

# Specifications

Model

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## 1. Overview

This document supplements the GD-ROM format specifications with information particular to hardware engineering.

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## 2. GD-ROM Physical Layout Specification

<23.0mm		A Time	
24.80mm ~25.0mm	<b>Lead-in</b> ×1.0	97:30:00	×1 Lead in Start
		99:59:74	×1 Lead in end
27.89mm	<b>Program Area</b> (4min.) ×1.0 Area=Normal density	00:00:00	×1 Program Start
		Max 03:59:74	×1 Program end
28.90mm	<b>Lead-out</b> (90 Sec) ×1.0	04:00:00	×1 Lead out Start
		05:29:74	×1 Lead out end
28.95mm	<b>Mirror #1</b> (50 um)	05:30:00	mirror #1 Start
		05:34:40	mirror #1 end
30.95mm	<b>SEGA Logo</b> ×1.0	05:34:41	×1 Logo Start
		08:37:65	×1 Logo end
31.00mm	<b>Mirror #2</b> (50 um)	08:37:66	mirror #2 Start
		08:46:52	mirror #2 end
31.50mm	<b>Lead-in</b> (0.5mm) ×1.8	F0:00:00	×1.8 Lead in Start
		F1:28:74	×1.8 Lead in end
58.00mm	<b>Program Area</b> (>1GB) ×1.8 Area=High density	10:00:00	×1.8 Program Start
		Max C2:29:11	×1.8 Program end (max value for write physically)
59.00mm	<b>Lead out</b> ×1.8	C2:29:12	×1.8 Lead out Start
		C8:02:07	×1.8 Lead out end

min. : HEX BCD 00 ~ C8、F0、  
F1  
Sec. : BCD BCD 00 ~ 59  
F r ame : BCD BCD 00 ~ 74

**Figure 2-1: Physical Layout Specification**

### 3. Single-Density Area Format

#### 3.1 Single-Density Area Track Structure

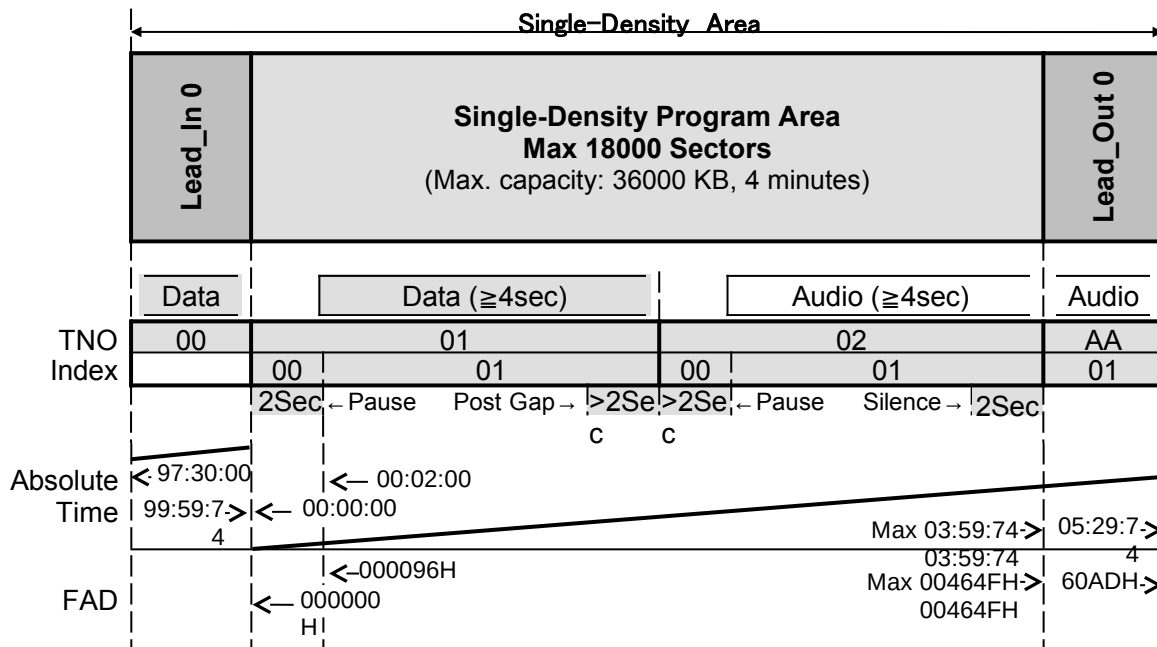
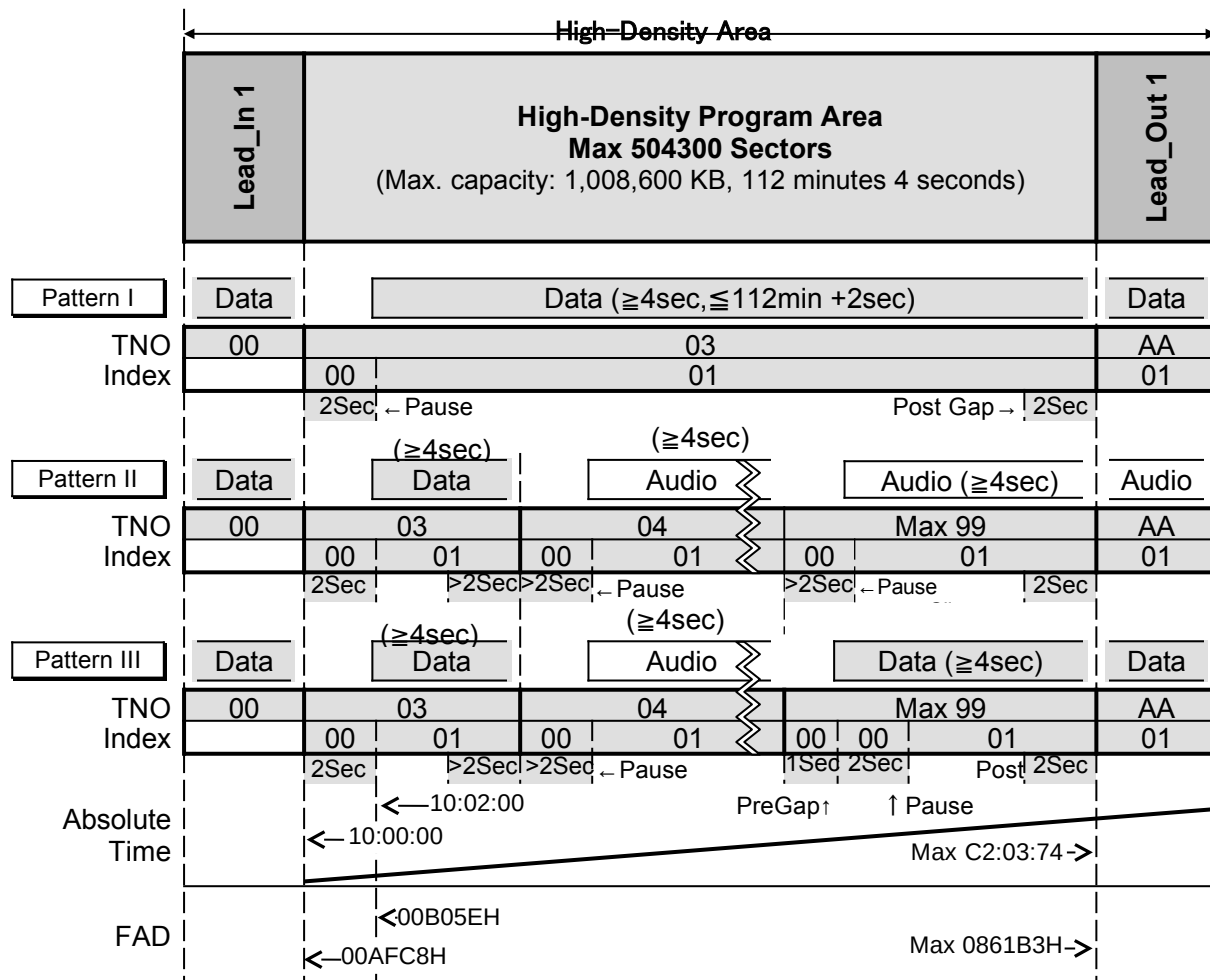


Figure 3-1: Single-Density Area Track Structure

## 4. High-Density Area Format

### 4.1 High-Density Area Track Structure



**Figure 4-1: High-Density Area Track Structure**

**Note:** Max value for the real data in High-Density Area is defined as 112min 00sec 00. Therefore, max value for absolute time within High-Density program area is C2:03:74 (122 min 03 sec 74).

## 5. Lead-In Area (TOC 1)

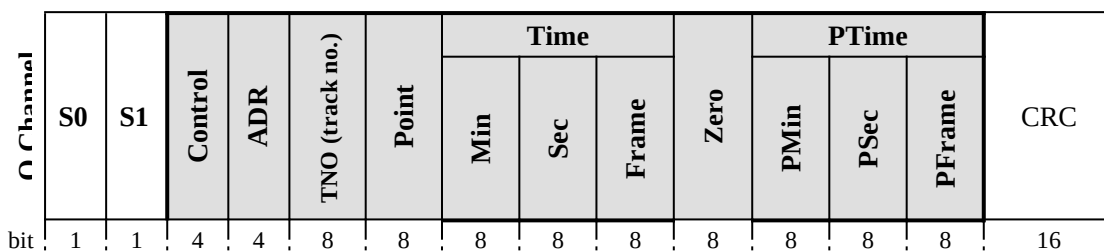
The TOC (Table of Contents) consists of pointers to the recording locations in the Lead In Area's Subcode Q channel on the disc, following the Red Book standard.

The TOC DATA here describes TOC1 (Table of Contents 1) in the Lead-In Area (Lead\_In 1) in the High-Density Area.

In TOC1, the same subcode block is repeated three times within the Lead-In 1 Area.

It does not support Mode2 format, so the PSec value of Point=A0 is 00.

The ZERO field member of the High-Density Area is 00h.



**Figure 5-1: Subcode Q Channel**

Control/ADR	TNO	Point	Min	Sec	Frame	Zero	PMin	PSec	PFrame	
*1 1	00	03 to 99	"Min, Sec, Frame" indicates the disc's absolute time.			00	Track starting frame address (BCD value) indicated by the Point value			
*1 1	00	A0				00	Starting track number (BCD value 03 to 99)		00	00
*1 1	00	A1				00	Last track number (BCD value 03 to 99)		00	00
*1 1	00	A2				00	Lead_out 2 starting frame address (BCD value)			
*1 Control		Description								
MSB → 00x0 ← LSB		2 audio without pre-								
00x1		2 audio with pre-emphasis								
01x0		data track								
0x0x		digital copy prohibited								
0x10		digital copy permitted								

**Figure 5-2: TOC 1 Values**



The "PMin, PSec, PFrame" values as they change with the "Point" value are shown below.

**ADR=1 (Mode1)**

- Point=03~99 The "PMin, PSec, PFrame" values give the start position of the track indicated by "Pointer".
- Point=A0 "PMin" indicates the program area's first record track number value, 03.  
"PSec" indicates 00 as the disc type is Mode1 and GD\_DA.  
"PFrame" indicates 00.
- Point=A1 "PMin" indicates the program area's last record track number value.  
"PSec, PFrame" indicate 00.
- Point=A2 "PSec, PSrame, PFrame" indicate the Lead Out Area's start position.

Examples of the TOC in "Lead In 1" of the High-Density Area, with Pattern III track structure, are shown below.

Frame	CTL&ADR	TNO	Point	M:S:F	Zero	PM:PS:PF
:	:	:	:	:	:	:
n+0	01	00	A0	F0:59:69	00	03:00:00
n+1	01	00	A0	F0:59:70	00	03:00:00
n+2	01	00	A0	F0:59:71	00	03:00:00
n+3	01	00	A1	F0:59:72	00	05:00:00
n+4	01	00	A1	F0:59:73	00	05:00:00
n+5	01	00	A1	F0:59:74	00	05:00:00
n+6	01	00	A2	F1:00:00	00	C0:29:12
n+7	01	00	A2	F1:00:01	00	C0:29:12
n+8	01	00	A2	F1:00:02	00	C0:29:12
n+9	41	00	03	F1:00:03	00	10:02:00
n+10	41	00	03	F1:00:04	00	10:02:00
n+11	41	00	03	F1:00:05	00	10:02:00
n+12	01	00	04	F1:00:06	00	20:02:00
n+13	01	00	04	F1:00:07	00	20:02:00
n+14	01	00	04	F1:00:08	00	20:02:00
n+15	01	00	05	F1:00:09	00	A0:02:70
n+16	01	00	05	F1:00:10	00	A0:02:70
n+17	01	00	05	F1:00:11	00	A0:02:70
:	01	00	A0	F1:00:12	00	03:00:00
:	01	00	A0	F1:00:13	00	03:00:00
:	01	00	A0	F1:00:14	00	03:00:00
:	:	:	:	:	:	:



Frame	CTL&ADR	TNO	Point	M:S:F	Zero	PM:PS:PF
n+0	01	00	A0	Absolute Time	00	03:00:00
n+3	01	00	A1		00	05:00:00
n+6	01	00	A2		00	C0:29:12
n+9	41	00	03		00	10:02:00
n+12	01	00	04		00	20:02:00
n+15	41	00	05		00	A0:02:70
:	:	:	:	:	:	:

10:02:00  
20:02:00  
A0:02:70  
C0:29:12

Lead_in 1	
Pre Gap Time	
MODE1	03
GD-DA	04
MODE1	05
Lead_out 1	

Figure 5-3: Examples of Lead In 1 TOC

## 6. Sector Structure

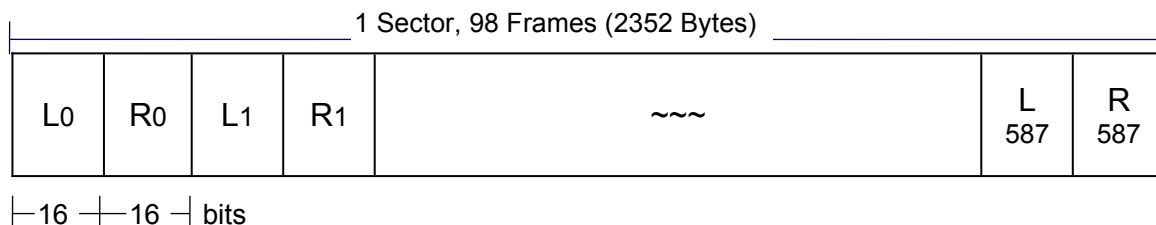
### 6.1 Sectors

The GD-ROM sector structure complies with the Red Book and Yellow Book standards. The CD Audio sector structure is shown in Figure 6-1, and the CD-ROM sector structure is shown in Figure 6-2 below.

The GD-ROM data sector structure uses Mode1 in Figure 6-2, which does not support the MODE 2 data sector structure (XA, etc.).

The header values for **Min, Sec, and Frame** (sector, block) shown in Figure 6-1 are each two-digit BCD (4-bit base 10) displays. However, since the largest possible BCD Min value would be 99, in the high-density format area, the 10's digit of minutes must be displayed in hexadecimal, and the maximum measurement is extended to F9 Min 59 Sec 74 Sectors (160 minutes).

#### Frame Format of CD-DA Audio



**Figure 6-1: CD-Audio Frame Format**

#### Sector Format of CD-ROM (MODE1)

1 Sector, 98 Frames (2352 Bytes)										
	Sync signal	Header (4)				User data	EDC	SPACE	ECC	
MODE1	[12]	Min [1]	Sec [1]	Frame [1]	Mode [1]=1	DATA [2048]	[4]	- 00 - [8]	P Parity [172]	Q Parity [104]
	Sync signal	Header (4)				Subheader	User data	EDC	ECC	
MODE2 FORM1	[12]	Min [1]	Sec [1]	Frame [1]	Mode [1]=2	[8]	DATA [2048]	[4]	P Parity [172]	Q Parity [104]
	Sync signal	Header (4)				Subheader	User data		EDC	
MODE2 FORM2	[12]	Min [1]	Sec [1]	Frame [1]	Mode [1]=2	[8]	DATA [2324]		[4]	

**Figure 6-2: CD-ROM Sector Format**

#### Data Sector Structure

**MODE1:** This mode consists of 2048-byte User Data a 4-byte error detection flag area and a 276-byte error correction area for flag error control.

**MODE2:** This mode consists of FORM1 for code data and FORM2 for voice and images. In Mode2, the SPACE area (8 bits) of Mode1 serves as a subheader between the Header and User data. Because FORM2 does not require strict additional error correction, the 276-byte ECC area, which uses P/Q parity in FORM1, is instead allocated to the 2324-byte User data area.

## 6.2 Frame/Sector Relationship

Each frame consists of 24 symbols, with a symbol being 8 data bits (1 byte). Interleaving is applied to this data to make an [F1] frame. Therefore, an [F1] frame consists of 24 symbols (bytes) or 192 data bits.

The [F1] frame is divided into groups of 12 symbols, and a four-symbol-long flag error correction CIRC (Cross Interleave Reed-Solomon Coding) is appended to each group of 12 symbols. The result is an [F2] frame. So an [F2] frame consists of 32 symbols (bytes) or 256 data bits.

In addition, an 8-bit-long subcode is appended as a control byte to form an [F3] frame. This includes a subcode data CIRC. Therefore, an [F3] frame consists of 33 symbols (bytes), or 264 data bits.

Each symbol of the [F3] frame is modulated using EFM (Eight-to-Fourteen Modulation), and each symbol (that is, 8 data bits) is converted into 14 channel bits. At this time, the arrangement of the [F3] frame is changed, and the final frame is made by adding a margin bit (connection bit), which becomes a 3-channel-bit-long gap, with each symbol having a 4-channel-bit-long synchronous header and control byte. Thus, the frame formed in this way is 588 channel bits long. Each frame created through the above processes has a set time length of 136  $\mu$ S.

A sector is made by grouping 98 of the [F3] frames described above, so 1 sector consists of 57,624 channel bits or 7,203 bytes. Depending on the development environment, 1 sector may also be called a block.

The above relationships are shown in Figure 6-.

Note: CD Block Access Units are generally as follows:

Frame Address (FAD)	---Units of access counted in sector units immediately after the end of the Lead In 1 area.
Logical Sector No. (LSN)	---Counted in sector units with absolute time 00:02:00 as 0. Also called the Logical Block Number (LBN).
Absolute Time (ATime)	---Counted in units of time from 00:00:00 immediately after the end of the Lead In 1 area.

Frame Addresses (FAD) and Logical Sector Numbers (LSN) are related as follows:

$$\text{Frame Address (FAD)} = 96\text{H} + \text{Logical Sector Number (LSN)}$$

Absolute Time (ATime) and Sectors (1 sector = 2048 bytes) are related as follows:

$$1 \text{ second} = 75 \text{ sectors}$$



## 7. Subcode Information

### 7.1 Subcode Data Structures

#### P Channel Information

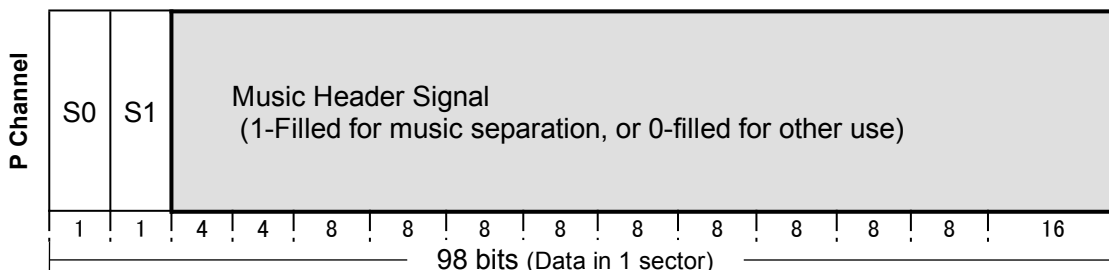


Figure 7-1: P Channel Information

#### Q Channel Information (TOC)

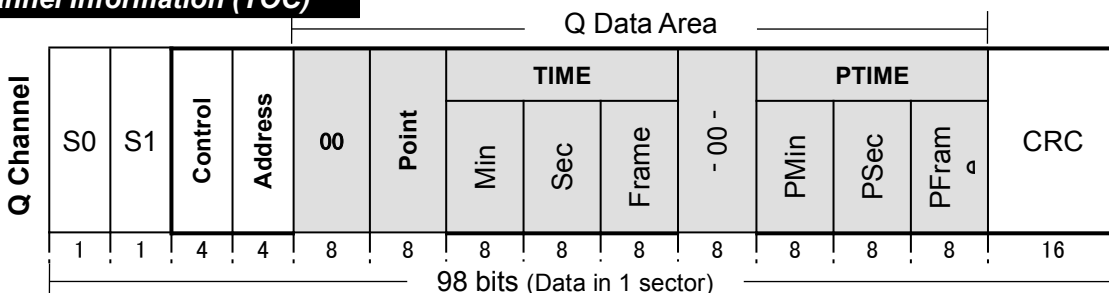


Figure 7-2: Q Channel Information (TOC)

#### Q Channel Information (Ex.)

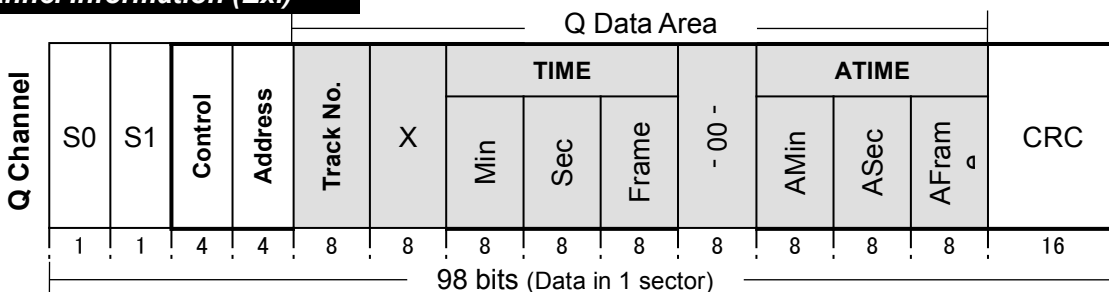


Figure 7-3: Q Channel Information (Ex.)

#### R/W Channel Information (Ex.)

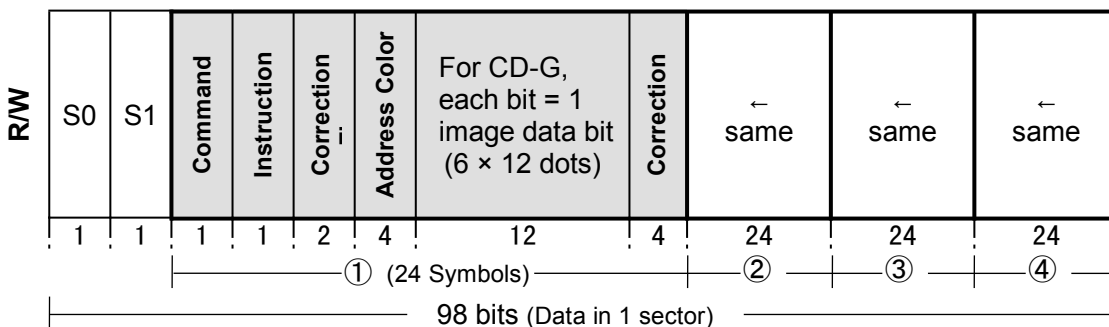


Figure 7-4: R/W Channel Information