

To: SCSI Reflector
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The X3T10 working group has discovered a conflict in mode page code values that should be resolved ASAP. In most instances, SCSI-2 defines the usage of mode page codes 20h through 3Eh as vendor-specific. For stream devices, however, mode page codes 15h through 3Eh are defined as vendor-specific.

The X3T10 working group has conclude that the SCSI-2 stream device assignment of mode page codes 15h through 1Fh (inclusive) is incorrect. In all cases (including stream devices), mode page codes 15h through 1Fh should be reserved for future standardization.

Effective immediately, X3T10 will consider mode page codes 15h through 1Fh (inclusive) to be reserved for future standardization in all device models. Anyone who is aware of vendor-specific usages of mode page codes 15h through 1Fh by stream model devices should report that usage to John Lohmeyer or myself ASAP.