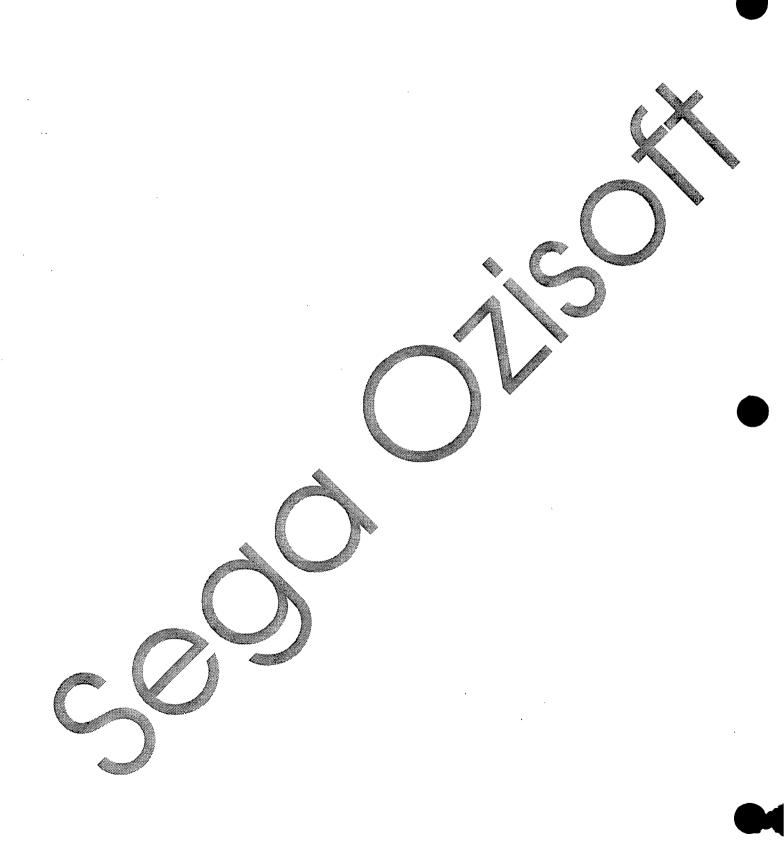
MEGA-CD DISC FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

(conforming to ISO9660)



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1. OVERVIEW OF THE MEGA-CD DISC FORMAT

MEGA-CDs can play the following 8 or 12cm CD discs:

- (1) MEGA-CD game disc
- (2) Audio CD disc (CD-DA)
- (3) Karaoke CD disc (CD-G)
- (4) SONY EB formatted CD disc (CD-ROM)
- (5) Discs for personal computers conforming to the "YELLOW BOOK" specifications.

Discs (1) to (3) can be played with the resident programs on the MEGA-CD. To play discs and (5), the special cartridge on the MEGA drive is needed.

MEGA-CD game disc features following:

- (1) The physical format conforms to the specifications (defined by Sony and Phillips, described in the "RED BOOK" and "YELLOW BOOK".
- (2) The logical format conforms to the MEGA-CD DISC FORMAT specifications (based on ISO9660).

Since the logical format complies with ISO9660, it is possible to create discs which can be used with other personal computers.

The MEGA-CD DISC FORMAT specifications (hereafter MDF) are used to create MEGA-CD game discs. This MDF features following:

- (1) The system can be booted without invoking cartridges, using only the game disc.
- (2) Conforming to the ISO specifications allows ease of use and facilitates third party involvement.

* Conforming to ISO9660 (See Fig. 3-1)

The contents of logical sector numbers 0 to 15 are not normalized in the ISO9660 specifications. The system designer can use this area for programs to boot up the system or for information of protection. SDF can be used to define this area to allow the system to be booted from a MEGA-CD game disc. Logical sector numbers 16 and above are defined, conforming to ISO9660



2. PHYSICAL FORMAT

The physical format conforms to the CD specifications of Sony and Phillips which are described in the "RED BOOK" and "YELLOW BOOK." Items specifically defined by SEGA in the specifications together with important related items are described below. Other items can be found in the "RED BOOK" or "YELLOW BOOK."

2-1 Partition and Configuration of Disc Areas (See Fig. 2-1)

Beginning at disc center and moving outward, the disc is divided and configured in the sequence:

read-in area, program area, read-out area.

TOC information is written in the read-in area in accordance with the "YELLOW BOOK. TOC data is the absolute frame time when index Ø1 of TNOs starts. To avoid problems, the start time of the read-out area is limited to the range (10:00:00 to 60:04:00). The program area is divided and configured in the sequence:

CD-ROM area (inner), CD-DA area (outer).

The CD-ROM and CD-DA areas are further divided into inner and outer areas in order that a CD-ROM track of a CD installed in an audio CD player will not be suddenly replayed when CD-DA tracks are being replayed. Hence, the above sequence and track configuration of CD-ROM and CD-DA areas should not be not be changed.

Record area of the program area

The first frame of the program area is set at 00:00:00 (minute-second-frame), and the absolute time is measured from this point. The first two seconds of the program area are used for pause, and the first sector starts at 40:02:00. This sector is called sector #0. The last two seconds of the program area are used for pause, and the last sector is located at 60:01:74 (CD-S 20:01:74). The last frame of the program area is located at 60:03:74 (CD-S 20:03:74), two seconds after the last sector.

Therefore, the storage capacity of data is 60:00:00 (CD-S 20:00:00). $75 \times 60 \times 60 = 270,000$ frame (sectors) (CD-S 90,000) $270,000 \times 2$ KB = 540MB (CD = 5180MB)

2-2 Configuration of Tracks (See Fig. 2-1)

Track number

The track number of the CD-ROM area is 01.

Track numbers on the CD-DA area can be assigned at any positions in intervals of four seconds or longer (excluding a pause at the beginning of tunes). Note that consecutive numbers should be used. (One track on the CD-DA area must be more than four seconds.) The track number of the first tune is Ø2 followed by consecutive numbers up to 99.

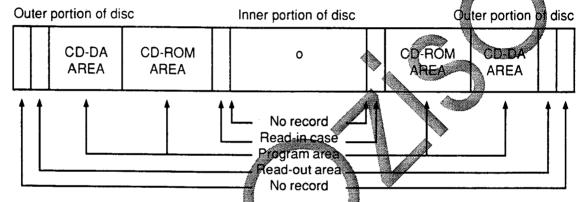
Pause between tracks

A two second pause (muting) is required before and after the CD-ROM track, before CD-DA tracks and after the last CD-DA track in accordance with the "YELLOW BOOK." This is to suppress (during seeking) final sounds of the previous tune when it is played with an audio player.

CD-DA track

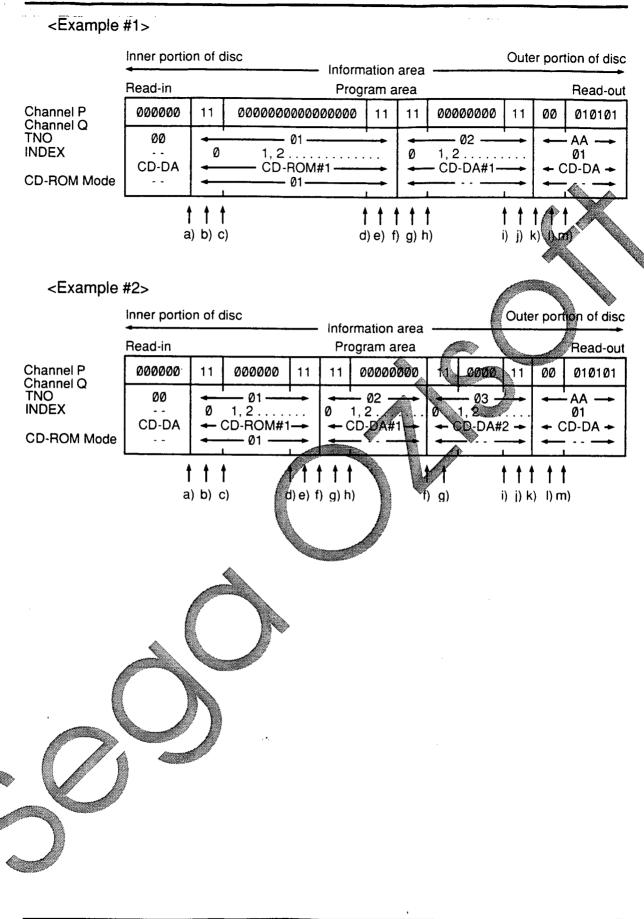
At least one tune of data should be stored on the CD-DA area. When no CD-DA data is required, a warning message can be stored such as "This MEGA-CD GAME disc should be replayed with MEGA-CD." This informs the user who may have put the disk in an audio CD player. If one tune of data exists, such a message is not required. This is because the user may want to listen to the music.

■Fig. 2-1
<Allocation and Structure of Disc Area>



<Allocation of each track>

- a) 00:00:00 (ATIME:absolute time)
- b) A "pause" of 2 seconds
- c) 00:02:00 (Logical Sector Number 0)
- d) End of user sector
- e) Post-gap (≥ 2 seconds
- f) Point of TNO changes
- g) Pause (≥ 2 seconds)
- h) Start position of the first piece of music on the disc
- i) End position of the last piece of music on the disc (≤59:59:74)
- j) A "pause" of 2~3 seconds
- k) The start of read-out rack (10:00:00≤60:04:00)
- I) Channel P remains zero for 2~3 seconds.
- m) P swiches between 0 and 1 in a 2 Hz \pm 2% rhythm (duty cycle 50 \pm 10%)
- TNO: Track number



3. LOGICAL FORMAT

This chapter defines the logical format in the CD-ROM area.

3-1 Sector Structure

Sector (See Fig. 3-1)

CD-ROM data can be stored in all the sectors from the first sector 00:02:00 to the last sector 60:01:74.

One sector contains one frame or 2048 bytes, and the data area can hold up to 270 000 (\$41EB0) sectors (CD-S 90,000). The serial sector numbers are assigned starting with 00:02:00, which means sector numbers #0 to #269,999 (\$41EAF) (CD-S 89,999) are used. Sector numbers #0 to #15 are reserved for the system area while #16 to #269,999 are used for the data area.

The data area contains 539.968 Mbytes in total (CD-S 179.968). Sectors #270,000 or below are reserved for the system (CD-S 90,000).

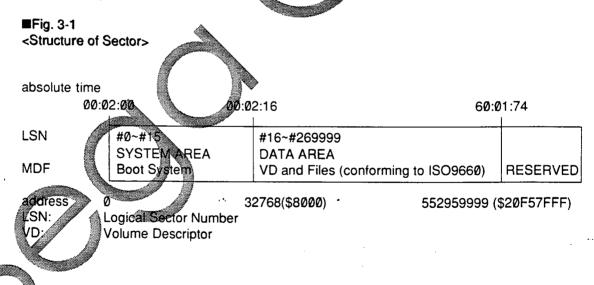
Sector modes

The structure of each sector is mode 0, mode 1, or mode 2, which are defined in the "YELLOW BOOK." Mode 1 and mode 2 sectors cannot coexist in one track. Therefore, the CD-ROM track TNO=1 is in mode 1.

Address

For mode 1 sectors, the first byte of sector #0 is made address a followed by consecutive addresses assigned in byte units.

Since 2048 bytes makes up one sector, the last address is 552,959,999 (\$20F57FFF) (CD-S 184,319,999: \$0AFC7FFF). For CD-DA frames of mode 2 sectors, the first address starts after these 2048 bytes.



3-2 System Area

System area (See Fig. 3-2)

The system area contains bootstrap information, initial programs, and file system programs. The booting sector is located on sector #0, and the system program sectors are on sectors #1 to #15.

(When the system programs occupy more than 30 Kbytes, system program sectors can be created in areas other than the system sector area. However, sectors that are both above #15 and below those used for VD cannot be used for this purpose.

The booting sector contains following:

The system ID

Disk ID

Initial program code

One purpose of the system ID is to identify MEGA-CD game discs. One use of the disc ID is for controlling quality. The initial programs which contain the file system code and other data are always read at the beginning.

■Fig. 3-2 <The Structure of the System Area>

Address		
\$000000		
	System ID	
\$000100	DISC ID	sector #0 Boot sector
\$000200	Initial Program Code	
\$000800	System Program	sector #1-15 System Program sector
\$008000	VD	sector #1 40 dystern 1 logram sector
	Directory	DATA AREA
	Path Table	
	User File Ø	
	User File 1	
\$20F57FFF	''	

3-3 Booting System

Booting programs (See Fig. 3-3)

Booting programs are stored on the MEGA-CD. The system loads the booting sector, confirms a MEGA-CD disc is installed, and then loads the initial programs. The initial programs are usually stored in the region with byte addresses \$200 to \$600 in system sector #0. Hence, quick booting results since re-loading is not required.

Initial programs

Initial programs are stored on disc, loaded into memory, and executed. The initial programs display the company's logo while they load the system programs. After the system programs are loaded, system control is taken over by the application software.

System programs

System programs are required to use CD-ROM discs which contain file system information or other data. The file system is designed for specific discs so that application software access speed is maximized. Application software may contain start-up, main programs, etc.

■Fig. 3-3 <Figure of Boot System Image> CONTROL [ROM] [CD-ROM] LOAD **BOOT PROGRAM** INIT PROGRAM **JMP** YSTEM PROGRAM **APPLICATION** [RAM] INIT PROGRAM **JMP** LOAD CONTROL [RAM] SYSTEM PROGRAM LOAD [RAM] **APPLICATION**

3-4 File System

The format conforms to the specifications defined in ISO9660.

VD : Volume Descriptor LSN : Logical Sector Number

BP: Byte Pointer

RBP: Relative Byte Pointer

TP: Type

N : Numerical value

NL : Least Significant Byte First NM : Most Significant Byte First

NB : Both-type orders

ND : Any digit from ZERO to NINE

A : A-characters (20-22/25-3F/41-5A/5F)
D : D-characters (30-39/41-5A/5F)

DS : D-characters, SEPARATOR1, SEPARATOR2 (2E/3B)

DE : Directory Entry

00 : Zero fill

A1 : A1-characters ; A-characters + Kanji D1 : D1-characters ; D-characters + Kanji

D1S: D1-characters, SEPARATOR1, SEPARATOR2 (2E/3B)

Volume Descriptor

<Boot Record>

BP	TP	Field Name	;
1	N	Volume Descriptor Type	; VD = Ø
2- 6		Standar dentifier	; 'CDØØ1'
7	N	Volume Descriptor Version	; VD version=1
8 - 39	Α	A Boot System Identi	
40 - 71	Α	A Boot Identifier	
72-2048		Boot System Use	; not specified

Size: Examples

1: Ø

5: 'CD001'

1: 01

32: SEGA MEGA CO

32: Boot Identifier (Application)

1977: boot system code

; Notes : Fixed

; Fixed

: Fixed

; Fixed (' ': \$20)

; User supplied

; User supplied

Volume Descriptor Set Terminator>

	BP	TP-	Field Name	•	
	1	Ν	Volume Descriptor Type	; VD = 255 (end)	
Wiji	2 6	N	Standard Identifier Volume Descriptor Version	; 'CD001'	
	8-2048		(Reserved for future standardization)	; VD version = 1 ; (00) byte	

<Primary Volume Descriptor>

BP	TP	Field name	•
1-	N	Volume Descriptor Type	; VD = 1 (Normal)
2- 6		Standard Identifier	; 'CDØØ1'
7	N	Volume Descriptor Version	; VD version = 1
8	00	Unused Field	; (00) byte
9- 40	Α	System Identifier	•
41 - 72	D	Volume Identifier	;
73- 80	00	Unused Field	; (00) byte
81 - 88	NB	Volume Space Size	, , , , , , , , , , ,
89-120	00	Unused Field	; (00) byte 🧗 🎺
121-124	NB	Volume Set Size	;
125-128	NB	Volume Sequence Number	;
129-132	NB	Logical Block Size	;
133-140	NB	Path Table Size	
141-144	NL	Location of Occurrence of Type L Path	Table /
145-148	NL	Location of Optional Occurrence of Typ	e L Path Table
149-152	NM	Location of Occurrence of Type M Path	ı Table 🛝 🔣
153-156	NM	Location of Optional Occurrence of Type	e M Path Table
157-190	DE	Directory Record for Root Directory	
191-318	D	Volume Set Identifier	
319-446	Α	Publisher Identifier	. ; <i></i>
447 - 574	Α	Data Preparer Identifier	
575-7 0 2	Α	Application Identifier	
703-739	DS	Copyright File Identifier	
740-776	DS	Abstract File Identifier	/ ;
777-813	DS	Bibliographic File Identifer \	,
814-830	ND	Volume Creation Date and Time	
831 -847	ND	Volume Modification Date and Time	;
848-864	ND	Volume Expiration Date and Time	;
865-881	ND	Volume Effective Date and Time	;
882	N	File Structure Version	;
883	ØØ	(Reserved for future standardization)	; (00) byte
884-1395		Application Use	; not specified
1396-2048		(Reserved for future standardization)	; (00) byte

-<Primary Volume Descriptor Sample>

,	,	
Size:	Examples	; Notes
1 :	Ø1	; Fixed
5 :	'CD001'	; Fixed
1:	01	; Fixed
1 :	00	; Fixed
32 :	'SEGA MEGA CD	; Fixed (' ': \$20)
32 · :	'Volume Identifier	; User supplied
8 :	0000000000000000	; Fixed
8 :	1EB00004,00041EB0	; Auto Write (≤0004
32 :	00, 00, 00, 00,00	; Fixed
4 :	0100, 0001	Fixed
4 :	0100, 0001	; Fixed
4 :	0008, 0800	; Fixed
8 :	XXXXXXX, XXXXXXX	; Auto write
4 :	XXXXXXXX	; Auto write
4 :	0000000	; Fixed
4 :	XXXXXXX	; Auto write
4 :	0000000	; Fixed
34 :		; Auto write
128 :	'Volume Set Identifier'	; User supplied
128 :	'Publisher Identifier'	User supplied
128 :	'Data Preparer Identifier'	User supplied
128 :		; Fixed
37 :	'Copyright File Identifier	; User supplied
37 :		; User supplied
37 :		User supplied
17 :	୭୬ ୪୯ ହୁଡ଼େଉଉଉଉଉ ଓଡ଼ିଶ୍ୱେଷ୍ଟର ୧୯୭୭୧୭୭୭ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ	; Fixed
17 :	ଉପ୍ରତ୍ତରତ୍ତ ପ୍ରତ୍ତର୍ଗରତ୍ତ ହର <mark>୍ମ ହ</mark> ର୍ଗରତ୍ତ ବର୍ଗରତ୍ତର୍ମ ହର	; Fixed
17 :	ଉପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ର ଉପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ	; Fixed
17 :	ଉପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ର ଉପ୍ୟପ୍ରପ୍ରପ୍ର ଉପ୍ୟ <mark>ୁଅନ୍ତ୍ର ଉପ୍ୟପ୍ରସ୍ଥ</mark> ହଣ	; Fixed
1:	01	; Fixed
1:	00 _.	; Fixed
512 :	00,00,00,00,00	; Fixed
653 :	00,00,00,00,	; Fixed

<Supplementary Volume Descriptor>

BP	TP	Field Name	•
1	N	Volume Descriptor Type	; VD=2 (supplement)
2- 6		Standard Identifier	; 'CDØØ1'
7	N	Volume Descriptor Version	; VD version=1
8	ØØ	Volume Flags	,
9- 40	A1	System Identifier	;
41- 72	D1	Volume Identifier	;
73- 80	00	Unused Field	; (00) byte
81 - 88	NB	Volume Space Size	
89-120	00	Escape Sequences	; 32 byte
121-124	NB	Volume Set Size	;
125-128	NB	Volume Sequence Number	;
129-132	NB	Logical Block Size	;
133-140	NB	Path Table Size	
141-144	NL	Location of Occurrence of Type L Path	Table 🥒 🔪
145-148	NL	Location of Optional Occurrence of Type	e L Path Table
149-152	NM	Location of Occurrence of Type M Path	Table 🚺
153-156	NM	Location of Optional Occurrence of Typ	e M Path Table
157-190	DE	Directory Record for Root Directory	(; 34 byte
191-318	D1	Volume Set Identifier	
319-446	A1	Publisher Identifier	; <i>, 1</i>
447-574	A1	Data Preparer Identifier	\;
575-702	A1	Application Identifier	
703-739	D1S	Copyright File Identifier	
740-776	D1S	Abstract File Identifier	/ ;
777-813	D1S	Bibliographic File Identifer	•
814-830	ND	Volume Creation Date and Time	•
831-847	ND	Volume Modification Date and Time	•
848-864	ND	Volume Expiration Date and Time	•
865-881	ND	Volume Effective Date and Time	;
882	N	File Structure Version	;
883	ØØ	(Reserved for future standardization)	; (00) byte
884-1395		Application Use	; not specified
1396-2048		(Reserved for future standardization)	; (00) byte



<Supplementary Volume Descriptor Example>

Size:		Examples	; Notes
1	:	02	; Fixed
5	:	'CD001'	; Fixed
1	:	01	; Fixed
1	:	00(JIS)	; User supplied
	or	Ø1(Shift JIS)	, coo. cappilea
32	:	'SEGA MEGA CD	; Fixed (' ': \$20)
32	:	'Volume name	; User supplied
8	:	0000000000000000	; Fixed
8	:	1EB00004, 00041EB0	; Auto Write(<u>≤</u> 00041E
32	:	00, 00, 00, 00,00	; User supplied
4	:	0100, 0001	; Fixed
4	:	0100, 0001	; Fixed
4	:	0008, 0800	: Fixed
8	:	XXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX	; Auto write
4	:	XXXXXXX	; Auto write
4	:	0000000	; Fixed
4	:	XXXXXXX	; Auto write
4	:	00000000	; Fixed
34	:		; Autowrite
128	:	'Volume set identifier '	; User supplied
128	:	'Publisher identifier'	; User supplied
128	:	'Data preparer identifier'	User supplied
128	:		Fixed
37	:	'Copyright file identifier	User supplied
	or	·	
.37	:	'Abstract file identifier '	, User supplied
	or	·	
37	:	'Bibliographic file identifier \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	; User supplied
	or		
17	:	'yyyymmddhhmmssss', XX	; User supplied
	or	ଉତ୍ତର୍ଗ୍ରହ୍ମ ବ୍ୟବ୍ୟବ୍ୟକ୍ତ ବ୍ୟବ୍ୟବ୍ୟବ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟ	
17	:	'yyyymmddhhmmssss, XX	; User supplied
	or	00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00	
17	:	ଉପ୍ପର୍ବରର ଜନ୍ମ ପ୍ରତ୍ରତ୍ତ ହର୍ ଦ୍ରହ୍ମ ହର୍ ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍ଷ ବର୍	; Fixed
17	:	00000000 00000000 00000000 000000000 00	; Fixed
1	:	01	; Fixed
1	:	00	; Fixed
512		00,00,00,00,	; Reserved
653	•	00,00,00,00,	; Fixed

Directory

Directories are used to manage a specially structured file system. The format defined by ISO9660 is used.

<Format of a Directory Record>

BP	TP	Field Name	
1	N	Length of Directory Record (LEN_DR)	;
2	N	Extended Attribute Record Length	; = 0
3 10	NB	Location of Extent	
11– 18	NB	Data Length	
19– 25	N	Recording Date and Time	
26		File Flags	
27	N	File Unit Size	= 0
28	N	Interleave Gap Size	
29 32	NB	Volume Sequence Number	=1
33	N	Length of File Identifier (LEN FI)	(MAX 12)
34-(33+LE	EN_FI) D	1S File Identifier	
(34+LEN_	FI)ØØ	Padding Field	(00) byte
(LEN DR-L	EN_SU	+1)-LENDR System Use	; LEN_SU bytes = 0

NOTE: LEN_SU denotes length of System Use field.

<Recording Date and Time>

RBP	TP	Field Name	<u> </u>
1	Ν	Number of years since 1900	/ ;
2	N	Month 1 to 1/2	•
3	N	Day 1 to 31	•
4	Ν	Hour Ø to 🕰	,
5	Ν	Minute Ø to 59	•
6	Ν	Second Ø to 59	•
7	Ν	Offset from Greenwich Mean Time	
		in number of 15 min intervals	
		from -48(West) to +52(East)	; = 0

<File Flags>

bit Ø	Existence	;
bit 1	Directory	;
bit 2 🎢	Associated File	,
bit 2 bit 3	Record	;
bit 4		;
bit 5	Reserved	•
// bit 6//	Reserved	
bit 6	Multi-Extent	; = 0

• Path table

The format defined by ISO9660 is used.

<path rec<="" table="" th=""><th>ord></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></path>	ord>									
2 3 -6	N N N N D1 ØØ	Extended Location	rectory Nur Identifier	ecord Leng	EN_DI) gth	;	= Ó (ØØ)	byte	•	
(STELIN_DI)	שש	r adding (- Telo				(00)	byte		

3-5 User File Table

User files reside on the user sector area. Each file is always consecutively configured. The lower 11-bits of the file's start address are always set to Ø (starting on a sector boundary). The file sizes are written in the directory in bytes. The blank space in the last sector of the file is filled with \$FF. The \$FF are read and stored in the buffer, but never passed to the application software.

3-6 Others

Restrictions on the directory structure

The following restrictions apply to the directory structure to implement fast access and save memory. The restrictions are valid for the version 1.00 file system. Since the file system fixed on disc, fast access is realized by storing the file path table on memory. This feature is quite different from other systems.

- (1) The same restrictions as for MS-DOS apply for filenames.
- (2) Usually subdirectories are not used. When they are used, the version of the the system should be upgraded.
- (3) The number of files on disc is fixed in the file system. This allows the path table to be kept in a special file on RAM, thus eliminating a useless buffer.

Multi-volume

This is not supported by version 1.00.

Interleaf in the ISO specifications

This is not supported by version 1.00. This function must be implemented by application programs.

Booting sector

The booting sector is #0 in the standard settings. Spare copies of the booting sector can be stored in #1 to #15. However, this must be done in such a way that the system program sectors are consecutive

Line speed

The line speed of MEGACD game discs is fixed at 1.25m/sec to improve the accuracy of track jump access and increase the seeking speed.



Appendix 1. Glossary

CD-DA

Compact Disc Digital Audio CD-DA area

CD-DA Area

Digital Audio data is written on this CD-DA Area. Since the data is written conforming to "RED BOOK," the CD-DA Area can be played with a audio CD player.

CD-G (CD-Graphics)

Karaoke CD disc

CD-ROM Area

Data like programs, graphics, sound, etc. are written in this area. Since the data is written conforming to the logical format, the data can be load easily.

CD-S (CD Single)

8cm CD disc

DISC

Physical disc. It is used to distinguish from the floppy disk. So-called OD media

ISO9660

The international standard that is used for the logical format of CD-ROM

MEGA-CD

CD-ROM drive for MEGA-drive. MEGA-Co is used to supply game programs or the like via CD-ROM disc.

P CODE

The data in P channel of the Subcode. P code conforms to "RED BOOK" and indicates the pause status.

Q CODE

The data in Q channel of the Subcode Q code conforms to "RED BOOK" and used for absolute time, relative time, song number, etc.

RED BOOK, YELLOW BOOK

The specification about the physical format of CD-DA and CD-ROM.

MEGA-CD DISC FORMAT

Logical format for MEGA-CD conforming to ISO9660.

TOC,

Table of contents

SUB-CODE

Sub-code is the data written in a gap between the CD data. 1 sector has 96 bytes. Each bit corresponds to P-W channel.

SECTOR

One sector is made up of one frame or 2048 bytes (2336 bytes for mode 2). This is the standard unit to read CD-ROM data.

ABSOLUTE TIME

Absolute time applies the address on DISC. Data is written continuously in unit of minutes, seconds and frame. Program area is accessed according to the absolute time.

TRACK

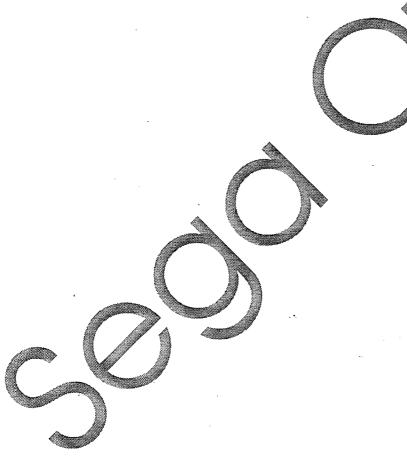
Track is the recording area for a song defined in the CD-DA. The length is changable. 1 to 99 (decimal system) track can be used to write. Track No. 0 is used to write the TOC information read in area.

VOLUME

Volume means all the data written in a DISC.

VOLUME SET

Volume set means all the data written in DISCS if the series of data is written in more than one DISC.



Appendix 2. System ID

System ID area serves to identify a SEGA disc and gives boot up information SEGA. (Also see Fig. A-2)

Disc identifier

Disc identifier to identify MEGA-CD discs. This is used to distinguish the MEGA-CD disc from other CD-ROM discs and audio CD discs. The booting programs check the installed disc.

Identifier "SEGADISCSYSTEM" means a SEGA system disc, and Identifier "SEGADATADISC" means a data disc.

SEGA system disc

This is MEGA-CD Disc Format formatted and contains the booting program. The file system can be used.

Data disc

This is MEGA-CD Disc Format formatted and contains no booting program. The file system can be used.

Volume name

Disc names in ASCII code.

Volume version

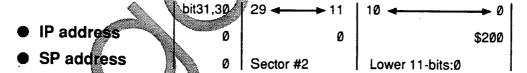
The version number is indicated here in 4-digit BCD notation, \$00 to \$99 are used in the pre-released version (write-once disc) while \$100 is used in the first released version.

Volume type

The medium type is indicated. The CD-ROM is read-only. (BitØ=1, other bits are set to 0.)

System name, version

Name and version for identifying the system programs.



● IP load size Loa

Load size: (Usually \$600)

SP load size

Load size: (Usually \$7800)

entry address

Program start offset address

SP entry address

Program start offset address

IP work RAM size ...
 SP work RAM size ...

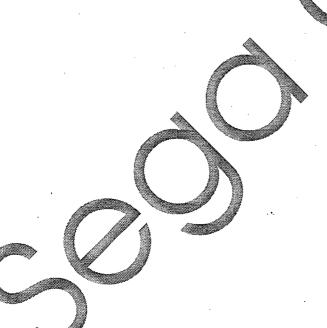
Required work RAM size in bytes Required work RAM size in bytes

* IP : Initial program

SP: System program

■Fig. A-2 <System ID>

	\$04		\$08		\$ØC	
\$000	DISC attri	bute				
\$010	Volume name			Ø	Volume System	Volume Type
\$020	System n		Ø	System VER.	0	
\$030	IP address	size of IP load	entry address of IP		size of IP work RAM	
\$040	SP address	size of SP load	entry address of SP		size of SP work PAM	
\$050 \$0FF	system reservation area					176 BYTE



Appendix 3. Disc ID

DISC ID serves to manage the quality of discs as products and to test products. The contents are managed by SEGA (Also see Fig. A-3).

Hardware designation

For the MEGA DRIVE : 'SEGA MEGA DRIVE'
For the GENESIS : 'SEGA GENESIS'

Company name or Company code

Input '(C)' and four characters for company name or company code here.

Intercompany or outside developer

(C) SEGA

Third party developer

(C) T-XX(Company code)

Input domestic-version of the game title

- Input overseas-version of the game title
- Code representing disc type, product code and version.

GM (Game), AI (Educational)

(Example: 'GM T-12345 -00')

Product codes are pre-designated for each game. Version numbers increase with every change that is made following the initial release of a game.

 The control information identifies the type(s) of I/O device(s) used to support game-play. The control information codes (ASCII) are as follows:

Master System Joystick : O
MEGA Drive (Genesis) Joystick : J
Keyboard : K
Serial I/O (RS232C) : R

Printer : P
Tablet
Trackball : B

Paddle controller : V
Analog joystick : A
Mouse : M

● Modem info (See MEGA PRIVE (GENESIS) MANUAL)

'MO', 'Company code', 'xx,y', 'zz'

xx : Game No. y : Version No. zz : Modem into

Only Japan With Mike

30 Only Overseas With Mike

50 Japan & Overseas With Mike



Regional compatibility is designated using the codes listed below:

Japan

: J : U

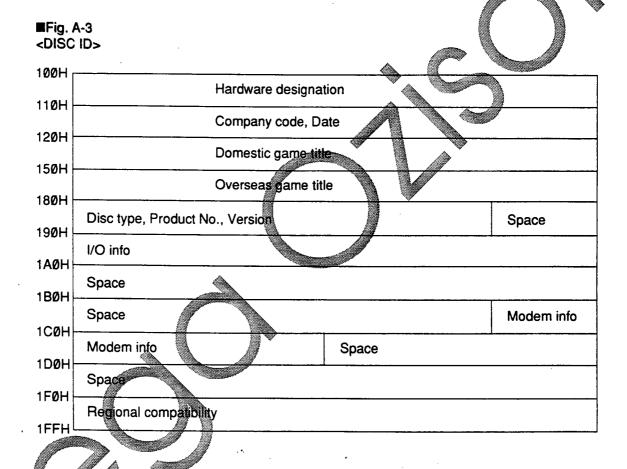
USA Europe

. E

SPACE

Prohibited to use.

- For any open addresses, fill in with the ASCII code-equivalent of "SPACE" (20H).
- See "GENESIS SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT MANUAL" for detail of each item.

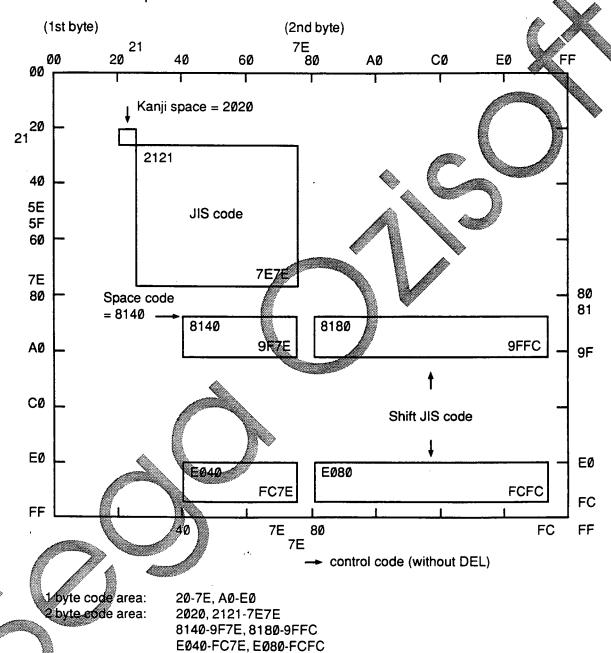


Appendix 4. Area for defining Japanese codes

Kanji

The shift codes in Figure A-4 are used for kanji character codes.





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