ATP Industrial Grade SD/SDHC Card Specification

AF2GSDI-2ACXX AF4GSDI-2ABXX AF8GSDI-2ABXX AF16GSDI-2AAXX

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1 ATP Industrial Grade SD/SDHC Card Overview

1.1 ATP Product Availability









Figure 1-1: Product Pictures

| ATP P/N | CAPACITY |
|----------------|----------|
| AF2GSDI-2ACXX | 2GB |
| AF4GSDI-2ABXX | 4GB |
| AF8GSDI-2ABXX | 8GB |
| AF16GSDI-2AAXX | 16GB |

Table 1-1: Capacities



1.2 Main Features

- Compatible with SD Specifications Version 2.00
- Compatibility to MMC (Multi Media Card) Version 2.11
- Single-Level-Cell (SLC) NAND Flash
- High reliability, operating at -40°C to 85°C
- High read/write performance
- Low power consumption
- Water proof, Dust proof and ESD proof
- SIP (System In Package) process
- Static/Dynamic wear leveling algorithm,
- Supports CPRM
- Form factor: 32 x 24 x 2.1mm
- RoHS compliant
- CE & FCC certification

1.3 Application

ATP Industrial Grade SD/SDHC cards are designed for demanding industrial applications, such as military/aerospace, automotive, marine navigation, embedded, communication equipment or networking, medical equipment, and manufacturing, where mission-critical data requires the highest level of reliability, durability, and data integrity.



2 Product Specification

2.1 Environment Specifications

| TYPE | | MEASUREMENT |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Tomporeture | Operation | -40°C to 85°C |
| Temperature | Non-Operation | -40°C to 85°C |
| Moisture | Operation | 25°C, 95% relative humidity |
| Woisture | Non-Operation | 40°C, 93% relative humidity |
| Vibration Test | Non-Operation | 10~2000Hz, 6Grms, 30mins per axis |
| Bend Test | Non-Operation | 10N to the center of the card, 250 cycles, |
| 2010 1000 | Tyon operation | 30 cycles/minute |
| Torque Test | Non-Operation | 0.15N-m or +/-2.5°, 30 cycles/minute, |
| - | | 1000 cycles |
| Salt Spray Test | | 35°C,Over 85% RH,5% Salt Concentration, |
| (MIL-STD-883G | Non-Operation | 24 hours |
| Method1009.8) | | |
| Solar Radiation Test | Non-Operation | 40°C ,Irradiation 1000W/, 24 hours |
| UV Light Exposure Test | Non-Operation | 254nm, 15Ws/cm2 |
| (ISO 7816-1) | | |
| Drop Test | Non-Operation | 150cm/Free fall, total 6 drops |

Table 2-1: Environment



2.2 Reliability

| TYPE | MEASUREMENT | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Number of insertions | 10,000 minimum | |
| | SLC NAND Flash Block endurance: | |
| Endurance Technology | 2GB/4GB: 100,000 P/E cycles | |
| | 8GB/16GB: 60,000 P/E cycles | |
| MTBF(@ 25°C) | >2,000,000 hours | |

Table 2-2: Reliability

2.3 Data Retention

2GB/4GB

| Endurance Used | Number of P/E Cycles Used (block level) | Corresponding Data Retention at 25C use condition |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 10% P/E cycles | 10,000 Cycles | 10 years |
| 100% P/E cycles | 100,000 Cycles | 1 year |

8GB/16GB

| Endurance Used | Number of P/E Cycles Used (block level) | Corresponding Data Retention at 25C use condition |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 10% P/E cycles | 6,000 Cycles | 10 years |
| 100% P/E cycles | 60,000 Cycles | 1 year |

Table 2-3: Data Retention

Note 1: Data retention refers to the ability of a memory bit to retain its data state over a period of time after the data is written in NAND Flash regardless of whether the part is powered on or powered off. A data retention failure is when there is at least 1 bit of data that cannot be read or is read incorrectly.

Note 2: NAND Flash suppliers refer to JEDEC JESD47 & JESD22 for Data Retention testing. Based on the information provided by NAND Flash suppliers, ATP targets Data Retention as above table for reference.



2.4 Performance

| Model P/N | Seq. Read (KB/s) | Seq. Write (KB/s) | Random Read (KB/s) | Random Write (KB/s) |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| AF2GSDI-2ACXX | 17017 | 11913 | 15597 | 4964 |
| AF4GSDI-2ABXX | 17123 | 12974 | 16081 | 5211 |
| AF8GSDI-2ABXX | 16377 | 11200 | 15058 | 4757 |
| AF16GSDI-2AAXX | 16793 | 11807 | 14808 | 4926 |

Note: Tested by HDBench 3.40 beta 6 with 40MB file size. The performance may vary depending on the configuration, firmware, setting, application and testing environment.

Table 2-4: Performance

2.5 Electrical Characteristics

| TYPE | MEASUREMENT |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Card supported Voltage | 2.7~3.6V |
| Card supported Frequency | 0~50 MHz |
| Data Bus Width Supported | 1 or 4 bits |

Table 2-5: Electrical Characteristics

2.6 Extra Features

| TYPE | MEASUREMENT |
|----------------|---|
| Water Proof | IEC 60529 Edition 2.1: 2001-02—IPX7, below 1000mm water, 30min |
| Dust Proof | IEC 60529 Edition 2.1: 2001-02—IP6X |
| ESD Proof | IEC 61000-4-2: contact pad +/- 4KV, non-contact pad (Coupling plane discharge) +/- 8KV, non-contact pad (Air discharge) +/- 15KV |
| RoHS Compliant | Yes |

Table 2-6: Extra Features



2.7 Physical Dimension (Units in MM)

| TYPE | MEASUREMENT |
|-----------|------------------|
| Length | 32mm +/- 0.1mm |
| Width | 24mm +/- 0.1mm |
| Thickness | 2.1mm +/- 0.15mm |
| Weight | 2.0 gram Max. |

Table 2-7: Physical Dimension

2.8 Mechanical Form Factor (Units in MM)

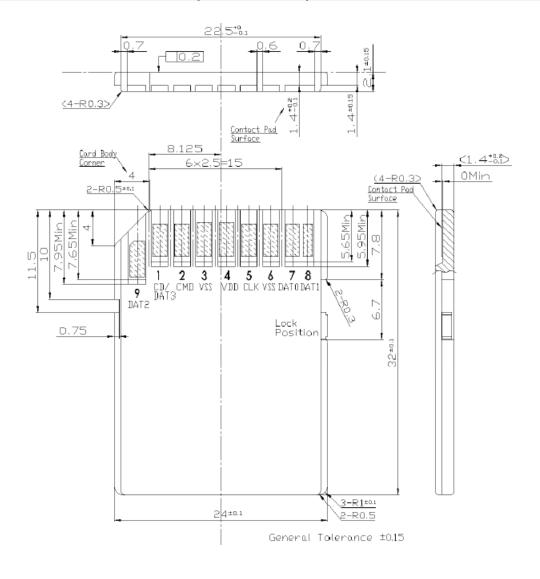


Figure 2-8: Physical Dimension



3 Electrical Characteristics

3.1 DC Characteristics

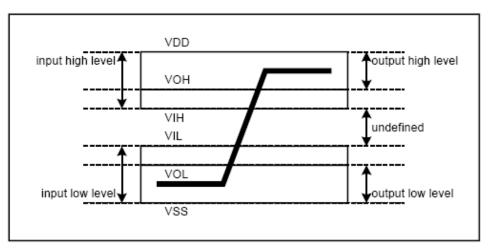


Figure 3-1: Bus Signal Level

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | MIN | TYPICAL | MAX | UNIT | REMARK |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Supply Voltage | $V_{ m DD}$ | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V | |
| Operating Current | I_{CC1} | 1 | 40 | 60 | mA | |
| Standby Current | I_{SB} | - | - | 200 | μΑ | |
| Input Leakage Current | I_{LI} | -10 | - | 10 | μΑ | |
| Output Leakage Current | I_{LO} | -10 | - | 10 | μΑ | |
| Input High Voltage | $V_{ m IH}$ | $0.625 \times V_{DD}$ | - | $V_{DD} + 0.3$ | V | |
| Input Low Voltage | $V_{ m IL}$ | Vss -0.3 | - | $0.25 \times V_{DD}$ | V | |
| Output High Voltage | V_{OH} | $0.75x V_{DD}$ | - | - | V | |
| Output Low Voltage | V_{OL} | - | - | $0.125 \times V_{DD}$ | V | |

Table 3-1: DC Characteristics



3.2 AC Characteristics

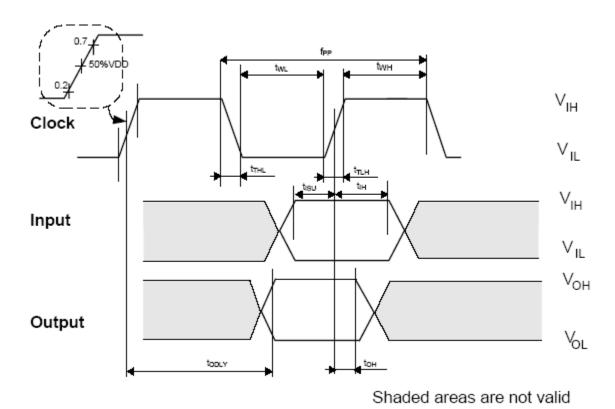


Figure 3-2: Timing diagram data input/output referenced to clock (Default)

High Speed Mode Bus Timing:

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit | Remark | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|-----|------|--|--|--|--|
| Clock CLK (All values are referred to min (V_{IH}) and max (V_{IL}) | | | | | | | | |
| Clock frequency Data Transfer Mode | f_{PP} | 0 | 50 | MHz | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Clock low time | $t_{ m WL}$ | 7 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Clock high time | $t_{ m WH}$ | 7 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Clock rise time | t_{TLH} | - | 3 | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Clock fall time | t_{THL} | - | 3 | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Inputs CMD, DAT (referenced to CLK) | | | | | | | | |
| Input set-up time | $t_{ m ISU}$ | 6 | _ | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |
| Input hold time | $t_{ m IH}$ | 2 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | | |



| Outputs CMD, DAT (referenced to CLK) | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|----|----|---|
| Output Delay time during Data Transfer Mode | t _{ODLY} | - | 14 | ns | $C_L \ll 40 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ |

Table 3-2: Bus Timing - Parameters Values (High Speed Mode)

Default Bus Timing(Backward Compatible):

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit | Remark | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|-----|------|--|--|--|
| Clock CLK (All values are referred to min (V _{IH}) and max (V _{IL}) | | | | | | | |
| Clock frequency Data Transfer Mode | f_{PP} | 0 | 25 | MHz | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Clock frequency Identification Mode | f_{OD} | 0 | 400 | KHz | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Clock low time | $t_{ m WL}$ | 10 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Clock high time | $t_{ m WH}$ | 10 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Clock rise time | t_{TLH} | - | 10 | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Clock fall time | t_{THL} | - | 10 | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Inputs CMD, DAT (referenced to CLK) | | | | | | | |
| Input set-up time | $t_{ m ISU}$ | 5 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Input hold time | $t_{ m IH}$ | 5 | - | ns | $C_{card} \ll 10 \text{ pF}(1 \text{ card})$ | | |
| Outputs CMD, DAT (referenced to CLK) | | | | | | | |
| Output Delay time during Data Transfer Mode | t _{ODLY} | - | 14 | ns | C _L <= 40 pF(1 card) | | |

Table 3-3: Bus Timing - Parameters Values (Default)

(1) 0Hz means to stop the clock. The given minimum frequency range is for cases were continues clock is required.



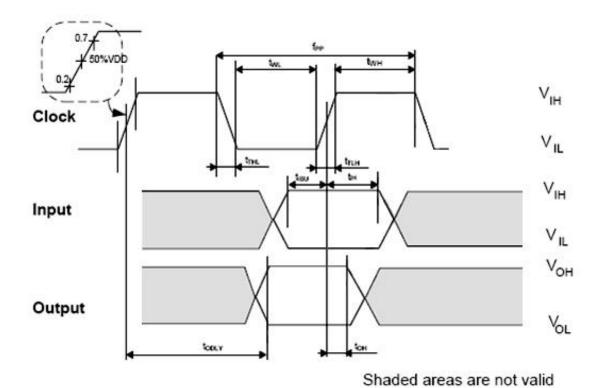


Figure 3-3: Timing diagram data input/output referenced to clock (High-Speed)

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | MIN | MAX | UNIT | REMARK | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----|------|--------|--|--|--|
| Clock CLK (All values are referred to min (V _{IH}) and max (V _{IL}), | | | | | | | | |
| Clock frequency Data Transfer Mode | f_{PP} | 0 | 50 | MHz | | | | |
| Clock low time | $t_{ m WL}$ | 7 | | ns | | | | |
| Clock high time | $t_{ m WH}$ | 7 | | ns | | | | |
| Clock rise time | t_{TLH} | | 3 | ns | | | | |
| Clock fall time | t_{THL} | | 3 | ns | | | | |
| Inputs CMD, DAT (referenced | to CLK) | | | | | | | |
| Input set-up time | $t_{\rm ISU}$ | 6 | | ns | | | | |
| Input hold time | t _{IH} | 2 | | ns | | | | |
| Outputs CMD, DAT (reference | ed to CLK) | | | | | | | |
| Output Delay time during Data Transfer Mode | t _{ODLY} | 0 | 14 | ns | | | | |
| Output Hold time | t _{OH} | 2.5 | | ns | | | | |
| Total System capacitance for each line | C _L | | 40 | pF | | | | |

Table 3-3: Bus Timing - Parameters Values (High-Speed)

4 SD Card Hardware System

4.1 SD Card Description

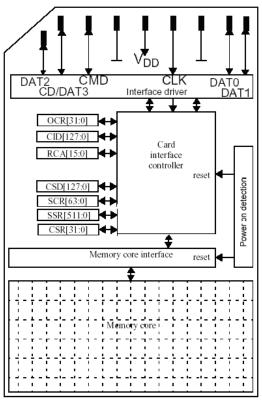


Figure 4-1: SD Card Function Block Diagram

| PIN# | SD INTERFACE | | | SPI INTERFACE | | |
|------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|------|-----------------------|
| | NAME | TYPE | DESCRIPTION | NAME | TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | CD/ | I/O/PP | Card Detect /Data Line | CS | т | Chip Select (Active |
| | DAT3 ² | 1/0/FF | (Bit 3) | CS | 1 | Low) |
| 2 | CMD | PP | Command/ Response | DI | I/PP | Data In |
| 3 | VSS ¹ | S | Supply Voltage Ground | VSS | S | Supply Voltage Ground |
| 4 | VDD | S | Supply Voltage | VDD | S | Supply Voltage |
| 5 | CLK | I | Clock | SCLK | I | Clock |
| 6 | VSS ² | S | Supply Voltage Ground | VSS^2 | S | Supply Voltage Ground |
| 7 | DAT0 | I/O/PP | Data Line (Bit 0) | DO | O/PP | Data Out |
| 8 | DAT1 | I/O/PP | Data Line (Bit 1) | RSV | | |
| 9 | DAT2 | I/O/PP | Data Line (Bit 2) | RSV | | |

Table 4-1: Pad Assignment



- 1) S: power supply; I: input; O: output using push-pull drivers; PP: I/O using push-pull drivers;
- 2) The extended DAT Lines (Dat1-DAT3) are input on power up. They start to operate as DAT lines after SET_BUS_WIDTH command. The Host shall keep its own DAT1-DAT3 lines in input mode, as well, while they are not used.
- 3) After power up this line is input with 50Kohm pull-up (can be used for card detection or SPD mode selection). The pull-up should be disconnected by user, during regular data transfer, with SET_CLR_CARD_DETECT (ACMD42) command

Each card has a set of information registers. Please refer to chapter 5 for the details of registers.

| NAME | WIDTH | DESCRIPTION |
|------|-------|--|
| CID | 128 | Card identification number; card individual number for identification. |
| RCA | 16 | Relative card address; local system address of a card, dynamically suggested by the card and approved by the host during initialization. |
| CSD | 128 | Card Specific Data; information about the card operation conditions. |
| SCR | 64 | SD Configuration Register; information about the SD Card's Special Features capabilities. |
| OCR | 32 | Operation conditions register. |
| SSR | 512 | SD Status; information about the card proprietary features. |
| CSR | 32 | Card Status; information about the card status. |

Table 4-2: SD Card registers

4.2 SD BUS Topology

The SD Card bus has a single master (application), multiple slaves (cards), synchronous star topology. Clock, power and ground signals are common to all cards. Command (CMD) and data (DAT0 - DAT3) signals are dedicated to each card providing continues point to point connection to all the cards.

During initialization process commands are sent to each card individually, allowing the application to detect the cards and assign logical addresses to the physical slots. Data is always sent (received) to (from) each card individually. However, in order to simply the handling of the card stack, after the initialization process, all commands may be sent concurrently to all cards. Addressing information is provided in the command packet.

SD bus allows dynamic configuration of the number of data lines. After power up, by default, the SD Card will use only DAT0 for data transfer. After initialization the host can change the bus width (number of active data lines). This feature allows easy trade off between HW cost and system performance.

Note that while DAT1-DAT3 are not in use, the related Host's DAT lines should be in tri-state (input mode).



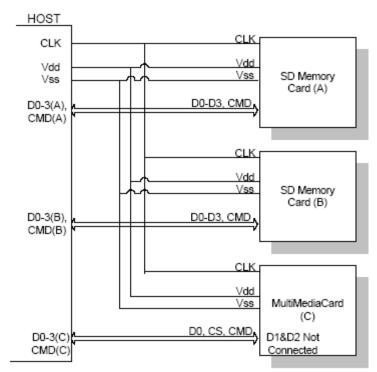


Figure 4-2: SD Card system bus Topology

4.3 SD Card Hardware Interface

The SD Card has six communication lines and three supply lines:

- CMD: Command is a bidirectional signal. The host and card drivers are operating in push pull mode.
- DAT0-3: Data lines are bidirectional signals. Host and card drivers are operating in push pull mode
- CLK: Clock is a host to card signal. CLK operates in push pull mode
- VDD: VDD is the power supply line for all cards.
- VSS1, VSS2 are two ground lines.

In addition to those lines that are connected to the internal card circuitry there are two contacts of the Write Protect/Card Detect switch that are part of the socket. Those contacts are not mandatory but if they exist they should be connected as given in the following figure. When DAT3 is used for card detection, R_{DAT} for DAT3 should be unconnected and another resistor should be connected to the ground.

 R_{DAT} and R_{CMD} are pull-up resistors protecting the CMD and the DAT lines against bus floating when no card is inserted or when all card drivers are in a high-impedance mode. The host shall pull-up all DAT0-3 lines by RDAT, even if the host uses SD Card as 1 bit mode- only in SD mode. Also, the host shall pull-up all "RSV" lines in SPI mode, even though they are not used. R_{WP} is used for the Write Protect/Card Detection switch.



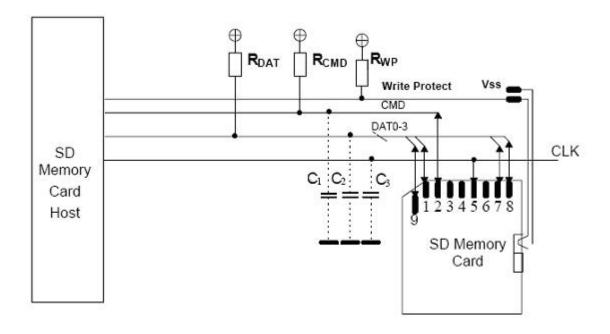


Figure 4-3: Bus circuitry diagram

4.4 Bus Signal Line Load

The total capacitance CL of each line of the SD bus is the sum of the bus master capacitance C_{HOST} , the bus capacitance CBUS itself and the capacitance C_{CARD} of each card connected to this line:

$$C_L = C_{HOST} + C_{BUS} + N*C_{CARD}$$

N is the number of connected cards.

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | MIN | MAX. | UNIT | REMARK |
|--|------------------|-----|------|------|--|
| Pull-up resistance for CMD | R _{CMD} | 10 | 100 | Kohm | to prevent bus floating |
| Pull-up resistance for DAT | R _{DAT} | 10 | 100 | Kohm | to prevent bus floating |
| Total bus capacitance for each signal line | C_L | | 40 | pF | 1 card CHOST+CBUS shall not exceed 30 pF |
| Single card capacitance | C_{CARD} | | 10 | pF | |
| Maximum signal line inductance | | | 16 | nH | $f_{PP} \ll 20 \text{ MHz}$ |
| Pull-up resistance inside card (pin1) | RDAT3 | 10 | 90 | Kohm | May be used for card detection |

Table 4-3: Bus Signal Line Load



4.5 Hot Insertion and Removal

To guarantee the proper sequence of card pin connection during hot insertion, the use of either a special hot-insertion capable card connector or an auto-detect loop on the host side (or some similar mechanism) is mandatory. No card shall be damaged by inserting or removing a card into the SD Card bus even when the power (VDD) is up. Data transfer operations are protected by CRC codes, therefore any bit changes induced by card insertion and removal can be detected by the SD Card bus master. The inserted card must be properly reset also when CLK carries a clock frequency f_{PP} . Each card shall have power protection to prevent card (and host) damage. Data transfer failures induced by removal/insertion are detected by the bus master. They must be corrected by the application, which may repeat the issued command.

4.6 Power up

The power up of the SD Card bus is handled locally in each SD Card and in the bus master.

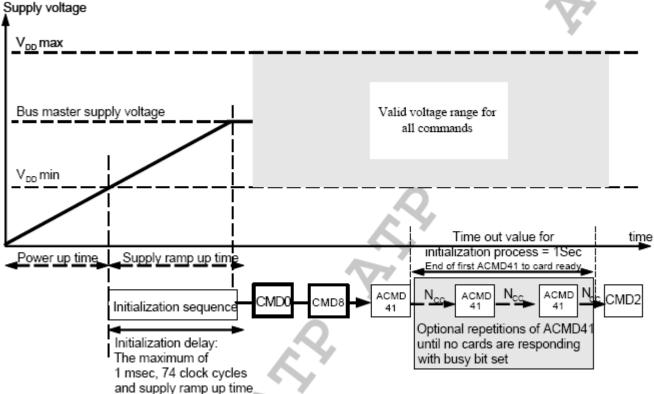


Figure 4-4: Power-up diagram

• 'Power up time' is defined as voltage rising time from 0 volt to VDD min and depends on application parameters such as the maximum number of SD Cards, the bus length and the characteristic of the



power supply unit.

- 'Supply ramp up time' provides the time that the power is built up to the operating level (the bus master supply voltage) and the time to wait until the SD card can accept the first command.
- The host shall supply power to the card so that the voltage is reached to Vdd_min within 250ms and start to supply at least 74 SD clocks to the SD card with keeping CMD line to high. In case of SPI mode, CS shall be held to high during 74 clock cycles.
- After power up (including hot insertion, i.e. inserting a card when the bus is operating) the SD Card enters the *idle state*. In case of SD host, CMD0 is not necessary. In case of SPI host, CMD0 shall be the first command to send the card to SPI mode.
- CMD8 is newly added in the Physical Layer Specification Version 2.00 to support multiple voltage ranges and used to check whether the card supports supplied voltage. The version 2.00 host shall issue CMD8 and verify voltage before card initialization. The host that does not support CMD8 shall supply high voltage range.
- ACMD41 is a synchronization command used to negotiate the operation voltage range and to poll the cards until they are out of their power-up sequence. In case the host system connects multiple cards, the host shall check that all cards satisfy the supplied voltage. Otherwise, the host should select one of the cards and initialize.

4.7 Compatibility to Multi Media Card

The SD Card protocol is designed to be a super-set of the Multi Media Card Version 2.11 protocol. For complete details refer to Multi Media Card specification.

4.8 Card Capacity

- Standard Capacity SD Memory Cards supports capacity up to and including 2 G bytes (231 bytes). All versions of the Physical Specifications define the Standard Capacity SD Memory Card.
- High Capacity SD Memory Cards supports capacity more than 2 G bytes (231 bytes) and this version of specification limits capacity up to and including 32 GB. High Capacity SD Memory Card is newly defined from the Physical Layer Specification Version 2.00. Only hosts that are compliant to the Physical Layer Specification version 2.00 or higher and the SD File System Specification Ver2.00 can access High Capacity SD Memory Cards. Other hosts fail to initialize High Capacity SD Memory Cards.



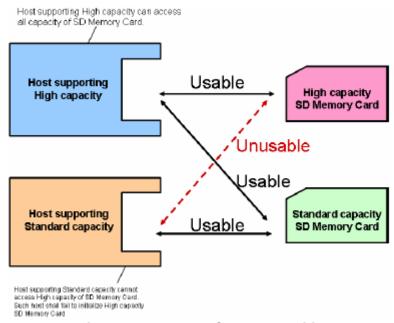


Figure 4-5: Hosts-Cards Usability

5 Card Registers

Within the card interface seven registers are defined: OCR, CID, CSD, RCA, SCR, SSR and CSR. These can be accessed only by corresponding commands. The OCR, CID, CSD and SCR registers carry the card/content specific information, while the RCA register is configuration register storing actual configuration parameters and SSR and CSR are two status fields.

5.1 OCR Register

The 32-bit operation conditions register stores the VDD voltage profile of the card. In addition, this register includes a status information bit. This status bit is set if the card power up procedure has been finished.

| OCR BIT POSITION | VDD VOLTAGE WINDOW |
|------------------|--|
| 0-3 | reserved |
| 4 | reserved |
| 5 | reserved |
| 6 | reserved |
| 7 | Reserved for Low Voltage Range |
| 8 | reserved |
| 9 | reserved |
| 10 | reserved |
| 11 | reserved |
| 12 | reserved |
| 13 | reserved |
| 14 | reserved |
| 15 | 2.7-2.8 |
| 16 | 2.8-2.9 |
| 17 | 2.9-3.0 |
| 18 | 3.0-3.1 |
| 19 | 3.1-3.2 |
| 20 | 3.2-3.3 |
| 21 | 3.3-3.4 |
| 22 | 3.4-3.5 |
| 23 | 3.5-3.6 |
| 24-29 | reserved |
| 30 | Card Capacity Status (CCS) ¹ |
| 31 | card power up status bit (busy) ² |

- 1) This bit is valid only when the card power up status bit is set.
- 2) This bit is set to LOW if the card has not finished the power up routine



Table 5-1: OCR register definition

The supported voltage range is coded as shown in Table 5-1. A voltage range is not supported if the corresponding bit value is set to LOW. As long as the card is busy, the corresponding bit (31) is set to LOW.

5.2 CID Register

The Card IDentification (CID) register is 128 bits wide. It contains the card identification information used during the card identification phase. Every individual flash card shall have a unique identification number. The structure of the CID register is defined in the following paragraphs:

| NAME | FIELD | WIDTH | CID-SLICE |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Manufacturer ID | MID | 8 | [127:120] |
| OEM/Application ID | OID | 16 | [119:104] |
| Product name | PNM | 40 | [103:64] |
| Product revision | PRV | 8 | [63:56] |
| Product serial number | PSN | 32 | [55:24] |
| reserved | | 4 | [23:20] |
| Manufacturing date | MDT | 12 | [19:8] |
| CRC7 checksum | CRC | 7 | [7:1] |
| not used, always '1' | - | 1 | [0:0] |

Table 5-2: The CID fields

• MID

An 8 bit binary number identifies the card manufacturer. The MID number is controlled, defined and allocated to a SD Card manufacturer by the SD Group. This procedure is established to ensure uniqueness of the CID register.

OID

A 2 ASCII string characters that identifies the card OEM and/or the card contents (when used as a distribution media either on ROM or FLASH cards). The OID number is controlled, defined and allocated to a SD Card manufacturer by the SD Group. This procedure is established to ensure uniqueness of the CID register.

PNM

The product name is a string, 5 ASCII characters long.

• PRV

The product revision is composed of two Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) digits, four bits each, representing an "n.m" revision number. The "n" is the most significant nibble and

"m" is the least significant nibble. As an example, the PRV binary value field for product revision "6.2" will be: 0110 0010

PSN

The Serial Number is 32 bits of binary number.

MDT

The manufacturing date composed of two hexadecimal digits, one is 8 bit representing the year(y) and the other is four bits representing the month(m). The "m" field [11:8] is the month code. 1 = January.

The "y" field [19:12] is the year code. 0 = 2000. As an example, the binary value of the Date field for production date "April 2001" will be: 00000001 0100.

• CRC

CRC7 checksum (7 bits). This is the checksum of the CID contents.

5.3 CSD Register

The Card-Specific Data register provides information on how to access the card contents. The CSD defines the data format, error correction type, maximum data access time, whether the DSR register can be used etc. The programmable part of the register (entries marked by W or E, see below) can be hanged by CMD27. The type of the entries in the table below is coded as follows: R = readable, W(1) = writable once, W = multiple writable.

| NAME | FIELD | WIDTH | CELL TYPE | CSD- SLICE |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| CSD structure | CSD_STRUCTURE | 2 | R | [127:126] |
| reserved | - | 6 | R | [125:120] |
| data read access-time-1 | TAAC | 8 | R | [119:112] |
| data read access-time-2 in CLK cycles (NSAC*100) | NSAC | 8 | R | [111:104] |
| max. data transfer rate | TRAN_SPEED | 8 | R | [103:96] |
| card command classes | CCC | 12 | R | [95:84] |
| max. read data block length | READ_BL_LEN | 4 | R | [83:80] |
| partial blocks for read allowed | READ_BL_PARTIAL | 1 | R | [79:79] |
| write block misalignment | WRITE_BLK_MISALIGN | 1 | R | [78:78] |
| read block misalignment | READ_BLK_MISALIGN | 1 | R | [77:77] |
| DSR implemented | DSR_IMP | 1 | R | [76:76] |
| reserved | - | 6 | R | [75:70] |
| device size | C_SIZE | 22 | R | [69:48] |



| reserved | - | 1 | R | [47:47] |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------|---------|
| erase single block enable | ERASE_BLK_EN | 1 | R | [46:46] |
| erase sector size | SECTOR_SIZE | 7 | R | [45:39] |
| write protect group size | WP_GRP_SIZE | 7 | R | [38:32] |
| write protect group enable | WP_GRP_ENABLE | 1 | R | [31:31] |
| reserved | | 2 | R | [30:29] |
| write speed factor | R2W_FACTOR | 3 | R | [28:26] |
| max. write data block length | WRITE_BL_LEN | 4 | R | [25:22] |
| partial blocks for write allowed | WRITE_BL_PARTIAL | 1 | R | [21:21] |
| reserved | - | 5 | R | [20:16] |
| File format group | FILE_FORMAT_GRP | 1 | R | [15:15] |
| copy flag (OTP) | COPY | 1 | R/W(1) | [14:14] |
| permanent write protection | PERM_WRITE_PROTECT | 1 | R/W(1) | [13:13] |
| temporary write protection | TMP_WRITE_PROTECT | 1 | R/W | [12:12] |
| File format | FILE_FORMAT | 2 | R | [11:10] |
| reserved | - | 2 | R | [9:8] |
| CRC | CRC | 7 | R/W | [7:1] |
| not used, always'1' | - | 1 | - | [0:0] |

Table 5-3: The CSD Register fields

The following sections describe the CSD fields and the relevant data types. If not explicitly defined otherwise, all bit strings are interpreted as binary coded numbers starting with the left bit first.

• CSD_STRUCTURE

Version number of the related CSD structure

| CSD_STRUCTURE | CSD STRUCTURE VERSION | VALID FOR SD CARD PHYSICAL SPECIFICATION VERSION |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| 0 | CSD version 1.0 | Version 1.0-1.10 Version 2.00/Standard Capacity |
| 1 | CSD version 2.0 | Version 2.00 /High Capacity |
| 2-3 | reserved | |

Table 5-4: CSD register structure

TAAC



Defines the asynchronous part of the data access time.

| TAAC BIT POSITION | CODE |
|-------------------|--|
| | time unit |
| 2:0 | 0=1ns, 1=10ns, 2=100ns, 3=1μs, 4=10μs, 5=100μs, 6=1ms, 7=10ms |
| | time value |
| 6:3 | 0=reserved, 1=1.0, 2=1.2, 3=1.3, |
| | 4=1.5, 5=2.0, 6=2.5, 7=3.0, 8=3.5, |
| | 9=4.0, A=4.5, B=5.0, C=5.5, D=6.0, |
| | E=7.0, F=8.0 |
| 7 | reserved |

Table 5-5: TAAC access time definition

NSAC

Defines the worst case for the clock dependent factor of the data access time. The unit for NSAC is 100 clock cycles. Therefore, the maximal value for the clock dependent part of the data access time is 25.5k clock cycles. The total access time NAC is the sum of TAAC and NSAC. It has to be computed by the host for the actual clock rate. The read access time should be interpreted as a typical delay for the first data bit of a data block or stream.

TRAN_SPEED

The following table defines the maximum data transfer rate per one data line - TRAN_SPEED:

| TRAN_SPEED BIT | CODE |
|----------------|---|
| | transfer rate unit |
| 2:0 | 0=100kbit/s, 1=1Mbit/s, 2=10Mbit/s, |
| | 3=100Mbit/s, 4 7=reserved |
| | time value |
| | 0=reserved, 1=1.0, 2=1.2, 3=1.3, 4=1.5, |
| 6:3 | 5=2.0, 6=2.5, 7=3.0, 8=3.5, 9=4.0, |
| | A=4.5, B=5.0, C=5.5, D=6.0, E=7.0, |
| | F=8.0 |
| 7 | reserved |

Table 5-6: Maximum data transfer rate definition



Note that for current SD Cards that field is always 0_0110_010b (032h) which is equal to 25MHz - the mandatory maximum operating frequency of SD Card. In High-Speed mode, that field is always 0_1011_010b (05Ah) which is equal to 50MHz. And when the timing mode returns to the default by CMD6 or CMD0 command, its value will be 032h.

• CCC

The SD Card command set is divided into subsets (command classes). The card command class register CCC defines which command classes are supported by this card. A value of '1' in a CCC bit means that the corresponding command class is supported.

| CCC BIT | SUPPORTED CARD COMMAND CLASS | |
|---------|------------------------------|--|
| 0 | class 0 | |
| 1 | class 1 | |
| | | |
| 11 | class 11 | |

Table 5-7: Supported card command classes

• READ BL LEN

The maximum read data block length is computed as $2^{\text{READ_BL_LEN}}$. The maximum block length might therefore be in the range 512...2048 bytes. Note that in SD Card the WRITE_BL_LEN is always equal to READ BL LEN

| READ_BL_LEN | BLOCK LENGTH | REMARK |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 0-8 | reserved | |
| 9 | $2^9 = 512 \text{ Bytes}$ | |
| | | |
| 11 | $2^{11} = 2048$ Bytes | |
| 12-15 | reserved | |

Table 5-8: Data block length

• READ BL PARTIAL (always = 1 in SD Card)

Partial Block Read is always allowed in SD Card. It means that smaller blocks can be used as well. The minimum block size will be one byte.



WRITE_BLK_MISALIGN

Defines if the data block to be written by one command can be spread over more than one physical block of the memory device. The size of the memory block is defined in WRITE_BL_LEN.

WRITE BLK MISALIGN=0 signals that crossing physical block boundaries is invalid.

WRITE_BLK_MISALIGN=1 signals that crossing physical block boundaries is allowed.

READ BLK MISALIGN

Defines if the data block to be read by one command can be spread over more than one physical

block of the memory device. The size of the memory block is defined in READ_BL_LEN.

READ_BLK_MISALIGN=0 signals that crossing physical block boundaries is invalid.

READ_BLK_MISALIGN=1 signals that crossing physical block boundaries is allowed.

• DSR IMP

Defines if the configurable driver stage is integrated on the card. If set, a driver stage register (DSR) must be implemented also.

C_SIZE

This field is expanded to 22 bits and can indicate up to 2 TBytes (It is the same as the maximum memory space specified by a 32-bit block address.)

This parameter is used to calculate the user data area capacity in the SD memory card (not include the protected area). The user data area capacity is calculated from C_SIZE as follows:

memory capacity = (C SIZE+1) * 512K byte

As the maximum capacity of the Physical Layer Specification Version 2.00 is 32 GB, the upper 6 bits of his field shall be set to 0.

• ERASE BLK EN

This field is fixed to 1, which means the host can erase one or multiple units of 512 bytes.

SECTOR SIZE

This field is fixed to 7Fh, which indicates 64 KBytes. This value does not relate to erase operation. Version 2.00 cards indicates memory boundary by AU size and this field should not be used.



WP GRP SIZE

This field is fixed to 00h. The High Capacity SD Memory Card does not support write protected groups.

• WP GRP ENABLE

This field is fixed to 00h. The High Capacity SD Memory Card does not support write protected groups.

R2W_FACTOR

This field is fixed to 2h, which indicates 4 multiples. Write timeout can be calculated by multiplying the read access time and R2W_FACTOR. However, the host should not use this factor and should use 250 ms for write timeout.

WRITE_BL_LEN

This field is fixed to 9h, which indicates WRITE_BL_LEN=512 Byte.

WRITE BL PARTIAL

This field is fixed to 0, which indicates partial block read is inhibited and only unit of block access is allowed.

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FILE_FORMAT_GRP

This field is set to 0. Host should not use this field.

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COPY

Defines if the contents is original (= '0') or has been copied (='1'). The COPY bit for OTP and MTP devices, sold to end consumers, is set to '1' which identifies the card contents as a copy. The COPY bit is an one time programmable bit.

PERM_WRITE_PROTECT

Permanently protects the whole card content against overwriting or erasing (all write and erase commands for this card are permanently disabled). The default value is '0', i.e. not permanently write protected.

• TMP_WRITE_PROTECT

Temporarily protects the whole card content from being overwritten or erased (all write and erase commands for this card are temporarily disabled). This bit can be set and reset. The default value is '0', i.e. not write protected.

FILE FORMAT

This field is set to 0.



• CRC

The CRC field carries the check sum for the CSD contents. The checksum has to be recalculated by the host for any CSD modification. The default corresponds to the initial CSD contents.

5.4 RCA Register

The writable 16-bit relative card address register carries the card address that is published by the card during the card identification. This address is used for the addressed host-card communication after the card identification procedure. The default value of the RCA register is 0x0000. The value 0x0000 is reserved to set all cards into the Stand-by State with CMD7.

5.5 SCR Register

In addition to the CSD register there is another configuration register that named - SD CARD Configuration Register (SCR). SCR provides information on SD Card's special features that were configured into the given card. The size of SCR register is 64 bit. This register is set in the factory by ATP.

The following table describes the SCR register content.

| DESCRIPTION | FIELD | WIDTH | CELL TYPE | SCR SLICE |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| SCR Structure | SCR_STRUCTURE | 4 | R | [63:60] |
| SD Card - Spec. Version | SD_SPEC | 4 | R | [59:56] |
| data_status_after erases | DATA_STAT_AFTER_ERASE | 1 | R | [55:55] |
| SD Security Support | SD_SECURITY | 3 | R | [54:52] |
| DAT Bus widths supported | SD_BUS_WIDTHS | 4 | R | [51:48] |
| reserved | - | 16 | R | [47:32] |
| reserved for manufacturer usage | - | 32 | R | [31:0] |

Table 5-16: The SCR Fields

• SCR STRUCTURE

Version number of the related SCR structure in the SD Card Physical Layer Specification.

| SCR_STRUCTURE | SCR STRUCTURE VERSION | VALID FOR SD PHYSICAL LAYER SPECIFICATION VERSION |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| 0 | SCR version No. 1.0 | Version 1.01-2.00 |
| 1-15 | reserved | |

Table 5-9: SCR register structure version

• SD SPEC

Describes the SD Card Physical Layer Specification version supported by this card.

| SD_SPEC | PHYSICAL LAYER SPECIFICATION | |
|---------|------------------------------|--|
| | VERSION NUMBER | |
| 0 | Version 1.0-1.01 | |
| 1 | Version 1.10 | |
| 2 | Version 2.00 | |
| 3-15 | reserved | |

Table 5-10: SD Card Physical Layer Specification Version

• DATA_STAT_AFTER_ERASE

Defines the data status after erase, whether it is '0' or '1'.

• SD_SECURITY

Describes the security algorithm supported by the card.

| SD_SECURITY | SUPPORTED ALGORITHM |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 0 | no security |
| 1 | Not used |
| 2 | Version 1.01 |
| 3 | Version 2.0 |
| 4-7 | reserved |

Table 5-11: SD Supported security algorithm

• SD_BUS_WIDTHS

Describes all the DAT bus widths that are supported by this card.

| SD_BUS_WIDTHS | SUPPORTED BUS WIDTHS |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Bit 0 | 1 bit (DAT0) |



| Bit 1 | reserved |
|-------------|----------------|
| Bit 2 | 4 bit (DAT0-3) |
| Bit 3 [MSB] | reserved |

Table 5-12: SD Card Supported Bus Widths

5.6 SSR Register

SD Status; information about the card proprietary features (See 6.5)

5.7 CSR Register

Card Status; information about the card status (See 6.5).

6 SD Card Functional Description

6.1 SD BUS Protocol

Communication over the SD bus is based on command and data bit streams which are initiated by a start bit and terminated by a stop bit.

- **Command**: a command is a token which starts an operation. A command is sent from the host either to a single card (addressed command) or to all connected cards (broadcast command). A command is transferred serially on the CMD line.
- **Response**: a response is a token which is sent from an addressed card, or (synchronously) from all connected cards, to the host as an answer to a previously received command. A response is transferred serially on the CMD line.
- **Data**: data can be transferred from the card to the host or vice versa. Data is transferred via the data lines.

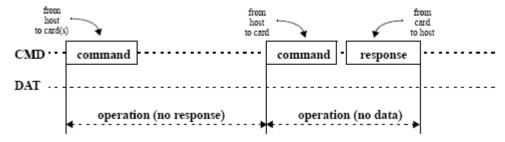


Figure 6-1: "no response" And "no data" Operations

Card addressing is implemented using a session address, assigned to the card during the initialization phase. The basic transaction on the SD bus is the command/response transaction. This type of bus transactions transfers their information directly within the command or response structure. In addition,



some operations have a data token.

Data transfers to/from the SD Card are done in blocks. Data blocks always were succeeded by CRC bits. Single and multiple block operations are defined. Note that the Multiple Block operation mode is better for faster write operation. A multiple block transmission is terminated when a stop command follows on the CMD line. Data transfer can be configured by the host to use single or multiple data lines.

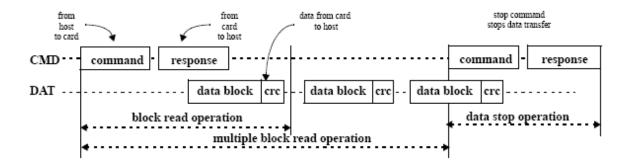


Figure 6-2: (Multiple) Block Read Operation

The block write operation uses a simple busy signaling of the write operation duration on the DAT0 data line regardless of the number of data lines used for transferring the data

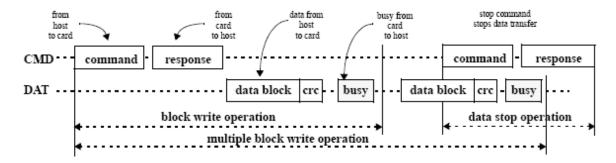
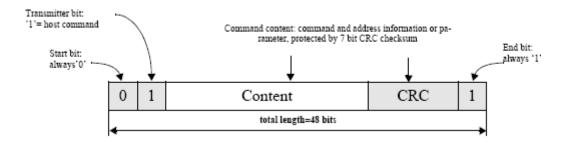


Figure 6-3: (Multiple) Block Write Operation

Command tokens have the following coding scheme:





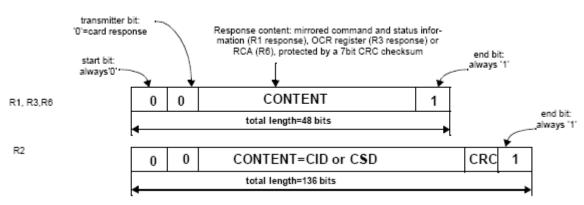


Figure 6-4: Command Token Format

Figure 6-5: Response Token Format

In the CMD line the MSB bit is transmitted first the LSB bit is the last. When the wide bus option is used, the data is transferred 4 bits at a time. Start and end bits, as well as the CRC bits, are transmitted for every one of the DAT lines. CRC bits are calculated and checked for every DAT line individually. The CRC status response and Busy indication will be sent by the card to the host on DAT0 only (DAT1-DAT3 during that period are don't care).

There are two types of Data packet format for the SD card.

(1) Usual data (8 bit width) The usual data (8 bit width) are sent in LSB (Least Significant Byte) first, MSB (Most Significant Byte) last manner. But in the individual byte it is MSB (Most Significant Bit) first, LSB (Least Significant Bit) last.

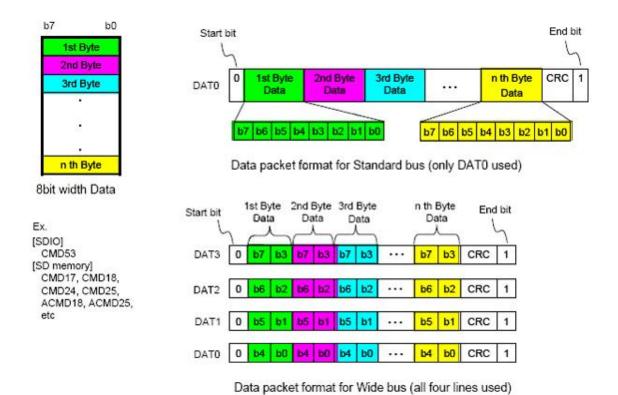


Figure 6-6: Data packet format - Usual data

(2) Wide width data (SD Memory Register) The wide width data is shifted from MSB bit.



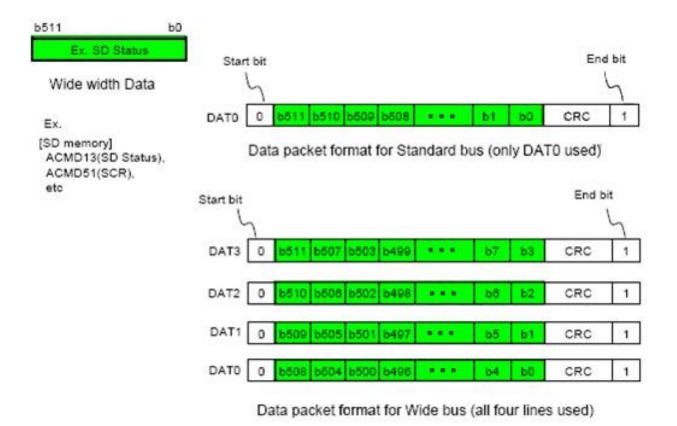


Figure 6-7: Data packet format - Wide width data

6.2 Command

6.2.1 Command Types and Format

All communication between host and cards is controlled by the host (master). The host sends commands of two types: broadcast and addressed (point-to-point) commands.

• Broadcast commands

Broadcast commands are intended for all cards. Some of these commands require a response.

• Addressed (point-to-point) commands

The addressed commands are sent to the addressed card and cause a response from this card.

• Command Format

All commands have a fixed code length of 48 bits, needing a transmission time of 2.4 µs @ 20 MHz



| Bit position | 47 | 46 | [45:40] | [39:8] | [7:1] | 0 |
|--------------|-------|--------------|---------|----------|-------|-----|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 7 | 1 |
| Value | '0' | ' 1' | X | X | X | '1' |
| | start | transmission | command | | | end |
| Description | bit | bit | index | argument | CRC7 | bit |

Table 6-1: Command Format

A command always starts with a start bit (always '0'), followed by the bit indicating the direction of transmission (host = '1'). The next 6 bits indicate the index of the command, this value being interpreted as a binary coded number (between 0 and 63). Some commands need an argument (e.g. an address), which is coded by 32 bits. A value denoted by 'x' in the table above indicates this variable is dependent on the command. All commands are protected by a CRC. Every command codeword is terminated by the end bit (always '1'). All commands and their arguments are listed in Table 6-3-Table 6-11.

6.2.2 Command Classes

The command set of the SD Card system is divided into several classes (See Table 6-2). Each class supports a set of card functionalities.

Class 0, 2, 4, 5 and 8 are mandatory supported by ATP SD Cards. The other classes are optional. The supported Card Command Classes (CCC) are coded as a parameter in the card specific data (CSD) register of each card, providing the host with information on how to access the card.

| | CARD COMMAND | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|-------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| | CLASS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUPPORTED COMMANDS | class description | basic | reserved | block read | Reserved | block write | erase | write protection | lock card | application specific | I/O mode | switch | reserved |
| CMD0 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD2 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD3 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD4 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD5 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | + | | |
| CMD6 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| CMD7 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD8 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |



| G) (D) | 3.5.1. | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
|----------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CMD9 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD10 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD12 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD13 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD15 | Mandatory | + | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD16 | Mandatory | | | + | | + | | | + | | | | |
| CMD17 | Mandatory | | | + | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD18 | Mandatory | | | + | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD24 | Mandatory | | | | | + | | | | | | | |
| CMD25 | Mandatory | | | | | + | | | | | | | |
| CMD27 | Mandatory | | | | | + | | | | | | | |
| CMD28 | Optional | | | | | | | + | | | | | |
| CMD29 | Optional | | | | | | | + | | | | | |
| CMD30 | Optional | | | | | | | + | | | | | |
| CMD32 | Mandatory | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| CMD33 | Mandatory | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| CMD34-37 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| CMD38 | Mandatory | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| CMD42 | Optional | | | | | | | | + | | | | |
| CMD50 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| CMD52 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | + | | |
| CMD53 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | + | | |
| CMD55 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| CMD56 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| CMD57 | Optional | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| ACMD6 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD13 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD22 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD23 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD41 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD42 | Mandatory | | | | | | | | | + | | | |
| ACMD51 | Mandatory | | _ | | | | | | _ | + | _ | | _ |

Table 6-2: Card Command Classes (CCCs)

6.2.3 • Detailed Command Description

The following tables define in detail all SD Card bus commands.



| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION | | | | | |
|--------------|----------|---|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CMD0 | bc | [31:0] stuff bits | - | GO_IDLE_STATE | resets all cards to idle state | | | | | |
| CMD1 | reserved | d | | | | | | | | |
| CMD2 | ber | [31:0] stuff bits | R2 | ALL_SEND_CID | asks any card to send the CID numbers on the CMD line (any card that is connected to the host will respond) | | | | | |
| CMD3 | bcr | [31:0] stuff bits | R6 | SEND_RELATIVE_ ADDR | ask the card to publish a new relative address (RCA) | | | | | |
| CMD5 | reserved | d for I/O cards (ref | er to "SDIO | O Card Specification") | | | | | | |
| CMD7 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | R1b (only from the selected card) | SELECT/DESELECT_CARD | command toggles a card between the stand-by and transfer states or between the programming and disconnect states. In both cases the card is selected by its own relative address and gets deselected by any other address; address 0 deselects all. In case that the RCA equal 0 then the host may do one of the following: - Use other RCA number to perform card deselection Re-send CMD3 to change its RCA number to other than 0 and then use CMD7with RCA=0 for card deselection. | | | | | |
| CMD8 | ber | [31:12]reserve d bits [11:8]supply voltage(VHS) [7:0]check pattern | R7 | SEND_IF_COND | Sends SD Memory Card interface condition, which includes host supply voltage information and asks the card whether card supports voltage. Reserved bits shall be set to '0'. | | | | | |
| CMD9 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | R2 | SEND_CSD | addressed card sends its card-specific data (CSD) on the CMD line. | | | | | |
| CMD10 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | R2 | SEND_CID | addressed card sends its card identification (CID) on CMD the line. | | | | | |
| CMD11 | reserved | i | | | | | | | | |
| CMD12 | ac | [31:0] stuff bits | R1b | STOP_ TRANSMISSION | forces the card to stop transmission | | | | | |
| CMD13 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | R1 | SEND_STATUS | addressed card sends its status register. | | | | | |
| CMD14 | reserved | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD15 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | - | GO_INACTIVE_ STATE | sets the card to inactive state in order to protect the card stack against communication breakdowns. | | | | | |
| | | l | 1 | l | ı | | | | | |

Table 6-3: Basic commands (class 0)



| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|------------------------|------|---------------------|--|
| CMD16 | ac | [31:0] block length | R1 | SET_BLOCKLEN | In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card, this command sets the block length (in bytes) for all following block commands (read, write, lock). Default block length is fixed to 512 Bytes. Set length is valid for memory access commands only if partial block read operation are allowed in CSD. In the case of a High Capacity SD Memory Card, block length set by CMD16 command does not affect the memory read and write commands. Always 512 Bytes fixed block length is used. This command is effective for LOCK_UNLOCK command. In both cases, if block length is set larger than 512Bytes, the card sets the BLOCK_LEN_ERROR bit. |
| CMD17 | adtc | [31:0] data address | R1 | READ_SINGLE_ BLOCK | In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card, this command, this command reads a block of the size selected by the SET_BLOCKLEN command. In the case of a High Capacity Card, block length is fixed 512 Bytes regardless of the SET_BLOCKLEN command. |
| CMD18 | adtc | [31:0] data address | R1 | READ_MULTIPLE_BLOCK | continuously transfers data blocks from card to host until interrupted by a STOP_TRANSMISSION command. |
| CMD19 | reserved | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| CMD23 | | | | | |

¹⁾ The data transferred must not cross a physical block boundary unless READ_BLK_MISALIGN is set in the CSD.

Table 6-2: Block oriented read commands (class 2)



| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|------|------------------------|------|----------------------|---|
| CMD16 | ac | [31:0] block length | R1 | SET_BLOCKLEN | In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card, this command sets the block length (in bytes) for all following block commands (read, write, lock). Default block length is fixed to 512 Bytes. Set length is valid for memory access commands only if partial block read operation are allowed in CSD. In the case of a High Capacity SD Memory Card, block length set by CMD16 command does not affect the memory read and write commands. Always 512 Bytes fixed block length is used. This command is effective for LOCK_UNLOCK command. In both cases, if block length is set larger than 512Bytes, the card sets the BLOCK_LEN_ERROR bit. |
| CMD24 | adtc | [31:0] data address | R1 | WRITE_BLOCK | In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card, this command writes a block of the size selected by the SET_BLOCKLEN command ¹ . In the case of a High Capacity Card, block length is fixed 512 Bytes regardless of the SET_BLOCKLEN command. |
| CMD25 | adtc | [31:0] data address | R1 | WRITE_MULTIPLE_BLOCK | continuously writes blocks of data until a STOP_TRANSMISSION follows. |
| CMD26 | | d For Manufactu | | | |
| CMD27 | adtc | [31:0] stuff bits | R1 | PROGRAM_CSD | programming of the programmable bits of the CSD. |

¹⁾ The data transferred must not cross a physical block boundary unless WRITE_BLK_MISALIGN is set in the CSD. In case that write partial blocks is not supported then the block length=default block length (given in CSD).

Table 6-4: Block oriented write commands (class 4)



| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|---|------|-----------------|--|
| CMD28 | ac | [31:0] data address | R1b | SET_WRITE_PROT | if the card has write protection fea-tures, this command sets the write protection bit of the addressed group. The properties of write protection are coded in the card specific data (WP_GRP_SIZE). |
| CMD29 | ac | [31:0] data address | R1b | CLR_WRITE_PROT | if the card provides write protection features, this command clears the write protection bit of the addressed group. |
| CMD30 | adtc | [31:0] write protect data address | R1 | SEND_WRITE_PROT | if the card provides write protection features, this command asks the card to send the status of the write protection bits. ¹ |
| CMD31 | reserved | i | | | |

1)32 write protection bits (representing 32 write protect groups starting at the specified address) followed by 16 CRC bits are transferred in a payload format via the data line. The last (least significant) bit of the protection bits corresponds to the first addressed group. If the addresses of the last groups are outside the valid range, then the corresponding write protection bits shall be set to zero

Table 6-5: Block oriented write protection commands (class 6)

| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|------------------------|------|--------------------|--|
| CMD32 | ac | [31:0] data address | R1 | ERASE_WR_BLK_START | sets the address of the first write-block to be erased. |
| CMD33 | ac | [31:0] data address | R1 | ERASE_WR_BLK_END | sets the address of the last write block of the continuous range to be erased. |
| CMD38 | ac | [31:0] stuff bits | R1b | ERASE | erases all previously selected write blocks. |
| CMD39 | reserved | l | | | |
| CMD40 | | | | | Non Valid in SD Card - Reserved for MultiMediaCard I/O mode |
| CMD41 | reserved | l | | | |

Table 6-6: Erase commands (class 5)



| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION | | | |
|--------------|----------|------------------------|------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| CMD16 | ac | [31:0] block length | R1 | SET_BLOCKLEN | In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card, this command sets the block length (in bytes) for all following block commands (read, write, lock). Default block length is fixed to 512 Bytes. Set length is valid for memory access commands only if partial block read operation are allowed in CSD. In the case of a High Capacity SD Memory Card, block length set by CMD16 command does not affect the memory read and write commands. Always 512 Bytes fixed block length is used. This command is effective for LOCK_UNLOCK command. In both cases, if block length is set larger than 512Bytes, the card sets the BLOCK_LEN_ERROR bit. | | | |
| CMD42 | adtc | [31:0] stuff bits. | R1 | LOCK_UNLOCK | Used to set/reset the password or lock/unlock the card. The size of the data block is set by the SET_BLOCK_LEN command. | | | |
| CMD43-49 | reserved | | | | | | | |
| CMD51 | reserved | l | | | | | | |

Table 6-7: Lock card (class 7)

| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|---|
| CMD55 | ac | [31:16] RCA [15:0] stuff bits | R1 | APP_CMD | Indicates to the card that the next command is an application specific command rather than a standard command |



| CMD56 | adtc | [31:1] stuff bits. [0]: RD/WR1 | R1 | GEN_CMD | Used either to transfer a data block to the card or to get a data block from the card for general purpose/application specific commands. In the case of a Standard Capacity SD Memory Cards, the size of the data block shall be set by the SET_BLOCK_LEN command. In the case of a High Capacity SD Memory Cards, the size of the data block is fixed to 512 byte. The host sets RD/WR=1 for reading data from the card and sets to 0 for writing data to the card. | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| CMD58- 59 | reserve | reserved | | | | | | | | |
| CMD60- 63 | reserve | reserved for manufacturer | | | | | | | | |

¹⁾ RD/WR: "1" the host gets a block of data from the card. "0" the host sends block of data to the card. All the application specific commands (given in Table 21) are supported if Class 8 is allowed (mandatory in SD Card).

Table 6-8: Application specific commands (class 8)

| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|--|------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| CMD52. CMD54 | reserved | reserved for I/O mode (refer to "SDIO Card Specification") | | | | | | | |

Table 6-9: I/O mode commands (class 9)

The following table describes all the application specific commands supported/reserved by the SD Card. All the following ACMDs shall be preceded with APP_CMD command (CMD55).

| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------|---------------|--|
| ACMD6 | ac | [31:2] stuff bits [1:0]bus width | R1 | SET_BUS_WIDTH | Defines the data bus width ('00'=1bit or '10'=4 bits bus) to be used for data transfer. The allowed data bus widths are given in SCR register. |
| ACMD13 | adtc | [31:0] stuff bits | R1 | SD_STATUS | Send the SD Card status. |
| ACMD17 | reserved | 1 | | | |



| ACMD18 | | | | | Reserved for SD security applications1 |
|------------------------|----------|---|----|------------------------|---|
| ACMD19 to ACMD21 | reserved | i | | | |
| ACMD22 | adtc | [31:0] stuff bits | R1 | SEND_NUM_WR_BLOCKS | Send the number of the written (without errors) write blocks. Responds with 32bit+CRC data block. If WRITE_BL_PARTIAL='0', the unit of ACMD22 is always 512byte.If WRITE_BL_PARTIAL='1', the unit of ACMD22 is a block length which was used when the write command was executed. |
| ACMD23 | ac | [31:23] stuff bits [22:0]Number of blocks | R1 | SET_WR_BLK_ERASE_COUNT | Set the number of write blocks to be pre-erased before writing (to be used for faster Multiple Block WR command). "1"=default (one wr block)(2). |
| ACMD24 | reserved | 1 | | | |
| ACMD25 | | | | | Reserved for SD security applications1 |
| ACMD26 | | | | | Reserved for SD security applications1 |
| ACMD38 | | | | | Reserved for SD security applications1 |
| ACMD39 to ACMD40 | reserved | i | | | |
| ACMD41 | bcr | [31]reserved bit [30]HCS(OCR[30]) [29:24]reserved bits [23:0] VDD Voltage Window(OCR[23:0]) | R3 | SD_SEND_OP_COND | Asks the accessed card to send its operating condition register (OCR) content in the response on the CMD line. |
| ACMD42 | ac | [31:1] stuff bits [0]set_cd | R1 | SET_CLR_CARD_DETECT | Connect[1]/Disconnect[0] the 50KOhm pull-up resistor on CD/DAT3 (pin 1) of the card. |
| ACMD43 | | | | | Reserved for SD security applications1 |
| ACMD49 | | | | | |
| ACMD51 | adtc | [31:0] stuff bits | R1 | SEND_SCR | Reads the SD Configuration Register (SCR). |

⁽¹⁾ Refer to "SD Memory Card Security Specification" for detailed explanation about the SD Security Features

Table 6-10: Application Specific Commands used/reserved by SD Card



⁽²⁾ Command STOP_TRAN (CMD12) shall be used to stop the transmission in Write Multiple Block whether the pre-erase (ACMD23) feature is used or not.

| CMD INDEX | TYPE | ARGUMENT | RESP | ABBREVIATION | COMMAND DESCRIPTION |
|----------------|----------|--|----------|-----------------|--|
| CMD6 | adtc | [31] Mode 0:Check function 1:Switch function [30:24] reserved (All '0') [23:20] reserved for function group 6 (All '0' or 0xF) [19:16] reserved for function group 5 (All '0' or 0xF) [15:12] reserved for function group 4 (All '0' or 0xF) [11:8] reserved for function group 3 (All '0' or 0xF) [7:4] function group 2 for command system [3:0] function group 1 for access mode | R1 | SWITCH_ FUNC | Checks switchable function (mode 0) and switch card function (mode 1). |
| CMD34 | | | | | |
| CMD35 CMD36 | | | | | |
| CMD37 | Reserved | for each command system set by switch function | n comman | d (CMD6). | |
| CMD50 | | | | | |
| CMD57 | | | | | |

Table 6-11: Switch function commands (class 10)

6.3 Card State Transition Table

Table 6-12 defines the card state transitions in dependency of the received command.

| | | | | CUR | RENT | STATE | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|
| | idle | ready | ident | stby | tran | data | rcv | prg | dis | ina |
| TRIGGER OF STATE CHANGE | | changes to | | | | | | | | |
| CLASS INDEPENDENT | | | | | | | | | | |
| "Operation Complete" | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | tran | stby | - |
| class 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD0 | idle | idle | idle | idle | idle | idle | idle | idle | idle | - |
| CMD2 | - | ident | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD3 | - | - | stby | stby | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD4 | - | - | - | stby | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD7, card is addressed | - | - | ı | tran | - | - | - | - | prg | - |
| CMD7, card is not addressed | - | - | ı | stby | stby | stby | - | dis | - | - |
| CMD8 | idle | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD9 | - | - | - | stby | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD10 | - | - | - | stby | - | - | - | - | - | - |



| CMD12 | = | - | - | - | - | tran | prg | - | - | - |
|--------------------|---------|------|---|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| CMD13 | - | - | - | stby | tran | data | rcv | prg | dis | - |
| CMD15 | - | - | - | ina | ina | ina | ina | ina | ina | - |
| class 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD16 | - | - | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD17 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD18 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD16 | see cla | ss 2 | | | | | | | | |
| CMD24 | - | - | - | - | rcv | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD25 | - | - | - | - | rcv | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD27 | - | - | - | - | rcv | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD28 | - | - | - | - | prg | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD29 | - | - | - | - | prg | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD30 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD32 | - | _ | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD33 | - | _ | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD38 | - | - | - | - | prg | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD42 | - | - | - | - | rcv | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD55 | idle | - | - | stby | tran | data | rcv | prg | dis | - |
| CMD56; RD/WR = 0 | - | - | - | - | rcv | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD56; RD/WR = 1 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD6 | - | - | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD13 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |



| | | | С | URRE | NT ST | ATE | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------|-----|
| | idle | ready | ident | stby | tran | data | rcv | prg | dis | ina |
| ACMD22 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD23 | - | - | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD18,25,26,38, | Refer to | o "SD Card S | Security | Specific | cation" | for exp | lanatic | n abou | it the S | SD |
| 43,44,45,46,47,48,49 | Securit | ecurity Features | | | | | | | | |
| ACMD41, card VDD | ready | 1 | _ | _ | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| range compatible | | - | - | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| ACMD41, card is busy | idle | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD41, card VDD | ina | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| range not compatible | ma | | _ | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ | _ |
| ACMD42 | - | - | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACMD51 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| class 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD52-CMD54 | refer to | "SDIO Card | l Specifi | cation" | | | | | | |
| class 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD6 | - | - | - | - | data | - | - | - | - | - |
| CMD34-37,50,57 | - | - | - | - | tran | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| class 11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD41; | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD43CMD49, | reserve | reserved | | | | | | | | |
| CMD58-CMD59 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CMD60CMD63 | reserve | d for manufa | cturer | | | | | | | |

Table 6-12: Card state transition table



6.4 Responses

All responses are sent via the command line CMD. The response transmission always starts with the left bit of the bit string corresponding to the response codeword. The code length depends on the response type.

A response always starts with a start bit (always '0'), followed by the bit indicating the direction of transmission (card = '0'). A value denoted by 'x' in the tables below indicates a variable entry. All responses except for the type R3 (see below) are protected by a CRC. Every command codeword is terminated by the end bit (always '1'). There are five types of responses for SD Card. Their formats are defined as follows:

• **R1** (normal response command): code length 48 bit. The bits 45:40 indicate the index of the command to be responded to, this value being interpreted as a binary coded number (between 0 and 63). The status of the card is coded in 32 bits. Note that in case that data transfer to the card is involved then a busy signal may appear on the data line after the transmission of each block of data. The host shell check for busy after data block transmission.

| Bit position | 47 | 46 | [45:40] | [39:8] | [7:1] |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 7 |
| Value | '0' | ' 0' | X | X | X |
| Description | start bit | transmission bit | command index | card status | CRC7 |

Table 6-13: Response R1

- **R1b** is identical to R1 with an optional busy signal transmitted on the data line. The card may become busy after receiving these commands based on its state prior to the command reception. The Host shell check for busy at the response. Refer to Chapter 4.12.3 for detailed description and timing diagrams.
- **R2** (CID, CSD register): code length 136 bits. The contents of the CID register are sent as a response to the commands CMD2 and CMD10. The contents of the CSD register are sent as a response to CMD9. Only the bits [127...1] of the CID and CSD are transferred, the reserved bit [0] of these registers is replaced by the end bit of the response.

| Bit position | 135 | 134 | [133:128] | [127:1] | 0 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|---|------------|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 127 | 1 |
| Value | '0' | ' 0' | '111111' | X | '1' |
| Description | start bit | transmission bit | reserved | CID or CSD register incl. internal CRC7 | end bit |

Table 6-14: Response R2



• **R3** (OCR register): code length 48 bits. The contents of the OCR register is sent as a response to ACMD41.

| Bit position | 47 | 46 | [45:40] | [39:8] | [7:1] | 0 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 7 | 1 |
| Value | '0' | '0' | '111111' | X | '11111111' | '1' |
| Description | start bit | transmission bit | reserved | OCR register | reserved | end bit |

Table 6-15: Response R3

• R6 (Published RCA response): code length 48 bit. The bits 45:40 indicate the index of the

| Bit position | 47 | 46 | [45:40] | [39:8] Arg | ument field | [7:1] | 0 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 16 16 | | 7 | 1 |
| Value | '0' | '0' | X | X | X | X | ' 1' |
| Description | start bit | transmission bit | command index ('000011') | New published RCA [31:16] of the card | [15:0] card status bits: 23,22,19,12:0 (see Table 30) | CRC 7 | end bit |

Table 6-16: Response R6

command to be responded to - in that case it will be '000011' (together with bit 5 in the status bits it means = CMD3). The 16 MSB bits of the argument field are used for the Published RCA number.

• **R7**(Card interface condition): Code length is 48 bits. The card support voltage information is sent by the response of CMD8. Bits 19-16 indicate the voltage range that the card supports. The card that accepted the supplied voltage returns R7 response. In the response, the card echoes back both the voltage range and check pattern set in the argument.

| Bit position | 47 | 46 | [45:40] | [39:20] | [19:16] | [15:8] | [7:1] | 0 |
|--------------|-----|-----|----------|----------|---------|--------|-------|-----|
| Width (bits) | 1 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Value | '0' | '0' | '001000' | '00000h' | X | X | X | '1' |



| Description | start bit | transmission bit | command index | reserved bits | voltage accepted | echo- back of check pattern | CRC 7 | end bit |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|----------|------------|
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|----------|------------|

Table 6-17: Response R7

Table 6-18 shows the format of 'voltage accepted' in R7.

| voltage accepted | Value Definition |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0000b | Not Defined |
| 0001b | 2.7-3.6V |
| 0010b | Reserved for Low Voltage Range |
| 0100b | Reserved |
| 1000b | Reserved |
| Others | Not Defined |

Table 6-18: Voltage Accepted in R7

6.5 SD Card Status

SD Card supports two card status field as follows:

- 'Card Status': compatible to the MultiMediaCard protocol.
- 'SD_Status': Extended status field of 512bits that supports special features of the SD Card and future Application Specific features.

6.5.1 Card Status

The response format R1 contains a 32-bit field named *card status*. This field is intended to transmit the card's status information (which may be stored in a local status register) to the host. If not specified otherwise, the status entries are always related to the previous issued command. The semantics of this register is according to the CSD entry SPEC_VERS, indicating the version of the response formats (possibly used for later extensions). Table 6-19 defines the different entries of the status. The type and clear condition fields in the table are abbreviated as follows:

• Type:

E: Error bit.



S: Status bit.

R: Detected and set for the actual command response.

X: Detected and set during command execution. The host must poll the card by issuing the status command in order to read these bits.

• Clear Condition:

A: According to the card current state.

B: Always related to the previous command. Reception of a valid command will clear it (with a delay of one command).

C: Clear by read.

| Bits | Identifier | Туре | Value | Description | Clear Condi- tion |
|------|-----------------|------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 31 | OUT_OF_RANGE | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | The command's argument was out of the allowed range for this card. | С |
| 30 | ADDRESS_ERROR | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | A misaligned address which did not match the block length was used in the command. | С |
| 29 | BLOCK_LEN_ERROR | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | The transferred block length is not allowed for this card, or the number of transferred bytes does not match the block length. | С |
| 28 | ERASE_SEQ_ERROR | ER | '0'= no error '1'= error | An error in the sequence of erase commands occurred. | С |
| 27 | ERASE_PARAM | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | An invalid selection of write-blocks for erase occurred. | С |
| 26 | WP_VIOLATION | ERX | '0'= not protected '1'= protected | Attempt to program a write protected block. | С |
| 25 | CARD_IS_LOCKED | S X | '0' = card unlocked '1' = card locked | When set, signals that the card is locked by the host | A |

| Bits | Identifier | Туре | Value | Description | Clear Condi- tion |
|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 24 | LOCK_UNLOCK_ FAILED | ERX | '0' = no error '1' = error | Set when a sequence or password error has been detected in lock/unlock card command. | С |
| 23 | COM_CRC_ERROR | ER | '0'= no error '1'= error | The CRC check of the previous command failed. | В |
| 22 | ILLEGAL_COMMAND | ER | '0'= no error '1'= error | Command not legal for the card state | В |
| 21 | CARD_ECC_FAILED | ERX | '0'= success '1'= failure | Card internal ECC was applied but failed to correct the data. | С |



| 20 | CC_ERROR | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | Internal card controller error | С |
|--------|-------------------|-----|---|--|---|
| 19 | ERROR | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | A general or an unknown error occurred during the operation. | С |
| 17, 18 | reserved | | | | |
| 16 | CSD_OVERWRITE | ERX | '0'= no error '1'= error | can be either one of the following errors: - The read only section of the CSD does not match the card content. - An attempt to reverse the copy (set as original) or permanent WP (unprotected) bits was made. | С |
| 15 | WP_ERASE_SKIP | S X | '0'= not protected '1'= protected | Only partial address space was erased due to existing write pro tected blocks. | С |
| 14 | CARD_ECC_DISABLED | S X | '0'= enabled 1'= disabled | The command has been executed without using the internal ECC. | A |
| 13 | ERASE_RESET | S R | '0'= cleared '1'= set | An erase sequence was cleared before executing because an out of erase sequence command was received | С |
| 12:9 | CURRENT_STATE | SX | 0 = idle 1 = ready 2 = ident 3 = stby 4 = tran 5 = data; 6 = rcv; 7 = prg 8 = dis 9-14 = reserved 15 = reserved | The state of the card when receiving the command. If the command execution causes a state change, it will be visible to the host in the response to the next command. The four bits are interpreted as a binary coded number between 0 and 15. | В |
| 8 | READY_FOR_DATA | S X | '0'= not ready '1'= ready | corresponds to buffer empty signaling on the bus | A |
| 7,6 | reserved | | | | • |
| 5 | APP_CMD | S R | '0' = Disabled '1' = Enabled | The card will expect ACMD, or indication that the command has been interpreted as ACMD | С |
| 4 | reserved | | | | |



| Bits | Identifier | Туре | Value | Description | Clear Condi-tion |
|-------|---------------|------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 3 | AKE_SEQ_ERROR | ER | '0' = no error '1' = error | Error in the sequence of authenti cation process | |
| 2,1,0 | reserved | | | | |

Table 6-19: Card status

The following table defines for each command responded by a R1 response the affected bits in the status field. An 'x' means the error/status bit may be set in the response to the respective command.

| | Res | pons | e For | mat 1 | l Stat | us bi | t # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|---|---|
| CMD# | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 :9 | 8 | 5 |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | х | х | | | х | | | | | | | X | | |
| 6 | X | | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | | |
| 7 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| 12 | X | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X | | X | | |
| 13 | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| 16 | | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| 17 | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| 18 | Х | Х | | | Х | X | X | X | X | X | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | X | X | X | | |
| 24 | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| 25 | Х | Х | Х | | Х | X | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | Х | |
| 26 | | | | | Х | Х | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| 27 | | | | | Х | Х | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | | |
| 28 | Х | | | | Х | Х | X | X | X | X | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | | |
| 29 | Х | | | | Х | Х | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | х | х | Х | X | | |
| 30 | Х | | | | Х | Х | X | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | | |
| 32 | Х | | | X | Х | Х | X | X | Х | Х | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | X | | |
| 33 | х | | | X | Х | х | X | X | х | х | X | х | х | х | х | Х | х | х | х | X | | |
| 38 | | | | Х | Х | х | X | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | х | х | Х | х | х | Х | X | | |
| 42 | | | | | х | х | Х | Х | х | х | Х | х | х | х | х | Х | х | х | х | X | | |
| 55 | | | | | Х | х | X | X | х | х | Х | х | х | х | х | Х | х | х | х | X | | х |
| 56 | | | | | х | х | X | X | х | х | Х | х | х | х | х | Х | х | х | х | X | Х | х |
| ACMD 6 | х | | | | х | х | x | x | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | X | | х |
| ACMD 13 | | | | | х | х | X | X | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | х | X | | х |



| | Res | Response Format 1 Status bit # | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|---|---|
| CMD# | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 :9 | 8 | 5 |
| ACMD 22 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| ACMD 23 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| ACMD 42 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| ACMD 51 | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X |

Table 6-18: Card status field / command - cross reference

6.5.2 SD Status

The SD Status contains status bits that are related to the SD Card proprietary features and may be used for future application specific usage. The size of the SD Status is one data block of 512bit. The content of this register is transmitted to the Host over the DAT bus along with 16 bit CRC. The SD Status is sent to the host over the DAT bus if ACMD13 is sent (CMD55 followed with CMD13). ACMD13 can be sent to a card only in 'tran_state' (card is selected). SD Status structure is described in bellow. The same abbreviation for 'type' and 'clear condition' were used as for the Card Status above.

| Bits | Identifier | Туре | Value | Description | Clear Condi- tion |
|-------------|----------------------------|------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 511: 510 | DAT_BUS_WIDTH | S R | '00'= 1 (default) '01'= reserved '10'= 4 bit width '11'= reserved | Shows the currently defined data bus width that was defined by SET_BUS_WIDTH command | A |
| 509 | SECURED_MODE | S R | '0'= Not in the mode '1'= In Secured Mode | Card is in Secured Mode of operation | A |
| 508: 496 | reserved | | | | |
| 495: 480 | SD_CARD_TYPE | SR | ' 00xxh'= SD Memory Cards as defined in Physical Spec Ver1.01- 2.00 ('x'=don't care). The following cards are currently defined: ' 0000'= Regular SD RD/WR Card. ' 0001'= SD ROM Card | In the future, the 8 LSBs will be used to define different variations of an SD Memory Card (Each bit will define different SD Types). The 8 MSBs will be used to define SD Cards that do not comply with current | A |
| 479: 448 | SIZE_OF_PROTEC TED_AREA | SR | in units of MULT*BLOCK_LEN refer to CSD register | The actual area = (SIZE_OF_PROTECTED_AREA) * MULT * BLOCK_LEN. | A |



| 447: 440 | SPEED_CLASS | SR | Speed Class of the card (See below) | (See below) | A |
|-------------|----------------------|----|---|-------------|---|
| 439: 432 | PERFORMANCE_M OVE | SR | Performance of move indicated by 1 [MB/s] step. (See below) | (See below) | A |
| 431: 428 | AU_SIZE | SR | Size of AU (See below) | (See below) | A |
| 427: | reserved | | | | |
| 424 | | | | | |
| 423: 408 | ERASE_SIZE | SR | Number of AUs to be erased at a time | (See below) | A |
| 407: 402 | ERASE_TIMEOUT | SR | Timeout value for erasing areas specified by UNIT_OF_ERASE_AU | (See below) | A |
| 401: 400 | ERASE_OFFSET | SR | Fixed offset value added to erase time. | (See below) | A |
| 399:312 | reserved | | | | |
| 311:0 | reserved | • | | | • |

Table 6-19: SD Card Status

• SIZE OF PROTECTED AREA

Setting this field differs between Standard and High Capacity Cards.

In the case of a Standard Capacity Card, the capacity of protected area is calculated as follows:

Protected Area = SIZE_OF_PROTECTED_AREA_* MULT * BLOCK_LEN.

SIZE OF PROTECTED AREA is specified by the unit in MULT*BLOCK LEN.

In the case of a High Capacity Card, the capacity of protected area is specified in this field:

Protected Area = SIZE OF PROTECTED AREA

SIZE_OF_PROTECTED_AREA is specified by the unit in byte.

SPEED CLASS

This 8-bit field indicates the Speed Class and the value can be calculated by Pw/2.

| SPEED_CLASS | Value Definition |
|-------------|------------------|
| 00h | Class 0 |
| 01h | Class 2 |
| 02h | Class 4 |
| 03h | Class 6 |
| 04h – FFh | Reserved |

Table 6-20: Speed Class Code Field

PERFORMANCE MOVE

This 8-bit field indicates Pm and the value can be set by 1 [MB/sec] step. If the card does not move used RUs, Pm should be considered as infinity. Setting to FFh means infinity. The minimum value of Pm

is defined by in Table 6-21.

| PERFORMANCE_MOVE | Value Definition |
|------------------|------------------|
| 00h | Not Defined |
| 01h | 1 [MB/sec] |
| 02h | 2 [MB/sec] |
| | |
| FEh | 254 [MB/sec] |
| FFh | Infinity |

Table 6-21: Performance Move Field

• AU_SIZE

This 4-bit field indicates AU Size and the value can be selected in power of 2 from 16 KB.

| AU_SIZE | Value Definition |
|---------|---------------------|
| 0h | Not Defined |
| 1h | 16 KB |
| 2h | 32 KB |
| 3h | 64 KB |
| 4h | 128 KB |
| 5h | 256 KB |
| 6h | 512 KB |
| 7h | 1 MB |
| 8h | 2 MB |
| 9h | 4 MB |
| Ah – Fh | Reserved |

Table 6-22: AU_SIZE Field

The maximum AU size, depends on the card capacity, is defined in Table 6-23. The card can set any AU size between RU size and maximum AU size.

| Capacity | 16 MB – 64 MB | 128 MB-256 MB | 512 MB | 1 GB – 32 GB |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| Maximum AU Size | 512 KB | 1 MB | 2 MB | 4 MB |

Table 6-23: Maximum AU size

• ERASE_SIZE

This 16-bit field indicates NERASE. When NERASE numbers of AUs are erased, the timeout value is specified by ERASE_TIMEOUT (Refer to ERASE_TIMEOUT). The host should determine proper number of AUs to be erased in one operation so that the host can indicate progress of erase operation. If this field is set to 0, the erase timeout calculation is not supported.



| ERASE_SIZE | Value Definition |
|------------|--|
| 0000h | Erase Time-out Calculation is not supported. |
| 0001h | 1 AU |
| 0002 | 2 AU |
| 0003 | 3 AU |
| | |
| FFFFh | 65535 AU |

Table 6-24: Erase Size Field

• ERASE TIMEOUT

This 6-bit field indicates the TERASE and the value indicates erase timeout from offset when multiple AUs are erased as specified by ERASE_SIZE. The range of ERASE_TIMEOUT can be defined as up to 63 seconds and the card manufacturer can choose any combination of ERASE_SIZE and ERASE_TIMEOUT depending on the implementation. Once ERASE_TIMEOUT is determined, it determines the ERASE_SIZE. The host can determine timeout for any number of AU erase by the Equation (6). Refer to 4.14 for the concept of calculating erase timeout. If ERASE_SIZE field is set to 0, this field shall be set to 0.

| ERASE_TIMEOUT | Value Definition |
|---------------|--|
| 00 | Erase Time-out Calculation is not supported. |
| 01 | 1 [sec] |
| 02 | 2 [sec] |
| 03 | 3 [sec] |
| | |
| 63 | 63 [sec] |

Table 6-24: Erase Timeout Field

• ERASE OFFSET

This 2-bit field indicates the TOFFSET and one of four values can be selected. The erase offset adjusts the line by moving in parallel on the upper side. Refer to Figure 4-33 and Equation (6) in 4.14. This field is meaningless if ERASE_SIZE and ERASE_TIMEOUT fields are set to 0.

| ERASE_OFFSET | Value Definition |
|--------------|------------------|
| 0h | 0 [sec] |
| 1h | 1 [sec] |
| 2h | 2 [sec] |
| 3h | 3 [sec] |

Table 6-25: Erase Offset Field

6.6 Card Identification Mode and Data Transfer Mode

Two operation modes are defined for the SD Card system:

• Card identification mode

The host will be in card identification mode after reset and while it is looking for new cards on the bus. Cards will be in this mode after reset until the SEND_RCA command (CMD3) is received.

Data transfer mode

Cards will enter data transfer mode once their RCA is first published. The host will enter data transfer mode after identifying all the cards on the bus. The following table shows the dependencies between operation modes and card states. Each state in the SD Card state diagram (see Figure 6-8) is associated with one operation mode:

| CARD STATE | OPERATION MODE | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Inactive State | inactive | |
| Idle State | and identification | |
| Ready State | card identification mode | |
| Identification State | mode | |
| Stand-by State | | |
| Transfer State | data transfer mode | |
| Sending-data State | | |
| Receive-data State | | |
| Programming State | | |
| Disconnect State | | |

Table 6-26: Overview of Card States vs. Operation modes

While in card identification mode the host resets all the cards that are in card identification mode, validates operation voltage range, identifies cards and asks them to publish Relative Card Address (RCA). This operation is done to each card separately on its own CMD line. All data communication in the Card Identification Mode uses the command line (CMD) only.

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the Card Identification Mode uses the command line (CMD) only. During the card identification process, the card shall operate in the SD clock frequency of the identification clock rate fOD.

The command GO_IDLE_STATE (CMD0) is the software reset command and sets each card into Idle State regardless of the current card state. Cards in Inactive State are not affected by this command. After power-on by the host, all cards are in Idle State, including the cards that have been in Inactive State before. After power-on or CMD0, all cards' CMD lines are in input mode, waiting for start bit of the next command. The cards are initialized with a default relative card address (RCA=0x0000) and with a default driver stage register setting (lowest speed, highest driving current capability).

At the start of communication between the host and the card, the host may not know the card supported voltage and the card may not know whether it supports the current supplied voltage. The host issues a reset command (CMD0) with a specified voltage while assuming it may be supported by the card. To verify the voltage, a following new command (CMD8) is defined in the Physical Layer Specification Version 2.00. SEND_IF_COND (CMD8) is used to verify SD Memory Card interface operating condition. The card checks the validity of operating condition by analyzing the argument of CMD8 and the host checks the validity by analyzing the response of CMD8. The supplied voltage is indicated by VHS filed in the argument. The card assumes the voltage specified in VHS as the current supplied voltage. Only 1-bit of VHS shall be set to 1 at any given time. Both CRC and check pattern are used for the host to check validity of communication between the host and the card. If the card can operate on the supplied voltage, the response echoes back the supply voltage and the check pattern that were set in the command argument. If the card cannot operate on the supplied voltage, it returns no response and stays in idle state. It is mandatory to issue CMD8 prior to first ACMD41 for initialization of High Capacity SD Memory Card (See Figure 6-27). Receipt of CMD8 makes the cards realize that the host supports the Physical Layer Version 2.00 and the card can enable new functions. It is also mandatory for low-voltage host to send CMD8 before ACMD41. In case that a Dual Voltage Card is not receiving CMD8 the card will work as a high-voltage only card, and in this case that a low voltage host didn't send CMD8 the card will go to inactive at ACMD41. SD_SEND_OP_COND (ACMD41) is designed to provide SD Memory Card hosts with a mechanism to identify and reject cards which do not match the VDD range desired by the host. This is accomplished by the host sending the required VDD voltage window as the operand of this command. Cards which cannot perform data transfer in the specified range shall discard themselves from further bus operations and go into Inactive State. The levels in the OCR register shall be defined accordingly. Note that ACMD41 is application specific command, therefore APP_CMD (CMD55) shall always precede ACMD41. The RCA to be used for CMD55 in idle state shall be the card's default RCA = 0x0000. After the host issues a reset command (CMD0) to reset the card, the host shall issue CMD8 prior to ACMD41 to re-initialize the SD Memory card.



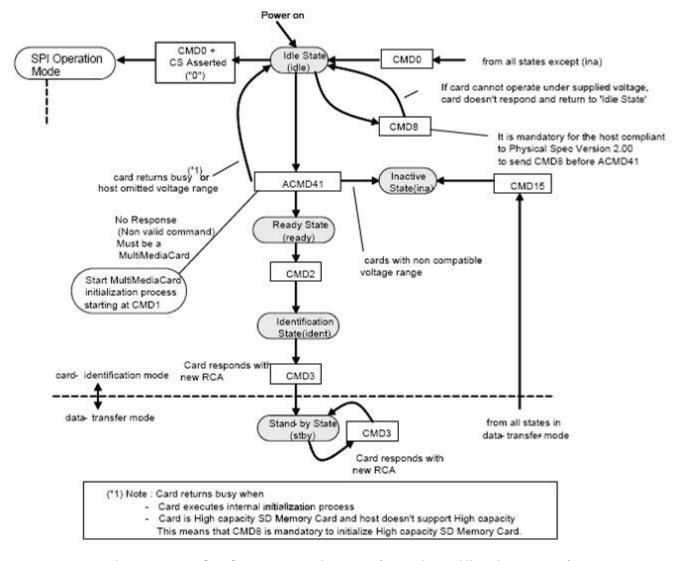


Figure 6-27: SD Card state diagram (card identification mode)

By setting the OCR to zero in the argument of ACMD41, the host can query each card and determine the common voltage range before sending out-of-range cards into the Inactive State (query mode). This query should be used if the host is able to select a common voltage range or if a notification to the application of non usable cards in the stack is desired. The card does not start initialization if ACMD41 is issued as a query. Afterwards, the host may choose a voltage for operation and reissue ACMD41 with this condition, sending incompatible cards into the Inactive State. During the initialization procedure, the host is not allowed to change the operating voltage range.

After the bus is activated the host starts card initialization and identification process (See Figure 6-28). The initialization process starts with SD_SEND_OP_COND (ACMD41) by setting its operational conditions and the HCS bit in the OCR. The HCS (Host Capacity Support) bit set to 1 indicates that the host supports High Capacity SD Memory card. The HCS (Host Capacity Support) bit set to 0 indicates that the host does not support High Capacity SD Memory card.

Receiving of CMD8 expands the ACMD41 function; HCS in the argument and CCS (Card Capacity



Status) in the response. HCS is ignored by cards, which didn't respond to CMD8. However the host should set HCS to 0 if the card returns no response to CMD8. Standard Capacity SD Memory Card ignores HCS. If HCS is set to 0, High Capacity SD Memory Card never return ready statue (keep busy bit to 0). The busy bit in the OCR is used by the card to inform the host that initialization of ACMD41 is

completed. Setting the busy bit to 0 indicates that the card is still initializing. Setting the busy bit to 1 indicates completion of initialization. The host repeatedly issues ACMD41 until the busy bit is set to 1. The card checks the operational conditions and the HCS bit in the OCR only at the first ACMD41. While

repeating ACMD41, the host shall not issue another command except CMD0.

If the card responds to CMD8, the response of ACMD41 includes the CCS field information. CCS is valid when the card returns ready (the busy bit is set to 1). CCS=1 means that the card is a High Capacity SD Memory Card.

CCS=0 means that the card is a Standard Capacity SD Memory Card.

The host performs the same initialization sequence to all of the new cards in the system. Incompatible cards are sent into Inactive State. The host then issues the command ALL_SEND_CID (CMD2), to each

card to get its unique card identification (CID) number. Card that is unidentified (i.e. which is in Ready State) sends its CID number as the response (on the CMD line). After the CID was sent by the card it goes into Identification State. Thereafter, the host issues CMD3 (SEND_RELATIVE_ADDR) asks the card to publish a new relative card address (RCA), which is shorter than CID and which is used to address the card in the future data transfer mode. Once the RCA is received the card state changes to the Stand-by State. At this point, if the host wants to assign another RCA number, it can ask the card to publish a new number by sending another CMD3 command to the card. The last published RCA is the actual RCA number of the card.

The host repeats the identification process, i.e. the cycles with CMD2 and CMD3 for each card in the system.



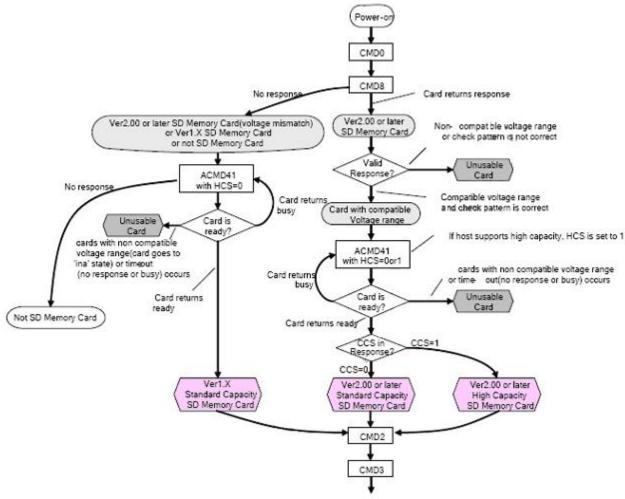


Figure 6-28: Card Initialization and Identification Flow (SD mode)

6.6.2 Data Transfer Mode

Until the end of Card Identification Mode the host must remain at f_{OD} frequency because some cards may have operating frequency restrictions during the card identification mode. In Data Transfer Mode the host may operate the card in f_{PP} frequency range. The host issues SEND_CSD (CMD9) to obtain the Card Specific Data (CSD register), e.g. block length, card storage capacity, etc.

CMD7 is used to select one card and put it into the *Transfer State*. When CMD7 is issued with the reserved relative card address "0x0000", all cards are put back to *Stand-by State* (Note that it is the responsibility of the Host to reserve the RCA=0 for card de-selection).



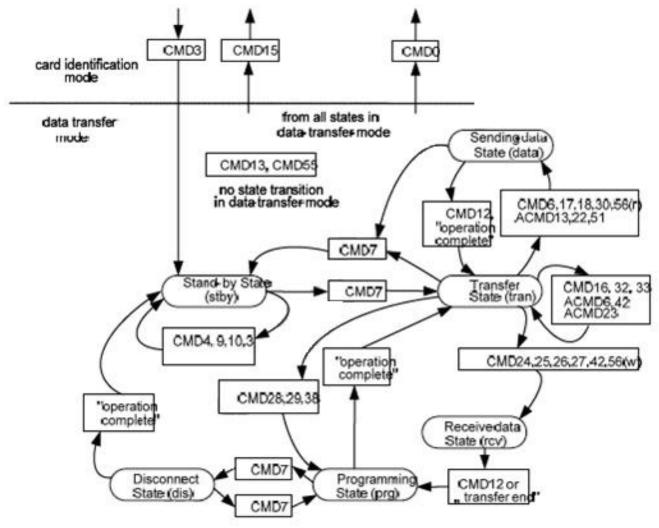


Figure 6-29: SD Card state diagram (data transfer mode)

6.7 Error Handling

To correct defects in the memory field inside card the card include error correction codes in the payload data (ECC). This correction is intended to correct static errors. Additionally two methods of detecting errors generated during the data transfer (dynamic errors) via a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) are implemented



6.7.1 Error Correction Code (ECC)

The ATP SD Card is free of static errors. All errors are covered inside the card, even errors occurring during the lifetime of the card are covered for the user. The only effect which may be notified by the end user is, that the overall memory capacity may be reduced by small number of blocks. All flash handling is done on card, so that no external error correction is needed.

6.7.2 Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

The CRC is intended for protecting SD Card commands, responses and data transfer against transmission errors on the SD Card bus. One CRC is generated for every command and checked for every response on the CMD line. For data blocks one CRC per transferred block is generated. The CRC is generated and checked as described in the following.

• CRC7

The CRC7 check is used for all commands, for all responses except type R3, and for the CSD and CID registers. The CRC7 is a 7-bit value and is computed as follows:

```
generator polynomial: G(x) = x^7 + x^3 + 1.

M(x) = (\text{first bit}) * x^n + (\text{second bit}) * x^{n-1} + ... + (\text{last bit}) * x^0

CRC[6...0] = \text{Remainder} [(M(x) * x^7) / G(x)]
```

The first bit is the most left bit of the corresponding bitstring (of the command, response, CID or CSD). The degree n of the polynomial is the number of CRC protected bits decreased by one. The number of bits to be protected is 40 for commands and responses (n = 39), and 120 for the CSD and CID (n = 119).

• CRC16

In case of one DAT line usage (as in MultiMediaCard) than the CRC16 is used for payload protection in block transfer mode. The CRC check sum is a 16-bit value and is computed as follows:

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generator polynomial G(x) = x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1

M(x) = (first bit) * x^n + (second bit) * x^{n-1} + ... + (last bit) * x^0

CRC[15...0] = Remainder [(M(x) * x^{16}) / G(x)]
```

The first bit is the first data bit of the corresponding block. The degree n of the polynomial denotes the number of bits of the data block decreased by one (e.g. n = 4095 for a block length of 512 bytes). The generator polynomial G(x) is a standard CCITT polynomial. The code has a minimal distance d=4 and is used for a payload length of up to 2048 Bytes ($n \le 16383$). The same CRC16 method is used in single DAT line mode and in wide bus mode. In wide bus mode, the CRC16 is done on each line separately.



6.7.3 CRC and Illegal Command

All commands are protected by CRC (cyclic redundancy check) bits. If the addressed card's CRC check fails, the card does not respond and the command is not executed. The card does not change its state, and COM_CRC_ERROR bit is set in the status register. Similarly, if an illegal command has been received, the card will not change its state, will not response and will set the ILLEGAL_COMMAND error bit in the status register. Only the non-errodata neous state branches are shown in the state diagrams contains a complete state transition description.

There are different kinds of illegal commands:

- Commands which belong to classes not supported by the card (e.g. write commands in read only cards).
- Commands not allowed in the current state (e.g. CMD2 in Transfer State).
- Commands which are not defined (e.g. CMD5).

6.7.4 Read, Write and Erase Time-out

The times after which a time-out condition for read operations occurs are (card independent) either 100 times longer than the typical access times for these operations given below or 100ms (the lower of them). The times after which a time-out condition for Write/Erase operations occurs are (card independent) either 100 times longer than the typical program times for these operations given below or 250ms (the lower of them). A card shall complete the command within this time period, or give up and return an error message. If the host does not get any response with the given time out it should assume the card is not going to respond anymore and try to recover (e.g. reset the card, power cycle, reject, etc.). The typical access and program times are defined as follows:

• Read

The read access time is defined as the sum of the two times given by the CSD parameters TAAC and NSAC . These card parameters define the typical delay between the end bit of the read command and the start bit of the data block. This number is card dependent and should be used by the host to calculate throughput and the maximal frequency for stream read.

• Write

The R2W_FACTOR field in the CSD is used to calculate the typical block program time obtained by multiplying the read access time by this factor. It applies to all write/erase commands (e.g. SET(CLR)_WRITE_PROTECT, PROGRAM_CSD and the block write commands).

Erase



The duration of an erase command will be (order of magnitude) the number of write blocks (WRITE_BL) to be erased multiplied by the block write delay.



7 SPI Mode

7.1 Introduction

The SPI mode consists of a secondary communication protocol which is offered by SD Cards. This mode is a subset of the SD Card protocol, designed to communicate with a SPI channel, The interface is selected during the first reset command after power up (CMD0) and cannot be changed once the part is powered on.

7.2 SPI BUS Topology

The ATP SD Card SPI interface is compatible with SPI hosts available on the market. As any other SPI device the ATP SD Card SPI channel consists of the following four signals:

CS: Host to card Chip Select signal.

CLK: Host to card clock signal

DataIn: Host to card data signal.

DataOut: Card to host data signal.

Another SPI common characteristic are byte transfers, which is implemented in the card as well. All data tokens are multiples of bytes (8 bit) and always byte aligned to the CS signal.

The card identification and addressing methods are replaced by a hardware Chip Select (CS) signal. There are no broadcast commands. For every command, a card (slave) is selected by asserting (active low) the CS signal (see Figure 7-1).

The CS signal must be continuously active for the duration of the SPI transaction (command, response and data). The only exception occurs during card programming, when the host can deassert the CS signal without affecting the programming process.

The SPI interface uses the 7 out of the SD 9 signals (DAT1 and DAT 2 are not used, DAT3 is the CS signal) of the SD bus.



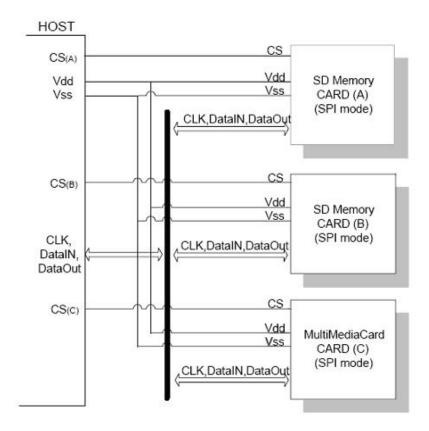


Figure 7-1: SD Card system (SPI mode) bus topology

7.3 SPI Bus Protocol

While the SD Memory Card channel is based on command and data bit streams that are initiated by a start bit and terminated by a stop bit, the SPI channel is byte oriented. Every command or data block is built of 8-bit bytes and is byte aligned to the CS signal (i.e. the length is a multiple of 8 clock cycles). The card starts to count SPI bus clock cycle at the assertion of the CS signal. Every command or data token shall be aligned to 8-clock cycle boundary. Similar to the SD Memory Card protocol, the SPI messages consist of command, response and datablock tokens. All communication between host and cards is controlled by the host (master). The host starts every bus transaction by asserting the CS signal low. The selected card always responds to the command as opposed to the SD mode. When the card encounters a data retrieval problem in a read operation, it will respond with an error response (which replaces the expected data block) rather than by a timeout as in the SD mode. Additionally, every data block sent to the card during write operations will be responded with a data response token.

In the case of a Standard Capacity Memory Card, a data block can be as big as one card write block and as small as a single byte. Partial block read/write operations are enabled by card options specified in the CSD register. In the case of a High Capacity SD Memory Card, the size of data block is fixed to 512 bytes. The block length set by CMD16 is only used for CMD42 and not used for memory data transfer. So, partial block read/write operations are also disabled. Furthermore, Write Protected commands

(CMD28, CMD29 and CMD30) are not supported.

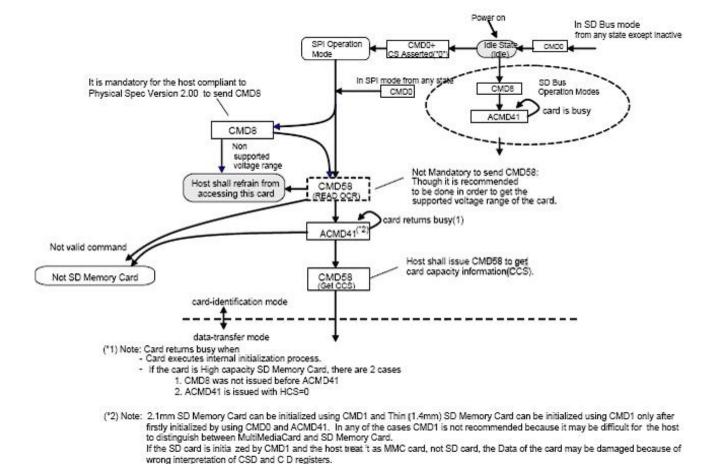


Figure 7-2: SPI Mode Initialization Flow

7.3.1 Mode Selection and Initialization

The SD Card is powered up in the SD mode. It will enter SPI mode if the CS signal is asserted (negative) during the reception of the reset command (CMD0). If the card recognizes that the SD mode is required it will not respond to the command and remain in the SD mode. If SPI mode is required, the card will switch to SPI and respond with the SPI mode R1 response. The only way to return to the SD mode is by entering the power cycle. In SPI mode, the SD Card protocol state machine in SD mode is not observed. All the SD Card commands supported in SPI mode are always available. Figure 7-3 shows the initialization sequence of SPI mode. SEND_IF_COND (CMD8) is used to verify SD Memory Card interface operating condition. The argument format of CMD8 is the same as defined in SD mode and the response format of CMD8 is defined in Section 7.3.2.6. The card checks the validity of operating condition by analyzing the argument of CMD8 and the host checks the validity by analyzing the response of CMD8. The supplied voltage is indicated by VHS filed in the argument. The card assumes the voltage specified in VHS as the current supplied voltage. Only 1-bit of VHS shall be



set to 1 at any given time. Check pattern is used for the host to check validity of communication between the host and the card. If the card indicates an illegal command, the card is legacy and does not support CMD8. If the card supports CMD8 and can operate on the supplied voltage, the response echoes back the supply voltage and the check pattern that were set in the command argument. If VCA in the response is set to 0, the card cannot operate on the supplied voltage. If check pattern is not matched, CMD8 communication is not valid. In this case, it is recommended to retry CMD8 sequence.

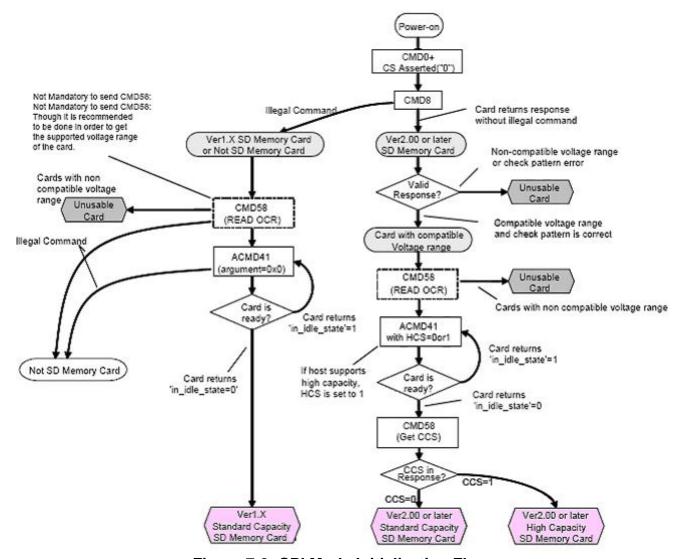


Figure 7-3: SPI Mode Initialization Flow

READ_OCR (CMD58) is designed to provide SD Memory Card hosts with a mechanism to identify cards that do not match the VDD range desired by the host. If the host does not accept voltage range, it shall not proceed further initialization sequence. The levels in the OCR register shall be defined accordingly. SD_SEND_OP_COND (ACMD41) is used to start initialization and to check if the card has completed initialization. It is mandatory to issue CMD8 prior to the first ACMD41. Receiving of CMD8 expands the CMD58 and ACMD41 function; HCS (High Capacity Support) in the argument of ACMD41 and CCS (Card Capacity Status) in the response of CMD58. HCS is ignored by the card, which didn't accept CMD8. Standard Capacity SD Memory Card ignores HCS. The "in idle state" bit



in the R1 response of ACMD41 is used by the card to inform the host if initialization of ACMD41 is completed. Setting this bit to "1" indicates that the card is still initializing. Setting this bit to "0" indicates completion of initialization. The host repeatedly issues ACMD41 until this bit is set to "0". The card checks the HCS bit in the OCR only at the first ACMD41. While repeating ACMD41, the host shall not issue another command except CMD0. After initialization is completed, the host should get CCS information in the response of CMD58. CCS is valid when the card accepted CMD8 and after the completion of initialization. CCS=1 means that the card is a High Capacity SD Memory Card. CCS=0 means that the card is a Standard Capacity SD.

7.3.2 Bus Transfer Protection

Every SD Card token transferred on the bus is protected by CRC bits. In SPI mode, the SD Card offers a non protected mode which enables systems built with reliable data links to exclude the hardware or firmware required for implementing the CRC generation and verification functions. In the non-protected mode the CRC bits of the command, response and data tokens are still required in the tokens. However, they are defined as 'don't care' for the transmitter and ignored by the receiver.

The SPI interface is initialized in the non-protected mode. However, the RESET command (CMD0) which is used to switch the card to SPI mode, is received by the card while in SD mode and, therefore, must have a valid CRC field.

Since CMD0 has no arguments, the content of all the fields, including the CRC field, are constants and need not be calculated in run time. A valid reset command is:

0x40, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x95

The host can turn the CRC option on and off using the CRC ON OFF command (CMD59).

7.3.3 Data Read

The SPI mode supports single block read and Multiple Block read operations (CMD17 or CMD18 in the SD Card protocol). Upon reception of a valid read command the card will respond with a response token followed by a data token of the length defined in a previous SET_BLOCKLEN (CMD16) command (refer to Figure 7-3).

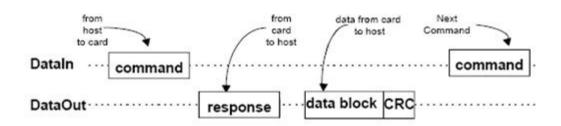


Figure 7-3: Single Block Read operation



In case of a data retrieval error, the card will not transmit any data. Instead, a special data error token will be sent to the host. Figure 7-4 shows a data read operation which terminated with an error token rather than a data block.

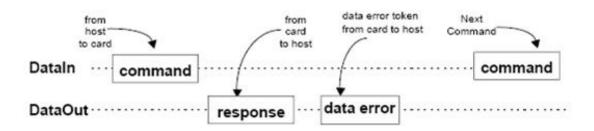


Figure 7-4: Read operation - data error

In case of Multiple block read operation every transferred block has its suffixed of 16 bit CRC. Stop transmission command (CMD12) will actually stop the data transfer operation (the same as in SD Card operation mode).

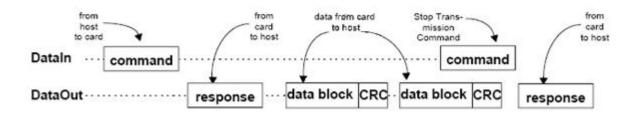


Figure 7-5: Multiple Block Read operation

7.3.4 Data Write

In SPI mode the SD Card supports single block and Multiple block write commands. Upon reception of a valid write command (CMD24 or CMD25 in the SD Card protocol), the card will respond with a response token and will wait for a data block to be sent from the host. CRC suffix, block length and start address restrictions are (with the exception of the CSD parameter WRITE_BL_PARTIAL controlling the partial block write option) identical to the read operation.



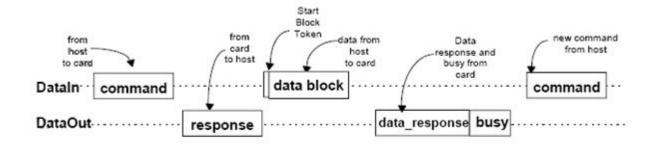


Figure 7-6: Single Block Write operation

Every data block has a prefix of 'Start Block' token (one byte).

After a data block has been received, the card will respond with a data-response token. If the data block has been received without errors, it will be programmed. As long as the card is busy programming, a continuous stream of busy tokens will be sent to the host (effectively holding the DataOut line low).

In Multiple Block write operation the stop transmission will be done by sending 'Stop Tran' token instead of 'Start Block' token at the beginning of the next block. In case of Write Error indication (on the data response) the host shall use SEND_NUM_WR_BLOCKS (ACMD22) in order to get the number of well written write blocks.

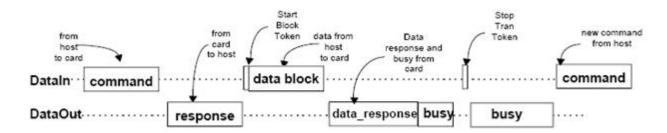


Figure 7-7: Multiple Block Write operation

While the card is busy, resetting the CS signal will not terminate the programming process. The card will release the DataOut line (tri-state) and continue with programming. If the card is reselected before the programming is finished, the DataOut line will be forced back to low and all commands will be rejected. Resetting a card (using CMD0) will terminate any pending or active programming operation. This may destroy the data formats on the card. It is in the responsibility of the host to prevent it.

7.3.5 Erase & Write Protect Management

The erase and write protect management procedures in the SPI mode are identical to those of the SD mode. While the card is erasing or changing the write protection bits of the predefined sector list, it will





be in a busy state and hold the DataOut line low. Figure 7-8 illustrates a 'no data' bus transaction with and without busy signaling.

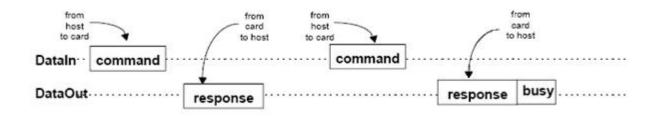


Figure 7-8: 'No data' operations

7.3.6 Read CID/CSD Registers

Unlike the SD Card protocol (where the register contents is sent as a command response), reading the contents of the CSD and CID registers in SPI mode is a simple read-block transaction. The card will respond with a standard response token followed by a data block of 16 bytes suffixed with a 16 bit CRC. The data time out for the CSD command cannot be set to the cards TAAC since this value is stored in the card's CSD. Therefore the standard response time-out value (NCR) is used for read latency of the CSD register.

7.3.7 Reset Sequence

The SD Card requires a defined reset sequence. After power on reset or CMD0 (software reset) the card enters an idle state. At this state the only valid host commands are ACMD41 (SD_SEND_OP_COND), CMD58 (READ_OCR) and CMD59 (CRC_ON_OFF). CMD1 (SEND_OP_COND) is also valid - that means that in SPI mode CMD1 and ACMD41 have the same behavior. After Power On, once the card accepted valid ACMD41, it will be able to accept also CMD1 even if used after re-initializing (CMD0) the card.

The host must poll the card (by repeatedly sending CMD1 or ACMD41) until the 'in-idle-state' bit in the card response indicates (by being set to 0) that the card completed its initialization processes and is ready for the next command.

In SPI mode, as opposed to SD mode, ACMD41 (or CMD1 as well) has no operands and does not return the contents of the OCR register. Instead, the host may use CMD58 (available in SPI mode only) to read the OCR register. Furthermore, it is in the responsibility of the host to refrain from accessing cards that do not support its voltage range. The usage of CMD58 is not restricted to the initializing phase only, but can be issued at any time.



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