

To: INCITS T10 Committee  
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Subject: SSC-3 add device type specific VPD page.

## 1 Revision History

Revision 0:  
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Revision 1:

1. Remove the request for a new tape alert flag. This is covered by proposal 04-211r1.
2. Replace incomplete definition of write once capable mode with "Beyond the scope of this standard". Once a complete definition of WORM is added to SSC-3 (soon, I suspect), a reference should replace this statement.

## 2 General

A need has arisen to report device capabilities that are unique to SSC type devices. SCSI provides a method to do this using INQUIRY VPD pages. This document proposes a VPD page unique to SSC device types be added to SSC-3. It also proposes 1 bit field in this page to report a capability to support Write Once Read Many mode of operation. Room has been left to add more fields to report other capabilities.

## 3 Proposal

### 3.1 Additions to clause 6 in SSC-3.

Add sub clause 6.4 as follows:

### 6.4 Vital product data (VPD) parameters

#### 6.4.1 VPD parameters overview

This subclause defines the VPD pages used with SCSI Stream Command type devices. See SPC-3 for VPD pages used with all device types. The VPD page codes specific to direct-access devices are defined in table A.

VPD page code	VPD page name	Reference	Support requirements
B0h	SSC device capabilities VPD page	6.4.2	Optional
B1h – BFh	Reserved for this device type		

#### 6.4.2 SSC device capabilities VPD page

Table X defines the SSC device capabilities VPD page. This page provides the application client with the means to determine if the features defined by this page are supported by the device.

Table X – SSC device capabilities VPD page

Byte/Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PERIPHERAL QUALIFIER			PERIPHERAL DEVICE TYPE				
1	PAGE CODE (B0h)							
2	Reserved							
3	PAGE LENGTH (10h)							
4	RESERVED							WORM
5 - 19	RESERVED							

The Write Once Read Many (WORM) bit indicates if the device server supports a write once capability. The definition of write once capability is beyond the scope of this standard. If the WORM bit is set to one, the device server supports this mode of operation. If the WORM bit is set to zero, the device server does not support this mode of operation.