

Nisha Operation Summary

Preliminary

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INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to specify the recommended use of the 20Mbyte Nisha Winchester disk drive as defined by its designers. Furthermore, the Nisha FST {Final System Test} is designed to qualify the drive based on the criteria put forth within the following pages.

The Nisha disk drive is a microprocessor controlled Winchester device that is composed of mainly two (2) units: the servo processor/control, and the read/write channel. The servo processor is communicated with via a serial link operating at 58.6k baud and is used to position the read/write heads over a specific area of the disk. Both course and fine positioning are controlled by this mechanism. The read/write channel controls the head signals via a parallel interface with the host. All data into and out of the read/write channel is clocked NRZ.

This operation description is written in a short-hand psuedo code where a particular procedure/function fragment is defined with its inputs, outputs, and any functional results. No attempt has been made to specify actual structures {except the sparetable} or any controller specific parameters.

SUPPORT PROCEDURES

- o SendSrvo
- o RcvSrvo
- o SrvoCmnd
- o SrvoStat
- o UpDate_Current_Cylinder
- o Restore
- o ServoOk
- o ServoRecovery
- o DoAutoOffset

SendSrvo(Inputs: Difcnth, Difcntl, Statreg, Cntreg
 Outputs: None
 Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

1: CheckByte := Ones_Complement(Difcnth+Difcntl+Statreg+Cntreg)
 set watch dog timer for 1 second
 LOOP {send Difcnth, Difcntl, Statreg, Cntreg}
 DO nothing WHILE NOT(SioRdy) AND watch dog timer hasn't expired
 WHEN SioRdy THEN send a byte to the servo, beginning with Difcnth
 UNTIL (all input bytes + checkbyte) are sent to servo OR timeout
 reset watch dog timer
 IF timeout
 THEN SendSrvo := False
 ELSE
 wait for 250 usec {allow servo to check the checkbyte}
 IF NOT(SioRdy)
 THEN SendSrvo := True
 ELSE SendSrvo := False

no way

RcvSrvo(Inputs: None
 Outputs: 4 bytes of servo status need to be stored somewhere
 Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

1: set watch dog timer for 1 second
 LOOP
 DO nothing WHILE waiting for a byte from UART AND NOT(Timeout)
 receive byte
 UNTIL (4 status bytes + checkbyte) are received from servo OR timeout
 reset watch dog timer
 IF timeout
 THEN SendSrvo := False
 ELSE
 IF Calculated checkbyte = received checkbyte)
 THEN SendSrvo := True
 ELSE SendSrvo := False

SrvoCmnd(Inputs: Difcnth, Difcntl, Statreg, Cntreg
 Outputs: None
 Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

```

1: Retries := 0
  WHILE (Retries < 10) AND NOT(SendSrvo(Difcnth, Difcntl, Statreg, Cntreg)) DO
    Retries = Retries + 1
  IF (Retries = 10)
    THEN
      Servo Initialization      {re-init the servo processor}
      IF SendSrvo(40, 00, 00, 00) {data recal}
        THEN IF SendSrvo(DifCnth, DifCntl, Statreg, Cntreg)
          THEN SrvoCmnd := True
          ELSE SrvoCmnd := False
        ELSE SrvoCmnd := False
      ELSE SrvoCmnd := False
  ELSE SrvoCmnd := False

```

SrvoStat(Inputs: Cntreg
 Outputs: Status {4 bytes}
 Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

```

1: Retries := 0
  WHILE (Retries < 4) AND NOT(SrvoCmnd(0, 0, 0, Cntreg) followed by an immediate
    RcvSrvo(Status)) DO
    Retries = Retries + 1
  IF (Retries = 4)
    THEN
      Servo Initialization      {re-init the servo processor}
      IF SendSrvo(40, 00, 00, 00) {data recal}
        THEN IF (SendSrvo(0, 0, 0, Cntreg), RcvSrvo(Status))
          THEN SrvoStat := True
          ELSE SrvoStat := False
        ELSE SrvoStat := False
      ELSE SrvoStat := True
  ELSE SrvoStat := True

```

```
GoodHdr(Inputs: none
        Outputs: Actual_Cylinder
        Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

1: TempBool := ReadHeader(RwStat, RwErrCount)
   IF (Data.HiCylinder = NOT(Data.InvertHiCylinder)) AND
      (Data.LoCylinder = NOT(Data.InvertLoCylinder))
      (Data.HeadSector = NOT(Data.InvertHeadSector))
   THEN
      Actual_Cylinder := Data.Cylinder
      GoodHdr := True
   ELSE
      Repeat the above sequence 8 times or until successful. Wait for
      100 msec before each retry to try to minimize external
      noise/vibration, and to get a new sector each time.
      IF all retries fail
      THEN GoodHdr := Unsuccessful

UpDate_Current_Cylinder(Inputs: none
                        Outputs: Current_Cylinder
                        Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

1: IF GoodHdr(Actual_Cylinder)
   THEN
      Current_Cylinder := Actual_Cylinder
      UpDate_Current_Cylinder := Successful
   ELSE UpDate_Current_Cylinder := Unsuccessful
```

Restore(Inputs: RecalType {either DataRecal or BrakeRelease value}
 ReadHeader {boolean, indicates whether to update actual position}
Outputs: None
Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

Constants:

DataRecal = \$40
BrakeRelease = \$70
Max_Drive_Cylinders = 636
Recal_Cylinder = 600

```
1: Temp := SendSrvo(RecalType, 0, 0, 0) {assume recalcs work}
  IF (RecalType = BrakeRelease)
    THEN Current_Cylinder := Max_Drive_Cylinders
    ELSE Current_Cylinder := Recal_Cylinder
  Set watch dog timer for 2 seconds
  DO nothing WHILE NOT(ServoReady) AND NOT(Timeout)
  IF Timeout
    THEN Restore := Unsuccessful
  ELSE
    IF ReadHeader
      THEN IF UpDate_Current_Cylinder
            THEN Restore := Successful
            ELSE Restore := Unsuccessful
      ELSE Restore := Unsuccessful
```

```
ServoOk(Inputs: none
        Outputs: None
        Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

1: IF ServoError {hardware line on Nisha interface}
   THEN
     IF ServoReady {hardware line on Nisha interface}
       THEN Temp := SrvoStat(1,DontCare) {just read a status to clear error}
       ELSE Temp := Restore(DataRecal)
     ELSE IF NOT(ServoReady)
       THEN
         Servo_Initialization
         Restore(DataRecal)
     IF ServoReady AND NOT(ServoError)
       THEN ServoOk := Successful
       ELSE ServoOk := Unsuccessful
```


ServoRecovery(Inputs: none
Outputs: None
Result: BOOLEAN, True if successful)

```
1: Retries := 8
  ServoRecovery := Unsuccessful
  REPEAT
    IF ServoOk
      THEN
        IF UpDate_Current_Cylinder
          THEN
            IF Current_Cylinder = Cylinder
              THEN ServoRecovery := successful
            ELSE Seek(Cylinder, Head, Sector, Offset_On) {reseek back to
              the same location}
          ELSE Retries := Retries - 1
  UNTIL (Retries = 0) OR ServoRecovery is successful
```

DoAutoOffset(Inputs: none
Outputs: None
Result: none)

Constants:

Access_Offset = \$90

Offset_Auto = \$40

1: SelectHead(1) {do all servoing off of head 1}
Temp := SrvoCmd(Access_Offset, 0, Offset_Auto, 0)
Temp := SrvoStat(1, SrvoStatus) {get direction and magnitude of offset}
Off_Dir := (SrvoStatus[byte1]/bit5)
Off_Mag := NOT(SrvoStatus[byte1]/bits0:4) {magnitude comes back inverted}
Off_DirMag := Invert(Off_Dir) merged with Off_Mag {this value is kept in the
zone table for manual offsetting; the value to offset will be the
opposite of the direction just read in and the same magnitude}
SpareTable.ZoneTable[Cylinder DIV 32] := Off_DirMag {update zone table}

SEEKING

Seek(Inputs: Cylinder, Head, Sector {new disk location}
 WithOffset : BOOLEAN {is seek with auto offset?}
 Outputs: none
 Result: none {if it fails then positioning system is non_functional})

Constants:

Access = \$80
 Access_Offset = \$90
 Forward = \$08
 Reverse = \$00
 Offset_Auto = \$40
 Offset_Manual = \$80

```

1: REPEAT
  Select_Head(1) {do all servoing stuff on head 1}
  IF ServoOK
    THEN
      Seek_Magnitude := Current_Cylinder - Cylinder
      IF (Seek_Magnitude < 0)
        THEN
          Seek_Magnitude := -1 * Seek_Magnitude
          Seek_Direction := Forward {towards ID}
        ELSE Seek_Direction := Reverse {away from ID}
      IF (Seek_Magnitude <> 0)
        THEN
          IF WithOffset
            THEN
              Difcnth := (Access_Offset + Seek_Direction +
                Seek_Magnitude DIV 256)
              Difcntl := Seek_Magnitude MOD 256
              StatReg := Offset_Auto
            ELSE
              IF the magnitude of SpareTable.ZoneTable[Cylinder DIV
                32] is greater than 10
                THEN
                  Off_Mag := magnitude of SpareTable.ZoneTable
                    [Cylinder DIV 32]
                  Off_Dir := direction of SpareTable.ZoneTable
                    [Cylinder DIV 32]
                  Difcnth := (Access_Offset + Seek_Direction +
                    Seek_Magnitude DIV 256)
                  Difcntl := Seek_Magnitude MOD 256
                  StatReg := Offset_Manual+Off_Dir+Off_Mag
                ELSE
                  Difcnth := (Access + Seek_Direction +
                    Seek_Magnitude DIV 256)
                  Difcntl := Seek_Magnitude MOD 256
                  StatReg := 0
          IF SendSrvo(Difcnth, Difcntl, Statreg, 0)

```

```
                THEN Seek := Successful
                ELSE Seek := Unsuccessful
            ELSE Seek := Successful
        ELSE Seek := Unsuccessful
UNTIL either the seek is successful OR is retried 4 times
IF seek is unsuccessful
    THEN
        Servo Initialization
        Restore(DataRecal, ReadHeader)
        Try the code inside the REPEAT UNTIL loop once more
    IF seek is unsuccessful
        THEN Non_Functional_Drive
        ELSE
            Current_Cylinder := Cylinder
            Select_Head(Head)
            Current_Sector := Sector
            IF (Current_Cylinder < PcRwi_Cylinder) {check for changing
                WritePreComp/ReducedWriteCurent}
                THEN PcRwi := Inactive {active low}
                ELSE PcRwi := Active
            IF Not a zero track seek
                THEN SeekCount := SeekCount + 1 {keep track for arm sweeping, refer
                    to ArmSweep in the MISCELLANEOUS section}
```

RESET/POWER-ON {start up condiserations}

- o Drive SpinUp and Motor speed checking
- o Servo Initialization
- o Brake release
- o Servo Test
- o Sector count
- o Read/Write checking

Drive SpinUp and Motor speed checking

```
1: IF time from index_mark to index_mark is 21 usec +/- 5 usec
    THEN Servo Initialization
    ELSE
        wait for 20 seconds
        IF time from index_mark to index_mark is 21 usec +/- 5 usec
            THEN Servo Initialization {continue}
            ELSE Non_Functional_Drive(Motor is at the incorrect speed)
```

Servo Initialization

```
1: assert Servo Reset for 1000 usecs
    wait for 1 second to allow the servo to complete its init code
    IF SendSrvo(00, 00, 00, 01) {arbitrary, non-destructive command to test servo}
        {processors ability to communicate}
    THEN IF RcvSrvo
        { don't care what response means, just that bytes}
        {come back and that the checkbyte is correct}
        THEN Release Brake {continue}
        ELSE Non_Function_Drive(servo will not respond after reset)
```

Release Brake

```
1: IF Restore(ReleaseBrake, DoNotReadHeader) {send brake release command}
    THEN Servo Test {continue}
    ELSE Non_Functional_Drive
```

Servo Test

```
1: IF NOT(Restore(DataRecal, DoNotReadHeader)) {send data recal command}
    THEN Non_Functional_Drive
    ELSE
        Seek($0069, 00, 00, NoOffset) {see if servo will go thru motions of a seek,
            if this fails, it will fail in Seek}
        SectorCount {continue}
```

SectorCount

```
1: IF NOT(NumberOfSectors = 32) {count the number of sectors between one
    rotation of Index mark}
    THEN Non_Functional_Drive
    ELSE
        ReadWrite Test
```

ReadWrite Test**Constants:**

SlfTstTrack = 612

```
1: IF NOT(Restore(DataRecal, ReadHeader))
  THEN Either Non_Functional_Drive OR drive has not been formatted
  ELSE
    Seek(SlfTstTrack, 0, 0, AutoOffset) {if this fails it will be in Seek}
    1a:

1a: DataPattern := $39
  IF Write
    THEN
      zero memory buffer area where data is to be read
    IF Read
      THEN IF DataPattern := $39
        THEN Find_SpareTable {refer to the section on SPARETABLE
          MANIPULATION}
        ELSE 1b:
      ELSE 1b:

1b: Repeat 1a: for all sectors on the track or until successful
  IF not successful
    THEN Non_Functional_Drive
    ELSE Find_SpareTable {this can fail in Find_SpareTable, if not then enter
      an idle state and begin taking commands from the
      system}
```

SPARETABLE MANIPULATION

- o GetNewSpare
- o Add Spare
- o Delete BadBlock
- o Spare
- o Search SpareTable
- o UpDate SpareTable
- o Find SpareTable

GetNewSpare(Inputs: LogicalBlkNum : 17 bits
Outputs: SpareNum
Result: none)

Constants:

MaxSpares = 76

```
1: SpareNum := LogicalBlkNum DIV 512 {spare are 512 blocks apart}
  IF SpareTable.BitMap[SpareNum] {bitmap is active high if filled}
  THEN
    Done := False
    NoHighs := False
    NoLows := False
    LoTemp := SpareNum {search for the next closest spare location}
    HiTemp := SpareNum
    REPEAT
      LoTemp := LoTemp - 1
      HiTemp := HiTemp + 1
      IF (LoTemp < 0) THEN NoLows := True
      IF (HiTemp >= MaxSpares) THEN NoHighs := True
      IF NOT(NoHighs) AND NOT(SpareTable.BitMap[HiTemp])
      THEN
        SpareNum := HiTemp
        Done := True
      ELSE
        IF NOT(NoLows) AND NOT(SpareTable.BitMap[LoTemp])
        THEN
          SpareNum := LoTemp
          Done := True
        IF NoHighs AND NoLows THEN Done := True
    UNTIL Done
    IF NoHighs AND NoLows THEN Non_Functional_Drive
```

```
Add_Spare(Inputs: LogicalBlkNum : 17 bits,  
           SpareNum : Byte,  
           IsSpare : BOOLEAN {true is a spare, false if a badblock}  
Outputs: none  
Result: none)
```

Constants:

```
NIL = $80  
Used = $40  
Useable = $20  
Spare_Type = $10  
BadBlock_Type = $00  
User_Type = $02  
SprTbl_Type = $08
```

```
1: IF SpareTable.HeadPtr[LogicalBlkNum DIV 1024].NIL  
   THEN  
     SpareTable.HeadPtr[LogicalBlkNum DIV 1024].NIL := False  
     SpareTable.HeadPtr[LogicalBlkNum DIV 1024].Ptr := SpareNum  
   ELSE  
     search for the end of the list  
     remove NIL flag from last element of list  
     ptr of last element of list := SpareNum  
   SpareTable.Heap[4*SpareNum] := NIL+Used+Useable  
   IF IsSpare  
     THEN SpareTable.Heap[4*SpareNum] := Spare_Type  
     ELSE SpareTable.Heap[4*SpareNum] := BadBlock_Type  
   IF LogicalBlkNum is a User_Block {as opposed to a sparettable block}  
     THEN SpareTable.Heap[4*SpareNum] := User_Type  
     ELSE SpareTable.Heap[4*SpareNum] := SprTbl_Type  
   SpareTable.Heap[(4*SpareNum)+1] := bits 9:8 of LogicalBlkNum  
   SpareTable.Heap[(4*SpareNum)+2] := bits 7:0 of LogicalBlkNum  
   SpareTable.BitMap[SpareNum] := True
```


Delete_BadBlock(Inputs: LogicalBlkNum : 17 bits
Outputs: none
Result: none)

```
1: Temp := LogicalBlkNum DIV 1024
  IF SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp].NIL
    THEN {badblock element is first on list}
      SpareTable.HeadPtr[Temp].NIL := True
      SpareTable.HeadPtr[Temp].Ptr := 0
    ELSE
      search list for bad block element, Temp1 := sparenun of element just
      before the badblock element, Temp := sparenun of badblock element
      IF the badblock element is the last element of the list
        THEN SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp1)].Nil := True
        ELSE SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp1)+4].Ptr :=
              SpareTable.Heap[4*(Temp+4)].Ptr
      SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp] := $FF {mark the heap that a badblock was here}
      SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+1] := $FF
      SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+2] := $FF
      SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+3] := $FF
```

```

Spare(Inputs: LogicalBlkNum : 17 bits,
      IsSpare : BOOLEAN {true is a spare, false if a badblock}
      Outputs: none
      Result: none)

1: IF NOT(IsSpare)
  THEN
    IF block to be spared is already a badblock
      THEN
        Delete_BadBlock(LogicalBlkNum)
        SpareTable.BadBlockCount := SpareTable.BadBlockCount - 1
      Done := False
      LoopCount := 10
      ReadErrs := 0
      REPEAT
        IF NOT(Write)
          THEN Done := True {exit loop on any write error}
          ELSE
            IF NOT(Read)
              THEN
                IF RwStat.HeaderErr
                  THEN Done := True {exit if any header errors}
                  ELSE ReadErrs := ReadErrs + RdErrCnt
                LoopCount := LoopCount - 1
            UNTIL Done OR (LoopCount = 0)
            IF ((LoopCount <> 0) OR (ReadErrs > 3))
              THEN
                IF NOT(IsSpare) AND NOT(block is already a bad block)
                  THEN
                    GetNewSpare(LogicalBlkNum, SpareNum)
                    AddSpare(LogicalBlkNum, SpareNum)
                    SpareTable.BadBlockCount := SpareTable.BadBlockCount + 1
                  ELSE
                    IF IsSpare
                      THEN
                        Done := False
                        REPEAT
                          IF block to be spared is already spared
                            THEN
                              Temp := sparenum of spared block heap element
                              SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp].Useable := False
                              SpareTable.SpareCount := SpareTable.SpareCount + 1
                              GetNewSpare(LogicalBlkNum, SpareNum)
                              AddSpare(LogicalBlkNum, SpareNum)
                              PBlk := SpareNum * 512
                              SprCyl := PBlk DIV 64
                              SprHd := PBlk MOD 64 DIV 32
                              SprSctr := PBlk MOD 64 MOD 32
                              Seek(SprCyl, SprHd, SprSctr, OffSet_On)
                              IF Write AND Read THEN Done := True
                            UNTIL Done
                        UpDate_SpareTable

```

Search_SpareTable(Inputs: LogicalBlkNum : 17 bits
Outputs: IsSpare, valid only if Result is true
Result: BOOLEAN, True if spare or badblock)

Constants:

NIL = \$80

```
1: Temp := LogicalBlkNum DIV 1024
  IF SpareTable.HeadPtr[Temp].NIL
  THEN Search_SpareTable := False
  ELSE
    Found := False
    Done := False
    Temp := SpareTable.HeadPtr[Temp].Ptr
    REPEAT
      IF SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp].Useable AND
        (SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+1]) = LogicalBlkNum/bits 9:8) AND
        (SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+2]) = LogicalBlkNum/bits 7:0)
      THEN
        Done := True
        Found := True
        IsSpare := SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp].Spr_Type
      ELSE
        IF SpareTable.Heap[4*Temp].NIL
        THEN Done := True
        ELSE Temp := SpareTable.Heap[(4*Temp)+3]
    UNTIL Done
  IF Found
  THEN Search_SpareTable := True
  ELSE Search_SpareTable := False
```

UpDate_SpareTable(Inputs: none
 Outputs: none
 Result: none)

```
1: SpareTable.RunNumber := SpareTable.RunNumber + 1
   calculate a new checksum by summing all bytes between the start of the
   sparetable and the checksum (without carry) into a 16-bit integer.
   Place the new checksum into the SpareTable
Done := False
SprBlk := 0
REPEAT
   move the SpareTable into the sequencer write buffer and place a fence at
   data locations 512:515 (fence = $F0783C1E)
   IF (SprBlk = 0)
      THEN LBlk := $32AB
      ELSE LBlk := $6553
   PBlk := Search_SpareTable(LBlk, IsSpare)
   SprCyl := PBlk DIV 64
   SprHd := PBlk MOD 64 DIV 32
   SprSctr := PBlk MOD 64 MOD 32
   Seek(SprCyl, SprHd, SprSctr, OffSet_On)
   IF Write AND Read
      THEN
         SprBlk := SprBlk + 1
         IF (SprBlk > 2) THEN Done := True
         ELSE Spare_Block(LBlk, True)
UNTIL Done
```

Find_SpareTable(Inputs: none
Outputs: none
Result: none)

```
1: clear SpareTable.ZoneTable to all zeros
LoopCount := 76 {search all spare blocks for both spare tables}
SprTblCount := 0
CurrentRunNumber := 0
REPEAT
  PBlk := 512 * LoopCount {start at ID, works towards OD}
  SprCyl := PBlk DIV 64
  SprHd := PBlk MOD 64 DIV 32
  SprSctr := 0
  Seek(SprCyl, SprHd, SprSctr, OffSet_On)
  IF Read OR if read error is not header error and RdErrCnt < 10
    THEN
      IF there is a fence at databuffer[512:515] AND
        there is a fence at databuffer[0:3] AND
        there is a fence at databuffer[424:427] AND
        the checksum over the databuffer matches the checksum in the
        databuffer
        THEN
          IF (the runnumber in the data buffer >= CurrentRunNumber)
            THEN
              move the databuffer to the spare table buffer
              CurrentRunNumber := SpareTable.RunNumber
              SprTblCount := SprTblCount + 1
UNTIL (LoopCount = 0)
IF (SprTblCount = 0)
  THEN Non_Functional_Drive
  ELSE UpDate_SpareTable
clear SpareTable.ZoneTable to all zeros
```

MISCELLANEOUS

- o Arm Sweep
- o Parking
- o FreeProcess/SelfTest

Arm_Sweep(Inputs: none
Outputs: none
Result: none)

{An Arm_Sweep is to be performed every 2000 seeks {or so} to keep the rotary arm bearings lubricated. It is not critical that it occur *exactly* on the 2000th seek, but is absolutely essential to the performance and reliability of the drive. The Nisha Final System Test checks to see an Arm_Sweep is needed after every Logical Command from the host system. }

- 1: Seek(\$0069, 0, 0, Offset_Off)
Seek(\$026C, 0, 0, Offset_Off)
Seek(Cylinder, Head, Sector, Offset_On)

Parking(Inputs: none
Outputs: none
Result: none)

{Parking refers to the action of removing the drives r/w heads from the medias data area while idle to minimize the chances of contact between the heads and media that could destroy data or the drive. Nisha is equipped with a hardware parking device {the brake} that will automatically move the heads to the park position when power is removed from the drive; however, it is still recommended that the drive be 'parked' when idle. the Nisha Final System Test will park the drive after 8 seconds of no activity. }

- 1: Seek(\$027C, 0, 0, Offset_Off)

FreeProcess/SelfTest

It is recommended while the Nisha is idle that each of its selftest routines be performed continuously at regular intervals to minimize the chances that a drive failure will not be detected until a users data is involved. The Nisha Final System Test performs the following tests {in this order} every 8 seconds that the Nisha is idle {except for the first 8 seconds, when it parks}:

1. RamTest {test buffers that data is read/written from/to}
2. MotorSpeed Test
3. Sector Count Test
4. ReadWrite Test {incorporates the Servo Test}