SCSI Command Set

Quantum's Q200 Series intelligent fixed disk drives are offered with a full implementation of the Small Computer Systems Interface (SCSI). SCSI commands and messages available for systems integrators using Quantum's Q200 Series disk drives are detailed below.

General Description

In the SCSI environment, commands are given by an "initiator"; that is, a device (host or peripheral device) requiring an action. The initiator sets up active pointers for the operation requested, arbitrates for the SCSI bus, and selects the "target"; that is, the device which will satisfy the requested action. Once this process is complete, the target assumes control of the action.

The target obtains the command from the initiator, interprets the command, executes it, and ends the operation by sending a "Command Complete" message to the

In the case of a Q200 device identified as a target, the Q200, with its integrated controller, represents the target as well as the logical unit or attached peripheral.

SCSI Commands Supported

Opcod (Hex)	le Name	SCSI Type	Description
ØØ	Test Unit Ready	O	Checks ready status of logical unit.
Ø1	Rezero Unit	O	Requests target to set logical unit to a specific state (Q200 to track 0).
03	Request Sense	S	Requests target to transfer sense data to initiator.
04	Format Unit	S	Formats or reformats logical unit.
Ø7·	Reassign Blocks	Ο	Requests target to reassign defective logical blocks to Replacement Sector Map.
Ø8	Read	S	Requests target to transfer data to initiator. A maximum of 256 logical blocks can be transferred with this command. Command provides 3 bytes for logical block address.



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ØA	Write	S	Requests target to write data transferred from initiator. A maximum of 256 logical blocks can be transferred with this command. Command provides 3 bytes for	28	Read	Ο	Requests target to transfer data to the initiator. A maximum of 65K blocks can be transferred with this command. Command provides 4 bytes for
			logical block address.				logical block address.
ØB	Seek	O	Requests logical unit to seek to specified 3-byte logical block address.	2A	Write	O	Requests target to write data transferred from the initiator. A max-
12	Inquiry	Е	Requests target to send parameter information regarding target and attached peripheral device(s) to initiator.				imum of 65K blocks can be transferred with this command. Com- mand provides 4 bytes for logical block
15	Mode Select	O	Allows initiator to specify medium, logical unit, or peripheral	2B	Seek	O	address. Requests logical unit to seek to specified 4-byte
16	Reserve	O	parameters to target. Allows initiator to reserve logical units for its use.	39	Compare	O	logical block address. Allows comparison of data on a byte-by-byte basis from one logical
17	Release	O	Allows initiator to release previously	2E	Vonific	0	unit to another or to the same logical unit.
18	Сору	Ο	reserved logical units. Allows copying of data from one logical unit to	2F	Verify	0	Requests target to verify data written on the medium.
1A	Mode Sense	O	another or to the same logical unit. Allows target to report	37	Read Defect Data	O	Requests target to transfer medium defect data to initiator.
			medium, logical unit, or peripheral parameters to the initiator.	3B	Write Buffer	O	Diagnostic function for testing data buffer memory and SCSI bus
1B	Start/Stop Unit	0	Requests target to enable or disable the logical unit for further operations. (Q200 features a jumper option for autostart.)	3C	Read Buffer	O	integrity. Diagnostic function for testing data buffer memory and SCSI bus integrity.
1C	Receive Diagnostic Results	O	Internal command requesting analysis data to	SCSI	Commands Not S	upporte	ed
	Results		be sent to initiator after completion of "Send Diagnostic" command.	2E	Write and Verify	O	Achieved using Write (2A) and Compare (39) commands.
1D	Send Diagnostic	O	Internal command requesting target to perform specified diagnostics on itself, or	30	Search Data High	Ο	Searches one or more logical blocks for more-than-equal or equality to a data pattern.
25	Read Capacity	О	attached peripherals or on both. Allows initiator to request information on the capacity of a logical unit.	31	Search Data Equal	O	Searches one or more logical blocks for equality to a data pattern.

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32 Search Data Low33 Set Limits	0	Searches one or more logical blocks for less-than-equal or equality to a data pattern. Defines boundary out-	06 Abort	O	Out. Clears the present operation requested from the issuing initiator. Does not affect data and status from	
		side of which any subsequent linked commands may not operate.	07 Message Reject	O	other initiators. In/Out. Indicates last message received was	
3A Copy and Verify	O	Achieved using Copy (18) and Compare (39) commands.	Ø8 No Operation	O	inappropriate or has not been implemented. Out. Responds to target's request for a	
SCSI Messages Suppo	ted				message when initiator has no other valid	
These single-byte medirection; that is, In = Initiator to Target.		further described by a Initiator; Out =	09 Message Parity Erro	or O	message to send. Out. Indicates to target that one or more bytes from the last message	
Opcode (Hex) Name	SCSI Type	Description			received contained a parity error.	
00 Command Comple	e S	In. Indicates execution of a command (or series of linked commands)	ØA Linked Command Complete	O	In. Indicates execution of a linked command has completed and status sent to initiator.	
Ø2 Save Data Pointer	O	has completed and valid status has been sent to initiator. In. Directs initiator to	ØB Linked Command Complete (with Fla	O g)	In. Indicates execution of linked command (with flag bit set to one)	
		save a copy of the present active data pointer for the currently	ØC Bus Device Reset	O	has completed and status sent to initiator. Out. Directs target to clear all current com-	
Ø3 Restore PointersØ4 Disconnect	0	attached logical unit. In. Directs initiator to restore to the active state the most recently saved pointers (for the currently attached logical unit). In. Notifies initiator that the target plans to	80-FF Identify	O	mands on that device. Forces device to an initial state with no operations pending for any initiator. In/Out. Establishes physical path connection between initiator	
		disconnect from the present physical path but a later reconnect	SCSI Messages Not Su	pported	and target for a particular logical unit.	
		will be required to complete the current	Ø1 Extended Message	0	In/Out. Indicates first	
05 Initiator Detected Error	O	Out. Notifies target that an error (e.g., parity	SCSI Type		byte of a multiple-byte message.	
	error) has occurred that does not preclude target from retrying operation.		S = Standard O = Optional E = Extended			
			Refer to SCSI specification tion on SCSI commands.	(ANSI X	3T9.2) for further informa-	

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