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To: T10 Committee (SCSI)

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Subject: SBC-3, SPC-4: Application ownership of protection information Reference Tag

1 Overview

Some of the current applications using proprietary end-to-end protection method would like to convert to using the protection defined in the SBC and SPC standards. However, the methods used require a larger application tag field than is currently defined. They also imbed information that performs a similar function to the reference tag field. As a result they would like to have the option to expand the application tag field to include the reference tag field.

The following proposal requests the RTO_EN bit be expanded to allow, when set to one, non-32-byte commands to execute. This would have the effect of preventing the device server from modifying the reference tag. A bit is also added to Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page to inform the application client if this option is supported.

With this proposal the meaning of a logical unit that is formatted with RTO_EN set to one changes from failing all non-32-byte command except legacy for legacy operations (i.e., those with RDPROTECT, WRPROTECT, and VRPROTECT set to zero) to allowing all commands to execute.

Because the 32-byte commands now have two different ways to define the content of the reference tag so a bit is added to the CDB that indicates if the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG is to used or not.

Changes to SPC-4

1.0.1 Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page

The Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page (see table 1) provides the application client with a means to obtain information about the logical unit.

Table 1 — Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page

Bit Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	PERIPHERAL QUALIFIER			PERIPHERAL DEVICE TYPE				
1	PAGE CODE (86h)							
2	Reserved							
3	PAGE LENGTH (3Ch)							
4	Reserved			RTO	GRD_CHK		APP_CHK	REF_CHK
5	Reserved			GROUP_SUP	PRIOR_SUP	HEADSUP	ORDSUP	SIMPSUP
6	Reserved						NV_SUP	V_SUP
7 63	Reserved							

The PERIPHERAL QUALIFIER field and the PERIPHERAL DEVICE TYPE field are as defined in 6.4.2.

The PAGE LENGTH field specifies the length of the following VPD page data and shall be set to 60. The relationship between the PAGE LENGTH field and the CDB ALLOCATION LENGTH field is defined in 4.3.4.6.

~~A reference tag ownership (RTO) bit set to zero indicates that the logical unit does not support application client ownership of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the protection information (see SBC-2), if any. A RTO bit set to one indicates that the logical unit supports application client ownership of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field.~~

A reference tag ownership (RTO) field (see table 2) indicates if the logical unit supports application client ownership of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the protection information (see SBC-3), if any.

Table 2 — RTO field

Code	Definition
00b	Indicates that the logical unit does not support application client ownership of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the protection information (see SBC-3).
01b	Indicates that: a) the logical unit supports use by the application client of the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see SBC-3); and b) any CDB: A) received by the logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) that has been formatted with protection information; and B) that does not contain an EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field and does not contain a RDPROTECT field set to zero, WRPROTECT field set to zero, or VRPROTECT field set to zero, is terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE
10b	Reserved
11b	Indicates that the logical unit supports application client ownership of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field (see SBC-3).

Changes to SBC-3

1.0.2 Protection information format

Table 3 defines the placement of protection information in a logical block.

Table 3 — User data and protection information format

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0				USER DATA				
n - 1								
n	(MSB)							
n + 1			LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD					(LSB)
n + 2	(MSB)							
n + 3			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG					(LSB)
n + 4	(MSB)							
n + 7			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG					(LSB)

The USER DATA field shall contain user data. The contents of the USER DATA field shall be used to generate and check the CRC contained in the LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field.

The LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field contains the CRC (see 4.16.3) of the contents of the USER DATA field.

The LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is set by the application client. A LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh disables checking of all protection information for the logical block when reading from the medium. Otherwise, the contents of the logical block application tag are not defined by this standard. The LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field may be modified by a device server if the ATO bit is set to zero in the Control mode page (see SPC-3). The contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field shall not be used to generate or check the CRC contained in the LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field.

Editor's Note 1: The above change as accepted in 05-101r1.

If the device server owns the logical block reference tag (i.e., with the RTO_REQ bit set to zero in the FORMAT UNIT command (see 5.2)), then the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is an incrementing value associated with the logical block. The LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of the first logical block in the data-in buffer and/or data-out buffer depends on the command being processed:

   a) for a command that does not include an EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field (e.g., READ (16)) the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of the first logical block in the data-in buffer and/or data-out buffer shall contain the least significant four bytes of the LBA contained in the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field of the command; and
   b) for a command that does include an EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field (e.g., READ (32)) the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of the first logical block shall contain the value in the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of the command. These commands are only processed if the medium was formatted with application client ownership of the logical block reference tag (i.e., with the RTO_REQ bit set to one in the FORMAT UNIT command (see 5.2)).

If the device server owns the logical block reference tag, then each subsequent logical block in the data-in buffer and/or data-out buffer shall contain a LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field with the logical block reference tag of the previous logical block plus one.

If the application client owns the logical block reference tag, then a LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to FFFF FFFFh disables checking of all protection information for the logical block when reading from the medium. Otherwise. the contents of the logical block reference tag are not defined by this standard and shall not be modified by the device server.

The contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field shall not be used to generate or check the CRC contained in the LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field.

1.1 READ (6) command

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The device server shall check the protection information read from the medium before returning status for the command as described in table 4.

Table 4 — Protection information checking for READ (6)

Logical unit formatted with protection information	Shall device server transmit protection information?	Field in protection information [f]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [d]	If check fails [b] [c], additional sense code
Yes	No	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
			GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [a]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
			APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [g]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
			REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
No		No protection information available to check		

[a] The device server checks the logical block application tag only if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. The method for acquiring this knowledge is not defined by this standard.

[b] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[c] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[d] See the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page (see SPC-3) for the definitions of the GRD_CHK bit, APP_CHK bit, and REF_CHK bit.

[e] ~~If the device server detects a LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh, it shall not check any protection information in the associated logical block.~~

[f] If the device server detects a:
   a) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh; or
   b) LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to FFFF FFFFh and the RTO_EN bit is set to one in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11),
   then the device server shall not check any protection information in the associated logical block.

[g] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero ~~in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11)~~, the device server checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server checks the logical block reference tag only if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. The method for acquiring this knowledge is not defined by this standard.

1.2 READ (10) command

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The device server shall check the protection information read from the medium before returning status for the command based on the RDPROTECT field as described in table 5.

Table 5 — RDPROTECT **field** (part 1 of 4)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Shall device server transmit protection information?	Field in protection information [i]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [g]	If check fails [d] [f], additional sense code
000b [j]	Yes	No	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
				GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
				APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
				REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No		No protection information available to check		
001b 101b [b] [j]	Yes	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
				GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
				APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
				REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No [a]		No protection information available to transmit to the data-in buffer or for checking		

Table 5 — RDPROTECT **field** (part 2 of 4)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Shall device server transmit protection information?	Field in protection information [i]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [g]	If check fails [d] [f], additional sense code
010b [b] [j]	Yes	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	No check performed	
			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
				APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
				REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No [a]	No protection information available to transmit to the data-in buffer or for checking			
011b [b] [j]	Yes	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	No check performed	
			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	No check performed	
			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	No check performed	
	No [a]	No protection information available to transmit to the data-in buffer or for checking			

Table 5 — RDPROTECT **field** (part 3 of 4)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Shall device server transmit protection information?	Field in protection information [i]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [g]	If check fails [d] [f], additional sense code
100b [b][j]	Yes	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
				GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
			LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	No check performed	
			LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	No check performed	
	No [a]	No protection information available to transmit to the data-in buffer or for checking			
110b - 111b	Reserved				

Table 5 — RDPROTECT **field** (part 4 of 4)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Shall device server transmit protection information?	Field in protection information [i]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [g]	If check fails [d] [f], additional sense code

[a] A read operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] The device server shall check the logical block application tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the READ (32) command (see 1.3) is used and the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), this knowledge is acquired from the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field and the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field in the CDB. Otherwise, this knowledge may be acquired by a method not defined by this standard.

[d] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[e] Transmit protection information to the data-in buffer.

[f] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[g] See the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page (see SPC-3) for the definitions of the GRD_CHK bit, the APP_CHK bit, and the REF_CHK bit.

[h] ~~If the application client or device server detects a LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh, the checking of all protection information in the associated logical block shall be disabled.~~

[i] If the application client or device server detects a:
a) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh; or
b) LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to FFFF FFFFh and the RTO_EN bit is set to one in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11),
then the checking of all protection information in the associated logical block shall be disabled.

[j] ~~If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server may process the command. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, READ (10) commands, READ (12) commands, and READ (16) commands with the RDPROTECT field set to 000b may be processed by the device server. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server shall terminate READ (10) commands, READ (12) commands, and READ (16) commands with the RDPROTECT field not set to 000b with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE.~~

[k] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. ~~If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag based on the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see 4.16.2).~~ If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. This knowledge may be acquired through the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in a READ (32) command (see 1.3) or by a method not defined by this standard.

1.3 READ (32) command

The READ (32) command (see table 6) requests that the device server read the specified logical block(s) and transfer them to the data-in buffer. Each logical block read includes user data and, if the medium is formatted with protection information enabled, protection information. Each logical block transferred includes user data and may include protection information, based on the RDPROTECT field and the medium format.

If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and

the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server may process the command.

Table 6 — READ (32) command

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	OPERATION CODE (7Fh)							
1	CONTROL							
2	Reserved							
5								
6	Reserved				GROUP NUMBER			
7	ADDITIONAL CDB LENGTH (18h)							
8	(MSB)							
9	SERVICE ACTION (0009h)							(LSB)
10	RDPROTECT			DPO	FUA	Reserved	FUA_NV	Reserved
11	Reserved							XREF_VALID
12	(MSB)							
19	LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS							(LSB)
20	(MSB)							
23	EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG							(LSB)
24	(MSB)							
25	EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG							(LSB)
26	(MSB)							
27	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK							(LSB)
28	(MSB)							
31	TRANSFER LENGTH							(LSB)

See the READ (10) command (see 1.2) for the definitions of the GROUP NUMBER field, the RDPROTECT field, the DPO bit, the FUA bit, the FUA_NV bit, the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field, and the TRANSFER LENGTH field.

An expected reference tag valid (XREF_VALID) bit set to zero specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is valid. An XREF_VALID bit set to one specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field shall not be used when checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 5 in 1.2). In this case the value expected in the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is not defined by this standard.

When checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 5 in 1.2) and the XREF_VALID bit is set to zero, the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field contains the value of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field expected in the protection information of the first logical block accessed by the command instead of a value based on the LBA (see 4.16.2).

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is enabled (see table 5 in 1.2), the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field contains a value that is a bit mask for enabling the checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information for each logical block accessed by the command. A LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field bit set to one enables the checking of the corresponding bit of the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field with the corresponding bit of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information.

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is disabled (see table 5 in 1.2), or if the ATO bit is set to zero, the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field and the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field shall be ignored.

1.4 VERIFY (10) command

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If the BYTCHK bit is set to zero, the device server shall check the protection information read from the medium based on the VRPROTECT field as described in table 7.

Table 7 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to zero - checking protection information read from the medium** (part 1 of 3)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information [h]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [f]	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
000b	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
			GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
			APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [i]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
			REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No	No protection information on the medium to check. Only user data is checked.		
001b 101b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
			GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
			APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [i]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
			REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No	Error condition [a]		

Table 7 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to zero - checking protection information read from the medium** (part 2 of 3)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information [h]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [f]	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
010b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
			APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [i]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
			REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No	Error condition [a]		
011b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	No check performed	
	No	Error condition [a]		

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Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information [h]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [f]	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
100b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
			GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	No check performed	
	No	Error condition [a]		
1~~1~~10b - 111b	Reserved			

[a] A verify operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] The device server shall check the logical block application tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) is used and the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), this knowledge is acquired from the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field and the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field in the CDB. Otherwise, this knowledge may be obtained by a method not defined by this standard.

[d] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[e] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[f] See the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page (see SPC-3) for the definitions of the GRD_CHK bit, the APP_CHK bit, and the REF_CHK bits.

[g] ~~If the application client or device server detects a LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh, the checking of all protection information shall be disabled for the associated logical block.~~

[h] If the application client or device server detects a:
  a) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh; or
  b) LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to FFFF FFFFh and the RTO_EN bit is set to one in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11),
  then the checking of all protection information in the associated logical block shall be disabled.

[i] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11) ~~(i.e., the command is a VERIFY (10) command, a VERIFY (12) command, or a VERIFY (16) command)~~, the device server ~~shall check~~ checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. I~~f the RTO_EN bit is set to one (i.e., the command is a VERIFY (32) command), the device server shall check the logical block reference tag based on the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see 4.16.2)~~. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. This knowledge may be acquired through the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in a VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) or by a method not defined by this standard.

If the BYTCHK bit is set to one, the device server shall check the protection information read from the medium based on the VRPROTECT field as described in table 8.

Table 8 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - checking protection information read from the medium** (part 1 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information [h]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [f]	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
000b	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	GRD_CHK = 1	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
			GRD_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	APP_CHK = 1 [c] [g]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
			APP_CHK = 0	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	REF_CHK = 1 [i]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
			REF_CHK = 0	No check performed
	No	No protection information on the medium available to check		
001b 010b 011b 100b 101b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	No check performed	
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	No check performed	
	No	Error condition [a]		

Table 8 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - checking protection information read from the medium** (part 2 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information [h]	Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page bit value [f]	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
110b - 111b	Reserved			

[a] A verify operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] The device server shall check the logical block application tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) is used and the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), this knowledge is acquired from the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field and the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field in the CDB. Otherwise, this knowledge may be obtained by a method not defined by this standard.

[d] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[e] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[f] See the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page (see SPC-3) for the definitions of the GRD_CHK bit, the APP_CHK bit, and the REF_CHK bit.

[g] ~~If the application client or device server detects a LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh, the checking of all protection information shall be disabled for the associated logical block.~~

[h] If the application client or device server detects a:
  a) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to FFFFh; or
  b) LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to FFFF FFFFh and the RTO_EN bit is set to one in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11),
  then the checking of all protection information in the associated logical block shall be disabled.

[i] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11) ~~(i.e., the command is a VERIFY (10) command, a VERIFY (12) command, or a VERIFY (16) command)~~, the device server ~~shall check~~ checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. ~~If the RTO_EN bit is set to one (i.e., the command is a VERIFY (32) command), the device server shall check the logical block reference tag based on the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see 4.16.2)~~. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. This knowledge may be acquired through the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in a VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) or by a method not defined by this standard.

If the BYTCHK bit is set to one, the device server shall check the protection information transferred from the data-out buffer based on the VRPROTECT field as described in table 9.

Table 9 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - checking protection information from the data-out buffer** (part 1 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information	Device server check	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
000b	Yes	No protection information received from application client to check		
	No	No protection information received from application client to check		
001b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall [f]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No	Error condition [a]		
010b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	May [f]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No	Error condition [a]		
011b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall not	No check performed
	No	Error condition [a]		
100b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall not	No check performed
	No	Error condition [a]		

Table 9 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - checking protection information from the data-out buffer** (part 2 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information	Device server check	If check fails [d] [e], additional sense code
101b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	May [f]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No	Error condition [a]		
110b - 111b	Reserved			

[a] A verify operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] The device server may check the logical block application tag if the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) is used, this knowledge is obtained from the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field and the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field in the CDB. Otherwise, this knowledge is obtained by a method not defined by this standard.

[d] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[e] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[f] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11)~~(i.e., the command is a VERIFY (10) command, a VERIFY (12) command, or a VERIFY (16) command)~~, the device server ~~shall check~~ checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. ~~If the RTO_EN bit is set to one (i.e., the command is a VERIFY (32) command), the device server shall check~~ checks the logical block reference tag based on the ~~EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see 4.16.2).~~ If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. This knowledge may be acquired through the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in a VERIFY (32) command (see 1.5) or by a method not defined by this standard.

If the BYTCHK bit is set to one, the device server shall perform a byte-by-byte comparison of protection information transferred from the data-out buffer with protection information read from the medium based on the VRPROTECT field as described in table 10.

Table 10 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - byte-by-byte comparison requirements** (part 1 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field	Byte-by-byte Comparison	If compare fails [c] [d], additional sense code
000b	Yes	No protection information received from application client to compare. Only user data is compared within each logical block.		
	No	No protection information or the medium or received from application client to compare. Only user data is compared within each logical block.		
001b 011 [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 1) [e]	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 0) [f]	Shall not	No compare performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No	Error condition [a]		

Table 10 — VRPROTECT **field with** BYTCHK **set to one - byte-by-byte comparison requirements** (part 2 of 2)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field	Byte-by-byte Comparison	If compare fails [c] [d], additional sense code
010b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall not	No compare performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 1) [e]	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 0) [f]	Shall not	No compare performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No	Error condition [a]		
101b [b]	Yes	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 1) [e]	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG (ATO = 0) [f]	Shall not	No compare performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall not	No compare performed
	No	Error condition [a]		
110b - 111b	Reserved			

[a] A verify operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to MISCOMPARE.

[d] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[e] If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), the logical block application tag shall not be modified by a device server.

[f] If the ATO bit is set to zero in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), the logical block application tag may be modified by a device server.

1.5 VERIFY (32) command

The VERIFY (32) command (see table 11) requests that the device server verify the specified logical block(s) on the medium. Each logical block includes user data and may include protection information, based on the VRPROTECT field and the medium format.

If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server shall terminate this command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE.

Table 11 — VERIFY (32) command

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	OPERATION CODE (7Fh)							
1	CONTROL							
2	Reserved							
5								
6	Reserved				GROUP NUMBER			
7	ADDITIONAL CDB LENGTH (18h)							
8	(MSB) SERVICE ACTION (000Ah)							
9	(LSB)							
10	VRPROTECT			DPO	Reserved		BYTCHK	Reserved
11	Reserved							XREF_VALID
12	(MSB) LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS							
19	(LSB)							
20	(MSB) EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG							
23	(LSB)							
24	(MSB) EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG							
25	(LSB)							
26	(MSB) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK							
27	(LSB)							
28	(MSB) VERIFICATION LENGTH							
31	(LSB)							

See the VERIFY (10) command (see 1.4) for the definitions of the GROUP NUMBER field, VRPROTECT field, DPO bit, BYTCHK bit, LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field, and VERIFICATION LENGTH field.

An expected reference tag valid (XREF_VALID) bit set to zero specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is valid. An XREF_VALID bit set to one specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field shall not be used when checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 7, table 8, table 9, and table 10 in 1.4). In this case the value expected in the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is not defined by this standard.

When checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 7, table 8, table 9, and table 10 in 1.4) and the XREF_VALID bit is set to zero, the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field contains the value of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field expected in the protection information of the first logical block accessed by the command instead of a value based on the LBA (see 4.16.2).

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is enabled (see table 7, table 8, table 9, and table 10 in 1.4), the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field contains a value that is a bit mask for enabling the checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information for each logical block accessed by the command. A LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK bit set to one enables the checking of the corresponding bit of the EXPECTED

LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field with the corresponding bit of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information.

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is disabled (see table 7, table 8, table 9, and table 10 in 1.4), or if the ATO bit is set to zero, the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field and the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field shall be ignored.

1.6 WRITE (6) command

The WRITE (6) command (see table 12) requests that the device server transfer the specified logical block(s) from the data-out buffer and write them. Each logical block transferred includes user data but does not include protection information. Each logical block written includes user data and, if the medium is formatted with protection information enabled, protection information.

Table 12 — WRITE (6) command

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	OPERATION CODE (0Ah)							
1	Reserved			(MSB)				
2	LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS							
3								(LSB)
4	TRANSFER LENGTH							
5	CONTROL							

The cache control bits are not provided for this command. Direct-access block devices with cache may have values for the cache control bits that may affect the WRITE (6) command, however no default value is defined by this standard. If explicit control is required, the WRITE (10) command should be used.

See the PRE-FETCH (10) command (see 5.3) for the definition of the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field.

The TRANSFER LENGTH field specifies the number of contiguous logical blocks of data that shall be transferred from the data-out buffer and written, starting with the logical block specified by the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field. A TRANSFER LENGTH field set to zero specifies that 256 logical blocks shall be written. Any other value specifies the number of logical blocks that shall be written. If the logical block address plus the transfer length exceeds the capacity of the medium, the device server shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS OUT OF RANGE. The TRANSFER LENGTH field is constrained by the MAXIMUM TRANSFER LENGTH field in the Block Limits VPD page (see 6.4.2).

> NOTE 1 - For the WRITE (10) command, WRITE (12) command, WRITE (16) command, and WRITE (32) command, a TRANSFER LENGTH field set to zero specifies that no logical blocks are transferred.

If a WRITE (6) command is received after protection information is enabled the device server shall set the protection information (see 4.16) as follows as it writes each logical block to the medium:

a) the LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field set to a properly generated CRC (see 4.16.3);
b) the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field set to:
    A) the least significant four bytes of the LBA, if the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11); or
    B) FFFFFFFFh, if the RTO_EN bit is set to one;

    and

c) the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field set to:
    A) FFFFh, if the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3); or
    B) any value, if the ATO bit is set to zero in the Control mode page (see SPC-3).

1.7 WRITE (10) command

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The device server shall check the protection information transferred from the data-out buffer based on the WRPROTECT field as described in table 13.

Table 13 — WRPROTECT **field** (part 1 of 3)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information	Device server check	If check fails [d] [i], additional sense code
000b	Yes [f] [g] [h]	No protection information received from application client to check		
	No	No protection information received from application client to check		
001b [b] [j]	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No [a]	No protection information available to check		
010b [b] [j]	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	May [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No [a]	No protection information available to check		
011b [b] [j]	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall not	No check performed
	No [a]	No protection information available to check		
100b [b] [j]	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	Shall not	No check performed
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	Shall not	No check performed
	No [a]	No protection information available to check		

Table 13 — WRPROTECT **field** (part 2 of 3)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information	Device server check	If check fails [d] [i], additional sense code
101b [b] [j]	Yes [e]	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD	Shall	LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG	May [c]	LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG CHECK FAILED
		LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG	May [k]	LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG CHECK FAILED
	No [a]	No protection information available to check		

Table 13 — WRPROTECT **field** (part 3 of 3)

Code	Logical unit formatted with protection information	Field in protection information	Device server check	If check fails [d] [i], additional sense code
1<u>1</u>0b - 111b	Reserved			

[a] A write operation to a logical unit that supports protection information (see 4.16) and has not been formatted with protection information shall be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[b] If the logical unit does not support protection information the requested command should be terminated with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.

[c] The device server may check the logical block application tag if the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the WRITE (32) command (see 1.8) is used, this knowledge is obtained from the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field and the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field in the CDB. Otherwise, this knowledge is obtained by a method not defined by this standard.

[d] If an error is reported, the sense key shall be set to ABORTED COMMAND.

[e] Device server shall preserve the contents of protection information (e.g., write to medium, store in non-volatile memory).

[f] The device server shall write a properly generated CRC (see 4.16.3.2) into each LOGICAL BLOCK GUARD field.

[g] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server shall write the least significant four bytes of each LBA into the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of each of the written logical blocks. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server shall write a value of FFFFFFFFh into the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field of each of the written logical blocks.

[h] If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3), the device server shall write FFFFh into each LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field. If the ATO bit is set to zero, the device server may write any value into each LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field.

[i] If multiple errors occur, the selection of which error to report is not defined by this standard.

[j] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server may process the command. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, WRITE (10) commands, WRITE (12) commands, and WRITE (16) commands with the WRPROTECT field set to 000b may be processed by the device server. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server shall terminate WRITE (10) commands, WRITE (12) commands, and WRITE (16) commands with the WRPROTECT field not set to 000b with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE.

[k] If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server checks the logical block reference tag by comparing it to the lower 4 bytes of the LBA associated with the logical block. ~~If the RTO_EN bit is set to one (i.e., the command is a WRITE (32) command), the device server checks the logical block reference tag based on the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in the CDB (see 4.16.2).~~ If the RTO_EN bit is set to one the device server checks the logical block reference tag if it has knowledge of the contents of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field. This knowledge may be acquired through the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field in a WRITE (32) command (see 1.8) or by a method not defined by this standard.

1.8 WRITE (32) command

The WRITE (32) command (see table 14) requests that the device server transfer the specified logical block(s) from the data-out buffer and write them. Each logical block transferred includes user data and may include protection information, based on the WRPROTECT field and the medium format. Each logical block written includes user data and, if the medium is formatted with protection information enabled, protection information.

If the RTO_EN bit is set to zero in the READ CAPACITY (16) parameter data (see 5.11), the device server shall terminate the WRITE (32) command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID COMMAND OPERATION CODE. If the RTO_EN bit is set to one, the device server may process the command.

Table 14 — WRITE (32) command

Byte\Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	OPERATION CODE (7Fh)							
1	CONTROL							
2	Reserved							
5								
6	Reserved			GROUP NUMBER				
7	ADDITIONAL CDB LENGTH (18h)							
8	(MSB) SERVICE ACTION (000Bh)							
9								(LSB)
10	WRPROTECT			DPO	FUA	Reserved	FUA_NV	Reserved
11	Reserved							XREF_VALID
12	(MSB) LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS							
19								(LSB)
20	(MSB) EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG							
23								(LSB)
24	(MSB) EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG							
25								(LSB)
26	(MSB) LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK							
27								(LSB)
28	(MSB) TRANSFER LENGTH							
31								(LSB)

See the WRITE (10) command (see 1.7) for the definitions of the GROUP NUMBER field, the WRPROTECT field, the DPO bit, the FUA bit, the FUA_NV bit, the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field, and the TRANSFER LENGTH field.

An expected reference tag valid (XREF_VALID) bit set to zero specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is valid. An XREF_VALID bit set to one specifies that the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field shall not be used when checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 13 in 1.7),. In this case the value expected in the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is not defined by this standard.

When checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field is enabled (see table 13 in 1.7) and the XREF_VALID bit is set to zero, the EXPECTED INITIAL LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field contains the value of the LOGICAL BLOCK REFERENCE TAG field expected in the protection information of the first logical block accessed by the command instead of a value based on the LBA (see 4.16.2).

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is enabled (see table 13 in 1.7), the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field contains a value that is a bit mask for enabling the checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information for each logical block accessed by the command. A LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG

MASK bit set to one enables the checking of the corresponding bit of the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field with the corresponding bit of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field in the protection information.

If the ATO bit is set to one in the Control mode page (see SPC-3) and checking of the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field is disabled (see table 13 in 1.7), or if the ATO bit is set to zero, the LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG MASK field and the EXPECTED LOGICAL BLOCK APPLICATION TAG field shall be ignored.