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Ultra640 SCSI Training Pattern Proposal

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Approach to Ultra640

- Ultra640 SCSI can be achieved without major protocol changes
- However, improvements in some or all of the following will be required:
 - Cable plant specification
 - Receiver signal processing
 - Deskew margins

Training Pattern

- The training pattern for Ultra320 SCSI already contains a rich variety of fields
- No new fields are required for Ultra640 SCSI
- However, we propose that the duration of each field be fixed in absolute time rather than number of pulses because:
 - Improved deskew accuracy required for Ultra640 may require more pulses than for Ultra320
 - Some signal processing (e.g., AAF boost, offset correction) have fixed time components independent of transfer rate

Proposal for Training Pattern

- Ultra640 training pattern:
 - Each field shall be of the identical "type" as for Ultra320 (DC, 1010..., 11001100, etc.)
 - Each field shall occur in the same order as for Ultra320
 - Each field shall be the identical time duration as for Ultra320, consisting of double the number of transfer periods
 - The modifications required for SPI-5 can be constructed to be consistent with what is specified in SPI-4 for Ultra320

Modifications for SPI-5

- SPI-4 specifies elements of the training pattern for Ultra320 in terms of number of pulses, and then provides examples of the time equivalent for the step
- By changing the order of the specifications and examples, this would then apply to both Ultra320 and Ultra640

Example of Modifications for SPI-5

- Clause 10.7.4.2.2 DT DATA IN phase training pattern, Start of section A:, list item (3):
- SPI-4 reads:
- "...wait the equivalent of 32 transfer periods (e.g., 200 ns at fast-160)..."
- Recommended for SPI-5:
- "...wait 200 ns (e.g., the equivalent of 32 transfer periods at fast-160)..."