

VECTOR LENGTH REGISTER (L)

The vector length register is a six bit special purpose register which is explicitly referenced in the background processor instructions. The vector length register is used to hold the vector segment length during a portion of the background computation. All vector streaming operations capture the segment length at the time of instruction issue from the L register.

The L register content is interpreted modulo 64. The allowed values are one through 64. A zero value is therefore interpreted as a 64. The instructions which communicate explicitly with the L register are the following.

025i-- Enter Ai from L
036--k Enter L from Ak