command Specific Bytes are unused, and will be ZERO.

Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier: These two bytes provide additional information about what caused the CHECK CONDITION status. They are used extensively by the drive. The information is presented in the Sense Key Description table on the following pages.

Field Replaceable Unit Code: This byte is used to define a device specific mechanism or part that has failed. A value of ZERO indicates that no specific mechanism or unit has been identified to have failed. **The units and their values** are:

00h - Unable to identify failed unit
01h - Drive Mechanism
02h - Drive Electronics

Sense Key specific bytes: These fields will contain data that further defines the nature of the CHECK CONDITION.

If the sense field is set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the SKSV bit is set to one, the Sense Key specific fields will be as shown below. The fields point to illegal parameters sent by the Host.

Table 6-52: Field Pointer Bytes

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
15	SKSV(1)	C/D	Reserved	Reserved	BPV	Bit Pointer		
16	(MSB)	Field Pointer						
17								(LSB)

C/D: When this bit is set, it indicates that the illegal parameter is in the Command Descriptor Block. A C/D of ZERO indicates that the illegal parameter is in the Parameter List sent by the Host during the DATA OUT phase.

BPV: When the Bit Pointer Valid bit is set, indicates that the Bit Pointer field specifies which bit of the byte designated by the Field Pointer is in error. When a multiple-bit field is in error, the Bit Pointer field points to the most significant (left most) bit of the field.

Field Pointer: This field indicates which byte of the Command Descriptor Block or of the Parameter List data was in error. Bytes are numbered from ZERO. When a multiple byte field is in error, the pointer points to the most significant byte of the field.

If the SKSV bit is ZERO, then the Field Pointer Bytes take the Sony Unique Format as shown below:

Table 6-53: Error Code and Status Bytes

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
15	SKSV(0)	Reserved						
16	Runtime Error Code							
17	Status Byte (00h)							

Runtime Error Code: This field is part of the internal protocol and contains the Runtime (error set 0) Error code. These internal error codes are also listed below, showing to which Sense, ASC and ASCQ fields they are mapped.

Status Byte: This field is not supported. The drive will always return 00h in this byte.

Read/Write Data Error Counter: After a read operation, this field returns "Number of read soft errors" fields of Log data. After a write operation, this field returns "Number of write soft errors" fields of Log data. This field is valid only after a READ or a WRITE command. It is direct mapping of the relevant Log data and is cleared/reset in the same way as the Log data.

Remaining Tape: The capacity remaining of the tape in 1024 byte blocks is returned. This means the area from the current logical position to EOP.

CLN: When this bit is set, it indicates drive request cleaning . Refer to the clause 4.5.1

MEW: When this bit is set, it indicates Media Warning. Refer to the clause 4.5.2.3

A description of the different Sense Keys (Byte 2), Additional Sense Codes (Byte 12), and the Additional Sense Code Qualifiers (Byte 13) supported by the SDX-300C are listed in a table beginning on the following page.

The following Table shows the REQUEST Sense Keys and the Additional Sense Key (Byte 12) and the Additional Sense Key Qualifier (Byte 13) supported by the SDX-300C:

Table 6-54: Sense Key Descriptions

Sense Key	Bytes 12	Bytes 13	Description
00h			**NO SENSE**: Indicates that there is no specific sense key information to be reported for the designated logical unit. This would be the case for a successful command or a command that received CHECK CONDITION or COMMAND TERMINATED status because one of the File-mark, EOM, or ILI bits is set to one. For File-mark or Set-mark detected the drive will be positioned on the EOM side of the mark if the drive direction was forward and on the BOM side of the mark if the direction was reverse.
	00	00	NO ADDITIONAL SENSE INFORMATION
	00	01	FILEMARK DETECTED
	00	02	END-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
	00	03	SETMARK DETECTED
	00	04	BEGINNING-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
	00	05	END-OF-DATA DETECTED
01h			**RECOVERED ERROR.** Not supported by the SDX-300C
02h			**NOT READY**. Indicates that the logical unit addressed cannot be accessed. Operator intervention may be required to correct this condition. Typically this indicates that there is no tape loaded. This status is also returned if the drive is currently rewinding following REWIND with Immediate bit set and another command is received (except for INQUIRY and READ BLOCK LIMITS which return GOOD status).
	04	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY - Media is present within the drive. This status is returned to any tape motion command following UNLOAD with Immediate bit set or if the Eject button has been pressed by the operator. Also can be caused by the command sequence, PREVENT ALLOW MEDIA REMOVAL with Prevent bit set followed by UNLOAD. Tape motion commands such as READ, WRITE or SPACE are not allowed but Diagnostics which do not access the tape are permitted.

	04 01	LOGICAL UNIT IS IN PROCESS OF BECOMING READY - This status is returned following a LOAD command with the IMMED bit set for any tape motion command before the tape is loaded. Also during the auto load following a tape insertion.
	3A 00	MEDIUM NOT PRESENT - This status is returned for all tape motion commands when there is no media within the tape.
03h		**MEDIUM ERROR**. Indicates that the current command or a previously acknowledged write-type operation terminated with a non-recovered error condition that was probably caused by a flaw in the medium, an error in the recorded data or the cleanliness of the head. This sense key may also be returned if the drive is unable to distinguish between a flaw in the medium and a specific hardware failure (sense key 4h). This condition is also marked by the Valid bit being set, indicating that the information bytes contain residue information.
	00 02	END-OF-PARTITION / MEDIUM DETECTED
	0C 00	WRITE ERROR – The Read-After-Write Retry limit was exceeded during Write. Probably caused by a flaw in the media.
	11 00	UNRECOVERED READ ERROR - C1, C2 & C3 Error Correction could not correct a Read Error. Probably caused by a flaw in the media.
	11 08	INCOMPLETE BLOCK READ - The drive could not read the AITFormat Group containing the requested block. Could be caused by head clogging or media damage.
	14 03	END-OF-DATA NOT FOUND - While Reading a AIT format tape, the drive encountered blank (unformatted) media during a Read operation. This error could be caused by serious head clogging.
	15 02	POSITIONING ERROR DETECTED BY READ OF MEDIUM - Cannot find destination Group during Space operation.
	30 00	INCOMPATIBLE MEDIUM INSTALLED - Format violation. Possible that the Sub-Area cannot be read.
	30 02	CANNOT READ MEDIUM, INCOMPATIBLE FORMAT - Format violation, non-AIT-1 Format.
	31 00	MEDIUM FORMAT CORRUPTED - AIT format Group GIT, BAT, or Sub-Codes do not match or are improper.
	33 00	TAPE LENGTH ERROR - Attempting to select partition 1 on a single tape. Requested partition size in MODE SELECT - Medium Partitions Parameter page is too large (exceeds tape length) or too small (0< requested partition size in frames < 2541).
	3B 08	REPOSITION ERROR - Position lost during Read, Verify, Write or Select Partition operation. This will not be reported when Spacing.
	50 00	WRITE APPEND ERROR - Cannot find the last frame of the Group and therefore, cannot append.
	52 00	CARTRIDGE FAULT
	70 00	DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION SHORT ALGORITHM ID OF NN - ALGORITHM ID <= 255
	83 03	MIC Checksum Error
04h		**HARDWARE ERROR**. Indicates that the drive detected a non-recoverable hardware failure not related to the tape (for example, controller failure , device failure, parity error, etc).While performing the command or during a self-test . If a previously acknowledged write-type operation was the cause, the valid bit is set. The error code in sense byte 16 will indicate the specific problem. Refer to the error code table in the diagnostics clause for more information.

	03	00	PERIPHERAL DEVICE WRITE FAULT - Drive electronics did not report successful completion to a Write operation.
	3F	01	MICROCODE HAS BEEN CHANGED – Illegal firmware code is reprogrammed.
	44	00	INTERNAL TARGET FAILURE - Any unexpected internal error CONDITIONS INDICATING A NON-RECOVERABLE HARDWARE FAILURE. REFER TO THE FIELD REPLACEABLE UNIT CODE FIELD (SENSE BYTE 14) TO DETERMINE WHICH PART OF THE DRIVE IS FAILING. HOST SHOULD ISSUE SEND DIAGNOSTICS WITH THE SELF-TEST BIT SET TO THOROUGHLY TEST THE DRIVE. THIS SENSE INFORMATION COULD ALSO BE RETURNED AFTER A SEND DIAGNOSTICS COMMAND ENDS WITH A CHECK CONDITION STATUS. HOST SHOULD ISSUE RECEIVE DIAGNOSTICS RESULTS FOR MORE DETAILS. POSSIBLE CAUSES: BUFFER OVERRUN/ UNDER-RUN, FORMAT VIOLATION, MECHANICAL STATUS TIME-OUT, INTERNAL DATA PARITY ERROR, BYTE COUNT MISMATCH, INCORRECT MICRO PROCESSOR OPERATION, UNEXPECTED SCSI PROTOCOL CHIP INTERRUPT.
	83	06	MIC READ ERROR
05h			**ILLEGAL REQUEST**. Indicates that there was an illegal parameter in the Command Descriptor Block or in the additional parameters supplied as data for some commands. If the target detects an invalid parameter in the command descriptor block, then it shall terminate the command without altering the medium. If the target detects an invalid parameter in the additional parameters supplied as data, then the target may have already altered the medium. This sense key may also indicate that an invalid IDENTIFY message was received.
	1A	00	PARAMETER LIST LENGTH ERROR - Indicates that the Parameter Length error in the Command Descriptor Block. Either the value does not fall on a Header, Page or Block descriptor boundary or the Parameter List Length is unexpectedly large.
	20	00	INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE - Invalid or Unsupported command.
	24	00	INVALID FIELD IN CDB - Bits are set in one or more fields are not supported or are Reserved. Refer to the Field Pointer (Bytes 15-17) to identify the illegal bit or field.
	25	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT SUPPORTED - The SDX-300 has an embedded SCSI controller with only one Logical Unit (LUN). The error indicates that the LUNTRN field in the Identify message was not ZERO.
	26	00	INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST - Test Number, Configuration Number Header, or Field in the Parameter List was invalid or selected Diagnostic test is not Host assessable.
	26	01	PARAMETER NOT SUPPORTED - Unsupported page requested. Refer to the Field Pointer (Bytes 15-17) to identify the illegal bit or field.
	2C	00	COMMAND SEQUENCE ERROR - Write Buffer command when tape is inserted and not at BOT.
	3D	00	INVALID BITS IN IDENTIFY MESSAGE - Identify message was not 80h or C0h.
	83	02	No MIC Detected
	83	04	MIC out of Memory
	83	05	No Data Body Detected in the MIC
	83	0C	MIC format type is undefined
	83	0D	MIC capacity field indicates illegal value.

	83 80	Partition Count exceeded
	83 89	User Volume Note Size Mismatch
	83 8A	User Partition Note Size Mismatch
	83 97	Current Partition is not the last partition
	83 98	Can not append the new partition, because remaining capacity too short.
	83 99	Can not delete partition
	83 9B	Can not format tape because real tape capacity is exceeded
	83 9C	Can not append new partitions because the MIC is out of memory
06h		**UNIT ATTENTION**. Indicates that the removable medium may have been changed or the target has been reset.
	28 00	NOT READY TO READY TRANSITION, MEDIUM MAY HAVE CHANGED
	29 00	POWER ON, RESET, OR BUS DEVICE RESET OCCURRED
	29 80	Drive Failed Power-on test or Diagnostic - (SONY Unique)
	2A 01	MODE PARAMETERS CHANGED - Issued to all other initiators after one initiator changes any Mode Parameter.
	83 87	Broken MIC is loaded in AIT mode
07h		**DATA PROTECT**. Indicates that a WRITE type of operation was attempted on a write protected tape, write operation is not performed.
	27 00	WRITE PROTECTED - Cassette is Write Protected.
	83 0B	BROKEN MIC – Cassette is Write Protected
08h		**BLANK CHECK**. Indicates the drive encountered blank medium or end-of-data indication while reading.
	00 00	NO ADDITIONAL SENSE INFORMATION - Blank Tape was encountered at BOT
	00 05	END-OF-DATA DETECTED - During READ or SPACE command.
09h		**Vendor Specific**
	83 08	MIC is not formatted yet
	83 0B	MIC is broken
	83 83	MIC is exist but is not used
0Bh		**ABORTED COMMAND**
	43 00	MESSAGE ERROR - Unexpected Message phase.
	45 00	SELECT OR RESELECT FAILURE - SCSI Selection/ Re-selection error.
	47 00	SCSI PARITY ERROR - SCSI Parity Error detected and drive proceeded to Status phase.
	48 00	INITIATOR DETECTED ERROR MESSAGE RECEIVED.
	4A 00	COMMAND PHASE ERROR
	4B 00	DATA PHASE ERROR - Possible DMA error
	4E 00	OVERLAPPED COMMANDS ATTEMPTED - Host issued a new command to the drive while a previous command was being executed.
0Dh		**VOLUME OVERFLOW**

	00 02	END-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED - During Write type operation.
0Eh		MISCOMPARE. Not supported by the SDX-300C
0Fh		RESERVED. Not used by SDX-300C

REQUEST SENSE returns the CHECK CONDITION status only to report fatal errors for the REQUEST SENSE command.

For example:
The target receives a non ZERO reserved bit in the command descriptor block.
An un-recovered parity error occurs on the Data Bus.
A target malfunction prevents return of the sense data.
The Allocation Length falls between block boundaries.

Following a fatal error on REQUEST SENSE, the sense data should be considered invalid. The host may attempt recovery by selecting the drive and issuing a BUS DEVICE RESET message directly following the IDENTIFY message. This forces the drive to do a hard reset. If the fault persists, the host should deny access to the drive.

6.19. RESERVE UNIT 16h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (16h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			3rdPty	Third Party Device ID			Reserved
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

RESERVE UNIT reserves the drive for exclusive use by the requesting initiator or another specified SCSI device.

The reservation will remain in effect until one of the following conditions is met:

- The initiator that made the reservation sends another RESERVE UNIT command.
- The drive is released by a RELEASE UNIT command from the same initiator.
- A BUS DEVICE RESET message is received from any initiator.
- A hard RESET condition occurs.

The occurrence of the last two conditions is indicated by the drive returning a CHECK CONDITION status with a sense key of UNIT ATTENTION on the next command following the condition. It is not an error for an initiator to issue RESERVE UNIT to the drive if the drive is currently reserved by that initiator. If the drive has previously been reserved by another initiator, then the drive generates a RESERVATION CONFLICT status.

If, after honoring the reservation, any other initiator then attempts to perform any command except INQUIRY, REQUEST SENSE, or RELEASE UNIT, then the command is rejected with a RESERVATION CONFLICT status. A RELEASE UNIT command issued by another initiator will be ignored by that reserved logical unit.

3rdPty: The Third-Party Reservation option allows an initiator to reserve the drive for another SCSI device. This option is intended for systems that use the COPY command and is implemented by the drive.

If the Third-Party bit is ZERO, then the Third-Party Reservation option is not requested. If the 3rdPty bit is one, a RESERVE UNIT reserves the drive for the SCSI device specified in the Third-Party Device ID field. The drive preserves the reservation until any one of the four conditions mentioned above occurs. The drive ignores any attempt made by any other initiator to release the reservation and returns GOOD status.

An initiator that holds a current reservation may modify that reservation e.g., switch third-parties by issuing another RESERVE UNIT command to the drive.

If the logical unit has previously been reserved by another initiator, the target returns a RESERVATION CONFLICT status.

6.20. REWIND 01h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (01h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				Immed
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

REWIND tells the drive to position the media at the beginning of the currently active partition. Before rewinding, the drive writes any buffered data to tape and appends an EOD marker.

Immed: When this bit is set, the drive writes any remaining buffered data followed by an EOD marker to tape. It then returns status to the Host before beginning the actual rewind operation. If the Immediate bit is not set, status will be returned after the rewind has completed.

6.21. SEEK BLOCK (0Ch)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (0Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				Immed
2	(MSB)							
3				Logical Block Address				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

The SEEK BLOCK command causes the target to position the logical unit to the specified block address. Upon completion, the logical position shall be after the specified location. Prior to performing the operation, the target shall ensure that all buffered data, File-marks, and Set-marks have been transferred to the medium. This command should be used in conjunction with the REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS command.

Note: This command is similar in function to the SCSI-2 LOCATE command and is supported by the SDX-300C to allow backward compatibility with QIC devices.

Immed: If the Immediate bit equals 0 then the SEEK BLOCK command will report completion status to the Initiator after the entire operation is complete. If the Immediate bit is 1 then the drive will report "COMMAND COMPLETE" to the Initiator upon acceptance of the command. Logical Block Address :The Block Address of the desired position.

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6.22. SEND DIAGNOSTIC 1Dh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (1Dh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			PF	Reserved	SelfTest	DevOfl(0)	UnitOfl
2	Reserved							
3	(MSB)	Parameter List Length						
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

SEND DIAGNOSTIC tells the drive to perform diagnostic tests on itself.

PF: The drive expects the Page Format bit to be set to indicate that the parameters transferred during the DATA OUT phase will include four bytes of header information as well as the diagnostic test bytes.

If this bit is not set the parameter bytes will only describe the diagnostic test. Note that if the SelfTest bit is set, this bit must be ZERO else the drive will return CHECK CONDITION with the ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

SelfTest: When this bit is set the drive executes its POWER-ON SEQUENCE. The Parameter List Length must be ZERO when this bit is set other-wise the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set. After Self Test, a LOAD command is required to bring the drive online.

DevOfl: Device Off-line is not supported and shall be set to ZERO, otherwise the driver will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST SENSE key set.

UnitOfl: This bit must be set for proper operation of any diagnostic test except Self Test. If this bit is not set, except for self-test, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Parameter List Length: This field provides the count of the number of Parameter List bytes which will be transferred in the DATA OUT phase. These bytes describe the test that is to be run. This field must be set to ZERO if the Self-Test bit is set.

If the PF bit is ZERO, the Parameter List describes the diagnostic test to be executed. The diagnostic tests are five bytes in length. If the Parameter List Length is not set to five or ZERO if the Self-Test bit is set , the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

If the PF bit is set, the Parameter List includes a four byte header as of the form:

Table 6-55: Diagnostic Page Format

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (n-3)						
3								(LSB)

Page Code: The drive supports two Page Codes:

00h - Return Supported pages
81h - Drive Diagnostic page

For Page Code 00h, the Page Length must be ZERO and the Parameter List Length must be set to four otherwise the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set. This Page Code requests that the drive return a list of the supported pages in the DATA IN phase of RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC.

For Page Code 81h, the Page Length must be five and the Parameter List Length must be set to nine otherwise the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set. This page Code instructs the drive to execute the five bytes of diagnostic test that follow the four bytes of header. The five bytes of diagnostic test information will be of the form:

Table 6-56: Diagnostic Test information

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Diagnostic Test Number							
1	Break	Loop Count Identifier						
2	Parameter A							
3	Parameter B							
4	Parameter C							

Diagnostic Test Number: Number identifying which test to execute

Break: Indicates how to terminate the loop count should an error occur.

0 = stop on first error
1 = do not stop on error

Loop Count Identifier: The number of times that the test should be repeated before status is returned.

0 = Continuous
1 = run once
2 = run 10 times
3 = run 100 times
4 = run 1000 times

Parameters A, B, C: Any additional parameters required to fully define the diagnostic test.

If the test completes successfully, the drive returns GOOD status. If the test failed, CHECK CONDITION status is returned with a HARDWARE ERROR Sense Key and an Additional Sense Code of DIAGNOSTIC FAILURE set. The Host should then send a REQUEST DIAGNOSTIC command which will return information as to which test failed and the nature of the failure. If the test requested is not defined, not available to the requested processor, or not executable in the current configuration, this information will be reported in the data returned by the REQUEST DIAGNOSTIC command.

Refer to clause 7, Drive Diagnostics for more detailed information about the supported diagnostic tests and test operations.

6.23. SPACE 11h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (11h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		Code		
2	(MSB)							
3				Count				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

SPACE provides a variety of positioning functions that are determined by the Code and Count fields in the Command Descriptor Block. Both forward (toward EOM/P) and reverse (toward BOM/P) positioning are provided.

Code: The supported values are:

Table 6-57: SPACE codes

Code	Description
000b	Blocks
001b	File-marks
011b	End-Of-Data
100b	Set-marks

Note: The drive will reject a SPACE Set-mark command if it has not configured through MODE SELECT to report Set-marks. The drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with the Sense data set to ILLEGAL REQUEST. In this command description the word “mark” is used to mean File-mark or Set-mark. Only where their responses differ shall File-mark and Set-mark be referred explicitly.

Count: When spacing over blocks or marks, the Count field is interpreted as follows:

A positive value N causes forward movement over N blocks or marks. The tape is logically positioned after the Nth block (or mark) on the EOM/P side.

A ZERO value causes no change in the logical position.

A negative value -N (2’s complement notation) causes reverse movement over N blocks or marks. The tape is logically positioned on the BOM /P side of the Nth block (or mark).

When spacing to EOD, the Count field is ignored. Forward movement occurs until the drive encounters EOD. The position is such that a subsequent WRITE command would append data after the last entity that has been written to tape before EOD.

When executing a SPACE, the drive implements the following hierarchy: Blocks (lowest), File-marks, Set-marks, EOD, BOM/P or EOM/P (highest)

Therefore, SPACE N blocks will halt with GOOD status after the Nth block, or with CHECK CONDITION status on any occurrence of File-mark, Set-mark, EOD, BOM/P or EOM/P. A SPACE N File-marks will halt on the Nth File-mark or on any occurrence of Set-mark, EOD, BOM/P or EOM/P, and so on. Within the Sense data, the fields will be set as described on the following table.

Table 6-58: SPACE CHECK CONDITION results

Spacing	Event Detected	Sense Data					
		Valid	Mark	EOM	Sense Key	ASC/ASCQ	Note
Blocks	File-mark	1	1	0	No Sense	File-mark Detected	a,b
	Set-mark	1	1	0	No Sense	Set-mark Detected	a,b,d
	EOD	1	0	0	Blank Check		b,e
	BOT	1	0	1	No Sense	BOM/P Detected	b,f
	Phy EOT	1	0	1	Medium Error	EOM/P Detected	b,g
File-marks	Set-mark	1	1	0	No Sense	Set-mark Detected	a,b,d
	EOD	1	0	0	Blank Check		b,e
	BOT	1	0	1	No Sense	BOM/P Detected	b,f
	Phy.EOT	1	0	1	Medium Error	EOM/P Detected	b,g
Set-marks	EOD	1	0	0	Blank Check		b,e
	BOT	1	0	1	No Sense	BOM/P Detected	b,f
	Phy.EOT	1	0	1	Medium Error	EOM/P Detected	b,g
EOD	BOT	0	0	1	No Sense	BOM/P Detected	c,f
	Phy.EOT	0	0	1	Medium Error	EOM/P Detected	c,g

Note a: The logical position is located on the EOM side of the mark if movement was in the forward direction and on the BOM side of the mark if movement was in the reverse direction.

Note b: The Information field is set to the difference (residue) between the requested count and the actual number of blocks, file marks, Set-marks, or spaced over.

Note c: The Information field will contain no residue count and therefore the Valid bit is not set.

Note d: The drive will only report that a Set-mark has been detected while spacing over blocks or File marks, if it has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Set-marks. Otherwise, the drive will continue the space operation and the presence of the Set-mark will be transparent to the Host.

Note e: The tape is positioned such that a subsequent WRITE would append data after the last entity that has been written to the tape before EOD.

Note f: The tape is physically positioned at BOM/P.

Note g: EOM is only reported when the physical EOM/P is encountered. The tape is physically positioned at EOM/P.

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NO SENSE: If a File-mark occurs while spacing over blocks, the File-mark and Valid bits in extended sense are set to one. The Information bytes are set to the difference (residue) between the requested count and the actual number of blocks spaced over (not including the mark).

If a Save Set Mark occurs while spacing over blocks or File-marks, nothing is reported unless the SDX-300C has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Save Set Marks.

If the Report Save-Set Marks configuration is enabled and a Save-Set Mark occurs while spacing over blocks or File marks, the Valid bit and the Additional Sense keys in the Returned Sense data are set to indicate that a Save-Set Mark has been encountered. The information bytes are set to the difference (residue) in the requested count and the actual number of blocks or Save-Set Marks spaced over (not including the detected Save-Set Mark).

If End-of-Data is detected while spacing over blocks or marks, the Valid bit and the Additional Sense Keys in the Returned Sense Data are set to indicate that an EOD mark has been encountered. The Information bytes are set to the difference (residue) in the requested count and the actual number of blocks or marks spaced over.

If BOT is detected while spacing over blocks or marks in the reverse direction, the EOM bit is set in extended sense. The Valid bit is set to one and the Information bytes to the difference (residue) between the requested count and the actual number of blocks or File marks spaced over.

6.23.2. Sony SDX-300C unique implementation for SPACE

6.23.2.1. Separator Counter Expansions

The GIT and the Group data structure are defined in the ECMA-246 (ISO/IEC DIS 15780) AIT-1 Standard Format. According to this, File-mark count is 2 bytes field in a [3]GIT. And Set-mark count is also 2 bytes field in a GIT. Therefore those of maximum counts are 65,536 of each [4]Group Structure. If you write over 65,536 blocks of 9 bytes data chunk with [5]separator-mark for every block, then separator-mark counter will be over flowed. Writing a separator-mark every less than 9 bytes is not so popular application, because almost all [6]ISV back-up software and utility tools (like an UNIX tar archive command) use more large block size (data chunk) and write few separator-mark on their way. For this reason, 2 bytes field is substantially good enough for nominal backup and archival applications, however Sony SDX-300C have expanded these two 2 bytes field to 3 bytes. Byte number 801791 in a Group is for the MSB of File-mark counter. Byte number 801792 in a Group is for the MSB of Set-mark counter. This expansion avoid the counter over flow. Sony will propose the counter expansion for the part of AIT-2 standard.

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[3] GIT (Group Information Table): see page 46 clause 11.2.2 of the ECMA-246 document.

[4] Group: see page 44 clause 11.2 of the ECMA-246 document.

[5] Separator-mark: both File-mark and Set-mark are called separator-mark.

[6] ISV: Independent Software Vendor

6.23.2.2. Super High Speed Search

The Sony SDX-300C will automatically accelerate the fast search operation by using physical position map information in MIC, while long distance space operation. The fast search speed is 75 times faster than nominal, and the accelerated search speed is 150 times faster than nominal. The nominal search speed is 225 Mbytes/sec. The Sony SDX-300C manage the physical position map information in MIC automatically, without special SCSI commands or hardware settings.

6.23.2.3. Data Buffer Management

The drive's buffer holds up to 4 groups worth of data (since the data buffer is 4 Mbytes). Therefore, a single record (less than 4 Mbytes in length) might be read and then backspaced over repeatedly without the tape moving since once the record is within the buffer, no further information is required from the tape.

6.24. TEST UNIT READY 00h

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (00h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

TEST UNIT READY checks if the drive is ready. This is not a request for a self-test. If the drive has a tape loaded, this command will return a GOOD status. Otherwise, CHECK CONDITION will be reported and the sense key will be NOT READY.

Table 6-59: TEST UNIT READY results

Drive Status	Sense Key	ASC/ASCQ Description
Tape Loaded	00 No Sense	00 NO ADDITIONAL SENSE INFORMATION
No Tape Present	02 Not Ready	3A 00 MEDIUM NOT PRESENT
Tape Loading	02 Not Ready	04 01 LOGICAL UNIT IS BECOMING READY
Tape Unloading	02 Not Ready	04 00 LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY
Tape Unloaded (but retained in drive)	02 Not Ready	04 00 LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY

6.25. VERIFY 13h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (13h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		Immed(0)	BytCmp(0)	Fixed
2	(MSB)							
3				Verification Length				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

VERIFY verifies one or more blocks beginning with the next block on the tape. The verification is a media verification only. No data is transferred between the Host and the Drive.

Fixed: This bit specifies both the meaning of the Verification Length field and whether fixed-length or variable-length blocks are to be verified.

If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, Variable Block mode is requested. A single block is verified with the Verification Length specifying the maximum number of bytes that are to be verified.

If the Fixed bit is set to one, the Verification Length specifies the number of blocks to be verified by the drive. This is valid only if the logical unit is currently operating in Fixed Block mode, in other words, when it has been instructed to use fixed-length blocks with MODE SELECT. The current block length is the block length defined in the MODE SELECT command. If the Fixed bit is set and the drive is in Variable Block mode, the VERIFY is rejected with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set. The VERIFY is also rejected if the drive is in Fixed Block mode and the Fixed bit is not set with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

BytCmp: This function is not supported. If this bit is set, the command is rejected with CHECK CONDITION status with the ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Immed: This function is not supported. If this bit is set, the command is rejected with a CHECK CONDITION status with the ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

VERIFY terminates when the Verification Length has been satisfied, when a File mark, a Save-Set Mark (if the drive has been configured to report Set-marks), EOD or the physical EOM is encountered. The status and sense data for each of these conditions are handled in the same manner as in READ. Upon completion of VERIFY, the logical position is located after the last block from which data was verified or after the File mark, or Set-mark, if one is encountered. When the Verification Length is ZERO, no data is verified and the current logical position is not be changed.

If the actual block length is different from the Verification Length, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned. Within the Sense data, the Incorrect Length Indicator (ILI) bit and Valid bit will be set to one, the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE and the Information Bytes are set to the difference (residue) between the requested Verification length and the actual block length, or in Blocked Mode, the difference (residue) between the requested number of blocks and the actual number of blocks verified.

If the drive encounters a File mark, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the File mark and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE. The Information fields contain the residue count. The Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to File mark Detected. Upon termination, the media will be logically positioned after the File mark (EOM side).

If, however, the drive encounters a Set-mark during VERIFY, nothing is reported unless the drive has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Set-marks. The drive will space over the Set-mark and continue the VERIFY. If the Report Set-marks configuration is enabled then the File-mark and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE. The Information fields contain the residue count and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to Set-mark Detected. The tape is logically positioned after the Set-mark (EOM side).

If the drive detects EOD during VERIFY, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the File-mark and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to BLANK CHECK. The Information fields contain the residue count. The Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are not set. Upon termination, the media will be physically positioned before EOD and after the last block on tape.

The meaning of EOM is different for VERIFY than for a WRITE type of command. EOM is only reported when the physical EOM/P is encountered. The drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status. The EOM and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key is set to MEDIUM ERROR. The Information fields contain the residue count and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P Detected. The tape is physically positioned at EOM/P.

For a File-mark, a (reported) Set-mark, EOD or EOM detected, if the Fixed bit is set, the Information field in the Request Sense Data will be set to the difference (residue) between the requested Verification Length and the actual number of blocks verified (not including the File mark or Set-mark). If the fixed bit is set to ZERO, the information bytes will be set to the difference (residue) between the requested Verification Length and the actual number of bytes verified. File-marks and Set-marks are considered to have a byte count of ZERO, though this does not cause the ILI bit to be set.

VERIFY may return the following sense keys on a CHECK CONDITION:

NO SENSE: If the actual block length is different from the specified Verification Length, in Variable Block mode, the Incorrect Length Indicator (ILI) bit and Valid bit are set to one. The Information bytes in extended sense are set to the difference (residue) between the requested length and the actual block length. In blocked mode, they are set to the difference (residue) between the requested number of blocks and the actual number of blocks verified.

If the drive reads a File-mark during this command, it will set the File-mark bit in the Request Sense data. Upon termination, the tape will be logically positioned after the File-mark (EOM side). If, however, the drive encounters a Set-mark during this command, nothing will be reported unless the SDX-300C has been configured through MODE SELECT to Report Set-marks.

If the Report Set-marks configuration is enabled, then the Valid bit and the Additional Sense Key flags will be set in the Request Sense data to indicate that a Set-mark has been encountered. The tape will also be logically positioned after the Save-Set Mark (EOM side). For both a File-mark and a (reported) Set-mark, if the Fixed bit is one, the Information bytes in the Request Sense data are set to the difference (residue) between the requested Verification Length and the actual number of blocks verified (not including the File-mark or Set-mark). If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, the Information blocks will be set to the difference (residue) between the requested Verification Length and the actual number of bytes verified. File-marks and Save-Set Marks are considered to have a byte count of ZERO, though this will not cause the ILI bit to be set.

6.26. WRITE 0Ah

Byte \ Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (0Ah)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserve				Fixed
2	(MSB)							
3				Transfer Length				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

WRITE transfers one or more blocks from the Host to the tape beginning at the current logical position.

Fixed: The Fixed Bit specifies both the meaning of the Transfer Length field and whether fixed-length or variable-length blocks are to be transferred.

If the Fixed bit is set to ZERO, Variable Block mode is selected. The Transfer Length specifies the maximum number of bytes that the drive handshakes out from the initiator. A single block is transferred from the initiator and is written beginning at the current logical tape position. Upon successful termination, the tape is logically positioned after this block (EOM/P side). The Transfer Length specifies the maximum number of bytes that the drive handshakes out from the initiator.

If the Fixed Bit is set to one, the Transfer Length field specifies the number of blocks to be transferred to the drive, beginning at the current logical position. This is valid only if the drive is currently operating in Fixed Block mode, in other words, when it has been instructed to use fixed-length blocks with MODE SELECT. The current block length is the block length defined in the MODE SELECT command. Upon termination, the tape is logically positioned after these blocks (EOM/P side).

If EOT is detected while writing, the drive will finish writing any buffered data. The command will terminate with CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the EOM bit is set, the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P detected. The drive will attempt to complete any subsequent writes, returning a CHECK CONDITION status in each case.

Note: If the host issue a write command with the odd block size and Wide SCSI, the CHECK CONDITION STATUS will be reached and the sense key will be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST.

If the drive encounters the physical EOM when attempting a WRITE, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned. Within the Sense data, the EOM and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to VOLUME OVERFLOW. The Information fields contain the residue count and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P Detected. The tape is physically positioned at EOM/P.

If the Transfer Length is ZERO, no data will be transferred and the current position on the logical unit will not be changed.

When in Buffered Mode (see page 6-32 clause 0 Mode Select), the drive will report a GOOD status on WRITE commands as soon as this data block has been transferred to the data buffer.

The drive flushes its write buffer to tape and appends an EOD marker under the following conditions:

1. Receipt of the following non-write commands:

   READ
   SPACE
   VERIFY
   READ BUFFER
   WRITE BUFFER
   REWIND
   LOAD/UNLOAD
   MODE SELECT
   LOG SENSE

The buffer can be maintained through the following media commands, assuming that no other flush condition has been met, for example, write hold-off time-out.

WRITE

WRITE FILE MARKS with Immediate bit set

ERASE

2. Buffered Mode not selected. This causes the buffer to flush after every write type command. Buffered Mode can be configured through MODE SELECT and if NOT used, will cause the drive will suffer a significant degradation in performance with respect to capacity, transfer rate and, loss of streaming.
3. The write hold-off time limit is exceeded. The default value is 5 seconds.

6.27. WRITE BUFFER 3Bh

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (3Bh)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved		Mode		
2	Buffer ID (00h)							
3	(MSB)	Buffer Offset						
5								(LSB)
6	(MSB)	Parameter List Length						
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

WRITE BUFFER is used in conjunction with the READ BUFFER command as a diagnostic function for testing the 4 MB buffer and the SCSI bus integrity of the drive. A REWIND command should be sent to the drive after WRITE/READ BUFFER diagnostic testing to allow normal operation.

WRITE BUFFER command is valid only when there is no tape inserted in the drive, or when the tape is positioned at BOT. An attempt to issue the Write Buffer command when the tape is not at BOT will result in a CHECK CONDITION status with a Request Sense Key of ILLEGAL REQUEST.

Note: The drive will write any buffered data to tape prior to executing this command. Any data that is then transferred by the WRITE BUFFER is not written to tape.

Mode: The drive supports the following values within the Mode field. If any other value is set, the drive will terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status and an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Any Write Data, file-marks or set-marks in buffer will be transfer to tape before this command is executed.

Table 6-60: WRITE BUFFER Mode Field

Mode	Description
000b	Write combined header and data
010b	Write data

Combined Header and Data Mode - in this mode, the test data to be transferred must be preceded by a four-byte header. The four-byte header consists of all reserved bytes. The Parameters List Length specifies the maximum number of bytes that will be transferred during the DATA OUT phase. This number includes four bytes of header, so the data length to be stored in the buffer is transfer length minus four. The initiator should ensure that the transfer length is not greater than four plus the available length that is returned in the header of the READ BUFFER command.

Data Mode - in this mode, the DATA OUT phase contains only buffer test data.

Buffer ID: The drive only supports a single Buffer ID field of ZERO. If an unsupported Buffer ID code is requested, the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key.

Buffer Offset: The buffer offset field contains the byte offset within the specified buffer from which data shall be transferred to. The initiator should conform to the offset boundary requirements returned in the WRITE BUFFER descriptor. If the target is unable to accept the specified buffer offset, it shall return CHECK CONDITION status, shall set the Sense Key to ILLEGAL REQUEST, and set the Additional Sense Code to ILLEGAL FIELD IN CDB.

Parameter List Length: specifies the maximum number of bytes that will be transferred during the Data Out phase. The initiator should attempt to ensure that the Parameter List Length does not exceed the buffer capacity. If this does occur, the drive returns a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set. The capacity of the buffer can be determined from the Buffer capacity field in the Read Buffer descriptor. The Parameter List Length must be greater than four (except in data only mode), else the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

6.28. WRITE FILEMARKS 10h

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (10h)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			WSmk	Immed
2	(MSB)							
3				Number of File-marks or Set-marks				
4								(LSB)
5	Unused (00b)			Reserved			Flag	Link

WRITE FILEMARKS causes the specified number of File-marks or Set-marks to be written, beginning at the current logical position on tape.

WSmk: If this bit is set, the drive writes a Set-mark to tape instead of a File-mark.

Immed: If this bit is set, the drive returns status as soon as the Command Descriptor Block has been validated. An Immediate bit of ZERO indicates that status will not be returned until the operation has completed. If the drive is in Un-buffered Mode and the Immediate bit is set, the drive will return a CHECK CONDITION status with an ILLEGAL REQUEST sense key set.

Number of File-marks or Set-marks: This is the number of consecutive marks to be written to tape. A value of ZERO is not considered an error and GOOD status is returned.

This command may be used to force the drive to write any buffered data to the tape. If the drive is in Buffered Mode, and a WRITE FILEMARKS command is received without the Immediate bit set, the requested mark(s) will be appended to the data and the write buffer will be flushed to tape. A ZERO value in the Number of File-marks field indicates that no File-marks are to be written to the tape but the write buffer is still flushed to tape.

If EOT is detected while writing the marks, the drive will finish writing any buffered data. The command will terminate with CHECK CONDITION status. Within the Sense data, the EOM bit is set, the Sense Key field is set to NO SENSE and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P detected. The drive will attempt to complete any subsequent WRITE FILEMARKS, returning a CHECK CONDITION status in each case.

If the drive encounters the physical EOM when attempting a WRITE FILEMARKS, CHECK CONDITION status is returned. Within the Sense data, the EOD and Valid bits are set and the Sense Key field is set to VOLUME OVERFLOW. The Information fields contain the residue count and the Additional Sense Code and Additional Sense Code Qualifier fields are set to EOM/P Detected. The tape is physically positioned at EOM/P.

7. Drive Diagnostics

This clause deals with the diagnostics supported by the SDX-300C. Each diagnostic is described in detail and possible error codes are discussed.

7.1. Overview

The diagnostic firmware for this product is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Isolate hardware failures
- Verify the media
- Provide predictive information which can lead to the early detection of potential problems
- Provide remote support capabilities
- Satisfy manufacturing testing needs

How these objectives are achieved:

- Fault isolation is achieved by providing an extensive set of diagnostic tests.
- Media verification is achieved by error rate testing and tape logs.
- Predictive data is provided in the form of a tape log and runtime error logs. Logs are maintained within the drive's RAM, EEPROM and on the AIT cassettes.
- Remote support capability is provided by allowing all tests and test sequences to be initiated via the host interface. Similarly, all test results are reported back to the host via the interface.
- Manufacturing needs are satisfied by providing unrestricted access to all internal tests.

7.2. Diagnostic Test

This clause describes the Diagnostic Test facilities of the drive. The method for executing tests and receiving test results from the Host is described and a full list of available tests and possible result messages is given.

Diagnostics can be initiated in several ways:

- Power-on Self Test
- Send Diagnostic command initiating a Self Test
- Send Diagnostic command initiating a specific test or sequence

Each type of Diagnostics will be described in detail.

7.2.1. Power-on Self Test

Each time power is applied to the drive it will automatically perform a series of diagnostics on itself to insure that the basic functions of the drive are performing properly. The power-on Self Test sequence is shown below:

Power supply voltage exceeds power-up threshold

61	Main Processor ROM checksum
62	Main Processor Destructive RAM Test
70	SDX-300C Controller Register Test

The following 3 tests are initiated by the Mechanism Controller automatically after power-up and therefore would be executing in parallel with the tests listed above.

20	Mechanism Controller Microprocessor Test
80	Internal Message Bus Test
30	Front Panel Check
72	Data Compression Controller Register Test
79	DMA Line Test
71	Buffer RAM Test
81	SDX Controller SRAM TEST

If a failure occurs with any of the power-on diagnostic tests the drive will halt with the Status LED flashing.

If an error is detected during power-up, the drive will return CHECK CONDITION status to the host on the first command received. The host shall issue a REQUEST SENSE command to determine the cause of the CHECK CONDITION status. The Sense data returned by the drive will have a Sense Key of 6 (Unit Attention) and the ASC/ASCQ will be 29 80 (Drive failed power or test or diagnostic). The host can then issue a RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT command to the drive in order to identify the specific diagnostic test that failed and the failure error code.

The drive should be checked by a qualified person to determine what action should be taken.

7.2.2. SEND DIAGNOSTIC command - Self Test

The host computer can request that the drive perform a Self Test on itself to verify that it is functioning normally. The Self Test bit in the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command is set to one, and the Parameter List Length is ZERO. This initiates the Self Test Diagnostic which is similar to the Power-on self test except that non-destructive RAM testing is substituted for the destructive RAM tests.

If an error is detected during this test, the drive will return CHECK CONDITION status to the host. The host shall issue a REQUEST SENSE command to determine the cause of the CHECK CONDITION status. The Sense data returned by the drive will have a Sense Key of 4 (Hardware Error) and the ASC/ASCQ will be 44 00 (Internal Target Failure). The host can then issue a RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT command to the drive in order to identify the specific diagnostic test that failed and the failure error code.

The drive should be checked by a qualified person to determine what action should be taken.

7.2.3. SEND DIAGNOSTIC command - Individual Test

The SEND DIAGNOSTIC command also provides the capability to run each of the diagnostic tests individually. In order to identify the diagnostic test to be executed, the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command should be configured as follows:

Self Test bit = 0
Device Off-line bit = 0
Unit Off-line bit = 1
Parameter List Length = 5 or 9 (see below)

The SDX-300C supports both the SCSI-1 and SCSI-2 implementations of the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command.

In the SCSI-1 mode, the Page Format (PF) bit is ZERO and the Parameter List Length is 5, the Parameter List in this case is 5 bytes long and will be of the form:

Table 7-1: SEND DIAGNOSTIC Parameter - SCSI-1

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Diagnostic Test number							
1	Break	Loop Count						
2	Parameter A							
3	Parameter B							
4	Parameter C							

In SCSI-2 mode, the Page Format (PF) bit is one, and the Parameter List Length is 9, the Parameter List in this case is 9 bytes long and will be of the form:

Table 7-2: SEND DIAGNOSTIC Parameters - SCSI-2

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (81h)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 05h)						
3								(LSB)
4	Diagnostic Test Number							
5	Break	Loop Count Identifier						
6	Parameter A							
7	Parameter B							
8	Parameter C							

Break: Indicates how to terminate the loop count should an error occur.

0 = stop on first error
1 = do not stop on error

Loop Count Identifier: The number of times that the test should be repeated before status is returned.

0 = Continuous
1 = run once
2 = run 10 times
3 = run 100 times
4 = run 1000 times

Parameters A, B, C: Any additional parameters required to fully define the diagnostic test. These parameters are unused and shall be 00h for all diagnostics except for tests 02, 03, and 43 to 48. These tests are described in clause 7.2.7.

7.2.4. Diagnostic Test Number Summary

The following is a list of the diagnostic capabilities of the SDX-300C. The Test Availability Code indicates if a particular test can be executed by the Host computer or is executed during Power-on diagnostics (or both). The drive also supports three types of diagnostics:

1. Individual Tests - Self contained modules designed to test a particular function of drive
2. Sequences - Automatic execution of a series of individual tests
3. Exercisers - Verification of a major function of the drive such as Read, Write, Search, etc.

The Diagnostic Test Number for each Test, Sequence or Exerciser is shown in the first column.

Test Availability Codes

P Power–on Self–test

H Host Diagnostics

PH both

Sequence Test

00	Reset Sequence (61, 63, 71,72, 77-79, 80, 81, 30)	H
02	Error Rate Test	H

Mechanism Controller Kernel Test

20	Mechanism Controller Microprocessor Test	P

Drive Exerciser

43	Read Data Exerciser	H

Main Processor Kernel Test

61	Main Processor ROM checksum	P
62	Main Processor Destructive RAM Test	P
63	Main Processor Non-destructive RAM Test	

Drive Test

30	Front Panel Check	PH
70	SDX-300C Controller Register Test	
71	Buffer RAM Test	PH
72	Data Compression Controller Register Test	
77	SCSI Protocol Controller Function Test	
78	SCSI Protocol Controller Loop-back Test	
79	DMA Line Test	
80	Internal Message Bus Test	PH
81	SDX-300C Controller SRAM Test	PH

7.2.5. RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT command

Whenever a diagnostic test is executed, the drive automatically prepares a diagnostic test result that can be returned to the host computer when a RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT command is issued.

If the PF bit in the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command was sent to one, the diagnostic test result will be preceded by a four byte header which will be of the form:

Table 7-3: RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT - SCSI-2 Header

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (81h)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length (00 05h)						
3								(LSB)

Regardless of the PF bit in the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command, the five bytes of diagnostic test result information will be of the form:

Table 7-4: RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULT

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reset Error	Time Re-Sync	Reserved		Error Set			
1	Error Code							
2	Result A							
3	Result B							
4	Diagnostic Test Number							

Reset error: This bit is set when an error occurs during power-on self-test.

Time Re-Sync: This bit indicates that the time stamp saved with the error log has no relation to that of the previous entry. It is only set by the logging routine within the data buffer as an error is logged.

Error set: Two set of error codes exist. The definition of the error is dependent upon when set is taken from as follows:

0 - Runtime errors
2 - Drive diagnostic errors

Error code: Error codes for each error set are described in clause 7.2.6

Result A: Typically this byte indicates the logical sub-assembly that failed:

1 - Drive Mechanism
2 - Drive Circuitry

Note: This byte has alternate meanings with some diagnostics. Refer to clause 7.2.6.

Result B: Typically this byte is unused however, this byte has alternate meanings with some diagnostics. Refer to clause 7.2.6.

Test number: This is the test number to which the message applies (if a test fails within a sequence, the individual test number will be returned).

Note: Diagnostic test 30 (Front Panel Check) will light each of the front panel LEDs so that the operator can verify that the LEDs are functioning. There is no error detection within the drive for this test and therefore the Error Code, Result A and Result B will always be ZERO.

7.2.6. Diagnostics Results Reference

The following list of error codes are supported by the drive.

Error Sets - Error Code

Error Set 0 - Runtime Errors

00h	NO ERROR
01h	NO TAPE
02h	OFF-LINE WITH TAPE
04h	ILLEGAL COMMAND
05h	BOT ENCOUNTERED
07h	WRITE PROTECTED
08h	PARTITION SIZE ERROR
09h	PRE-RECORDED TAPE
0Ah	INVALID FORMAT FOR READ
0Bh	NOT AT BOT
10h	INVALID TEST NUMBER
11h	INVALID PARAMETER
12h	INVALID TEST WITH CARTRIDGE
13h	INVALID TEST
14h	TEST NOT ACCESSIBLE DUE TO SELF TEST ERROR
21h	COMMAND UNSUPPORTED
22h	BLANK AT BOT
23h	NOT 2 PARTITION
30h	EOD ENCOUNTERED
31h	EOM ENCOUNTERED
32h	BLANK ENCOUNTERED
33h	NON-SDX ENCOUNTERED
34h	SUBCODE UNCERTAIN
35h	ECC UN CORRECTABLE
36h	SYSTEM AREA UNCERTAIN
37h	BOM ENCOUNTERED
3Ah	READ FRAME OVER
3Bh	SYSTEM AREA TIME-OUT
40h	MISSING TARGET
43h	ILLEGAL PARTITIONING
44h	APPROACH ERROR
48h	DATA COMPARE FAILURE
49h	LOCATION MISMATCH
50h	APPENDING ERROR
51h	TOO MANY READ AFTER WRITE
52h	SYSTEM LOG FAILURE
53h	FORMAT FAILURE
54h	EOM DETECTED ON WRITE
55h	APPEND TIME-OUT
56h	APPEND NO AFC
57h	APPEND OVER POSITION
58h	APPEND POSITION MISMATCH
59h	AIF UNLOCK
5Ah	APPEND DBP NG
5Bh	FORMAT TIMEOUT

5Fh	APPEND ILLEGAL ATF
67h	ASDA FRAME ERROR
68h	ECC FRAME OVER
6Bh	INTERNAL BUS COMMAND REJECT ERROR
70h	MECHANISM TIME-OUT (BACK END TIME OUT)
72h	HEAD CLOGGED
73h	DRUM UNLOCK
75h	DIAGNOSTIC FAILURE
80h	LOADING TIME-OUT
81h	FL TIME-OUT
82h	CAPSTAN TIME-OUT
83h	DRUM TIME-OUT
84h	REEL TIME-OUT
85h	ILLEGAL ENCODER PATTERN
86h	EEPROM IN THE DRIVE IS NG
87h	TENSION REG. NG
88h	3.3VOLT REGULATOR IS NG
89h	BOT SENSOR NG
8Ah	EOT SENSOR NG
90h	FEW S REEL NG
91h	FEW T REEL FG
92h	RF BOARD HIGH TEMP
94h	TAPE SLACK
95h	TAPE SLACK LONG TERM OCCURRED
A0h	DRUM SPEED OUT OF RANGE
A3h	DRUM PHASE UNLOCKED
B0h	CAPSTAN SHORT TERM OUT OF RANGE
B2h	CAPSTAN LONG TERM SPEED OUT OF RANGE
B4h	CAPSTAN NO FG
BFh	MECHANISM COMMAND TIME-OUT
C0h	UNKNOWN BAT ENTRY
C2h	FORMAT DISCONTINUITY
CCh	UNEXPECTED EOR
CDh	ILLEGAL SKIP COUNT
CEh	ALDC ERROR
CFh	ILLEGAL DMA COMPLETION
E9h	DMA ERROR
F0h	MIC BROKEN ERROR
F8h	ILLEGAL TAPE
FAh	UNDEFINED TAPE

Error set 2 - Diagnostic error

02h	MAIN PROCESSOR ROM CHECK SUM TEST FAILURE
06h	MAIN PROCESSOR DESTRUCTIVE RAM TEST FAILURE
07h	MAIN PROCESSOR NON DESTRUCTIVE RAM TEST FAILURE
12h	BUFFER RAM TEST FAILURE
13h	SDX-300C CONTROLLER SRAM TEST FAILURE
14h	INTERNAL MESSAGE BUS TEST FAILURE
20h	MECHANISM CONTROLLER MICROPROCESSOR TEST FAILURE

7.2.7. Diagnostic Tests requiring additional parameters

The diagnostic tests which require additional information in the Parameter A, B & C bytes are:

02 Error Rate Test
43 Read Data Exerciser

7.2.7.1. Error Rate Test (02) Diagnostic Parameters

This test reads or writes the number of groups defined by the Group Count. Any RAW retries, C3 ECC retries and Read/Write hard errors encountered during the test are reported in the Error Rate Log which may then be examined to determine tape performance.

Table 7-5: Error Rate Test Data

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Diagnostic Test Number (02h)							
1	Loop Count							
2	Test Pattern			BOT	RND	WRT	RD	NLR
3	(MSB)	Group Count						
4	Group Count							(LSB)

The Test Pattern and RND fields are only relevant if the test includes a write pass, otherwise their values are ignored.

Test Pattern: 0 - all ZEROs
1 - All ones
2 - Alternating ones and ZEROs
3 - Rotating data bytes (0,1,2,...,255)
4 - Pseudo-random data
5 - Worst case (C6h) bytes

BOT: 0 - Space to EOD before beginning write test
1 - Rewind to BOT before beginning read or write test

RND: 0 - Randomizer is disabled during test
1 - Randomizer is enabled during test

WRT & RD control bits: The following table shows the operation of the Error Rate Test with different combinations of the WRT & RD bits.

Table 7-6: WRT & RD control bits

WRT	RD	Action
0	0	Command rejected - invalid parameters
0	1	Read Fast Search to initial position (conditional on Loop Count) Repeat until loop count = 0
1	0	Write Set-mark Write test pattern Write EOD at end of first pass Fast search to initial position (conditional on loop count) Repeat until loop count = 0
1	1	Write Set-mark Write test pattern Write EOD at end of first pass Fast search to initial position Read Fast Search to initial position (conditional on loop count) Repeat until loop count = 0

At the completion of the test, the tape will be positioned after the last group written or read and before EOD.

NLR: 0 - Drive Log will be initialized before the test

1 - Drive Log will not be initialized

Group Count: This defines the number of groups to be written to or read from the tape.

0 - Write until EOT or Read until EOD/EOM

>0 - Write until count is exhausted or EOM, Read until count is exhausted or EOD/EOM. If EOM is encountered during Write, EOD will not be written.

In all cases, encountering EOM will be recorded as a hard error. The Diagnostic result for the Error Rate Test will be as shown in the table below.

Table 7-7: Error Rate Test results

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reset Error	Tine Re-Sync	Reserved		Error Set			
1	Error Code							
2	(MSB)	Actual Group Count						
3								(LSB)
4	Diagnostic Test Number (02h)							

This test will result in a loss of logical tape position and therefore a load should be sent before the drive is used for any normal reads or writes.

7.2.7.2. Read Data Exerciser (43h) Diagnostic Parameters

The purpose of this test is to read AIT-1 Format data for error rate testing.

Table 7-8: Read Data Exerciser Parameters

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Diagnostic Test Number (43h)							
1	Loop Count							
2	(MSB)							
3				Number of Frames				
4								(LSB)

Number of Frames: The drive will read the number of frames specified in this field.

Table 7-9: Read Data Exerciser Result

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reset Error	Time Re-Sync	Reserved		Error Set			
1	Error Code							
2	(MSB)			Number of loops executed				
3								(LSB)
4	Diagnostic Test Number							

The results message will contain the number of loops executed during the test.

This test will result in a loss of logical tape position and therefore a load should be sent before the drive is used for any normal reads or writes.

8. APPENDIX A: ASC & ASCQ Alphabetic Order

ASC and ASCQ Assignments

Alphabetic Order

BYTE 12	13	DESCRIPTION
00	04	BEGINNING-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
14	04	BLOCK SEQUENCE ERROR
30	02	CANNOT READ MEDIUM - INCOMPATIBLE FORMAT
52	00	CARTRIDGE FAULT
80	00	CLEANING REQUEST - (SONY Unique)
4A	00	COMMAND PHASE ERROR
2C	00	COMMAND SEQUENCE ERROR
4B	00	DATA PHASE ERROR
70	NN	DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION SHORT ALGORITHM ID OF NN
71	00	DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION LONG ALGORITHM ID
29	80	DRIVE FAILED POWER-ON TEST OR DIAGNOSTIC (SONY Unique)
00	05	END-OF-DATA DETECTED
14	03	END-OF-DATA NOT FOUND
00	02	END-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
0A	00	ERROR LOG OVERFLOW
00	01	FILEMARK DETECTED
82	80	HUMIDITY DETECTED - (SONY Unique)
30	00	INCOMPATIBLE MEDIUM INSTALLED
11	08	INCOMPLETE BLOCK READ
48	00	INITIATOR DETECTED ERROR MESSAGE RECEIVED
44	00	INTERNAL TARGET FAILURE
3D	00	INVALID BITS IN IDENTIFY MESSAGE
20	00	INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE
24	00	INVALID FIELD IN CDB
26	00	INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST
49	00	INVALID MESSAGE ERROR
04	01	LOGICAL UNIT IS IN PROCESS OF BECOMING READY
04	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY, CAUSE NOT REPORTABLE
25	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT SUPPORTED
15	01	MECHANICAL POSITIONING ERROR
53	00	MEDIA LOAD OR EJECT FAILED
31	00	MEDIUM FORMAT CORRUPTED

3A	00	MEDIUM NOT PRESENT
43	00	MESSAGE ERROR
2A	01	MODE PARAMETERS CHANGED
00	00	NO ADDITIONAL SENSE INFORMATION
28	00	NOT READY TO READY TRANSITION
		(MEDIUM MAY HAVE CHANGED)
4E	00	OVERLAPPED COMMANDS ATTEMPTED
1A	00	PARAMETER LIST LENGTH ERROR
26	01	PARAMETER NOT SUPPORTED
2A	00	PARAMETERS CHANGED
03	00	PERIPHERAL DEVICE WRITE FAULT
15	02	POSITIONING ERROR DETECTED BY READ OF MEDIUM
29	00	POWER ON, RESET, OR BUS DEVICE RESET OCCURRED
3B	08	REPOSITION ERROR
47	00	SCSI PARITY ERROR
45	00	SELECT OR RESELECT FAILURE
3B	00	SEQUENTIAL POSITIONING ERROR
00	03	SETMARK DETECTED
33	00	TAPE LENGTH ERROR
3B	01	TAPE POSITION ERROR AT BEGINNING-OF-MEDIUM
09	00	TRACK FOLLOWING ERROR
11	00	UNRECOVERED READ ERROR
50	00	WRITE APPEND ERROR
0C	00	WRITE ERROR
27	00	WRITE PROTECTED

9. APPENDIX B: ASC & ASCQ Numeric Order

ASC and ASCQ Assignments

Numeric Order

BYTE 12	13	DESCRIPTION
00	00	NO ADDITIONAL SENSE INFORMATION
00	01	FILEMARK DETECTED
00	02	END-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
00	03	SETMARK DETECTED
00	04	BEGINNING-OF-PARTITION/MEDIUM DETECTED
00	05	END-OF-DATA DETECTED
03	00	PERIPHERAL DEVICE WRITE FAULT
04	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY, CAUSE NOT REPORTABLE
04	01	LOGICAL UNIT IS IN PROCESS OF BECOMING READY
09	00	TRACK FOLLOWING ERROR
0A	00	ERROR LOG OVERFLOW
0C	00	WRITE ERROR
11	00	UNRECOVERED READ ERROR
11	08	INCOMPLETE BLOCK READ
14	03	END-OF-DATA NOT FOUND
14	04	BLOCK SEQUENCE ERROR
15	01	MECHANICAL POSITIONING ERROR
15	02	POSITIONING ERROR DETECTED BY READ OF MEDIUM
1A	00	PARAMETER LIST LENGTH ERROR
20	00	INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE
24	00	INVALID FIELD IN CDB
25	00	LOGICAL UNIT NOT SUPPORTED
26	00	INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST
26	01	PARAMETER NOT SUPPORTED
27	00	WRITE PROTECTED
28	00	NOT READY TO READY TRANSITION (MEDIUM MAY HAVE CHANGED)
29	00	POWER ON, RESET, OR BUS DEVICE RESET OCCURRED
29	80	DRIVE FAILED POWER-ON TEST OR DIAGNOSTIC - (SONY Unique)
2A	00	PARAMETERS CHANGED
2A	01	MODE PARAMETERS CHANGED
2C	00	COMMAND SEQUENCE ERROR

30	00	INCOMPATIBLE MEDIUM INSTALLED
30	02	CANNOT READ MEDIUM - INCOMPATIBLE FORMAT
31	00	MEDIUM FORMAT CORRUPTED
33	00	TAPE LENGTH ERROR
3A	00	MEDIUM NOT PRESENT
3B	00	SEQUENTIAL POSITIONING ERROR
3B	01	TAPE POSITION ERROR AT BEGINNING-OF-MEDIUM
3B	08	REPOSITION ERROR
3D	00	INVALID BITS IN IDENTIFY MESSAGE
43	00	MESSAGE ERROR
44	00	INTERNAL TARGET FAILURE
45	00	SELECT OR RESELECT FAILURE
47	00	SCSI PARITY ERROR
48	00	INITIATOR DETECTED ERROR MESSAGE RECEIVED
49	00	INVALID MESSAGE ERROR
4A	00	COMMAND PHASE ERROR
4B	00	DATA PHASE ERROR
4E	00	OVERLAPPED COMMANDS ATTEMPTED
50	00	WRITE APPEND ERROR
52	00	CARTRIDGE FAULT
53	00	MEDIA LOAD OR EJECT FAILED
70	NN	DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION SHORT ALGORITHM ID OF NN
71	00	DECOMPRESSION EXCEPTION LONG ALGORITHM ID
80	00	CLEANING REQUEST - (SONY Unique)
82	80	HUMIDITY DETECTED - (SONY Unique)

10. APPENDIX C: SCSI Commands (Op Code Order)

The following is a list of the supported SCSI Commands and page index:

PARA	SCSI COMMAND	OP CODE	PAGE
6.24	TEST UNIT READY	00h	6-91
6.20	REWIND	01h	6-83
6.17	REQUEST BLOCK ADDRESS	02h	6-73
6.18	REQUEST SENSE	03h	6-74
6.11	READ BLOCK LIMITS	05h	6-62
6.10	READ	08h	6-60
6.26	WRITE	0Ah	6-94
6.21	SEEK BLOCK	0Ch	6-84
6.28	WRITE FILEMARKS	10h	6-97
6.23	SPACE	11h	6-87
6.2	INQUIRY	12h	6-3
6.25	VERIFY	13h	6-92
0	MODE SELECT(6)	15h	6-32
6.19	RESERVE UNIT	16h	6-82
6.16	RELEASE UNIT	17h	6-72
0	ERASE	19h	1
6.7.9	MODE SENSE(6)	1Ah	6-53
6.3	LOAD UNLOAD	1Bh	6-7
6.14	RECEIVE DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS	1Ch	6-68
6.22	SEND DIAGNOSTIC	1Dh	6-85
6.9	PREVENT ALLOW MEDIUM REMOVAL	1Eh	6-59
1.1	LOCATE	2Bh	6-8
6.13	READ POSITION	34h	6-66
6.27	WRITE BUFFER	3Bh	6-96
6.12	READ BUFFER	3Ch	6-63
6.5	LOG SELECT	4Ch	6-9
6.6	LOG SENSE	4Dh	6-11

11. APPENDIX D: ASC & ASCQ for AIT (Sony Unique)

ASC and ASCQ Assignments for AIT drive (Sony Unique)
Numeric Order

BYTE 12	13	DESCRIPTION
83h	00h	Reserved
83h	01h	MIC Header Error
83h	02h	No MIC Detected
83h	03h	MIC Checksum Error
83h	04h	MIC out of memory
83h	05h	No Data Body Detected in the MIC
83h	06h	MIC Read Error
83h	07h	No Cassette Detected
83h	08h	MIC is not formatted yet
83h	09h	MIC Write Fault
83h	0Ah	Requested address are write protected on the MIC
83h	0Bh	MIC is broken
83h	0Ch	MIC format type is undefined
83h	0Dh	MIC capacity field indicates illegal value. Acceptable value is 2Kbytes, 4Kbytes, 8Kbytes, 16Kbytes, 32Kbytes and 64Kbytes. The drive will handle the MIC is 2Kbytes, when capacity field indicates illegal value.
83h	0Eh	
:		Reserved
83h	7Fh	
83h	80h	Partition count exceeded
83h	81h	Reserved
83h	82h	Reserved
83h	83h	MIC is exist but is not used
83h	84h	
		Reserved
83h	88h	
83h	89h	User Volume Note Size mismatch
83h	8Ah	User Partition Note Size mismatch
83h	8Bh	
		Reserved
83h	96h	
83h	97h	Current Partition is not the last partition.
83h	98h	Cannot append the new partition, because the remaining capacity too short.
83h	99h	Cannot delete partition, because the indicated partition number is not appropriate.
83h	9Ah	Encounter the EOT while creating the new partition, append partition command is not completed. (If a drive misleads the tape capacity by some reason, format command will be failed on the way. In case of the situation, the Last Partition Number must hold the Last Valid Partition Number, because it is reasonable and time saving.
83h	9Bh	Cannot format tape because real tape capacity is exceeded.
83h	9Ch	Cannot append new partitions because the MIC is out of memory.
83h	9Dh	
:		Reserved
83h	FFh	

12. APPENDIX E: Introduction to MIC

The MIC hardware consists of an EEPROM mounted within the data cartridge and includes a five-pin interface to the drive or other external connection (shown in Figure E-1). Using a serial interface to the memory chip, the Sony SDX-300C drive is able to retrieve the information directly from the chip, and to provide real-time updates of system and user generated information.

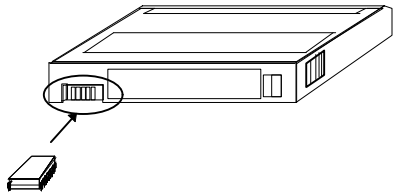


Figure E-1: AIT Media with MIC

12.1. MIC Data Structures

When a MIC cartridge is inserted, the drive reads selected parts of MIC even before the tape is fully loaded and ready for use. The drive retrieves and processes the complete history and positioning information related to the media. As illustrated in Figure E-2, the MIC information consists of the following major sections:

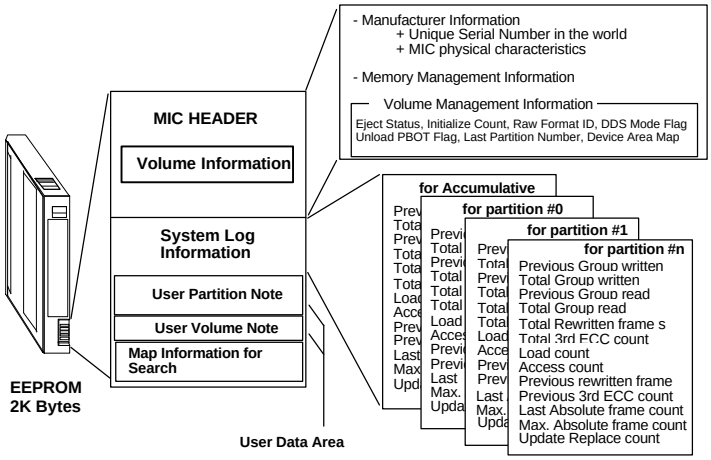


Figure E-2: MIC Data Structures

12.1.1. MIC Header

The MIC Header contains the manufacturer information and memory management information.

12.1.2. System Log

The System Log provides the summary information related to the format, to the history of use for each partition, and an “accumulated log page” summarizing partition information.

12.1.3. User Volume Note & User Partition Note

The drive interface supports host application access to the following data structures: the User Volume Note (UVN) representing user supplied information related to the contents of the cassette; and the User Partition Note (UPN) representing user supplied information related to each partition. These structures are contained within the MIC User Data Area and their contents are application dependent. Applications are not required to maintain this data.

UVN is created by Log Select Page 3Eh Parameter Code 0001h. UPN is created by Log Select Page 3Eh Parameter Code 0002h + Partition Number. Once UVN and UPN are created they cannot be discarded except through Mode Select Page 11h that reformats the cassette. Each UVN and UPN may be overwritten with new data of exactly the same data length. The exception to this rule is the last data structure within the MIC User Data Area: it can be expanded or shrunk. The maximum size of a data structure is limited by the current MIC free byte count, while the minimum size is ONE byte (Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0003h). The internal format of the data is application dependent.

The MIC User Data Area may contain the following combinations of user defined UVN and UPN structures, where "data X" represents data structures that can be resized and "data A" represents data structures of fixed size:

	UVN	UPN for partition 0	UPN for partition 1
0	no data	no data	no data
1	data X	no data	no data
2	no data	data X	no data
3	data A	data X	no data
4	no data	no data	data X
5	data A	no data	data X
6	no data	data A	data X
7	data A	data A	data X

12.1.4. Super High Speed Search Map

When writing a tape, the drive stores physical positioning information in MIC. This information makes subsequent fast search operations possible.

12.1.5. Example of Usage

The information is organized within MIC using fixed size fields for system information and variable size fields for the user-defined and user-maintained User Data Area. The Sony SDX-300C provides the SCSI Log Sense and Log Select Vendor Unique Page to access this information. The page 3Dh is used to access the fixed length fields, while the page 3Eh is used to access the variable length information in MIC.

The following example shows a two partition case, in which the host application can make use of up to 779 bytes of space reserved for User Data Area. The MIC header consumes 781 bytes, system logs for partitions 0 and 1 utilize 128 bytes, and the Super High Speed Search Map portion consumes 350 bytes. In this example, the application uses the entire User Data Area for UVN:

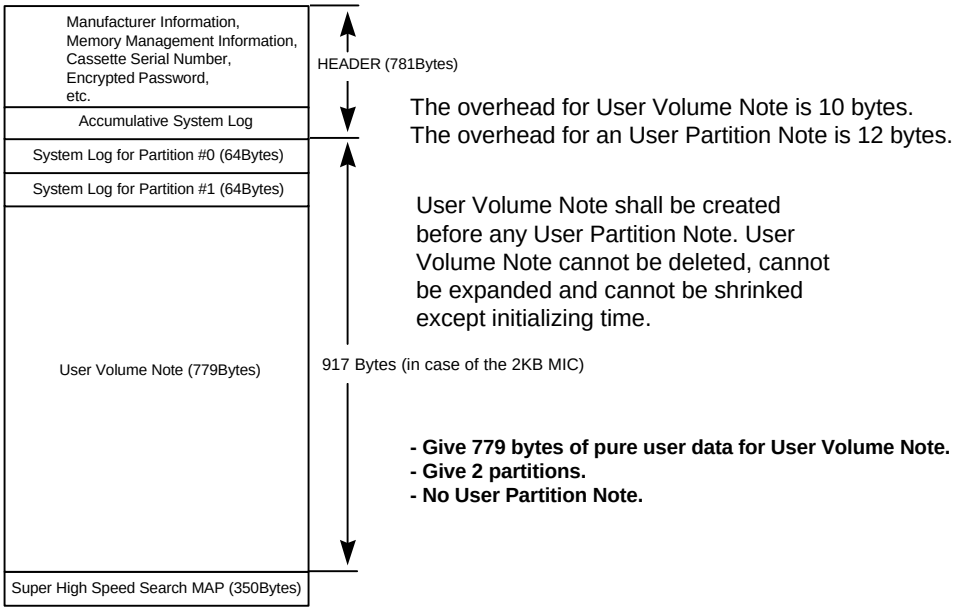


Figure E-3: An possible MIC layout for a two partition tape

12.2. Functional Benefits

The information maintained within MIC can be used to provide various tape sub-system benefits to users. In this section we discuss the following features available with MIC cartridges and SDX-300C drives: fast load/unload, super high speed search, and data integrity and media management.

12.2.1. Fast Media Load/Unload

The System Log information stored in the MIC and shown in Figure E-3 does not need to be duplicated on tape and is available to the drive while threading or unthreading the tape. Using MIC, the drive can write the System Log information in as little as 10 milliseconds compared to 13 seconds needed without MIC (see Figure E-4). Figure E-4 illustrates the process used to accelerate the media unload after a write operation. Figure E-5 illustrates the process used to accelerate media load operation. The System Log information update to tape is skipped when MIC cartridge is used. NOTE: *The values shown in the figures below are approximated and are not part of the specification.*

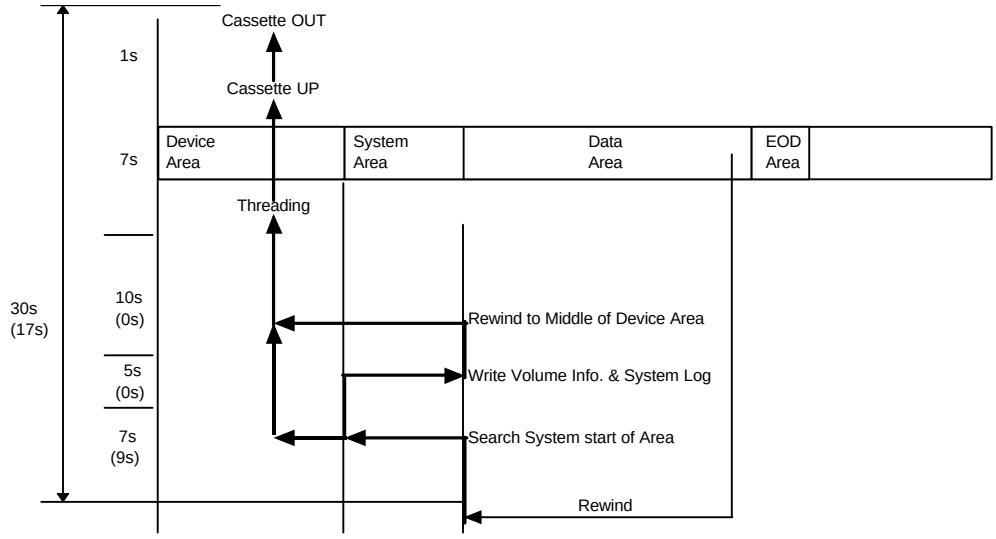


Figure E-4: Tape Unload with and without MIC

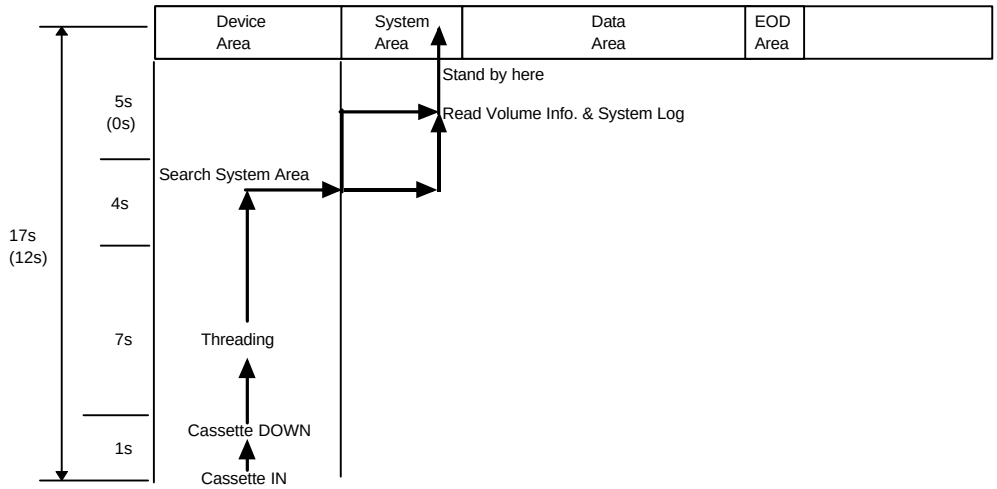


Figure E-5: Tape Load with and without MIC

12.2.2. Super High Speed Search

The Super High Speed Search Map maintained by the drive contains physical medium positioning information that allows the AIT drive to conduct super high speed, bi-directional searches using the 120 inches per second speed mode previously employed only for cartridge rewind. Once the drive reaches the tape segment identified by the MIC information, its speed drops to the standard search speed of 60 inch per second, and then the drive locates the tape's precise position by reading the identifier blocks directly from the tape. This technique can reduce the average access time to as little as 27 seconds, a 50% improvement.

The map is transparently managed by the drive. It is created at the bottom of MIC's memory address. The map cannot be cleared nor discarded, unless the Mode Select command is issued instructing the drive to re-format the cassette.

12.2.3. Data Integrity/ Media Management

The System Log pages shown in the MIC layout (Figure E-2) capture significant media and data integrity statistics, such as load counts, access counts and error correction counts (ECC). Media management software can utilize this information and proactively copy and retire media volumes approaching the end of their useful life. Unlike other technologies that need to capture these statistics on-tape or in a host database, the MIC-based media management system keeps the statistical information together with the media cartridge, yet it physically separates the information from the tape itself. This makes it possible to maintain and access the information even after the media is reformatted or damaged. Since some of the information is maintained even when the Write Protect Tab is enabled, the statistics are always accurate.

12.2.3.1. Sample Application for MIC

Most applications maintain the index/vendor information at the bottom of user data on the tape or in a separate partition. This results in the necessary periodic positioning operations, which consume much operational time and result in media and mechanical wear. If the index information is small enough to fit the available user memory in MIC (less than 780 bytes for the 2 KB version of MIC), it can readily be maintained in the User Data Area. This method should result in significantly improved operational times and longer media and device life. NOTE: *Hardware data compression is not available for MIC data*.

MIC provide UVN and UPN those are independent storage area from tape. You can write your data to MIC without any modification for tape.

13. APPENDIX F: Miscellaneous Notes to MIC

13.1. Partition Numbering in the DDS Emulation Mode

In default configuration, the Sony SDX-300C emulates DDS drives. In this mode, it supports up to two partitions, logically numbered 0 and 1, where the logical Partition 1 is the first physical partition on the tape. The *physical* partition numbering is the same in either the DDS emulation or the native AIT mode: the first partition on tape is given the physical partition number of 0. In the DDS emulation mode, the drive translates the physical partition numbering scheme into the logical scheme that is communicated to the host. In the AIT mode, the logical partition numbers correspond directly to the physical partition numbers. SDX-300C manages DDS Emulation transparently, and it can be used as a large capacity and a high transfer rate DDS drive.

13.2. AIT Log Sense

The Sony SDX-300C supports the legacy Tape Log Sense Page 30h. However, the data fields for AIT-1 Standard Format are longer than their counterparts defined by the DDS Standard Format. The Sony SDX-300C supports native Tape Log Sense by way of Page 3Ch.

13.3. Write Protection Tab on SDX-T3C cassette

The Write Protection Tab prevents writes to MIC, except for the Accumulative System Log Information. The Accumulative System Log Information holds the history of the System Log from the beginning of the tape use. Therefore, the tape history statistics are maintained by the drive accurately, even if the tape is write protected. The Accumulative System Log is created when MIC is first initialized, and it is never cleared even if the cassette is reformatted.

13.4. Unique Serial Number in MIC

All MIC cassettes are given a unique serial number held in the MIC Header. The serial number is assigned and written into MIC when the cartridge is assembled at the manufacturer. The unique serial number consists of 32 digits that can support the maximum value of 99,999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999.

13.5. AIT Cassette Manufacturer ID in MIC

AIT cassette manufacturers must obtain their unique Manufacturer-ID's from the MIC Format holder (Sony Corporation).

AIT Cassette Manufacturer ID	Assigned for...
0 .. 9	Reserved
a .. z	Reserved
A .. R	Reserved
S	Sony Corporation
T .. Z	Reserved

13.6. AIT Cassette Secondary ID in MIC

Secondary ID		Definition
ASCII	HEX value	
1	31h	15 m AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is smaller equal than a number of 6 figures.
2	32h	70 m middle length of AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is smaller equal than a number of 6 figures.
3	33h	170 m standard length of AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is smaller equal than a number of 6 figures.
4	34h	230m long length of AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is smaller equal than a number of 6 figures.
W	57h	230m AIT-1 cassette that serial number is greater equal than a number of 7 figures.
X	58h	170m AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is greater equal than a number of 7 figures.
Y	59h	70m middle length of AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is greater equal than a number of 7 figures.
Z	5Ah	15m short length of AIT-1 cartridge that serial number is greater equal than a number of 7 figures.

13.7. Unreadable MIC

The Sony SDX-300C applies smart retry sequences when the drive has problems reading MIC. Each data chunk in MIC has a checksum. Additionally, the drive always employs a verify sequence after writing data to MIC. The contents of MIC are as follows.

(1) Manufacturer Information
(2) System Log Information (statistical information for tape errors, etc.)
(3) Map (for Super Fast Search)
(4) User Partition Note/ User Volume Note

If MIC becomes unreadable, Sony SDX-300C treats the SDX-T3C media as SDX-T3N (non-MIC cassette) with no check condition status; however, the MIC availability can be checked by using Mode Sense Page 31h. The System Log information is saved to tape automatically.

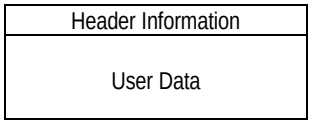
A cassette with damaged MIC can be reformatted with the Mode Select Page 11h. If MIC becomes readable during re-initialization, the cassette will be formatted as the SDX-T3C media.

13.8. Example SCSI Command Sequence for MIC

13.8.1. How to create User Notes

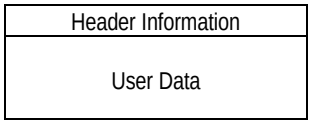
The phrase “User Note” includes both User Volume Note and User Partition Note. User Notes are all variable in size from 1 byte up to the available user memory size. SDX-300C generates error (illegal parameter list length), if the User Volume Note Data Size or the User Partition Notes are ZERO.

The following is the data structure for the User Volume Note:



← 8 bytes of memory management information

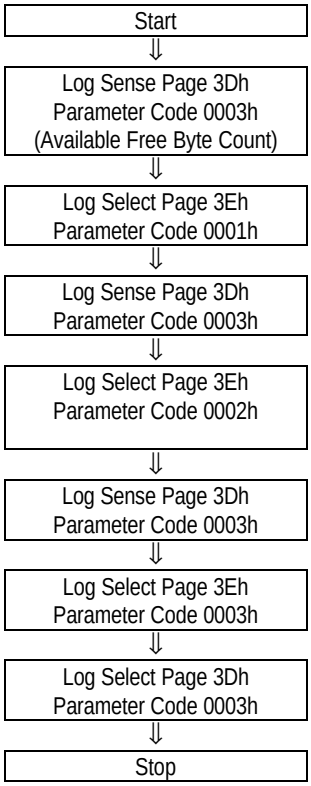
This is the data structure for User Partition Note:



← 10 bytes of memory management information

The drive manages the User Volume Note Header and User Partition Note Headers. These operations are transparent to the user. When the drive reports the MIC free memory capacity (MIC free byte count) through Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0003h, it includes the Header count. The user may use this information to write the entire MIC. For example, if MIC free byte count is 100, the user, on the next Log Select command, may write the entire MIC with this value to either the MIC User Volume Note or MIC User Partition Note area. The free byte count following this command will be ZERO. The user cannot write another Note area, or to rewrite the same Note area with a larger data length. However, the user is allowed to rewrite to this same Note area with the same amount of data; if the Note area is the last one within the User Note Area, it can be rewritten with a smaller amount of data as well.

The example of writing MIC follows. The free byte count is read with the Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0003h.



Check MIC free memory capacity, because larger MIC will be released in the future. *(ex. You will get 779 Bytes, in case of the 2Kbytes version of MIC.)*

Create User Volume Note. *(ex. Write User Volume Note of 380 bytes.)*

Check MIC free memory capacity. *(ex. You will get 391 bytes. 8 bytes used for header.)*

Create User Partition Note for partition 1. *(ex. Create User Partition Note of 300 bytes.)*

Check MIC free memory capacity. *(ex. You will get 81 bytes. 10 bytes used for header)*

Create User Partition Note for partition 0. *(ex. Create User Partition Note of 81 bytes.)*

Check MIC free memory capacity. *(ex. You will get 0 bytes.)*

13.8.1.1. Procedure for writing user data on MIC using LOG SELECT command

Please refer the Chapter 13.8.1." How to create User Notes."

Note: Header length is differ from User Volume Note (10 byte) and User Partition Note (8 byte).

As for the chart of 13.8.1., detailed explanation on parameter code 0001h issue for Log Select Page 3Eh is as follows. This will acquire 380 byte User Volume Note. Commands are as follows.

LOG SELECT Command (4Ch)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (4Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			PCR	SP(0)
2	PC		Reserved					
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	(MSB)	Parameter List Length						
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

Parameter List Length : 390 byte

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (3Eh)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)	Page Length						
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)	Parameter Code						
5								(LSB)
6	DU	DS	TSD	ET	TMC		Reserved	LP
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	User Data Length						
9								(LSB)
10 : : 389	User Data							

Page Length : 386 byte

Parameter Code : In case of UVN, 0001h

13.8.2. User Data Length : 380 byte

User Data : 380 byte

13.8.2.1. Procedure of reading user data on MIC using LOG SENSE Command

Example: Steps for reading user partition note added on partition #3.

Input Parameter Code User Partition Note (for Partition #3), parameter code is 0005h.

In order to read it out, use LOG SENSE twice.

1st time : Limit to get user partition size information only.

2nd time : Acquire content of user partition note on 2nd log sense.

LOG SENSE Command (4Dh)

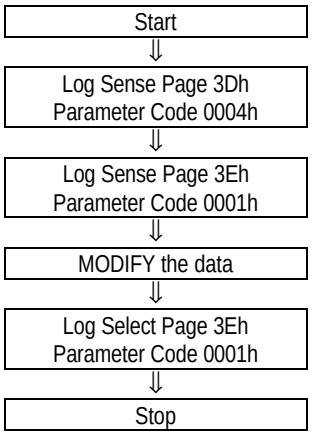
Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Operation Code (4Ch)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved			PCR	SP(0)
2	PC		Page Code (3Eh)					
3	(MSB)							
4	Parameter Pointer							
5								
6								(LSB)
7	(MSB)		Allocation Length					
8								(LSB)
9	Unused (00b)		Reserved				Flag	Link

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Page Code (3Eh)							
1	Reserved							
2	(MSB)		Page Length					
3								(LSB)
4	(MSB)		Parameter Code					
5								(LSB)
6	DU	DS	TSD	ET	TMC		Reserved	LP
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)		User Data Length					
9								(n-10)
10	User Data							
:								
:								
n								

13.8.3. How to Update the User Volume Note

The data update operation for MIC is accomplished by overwriting the current data with new data, and this means that you have to rewrite the entire User Volume Note even if you want to change only a part of it. Always check whether the UVN exists by interrogating the drive about the size of the UVN: you will get 0 byte size if there is no UVN.

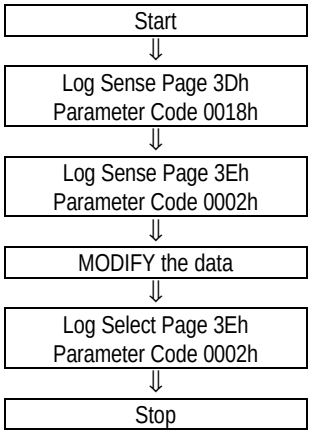
SDX-300C reports an error condition (illegal parameter list length) if the User Volume Note Data Size is ZERO.



13.8.4. How to Update the User Partition Note

The data update operation for MIC is accomplished by overwriting the current data with new data, and this means that you have to rewrite the entire User Partition Note even if you want to change only a part of it. Always check whether the UPN exists by interrogating the drive about the size of the UPN: you will get 0 byte size if there is no UPN.

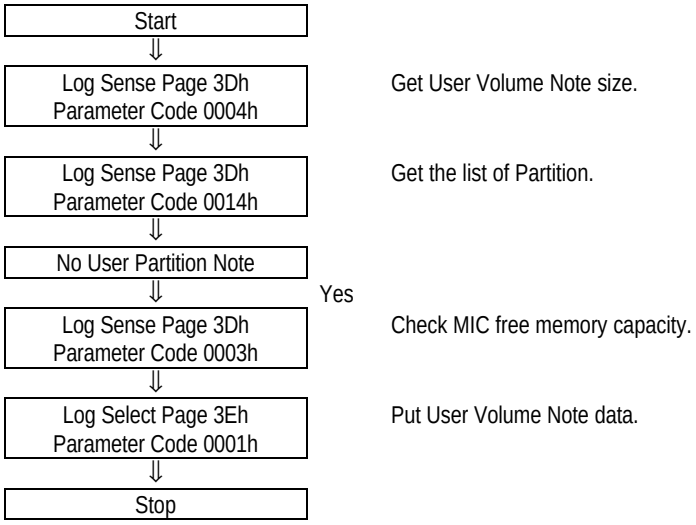
SDX-300C reports an error condition (illegal parameter list length) if the User Partition Note Data Size is ZERO.



13.8.5. How to Expand or Shrink the User Volume Note

If there is no User Partition Note, or the User Volume Note was added as the last user data structure within the User Data Area, you can overwrite the User Volume Note with one of a different size. SDX-300C reports an error condition (illegal parameter list length) if the User Volume Note Data Size is ZERO.

You can check for the absence of the User Partition Note with the Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0014h (List of Partitions containing User Partition Notes) or with the Log Sense Page 3Dh, Parameter Codes 0018h and 0019h.



13.8.6. How to Expand or Shrink the User Partition Note

If the User Partition Note is the last Note, then you can overwrite the User Partition Note with one of a different length. SDX-300C reports an error condition (illegal parameter list length) if the User Volume Note Data Size is ZERO.

13.8.7. User Notes Hints

You can check for the absence of User Partition Note with the Log Sense Page 3Dh Parameter Code 0014h (List of Partitions that have the User Partition Note) or with the Log Sense Page 3Dh, Parameter Codes 0018h and 0019h.

In order to be able to overwrite User Notes with data structures of different length than the current one, you need to remember the order of the Notes in MIC. This is because you can modify the size of the last Note only.

14. APPENDIX G: MIC Phase 2 (SCSI Interface Specification for AIT Multiple Partitioning)

14.1. MIC Phase 2 Features

The MIC Phase 2 drive firmware supports the following MIC Phase 1 legacy features:

(1) **Reliability**: Media history data is preserved, even if the cassette is re-initialized. The data is read directly from MIC - not Tape Area.

(2) **Access Speed**: Load & Unload acceleration (from standard 24 sec down to 12 sec). Search Speed acceleration (225 Mbytes/sec to 450 Mbytes/sec). Improved File Average Access (57 sec to 28 sec).

(3) **Random Access User Memory**: 779 bytes of user data is available for the User Volume Note in the case of a 2 partition, 2Kbytes MIC cassette. When using 8Kbytes MIC and 2 partitions, 6.7 Kbytes User Volume Note is available.

(4) **Unique Volume Serial Number**

(5) **Volume Use History**

(6) **Date and Origin of Manufacturer**

Additionally, the MIC Phase 2 firmware supports the following new features, which take effect in the AIT mode only.

(7) Multiple Partitioning beyond 2 partitions (up to 14 in the case of the 2Kbytes MIC) is provided only for MIC cassettes. In the AIT mode, all partitions require Optional Device Area (ODA) except for the last, "open-ended" partition.

(8) Multiple load/ unload points at Optional Device Areas.

(9) Append Partition.

(10) Delete Partition.

14.2. The Default Mode for Drive

The default mode for SDX-300C is the DDS Emulation mode. In this mode, the drive supports up to 2 partitions. The top physical partition number is always begins 0, and the bottom physical partition number is 1. The physical partition number is automatically translated to the logical partition number. The top logical partition is 1, and bottom is 0. Consequently, SDX-300C can be used with DDS applications without requiring configuration adjustments via special commands or hardware switches.

14.3. Cassette has a Mode

(1) Cassette has its own Mode, of which there are two: (a) DDS mode and (b) AIT mode. A non-MIC cassette is always initialized in DDS mode. The default mode for the drive is also the DDS mode, therefore a MIC cassette will be initialized as DDS mode cassette. You can initialize MIC in the AIT mode by using Mode Select Page 31h before Mode Select Page 11h.

(2) The Mode is assigned for the cassette when it is initialized by using Mode Select Page 11h. If the AIT bit is set to ONE with Mode Select Page 31h before Mode Select Page 11h, then the cassette will be initialized in the AIT mode.

(3) The power up default mode for SDX-300C is the DDS mode. SDX-300C automatically changes its mode to the same mode as with the cassette; it also automatically returns to the default (DDS) mode after ejecting the AIT mode cassette.

(4) When an AIT mode cassette is inserted into SDX-300C (firmware prior to 0400), then the drive will do the followings:

a) immediately rewind the tape to BOT,

b) remain in the DDS mode,

c) handle the cassette as read only media,

d) read top two partitions only,

e) translate physical partition numbers to DDS-style logical numbers

14.4. Re-Using Cassettes

Cassettes are re-initialized with the SCSI Mode Select Page 11h command. The Accumulative System Log in MIC is saved, even if the cassette is re-initialized. MIC cassettes may be re-initialized in either the DDS mode or the AIT mode. Non-MIC cassettes may be re-initialized in the DDS Mode only. The drive treats MIC cassettes with unreadable MIC as non-MIC media.

14.5. Mode Select Page 31h (AIT Device Configuration Page)

Note 1: The values set by Mode Select Page 31h become valid after the Mode Select Page 11h command is completed.

Note 2: Mode Sense

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (31h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	AIT	DEVICE	ABS	ULPBOT	PRTH	PONEJ	SysLogAlive	
3	SPAN (0Ah)							
4	MIC	Reserved						
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Reserved							

AIT

The AIT-bit is a changeable bit. The status of the AIT-bit is valid after a cassette is initialized. Until then the AIT-bit indicates ZERO, even if the bit is set with the Mode Select command.

0 - DDS emulation mode (default)

1 - AIT native mode

Device

0 - Do not create optional device area. (DDS mode only)

1 - Create optional device area. (AIT mode only)

ABS

0 - Do not create the Absolute Volume Map information. (Not Supported)

1 - Create and maintain the Absolute Volume Map information.

ULPBOT

0 - Load/unload is performed at the Optional Device Area, except for partition 0.

1 - Load/ unload must be performed at the device area located at PBOT, even if there is an Optional Device Area. (default)

PRTH

0 - Allow Thread; Thread the tape after cartridge insertion, and return ready status. (default)

1 - Prevent Thread; Do not thread the tape after cartridge insertion, and return ready status immediately after the cartridge is loaded. The tape will automatically be threaded when a media access SCSI command (Erase, Locate, Mode Select Page 11h, Read, Read Position, Seek Block, Space, Write, and Write File-mark) is received from the host.

PONEJ

This bit is recorded in drive's EEPROM, and it effects the drive itself.

0 - Power On immediate Eject disable. If this bit set to 0, then the cassette will stay in the drive when power is applied. (default)

1 - Power On immediate Eject enable. If this bit set to 1, then cassette will be immediately ejected when power is applied to the drive.

Span

The Span field is in binary notation. If the span value is set to 0Ah and the tape is 170 meters in length, then the span would be 10 meters and the size of the Absolute Volume Map data structure in MIC will be 350 bytes. (default=0Ah (00001010B), other values are prohibited)

SysLogAlive

0 0 - System logs located only on tape. (default for SDX-T3N)

1 1 - System logs located only in MIC. (default for SDX-T3C)

The SysLogAlive-bits shall be set to 00B for non-MIC cartridges, and to 11B for MIC cartridges. Other bit combinations are prohibited.

MIC

This bit is effective for Mode Sense only. If this bit is 0 then MIC has not been detected in the cassette.

Bit Combination Table

AIT	DEV	ULPBOT	Description
0	0	0	illegal
0	0	1	DDS Mode, Unload at PBOT
0	1	0	illegal
0	1	1	illegal
1	0	0	illegal
1	0	1	illegal
1	1	0	AIT Mode, Unload at ODA
1	1	1	AIT Mode, Unload at PBOT

14.6. Mode Sense Page 31h (AIT Device Configuration Page)

Note 1: SDX-300C always reports the status of the cassette present in the drive, even if the mode values are changed.

Note 2: AIT-bit and DEV-bit values are changed after completing the Mode Select Page 11h.

Note 3: SDX-300C reports the following status for a virgin cassette:

Bits	SDX-T3N	SDX-T3C
AIT	0	0
DEV	0	0
ULPBOT	1	1
PRTH	0	0
PONEJ	0	0

ABS	0	1
MIC	0	1
SysLogAlive	00B	11B
SPAN	0Ah	0Ah

14.7. Mode Select Page 32h (Append Partition)

The Append Partition Command is available in the AIT mode. The Append Partition Command takes effect if the current partition is the last partition. When the command is issued in the last partition, SDX-300C will automatically space to the EOD area find the bottom of the Device Area, and then create a new partition. If the command is issued in any other partition, SDX-300C will return the CHECK CONDITION status (83h/97h Current Partition is no the last partition).

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (32h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved			PSUM (10)		Reserved		
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved				Partition units			
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	Partition Size Descriptor						
9								(LSB)

PSUM

Partition Size Unit of Measured field defines the units in which the Partition Size value selects the partition size, which in the case of this drive is Megabytes. Therefore, the drive returns 10b for a MODE SENSE and will only accept this value for a MODE SELECT, otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

Partition units

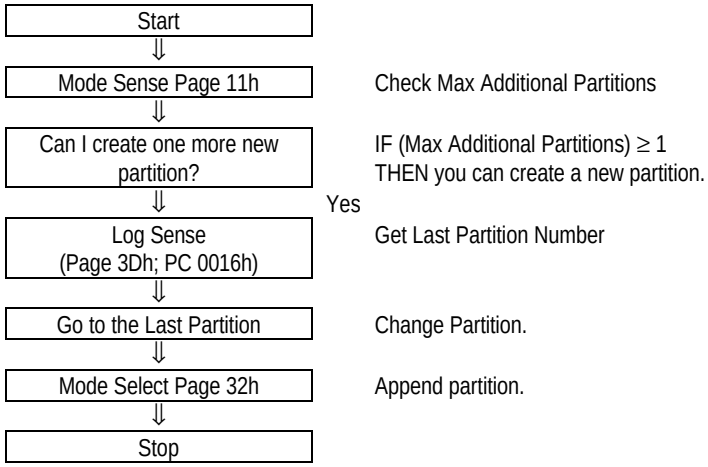
The Partition Size Units of Measure (PSUM) field defines the units used in the partition size descriptors. A logical unit is not required to retain the Partition Size Unit of Measure used to partition the medium. The PSUM field is defined in following table.

Code	Description	Support
00B	bytes (unit of one)	Optional
01B	kilobytes (10^3 bytes)	Optional
10B	megabytes (10^6 bytes)	Optional
11B	10^x bytes (x = partition units field)	Optional

Partition Size Descriptor

Partition size in megabytes, in binary notation. Bytes 8, 9: Partition Size Descriptor. For a Mode Sense Command, the value in this field is invalid unless the Mode Sense Command follows a successful Mode Select Command Page 32. Therefore, on power-up without a Mode Select Page 32h, the Current Page 32h Partition Size Descriptor should be set to the default value of 00 00. There is no relation between this field and the IDP bit in the parameter block of Mode Select Page 11h.

Append Partition example procedure:



Note 1: The partition to be appended inherits the conditions previously set by the Mode Select Page 31h.

Note 2: *Example 1*:

This example does not contains formatting overhead. AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0 = 2 GB, P1 = 23 G. P1 contains 4 GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 1 GB for the partition size. After the Mode Select command returns Good status we have the following:

P0 = 2GB
P1 = 4 GB (old data) + 1 GB of Append space = 5 GB **<---** new append partition
P2 = 23 GB - 5 GB = 18 GB.

After this command completes Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command Mode Sense page 11h will show the following:

Additional Partition = 2

P0 = 2GB
P1 = 5 GB
P2 = 18 GB

Note 3: *Example 2*:

This example does not contains formatting overhead. *Case 3.1*: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 5 GB for the partition size. This command will be rejected with a CHECK CONDITION and ASC/ASCQ (83h/98h: Cannot append the new partition because the remaining capacity too short) and the tape format will not be changed.

Case 3.2: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 3GB for the partition size. This command will not be rejected. This command completes with Good status; however the new partition will be an empty partition. After this command completes, Unit Attention condition is set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command, Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

P0=2GB
P1=20GB (old data) + 3GB = 23 GB **<---** new append partition.
P2=23 GB - 23 GB = 0 GB.

Case 3.3: AIT mode tape with two partitions. P0=2GB, P1=23GB. P1 contains 20GB of old data. Mode Select Page 32h Append Partition Page indicates 2 GB for the partition size. This command completes with Good status, and the Unit Attention condition is set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed. After this command, Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

P0=2GB
P1=20GB (old data) + 2GB = 22 GB <--- new append partition.
P2=23 GB - 22 GB = 1 GB.

Note 4: After partition appended, the Last Partition Number field of Volume Information in MIC indicates a valid value, while the value in the Last Partition Number field of Volume Information on tape is not valid.
Note 5: The Append Partition Page operation is not allowed when the WP tab is set.
Note 6: Append Partition Page writes all buffered data to tape, before appending a partition.

14.8. Mode Select Page 33h (Delete Partition)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (33h)					
1	Page Length (8)							
2	Indicated Partition Number							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Reserved							

SDX-300C rewind the tape to Bottom of Active Partition, after Delete Partition.

Note 1: The Delete Partition Command is available in the AIT mode and only for an AIT mode cassette.

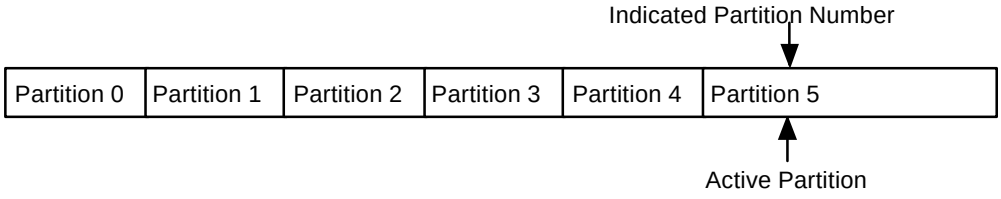
Note 2: The Indicated Partition Number value specifies the partition number ABOVE which partitions are to be deleted. Consequently, the value cannot represent the last, open-ended partition on tape. The specified partition itself is converted into an open-ended partition with its data contents preserved.

Note 3: Delete Partition is System area in the Active partition.

Examples:

Case 1 (with PRTH=0);

With the tape already loaded, and with partition 5 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated partition Number set to 5 (the last partition) will be rejected with CHECK CONDITION (Illegal parameter). See Notes 2 and 3.

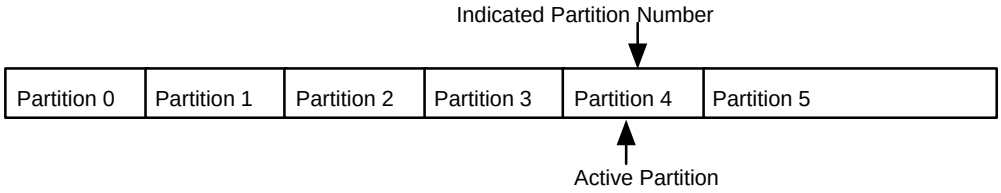


Case 2 (with PRTH=0);

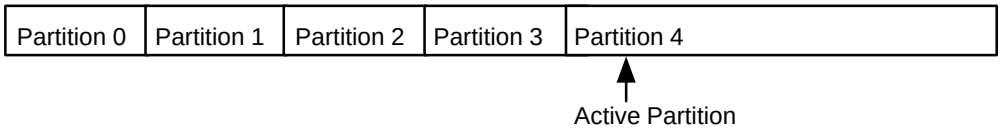
With the tape already loaded, and with partition 4 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 4 will delete partition 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 4. No tape motion will take place. The new last partition - partition 4 - will become open-ended, spanning up to the OEM.

After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed, and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:



New tape layout:

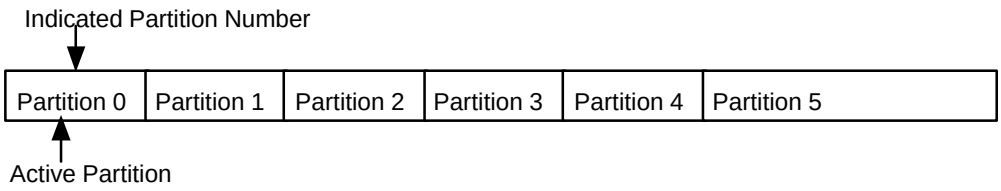


Case 3 (with PRTH=0);

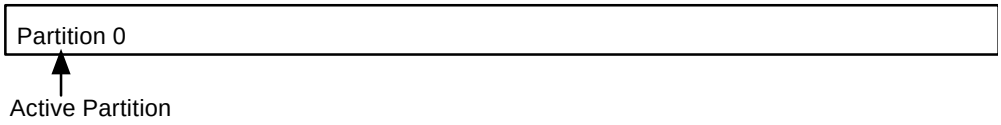
With the tape already loaded, and with partition 0 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 0 will delete partitions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 0. No tape motion will take place.

After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed, and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:



New tape layout:

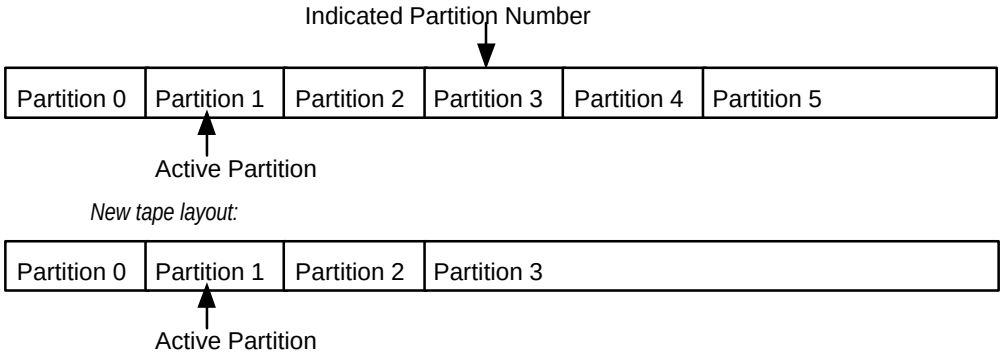


Case 4 (with PRTH=0);

With the tape already loaded, and with partition 1 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 3 will delete partitions 4 and 5. SDX-300C will change the value of 5 in the Last Partition Number field in the Volume Information in MIC to 3. No tape motion will take place.

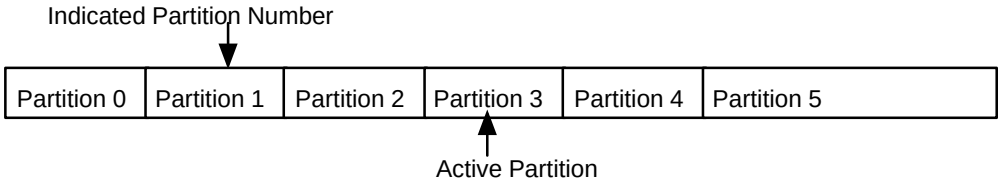
After the completion of this command, the Unit Attention condition will be set for other Initiators, with ASC/ASCQ set to 2A01, Mode Parameters changed and Mode Sense Page 11h will show the following:

Old tape layout:



Case 5 (with PRTH=0);

With the tape already loaded, and with partition 3 active, the Delete Partition command issued with the Indicated Partition Number set to 1 will be rejected with CHECK CONDITION. See Note 2.



Case 6; (with PRTH=1)

In case of the PRTH = 1, SDX-300C returns ready status after the cassette is inserted without tape threading. The current physical position is the ODA of partition 1, because the tape is not threaded yet. Threading will position the tape at the top of partition 2 - therefore, partition 2 and the preceding partitions cannot be deleted at this point; partition 3, 4, and 5 may be deleted. Consequently, the Indicated Partition Number shall be greater than 2.

An AIT cassette is equipped with a lock mechanism for both reels preventing tape movement. This feature guarantees that tape loading is done at the point of prior unload. However, if the AIT cassette is inserted into an 8mm VCR, then the tape position will change, in which case SDX-300C will rewind the tape to PBOT, after detecting that the load position is different from the unload position.

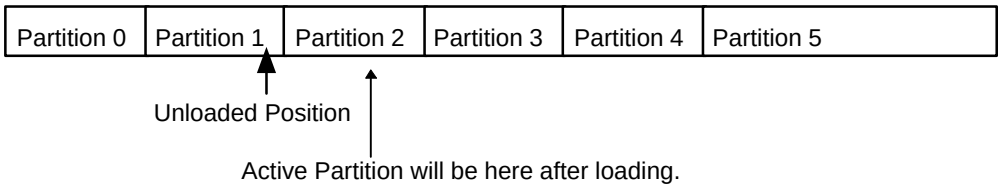
After the Mode Select Page 33h is processed by the drive, the following Parameters shall be changed:

a. Mode Sense Page 11h
b. Log Page 31h = Parameter Codes for Partitions deleted
c. Log Page 3Ch = Parameter Codes for Partitions deleted
d. Log Page 3Dh, Parameter Codes=0004h, 0015h, 0016h, and User Partition Notes for Partitions deleted
c. Log Page 3Eh, Parameter Codes = User Partition Notes for Partitions deleted.

After the command completes successfully Unit Attention is set for other Initiators.

Loaded tape scenario: (Indicated Partition Number) ≥ (Active Partition)

PRTH condition scenario: (Indicated Partition Number) ≥ (Unloaded Position) + 1



Note 4: The Last Partition Number field of Volume Information in MIC indicates true value, after a partition deleting. The Last Partition Number field of Volume Information on tape does not indicate true value, after a partition deleting.

Note 5: After a Delete Partition command completes successfully all data in the deleted partitions are also marked deleted.

]Note 6: Remaining capacity of the last partition should be updated to include the maximum capacity of the deleted partitions.

Note 7: Delete Partition command deletes partitions with ODA.

Note 8: If the WP tab is set we do not allow Delete Partition Page.

Note 9: Delete Partition page should write all buffered data to tape, then delete partition.

14.9. Mode Select / Sense Page 34h (Partition Attribute)

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Reserved		Page Code (34h)					
1	Partition Number							
2	Reserved							
3	Reserved							
4	Reserved							
5	OC	0	0	0	RD_R	WR_R	RD	WR
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Reserved							

Note 1: Both Mode Sense and Mode Select are available for this field. This field shall specify the attribute of the partition as follows.

WR: If this bit is set to ONE then prevent write for the Partition. If this bit is set to ONE then prevent a re-format command (Mode Select Page 11h, IDP=1) to initialize all partitions to new size.

RD: If this bit is set to ONE then prevent read for the Partition.

WR_R: If this bit is set to ONE then prevent write-retry for the Partition.

RD_R: If this bit is set to ONE then prevent read-retry for the Partition.

OC: (Sense Only bit) If this bit indicates 1 then the Partition is still opened. This bit always managed by SDX-300C, and cannot modify by others.

The WR is equipped as logical write-protection tab. The RD is equipped as logical read-protection tab. You can control retry action for each partitions by setting WR_R and RD_R. SDX-300C shall set OC before start writing operation, and reset OC after end writing operation. In case of the emergency like sudden death of power while writing operation, OC will be 1 even if no body perform writing now. By this technique, SDX-300C can detect the partition have had a corruption.

14.10. Mode Select Page 11h (for multi-partitioned tapes)

The Medium Partitions Parameter Page supported by the drive has the following format:

Bit / Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PS(0)	Reserved	Page Code (11h)					
1	Page Length (08h - 88h)							
2	Maximum Additional Partitions							
3	Additional Partitions Defined							
4	FDP(0)	SDP(0)	IDP (1)	PSUM (10b)	Reserved			
5	Medium Format Recognition (03h)							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 0)						
9								(LSB)
10	(MSB)	Partition Size (Partition 1)						
11								(LSB)
	:							
	:							
	:							
134	(MSB)	Partition Size (Physical & Logical Partition 63)						
135								(LSB)

Warning: *This page is used to format a tape to with one or two partitions. Extreme care must be used with this parameter page to avoid accidental reformatting of the tape. Reformatting will destroy all existing data.*

Maximum Additional Partitions: This field is only valid for MODE SENSE, and it is used to report the maximum number of additional partitions. This field is non-changeable; however it accepts all values as a don't care. The field value represents the maximum number of additional partitions supported, and it is limited by the free memory available in MIC, as well as the AIT Format limit of 256 partitions. SDX-300C calculates how many partitions can be created for the current SDX-T3C media; for example, you can make up to 14 partitions with net total 13 bytes of the User Volume Note and User Partition Notes when using 2Kbytes version of SDX-T3C.

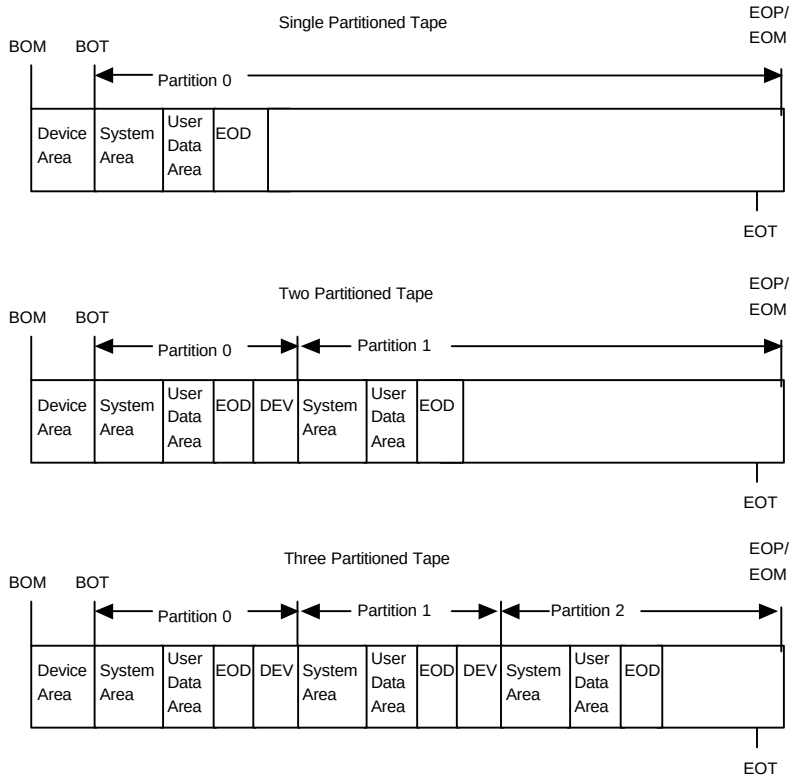
Additional Partitions Defined: This field specifies the number of additional partitions to be defined for the tape based on the IDP bit. The maximum allowed is the value returned in the Maximum Additional Partitions field. The drive the CHECK CONDITION status (ASC/ ASCQ = 83h/ 80h), when there is not enough room in the MIC.

FDP: The Fixed Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

SDP: The Select Data Partitions bit is not supported by the drive and if set, a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

IDP: The Initiator Defined Partitions bit is supported and, when set to one, indicates that the tape shall be partitioned based on the Additional Partitions Defined field, PSUM and Partition Size field.

The SDX-300C operating in the AIT Format Mode allows tapes to be split into separate and independent partitions, each with its own Reference, System and Vendor Group areas. The maximum size of a partition may be the entire tape. A tape partitioned into several partitions may be considered a collection of several separate logical tapes. This is illustrated below:



BOM = Beginning-of-Media (Physical)

BOT = Beginning-of-Tape (Logical)

EOM = End-of-Media (Physical)

EOP = End-of-Partition (Logical)

EOT = End-of-Tape (Logical)

Figure 6-1: Tape Partition Layout

A tape does not require partitioning prior to use. On the first WRITE to a blank tape, the device creates the System, Reference and Vendor areas before proceeding with the write. In order to reformat media from a two to a single, or from a single to a two partition tape, the Host is required to use the Medium Partitions Parameter page.

PSUM: Partition Size Unit of Measured field defines the units in which the Partition Size value selects the partition size, which in the case of this drive is Megabytes. Therefore, the drive returns 10b for a MODE SENSE and will only accept this value for a MODE SELECT, otherwise a CHECK CONDITION status is returned with an ILLEGAL REQUEST Sense Key set.

Medium Format Recognition: This field is only valid in response to the MODE SENSE command and is set to 03h in order to indicate that the drive is capable of format and partition recognition. This is non-changeable field. It accepts any values, and always returns 1.

Partition Sizes: This field allows the initiator to allocate the capacity for each partition. It will also allow the initiator to reallocate the capacity of previously partitioned tapes.(!?!?!?)

The Partition Size specifies the capacity of all partitions in Megabytes (in the case of SDX-300C - see PSUM field definition). The drive rounds the Partition Size to the next whole group value and then applies an algorithm which allows for the writing of ECC-3 frames and for RAW error recovery so as to reserve sufficient physical space on the media for the specified capacity. The minimum space allocated shall be 3050 frames.

If the Additional Partitions Defined and Partition Size fields are set to ZERO the drive will initialize the tape as Partition 0, spanning the whole length of the tape.

The size of Partition 0 is only valid during MODE SENSE and is ignored during MODE SELECT. And remaining Capacity belongs to Partition 0. (!?!?!?)

Note 1: SDX-300C accepts any number including 0FFh for the Parameter List Length in CDB, although the drive returns valid information only. For example, in case of a single partition, SDX-300C returns 16h bytes of parameter list (sufficient for one partition size descriptor), even if the host sets 0FFh for the Parameter List Length in CDB.

Note 2: The Partition Size represents a changeable value, because tapes can be re-initialized. The drive would return N-1 pieces of partition size descriptors that contents is all 0FFh when N partitions on tape. (!?!?!?)

Note 3: Last partitions are open-ended partitions, because they are extendible up to the EOT. Consequently, the size of the last partition can be calculated from the number of remaining frames, excluding the Option Device Area.

Note 4: The Volume Information Data is stored both into MIC and on tape, after completing a Mode Select Page 11h command. This is so, because the SysLogAlive bits must be valid on the tape, in order to indicate where the System Log information is.

Note 5: SDX-300C create ODA (Optional Device Area) at all partitions except for the last partition.

Note 6: If ODA is active we can format this tape. (!?!?!?)

14.11. Log Sense Page 31h (Tape Capacity page)

The following equation returns the Code Value:
The Code Value for the Remaining Capacity of the Partition := 2N + (1 - mod(N,2))
The Code Value for the Maximum Capacity of the Partition := (2N + (1 - mod(N,2))) + 2

Code Value	Definition
0001h	Remaining capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0002h	Remaining capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes)
0003h	Maximum capacity, partition 0 (kilobytes)
0004h	Maximum capacity, partition 1 (kilobytes)
0005h	Remaining capacity, partition 2 (kilobytes)
0006h	Remaining capacity, partition 3 (kilobytes)
0007h	Maximum capacity, partition 2 (kilobytes)
0008h	Maximum capacity, partition 3 (kilobytes)
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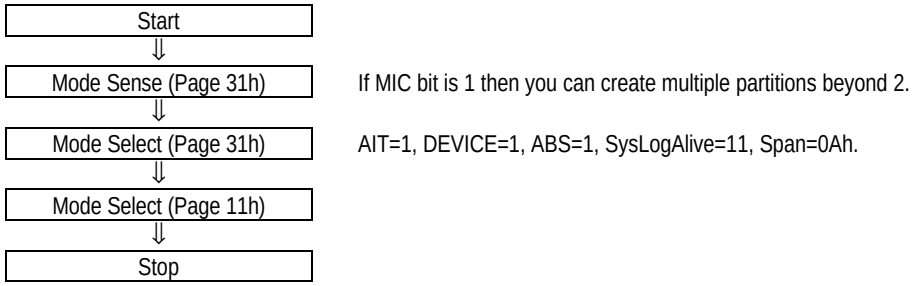
007Dh	Remaining capacity, partition 62 (kilobytes)
007Eh	Remaining capacity, partition 63 (kilobytes)
007Fh	Maximum capacity, partition 62 (kilobytes)
0080h	Maximum capacity, partition 63 (kilobytes)

14.12. Create Multi-Partitioned Tapes

Here is the procedure to create multiple partitioned tape.



Note 1: Multiple Partitioning in the AIT Mode is supported only by SDX-T3C, SDX-T3CML, and SDX-T3CSL media. The AIT Mode must be explicitly with MODE SELECT.

Note 2: Mode Sense Page 11h always reflects the status of the drive. After processing Mode Select Page 31h with the AIT bit set to ONE, the drive will return Maximum Additional Partitions with a value beyond 01h. The value of Maximum Additional Partitions depends on the free memory in the MIC.

Note 3: Mode Page 31h always reflects the current status of the cassette. If the cassette is not formatted in a AIT mode, the AIT bit is returned as ZERO even if you've already issued Mode Select with the AIT bit set to ONE has already been processed by the drive.

Note 4: Mode Select Page 11h:

Set IDP bit to 1. Additional Partition =N, number of additional partitions to be created. This value must be less than the number of Maximum Additional Partitions.

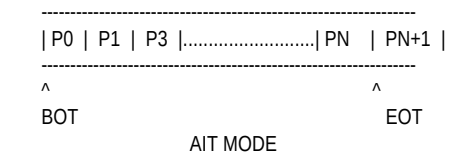
Partition 00 size = nonzero value00.

Partition 01 size = nonzero value01.

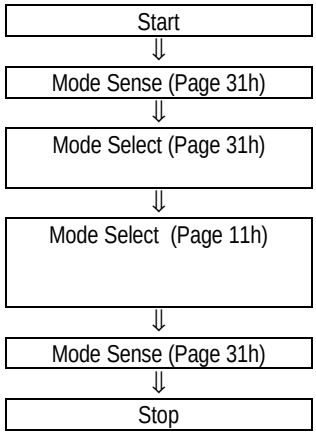
.....

Partition N size = nonzero valueN.

This creates N+1 Partitions. The N+1 Partition will be 25GB - (sum of Partition00 through PartitionN). The N+1 Partition is the default partition. The CDB Parameter List length = 12 + 8 + 2*N. If the Mode Select Page 11h is not issued, the drive will not be placed in the AIT Mode. If Mode Sense Page 31h is issued after Mode Select Page 31h, then it will return the AIT BIT cleared, indicating that the drive is not in the AIT Mode, but in whatever mode it was before processing Mode Select Page 31h. If Mode Select Page 11h returns Good status, the Partition layout will conform now with the AIT Mode as illustrated below:



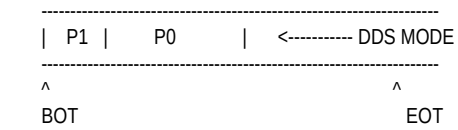
Also, it is possible to clear the AIT BIT, if it is set, and put the tape in DDS Mode.



AIT=0, All other bits and bytes are the same as returned with Mode Sense Page 31.

Set IDP bit to 1.
Additional Partition = 0, or 1
If above is 1, Partition 01 size = nonzero value < 25GB

Note 5: If Mode Select Page 11h is not issued, then the drive will remain in whatever mode it was before the command. If Mode Select Page 11h returns Good status, then the Partition layout will conform now with the DDS Mode as illustrated below. The default Partition is now P0.



14.13. Un-readable MIC

If MIC is un-readable even though the SysLogAlive-bit on tape indicate 11B, SDX-300C reports ASC/ASCQ (83h/87h) instead of Unit Attention/ Media Change. In such case, SDX-300C will treat the SDX-T3C media as a write-protected SDX-T3N (non-MIC cassette).

You can check MIC availability by using Mode Sense Page 31h (MIC bit).

You can reformat this cassette by using Mode Select Page 11h as a SDX-T3N.

If MIC becomes readable during re-initialization of the tape (and no logical collapses in MIC Header information while the re-initializing stage ?????), the cassette will be formatted as SDX-T3C.

14.14. Write Protection TAB

DDS mode with a MIC cassette: While the write protection tab is in the SAFE position, SDX-300C will update the Accumulative System Log only. The drive will reject Log Select commands for MIC.

AIT mode with a MIC cassette: While the write protection tab is in the SAFE position, SDX-300C will update all System Logs and the Accumulative System Log. User may update the User Volume Note and User Partition Notes, even if the WP-TAB is the SAFE position.

14.15. LOADING/UNLOADING

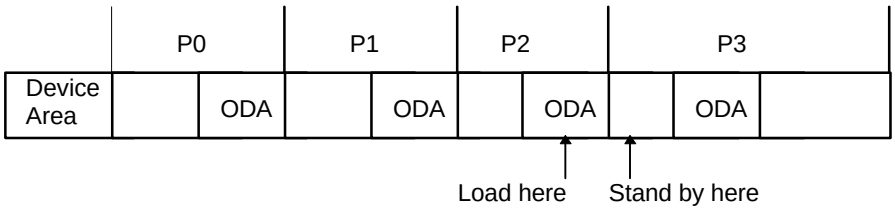
The AIT cassette; 3 partitioned, Ejected cassette. The Position Information is recorded in MIC as follows.

Eject Status: AFN = Maximum AFN for P1 plus something
Partition-ID = 2
Group-count = *a*
Record-count = *b*
Save-set-mark-count = *c*
File-mark-count = *d*

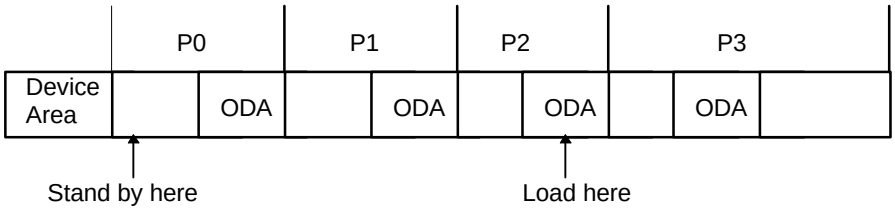
Reel Diameter: S_reel_int_part = *e*
S_reel_frac_part = *f*
T_reel_int_part = *g*
T_reel_frac_part = *h*

SDX-300C reads the tape after loading and retrieves the Partition-ID from the tape comparing it with the Partition ID obtained from the Eject Status. If the id's are the same and the Area ID on tape is ODA, then SDX-300C concludes that the loading was successful and it clears the Position Information in MIC.

Normal Loading Sequence:



Loading Sequence with position problem:

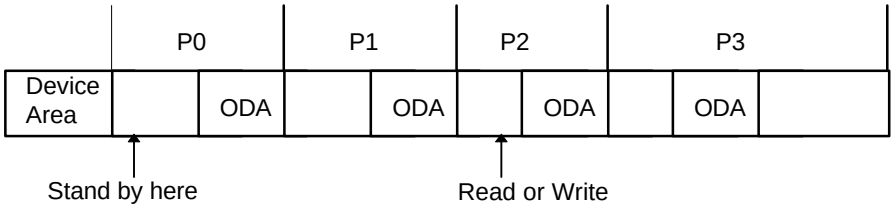


If the Position Information on tape is different from the Position Information in MIC, then SDX-300C will rewind the tape to PBOT, clear the Position Information in MIC, , because the position information on tape is different from the position information in MIC), and stand by at the top of partition zero after reading the System Log information on partition zero.

When the power fail at the time of reading/writing data from/to tape, the position information in MIC remains cleared (all ZEROs). When a subsequent unload succeeds, the MIC will hold the appropriate position information.

Recommend the check Active Partition using Mode Select Page 10h, because after Load from ODA sometimes the SDX-300C stand by PBOT.

After SCSI BUS Reset:



Note 1: The EOT bit is effective in both DDS and AIT modes. If the EOT bit is set to ONE (as a result of the Unload command) for an AIT mode cassette, then the drive shall wind the tape to PEOT and then unload the tape without searching the Option Device Area. After rewinding the tape, SDX-300C will set the Partition ID of Eject Status to 255, clear other parameters, set Reel Diameter to true values, and finally eject the cassette.

Note 2: Tape will be rewind to top when you issued LOAD/ UNLOAD SCSI command right after the loading sequence by using an ODA.

14.16. Application Notes

14.16.1. Backup Techniques with MIC Cassettes

An application may choose to combine the traditional method of marking session boundaries with filemarks and setmarks together with a new method of creating such boundries using multi-partitioning. For example, smaller sessions may be delineated with filemarks and/or setmarks, while the application may use the Partition Append operation to separate larger sessions - or periodically after several smaller sessions. This method should improve access times because the drive will be able to load/unload at partition boundaries in closer porximity to desired target locations on tape. In order to make the correct decision as to whether to use marks tor to append a partition, the application should measure the current physical location on tape. Physical tape length can be calculated from log (Log Sense/MIC): (Absolute Frame Number + Rewritten Frame Count) - * horizontal frame width. The idea is to strike a balance between the need for faster access and the overhead imposed by partitioning: too many partitions will reduce the tape capacity and consume significant amount of time to create, while too few partitions might not optimize future access times as much as possible.

14.16.2. How to Change Active Partition

You can change partitions with Mode Select Page 10h (Device Configuration Page). Set CAP (Change Active Partition) bit to ONE and set the destination in the Active Partition field.

14.16.3. Retention

If the Retention bit in the Load/Unload SCSI CDB is set, the drive winds to EOM, and then rewinds to BOM before starting a loading sequence. After this sequence, drive becomes ready at partition ZERO.

15. APPENDIX H: REVISION TABLE

This Product Specification Manual (version 2.0) is applicable for AIT drive which the revision numbers are later equal than B01. Please check your drive's revision number prior to referring to this Manual. If your drive's revision number is older than B01, please refer to previous version of the Production Specification Manual (version 1.0).

15.1. Revision Table for SDX-300

Hardware Revision	Remarks	Firmware Version
A00	This is the first revision.	101
A01	The Head Cleaning Roller Control System was changed. (HC → Active HC)	101
A02	Buffer control LSI (IC304 on BDC1) was modified form ES2 to ES3. The external ICs for DRAM control were integrated into ES3.	101
A03	(1) The Miler Sheet was changed to larger size. (2) The Servo CPU was version up from 2.22 to 2.24 for the countermeasure for light leakage.	101
A04	Viterbi Decoder LSI (IC21/22 on RF1) was modified from ES2 to ES3. Increase the memory for Viterbi Decoder LSI.	101
A05	(1) BDC-Board was modified. (2) RF-Board was modified.	101
A06	Hardware Revision A06 is available for only SDX-300C.	101
B01	(1) Change of SSS-Board (SSS-2 → SSS-4) (2) ID connector position was changed. (3) DIP switch position was changed.	101

15.2. Revision Table for SDX-300C

Hardware Revision	Remarks	Firmware Version
A00	This is the first revision.	010a
A01	The Head Cleaning Roller Control System was changed. (HC → Active HC)	010a
A02	Buffer control LSI (IC304 on BDC1) was modified form ES2 to ES3. The external ICs for DRAM control were integrated into ES3.	010a
A03	Hardware Revision A06 is available for only SDX-300.	010a
A04	Viterbi Decoder LSI (IC21/22 on RF1) was modified from ES2 to ES3. Increase the memory for Viterbi Decoder LSI.	010a
A05	(1) BDC-Board was modified. (2) RF-Board was modified.	010a
A06	Firmware Number was changed to version 0300. This is the “MIC Phase-1” supported.	0300
B01	(1) Change of SSS-Board (SSS-2 → SSS-4) (2) ID connector position was changed. (3) DIP switch position was changed.	0300
B02	RF-Board was modified in order to replace several IC s. (1) Analog IC s or PLL and Equalizers, made by SONY was replaced with their modified version. (2) The A/D Converter IC was replaced with new version of it.	0300
C00	(1) Resettable Switch was installed. (2) DIP switch modification. (3) Reel motor modification. (4) PB-1 board modification. (5) RF-1 Board modification.	0300

16. APPENDIX I: GLOSSARY

This glossary includes many terms that are useful when working with the SONY DDS tape drive. Not all terms are used within this manual.

Amble: A frame used to separate groups. It has a Logical Frame Number of ZERO. The Main Data Area contains only a valid header.

ANSI: American National Standards Institute, which sets standards for, amongst other things, SCSI and the safety of electrical devices.

ATF: Automatic Track Finding

Beginning Of Partition (BOP): The position at the beginning of the permissible recording region of a partition. If only one partition is defined, this position is typically equivalent to the beginning-of-medium. (BOM)

Beginning Of Medium (BOM): The extreme position along the medium in the direction away from the supply reel which can be accessed by the device.

Bit Error Rate: Number of errors/Total number of bits written or read

Block Error Rate: Number of errors/Total number of blocks written or read

BOM: Beginning Of Media

BOT: Beginning Of Tape

Buffered mode: A mode of data transfer in write operations which facilitates tape streaming, as reported in the Mode Select parameter.

Device Area: The first area on the tape used by the drive for drum spin-up and testing.

Drop-out: An area of tape where the signal level of the media has fallen off to a level where data recovery is no longer possible.

Early Warning: A device computed position near but logically before the end-of-partition. See the REW bit in the Mode Select Device Configuration page.

ECC: Error Correction Code

End Of Data (EOD): End of data in a partition a special format group written after all current user data.

End Of Medium (EOM): The extreme position along the medium in the direction away from the take-up reel which can be accessed by the device.

End Of Partition (EOP): The position at the end of the permissible recording region of a partition. May be the same as end of media.

EOD: End Of Data

EOM: End Of Media

EOP: End Of Partition

EOT: End Of Tape

Error Rate Log: The Error Rate Log exists in RAM in the SDX-300C and maintains a history of hard (un-correctable) and soft (correctable by RAW or C3 ECC) errors which have occurred since the last tape load.

Fast Searching: The process of reading just the ID areas to locate an item on the tape at a speed up to 75 times faster than normal read speed.

Fault Log: The Fault Log is stored in RAM in the SDX-300C and holds a record of Self-Test failures and all problems which have been met during normal operation.

Frame: Two adjacent tracks, one A channel and one B channel.

File-mark: A mark written by the host. It does not necessarily separate files. It is up to the host to assign a meaning to the mark. Consist of a special recorded element within a partition, containing no user data, which provides a segmentation scheme.

Group: A fixed capacity set of frames written onto or read from the tape. A group contains one index and can contain several records, partial records, File-marks and Set-marks.

Hard Error: A Hard Error is an un-correctable data error. During writing, this is defined as being uncorrected after the RAW retry limit has been exceeded. During reading, a hard error is logged if a group is un-correctable.

Head Clog: Particles from the tape or from outside the drive adhere to the head gap on a read or write head and obstruct the reading or writing of data. The particles will become dislodged by the operation of the internal head cleaner and/or cleaning tape.

Index: Information stored at the end of a group which specifies the contents of the group. Every group except the Vendor Group contains an index.

Lead-in Area: The first clause of the tape used for loading, BOT positioning, and tape usage logging.

Load: To insert a cassette into the drive. The drive automatically threads the tape and goes online.

LUN: Logical Unit Number, by which a device is identified on the SCSI bus. The Sony SDX-300C has an LUN of 0 fixed in the firmware.

MIC: Memory In Cassette.

Noise: Any kind of magnetic or electric interference detected by the electronics.

Off-line: The Sony SDX-300C is off-line if the tape is currently unloaded or not in the drive. The host has limited access, and cannot perform any commands which would cause tape motion. The host can, however, load a tape, if one is inserted, and can execute any diagnostic tests which do not require tape motion.

On-line: The Sony SDX-300C is online when a tape is loaded. The host has access to all command operations, including those which access the tape, set configurations and run diagnostic tests.

Over Length: The incorrect length condition that exists after executing a read command when the length of the actual block read exceeds the requested transfer length in the command descriptor block. Only the requested amount of data is returned to the host.

Partition: The entire usable region of recording and reading paths in a volume or in a portion of a volume. If there is more than one partition, they shall be numbered starting with ZERO (i.e., beginning of partition ZERO).

RAW: See Read-After-Write

Read-After-Write (RAW): Improves data integrity by reading data immediately after it is written and writing the frame again if an error is found. Frames are only re-written as necessary, so speed and capacity are affected minimally. RAW capability is included in the SDX-300C format.

Repeat (N-group writing): Sometimes called multiple group writing, Repeat (N-group writing) repeats each group of data so that there are N consecutive copies of each group on the tape. This is a simple way of improving data integrity, but speed and capacity are sacrificed in writing all data several times.

Reserved: Reserved for future definition and detailing and not generally available for use. Reserved bits and fields should be set to ZERO.

Set-mark: A mark written by the host to allow fast searching to a point on the tape without having to know the number of records or file-marks that precede this point. A special recorded element within a partition, containing no user data, which provides a segmentation scheme hierarchically superior to file-marks for use in addressing or fast positioning on high capacity storage devices. (Also called Save-Set Mark)

SCSI (Small Computer System Interface): This computer device interface has been certified as an American National Standard by ANSI. The standard contains the electrical specifications, communication protocol, and command structure necessary to connect various computer peripherals to a host computer.

Soft Error: A soft error is a data error which can be corrected by a RAW rewrite during writing, or by C1, C2 or C3 ECC, or a read-retry during reading.

Spacing: The act of positioning the medium on a sequential access device.

System Area: A section in the Lead-in Area used to store the tape usage information.

Tape Log: The Tape Log contains details of the history of a tape, the total number of groups written, of RAW retries, of groups read, of C3 ECC retries, and of loads. The log is copied into RAM when the tape is loaded into the SDX-300C, updated as the tape is used, and written back into the System area on the tape when it is unloaded. Tape Write Protect, power failure or reset will lose the log data maintained in RAM.

Under Length: The incorrect length condition that exists after executing a read command when the requested transfer length in the command descriptor block exceeds the length of the actual block read.

Volume: A recording medium together with its physical carrier. (a single tape cassette)