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Chapter 1

Hardware

1.1 Amiga® Hardware Reference Manual: H External Disk Connector Interface

The 23-pin female connector at the rear of the main computer unit is used to interface to and control devices that generate and receive MFM data. This interface can be reached either as a resource or under the control of a driver. The following pages describe the interface in both cases.

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1.2 H External Disk Connector Interface / Summary Table

Pin #	Name	Note	
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1	RDY-	I/O	ID and ready
2	DKRD-	I	MFM input
3	GRND	G	-
4	GRND	G	-
5	GRND	G	-
6	GRND	G	-
7	GRND	G	-
8	MTRXD-	O	Motor control.
9	SEL2B-	O*	Select drive 2
10	DRESB-	O	Reset
11	CHNG-	I/O	Disk changed
12	+5v	PWR	540 mA average 870 mA surge
13	SIDEB-	O	Side 1 if low
14	WPRO-	I/O	Write protect
15	TK0-	I/O	Track 0
16	DKWEB-	O	Write gate
17	DKWDB-	O	Write data
18	STEPB-	O	Step
19	DIRB	O	Direction (high is out)
20	SEL3B-	O*	Select drive 3
21	SEL1B-	O*	Select drive 1
22	INDEX-	I/O	Index

23 +12v PWR 120 mA average 370 mA surge

Key to Class:

G	ground, note connector shield grounded.
I	input pulled up to 5v by 1K ohm.
I/O	input in driver, but bidirectional input (1k pullup)
O	output pulled though 1K to 5v
O*	output, separates resources.
PWR	available for external use, but currently used up by external drive.

1.3 H External Disk Connector Interface / Signals When Driving a Disk

The following describes the interface under driver control.

SEL1B-, SEL2B-, SEL3B-

Select lines for the three external disk drives active low.

TK0-

A selected drive pulls this signal low whenever its read-write head is on track 00.

RDY-

When a disk drive's motor is on, this line indicates the selected disk is installed and rotating at speed. The driver ignores this signal. When the motor is off this is used as a ID data line. See below.

WPRO- (Pin #14)

A selected drive pulls this signal low whenever it has a write-protected diskette installed.

INDEX- (Pin #22)

A selected drive pulses this signal low once for each revolution of its motor.

SIDEB- (Pin #13)

The system drives this signal to all disk drives -- low for side 1, high for side 0.

STEPB- (Pin #18)

Pulsed to step the selected drive's head.

DIRB (Pin #19)

The system drives this signal high or low to tell the selected drive which way to step when the STEPB- pulse arrives. Low means step in (to higher-numbered track); high means step out.

DKRD- (Pin #2)

A selected drive will put out read data on this line.

DKWDB- (Pin #17)

The system drives write data to all disks via this signal. The data is only written when DKWEB- is active (low). Data is written only to selected drives.

DKWEB- (Pin #16)

This signal causes a selected drive to start writing data (provided by DKWDB-) onto the disk.

CHNG- (Pin #11)

A selected drive will drive this signal low whenever its internal "disk change" latch is set. This latch is set when the drive is first powered on, or whenever there is no diskette in the drive. To reset the latch, the system must select the drive, and step the head. Of course, the latch will not reset if there is no diskette installed.

MTRXD- (Pin #8)

This is the motor control line for all four disk drives. When the system wants to turn on a disk drive motor, it first deselects the drive (if selected), pulls MTRXD- low, and selects the drive. To turn the motor off, the system deselects the drive, pulls MTRXD- high, and selects the drive. The system will always set MTRXD- at least 1.4 microseconds before it selects the drive, and will not change MTRXD- for at least 1.4 microseconds after selecting the drive. All external drives must have logic equivalent to a D flip-flop, whose D input is the MTRXD- signal, and whose clock input is activated by the off-to-on (high-to-low) transition of its SELxB- signal. As noted above, both the setup and hold times of MTRXD- with respect to SELxB- will always be at least 1.4 microseconds. The output of this flip-flop controls the disk drive motor. Thus, the system can control all four motors using only one signal on the cable (MTRXD-).

DRESB- (Pin #10)

This signal is a buffered version of the system reset signal. Three things can make it go active (low):

- * System power-up (DRESB- will go low for approximately one second);
- * System CPU executes a RESET instruction (DRESB- will go low for approximately 17 microseconds);
- * Hard reset from keyboard (lasts as long as keyboard reset is held down).

External disk drives should respond to DRESB- by shutting off their motor flip-flops and write protecting themselves.

A level of 3.75v or below on the 5v+ requires external disks to write-protect and reset the motor on line.

1.4 H External Disk Connector Interface / Device I.D.

This interface supports a method of establishing the type of disk(s) attached. The I.D. sequence is as follows.

1. Drive MTRXD- low: Turn on the disk drive motor.
2. Drive SELxB- low: Activate drive select x, where x is the number of the selected drive.
3. Drive SELxB- high: Deactivate drive select x..
4. Drive MTRXD- high: Turn off disk drive motor.
5. Drive SELxB- low: Activate drive select x.
6. Drive SELxB- high: Deactivate drive select x.
7. Drive SELxB- low: Activate drive select x.
8. Read and save state of RDY .
9. Drive SELxB- high: Deactivate drive select x.

Repeat steps 7 through 9, 31 more times for a total of 32 iterations, in order to read 32 bits of data. The most significant bit is read first.

Steps 1 through 4 in the algorithm above turn on and off the disk drive motor. This initializes the serial shift register . After initialization, the SELxB signal is driven (first active then) inactive as in steps 5 and 6. Keep in mind that the SELxB signal is active-low.

Steps 7, 8 and 9 form a loop where (7) the SELxB signal is driven active (low), (8) the serial input data is read on RDY (pin 1) and (9) the SELxB signal is again driven high (inactive). This loop is performed 32 times, once for each of the bits in the input stream that comprise the device I.D.

Convert the 32 values of RDY- into a two 16-bit word. The most significant bit is the first value and so on. This 32-bit quantity is the device I.D..

The following I.D.s are defined:

0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	Reserved (\$0000 0000)
1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	1111	Amiga standard 3.25 (\$FFFF FFFF)
1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	Reserved (\$AAAA AAAA)
0101	0101	0101	0101	0101	0101	0101	0101	48 TPI double-density, double-sided (\$5555 5555)
1000	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000	Reserved (\$8000 8000)
0111	1111	1111	1111	0111	1111	1111	1111	Reserved (\$7FFF 7FFF)
0000	1111	xxxx	xxxx	0000	1111	xxxx	xxxx	Available for users (\$0Fxx 0Fxx)
1111	0000	xxxx	xxxx	1111	0000	xxxx	xxxx	Extension reserved (\$F0xx F0xx)
xxxx	0000	0000	0000	xxxx	0000	0000	0000	Reserved (\$x000 x000)
xxxx	1111	1111	1111	xxxx	1111	1111	1111	Reserved (\$x000 x000)
0011	0011	0011	0011	0011	0011	0011	0011	Reserved (\$3333 3333)
1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	Reserved (\$CCCC CCCC)