

# **Command Set Specification**

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# 1 | Revision History

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1.14	2023.08.30	Initial version of the document



# 2 Abstract

#### 2.1 Introduction

NVM Express<sup>TM</sup> (NVMe<sup>TM</sup>) Base specification defines an interface for host software to communicate with nonvolatile memory subsystems over a variety of memory-based transports and message-based transports.

This document defines a specific NVMe I/O Command Set, the Software-Enabled Flash (SEF) Command Set, which extends the NVMe Base Specification.

## 2.2 Scope

Figure 1 of NVMe 2.0 shows the relationship of the NVM Express specifications. This document belongs to "Command Set Specification" like NVM or Key Value.

This specification supplements the NVMe Base Specification. This specification defines additional data structures, features, log pages, commands, and status values. This specification also defines extensions to existing data structures, features, log pages, commands, and status values. This specification defines requirements and behaviors that are specific to the SEF Command Set. Functionality that is applicable generally to NVMe or that is applicable across multiple I/O Command Sets is defined in the NVMe Base Specification.

If a conflict arises among requirements defined in different specifications, then a lower-numbered specification in the following list shall take precedence over a higher-numbered specification:

- 1. Non-NVMe specifications
- 2. NVMe Base Specification
- 3. NVMe transport specifications
- 4. NVMe I/O command set specifications
- 5. NVMe-MI specification



#### 2.3 References

- NVM Express Base Specification Revision 2.0 (NVMe 2.0)
- NVM Express NVM Command Set Specification Revision 1.0 (NVM 1.0)

#### 2.4 Features

- Commands are added based on NVMe 2.0
  - Additional OPC, fields and others are subject to change
- Read/Write in units of ADU
- Supports Nameless Write / Copy
- Performance control on a per QoS Domain basis
- Supports Patrol

#### 2.5 Class Code

In order to distinguish SEF devices from standard NVMe, ZNS, or other devices, an undefined value of ABh is used for the field of CC.PI. This is tentative, and will be changed to the standard 02h after the SEF Command Set is submitted to the standards organization.

Table 2.1: PCI Configuration Space - Class Code (CC: Offset 09h)

Bits	Туре	Reset	Description	
07:00	RO	02h or ABh	Programming Interface (PI): This field specifies the controller uses	
			the NVM Express (02h) or the SEF programming interface (ABh).	

# 2.6 Command Sets Supported

SEF devices shall set CAP.CSS bit 6 to 1 to indicate the device supports one or more I/O Command Sets. Refer to Figure 36 in NVMe 2.0.



# 3 Geometry

## 3.1 Physical Geometry

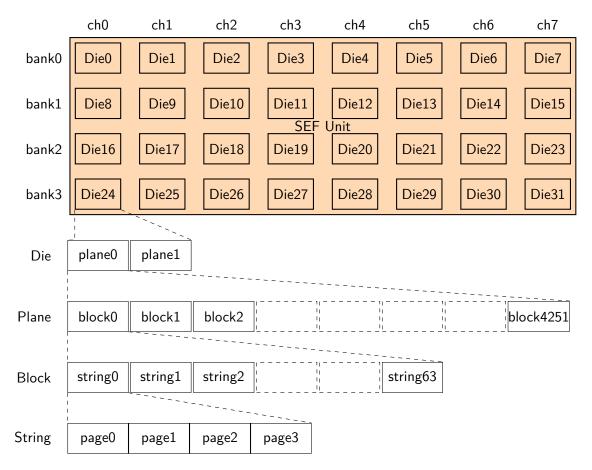
Figure 3.1 depicts physical geometry of typical flash devices. Abstracted geometry described in the next section is used in Software-Enabled Flash (SEF) commands which specify flash addresses for the maximum performance.

Main differences from the abstracted geometry are the location of plane and the existence of string. The number of pages per string for SLC / MLC / TLC / QLC is 1 / 2 / 3/ 4 respectively.

There are two modes to record data, general and pSLC. The general mode writes all blocks with the same ID in each plane simultaneously, and uses all pages in every string. pSLC mode works like SLC, writing planes independently, and using only one page per string.



Figure 3.1: Physical Geometry





# 3.2 Abstracted Geometry

ch0 ch1 ch2 ch3 ch4 ch6 ch7 ch5 bank0 Die1 Die2 Die0 Die3 Die4 Die5 Die6 Die7 Die8 Die9 Die10 Die11 Die12 Die13 Die14 Die15 bank1 SEF Unit bank2 Die16 Die17 Die18 Die20 Die21 Die22 Die23 Die19 Die24 Die25 Die27 Die28 Die29 Die26 Die30 Die31 bank3 Die block0 block1 block4251 block2 page255 block page0 page1 page2 page plane0 plane1 ADU1 plane Atomic Data Unit0 ADU2 ADU3 UserData Meta UA UserData Meta UA UserData Meta UA UserData Meta

Figure 3.2: Abstracted Geometry

Table 3.1: Size of Elements

Element	Min	Max	Example	Remarks
channels(ch) / SEF	1	64	8	Fixed size by device
banks / SEF	1	32	4	Fixed size by device
blocks / Die	1	16,384	4,252	Fixed size by device
pages / block	128	8,192	256	Fixed size by device
planes / page	1	64	2	Fixed size by device
plane	16KiB	1MiB	16KiB	Fixed size by device
User Address (UA)	8 bytes	8 bytes	8 bytes	Fixed size
User Data	4KiB	1MiB	4KiB	Variable size by QoS Domain
				Should be the plane size of one
				over power of 2, or of times of
				power of 2



metadata	0	4KiB	16 bytes	The maximum depends on the
				User Data size

The fixed sizes above are given in the SEF Command Set specific Identify Controller data. Available sets of User Data and metadata size are listed in the LBA Format Data Structure in the SEF Command Set Identify Namespace data.

In commands and data structures in this document, capacity-related fields are mostly expressed in the number of planes as it is the smallest fixed-size element.

#### 3.3 Die

Refers to a Flash memory chip. In NVMe 2.0, the term "Channel Media Unit" is used.

Each Die has a unique ID of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{m} + \mathbb{n}$ , where the number of channels and banks are N and M respectively, and the Die is located at the channel number and bank number of  $\mathbb{n}$  (0 <=  $\mathbb{n}$  <  $\mathbb{N}$ ) and  $\mathbb{m}$  (0 <=  $\mathbb{m}$  <  $\mathbb{M}$ ) respectively.

#### 3.4 Virtual Device

In NVMe 2.0, the term "Endurance Group" is used.

Virtual Device (VD) is an execution unit which consists of an arbitrary number of dies.

Virtual Devices are created by issuing a Capacity Management command. Before creating Virtual Devices, Capacity Configuration data should be registered using Set Features command with Capacity Configuration Feature ID, if a pre-defined configuration is not used.

All Virtual Devices on a SEF device are created at deployment and remain unchanged throughout device lifetime.

Each Virtual Device has a unique ID between 1 and the number of dies.

Virtual Devices are internally managed and controlled with Super Blocks, Super Pages in a Super Block, and Atomic Data Units (ADUs) in a Super Page.



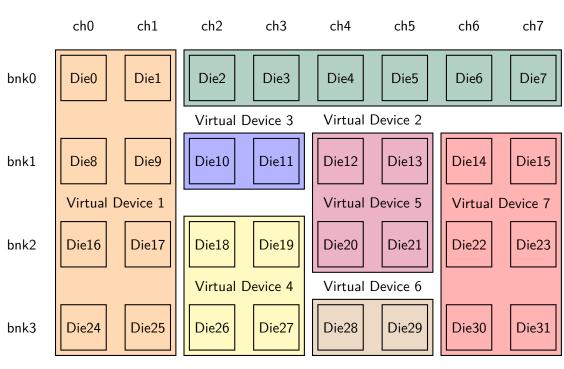


Figure 3.3: Virtual Device

## 3.5 Super Block

There are two types of Super Block, a general Super Block, and a pSLC Super Block.

A general Super Block consists of one or more physical blocks in general mode, each from different physical planes of dies in a Virtual Device, while a pSLC Super Block consists of one or more physical blocks in pSLC mode, each from different physical plane per die in a Virtual Device. Therefore, the size of a healthy pSLC Super Block is 1 / n of a healthy general Super Block, where n is the number of bits per physical cell (e.g. 3 for TLC, 4 for QLC, . . . ).

The number of dies involved in a Super Block is set to the number of dies in the Virtual Device by default, and it can be modified using Set Features command with Virtual Device Feature ID before any QoS Domains are created in the Virtual Device. Once a QoS Domain has been created in a virtual device, the number cannot be changed.

Individual Super Block capacity may gradually decrease over time due to media defects depending on device mode.

# 3.6 Super Page

A Super Page consists of physical pages with the same page number in each physical block of a Super Block. Thus, all Super Blocks in a device have the same number of Super Pages regardless the number



of physical blocks a Super Block occupies. Depending on device mode, there is a case where the size of Super Pages vary when some planes in a Super Page are defective.

# 3.7 Atomic Data Unit (ADU)

A unit of user data and associated metadata that is written or read atomically. The size is given in the FLBAS field in the Identify Namespace Data.

#### 3.8 User Address

Eight-bytes of data associated with read and write commands. The User Address given in a write command is written along with an ADU. The one given with a read command is checked with the one read from flash memory to make sure that the data being returned is the data that was requested.

User Address may be used as a key for a Look Up Table (LUT). Stored User Address data may also be used to rebuild the LUT if it is lost after an unsafe shutdown.

#### 3.9 QoS Domain

An access entity within a Virtual Device. The term "Namespace" in NVMe is treated as a QoS Domain. QoS Domains are created by using the Namespace Management command.

All data access specifies the QoS Domain ID for the operation. In order to isolate QoS Domains, when multiple QoS Domains are within the same Virtual Device, data for different QoS Domains is never mixed within a Super Block. Super Blocks are individually allocated to QoS Domains, however over the lifetime of the device a Super Block may be released from one QoS Domain and later allocated to another QoS Domain.

#### 3.10 Placement ID

Placement IDs are used in each QoS Domain for Flash Address Request and Nameless Write commands. Data with a different Placement ID is stored in a different Super Block.

IDs are valid within a QoS Domain and the number of Placement IDs is specified when creating a QoS Domain. Possible Placement ID for a command is between 0 and one smaller than the number of Placement IDs.



# 3.11 Flash Address (FLA)

Figure 3.4: Flash Address

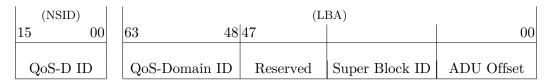
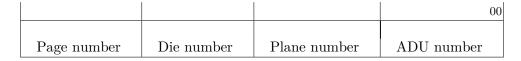


Figure 3.4 shows the Flash Address format. A 16-bit QoS Domain ID uses lower Namespace ID (NSID) field specified by NVMe. For certain commands, the QoS Domain field may be specified as FFFFh to denote all QoS Domains.

The lower 48-bit field of LBA field consists of Super Block ID in the upper and ADU Offset in the lower portions, and the remaining part is reserved. Bit lengths may be different Virtual Device by Virtual Device, and are provided in the Virtual Device Information Log page. The bit length of ADU Offset are up to 32 bits.

ADU Offset is constructed with ADU number, Plane number, Die number and Page number in low-to-high order. Note that each element is not always a power of two.

Figure 3.5: Elements constructing ADU Offset



There are three methods, Perfect, Fragmented, and Packed, to express ADU Offset when one or more blocks in a Super Block are unavailable due to bad blocks or other reasons. Methods supported are given with SEF Command Set Identify Controller data. The method may vary by QoS Domain, and is specified on creation of a QoS Domain.

#### 3.11.1 Perfect Method

A method to keep all Super Blocks in a QoS Domain the same size using alternate blocks when bad blocks are encountered.

#### 3.11.2 Fragmented Method

A method in which ADU Offset is non-contiguous and the missing plane is provided with a Defective Bitmap.

The bit length of the Defective Bitmap is (the number of Planes per Block)  $\times$  (the number of Dies), and the map provides missing Plane number with '1'. The corresponding Plane numbers are not used. It is



provided by the device to the host and is included in ARR in Flash Address Request command, ACO in Nameless Write command and return data of Erase in Super Block Management command.

Figure 3.6: Defective Bitmap layout of n Dies and m Planes

nm-1 (n-1)m	2m-1 m	m-1 0
Die n-1 DBM	 Die 1 DBM	Die 0 DBM

#### 3.11.3 Packed Method

A method where ADU Offset is always contiguous even when bad blocks exist. Unlike Fragmented method, the Defective Bitmap is not required for normal operations.

### 3.12 Super Block Assignment

Assigning a Super Block involves the following parameters specified when creating a QoS Domain.

- GCap: Guaranteed number of Planes.
- Quota: Maximum number of Planes.

A new QoS Domain can be created if both GCaps, general and pSLC Super Blocks, can be guaranteed.

A Super Block beyond GCap can be allocated if the remainder of the Virtual Device is available and in-use number of Planes is less than its Quota. The remainder is the difference between the Virtual Device's current capacity and the total tolerated GCap. The tolerated GCap is GCap plus one less than the number of healthy (w/o defect) Super Block's Planes.

This allows for the implementation of thinly provisioned QoS Domains.



# 4 Super Block State

Free

Flash Address Request Cmd
Nameless Write Cmd
Erase

Reconstruction

Free

Reconstruction

Free

Reconstruction

Free

Reconstruction

Nameless Write Cmd
Nameless Copy Cmd (Dest)
Close

Close

Figure 4.1: Super Block State Diagram

## **4.1** Free

This is the initial state for Super Blocks.

'Closed' Super Block transits to 'Free' by Free operation of a Super Block Management command.

# 4.2 Open

This is the partially programmed Super Block state.



'Free' Super Block transits to 'Open' by either Flash Address Request / Nameless Write command or Erase operation of a Super Block Management command.

Internally, there are two 'Open' states.

**Open for Nameless Write:** A Super Block dedicated to Nameless Write (NLW). The Super Block transits to this state by a Flash Address Request / Nameless Write command without explicit Super Block ID.

**Open by Erase:** A Super Block opened by a Super Block Management Command. This Super Block can be used for Nameless Write and Nameless Copy by specifying explicit Super Block ID.

The maximum number of simultaneous open blocks is determined per the device, or per each Virtual Device. The maximum number for a QoS Domain is specified at creation and can be changed anytime through Set Features command on condition that the total maximum number of QoS Domains doesn't exceed the maximum number of the device or the Virtual Device. When a QoS Domain tries to open a Super Block exceeding its limit, the Super Block least recently opened is closed or the command aborts.

#### 4.3 Closed

This is the state of Super Blocks which retain effective data after all Super Pages are programmed, the user explicitly issues a close operation, or the device forces the Super Block to close.

Currently the device may force a Super Block to the "closed" state due to either internal hardware timing constraints on how long the Super Block has been in the "open" state or due to internal resource constraints such as exceeding the maximum number of open Super Blocks. In the case of resource constraints, the device may select the Super Block to close by any algorithm it desires such as the oldest Super Block currently open or the least recently written Super Block.

#### 4.4 Offline

This is the state of Super Blocks which are out of service.



# **5** Command Scheduling

The Software-Enabled Flash (SEF) Device controls priorities of host command processing through three schedulers.

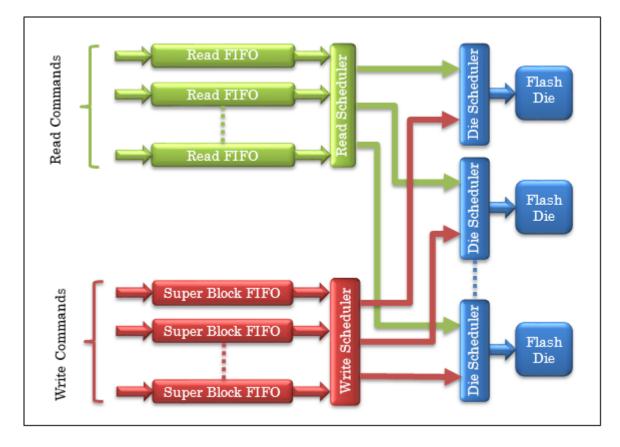


Figure 5.1: Command Scheduling

1. The Read Scheduler can operate as a strict priority based scheduler, a round robin scheduler, or a WFQ scheduler depending on the assigned weights, and send its parsed per-die read commands to the Die Scheduler. When Virtual Devices are created by the Capacity Management command, a default Read FIFO is assigned to each Virtual Device. Read FIFOs can be attached, detached, or changed by the Set Features command with Virtual Device Management FID. A default Read FIFO can also be assigned to a QoS Domain.



- 2. The Write Scheduler can operate as a strict priority based scheduler, a round robin scheduler, or a WFQ scheduler depending on the assigned weights, and send its parsed per-die write commands to the Die Scheduler.
- 3. The Die Scheduler determines a read or write command, examining their weights, and activates the die. When a new higher priority read command comes while a lower priority write or erase command is in progress, the read command may be processed by suspending the current operation.
- 4. Smaller weight is higher priority, and the number of ADUs in each FIFO in a certain period of time is, on the whole, processed in proportion to the reciprocal of the weight.
- 5. Write/Erase weights are on a QoS Domain basis, and specified when QoS Domains are created.
- 6. The weights can be overridden in each individual I/O command if necessary.



# 6 Admin Commands for the Software Enabled Flash (SEF) Command Set

Table 6.1 shows a list of Admin commands the Software-Enabled Flash (SEF) devices support.

Table 6.1: Opcodes for Admin Commands

Opcode	Command	Remarks	
00h	Delete I/O Submission Queue	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
01h	Create I/O Submission Queue	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
02h	Get Log Page	Added SEF specific pages	
04h	Delete I/O Completion Queue	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
05h	Create I/O Completion Queue	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
06h	Identify	Added SEF specific fields	
08h	Abort	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
09h	Set Features	Added SEF specific features	
0Ah	Get Features	Added SEF specific features	
0Ch	Asynchronous Event Request	Added SEF specific events	
0Dh	Namespace Management	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
10h	Firmware Commit	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
11h Firmware Image Download		NVMe 2.0 compatible	
15h	Namespace Attachment	NVMe 2.0 compatible	
20h	Capacity Management	NVMe 2.0 compatible	

Green highlighted fields in this chapter are NVMe 2.0 compatible.



## 6.1 Asynchronous Event Notification Request command

Super Block state change events and Capacity events are added to the I/O Command specific status, and they are identified with the Log Page Identifier in the CQE DW0. The capacity events include capacity reduction event and out of Super Block event, and they are identified with the Virtual Device Information log page.

- Super Block State Change Event: Indicates the state of a Super Block has changed. The closure
  event is notified through this command only when it happens due to the circumstances of the
  device. The closures due to explicit NLW/NLC/Flush/Close operations by the host are not notified
  with this command, but with the status of the NLW/NLC commands.
- Capacity Reduction Event: Indicates the capacity of a Virtual Device was decreased due to a
  physical block failure and has become less than the total guaranteed capacity of its QoS Domains.
  The Virtual Device Information log pages shows '1' for Capacity Reduction bit of Critical Warning
  field, and VDTCAP < VDGCAP.</li>
- Out of Super Block Event: Indicates the number of free Super Blocks in a Virtual Device has become the number of its QoS Domains or less. The Virtual Device Information log page shows '1' for either or both of Out of Super Block bit of Critical Warning field, and SBSTA.NFRSB < ASS\_QOSD and/or PSBSTA.NFRSB < ASS\_QOSD.</li>

#### **Example of host handling of Super Block State Change event**

- 1. Identify Virtual Device ID, Super Block ID and the transition from the Super Block Information log page with CDW11.LSI=FFFFh.
- 2. When reliability index of a Super Block changes to Unknown, the host issues Patrol command on it.
- 3. When a Super Block in Open State for Nameless Write transits to Closed state, the host determines if Garbage Collection is needed.
- 4. When a Super Block in Open state for Nameless Copy transits to Closed state, the host reflects LUT with the accumulated ACRs, and determines if Garbage Collection is needed.
- 5. Issue an Asynchronous Event Notification Request command, if necessary.
- 6. If CDW10.RAE=1 at step (1), reset the event by reading the Super Block Information log page with CDW10.RAE=0. If another Super Block state change exists, another event is raised at this timing.

#### **Example of host handling of Capacity Reduction event**

1. Identify Virtual Device ID and the excess number of Planes from the Virtual Device Information log page with CDW11.LSI=FFFFh.



- 2. Determine QoS Domain(s) whose guaranteed capacity should be reduced, and reduce its (their) guaranteed capacity by issuing Set Features command with Feature ID = QoS Domain Management.
- 3. Issue an Asynchronous Event Notification Request command, if necessary.
- 4. If CDW10.RAE=1 at step (1), reset the event by reading the Virtual Device Information log page with CDW10.RAE=0. If the capacity is still short, another event is raised at this timing.

#### Example of host handling of Out of Super Block event

- 1. Identify Virtual Device ID and the excess number of Super Blocks from the Virtual Device Information log page with CDW11.LSI=FFFFh.
- 2. Determine QoS Domain(s), Super Blocks of which should be freed, and do garbage collection to free Super Blocks.
- 3. Issue an Asynchronous Event Notification Request command, if necessary.
- 4. If CDW10.RAE=1 at step (1), reset the event by reading the Virtual Device Information log page with CDW10.RAE=0. If the number of free Super Block is still less, another event is raised at this timing.

#### **6.1.1 Command Completion**

The information about this event is returned in Completion Queue Entry Dword 0.

Table 6.2: SEF Capacity Event - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0

Bits	Description	on .				
31:24	Reserved	eserved				
23:16	Log Page	g Page Identifier: Indicates the log page associated with the asynchronous event.				
	This log pag	ge needs to be read by the host to clear the event.				
	D0h: SEF	Capacity event				
	D3h: Sup	h: Super Block State Change event				
15:08	Asynchron	Asynchronous Event Information (AEI): Returns one of the following value				
	for IO Cor	mmand Set Specific Status. 40h is for SEF Command Set Status.				
	Value	Description				
	00h-3Fh	Defined in standard NVMe family specifications				
	40h SEF Command Set Specific Status (Tentative)					
	41h-FFh Reserved					
07:03	Reserved					



02:00	Asynchronous	Event Type: Indicates the type of the asynchronous
	event. M	ore specific information on the event is provided in
	the Asynchron	ous Event Information field. 110b is used for SEF.
	Value	Description
	000b	Error status
	001b	SMART / Health status
	010b	Notice
	011b to 101b	Reserved
110b I/O Command Set specific status		
	111b	Vendor Specific

# 6.2 Capacity Management command

Host software uses the Capacity Management command to configure Endurance Groups (Virtual Devices) by selecting one of a set of supported configurations (i.e. Fixed Capacity Management). SEF Command Set doesn't support Variable Capacity Management. The Capacity Management command specifies the operations defined in Table 6.3.

The Capacity Management command uses the Command Dword 10.

Table 6.3: Capacity Management - Command Dword 10

Bits	Descripti	Description			
31:16	Element Identifier: This field contains a value specific to the value of the Operation				
	field. Spec	field. Specify Capacity Configuration ID (0, 1, 2, or 3) for Select Capacity Configuration.			
	ID 0 is for	deletion, 1 is built-in, and 2 and 3 are configurable.			
15:04	Reserved				
03:00	Operation	n: Specifies the operation to be performed by the controller:			
	Value	Value Description			
	0h	Select Capacity Configuration: Endurance Groups and NVM Sets are			
		configured as indicated by the Capacity Configuration Descriptor specified by			
	this command.				
	Not supported by the SEF Command Set				
	5h - Fh	Reserved			

If the Element Identifier field is cleared to '0', then the controller shall clear the configuration. It can be done only when Delete Endurance Group (Bit13) in CTRATT (Byte99-96) in the Identify Controller Data is '1'. If a QoS Domain exists, the controller aborts the command. If the Element Identifier field specifies the current configuration, then the controller shall complete the command without error and



shall make no change to the capacity configuration. If the Element Identifier field is not 0, and specifies other than the current configuration, then the controller aborts the command.

# 6.3 Get/Set Features command

Table 6.4 defines Features that are added to NVMe 2.0.

Table 6.4: Feature Identifiers

Feature	Persistent Across	Uses Memory	Description
Identifier	Cycle and Reset	Buffer for Attributes	
05h	No	No	Error Recovery (From NVM1.0
			specification)
D0h	Yes	Yes	Virtual Device Management
D1h	Yes	No	QoS Domain Management
D2h	Yes	Yes	Capacity Configuration
			Registration

#### 6.3.1 Error Recovery (Feature Identifier 05h)

NVM 1.0 defines that the default value of DULBE is '0' and host software shall only enable this error if it is supported for this namespace as indicated in the Namespace Features field of the Identify Namespace data structure. The default value for this field shall be '0'. In SEF, the Namespace Features field of the Identify Namespace data structure indicates it is supported, however, DULBE is always '1' and unchangeable.

Table 6.5: Error Recovery - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:17	Reserved	
16	Deallocated or Unwritten Logical Block Error Enable (DULBE): If set to '1',	
	then the Deallocated or Unwritten Logical Block error is enabled for the namespace specified	
	in CDW1.NSID. '1' is always returned for Get Features and unchangeable against Set	
	Features.	
15:00	Time Limited Error Recovery (TLER): See Figure 84 in NVM 1.0	

#### 6.3.2 Virtual Device Management (Feature Identifier D0h)

Set Features sets Virtual Device settings, and Get Features returns information of a Virtual Device. CDW10.SV of Set Features is ignored and settings are always saved.



Table 6.6: Virtual Device Management - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description		
31:04	This field depends on CDW11.SEL. If not indicated, the field is reserved.		
03:00	Select (SEL): This field selects the type of operation to perform.		
	Value	Set Features	Get Features
	0h	Set Number of Dies	Reserved
	1h	Attach Read FIFO	Reserved
	2h	Change Read FIFO	Reserved
	3h	Detach Read FIFO	Reserved
	4h	Set Number of pSLC Blocks	Reserved
	5h	Control Asynchronous Event	Reserved
	Fh	Reset Scheduler	Reserved
	6h-Eh	Reserved	

#### Set Number of Dies

Defines the number of Dies to compose a Super Block for the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID. This operation is executable only before a QoS Domain is created.

Set Number of Dies uses CDW11.

Table 6.7: Set Number of Dies - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Reserved	
15:08	Number of Dies (ND): Indicates the number of Dies constructing a Super Block. This	
	is a 0'sbased value. The number must be a divisor of the number of Dies in the Virtual	
	Device. If it isn't, then the controller aborts the command.	
07:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '0' for Set Number of Dies.	

#### Attach Read FIFO

Attaches a Read FIFO specified with CDW12.RFID to the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID.

When SEFCAP.bit13 in the Identify SEF Command Set Controller data is cleared to '0', and the Read FIFO is already attached to another Virtual Device, the command aborts.

Attach Read FIFO uses CDW11 and 12.



Table 6.8: Attach Read FIFO - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Weight (WT): Read Weight	
15:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '1' for Attach Read FIFO	

Table 6.9: Attach Read FIFO - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31	Default (D): If set to '1' the Read FIFO is set as a default. If cleared to '0', the default	
	setting stays.	
30:00	Read FIFO Identifier (RFID): Specifies Read FIFO ID to attach or change.	

#### **Change Read FIFO**

Changes the weight and/or default setting for the Read FIFO specified with CDW12.RFID. If the Read FIFO is not attached to the Virtual Device, the command aborts. Change Read FIFO uses CDW11 and 12.

Table 6.10: Change Read FIFO - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Weight (WT): Read Weight	
15:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '2' for Change Read FIFO	

Table 6.11: Change Read FIFO - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31	Default (D): If set to '1' the Read FIFO is set as a default. If cleared to '0', the default	
	setting stays.	
30:00	Read FIFO Identifier (RFID): Specifies Read FIFO ID to attach or change.	

#### **Detach Read FIFO**

Detaches a Read FIFO specified with CDW12.RFID from the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID. If the Read FIFO is set as a default of a Virtual Device or a QoS Domain, the command is aborted. Detach Read FIFO uses CDW11 and 12.



Table 6.12: Detach Read FIFO - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Weight (WT): Read Weight	
15:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '3' for Detach Read FIFO	

Table 6.13: Detach Read FIFO - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description
31:00	Read FIFO Identifier (RFID): Specifies Read FIFO ID to detach. If the specified
	Read FIFO is not attached to the Virtual Device, or is used as a default Read FIFO by the
	Virtual Device or any QoS Domains, the controller aborts the command.

#### Set Number of pSLC Blocks

Defines the number of regular Blocks per Die to transform to pSLC on the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID. The number of pSLC blocks per die will be the-number-of-Plane times of the specified number.

If either of GCaps for general and pSLC Super Blocks is not satisfied, the command is aborted.

Set Number of pSLC Blocks uses CDW11 and 12.

Table 6.14: Set Number of pSLC Blocks - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '4' for Set Number of pSLC Blocks	

Table 6.15: Set Number of pSLC Blocks - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description
31:00	Number of pSLC Blocks (NPBLK): Specifies the number of pSLC physical blocks
	per die. This is not a 0's based value. If the value exceeds the number of available pSLC
	physical blocks, all Super Blocks are configured in pSLC mode.

#### **Control Asynchronous Event**

Enables or disables asynchronous events of the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID.

When disabled, Asynchronous Event Notification Request command doesn't return for the event, but the



behavior of the corresponding Get Log Page command is the same as when enabled.

Control Asynchronous Event uses CDW11.

Table 6.16: Control Asynchronous Event - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description		
31:24	Reserved		
23:16	Critical Warning Control: Controls the settings of the critical warnings. The value of		
	'0' disables the event, while '1' enables. The default is '0'.		
	Bits	Definition	
	7:3	Reserved	
	2	Capacity Reduction Event	
	1	Out of pSLC Super Block Event	
	0	Out of general Super Block Event	
15:14	Reserved		
15:14	Select (SEL): '5' for Control Asynchronous Event		

#### Reset Scheduler

Resets schedulers specified with CDW11.SCH of the Virtual Device specified with CDW1.NSID. If FFFFh is specified for CDW1.NSID, all Virtual Devices are the targets.

This is for maintenance and will be deleted from formal publication.

Reset Scheduler uses CDW11.

Table 6.17: Reset Scheduler - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description		
31:08	Reserved		
07:04	Schedu	eduler (SCH): Specify schedulers to reset.	
	Bits	Description	
	7	Internal Read Scheduler	
	6	Read Scheduler	
	5	Write Scheduler	
	4	Die Scheduler	
03:00	Select (SEL): 'Fh' for Reset Scheduler		

#### **Command Completion**



Table 6.18: Virtual Device Management - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0

Bits	Description
31:16	Reserved
15:00	Virtual Devices ID (VDID): Virtual Device ID processed.

#### 6.3.3 QoS Domain Management (Feature Identifier D1h)

Set Features manages a QoS Domain and Get Features returns a Root Pointer of a QoS Domain. The type of operation is specified in CDW11.SEL. CDW10.SV of Set Features is ignored and settings are always saved.

Table 6.19: QoS Domain Management - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description			
31:04	This field depends on CDW11.SEL. If not indicated, the field is reserved.			
03:00	Select (S	Select (SEL): This field selects the type of operation to perform.		
	Value	Set Features	Get Features	
	0h	Set a Root Pointer	Get a Root Pointer	
	1h	Change Capacity	Reserved	
	2h	Change Weights	Reserved	
	3h	Change Read Deadline	Reserved	
	4h	Change Maximum Number of Open	Reserved	
		Super Blocks		
	5h	Change Default Read FIFO	Reserved	
	6h-Fh	Reserved		

#### Set/Get a Root Pointer

Set Features sets and Get Features gets the Root Pointer specified with CDW11.RPID of the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID.

64-bit Root Pointers are prepared for each QoS Domain. Their purposes are up to the host. Most likely usage is pointers to locations where important data such as management data is stored.

Table 6.20: Set/Get a Root Pointer - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description
31:08	Reserved
07:04	Root Pointer ID (RPID): Specified the Root Pointer ID to manage.
03:00	Select (SEL): '0' for Set/Get a Root Pointer

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Table 6.21: Set a Root Pointer - Command Dword 12 and 13

Bits	Description
63:00	Root Pointer (RPTR): Specifies the Root Pointer to be set.

#### **Change Capacity**

This operation changes guaranteed capacity and/or quota of the QoS Domain ID specified in CDW1.NSID.

If CDW12.GCAP doesn't satisfy that of other QoS Domains in the Virtual Device, the controller aborts the command.

Change Capacity uses CDW11, CDW12 and CDW13.

Table 6.22: Change Capacity - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description
31:17	Reserved
16	Type of Super Block: '0' specifies general Super Block, '1' specifies pSLC Super Block
15:04	Reserved
03:00	Select (SEL): '1' for Change Capacity

Table 6.23: Change Capacity - Command Dword 12 and 13

Bits	Description
63:00	Guaranteed Capacity (GCAP): Specifies the number of guaranteed Planes to be
	used. This is not a 0's based value. When 0 is specified, the current GCAP is retained.

Table 6.24: Change Capacity - Command Dword 14 and 15

Bits	Description	
63:00	Quota (QUOTA): Indicates the maximum number of Planes the QoS Domain may	
	possibly use. This is not a 0's based value. When 0 is specified, the current Quota is	
	retained. If QUOTA < max(GCAP, UCAP), QUOTA is rounded up to max(GCAP, UCAP),	
	where UCAP is the utilization (see Table 6.56).	

#### **Change Weights**

This operation changes weights of the QoS Domain specified with CDW1.NSID. Change Weights uses CDW11 and 12.



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Table 6.25: Change Weights - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description
31:04	Reserved
03:00	Select (SEL): '2' for Change Weights

Table 6.26: Change Weights - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31:16	Erase Weight (EWT)	
15:0	Write Weight (WWT)	

#### **Change Read Deadline**

This operation changes Read Deadline of the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID. Change Read Deadline uses CDW11.

Table 6.27: Change Read Deadline - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:10	Reserved	
09:08	Read Deadline (RDL):	
	Value	Description
	0	Fastest
	1	Typical
	2	Long
	3	Heroic
07:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '3' for Change Read Deadline	

#### **Change Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks**

This operation changes the maximum number of Super Blocks the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID is able to open simultaneously. Change Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks uses CDW11.

Table 6.28: Change Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks (MAXOSB): This is not a 0's based	
	value. If the number is less than or equal to the number of NPLID+2, NPLID+2 is set,	
	where NPLID is in the SEF Command Set Identify Namespace data.	

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15:04	Reserved
03:00	Select (SEL): '4' for Change Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks

#### Change Default Read FIFO

This operation changes the default Read FIFO of the QoS Domain specified with CDW1.NSID. Change Default Read FIFO uses CDW11 and 12.

Table 6.29: Change Default Read FIFO - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:04	Reserved	
03:00	Select (SEL): '5' for Change Default Read FIFO	

Table 6.30: Change Default Read FIFO - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31:00	Read FIFO ID (RFID): If 0 is specified, the default Read FIFO for the Virtual Device is	
	used. If the specified Read FIFO is not 0, nor attached to the Virtual Device, the controller	
	aborts the command.	

#### **Command Completion**

Table 6.31: QoS Domain Management - Completion Queue Entry 0 and 1 for Get a Root Pointer

Bits	Description
63:00	Root Pointer (RPTR): Root Pointer

Table 6.32: QoS Domain Management - Completion Queue Entry 0 for other than Get a Root Pointer

Bits	Description
31:16	Reserved
15:00	QoS Domain ID (QOSDID): Indicates QoS Domain ID processed.

#### Capacity Configuration Registration (Feature Identifier D2h)

Set Features registers the Capacity Configuration specified with the Capacity Configuration Descriptor. The SEF unit has three sets of Capacity Configurations, ID=1 and 2, and ID=2 can be registered. When the ID currently selected is specified, the controller aborts the command. This feature additionally uses DPTR, CDW10 and CDW11.

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Table 6.33: Capacity Configuration Registration - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description	
31:16	Number of Endurance Group Configuration Descriptors (EGCN): This field	
	indicates the number of Endurance Groups in the Capacity Configuration Descriptor.	
15:00	Total Number of Channel Media Units (TCHMUS): This field indicates the	
	number of Channel Media Units that appear in the Capacity Configuration Descriptor.	

The Size of the Capacity Configuration Descriptor is as follows:

 $20h + EGCN \times 58h + TCHMUS \times 8h$  In the Capacity Configuration Descriptor, Endurance Group Configuration Descriptors are listed in ascending order by Endurance Group Identifier, and each Endurance Group Identifier shall appear only once. Get Features is not supported for this identifier. Use Get Log Page command with Supported Capacity Configuration List (Log Identifier 11h) instead.

Table 6.34: Capacity Configuration Registration - Capacity Configuration Descriptor

Bytes	Description
1:0	Capacity Configuration Identifier: This field indicates the identifier for this
	Capacity Configuration. Shall be '2'.
3:2	Domain Identifier: Domain is not supported, and must be '0'.
5:4	Number of Endurance Group Configuration Descriptors (EGCN): This
	field indicates the number of Endurance Group (Virtual Device) Configuration Descriptors
	in the list.
31:6	Reserved
NOTE 1	Endurance Group Configuration 1 Descriptor: This field indicates the first
	Endurance Group Configuration Descriptor in the list.
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NOTE 1	Endurance Group Configuration EGCN Descriptor: This field indicates the
	last Endurance Group Configuration Descriptor in the list, if any.
NOTES:	
1. Endurance Group Configuration Descriptor may be different lengths.	

In the Endurance Group Configuration Descriptor, just one Channel Configuration Descriptor must be listed. It means all Dies of the SEF Unit are regarded to be connected to a single virtual channel.

Table 6.35: Endurance Group Configuration Descriptor

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1:0	Endurance Group Identifier (ENDGID): This field indicates the identifier of the	
	Endurance Group (Virtual Device) described by this Endurance Group Configuration	
	Descriptor. This field shall indicate a value greater than or equal to 1h and less than or	
	equal to the number of Dies in the SEF device.	
3:2	Capacity Adjustment Factor: This field is not supported and must be '0'.	
79:4	Reserved	
NVM Set Identifiers		
81:80	Number of NVM Sets (EGSETS): NVM Sets are not supported and must be '0'.	
Channel Configuration Descriptors		
83:82	Number of Channels (EGCHANS): In the Capacity Configuration Descriptor, all	
	Media Units (Dies) are regarded to be connected to a single virtual channel, and must	
	be '1'.	
NOTE 1	Channel 0 Configuration Descriptor: This field contains the Channel	
	Configuration Descriptor for the first and the only Channel in this Endurance Group.	
NOTES:		
1. Channel Configuration Descriptor may be different lengths.		

The Channel Configuration Descriptor lists the Media Units (Dies) attached to a Channel. Media Unit Configuration Descriptors are listed in ascending order by Media Unit Identifier, and each Media Unit Identifier shall appear only once throughout all Endurance Group Descriptors.

Table 6.36: Channel Configuration Descriptor

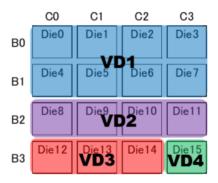
Bytes	Description
1:0	Channel Identifier: Not supported, and must be FFFFh.
3:2	Number of Channel Media Units (CHMUS): This field
	indicates the number of Media Units (Dies) that are attached to
	this Channel.
11:4	Media Unit 0 Configuration Descriptor: This field contains
	the Media Unit Configuration Descriptor for the first Media Unit
	attached to this Channel.
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CHMUS*8+3:CHMUS*8-4	Media Unit CHMUS-1 Configuration Descriptor: This field
	contains the Media Unit Configuration Descriptor for the last Media
	Unit attached to this Channel.

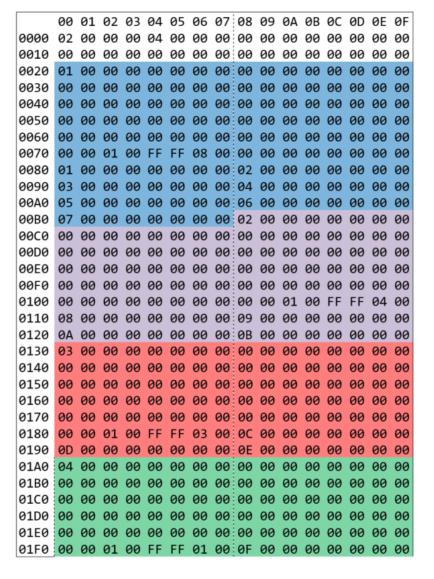


Table 6.37: Media Unit Configuration Descriptor

Bytes	Description
1:0	Media Unit Identifier: This field indicates the identifier of this Media Unit.
5:2	Reserved
7:6	Media Unit Descriptor Length (MUDL): This field contains the length in bytes of
	the descriptor information that follows. The total length of the Media Unit Configuration
	Descriptor in bytes is the value in this field plus 8. In controllers compliant to this revision
	of this specification, this field shall be cleared to 0h.

Figure 6.1: Example of a Capacity Configuration Descriptor





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## 6.4 Get Log Page command

The Get Log Page command returns a data buffer containing the log page requested.

The Get Log Page command uses the Data Pointer, Command Dword 10, Command Dword 11, Command Dword 12, Command Dword 13, and Command Dword 14 fields. All other command specific fields are reserved.

Table 6.38 illustrates Command Dword 11, which includes an additional Log Specific Identifier filed for Virtual Device Information Log Page.

Table 6.38: Get Log Page - Command Dword 11

Bits	Description		
31:16	Log Specific Identifier (LSI): This field specifies an identifier that is required for a		
	particular log page. The log pages that require a log specific identifier are indicated in the		
	table below.		
	Log Page Description		
	Virtual Device Information		
	Super Block Information	Endurance Group (Virtual Device) Identifier	
	Read FIFO List		
15:00	Number of Dwords (NUMDU)		

Table 6.39 defines the Log pages that are added to NVMe 2.0.

Table 6.39: Get Log Page - Additional Log Page Identifiers

Log Identifier	Description
11h	Supported Capacity Configuration List
D0h	Virtual Device Information
D2h	Super Block List
D3h	Super Block Information
D4h	User Address List
D5h	Address Change Order
D6h	Read FIFO List

### 6.4.1 Supported Capacity Configuration List (Log Identifier 11h)

This log page is used to provide a list of Supported Capacity Configuration Descriptors. Each entry in the list defines a different configuration of Endurance Groups (Virtual Devices) supported by the device. SEF Devices support two configurations, ID=1 and 2.  $ID\ 1$  is a predefined fixed configuration of Endurance Groups (Virtual Devices) with one die each.  $ID\ 2$  can be registered through Set Features command with



Feature ID at D2h. Its initial configuration is up to the device.

### 6.4.2 Virtual Device Information (Log Identifier D0h)

This log page provides the information of the Virtual Device specified with Endurance Group Identifier in CDW11. If the Identifier is FFFFh, it returns the information of a Virtual Device which raised a critical warning. If no Virtual Device raised a warning, the controller aborts the command.

Table 6.40: Get Log Page - Virtual Device Information Structure

Bytes	Description	
1:0	Virtual Device ID (VDID): This field indicates Virtual Device Identifier.	
2	Critical Warning: This field indicates critical warnings for the state of the	
	Virtual Device. Each bit corresponds to a critical warning type; multiple bits may	
	be set to '1'. If a bit is cleared to '0', then that critical warning does not apply.	
	Critical warnings may result in an asynchronous event notification to the host.	
	Bits in this field represent the current associated state and are not persistent.	
	Bits Definition	
	7:3 Reserved	
	2 If set to '1', then the total capacity (VDTCAP) has become greater	
	than the total number of guaranteed capacity (VDGCAP).	
	1 If set to '1', then the number of free pSLC Super Blocks	
	(PSBSTA.NFRSB) has become less than the number of its QoS	
	Domains (ASS_QOSD).	
	0 If set to '1', then the number of free general Super Blocks	
	(SBSTA.NFRSB) has become less than the number of its QoS	
	Domains (ASS_QOSD).	
3	Critical Warning Control: This field indicates critical warning settings of	
	the Virtual Device. If a bit is cleared to '0', then that critical warning event is	
	disabled. If a bit is set to '1', then the event is enabled.	
	Bits Definition	
	7:3 Reserved	
	2 Capacity Reduction Event	
	1 Out of pSLC Super Block Event	
	0 Out of general Super Block Event	
7:4	Current Erase Serial Number (CESN): Indicates the current number of	
	erase operation. This field is cleared to zero when creating the Virtual Device,	
	and is incremented and assigned to the Super Block when it is allocated.	
8	Maximum P/E Count (MAX_PE): Indicates the maximum P/E count	
	$index^1$ .	



9	Average P/E Count (AVE_PE): Indicates the average P/E count index $^1$ .
11:10	Number of Dies per Super Block (NSBDIE): Indicates the number of
	dies to compose a Super Block.
12	Super Block Bit Width (SBBW): Indicates the number of bits of the
	Super Block ID field in the flash address. This is a 0's based value.
13	ADU Offset Bit Width (AOBW): Indicates the number of bits of the
	ADU Offset field in the flash address. This is a 0's based value.
15:14	Recommended Patrol Cycle (RPC): Indicates recommended patrol cycle
	in minutes. Each closed Super Block should be checked within the cycle. This
	number decreases as wear increases.
19:16	Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks (MXOSB): Indicates the
	maximum number of simultaneously open Super Blocks within this Virtual Device.
	A value of 0 indicates the number is not reported here and reported in a SEF
	Command Set Identify Controller data.
23:20	Default Read FIFO ID (DRFID): Indicates default Read FIFO ID.
27:24	Number of Read FIFOs (NRF): Indicates the number of Read FIFOs
	attached to this Virtual Device.
31:28	Number of pSLC Blocks (NPBLK): Indicates the number of regular
	blocks per die transformed to pSLC. This is not a 0's based value. FFFFFFFh
	means all Super Blocks are configured in pSLC mode.
39:32	Virtual Device Total Capacity (VDTCAP): Indicates the total number
	of usable Planes included in this Virtual Device. This number decreases as wear
	occurs. (SBSTA.TCAP $+$ PSBSTA.TCAP)
47:40	Virtual Device Guaranteed Capacity (VDGCAP): Indicates the total
	GCAP. (SBSTA.GCAP + PSBSTA.GCAP)
55:48	Virtual Device In-use Capacity (VDUCAP): Indicates the total number
	of Planes actually assigned (SBSTA.UCAP $+$ PSBSTA.UCAP)
63:56	Reserved
127:64	Super Block Statistics (SBSTA): Statistics of general Super Blocks. Refer
	to Table 6.41.
191:128	pSLC Super Block Statistics (PSBSTA): Statistics of pSLC Super Blocks.
	Refer to Table 6.41.
193:192	Number of QoS Domains assigned (ASS_QOSD): Indicates the
	number of QoS Domains assigned.
195:194	Number of Dies (NDIE): Indicates the number of dies the Virtual Device
	contains. This is a 0's based value.
197:196	1st Die: ID The first die identifier. The numbers are listed in descending
	order.



2n+195:2n+194	${f n-th\ Die\ ID:}$ The last, n-th (=NDIE), die identifier.	
NOTES:		
1. P/E count index indicates the number assuming 200 is the maximum limit of P/E counts.		
If the index exceeds 255, 255 is reported.		

Table 6.41: Virtual Device Information - Super Block Statistics Structure

Byte	Description		
7:0	Total Capacity (TCAP): Indicates the total number of Planes of the type of the Super		
	Block. This number decreases as wear goes.		
15:8	Total Guaranteed Capacity (TGCAP): Indicates the total guaranteed number of		
	Planes of the type of Super Blocks including any required rounding/overhead.		
23:16	In-use Capacity (UCAP): Indicates the total number of Planes actually assigned to		
	the type of the Super Blocks		
27:24	Number of Free Super Blocks (NFRSB): Indicates the number of Super Blocks in		
	Free state.		
31:28	Number of Closed Super Blocks (NCLSB): Indicates the number of Super Blocks		
	in Closed states.		
35:32	Number of Open Super Blocks by Erase (NEOSB): Indicates the number of		
	Open Super Blocks by Erase.		
39:36	Number of Open Super Blocks for NLW (NWOSB): Indicates the number of		
	Open Super Blocks for Nameless Write with Placement ID indication.		
63:40	Reserved		

### Super Block List (Log Identifier D2h)

This log page returns a list of Super Blocks assigned to the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID in the specified order in LODR field. CDW12.LPOL and CDW13.LPOU are ignored.

Table 6.42: Get Log Page - Command Dword 10 for Super Block List

Bits	Description
31:15	See Figure 197 of NVMe 2.0
14:12	List Order (LODR): Specifies the order the list is sorted.

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	Value	Description
	0h	Wear Leveling: Indicates the order of closed Super Blocks to free for Wear
		Leveling.
	1h	Most Urgent to Refresh: Indicates the order of closed Super Blocks for
		garbage collection due to poor data retention quality.
	2h	Most Urgent to Check: Indicates the order of closed Super Blocks for
		inspection to assess the data retention quality.
	3h	Open and Closed: Indicates a list of open and closed Super Blocks assigned
		to the QoS Domain. Each state is shown in the SBS field.
	4h	Closed: Indicates a list of closed Super Blocks assigned to the QoS Domain
		in ascending Super Block ID order.
	5h-7h	Reserved
11:00	See Figure 197 of NVMe 2.0	

Table 6.43: Get Log Page - Super Block List Data

Qword	Description	
0	1st Super Block Descriptor	
1	2nd Super Block Descriptor	
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n-1	n-th Super Block Descriptor	

Table 6.44: Super Block List Data - Super Block Descriptor

Bytes	Description	
3:0	Super Block ID (SBID): Indicates Super Block ID	
4	P/E Count Index (PECI): Indicates the P/E count index assuming 200 is the	
	maximum $P/E$ counts. When the index exceeds 255, 255 is returned.	
5	Data Integrity Index (DII): Indicates how reliable the Super Block is, when	
	CDW10.LODR=0~2, 4. Super Block State (SBS): Indicates the state of the Super	
	Block when CDW10.LODR=3. Refer to DII and SBS of Super Block Information Data for	
	the values.	
7:6	Reserved	

When SBID=FFFFFFFh, it indicates the end of the list.



### 6.4.4 Super Block Information (Log Identifier D3h)

This log page returns information of the Super Block specified with CDW12.LPOL in the Virtual Device specified with the Endurance Group Identifier in CDW11. Thus, the log page offset is always treated as '0'. If the Endurance Group Identifier is FFFFh, it returns the information of a Super Block which raises an asynchronous state change event. If no Super Block raises a state change, the controller aborts the command.

Table 6.45: Get Log Page - Super Block Information

Bytes	Description		
1:0	Virtual Device ID (VDID): Virtual Device ID		
2	State Transition (ST): This field is valid when the Endurance Group Identifier is		
	FFFFh.		
	Bits	Description	
	7-4	Reserved	
	3	From 'Open by Erase' to 'Closed'	
	2	From 'Open for Nameless Write' to 'Closed'	
	1	Reserved	
	0	Data Integrity becomes 'Unknown'	
3	Super	Block State (SBS): Indicates the state of the Super Block. If the Super Block	
	is in Clo	osed state, either of bit2 or 3 is also set to indicate the way of its open.	
	Bit	Description	
	7	Offline	
	6	pSLC	
	5-4	Reserved	
	3	Open by Erase	
	2	Open for Nameless Write with Placement ID	
	1	Closed	
	0	Free	
7:4	Super	Block ID (SBID): Indicates Super Block ID	
9:8	Placement ID (PID): Indicates Placement ID if bit2 of SBS is set. Otherwise, FFFFh		
	is set.		
11:10	QoS Domain ID (QOSDID): Indicates QoS Domain ID the Super Block belongs to,		
	if either	bit of 1 to 3 in SBS is set. Otherwise, it is cleared to '0'.	
12	$  P/E \overline{C}$	${f Count\ Index\ (PECI):}$ Indicates the P/E count index assuming 200 is the	
	maximu	m P/E counts. When the index exceeds 255, 255 is returned.	
13	Data Integrity Index (DII): Indicates how reliable the Super Block in 'Closed' state		
	is.		



	Value	Description	
	0	Unknown	
	1	Good	
	2	Allowable	
	3	Marginal	
	4-15	Reserved	
15:14	Time Left (TL): Indicates minutes left. When DII=0, the host should complete checking		
	(patrolling), when DII=2 or 3, the host should complete refreshing within the limit.		
19:16	Capacity (CAP): Indicates the capacity in the number of ADUs. It may decrease		
	during Open state. This field is effective when either of bit 1 to 3 in SBS is set.		
23:20	ADU Pointer (ADUPTR): Indicates the ADU ID that should be written next. The		
	value is the offset following the mode of Perfect, Packed or Fragmented. Is valid only		
	when it is in Open state.		
27:24	Erase Serial Number (ESN): Indicates the order of erasure. This field is valid for		
	those in Open or Closed state.		

Table 6.46: Get Log Page - Super Block Information

Bytes	Description			
29:28	Die Group ID (DGID): Indicates the identifier of the die group which is a set of dies			
	that the Super Block consists of. The value is between 0 and (VD.NDIE / VD.NSBDIE -			
	1).			
31:30	Number of Defective Planes (NDPL): Indicates the number of defective Planes			
	per Super Page. Is valid when its defective management method is Packed or Fragmented.			
	It possibly increases during Open.			
127:32	Reserved			
255:128	Defect Bitmap (DBM): Indicates the bitmap which expresses defective Planes. Is			
	valid when its defective management method is Packed or Fragmented. It possibly			
	increases during Open.			

### 6.4.5 User Address List (Log Identifier D4h)

This log page returns a list of user addresses in the Super Block specified with CDW13.LPOU used by the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID in the order of Flash Address in order to reconstruct LUT after an unsafe shutdown. Only CDW12.LPOL is used for the offset.



Table 6.47: Get Log Page - User Address Data List

Qwords	Description		
0	1st User Address		
1	2nd User Address		
_			
m-1	m-th User Address		

### 6.4.6 Address Change Order (Log Identifier D5h)

This log page is used to provide Address Change Order information of the ACO ID specified with CDW12.LPOL for the QoS Domain specified with CDW1.NSID. CDW13.LPOU is reserved.

An Address Change Order is generated by the device to notify the host of the Flash address relocation when a program error happens for a Nameless Write command.

After the command completes successfully, the information in the device is deleted, so that the host can no longer retrieve the information. If the number of Dwords is less than six times of CQE DW1.NADU of the Nameless Write command, the command is aborted.

If the ACO ID is invalid, the command is aborted.

Table 6.48: Get Log Page - Address Change Order Log Entry (Log Identifier D5h)

Bytes	Description
07:00	Starting User Address (SUA): The starting user address specified with
	CDW10.SUA in the associated Nameless Write command.
15:08	Flash Address (FLA): The flash address specified with CDW14-15 in the
	associated Nameless Write command.
17:16	Number of ADUs (NADU): The number of ADUs specified with
	CDW12.NADU in the associated Nameless Write command. This is a 0's based
	value.
19:18	Number of ACO Entries (NACO): The number of address change order
	entries generated. This is a 0's based value.
23:20	NLW ID (NLWID): Nameless Write ID from CDW13.NLWID in the Nameless
	Write command.
27:24	Number of ADUs Left (NADUL): The remaining number of ADUs in the
	last Super Block.
29:28	Number of Defective Planes (NDP): The number of defective planes per
	Super Page in the last Super Block.
31:30	Reserved
55:32	1st Address Change Order Entry



79:56	2nd Address Change Order Entry
24n+31:24n+8	n-th Address Change Order Entry

Table 6.49: Address Change Order Entry

Qword	Description
0	User Address
1	Old Flash Address: This field is set to FFFFFFFFFFFFF if the associated
	Nameless Write command was processed independently.
2	New Flash Address

### 6.4.7 Read FIFO List (Log Identifier D6h)

This log page returns a list of Read FIFOs of the Virtual Device specified with the Endurance Group Identifier (ENDGID) in CDW11 in ascending ID order.

If ENDGID is FFFFh, all Read FIFOs are listed. For the Read FIFO which is not attached to any Virtual Device, its Virtual Device ID field is cleared to '0'. For the Read FIFO which is attached to multiple Virtual Devices, multiple Read FIFO Collections are listed in ascending Virtual Device ID order.

Table 6.50: Get Log Page - Read FIFO List

Entry	Description	
0	1st Read FIFO Collection	
1	2nd Read FIFO Collection	
m-1	n-th Read FIFO Collection	

Table 6.51: Get Log Page - Read FIFO Collection

Bytes	Description		
3:0	Read FIFO ID		
5:4	Virtual Device ID		
7:6	Weight		

When Read FIFO ID=FFFFFFFh, it indicates the end of the list.



# 6.5 Identify command

The SEF Command Set supports following CNS values.

Table 6.52: Identify - CNS Values

CNS Value	O/M	Definition	NSID	CNTID	CSI	Reference Section
		Active Nam	espace N		ıt	
00h	М	Identify	Υ	N	N	NVM1.0
		Namespace				
		data structure.				
01h	М	Identify	N	N	N	5.5.1
		Controller				
		data structure.				
02h	M	Active	Y	N	N	NVMe 2.0
		Namespace				
		ID list				
03h	M	Namespace	Y	N	N	NVMe 2.0
		Identification				
		Descriptor list.				
05h	M	Identify I/O	Y	N	Υ	5.5.2
		Command				
		Set specific				
		Namespace				
		data structure.				
06h	M	Identify I/O	N	N	Υ	5.5.3
		Command				
		Set Specific				
		Controller data				
071	M	structure.	Υ	N	Υ	NIV (NA O O
07h	IVI	Active	Y	IN	Y	NVMe 2.0
		Namespace ID list associated				
		with the				
		specified I/O Command Set.				
		Command Set.				



08h	M	I/O Command Set Independent	Y	N	N	NVMe 2.0
		Identify				
		Namespace data structure				
		Controller and	Namosas	oco Mana	goment	
10h	M	Allocated	Y	N	N	NVMe 2.0
1011	IVI	Namespace ID	i i	IN	IN.	NVIVIE 2.0
		list.				
11h	М	Identify	Υ	N	N	NVMe 2.0
		Namespace				
		data structure				
		for the specified				
		allocated NSID				
12h	M	Controller List	Y	Y	N	NVMe 2.0
		of controllers attached to the				
		specified NSID.				
13h	M	Controller List	N	Y	N	NVMe 2.0
		of controllers				
		that exists				
		in the NVM				
		subsystem.				
19h	M	Endurance	N	N	N	NVMe 2.0
		Group List				
1Ah	M	I/O Command	Y	N	Y	NVMe 2.0
		Set specific				
		Allocated				
		Namespace ID				
1Bh	M	I/O Command	Y	N	Y	NVMe 2.0
		Set specific				
		Identify				
		Namespace				
		data structure				
1Ch	М	I/O Command	N	Y	N	NVMe 2.0
		Set data				
		structure				



Command Set Identifier for SEF Command Set is tentatively 30h.

Table 6.53: Command Set Identifiers

Command Set Identifier Value	Description
00h	NVM Command Set
01h	Key Value Command Set
02h	Zoned Namespace Command Set
30h	SEF Command Set

## 6.5.1 Identify Controller data structure (CNS 01h)

Below only shows portions different from NVMe 2.0 and related to SEF.

Table 6.54: Identify - Identify Controller Data Structure, I/O Command Set Independent

Bytes	Description
99:96	Controller Attributes (CTRATT): This field indicates attributes of the controller.



Bits	Description
31:15	Same as NVMe 2.0
14	Delete NVM Set: If set to '1', then the controller supports the Delete
	NVM Set operation (refer to section 8.3.3 in NVMe 2.0). If cleared to '0'
	then the controller does not support the Delete NVM Set operation.
	SEF reports '0'.
13	Delete Endurance Group: If set to '1', then the controller supports the
	Delete Endurance Group operation (refer to section 8.3.3 in NVMe 2.0). It
	cleared to '0', then the controller does not support the Delete Endurance
	Group operation.
	SEF reports '0' in production, may be '1' in pre-production.
12	Variable Capacity Management: If set to '1', then the controlle
	supports Variable Capacity Management (refer to section 8.3.3 in NVM
	2.0). If cleared to '0', then the controller does not support Variable Capacit
	Management.
	SEF reports '0'.
11	Fixed Capacity Management: If set to '1', then the controller support
	Fixed Capacity Management (refer to section 8.3.2 in NVMe 2.0). If cleared
	to '0', then the controller does not support Fixed Capacity Management.
	SEF reports '1'.
10	Multi-Domain Subsystem (MDS): If set to '1', then the NVN
	subsystem supports multiple domains (refer to section 3.2.4 in NVMe 2.0). I
	cleared to '0', then the NVM subsystem does not support the reporting o
	multiple domains and the NVM subsystem consists of a single domain.
	SEF reports '0'.
9:0	Same as NVMe 2.0

### 6.5.2 Identify SEF Command Set specific Namespace data structure (CNS 05h CSI 30h)

A structure based on the NVM Command Set Identify Namespace data (CNS 00h) with additional fields is returned. The table below shows portions different from NVM 2.0.

Table 6.55: Identify SEF Command Set specific Identify Namespace Data Structure

Bytes	$ m O/M^1$	Description
07:00	М	Namespace Size (NSZE): Indicates the maximum number of ADUs
		The value is (SBSTA.QUOTA $+$ PSBSTA.QUOTA) in ADUs
15:08	М	Namespace Capacity (NCAP): Indicates the number of guaranteed
		ADUs The value is (SBSTA.GCAP $+$ PSBSTA.GCAP) in ADUs



23:16	M	the QoS		$f{zation}$ (NUSE): Indicates the number of ADUs currently using. The value is (SBSTA.UCAP $+$ ADUs	
103:102	М		Endurance Group Identifier (ENDGID): This field indicates the		
110.104				rtual Device) with which this namespace is associated.	
119:104	М	Namesp		ally Unique Identifier (NGUID)	
771 760		0.00		pecific fields	
771:768	M		main Sett		
		Bits	Descript	ion	
		31:04	Reserved		
		03:02		anagement Type:	
			Value	Description	
			0	Perfect	
			1	Packed	
			2	Fragmented	
			3	Reserved	
		01:00	Read Deadline:		
			Value	Description	
			0	Fastest	
			1	Typical	
			2	Long	
			3	Heroic	
773:772	М		Number of Placement IDs (NPLID): Indicates the number of Placement IDs. This is a 0's based value.		
775:774	М	Maximu	ım Numb	er of Open Super Blocks (MAXOSB): Indicates	
				Blocks this NS is allowed to open simultaneously.	
777:776	М		Veight (W		
779:778	М		Veight (E	,	
783:780	М			FO ID (DRFID): Indicates the default Read FIFO	
				3.RFID of a Physical Read command is invalid.	
831:784		Reserved			
895:832	М			istics (SBSTA): Statistics of general Super Blocks.	
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959:896	O <sup>2</sup>	_	uper Bloc Refer to Tab	k Statistics (PSBSTA): Statistics of pSLC Super le 6.56	
967:960	М	Root Po			
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1023:1016	М	Root Pointer-7
4095:1024		Reserved

### NOTES:

- 1. O/M definition: O = Optional, M = Mandatory
- 2. Mandatory for controllers that support pSLC Super Block

Table 6.56: Identify SEF Command Set specific Namespace - Super Block Statistics Data Structure

Bytes	Description
07:00	QUOTA (QUOTA): Indicates the maximum number of Planes the QoS Domain may
	use.
15:08	Guaranteed Capacity (GCAP): Indicates the number of Planes the QoS Domain is
	guaranteed.
23:16	Utilization (UCAP): Indicates the number of Planes the QoS Domain is currently
	using.
27:24	Number of Super Blocks (NSB): Indicates the number of Super Blocks the QoS
	Domain is currently holding.
29:28	Number of Open Super Blocks for Nameless Write (NWOSB): Indicates the
	number of open Super Blocks for Nameless Write.
30	Number of Open Super Blocks by Erase (NEOSB): Indicates the number of
	open Super Blocks by Erase.
63:31	Reserved

# 6.5.3 Identify SEF Command Set specific Controller data structure (CNS 06h, CSI 30h)

The controller returns the information of the SEF Unit.

Table 6.57: Identify - Identify Controller Data Structure, SEF Command Set

Bytes	Description
	Static Information
03:00	SEF Capability (SEFCAP): Indicates capabilities the device supports.



<ul> <li>31:15 Reserved</li> <li>14 If set to '1', then the device supports pSLC Super Block then the device doesn't.</li> <li>13 If set to '1', then the device supports Read FIFOs shared Devices. If cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.</li> <li>12 If set to '1', then the device supports a Super Block oper Write and Nameless Copy commands. If cleared to 'doesn't.</li> <li>11 If set to '1', then the device supports Nameless Write commands explicitly specifying the ADU offset. If clear device doesn't.</li> <li>10 If set to '1' then then a paired Nameless Copy and commands can be issued through different SQs. If clear must be issued through the same SQ and back to back</li> </ul>	d by multiple Virtual rated with Nameless 0', then the device and Nameless Copy ared to '0', then the
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must be issued through the same SQ and back to back	-
	The host may use
CDW10.FUSE, while controller ignores it.	
9 When bit 4 is cleared to '0', and if this bit is set to	-
Flash Address Request and Nameless Write commands ca	_
different SQs in any order. If cleared to '0', then they mu	_
the same SQ and back to back. The host may use C	DW10.FUSE, while
controller ignores it.	
8 If set to '1', then the device supports SGL for Nameless	Write command. If
cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	
7 If set to '1', then the device supports SGL for Physical	Read command. I
cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	
If set to '1', then the device supports List indicated Name	eless Copy command
If cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	
If set to '1', then the device supports User Address Rang	ge in Nameless Copy
command. If cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	Inna Maille and
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If cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	acked or Francis
If set to '1', then the device supports Perfect and other Pa	acked or Fragmented
mixed. If cleared to '0', then the device doesn't.	-o+ If closed +s '0'
If set to '1', then the device supports Perfect ADU Offs then the device doesn't.	set. If cleared to U
	sat If classed to '0'
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0 If set to '1', then the device supports Fragmented ADU	Offset If cleared to
'0', then the device doesn't.	Onset. II Cleared to



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04	Number of Channels (NCH):Indicates the number of channels in the device. This
	is a 0's based value.
05	Number of Banks (NBNK): Indicates the number of banks in the device. This is a
	0's based value.
07:06	Number of Blocks per Die (NBLK): Indicates the number of blocks per die. This
	is a 0's based value.
09:08	Number of Pages per Block (NPAG): Indicates the number of pages per block.
	This is a 0's based value.
10	Number of Planes per Page (NPL): Indicates the number of Planes per page.
	This is a 0's based value.
11	Plane Data Size (PLDS): Indicates the Plane data size. The value is reported in
	terms of a power of two (2^n). A value smaller than 12 (i.e., 4096 bytes) is not supported.
13:12	Expiration Open Period (EOP): Indicates the time limit, in seconds, of a Super
	Block in the Open state (beginning from its being erased to being completely written). If
	the Super Block is not completely written and closed before this timeout, the device will
	transition it to the Closed state. The granularity of about 12 hours is expected.
15:14	Number of Placement IDs (NPLID): Indicates the maximum number of Placement
	IDs per QoS Domain. This is a 0's based value.
19:16	Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks (MXOSB): Indicates the maximum
	number of simultaneously open Super Blocks within the device. This is not a 0's based
	value. A value of 0 indicates the number is not reported and reported in a Virtual Device
	Information log page.
23:20	Number of Read FIFOs (NRF): Indicates the number of Read FIFOs within the
	device. This is not a 0's based value. The Read FIFO ID of 1 through NRF are valid.
24	Number of Pages to Secure Integrity (NPSI): Indicates the maximum number
	of additional pages per block required to secure integrity of a page. Full-sequence flash
	returns 0. This is NOT a 0's based value.
63:25	Reserved
	Dynamic Information
67:64	Number of Read FIFOs in use (NURF): Indicates the number of Read FIFOs
	attached. This is NOT a 0's based value.
69:68	Number of Virtual Devices (NVD): Indicates the number of present Virtual
	Devices. This is NOT a 0's based value.
71:70	Number of QoS Domains (NQOSD): Indicates the number of present QoS Domains.
	This is NOT a 0's based value.
4095:72	Reserved



### 6.6 Namespace Management command

The Namespace Management command is used to manage namespaces (refer to section 8.11 of NVMe 1.0), including create and delete operations. CDW11.CSI must be 30h (SEF Command Set). If other value is specified, the controller aborts the command. If SBSTA.GCAP or PSBSTA.GCAP doesn't satisfy those of other QoS Domains in the Virtual Device, the controller aborts the command. The data structure used for the create operation has the same format as the SEF Command Set Identify Namespace data structure. The fields that host software may specify in the create operation are defined in the following table.

Table 6.58: Namespace Management - Host Software Specified Fields

Bytes	Description
26	Formatted LBA Size (FLBAS)
103:102	Endurance Group Identifier (ENDGID)
	SEF Specific Fields
771:768	QoS Domain Settings
773:772	Number of Placement IDs (NPLID)
775:774	Maximum Number of Open Super Blocks (MAXOSB): Specifies the number
	of Super Blocks this Namespace opens simultaneously. This is not a 0's based value. If a
	value less than $NPLID+2$ is specified, then a value of $NPLID+2$ is adopted. With this
	value, if the total number exceeds the maximum number within the device or the Virtual
	Device, the controller aborts the command.
777:776	Write Weight (WWT)
779:778	Erase Weight (EWT)
783:780	Default Read FIFO ID (DRFID): If the specified FIFO is not attached to the
	Virtual Device, the controller aborts the command. If a value of '0' is specified, the
	default Read FIFO for the Virtual Device is used.
839:832	$\mathbf{SBSTA.QUOTA:} \ If \ SBSTA.QUOTA < SBSTA.GCAP, \ SBSTA.GCAP \ is \ adopted.$
847:840	SBSTA.GCAP
903:896	PSBSTA.QUOTA: If PSBSTA.QUOTA < PSBSTA.GCAP, PSBSTA.GCAP is
	adopted.
911:904	PSBSTA.GCAP



# 7 | I/O Commands for the Software Enabled Flash (SEF) Command Set

Table 7.1 shows a list of IO commands the Software-Enabled Flash (SEF) devices support.

Standard commands for NVM Command Set are not supported.

Table 7.1: Opcodes for IO Commands

Opcode	Direction	Command	Remarks
DAh	ln	Super Block Management	
D1h	Out	Nameless Write	
D2h	In	Flash Address Request	
D6h	In	Physical Read	
DDh	Out	Nameless Copy	
DEh	In	Get Copy Results	
NOTES:			
Direction	n is from the h	ost.	

# 7.1 Super Block Management command

This command erases (opens), closes, frees, patrols, or flushes a Super Block of the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID. The maximum number of Super Blocks to open at the same time of a QoS Domain is one greater than the number of its Placement IDs. This command uses Command Dword 10, 11 and 15. When CDW11.NUMDU>0, the data of the Super Block Information Log page (Table 6.45) is returned.

Table 7.2: Super Block Management - Command Dword 10

Bits	Description



31:0 **Super Block ID (SBID):** Specifies the Super Block to process. When FFFFFFFh is specified on erasure, the device picks most suitable Super Block.

Table 7.3: Super Block Management - Command Dword 11

Bits	Descript	ion		
31:20	Reserved			
19:16	Operation (OP): Specifies an operation to process.			
	Value	Description		
	0h, 8h	Erase: Erases a Super Block in Free or Close state and makes it Open for Nameless Write and/or Nameless Copy. If CDW10.SBID is FFFFFFFh, a Super Block in Free state is always selected. If OP is 0h, a general Super Block is allocated.		
	1h	Close: Closes a Super Block in Open state. Even when this operation is attempted on a Super Block in Closed state, it returns normal end. In case a program error happens for the Super Block for a NLW command with Placement ID indication, its alternative Super Block is also closed. It completes after the target Super Block is closed.		
	2h	Free: Frees a Super Block in Open or Closed state. The command completes after all on-going Read and Nameless Copy commands on this Super Block complete.		
	3h	Patrol: Patrols a Super Block.		
	4h	Flush: Makes NLW/NLC commands which are suspended waiting successive commands return after their data become readable from the media by padding minimum amount of data. Even when this operation is attempted on a Super Block in Closed state, it returns normal end. In case a program error happens for the Super Block for a NLW command with Placement ID indication, its alternative Super Block is also flushed. It completes after the target Super Blocks are all flushed.		
	5h-7h	Reserved		
	9h-Fh			
15:00		of Dwords (NUMD): Specifies the number of Dwords to return. This is not divalue. A value of '0' indicates no data returned.		

Table 7.4: Super Block Management - Command Dword 15



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31:16	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies Weight value of the operation. When
	CDW10.OP=0 (Erase), this value is used for the erase operation.
	When CDW10.OP=1 (Close) or 4(Flush), this value is used for the program operation of
	padding. In any case, this field is cleared to 0, corresponding weight specified when the
	QoS Domain was created is used.
15:00	Reserved

## 7.1.1 Command Completion

Table 7.5: Super Block Management - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0 for other than patrol

Bits	Description
31:00	Super Block ID (SBID): Indicates Super Block ID processed.

Table 7.6: Super Block Management - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0 for Patrol

Bits	Description	
31:8	Reserved	
7:0	Data Integrity Index: Indicates how reliable the Super Block is.	
	Value	Description
	0	Unknown
	1	Good
	2	Allowable
	3	Marginal
	4-15	Reserved

Table 7.7: Super Block Management - Completion Queue Entry Dword 1

Bits	Description
31	Caused Closure (CC): This bit is effective when OP is either 1h (Close), 2h (Free), or
	4h (Flush). If CC is set to '1', then the operation caused the Super Block to close and
	returns after the closure. If CC is cleared to '0', then the operation didn't cause the closure,
	and returns independently from the closure.
30:00	Number of ADUs Left (NADUL): This field indicates the number of ADUs left in
	the Super Block, and is effective for Erase and Flush.

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### 7.2 **Physical Read command**

This command reads user data of ADUs of the QoS Domain Specified with CDW1.NSID.

Physical Read command uses Metadata Pointer, Data Pointer and Command Dword 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15.

Table 7.8: Physical Read - Metadata Pointer

Bits	Description
63:00	Metadata Pointer (MPTR): This field contains the Metadata Pointer, if applicable.

Table 7.9: Physical Read - Data Pointer

Bits	Description	
127:00	Data Pointer (DPTR): This field specifies the location of a data buffer where data is	
	transferred to.	

Table 7.10: Physical Read - Command Dword 10 and Dword 11

Bits	Description
63:00	Starting User Address (SUA): Specifies starting User Address to read. If this field
	is not -1 (all 1), UA part in every ADU is checked with this field. The check can detect
	certain classes of hardware faults, so it is recommended to specify this field. If SUA is not
	-1 but the range includes -1, an error returns.

Table 7.11: Physical Read - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31	Limited Retry (LR): If cleared to '0', the controller follows the setting of the Read	
	Deadline in the QoS Domain Settings in the Identify Namespace. If set to '1', the controller	
	processes in Fastest mode.	
30:16	Reserved	
15:00	Number of ADUs (NADU): Specifies the number of ADUs to read. This is a 0's	
	based value.	

Table 7.12: Physical Read - Command Dword 13

Bits	Description
31:00	Read FIFO ID (RFID): Specifies Read FIFO ID to use. If the value is invalid, the
	default Read FIFO of the QoS Domain is used.

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Table 7.13: Physical Read - Command Dword 14 and Command Dword 15

Bits	Description	
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override. When this field is cleared	
	to 0, the weight of the Read FIFO is used.	
47:00	Starting Flash Address (SFLA): Specifies lower 48bits of the starting Flash Address	
	to read.	

### 7.2.1 Command Completion

Table 7.14: Physical Read - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0

Bits	Descript	Description	
31:8	Reserved		
7:0	Data Integrity Index: Indicates how reliable the Super Block is.		
	Value	Description	
	0	Unknown	
	1	Good	
	2	Allowable	
	3	Marginal	
	4-15	Reserved	

## 7.3 Flash Address Request command

This command is issued as a pair with a Nameless Write command. The command returns tentative destination Flash Addresses (ARR: Address Record Request) where the data of the Nameless Write command which is issued as a 2nd command in the operation will be written. The destination addresses are returned in the buffer pointed by DPTR. If the data will be written in a single Super Block, one pair is returned, when the data will be written in multiple Super Blocks, two or more pairs are returned. When the second or later Super Block cannot be allocated, or the destination locations span more seven Super Blocks, the complete status of Partial Write is returned with information of the secured region(s) in ARR.

The buffer size is fixed at 128 bytes.

Multiple commands can be issued in advance. When they specify Super Block indication (CDW12.SBI = 1), and the Super Block is closed, they are aborted. This command uses Data Pointer and Command Dword 12-15.

Table 7.15: Flash Address Request - Data Pointer



Bits	Description
127:00	Data Pointer (DPTR): This field specifies the location of a data buffer where ARR
	(Address Record Request) is transferred to.

Table 7.16: Flash Address Request - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31:26	Reserved	
25	<b>Super Block Indication (SBI):</b> If cleared to '0', the destination Super Block is implicitly specified with CDW14. PLID. If set to '1', the destination Super Block is explicitly specified with CDW14.FLA.	
24:16	Reserved	

Table 7.17: Flash Address Request - Command Dword 13

Bits	Description
31:00	NLWID: Specifies the ID of the associated Nameless Write command. ARR for the
	Nameless Write command with the same CDW13.NLWID and CDW12.PLID or the Super
	Block ID in CDW12.FLA is returned.

Table 7.18: Flash Address Request - Command Dword 14 and 15 in case of CDW12.SBI='0'

Bits	Description	
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override for Erase operations.	
	When this field is cleared to 0, EWT specified when the QoS Domain was created is used.	
47:32	Placement ID (PLID): Specifies the Placement ID	
31:0	Reserved	

Table 7.19: Flash Address Request - Command Dword 14 and 15 in case of CDW12.SBI='1'

Bits	Description
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override for Erase operations.
	When this field is cleared to 0, EWT specified when the QoS Domain was created is used.
47:00	Flash Address (FLA): Only the Super Block ID field is valid.

### 7.3.1 Command Completion



Table 7.20: Flash Address Request - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0

Bits	Description
31:00	Number of FLAs (NFLA): Indicates the number of Flash Addresses returned. The
	value is equal to the total number of FLAs in the ARR. This is NOT a 0's based value.

Table 7.21: Flash Address Request - Status Code

SCT	$\mathbf{SC}$	Description
7	F0h	Partial Write: Indicates that all CDW12.NADU has not been processed. It
		implies at least one ADU has been processed.

Table 7.22: Flash Address Request - Address Record Request (ARR) Data

Bytes	Description
00	Number of Super Blocks to be written to
01	Number of bytes of the defective plane bitmap
03:02	Number of Planes per Super Page
07:04	Number of ADUs left in the last Super Block. The value of '0' indicates it will be closed
	when the associated Nameless Write normally processed.
15:08	Reserved
31:16	1st Super Block information
127:112	7th Super Block information

Table 7.23: Flash Address Request - Super Block information

Bytes	Description
03:00	Number of FLAs to be written
05:04	Number of defective Planes per Super Page. This is a 1's based value. May be increased
	in the later ARRs/ACOs.
07:06	Reserved
15:08	Starting Flash Address

### **Nameless Write command** 7.4

The Nameless Write command writes data and metadata, if applicable, in the QoS Domain specified in CDW1.NSID. The destination Super Block can be explicitly specified, or implicitly specified with a Placement ID. In case of specifying Super Block, the host needs to allocate a destination Super Block



with the Super Block Management command in advance, and the requested number of ADUs is greater than the Super Block, the status of partial write returns. In case of specifying Placement ID, the device automatically allocated Super Blocks as much as possible. The ADU offset in the destination Super Block can be explicitly specified, or let it assigned by the device. When explicitly specified, and a program error happens, the command is aborted in the middle. When the ADU offset is set all '1', the device relocates the data as much as possible and returns with ACO ID. This command can be issued with a Flash Address Request command. If a Flash Address Request command associates, the same NLWID needs to be set in the CDW13. This command returns once it completes processing even if its associated Flash Address Request command is not issued by then.

After the Flash Address Request command completes, the host is allowed to issue Read commands with the new addresses, and the SEF device returns data from the host memory buffer of this command. When all data becomes readable from Flash media, this command completes, returning the number of ADUs and ACO ID. When ACO ID = 0, it indicates all data is successfully written to the Flash Addresses the associated Flash Address Request command returned. Even when Flash Address Request command returned Partial Write, it returns normal as long as the data is successfully written to the Flash Addresses the associated Flash Address Request command returned.

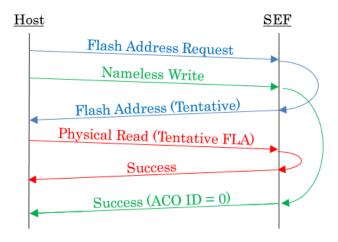


Figure 7.1: Nameless Write - Typical Operation

When ACO ID <> 0 with a Flash Address Request command associated, it indicates a program error happens and the number of ADUs relocated is returned. The host needs to get Address Change Order Log page for the relocation. The host should replace with the new FLA in its LUT only when the FLA in the LUT matches the old FLA.

Uncorrectable Read Error could return for a Read command to a Flash address notified on return of the Flash Address Request command in case this command returns at almost the same timing which requests the address to be changed. In this case, the host must retry the Read command with the new Flash address notified on return of this command.



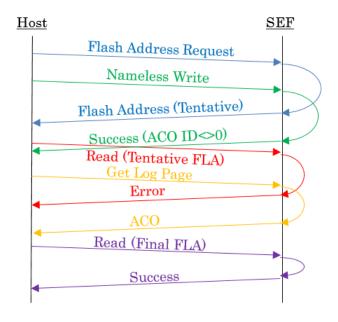


Figure 7.2: Nameless Write - Race condition in Write and Read Operations

When this command is processed independently, ACO ID is always returned. The host needs to get destination flash addresses by reading Address Change Order Log page. This command uses Metadata and Data pointers and Command Dword 10 through 15.

Table 7.24: Nameless Write - Metadata Pointer

Bits	Description
63:00	Metadata Pointer (MPTR): This field contains the Metadata Pointer, if applicable.

Table 7.25: Nameless Write - Data Pointer

Bits	Description
127:00	Data Pointer (DPTR): This field specifies the location of a data buffer where data is
	transferred from.

Table 7.26: Nameless Write - Command Dword 10 and Command Dword 11

Bits	Description
63:00	Starting User Address (SUA): This field indicates the address of the first logical block
	to be written. When SUA is -1 (all 1), it stays at -1 throughout the region. If SUA is not
	-1 but the range includes -1, an error returns.

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Table 7.27: Nameless Write - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description
31	Limited Retry (LR): If set to '1', the controller doesn't relocate the data when a
	program error happens, and just returns an error. If cleared to '0', the controller relocate
	the data when a program error happens, and notify the information through an ACO.
30	Force Unit Access (FUA): If set to '1', the controller completes the command without
	waiting for successive data.
29:26	Reserved
25	Super Block Indication (SBI): If cleared to '0', the destination Super Block is implicitly
	specified with CDW14.PLID. If set to '1', the destination Super Block is explicitly specified
	with CDW14.FLA.
24:00	Reserved
15:00	Number of ADUs (NADU): This field specifies the number of Flash Addresses to be
	secured. This is a 0's based value.

Table 7.28: Nameless Write - Command Dword 13

Bits	Description
31:00	NLW ID: Specifies the ID to associate a Flash Address Request command. If cleared to '0',
	it indicates the command is issued independently. The Flash Address Request command with
	the same CDW13.NLWID, and CDW14.PLID or the Super Block ID field in CDW14.FLA
	returns its ARR.

Table 7.29: Nameless Write - Command Dword 14 and 15 in case of CDW12.SBI='0'

Bits	Description
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override for Program operations.
	When this field is cleared to 0, WWT specified when the QoS Domain was created is used.
47:32	Placement ID (PLID): Specifies the Placement ID
31	pSLC (PSLC): If cleared to '0', a general Super Block is used. If set to '1', a pSLC
	Super Block is used. If an open Super Block already exists, and the mode is different, then
	the command is aborted.
30:0	ADU Offset (ADUO): Specifies the starting ADU offset in the destination Super Block.
	The bit width is specified AOBW in the Virtual Device Information Log page. If this field is
	set to all '1', the device assigns the location (Nameless). If this field is not set to all '1',
	the location is specified by the host (Named).



Table 7.30: Nameless Write - Command Dword 14 and 15 in case of CDW12.SBI='1'

Bits	Description
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override for Program operations.
	This field only affects Write Scheduler and doesn't affect Die Scheduler. When this field is
	cleared to 0, WWT specified when the QoS Domain was created is used.
47:00	Flash Address (FLA): Specifies the starting destination flash address. The bit widths
	of fields are specified SBBW and AOBW in the Virtual Device Information Log page. If
	ADU offset field is set to all '1', the device assigns the location (Nameless). If this field is
	not set to all '1', the location is specified by the host (Named).

#### 7.4.1 **Command Completion**

The device returns a Status Code corresponding to whether to associate Flash Address Request and the number of Super Blocks the data span.

Table 7.31: Nameless Write - Status Code

SCT	SC	Description
0	00h	Successful Completion: The data has successfully been written with a Flash
		Address Request command associated. CQE is Type-1.
7	80h	Successful Completion: The command has been processed independently and
		the data has successfully been written in just one Super Block. CQE is Type-2.
7	81h	Successful Completion: The command has been processed independently and
		the data has successfully been written in two or more Super Blocks. CQE is Type-1.
others(TBD)		Error: Some kind of error has occurred. CQE is TBD.

Table 7.32: Nameless Write - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0 and 1 (Type-1)

Bits	Description	
63:48	Reserved	
47:32	ACO ID (ACOID): If the value is 0, it expresses that the data has successfully been	
	written to the flash addresses notified with the associated Flash Address Request command.	
	If the value is other than 0, the command has been processed independently and the data	
	has been written to multiple Super Blocks, or the data has failed to be written to the flash	
	addresses notified with the associated Flash Address Request command. The host can	
	retrieve the relocated flash addresses in the ACO Log page with this ID as a key.	
31:17	Reserved	



16:00	Number of ADUs (NADU): When ACOID=0, it expresses the number of ADUs
	written. When ACOID<>0, it expresses the number of ADUs written to the different flash
	addresses from ones notified with the associated Flash Address Request command. This
	number is used to determine the size of the buffer for getting the ACO Log page.

Table 7.33: Nameless Write - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0 and 1 (Type-2)

Bits	Description
63:48	Indicates the number of defective planes per Super Page.
47:00	Starting Flash Address (SFLA): This field indicates the starting flash address. The
	host needs to translate to physical flash addresses by reading the Super Block Information
	log page if defective planes exist.

### 7.5 Nameless Copy command

This command is issued as a pair with a Get Copy Results command following. This command copies data from locations specified with Source Information to the Super Block specified with CDW14.FLA in the QoS Domain specified with CDW1.NSID. This command completes once the number of ADUs to copy is determined, while the associated Get Copy Results command completes after all destination data becomes readable from the flash media. Then the host needs to issue pairs of the commands until the destination Super Block is filled, or Super Block Management command to flush or close. After a certain period passes without an additional command, the controller completes the pending commands after padding minimum dummy data.

The number of ADUs to copy is determined when any of the following conditions is met.

- The command consumes the whole bitmap or FLA list
- FLA of the bitmap reaches the end of the source Super Block
- The destination Super Block is filled
- Reaches CDW10.NACRE of the associate Get Copy Results command

The destination Super Block needs to be allocated by 'Erase' with the Super Block Management command.

Parameters of the copy are specified in Command Dwords and the buffer pointed by DPTR.

Source ADUs are specified with Valid Bitmap or FLA list, and a User Address Region. CDW10.LIST specifies the indication to use, Bitmap or List. User Address Region is specified with starting User Address and the number of ADUs in the region. When the number of ADUs is '0', the region is disabled



and the whole source ADUs are copied. When the region is enabled, only ADUs, UA of which in the ADU in the media is inside or outside the region, are copied. CDW10.UAR specifies inside or outside.

When the destination Super Block transitions to Closed, Nameless Copy / Get Copy Results commands already processed complete normally, and successive commands not yet processed complete abnormally. To continue copy, the host needs to be allocate a new destination Super Block and reissue the commands. It is recommended for the host to update the affected elements of the LUT all at once when the destination Super Block is filled.

The controller doesn't start operation until the host fetches the associated Get Copy Results command to prevent race conditions.

This command uses DPTR and Command Dword 10, 12-15.

Table 7.34: Nameless Copy - Data Pointer

Bits	Description
127:00	Data Pointer (DPTR): This field specifies the location of a data buffer where copy
	information is transferred.

The buffer pointed by DPTR consists of two areas.

Table 7.35: Nameless Copy - Data Buffer

Bytes	Description	
15:00	User Address Range (UAR): User Address Range	
a+15:16	Source Information (SINFO): Bitmap or FLA List.	
Note	Note	
In case	In case of Bitmap indication:	
a = (	$a = (CDW10.NELM + 1) \times 4 + 8$	
In case	In case of FLA List indication:	
a = (	$a = (CDW10.NELM + 1) \times 8$	

Table 7.36: Nameless Copy - User Address Range

Bytes	Description
07:00	Starting User Address (SUA): Specifies the staring User Address of the region.
15:08	Length of Range (LR): Specifies the number of ADUs of the region. '0' indicates the
	region is disabled.

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Table 7.37: Nameless Copy - Source Information for Bitmap Indication

Bytes	Description
07:00	Starting Flash Address of Bitmap (SFLA): Specifies the starting Flash Address
	of the Bitmap. The Super Block must be in 'Closed' state. The address masked lower 5
	bits expresses the Flash Address of the top of the Bitmap. The lower 5 bits expresses the
	starting bit position from the top of the Bitmap.
a+7:8	Bitmap (BM): Valid Bitmap
Note	
$a = (CDW10.NELM + 1) \times 4$	

Table 7.38: Nameless Copy - Source Information for List Indication

Bytes	Description
7:0	Source Flash Address-0 (SFLA0): Flash Address 0
_	
a+7:a	Source Flash Address-n (SFLAn): Flash Address n
Note	
• The Super Block must be in 'Closed' state. $ \bullet \ \ a = (CDW10.NELM + 1) \times 8 $	

Table 7.39: Nameless Copy - Command Dword 10

Bits	Description	
31:18	Reserved	
17	UA Range (UAR): Specifies the indication of the User Address range. '0' targets inside	
	the range, and $1^{\prime}$ targets outside the range.	
16	FLA List or Bitmap (LIST): Specifies the indication of the source ADUs. '0' specifies	
	Bitmap indication, and '1' specifies the FLA List indication.	
15:00	Number of Elements (NUMEL): Specifies the number of Dwords of the Bitmap, or	
	the number of ADUs in the list. This is a 0's based value.	

Table 7.40: Nameless Copy - Command Dword 12

Bits	Description	
31	Limited Retry (LR): If set to '1', the controller stops operation when a program error	
	happens. If cleared to '0', the controller keep processing if possible.	

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30:00	Reserved
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Table 7.41: Nameless Copy - Command Dword 13

Bits	Description	
31:00	NLC ID: Specifies the ID to associate a Get Copy Results command. The Get Copy	
	Results command with the same CDW13.NLCID from the same QoS Domain returns the	
	ACR.	

Table 7.42: Nameless Copy - Command Dword 14 and 15

Bits	Description
63:48	Overriding Weight (OWT): Specifies the Weight to override for Write operations.
	When this field is cleared to 0, WWT specified when the QoS Domain was created is used.
47:00	Flash Address (FLA): Specifies lower 48 bits of the starting destination flash address.
	The bit widths of fields are specified SBBW and AOBW in the Virtual Device Information
	Log page. If ADU offset field is set to all '1', the device assigns the location (Nameless). If
	this field is not set to all '1', the location is specified by the host (Named).

### 7.5.1 **Command Completion**

Table 7.43: Nameless Copy - Completion Queue Entry Dword 0

Bits	Description		
31:24	Copy Status (CSTS): Indicates the interim status of the Copy.		
	Bit	Description	
	7	Reserved	
	6	Detected a non-closed source Super Block in the list	
	4:3	Reserved	
	2	Consuming whole ACR entries.	
	1	Closing the destination Super Block.	
	0	Consuming whole source Bitmap or FLA List.	
23:00	23:00 Number of ADUs Left (NADUL): Indicates the estimated number of ADUs le		
	the des	tination when the copy completes.	



# 7.6 Get Copy Results command

This command is issued as a pair with a Nameless Copy command as its first. This command completes after all destination data of the associated Nameless Copy command become readable.

Get Copy Results command uses DPTR, Command Dword 10 and 13. The buffer size must be (CDW10.NACRE  $\pm$  2) \* 24 in bytes.

Table 7.44: Get Copy Results- Data Pointer

Bits	Description
127:00	Data Pointer (DPTR): This field specifies the location of a data buffer where ACR
	(Address Change Request) is transferred to.

Table 7.45: Get Copy Results - Address Change Request Data

Bytes	Description	
03:00	Number of Processed ADUs in Source (NPADU): This field indicate	S
	the actual number of ADUs in source processed, including read errors, excluding	g
	out of range.	
07:04	Next Source Pointer (NSPTR): For bitmap indication, this field indicate	s
	the next ADU offset of the source flash address. For list indication, this field	d
	indicates the next entry number in the source flash address list.	
11:08	Number of Read Error ADUs (NRERR): This field indicates the number	r
	of ADUs that couldn't be read due to a read error.	
15:12	Number of ADUs Left (NADUL): This field indicates the actual number	r
	of ADUs left in the destination Super Block. The number can be less than tha	t
	reported with the Nameless Copy command.	
16	Copy Status (CSTS):	
	Bit Description	
	7 Reserved	
	6 Detected non closed source Super Block for list indication.	
	5 The destination Super Block has defective planes.	1
	4 Read error happened on the source.	
	3 ADUs eliminated with the UA region exist.	1
	2 Consumed whole ACR entries.	
	1 Closed the destination Super Block.	
	0 Consumed whole source Bitmap or FLA List.	
23:17	Reserved	
47:24	1st Address Change Request Entry	
_		



24*n+23:24*n	n-th Address Change Request Entry (n = ACR.NPADU)
	9 1

Table 7.46: Get Copy Results - Address Change Request Entry

Qword	Description	
0 User Address		
1	Old Flash Address	
2	New Flash Address	
Note		
User Address has a special meaning at the following values.  FFFFFFF_FFFFFFFF Indicates its source FLA couldn't be read due to a read		
		error.

Table 7.47: Get Copy Results - Command Dword 10

Bits	Description	
31:00	Number of Address Change Request Entries (NACRE): Specifies the number	
	of Address Change Request entries in the ACR. This is a 0's based value.	

Table 7.48: Get Copy Results - Command Dword 13

Bits	Description
31:00	NLC ID: Specifies the ID to associate a Nameless Copy command. The ACR for the
	Nameless Copy command with the same CDW13.NLCID is returned.