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1 Scope and Introduction

1.1 Scope

This report is a specification defining the use of the ES bus within the Studer-Philips joint venture group. All future products will comply to this specification to maintain compatibility.

It is not an intention of this specification to reiterate the structure of a general ES bus system, only the specific portion relating to the Studer Philips bus components will be considered. For more information of the ES bus the reader is referred to the specification Remote-control systems for television production equipment, Technical Document 3245-E issued by the European Broadcasting Union, Brussels.

1.2 Introduction

The ES bus hardware and software protocol is a joint recommendation of the <u>EBU</u> (European Broadcasting Union) and the <u>SMPTE</u> (Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineering). Details can be found in the EBU document TEC 3245 with the supplements 1 (Housekeeping protocol), 2 (VTR dialects) and 3 (ATR dialects).

The ES bus is a serial multipoint bus using the RS 422 electrical standard. Communication rate is a standard 38.4 kbit/s using a binary transmission format.

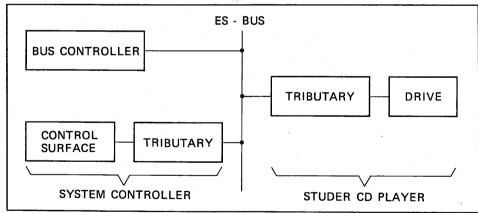


Fig. 1.

The interfaces connected to the ES-bus are called "tributaries". They all look identical to the bus, but different towards the drives connected.

In addition, there is a bus controller (not to be confused with the system controller). The bus controller controls the bus traffic and acts as an arbitrary device. Each device on the bus has a specific address, all devices communicate by using the address to define which message is for which device. The contents of control messages are completely user definable but must be transmitted within the format of message communication defined in the ES bus specification.

2 Glossary

ES: EBU/SMPTE bus.

CD: Compact Disc.

VCT: Virtual Controlled Tributary. This can normally be interpreted as a

controlled device (e.g. CD-Player, CD recorder, etc).

VMa: Virtual Manager. This can normally be interpreted as a controller

associated with a VCT. It will generally be a keypad and display.

VM: Virtual Machine. ES bus term for a tributary.

TOC: Table of contents.

ID: Identification.

VTR: Video Tape Recorder.

ATR: Audio Tape Recorder.

RS422: The electrical definition of possible multipoint bus specifications

used for the ES bus.

3 Bus Components

Within an ES bus system there are two possible components:

Bus controller

The bus controller will handle all information transfers on the bus. It is responsible for ensuring that messages originating from one source on the bus will be forwarded to the correct destination. No other device on the bus is allowed to initiate communication. All devices will respond to requests from the bus controller.

Tributaries

A tributary is simply a device on the bus which has an associated bus address. The bus controller can poll/send messages to or receive messages from tributaries on the bus by selecting the tributary address.

For the Studer Philips ES specification tributaries are further divided into three categories.

Virtual Controlled Tributary (VCT)

These are defined to be unintelligent tributaries having no control capabilities on the bus. These tributaries simply take commands/status request from intelligent tributaries and action on them. They do not themselves issue operational commands to another tributary but simply respond to operation and status commands from an intelligent tributary. Examples of VCT's are CD players, CD changers, CD recorders, etc. They can however be instructed by the controlling device to issue requests when a prespecified action has occurred. They are referred to as VIRTUAL controlled tributaries as a real device (e.g. a dual CD recorder) may physically contain more than one device controlled by the same local system (e.g. a microprocessor system). Each of the devices has an individual tributary address which the local system must use to determine for which device a message is intended. Thus one real device of this sort contains two VIRTUAL controlled tributaries. The bus simply considers each of the VCT's to be a totally individual tributary.

Virtual Managers (VMa)

A virtual manager is the associated controlling device for a VCT. In general terms it will be a keypad and display system. Entering keys will cause a message to be transmitted on the bus to the corresponding VCT. There should always be one VCT associated with one VMa (and vice versa). As with VCT's the word VIRTUAL manager is used so as to allow one real device to contain several managers. The more logical Virtual controller term has been avoided to eliminate confusement with the term bus controller.

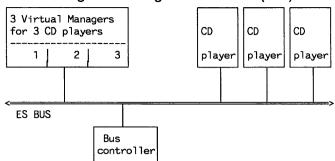
Gateway

A gateway is the means by which the Studer Philips ES system will connect to other ES systems. It is simply a translation system taking tributary addresses from other systems and converting them into the required Studer Philips addressing structure.

The following three diagrams show possible bus configurations.

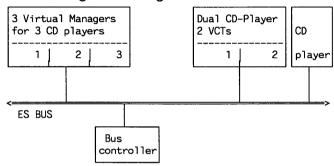
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Virtual Manager controlling 3 CD tributaries (VCT):



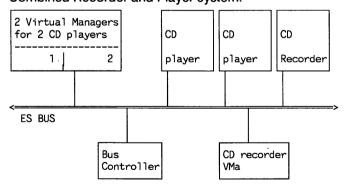
Note: The three VMa's are physically realised by one intelligent unit. Each of the VMa's has an ES tributary address. The players also have one address so total of six ES addresses are in use. The VMa's will never communicate directly to there tributary, only via the bus controller.

Virtual Manager controlling 3 CD tributaries:



Note: As far as the bus is concerned, this example is exactly the same as the previous one. The Dual CD player will occupy two tributary addresses but each will operate independently. Again six tributary addresses are in use.

Combined Recorder and Player system:



Note: There is one virtual manager connected with each VCT. The variations can be continued. A CD changer could be added provided that a CD changer VMa was available.

4 Bus Controller

4.1 Operation

This section provides more details concerning the operation of the bus controller. As stated previously the bus controller is responsible for ensuring that messages originating from a source are transmitted to the correct destination. It achieves this by using the following method.

The bus controller is constantly polling all tributaries on the bus. Polling simply involves requesting the tributary to send a status byte defining its present condition. When a tributary is polled it can respond with one of several specified replies as detailed in the ES specification.

One of these possible replies is known as Service Request.

The service request (SVC) informs the controller that this tributary has a message to send. When the controller has received a service request from a tributary it will send a transmit enable to that tributary. The tributary will then transmit to the controller the message to be transferred. The controller will buffer this message. When the message is complete the controller decides to which tributary the message was intended and will then select that address and retransmit the message.

How does the controller know which tributary is to be connected to which tributary (i.e. which VMa to which VCT and vice versa)?

This information is held in a LINKAGE DIRECTORY. The controller maintains a linkage directory defining source and destination addresses for tributary messages. The controller will poll all source tributaries in the linkage directory looking for the service request message. When it receives a service request the controller will then retransmit the message using the destination address. Thus a LOGICAL link is formed between source and destination tributaries. Consider example 3 of the examples for bus format given previously. If the following tributary (hex) addresses are assigned (note that ES addresses are two bytes, 16 bits long).

8286	VMa for 1 CD player	
8288	VCT for 1 CD player	
8292	VMa for CD recorder	
8294	VCT for CD recorder	
82A2	VMa for CD player	
82A4	VCT for CD player	

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Then the linkage directory could be as follows

Source	Destination
8286	8288
8292	8294
82A2	82A4
8288	8286
8294	8292
82A4	82A2

Note that the controller will poll each of the sources in turn so communication is possible in both directions.

4.2 Address Allocation

The following section defines address allocation of tributaries on the system.

The ES bus addressing system allows for a maximum of 8064 discrete tributary addresses to be defined, but only sixteen of them are used in the Studer-Philips ES bus organisation. Sixteen devices actually specify two tributary addresses per device as a result of VMa to VCT matching.

The essential problem to overcome is initialising the linkage directory in the controller on power up state. The addressing scheme of the ES bus allows address ranges from 8280[hex] to FFFF[hex], subdivided into groups of 64 tributaries:

8280	82FF [hex]	64 tributaries
8380	83FF [hex]	64 tributaries
FF80	FFFF [hex]	64 tributaries

The bus controller must on power up have the linkage directory to start bus communication. For this reason, all devices within the Studer Philips ES bus will use the most significant digit of the tributary addresses to be F0 [hex]. There will be no option to modify this address. This scheme obviously limits the use of the tributary in a very large ES system but if a conflict of addresses between tributaries is obtained a gateway could be used (or in the extreme different ROM sets in controller and players).

On each of the tributaries the user will have the ability to define 1 of 16 addresses. This will require four bits. The four bits will be mapped into the ES addressing scheme as follows:

BYTE	BINARY CODE	HEX CODE
MS (high)	1111 0000	- F0
LS (low)	10XX XX00	??

XXXX these four bits are definable.

Thus the address range of the Studer Philips ES bus will be F080 to F0BC [hex].

The low byte of the tributary address will further be divided as follows:

BYTE	BINARY CODE	HEX CODE
LS (10w)	10XX XX YZ	??

where:

- Y is 1 bit defining if the tributary is a VMa or a VCT.
 - "high" is for a VCT
 - "low" is for a VMa

This is not a bit that can be set by switches, it is defined by the ROM set.

- Z is 1 bit defining if the tributary is being selected or polled.
 - "high" is for a POLL address
 - "low" is for a SELECT address

Thus the available VMa addresses are:

(0 ≤ n ≤ 15)

and the available VCT addresses are:

 $(0 \le n \le 15)$

Each VMa will have a corresponding VCT with the four bits set to the same value to match the device controller and device. For example if the value of XXXX above was 1011 (binary), then the following tributary addresses have been defined for the VMa and the VCT:

FOAC H = Virtual manager select address.

F0AD H = Virtual manager poll address.

FOAE H = Virtual Controlled Tributary select address.

FOAF H = Virtual Controlled Tributary poll address.

This scheme gives a possibility of 16 devices to be controlled on the bus.

The bus controller on power up will poll all 32 default address locations looking for a response. The pairs (VCT and VMa) found to be not present (no answer on poll), will be marked as not present and wont be polled anymore until system reset.

5 Command and Message Format

The message format is as defined in the ES specification:

byte 1 = byte count of byte 2 to n
byte 2 to n = control message
byte n+1 = checksum

Control messages take the following form:

[keyword] [parameter 1..n].

The keyword defines the actual operation to be completed. Keywords are divided into 3 ranges (all values in hex):

- **00 1F:** These are system service messages. They control the higher level functions of the data transfers between bus controller and destination. They will be decoded by the bus controller and may or may not be forwarded onto the destination trib.
- 20 3F: Common Message Subset. The common message subset defines keywords that the ES specification considers will be commonly required among tributaries. Not all of the defined common message subset needs to be implemented, only those required by the device in question.
- 40 FF: User defined keywords. These keywords are open for user specification. They will reflect the kind of operation required by the device that they are controlling. Standard dialects (keyword definitions) have already been defined by the ES standard for VTR and ATR type machines. The ES Studer Philips standard will use appropriate keywords from the VTR/ATR standards and define a complete new range of commands. As only 40 to FF keywords can be defined keywords will be duplicated over different types of CD devices (ie the same keyword may be used over CD players and CD recorders but may represent different operations). It is the responsibility of the tributary (device/manager) to determine the operation of the keyword dependent on the type of device.

6 ES Bus Studer Philips Command/Status Transfer Protocol

Within the ES bus structure (i.e. ES defined message formats etc) the following section describes how VCT's and VMa's shall communicate. The intention behind this specification is to limit the bus traffic to the very minimum for effective communication. This should therefore speed up bus response to permit priority actions to be transferred promptly.

The transfer protocol has been divided into two sections; those concerned with directing a VCT from a VMa and those concerned with reporting results (information fields) from a VCT to a VMa. The direction of transfer will always be as follows:

VMa >-->--> COMMANDS >-->--> VCT VMa <--<-- REPORTS(information fields) <--<-- VCT

7 Reports (information fields)

7.1 Introduction

When a tributary sends data bytes to another tributary the receiving tributary must recognize what type of data packet was being sent. The ES standard introduces the concept of an INFORMATION FIELD. An information field is simply a data structure contained within a tributary which reflects the current status of some condition of the tributary. A tributary can request to read a specific information field from another tributary. This is the mechanism for data transfer between tributaries. As an example an information field for a CD player could be the current laser position. The VMa would issue a read request to the VCT for the laser pen position information field and would receive the laser pen position as a response.

Information fields are numbered like keywords and so a standard for information field numbering between tributaries must be determined.

Information fields have also been divided into various numeric ranges depending on who defined them:

00 - 1F: Bus controller information fields.20 - 3F: Common tributary information fields.

40 - FF: User defined information fields.

The ES Studer Philips configuration will use information fields taken from all three sources.

7.2 Information Field Data Transfer

The following descriptions defines the methods by which information fields may be transmitted from tributary to tributary.

There are several mechanisms for a VCT to generate an information field transfer to the VMa.

by a specific READ request command keyword from a VMa.

The format of this command sequence is:

<READ> [22 [hex]]
<I/F Name> [device dependent]

The I/F name is the number assigned to the information field.

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by the UPDATE common message which defines that the information field should be reported whenever its contents change.

The format of the command is:

<update> <i f="" name=""></i></update>	[3F] [07] [device dependent]	

Note that the command UPDATE is an extension of the common message set. This is the reason why it is a two byte format. The first byte (3F [hex]) defines entry to the extension set and the 07 the UPDATE format.

by the CYCLE common message which specifies that the information field should be repeatedly reported after a defined elapse of time.

To force time code to be reported after every X frames have elapsed would require the following command.

<cycle></cycle>	[3F [hex]] [08 [hex]]	
<i f="" time<br="">Interval Value> <i code="" f="" time=""></i></i>	[X frames [hex]] [the number for time code I/F]	

 Command Implied. Certain commands will imply that an information field must be passed to the VMa on completion of the command.

For example if the VMa request to a VCT to find the DISC number of a disc then when the VCT has found the disc number it will return the Information Field of the disc number. This is an example of a command implied response. Some commands generated from a VCT will automatically imply a CYCLE or UPDATE sequence (eg when a disc is playing this will imply a cycle command of time code).

7.3 Transmitting Information Fields

Information fields are transmitted by a tributary by using the Information Field Response keyword.

The information field response has the following format.

<i f="" response<br="">Keyword></i>	[23 [hex]]
<i f="" name=""> <i f="" value=""></i></i>	[for example Disc Nos] [whatever present I/F value is]

The following sequence shows an example of an information field transfer. The VMa requests a time code information field read and the VCT replies with the time code information field.

■ VMa sends :

	<read> <i code="" f="" time=""></i></read>	[22 [hex]] [XX]]
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■ VCT responds :

<i f="" item="" response=""> <i code="" f="" time=""> <the actual="" code="" time=""></the></i></i>	[23 [hex]] [XX] [time code]	

7.4 Common Tributary Information Field Definition

7.4.1 Introduction

The following Common Information fields will be supported by all Studer Philips ES equipment.

7.4.2 Machine type:21 [hex]

The machine type report can inform the controller what type of equipment is connected. This prevents the controller to send unexecutable commands to the tributaries.

The format for the transmission is defined as follows:

VMa sends:

<read></read>	[22 [hex]]
<i f="" machine="" type=""></i>	[21 [hex]]
1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1	[]]

VCT responds:

<i f="" item="" response=""> <i f="" machine="" type=""></i></i>	[23 [hex]] [21 [hex]]
<machine type=""></machine>	[]

The byte sent as "machine type" is defined as follows:

01	CD player
02	CD Controller
03	CD Changer
04	CD Recorder
05	Gateway
06	Personal Computer
07-FF	for future definition

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7.4.3 Equipment Type: 22 [hex]

This is a specific product identification included with a software revision number.

The format of the equipment type is as follows:

- 1. Manufacturer ID.
- 2. Product ID.
- 3. Revision Level:
- control processor
- servo processor
- others

All fields will be represented by ISO 646 code characters and each field will be terminated by a 0D (hex).

For example if a VM controller requests for information field 22 from a Studer A730 the following will be transmitted:

[3][7][3][0] [0D] [2][1][.][0][0] [0D] [2][0][.][0][0] [0D]	[2][1][.][0][0]	[0D]	
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The [] signs show the limits of each byte (they are not transmitted).

All STUDER products will have the following numbering:

- 20.00 is the lowest version number
- 20.01 indicates that this is an update for testing or other purposes but no official release
- 21.00 will be for the first official release of asoftware update.

The format for the transmission is defined as follows:

VMa sends:

<read></read>	[22 [hex]]
<i equipement="" f="" type=""></i>	[21 [hex]]

VCT responds:

<i f="" item="" response=""> <i equipement="" f="" type=""> <equipement type=""></equipement></i></i>	[23 [hex]] [21 [hex]] []
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7.5 Information field definition

7.5.1 Introduction

The following information fields will be present in all CD related equipment for the Studer Philips ES bus tributaries.

The information fields normally present in a VCT are subdivided into four types.

Status This indicates the present status of a subsystem of the VCT.

Time Code

This information field contains current laser pen position.

Disc Information

These information fields contain disc specific data. Examples are TOC, ISRC number, DISC number, etc.

Device Specific

These information fields will cater for specific devices (recorders, changers etc) and are therefore not defined here.

7.5.2 Status report:40 [hex]

The status information field gives the current VCT status. It is composed of three bytes which are bit significant. The status information field will have the keyword 40 [hex] assigned. It will be passed to the VMa as shown in the following scheme:

[Byte 1] [Byte 2] [Byte 3]

Example of a status information field transfer:

VMa sends:

<read></read>	[22 [hex]]	
<i f="" status=""></i>	[40 [hex]]	

VCT responds:

[23 [hex]] [40 [hex]]
[]
[]
[]

The status information field is three bytes in length.

The first byte contains information concerning the mode of the player (AUTO_CUE, FADER_PLAY, VARISPEED, AUTO_PAUSE) and some information about the disc (disc loaded, toc loaded, audio track or data).

The second byte holds information about the laser pen action, about the index and the modulation search.

The third byte will show the player general status.

The status information field will be sent every time there is a status change or in the response to a command which generates an implied status information or in the response to a status request.

Byte definition

Byte 1 of Status Information Field

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	DO
	VARI- SPEED						DISC LOADED

DO - DISC LOADED

this bit is set when there is a disc in the player and the drawer is closed.

- D1 TOC LOADED
 this bit is set when the player has read the TOC
 from the disc after that one was introduced in the
 player.
- D2 AUTO PAUSE STATE
 this bit is set when the AUTOPAUSE function is
 turned ON via player keyboard or by direction of
 the controlling device.
- D3 AUTO CUE ON START CUE this bit is set when the AUTOCUE function is enabled for the start of the modulation.
- D4 AUTO CUE ON STOP CUE this bit is set when the AUTOCUE function is enabled for the end of modulation.
- D5 FADER PLAY STATE
 this bit is set when the player is in FADER PLAY
 state, that means that the player is ready to accept
 a fader switch command.
- D6 VARISPEED STATE this bit is set when the player's varispeed value is not set to 0 %.
- D7 NO AUDIO TRACK this bit is set when the current track has no audio information (i.e. CD-ROM).

Byte 2 of Status Information Field

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	DO DO
STOP MOD FOUN	MOD	INDEX FOUND	IN	PICKUP IN SEARCH	IN	ON	PICKUP ON START

- DO PICK-UP ON START CUE this bit is set when the player has found the current start cue and is pausing there.
- D1 PICK-UP ON STOP CUE this bit is set when the player has found the current stop cue and is pausing there.
- D2 PICK UP IN PLAY this bit is set when the player is playing and the audio is unmuted.
- D3 PICK-UP IN SEARCH this bit is set when the player is searching for a cue point or for the modulation.
- D4 PICK-UP IN PAUSE this bit is set when the player is pausing.
- D5 INDEX FOUND
 this bit is set when the player has found the
 defined index. It will be reset when the player
 receives an index access command.
- D6 START OF MODULATION FOUND this bit is set when the player is under AUTOCUE mode and the start of the modulation for the defined track is found.
- D7 STOP OF MODULATION FOUND this bit is set when the player is under AUTOCUE mode and the stop of the modulation was found.

Byte 3 of Status Information Field

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	DO
IN	IN	POWER		START	STOP	IN	PLAYER ON AIR

DO - PLAYER ON AIR

this bit is set when the player is playing because the fader switch is gone from closed to opened. The line-out ampl. must be activated.

D1 - PLAYER IN LOCAL MODE

this bit is set when the player is switched to the LOCAL mode. The commands sent by the controlling device will be ignored but not the informations from the controlled to the controlling device.

D2 - PLAYER STOPPED

this bit is set when the disc in the player is not spinning.

D3 - PLAYER STARTING UP

this bit is set when the player is starting to read the inserted disc (focusing, reading lead-in).

D4 - DRAWER OUT OR MOVING

this bit is set when the drawer or lid is out or opened and when the drawer is moving (in and out).

D5 - PLAYER IN POWER OFF

this bit is set when the player is in power off state.

D6 - PLAYER IN EDIT

this bit is set when the player is in edit mode (definition of a cue on the player's keyboard) or when the current cue is changed (i.e. as a result of a cue key operation, toggle operation of AUTOPAUSE, ect.). If the user presses one of the numerical keys, and an A 730 is connected, this device will enter the edit mode and leave it again when the user presses one of the CUE_RETURN keys (i.e CUE_1 to CUE_3, LAST_CUE, PLAY, PAUSE, or FAST_DIAL)

D7 - PLAYER IN DIAL

this bit is set when the player is in dial mode (A730) or when the player is in cueing mode (A727: < and >).

7.5.3 Timecode Report: 41 [hex]

Time code Information Fields hold the current laser pen disc position. Time code has been assigned the keyword 41 [hex]. Note that time code information is relevant to CD systems only and does not comply with the ES specification timecode.

The timecode will be passed to the controller as shown below:

[TT] [II] [RM] [RS] [RF] [AM] [AS] [AF]

where all items are in BCD and refer to:

Π	track
11	index
RM	relative minutes
RS	relative seconds
RF	relative frames
AM	absolute minutes
AS	absolute seconds
AF	absolute frames.

Relative items define the elapsed time from the beginning of the track to the actual position. Absolute items define the elapsed time from the beginning of the disc to the actual position.

It is the responsibility of the tributary to send the timecode with a constant rate defined by the CYCLE command or by the cycle parameter passed with the command PLAY.

It is equally possible for the controller to ask for the timecode when it needs to know the exact position of the pick-up with the command READ_I_F_ITEM. This is done by the following sheme:

VMa transmits

```
<READ> [22 [hex]]
<I/F TIMECODE> [41 [hex]]
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VCT responds

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<I/F ITEM RESPONSE>
                              [23 [hex]]
                              [41 [hex]]
<I/F TIMECODE>
<Track>
                              [02 [hex]]
<Index>
                              [01 [hex]]
<Rel. mins>
                              [00 [hex]]
<Rel. secs>
                              [10 [hex]]
<Rel. frames>
                              [50 [hex]]
<Abs. mins>
                              [03 [hex]]
<Abs. secs>
                              [45 [hex]]
<Abs. frames>
                              [50 [hex]]
```

If the timecode is not requested by the VMa, and the tributary sends it because of the cycle, the communication will only consist of the seconds part (VCT responds).

7.5.4 TOC Report: 42 [hex]

The table of contents report passes to the VMa the table of contents as it is written in the lead-in on the disc.

The format of the TOC is as follows: [control word] [point] [minutes] [seconds] [frames].

The TOC can be transmitted in max three blocks depending on the length of the TOC (number of tracks on the disc). One block can contain max 50 TOC-items. The TOC-items with point numbers A0, A1 and A2 will be treated the same way as the TOC-items with track numbers (5 bytes). They appear at the beginning of the first block transmitted.

The format of the control word is as follows:

The following example shows a disc with three tracks being transmitted.

VMa transmits

```
<READ> [22 [hex]]
<I/F TOC> [42 [hex]]
```

VCT responds

```
<I/F Item Response>
                               [23]
<I/F TOC>
                               [42]
<control word of A0>
                               [01]*
<point A0 >
                               [A0]
<first track number>
                               [01]
                               [00]*
<0
                               [00]*
<0
                               [01]*
<control word of A1>
<point A1 >
                               [A1]
<last track number>
                               [03]
<0
                               [00]*
     >
<0
                               [00]*
< control word of A2>
                               [01]*
<point A2 >
                               [A2]
<start lead-out minutes>
                               [11]
<start lead-out seconds>
                               [50]
<start lead-out frames>
                               [16]
< control word
of point 01 >
                               [11]
<point 01 >
                               [01]
<point 01 start minutes>
                               [00]
<point 01 start seconds>
                               [02]
<point 01 start frames>
                               [32]
< control word
 of point 02>
                               [31]
<point 02 >
                               [02]
<point 02 start minutes>
                               [03]
<point 02 start seconds>
                               [12]
<point 02 start frames>
                               [30]
<control word of point 03>
                               [31]
<point 03 >
                               [03]
<point 03 start minutes>
                               [07]
<point 03 start seconds>
                               [12]
<point 03 start frames>
                               [50]
```

One message on the ES Bus can maximum be 256 bytes long as the byte count for the message is an 8 bit word. For TOC reports containing more than 47 tracks, a second block will be needed and a third one for TOC reports containing more than 97 tracks. After the first block is transmitted, the transmitting tributary will keep its ES-Bus state in SVC (service request) to send the next block after the next poll sequence (see RED BOOK for more information about the TOC structure).

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^{*:} these bytes contain no relevant information for audio discs.

7.5.5 Disc Number: 43 [hex]

This section contains the disc number for the disc in the VCT.

The disc number will be formatted as 13 BCD digits in packed byte form. The last BCD digit (the fourteenth) will always be set to 0000.

In the following example Nx is a four bit BCD digit of a disc number.

VMa transmits:

<read></read>	[22 [hex]]
<i disc="" f="" nos=""></i>	[43 [hex]]

VCT responds:

```
<I/F Item Response>
                              [23 [hex]]
<I/F DISC Nos>
                              [43 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 1,2>
                              [N1,N2 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 3,4>
                              [N3,N4 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 5,6>
                              [N5,N6 [hex]]
< Disc Nos digits 7,8>
                              [N7,N8 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 9,10>
                              [N9,N10 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 11,12>
                              [N11,N12 [hex]]
<Disc Nos digits 13>
                              [N13,0000 [hex]]
```

7.5.6 ISRC Number:44 [hex]

This information field contains the ISRC number of the track specified.

The format of the ISRC number will be passed as 10 bytes. Byte 1 defines the track number to which this ISRC number corresponds (two digits BCD). Bytes 2 to 6 will be in ASCII form, bytes 7 to 10 will be in packed BCD form. The last BCD digit (which follows ISCR field 12) will always be set to 0000.

In the following example Ax is an ASCII value and Nx is a four bit BCD digit value. The x indicates the field of the ISRC number.

■ VMa transmits:

<read> [22 [hex]] <i f="" isrc="" nos=""> [44 [hex]]</i></read>

VCT responds:

```
<I/F Item Response>
                              [23 [hex]]
                              [44 [hex]]
<I/F ISRC Nos>
<ISRC Track Number>
                              [?? [hex]]
                              [A1 ASCII]
<ISRC fields 1>
<ISRC fields 2>
                              [A2 ASCII]
<ISRC fields 3>
                              [A3 ASCII]
<ISRC fields 4>
                              [A4 ASCII]
<ISRC fields 5>
                              [A5 ASCII]
<ISRC fields 6,7>
                              [N6,N7 [hex]]
                              [N8,N9 [hex]]
<ISRC fields 8,9>
<ISRC fields 10,11>
                              [N10,N11 [hex]]
<ISRC fields 12>
                              [N12,0000 [hex]]
```

7.5.7 Disc Identifier: 45 [hex]

This information field passes to the VMa the disc ID of the disc in the VCT. The disc ID will be constructed as follows (all items are in BCD).

```
Byte 0 - first track frames value.
1 - second track seconds value.
2 - second track frames value.
3 - lower nibble of maximum track (in BCD) with lower nibble of minutes of leadout time.
4 - seconds value of leadout
5 - frames value of leadout
```

Note: If there is only one track on the disc then the fields which use second track values will be set to FF [hex].

The following shows a transfer of an ID number:

VMa transmits:

[22 [hex]]	
	[22 [hex]] [45 [hex]]

VCT responds:

[23 [hex1]	
• •	
• . • ••	
•	
[N4 [hex]]	
[N5 [hex]]	

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7.5.8 Current Cue: 46 [hex]

This information field passes the current start and stop cues to the VMa.

The format of the information field for the cue points shall be:

```
Byte 0 - start cue TT
1 - start cue II
2 - start cue absolute MM
3 - start cue absolute SS
4 - start cue absolute FF

Byte 5 - stop cue TT
6 - stop cue II
7 - stop cue absolute MM
8 - stop cue absolute SS
9 - stop cue absolute FF
```

If any of the cue positions has not been explicitly defined then the information field will replace that value with an FF [hex] value. The following shows a transfer of a Cue value number.

■ VMa transmits:

```
<READ> [22 [hex]]
<I/F Cues> [46 [hex]]
```

VCT responds:

```
<I/F Item Response> [23 [hex]]
<I/F Cues> [46 [hex]]
<start cue TT>
<start cue absolute MM>
<start cue absolute SS>
<start cue absolute FF>
<stop cue TT>
<stop cue II>
<stop cue absolute SS>
<stop cue absolute SS>
<stop cue absolute FF>
```

7.5.9 Cue 1,2,3: 47 [hex]

This information field passes the cue points defined in CUE1, CUE2 and CUE3. The format of the information field for these cues shall be:

```
Byte 0 - cuel TT
1 - cuel II
2 - cuel absolute MM
3 - cuel absolute SS
4 - cuel absolute FF
5 - status cuel
```

```
Byte 6 - cue2 TT
7 - cue2 II
8 - cue2 absolute MM
9 - cue2 absolute SS
10 - cue2 absolute FF
11 - status cue2
```

```
Byte 12 - cue3 TT
13 - cue3 II
14 - cue3 absolute MM
15 - cue3 absolute SS
16 - cue3 absolute FF
17 - status cue3
```

One status byte shall be transmitted for each cue block defining the different function the cues can take. These bytes will be bit significant. Bytes 5, 11 and 17 are to be defined.

If any of the cue positions has not been explicitly defined then the information field will replace that value with an FF [hex] value. The following shows a transfer of a Cue 123 values number.

■ VMa transmits:

```
<READ> [22 [hex]]
<I/F Cues 1,2,3> [47 [hex]]
```

VCT responds:

```
<I/F Item Response>
                            [23 [hex]]
<I/F Cues>
                            [47 [hex]]
<cue1 TT>
<cue1 ll>
<cue1 absolute MM>
<cue1 absolute SS>
<cue1 absolute FF>
<status cue1>
<cue2 TT>
<cue2 II>
<cue2 absolute MM>
<cue2 absolute $$>
<cue2 absolute FF>
<status cue2>
<cue3 TT>
<cue3 II>
<cue3 absolute MM>
< cue3 absolute SS>
<cue3 absolute FF>
<status cue3>
```

7.5.10 48 [hex] - FF [hex]

reserved for future definition.

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7.6 Information Field Automated Reporting

The following part describes the conditions for generating automatic information field transfers from a tributary.

Status Information Fields

This Information Field will normally have the UPDATE flag attached to it thus causing a Status Information Field to be sent whenever a status change occurs (e.g. when a disc is placed in a player tributary, the player must inform its VMa of the present status of the disc).

Time Code Information Fields

These information fields will be transmitted to the VMa when the VMa instructs the VCT to report timecode periodically via the CYCLE command. This will normally only happen when the timecode in a VCT is expected to change periodically ie for example when a disc is playing in a player tributary.

In this example the player VMa will instruct the VCT to transmit timecode after every XX frames for example.

Disc Information Fields

These Information fields are normally generated only as a request from a VMa, unless the information field is generated as a result of an implied command.

8 Errors and Error Reporting

8.1 Introduction

Errors are special cases of information fields and have been designated specific ES keywords.

8.2 Error Reports

The ES specification has reserved specific common messages for the reporting of errors. The error reports of this bus will comply with the ES standard. However due to the limited error reporting capabilities the error mechanism will be extended.

8.3 ES Specified Error Reporting

8.3.1 Error: 29 [hex]

Informs the VMa that the previews command he sent was not understood by the tributary.

The format for the transmission is:

ERROR>	[29 [hex]]
Byte count> OFFENDING COMMAND>	

7.3.2 Cannot do: 2A [hex]

Informs the VMa that the previous command was understood but could not be processed by the VCT due to the reason specified in the EXEC Code.

The format for the transmission is:

<cannot do=""> <exec code=""></exec></cannot>	[2A [hex]] [
---	-------------------	--

The following Exec Codes are defined.

	FO - Cannot do by design (ie if a VMa directs a CD
1	player to record).
	F1 - Insufficiently equipped. F2 - Buffer Overflow.
	F3 - reason given in error status.
	F4 - FF - for future definition

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8.3.3 Error status: 2B [hex]

Directs the VCT to transmit the error status.

The format for the transmission will be:

VMa transmits:

<error status=""></error>	[2B [hex]]	

VCT responds:

<error status<="" th=""><th></th><th></th></error>		
RESPONSE>	[2C [hex]]	
<error byte="" status=""></error>	[]	

The error status byte is bit significant and will have the following definition.

Error Status Byte.

D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	DO DO
		NO TIME	NO TRACK	LOCAL MODE	NO INDEX		FATAL

DO / FATAL

- Severe Fatal Error. This error is generated if the error in the CD player is so serious that it can no longer function on the ES bus.

Causes of fatal errors are:

- servo tracking failure such as the disc cannot be read.

D1 / NO DISC

- No disc present. This error is generated whenever the VMa issues a command which requires a disc operation. When the disc is removed, this command will also be sent.

D2 / NO INDEX

- Index not found. This error report is sent only after an index request has been initiated.

D3 / LOCAL MODE - Player in local mode. This is the response to a VMa command if the player trib is in local mode.

D4 / NO TRACK

- Track not found. This error report is sent when the player was directed to access a track which is not on disc.

D5 / NO TIME

- Time not found. This error report is sent whenever the player was told to access an absolute time which is not on disc or if the pick-up would come into lead-out after a "jump real tracks" command.

8.3.4 Error status response: 2C [hex]

see ERROR STATUS

8.4 Automatic Error Reporting

Reports will be generated whenever there is a failure in a subsystem of the VCT or a failure in a command execution. For example if the VMa directed the CD player to find the disc number and the CD player could not find the disc number then an error report for CD number not found would be transmitted.

The process of events is as follows for a command which could not be executed or failed execution:

- VMa sends command to VCT.
- VCT attempts to execute command, fails and transmits a CANNOT DO message with the reason in the EXEC CODE. If the EXEC CODE specifies that the reason is contained within the error status then the VMa will issue an ERROR STATUS READ to which the VCT will then pass the error status.

9 ES Common Message Subset

The ES specification defines a common message subset that can be used by all tributaries (as it does a common information field set). The common message subset is detailed in other ES specifications. If the command keyword to be used is from the common message subset then it will be in the range 20 to 3F [hex].

10 Commands

Commands are simply transmitted as keywords (possibly with parameters) and will be received from the VMa by the VCT via the bus controller. It is not necessary for the VCT to acknowledge command accomplished, however, most commands will have an implied command response in the form of a status/disc information field. If a command fails then it will generate an ERROR common message.

The VCT/VMa interface designer may use keywords 40[hex] to FF[hex] for VCT specific commands. The following common commands are defined for all Studer Pilips applications. Note that these are taken from the VTR/ATR dialects and the common message subset.

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11 ES Studer Philips Common Message Command Subset

The following list contains the common messages that the Studer Philips tributaries will respond to.

20 [hex]	CNOP	No Operation, does nothing.
21 [hex]	CRESET	Directs the tributary to the power up reset case.
22 [hex]	READ	See 7.2
23 [hex]	I/F ITEM RESP	ONSE See 7.3
29 [hex]	ERROR	See 8.3
2A [hex]	CANNOT DO	See 8.3
2B [hex]	ERROR STATU	S See 8.3
2C [hex]	ERROR STATU	S RESPONSE See 8.3
3F07 [hex]	UPDATE	See 7.2
3F08 [hex]	CYCLE	See 7.2

12 CD Player Tributary Commands

12.1 CD Player Commands

These commands are issued from the CD Player virtual manager to a CD player tributary (or virtual tributary). The CD player tributary will report information fields if the command implies a response.

Note that this list is not complete and will be appended to as and when needed.

All parameters are in BCD, if not stated otherwise.

12.2 Command Keyword List

12.2.1 Keyword 40: Start Disc

Parameters: None.

Action: The motor starts and tracking servos are switched on.

The player will load the TOC and on completion will pause on the first track, index 1, still spinning.

1, still spinning

Notes: It should not be necessary for the manager to request the player to start the disc

when under remote control. This is an automatic operation performed after the lid of the player is closed. The only situation when the manager will instruct the player

to start the disc is if the manager also issued a stop command to the player.

Implied Information Fields Reported:

Status: Disc Inserted, TOC loaded.

Errors Generated:

No disc present.

Servos tracking failed.

12.2.2 Keyword 41:

Stop Disc

Parameters: None.

Action: The motor stops and laser is switched off.

Notes: All internal variables of the CD player will be cleared (i.e. TOC, cue points, etc.). A

CD Manager normally does not instruct the CD player to stop the disc.

Implied Information

Fields Reported:

None.

Errors Generated: None.

12.2.3 Keyword 42:

Pause

Parameters: None.

Action: The player will pause at the current laser pen position. Audio will be muted.

Notes: None.

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

None.

Errors Generated:

None.

12.2.4 Keyword 43:

Play

Parameters:

1 byte defining the time code CYCLE rate.

This command specifies an implied cycle value for the time code information field. The value given will be the update rate in frames. This means that, if for example the CYCLE is specified as 40 frames, the CD-player will set its state on SVC after all 40 frames to send a timecode I/F after having been selected by the bus controller. A cycle value of 0 will define that NO timecode update is required.

Action: The player will play from the current laser position.

Notes: The lid will not be automatically locked on play. The lid will be locked automatically

when the fader line becomes active (and fader start being enabled).

Implied Information Fields Reported:

 Status: Player on stop cue when the laser pen reaches the default or defined stop cue

Time Code: Dependent on the CYCLE rate.

Errors Reported: No disc in player.

12.2.5 Keyword 44: Access to Start of Track

Parameters:

1 byte defining the track number to access to.

Action:

The player will access to the start of the track number and pause at this position.

Notes:

If start on modulation has been selected then it is the responsibility of the player tributary to search for the start of modulation. The tributary will only report on start cue status when it has found the start of modulation.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Laser pen on start cue.

Errors Reported:

None.

12.2.6 Keyword 45: Access to Start of Track and Index

Parameters:

2 byte defining the track number and index to search for. The parameter order will be track followed by index.

Action:

The player will search for the track and index specified in the parameters and pause at this position.

Notes:

If after the index search the index is found not to be in this track then the laser pen will pause on the start of track, index 1. If the index is found then the start on modulation flag will be ignored.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Index found, on start cue.

Errors Reported:

- Access failed, index not on disc. This error also implies that the laser is now pausing at the beginning of the track.
- Access failed, track not on disc.

12.2.7 Keyword 46: Access on Absolute Time

Parameters:

3 bytes defining the absolute position to access to. Parameter order will be minutes, seconds, frames.

Action:

The player will attempt to access to the specified position.

Notes:

This command sets a new start cue. Start on modulation flag will be ignored.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Start cue present.

Errors Reported:

Time not on disc.

12.2.8 Keyword 47: Jump Real Tracks

Parameters:

2 bytes. One defines the direction, the second byte defines the number of real tracks to jump. The direction byte is either 00 or FF(hex), 00 is jump forwards (ie towards the leadout). FF(hex) is jump backwards (i.e. towards the leadin).

Action:

The player will jump the number of real tracks defined in the direction specified by the second byte.

Notes:

The player state after the jump will be the same as the player state before the jump. If the player was playing then the player will continue to play. If the player was pausing then the player will pause at the new position.

If the jump caused the laser pen to go into the leadout or into the leadin then the laser pen will pause on the leadout or track 1, index 1 positions respectively. No other track jumping commands will be accepted unless in the opposite direction from that which caused the error.

The jumping does not effect the start cue/stop cue positioning.

If the jumping causes the laser position to go outside of the start cue/stop cue boundary, an error report outside start/stop cue will be generated. The laser will pause on the respective start cue/stop cue.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

None.

Errors Reported

In leadin, leadout, outside cue range.

12.2.9 Keyword 48: Repeat Play Segment

Parameters:

3 parameters defining the absolute time on the disc at which to start the repeat play. The parameters will be in the order minutes, seconds and frames.

Action:

The player will access to the position specified in the parameters and will repeatedly play a segment of the disc starting from this position.

Notes:

The repeat play segment will be terminated by any command which requires a laser action (pause, play, etc).

This command sets a new start cue.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

None.

Errors Reported:

Access failed, access over leadout, will cause segment into leadout/leadin.

12.2.10 Keyword 49: Set Stop Cue to Absolute Time

Parameters:

3 bytes defining the absolute stop cue time in minutes, seconds, and frames.

Action:

The player will set the stop cue to this position.

Notes:

When the laser pen reaches the stop cue the player will generate a status report defining laser pen on stop cue.

If the player was playing the player will continue playing. There will be no interruption in the play when a set stop cue time is received. It is not expected that the stop cue will be set after the start cue.

If the stop cue has been set before the present start cue then the stop cue will be ignored and an Error generated, attempted stop cue before start cue generated.

If the AUTOPAUSE function was enabled it will be reset by this command if the defined stop cue is not into or at the end of the track defined in the start cue.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Laser pen on stop cue.

Errors Reported:

Position not on disc, stop cue before start cue.

12.2.11 Keyword 4A: Set Stop Cue to End of Track

Parameters:

1 byte defining the track at which to set the stop cue to the end of.

Action:

The stop cue will be set to the end of the track specified. This will take account of the stop on modulation flag searching for the end point if necessary.

Notes:

When the player reaches the stop cue the player will generate a status report defining laser pen on stop cue.

If the stop cue has been set before the present start cue then the stop cue will be ignored and an Error report, attempted stop cue before start cue generated.

If stop on modulation is selected then the player will search for the required stop position before assigning the stop cue. If stop on modulation is not selected then the player sets the stop cue to the beginning of the next track.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Laser pen on stop cue.

Errors Reported:

Position not on disc, stop cue before start cue.

12.2.12 Keyword 4B: Set Stop Cue to End of Track and Index

Parameters: Two bytes in the order track/index defining the track, index of the stop cue.

Action: Causes a search for the specified track and index+1 and the stop cue to be set at

that position. The laser pen will then be positionned on start cue.

Notes: When the player reaches the stop cue the player will generate a status report

defining laser pen on stop cue.

If the stop cue has been set before the present start cue then the stop cue will be

ignored and an Error report, attempted stop cue before start cue generated.

If the player cannot find the track/index then the stop cue will be set to the end of

the track specified.

Implied Information Fields Generated: Status: Laser pen on stop cue.

Errors Reported: Position not on disc, stop cue before start cue.

12.2.13 Keyword 4C: Clear stop cue

> Parameters: None.

> > Action: The stop cue is set to the leadout time.

Notes: None.

None.

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

12.2.14 Keyword 4D: Set Start at Beginning of Modulation

> Parameters: None.

> > Action: This keyword causes the player tributary to go into "start at beginning of

> > > modulation" mode. The tributary will not do anything until it receives an access

command.

Notes: It will be the responsibility of the servo system to find the modulation start point.

This will then set the new cue position.

The modulation start will always cause a search for modulation when the player tributary has been directed to access to a track only. Accesses to track and index

absolute times will cause no modulation search.

The modulation search will be performed from the defined start of track to 5 secs after the track. If, however, at the start of the track the modulation threshold is exceeded then a repetitive backwards search in jumps of 3 frames will be performed to ensure that the real start at the beginning of the modulation is found but it will never be set in the previous track (this is the responsibility of the CDplayer).

Implied Information Fields Generated: Status: Modulation start found, laser pen on start cue.

Errors Reported:

None.

12.2.15 Keyword 4E: Clear Start at Beginning of Modulation

Parameters:

None.

Action:

This command will clear the "start at beginning of modulation" mode.

Notes:

None.

Implied Information

None.

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

12.2.16 Keyword 4F: **Set Stop at Modulation End**

Parameters:

None.

Action:

This keyword causes the player tributary to go into "stop at modulation end" mode.

Notes:

It will be the responsibility of the servo system to find the modulation end point.

This will then set the new stop cue position.

The modulation threshold defines the level at which audio is considered to be

present.

Modulation stop is only important when a specific track has been defined as the stop cue point. It will not be used for accesses to absolute time, track, or index.

Implied Information **Fields Generated:**

None.

Errors Reported:

None.

12.2.17 Keyword 50: Clear Stop at Modulation End

Parameters: None.

Action: This command will clear the "stop at modulation end" mode.

Notes: None.

Implied Information None.

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

12.2.18 Keyword 51: Reset Cue Points

Parameters: None.

Action: This keyword will cause the start and stop cue to be assigned to track 1 index 1

and leadout position respectively. The laser pen will pause at the start of track 1

index 1.

Notes: None.

Implied Information

r**mation** None.

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

12.2.19 Keyword 52: Set Volume Level

Parameters: 1 byte defining the volume.

Action: This keyword command will set the level of the monitor function of the player

tributary.

Notes: None.

Implied Information None..

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

12.2.20 Keyword 53: Set Varispeed Value

Parameters:

2 bytes defining the varispeed level in terms of signed percentage.

byte 1	 most significant digit and polarity. lower digit percentage value. This will only
byte 2	have the range 0 to 9 and represents a tenth
	of the percentage change.

e.g.:	[01],[3] [F0],[3]	= 1.3 % change. = -0.3 % change.
	[0B],[8]	= 11.8 % change.
	[FA],[5]	= -10.5 % change.

Action: This keyword command will cause the varispeed to become functional.

Notes: The allowed maximal values must not be exceeded (A 730: ± 10 %).

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

Errors Reported: None.

None.

12.2.21 Keyword 54: Return to Start Cue (LOCATE)

Parameters: None.

Action: The laser pen of the CD trib will return to the presently defined start cue. The laser

pen will then pause at this point.

Notes: None.

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

Status: Laser pen on start cue.

12.2.22 Keyword 55: Fader Start Enable

Parameters None.

Action: The player will now take account of the fader state and will report changes in fader

state information field.

Notes: None.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

Status: Fader Open.

12.2.23 Keyword 56: Fader Start Disable

Parameters:

None.

Action:

The player will now ignore the fader state and will not report changes in fader

value.

Notes:

Implied Information

None.

None.

Fields Generated:

12.2.24 Keyword 57: Open Drawer on Drawer Loaders

Parameters:

None.

Action:

This command will cause the drawer of any drawer loader to open. The internal

variables of the CD player will be reset (i.e. disc unloaded).

Notes:

None.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

None, implied by a load.

12.2.25 Keyword 58: Auto Pause On

Parameters:

None.

Action:

This command will cause auto pause to be selected on the player. Auto pause is the state where the player will stop playing after playing the currently selected track. Note that there should never be any reason to set this mode but is provided in the ES specification for players that already support auto pause (or it's

equivalent).

Notes.

None.

Implied Information

None.

Fields Generated:

12.2.26 Keyword 59: Auto Pause Off

Parameters: None.

Action: This command will cause auto pause to be reset on the player.

Notes: None.

None.

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

12.2.27 Keyword 5A: Audio Mute On

Parameters: None.

Action: This command will cause the output of the CD player to be muted. The muting is

effected by causing the digital output from the decoding of the CD signal to be zero (i.e. passes a value of zero to the D/A converter). This provides a soft mute.

Notes. The mute is in effect until the player is told to play or an Audio Mute Off command

is sent.

None.

Implied Information

Fields Generated:

12.2.28 Keyword 5B:

Audio Mute Off

Parameters: None.

Action: This command is the opposite of the Audio Mute On. It simply does not force a

digital zero value on the signal to the D/A output.

Notes: None.

Implied Information None.

Fields Generated:

12.2.29 Keyword 5C: Remote ON

Parameters: None.

Action: Switches the tributary into "remote on" mode.

Notes: None.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

None.

12.2.30 Keyword 5D: Remote Off

Parameters: None.

Action: Switches the tributary into "remote off" mode.

Notes: None.

Implied Information None. Fields Generated:

12.2.31 Keyword 5E: Lock keyboard

Parameters: None.

Action: Locks the keyboard of the tributary.

Notes. None.

Implied Information None. Fields Generated:

12.2.32 Keyword 5F: Unlock keyboard

Parameters: None.

Action: Unlocks the keyboard of the tributary.

Notes. None.

Implied Information None.

Fields Generated:

12.2.33 Keyword 60: End review

Parameters: None.

Action: Gets the player to play 8 seconds before stop cue.

Notes. If the stop cue is less than 8 seconds after the start cue, then the player plays from

start to stop cue.

Implied Information Fields Generated:

None.