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SUBJ: Changes and Additions to the Automatic Medium Changer
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Attached for your review is a proposal for replacing the Group 0 EXCHANGE MEDIUM command. The extended version allows all addresses of an exchange process to be defined in one ten-byte command.

Also attached is a proposal for adding "SIDE" bits to the data masks returned in a READ ELEMENT STATUS command. These optional bits can be used by changers that have the ability to detect how the media is positioned with regard to Side A or Side B.

Another proposal is to change the Operation Code of the MOVE MEDIUM command from a 37h to a 39h to avoid conflicts with device types.

One issue that requires further attention is that of ADDITIONAL SENSE CODES.

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Group 1 Commands for Automatic Medium Changers

The Group 1 commands for automatic medium changer shall be as shown in Table 12-8.

Group 1 Commands for Automatic Medium Changers

Operation Code	Type	Command Name	Section	Page
20h	V			
21h	V			
22h	V			
23h	V			
24h	V			
25h	V			
26h	V			
27h	V			
28h	V			
29h	V			
2Ah	V			
2Bh	R			
2Ch	R			
2Dh	R			
2Eh	R			
2Fh	R			
30h	R			
31h	R			
32h	R			
33h	R			
34h	R			
35h	R			
36h	R			
37h	R			
38h	O	READ ELEMENT STATUS	n.2.1	
39h	M	MOVE MEDIUM	n.2.2	
3Ah	O	EXCHANGE MEDIUM	n.2.3	
3Bh	R			
3Ch	R			
3Dh	R			
3Eh	R			
3Fh	R			

Key: M = Command implementation is mandatory.
O = Command implementation is optional.
R = Operation code is reserved for future standardization.
V = Operation code is available for vendor unique commands.

EXCHANGE Command

Peripheral Device Type: Automatic Medium Changer
Operation Code Type: Optional

EXCHANGE MEDIUM Command

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte								
0	Operation Code (3Ah)							
1	Logical Unit Number			Reserved				
2	(MSB)							
3	Source Address							
4	(MSB)							
5	First Destination Address							
6	(MSB)							
7	Second Destination Address							
8	Reserved				Inv2		Inv1	
9	Vendor Unique			Reserved			Flag	Line

The EXCHANGE Command (Table ___) provides a means for commanding automatic medium changers that can emulate or have the capability of handling two units of media at the same time to move a unit of media from a source element to a full destination element. The unit of media in the full element is moved to an empty destination element. The target shall return a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST if this command is received when the first destination element is empty or when the second destination element is full.

The source address specifies the location that the unit of media is taken from. This address may represent a storage element, an input/output element, a data transfer element, or a medium transport element. The target shall return a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST if the address specified has not been assigned to a specific element of the automatic medium changer.

The first destination address specifies the location that the source unit of media is moved to. This address may represent a storage element, an input/output element, a data transfer element or a medium transport element. The target shall return a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST if the address specified has not been assigned to a specific element of the automatic medium changer.

The second destination address specifies the location that the first destination media is moved to. This address may represent a storage element, an input/output element, a data transfer element, or a medium transport element. The target shall return a CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST if the address specified has not been assigned to a specific element of the automatic medium changer.

The Inv1 bit is used to specify that the transport element is to be placed in its inverted orientation prior to withdrawing the unit of media from the first destination element.

The Inv2 bit is used to specify that the transport element is to be placed in its inverted orientation prior to depositing the unit of media into the second destination element.

If the automatic medium changer does not support medium rotation for handling double sided media, the Inv1 and Inv2 bits are not implemented.

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READ ELEMENT STATUS Command

Peripheral Device Type: Automatic Medium Changer
Operation Code Type: Optional

READ ELEMENT STATUS Command

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte								
0	Operation Code (3Bh)							
1	Logical Unit Number				Reserved			
2	(MSB)							
3	Starting Element Address							
4	(MSB)							
5	Number of Elements							
6	Reserved							
7	Reserved							
8	Reserved							
9	Vendor Unique				Reserved			
					Flag			

The READ ELEMENT STATUS Command table (L-1) provides a means for the target to report the status of its internal elements to the initiator.

The starting element address specifies the first element whose status is to be reported.

The number of elements specifies the number of elements whose status is to be reported.

ELEMENT STATUS Data

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte								
0	(MSB)							
1	Starting Cell Address							
2	(MSB)							
3	Number of Cells							
4	Reserved							
5	Reserved							
6	Status Report Data							
2n+4	Element Type Code				Reserved			
2n+5	Vendor Unique				Data Mask			

The starting element address specifies the first element whose status is to be reported.

The number of elements specifies the number of elements whose status is to be reported.

The Element Type Code defines the type of element whose status is being reported. This is used in selecting the proper mask for interpreting the status data being returned.

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The SdValid bit is the side valid bit. When this is set to zero the Side P is not valid. When this bit is set to one the Side B bit indicates which side is in loading position.

All other bits in this data mask field are reserved.

Code	Description	Section
0h	No element defined for indicated address	
1h	Storage element	
2h	Input/Output element	
3h	Medium transport element	
4h	Data transfer element	
5h-Fh	Reserved	

The data mask varies depending on the element type as defined below.

No Element Defined for Indicated Address

Data Mast - Element Type Code On

bit	5	4	3	2	1	0
	Reserved					

Some of the addresses within the range specified by the initiator may not have been assigned to any element type. This shall not be considered to be an error. Instead, the target shall respond with the type code bits set to 0.

Storage Element

Data Masl - Type Code 1h

Bit:	5	4	3	2	1	0
	SdValid	Side B	Access	Error	Resv'd	Full

The full bit is set to one to indicate that the storage element contains a unit of media. The full bit is set to zero to indicate that the storage element does not contain a unit of media.

The error bit is set to one to indicate that the storage element is in an abnormal state. This bit is set to zero if the storage element is in its normal state.

The access bit is set to one if access to the storage element by the medium transport element is allowed. This bit is set to zero if access to the storage element by the medium transport element is denied.

The Side B bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position. This bit is only valid when the SdValid bit is set to one.

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Input/Output Element Address

Data Mask - Type Code 2h

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Bit:  5   4   3   2   1   0   ;
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      SdValid Side B Access Error I/O Full ;
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The full bit is set to one to indicate that the Input/Output element contains a unit of media. The full bit is set to zero to indicate that the Input/Output element does not contain a unit of media.

The I/O bit is set to one if the unit of media in the Input/Output element was placed there by an operator. This bit is set to zero if the unit of media in the Input/Output element was placed there by the medium transport element.

The error bit is set to one to indicate that the Input/Output element is in an abnormal state. This bit is set to zero if the Input/Output element is in its normal state. An example of an abnormal state would be if the operator placed the unit of media into the Input/Output element incorrectly.

The access bit is set to one if access to the Input/Output element by the medium transport element is allowed. This bit is set to zero if access to the Input/Output element by the medium transport element is denied. (Implementation note: An example of when access would be denied is when the operator has access to the Input/Output element.)

The Side B bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position. This bit is only valid when the SdValid bit is set to one.

The SdValid bit is the side valid bit. When this is set to zero the Side B bit is not valid. When this bit is set to one the Side B bit indicates which side is in loading position.

Medium Transport Element Address

Data Mask - Type Code 3h

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Bit:  5   4   3   2   1   0   ;
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      SdValid Side B2 Side B1 Error Full2 Full1 ;
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If the medium transport element is only capable of holding one unit of media at a time, the full1 bit is set to one if it is holding a unit of media and the full2 bit is set to zero if it is not holding a unit of media. If the medium transport element is capable of handling two units of media at once, the full1 bit is set to one if the medium transport is holding a unit of media in the first of its medium gripping devices and the full2 bit is set to zero

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if the medium transport is not holding a unit of media in the first of its medium gripping devices.

If the medium transport element is capable of handling two units of media at once, the full2 bit is set to one if the medium transport is holding a unit of media in the second of its medium gripping devices and the full1 bit is set to zero if the medium transport is not holding a unit of media in the second of its medium gripping devices. If the medium transport device is only capable of handling one unit of media at a time, the full2 bit is reserved.

The error bit is set to one to indicate that the medium transport element is in an abnormal state. This bit is set to zero if the medium transport element is in its normal state.

If the medium transport element is only capable of holding one unit of media at a time, the Side B1 bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position. If the medium transport element is capable of handling two units of media at once, the Side B1 bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position in the first of its gripping devices. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position in the first of its gripping devices.

If the medium transport element is only capable of holding one unit of media at a time, the Side B2 bit is not implemented. If the medium transport element is capable of handling two units of media at once, the Side B2 bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position in the second of its gripping devices. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position in the second of its gripping devices. This bit is only valid when the SdValid bit is set to one.

The SdValid bit is the side valid bit. When this is set to zero the Side B1 and Side B2 bits are not valid. When this bit is set to one the Side B1 and Side B2 bits indicates which sides are in loading position.

Data Transfer Element Address

Data Mask - Type Code 4h

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Bit:  5   4   3   2   1   0   ;
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      SdValid Side B Access Error Reserved Full ;
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The full bit is set to one to indicate that the data transfer element contains a unit of media. The full bit is set to zero to indicate that the data transfer element does not contain a unit of media.

The error bit is set to one to indicate that the data transfer element is in an abnormal state. This bit is set to zero if the data transfer element is in its normal state.

The access bit is set to one if access to the data transfer element by the medium transport element is allowed. This bit is set to zero if access to the

data transfer element by the medium transport element is denied.
(Implementor's note: Access to the data transfer element by the medium transport element might be denied if a data transfer operation were underway.)

The Side B bit is set to zero if side A of the media is in loading position. This bit is set to one to indicate side B is in loading position. This bit is only valid when the SdValid bit is set to one.

The SdValid bit is the side valid bit. When this is set to zero the Side B bit is not valid. When this bit is set to one the Side B bit indicates which side is in loading position.

All other bits in this data mask are reserved.