



ABSTRACT

This document details the software interface requirements for a DLPC143x DLP® Pico™ 3D Print based system. The DLPC143x DLP Pico 3D Print Controllers support 3D printing applications with the use of a DLP300S or DLP301S DMD chip.

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1 Introduction

The DLPC143x has three modes for use in 3D Print applications:

- Test Pattern Generator Mode for troubleshooting
- Splash Pattern Mode
- External Print Mode
- Standby Mode

External Print Mode displays pattern data that is stored on or streamed through the FPGA device or directly to the DLPC parallel data pins.

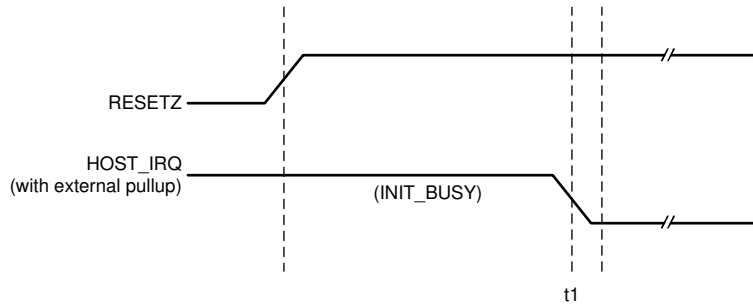
Splash Pattern Mode displays 2D patterns stored as images in flash.

2 System Overview

2.1 Initialization

The DLPC143x employs a boot ROM and associated boot software. This resident boot code consists of the minimum code necessary to load the software from flash to internal RAM for execution. For most DLPC143x product configurations, an external flash device can store the main application code, along with the other configuration and operational data required by the system for normal operation.

The HOST_IRQ signal provides the completion status of the DLPC143x system initialization when the system is powered on. Once PROJ_ON is high, HOST_IRQ is tri-stated with an external pull-up. After RESETZ is applied, the controller drives HOST_IRQ high while initializing and then drives it low once initialization has completed. The initialization period is determined by the boot configuration and can vary from one system to another.



t1: the first falling edge of HOST_IRQ indicates auto-initialization completion

Figure 2-1. HOST_IRQ Timing Diagram

Note

Make sure that I²C access to the DLPC143x does not start until HOST_IRQ goes low. Sending an I²C command while HOST_IRQ is high can prevent the system from booting.

2.2 I²C Interface Specification

The protocol used in communicating information to DLPC143x consist of a serial data bus conforming to the Philips I²C specification, up to 100 kHz. Commands are executed using I²C, where the DLPC143x behaves as a target.

The supported I²C transaction type for both writes and reads is shown in Table 2-1. The I²C interface supports variable-size transactions (i.e. variable number of bytes as parameters) depending on the command. The list of supported commands are discussed in the next section.

Table 2-1. I²C Write and Read Transactions

Transaction	Address (One byte) ⁽¹⁾	Sub-Address (One byte) ⁽²⁾	Remaining Data Bytes ⁽³⁾
Write or Read Request	36h (or 3Ah)	Command Opcode	Parameter values (0 → N bytes)
Read Response	37h (or 3Bh)		

(1) The address corresponds to the chip address of the controller. Default address is 36h, contact TI if alternate address is required.

(2) The subaddress corresponds to a command.

(3) The data (if present) corresponds to any required command parameters.

The standard parameter byte format is shown below:

msb	Parameter Byte						lsb
b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0

3 System Write/Read Commands

Overview

Table 3-1. List of System Write/Read Software Commands

Command Type	Command Description	OpCode (hex)	Reference
General Operation Commands			
Write	Write Operating Mode Select	05	Section 3.1.1
Read	Read Operating Mode Select	06	Section 3.1.2
Write	Write Test Pattern Select	0B	Section 3.1.3
Read	Read Test Pattern Select	0C	Section 3.1.4
Write	Write Splash Screen Select	0D	Section 3.1.5
Read	Read Splash Screen Select	0E	Section 3.1.6
Read	Read Splash Screen Header	0F	Section 3.1.7
Write	Write Display Image Orientation	14	Section 3.1.8
Read	Read Display Image Orientation	15	Section 3.1.9
Write	Write Display Image Curtain	16	Section 3.1.10
Read	Read Display Image Curtain	17	Section 3.1.11
Write	Write Image Freeze	1A	Section 3.1.12
Read	Read Image Freeze	1B	Section 3.1.13
Write	Write Execute Batch File	2D	Section 3.1.14
Write	Write Splash Screen Execute	35	Section 3.1.15
Illumination Control Commands			
Write	Write Illuminator LED Enable	52	Section 3.2.1
Read	Read Illuminator LED Enable	53	Section 3.2.2
Write	Write Illuminator LED Current PWM	54	Section 3.2.3
Read	Read Illuminator LED Current PWM	55	Section 3.2.4
Write	Write Illuminator LED Max Current PWM	5C	Section 3.2.5
Read	Read Illuminator LED Max Current PWM	5D	Section 3.2.6
3D Print Commands			
Write	Write Trigger Out Configuration	92	Section 3.3.3
Read	Read Trigger Out Configuration	93	Section 3.3.4
Read	Read Light Control Sequence Version	9B	Section 3.3.5
Write	Write External Print Configuration	A8	Section 3.3.6
Read	Read External Print Configuration	A9	Section 3.3.7
Write	Write External Print Control	C1	Section 3.3.8
Read	Read External Print Control	C2	Section 3.3.9
Write	Write Parallel Video	C3	Section 3.3.10
Read	Read Parallel Video	C4	Section 3.3.11
Write	Write Active Buffer	C5	Section 3.3.12
Read	Read Active Buffer	C6	Section 3.3.13
Write	Write FPGA Control	CA	Section 3.3.14
Read	Read FPGA Control	CB	Section 3.3.15
Read	Read FPGA SPI CRC16	CE	Section 3.3.16
Administrative Commands			
Read	Read Short Status	D0	Section 3.4.1.1
Read	Read System Status	D1	Section 3.4.1.2
Read	Read System Software Version	D2	Section 3.4.1.3
Read	Read Communication Status	D3	Section 3.4.1.4

Table 3-1. List of System Write/Read Software Commands (continued)

Command Type	Command Description	OpCode (hex)	Reference
Read	Read Controller Device ID	D4	Section 3.4.1.5
Read	Read DMD Device ID	D5	Section 3.4.1.6
Read	Read System Temperature	D6	Section 3.4.1.7
Read	Read Flash Build Version	D9	Section 3.4.1.8
Write	Write Flash Batch File Delay	DB	Section 3.4.1.9
FPGA Commands			
Read	Read FPGA Version	64	Section 3.5.1
Read	Read FPGA Status	6F	Section 3.5.2
Write	Write FPGA TPG	67	Section 3.5.3
Read	Read FPGA TPG	68	Section 3.5.4
Actuator Commands			
Write	Write Actuator Latency	70	Section 3.5.5.1
Read	Read Actuator Latency	71	Section 3.5.5.2
Write	Write Actuator Gain	72	Section 3.5.5.3
Read	Read Actuator Gain	73	Section 3.5.5.4
Write	Write Actuator Segment Length	74	Section 3.5.5.5
Read	Read Actuator Segment Length	75	Section 3.5.5.6
Write	Write Actuator Subframe Delay	76	Section 3.5.5.7
Read	Read Actuator Subframe Delay	77	Section 3.5.5.8
Write	Write Actuator Offset	78	Section 3.5.5.9
Read	Read Actuator Offset	79	Section 3.5.5.10
Write	Write Actuator Configuration Select	A2	Section 3.5.5.11
Read	Read Actuator Configuration Select	A3	Section 3.5.5.12
Write	Write Actuator Fixed Output Level	A4	Section 3.5.5.13
Read	Read Actuator Fixed Output Level	A5	Section 3.5.5.14
Write	Write Actuator Number of Segments	A6	Section 3.5.5.15
Read	Read Actuator Number of Segments	A7	Section 3.5.5.16
Write	Write Actuator Output Select	AA	Section 3.5.5.17
Read	Read Actuator Output Select	AB	Section 3.5.5.18
Read	Read Actuator Control	AF	Section 3.5.5.19
Read	Read Actuator Temperature	C7	Section 3.5.5.20
Write	Write Actuator Orientation	C8	Section 3.5.5.21
Read	Read Actuator Orientation	C9	Section 3.5.5.22
Flash Update Commands			Section 3.6
Read	Read Flash Update PreCheck	DDh	Section 3.6.1
Write	Write Flash Data Type Select	DEh	Section 3.6.2
Write	Write Flash Data Length	DFh	Section 3.6.3
Write	Write Erase Flash Data	E0h	Section 3.6.4
Write	Write Flash Start	E1h	Section 3.6.5
Write	Write Flash Continue	E2h	Section 3.6.6
Read	Read Flash Start	E3h	Section 3.6.7
Read	Read Flash Continue	E4h	Section 3.6.8

The following sections describe each of the above listed commands in detail.

3.1 General Operation Commands

3.1.1 Write Operating Mode Select (05h)

This command selects the operating mode of the system.

3.1.1.1 Write Parameters

Byte 1	Operating Mode
00h	<i>Reserved</i>
01h	Display - Test Pattern Generator Mode
02h	Display - Splash Screen Mode
03h - 05h	<i>Reserved</i>
06h	3D Print - External Print Mode
07h - FEh	<i>Reserved</i>
FFh	Standby Mode

The Standby mode disables illumination power and sets the DMD in a 50-50 refresh duty cycle, where the mirrors are on 50% of the time and off during the remaining time. This 50-50 refresh state helps in prolonging the life of the DMD.

The other operating modes have associated commands which are only applicable to that mode and must be run to properly configure the selected mode. The associated commands are listed below:

- Display - Test Pattern Generator:
 - *Write Test Pattern Select (0Bh)* - [Section 3.1.3](#)
- Display - Splash Screen:
 - *Write Splash Screen Select (0Dh)* - [Section 3.1.5](#)
 - *Write Splash Screen Execute (35h)* - [Section 3.1.15](#)
- Display - External Print Mode
 - Follow the procedure detailed in [Section 3.3.1](#) for configurations without an FPGA or [Section 3.3.2](#) for configurations with an FPGA to ensure proper use of this mode.

It is recommended that the source associated commands be sent prior to sending the *Write Operating Mode Select* command. These commands (except for *Write Splash Screen Execute*) describe the unique characteristics of their associated source, and once these settings have been defined, they are stored in a volatile manner. When source associated commands are sent when that source is not active, the controller software saves the new settings, but does not execute these commands. When that source becomes active (via the *Write Operating Mode Select* command), the controller applies these settings. Each time an operating mode selection is made, the system retrieves the settings defined previously and automatically applies them. As such, the user only needs to send these associated commands when the source first needs to be defined, or when the source characteristics for that port need to be changed. It is important to note that the appropriate associated commands must be updated when source characteristics change.

Refer to *Write Image Freeze* ([Section 3.1.12.1](#)) for information on hiding on-screen artifacts when selecting an input source.

3.1.2 Read Operating Mode Select (06h)

This command reads the operating mode of the system.

3.1.2.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.2.2 Return Parameters

Byte 1	Operating Mode
00h	<i>Reserved</i>
01h	Display - Test Pattern Generator Mode
02h	Display - Splash Screen Mode

Byte 1	Operating Mode
03h - 05h	<i>Reserved</i>
06h	3D Print - External Print Mode
07h - FEh	<i>Reserved</i>
FFh	Standby Mode

1. This command works in all operating modes and has no effect on the current system configuration.
2. Any command issued after this command will need to wait on System_Ready.

3.1.3 Write Test Pattern Select (0Bh)

This command specifies an internal test pattern for display on the display module.

3.1.3.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Test Pattern Generator (TPG) pattern select
Byte 2	<i>Reserved</i>
Byte 3	Parameter 1 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 4	Parameter 2 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 5	Parameter 3 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 6	Parameter 4 (see Table 3-3)

Byte 1	TPG pattern select		
b(7)	Test pattern border:	b(3:0)	Pattern select:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 00h: Disabled 01h: Enabled 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 00h: Solid field 01h: Fixed step horizontal ramp 02h: Fixed step vertical ramp 03h: Horizontal lines 04h: Diagonal lines 05h: Vertical lines 06h: Horizontal and vertical grid 07h: Checkerboard 08h: Color bars 09h-0Fh: Reserved
b(6:4)	Reserved		

Table 3-2. Foreground and Background Color Use

Pattern	Byte 2	
	Foreground Color	Background Color
Solid field	Yes	No
Fixed step horizontal ramp	Yes	No
Fixed step vertical ramp	Yes	No
Horizontal lines	Yes	Yes
Vertical lines	Yes	Yes
Diagonal lines	Yes	Yes
Grid lines	Yes	Yes
Checkerboard	Yes	Yes

Table 3-3. Descriptions and Bit Assignments for Parameters 1-4

Pattern	Byte 6 (Parameter 4)		Byte 5 (Parameter 3)		Byte 4 (Parameter 2)		Byte 3 (Parameter 1)	
	Description	Bits	Description	Bits	Description	Bits	Description	Bits
Solid field	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Fixed step horizontal ramp	N/A		N/A		Brightest pixel value	8	Darkest pixel value	8
Fixed step vertical ramp	N/A		N/A		Brightest pixel value	8	Darkest pixel value	8
Horizontal lines	N/A		N/A		Background line width	8	Foreground line width	8
Vertical lines	N/A		N/A		Background line width	8	Foreground line width	8
Diagonal lines	N/A		N/A		Vertical spacing	8	Horizontal spacing	8
Grid lines	Vertical background line width	8	Vertical foreground line width	8	Horizontal background line width	8	Horizontal foreground line width	8

Table 3-3. Descriptions and Bit Assignments for Parameters 1-4 (continued)

Pattern	Byte 6 (Parameter 4)		Byte 5 (Parameter 3)		Byte 4 (Parameter 2)		Byte 3 (Parameter 1)	
	Description	Bits	Description	Bits	Description	Bits	Description	Bits
Checkerboard	Number of vertical checkers (MSB)	3	Number of vertical checkers (LSB)	8	Number of horizontal checkers (MSB)	3	Number of horizontal checkers (LSB)	8
Color bars	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	

1. This command is used in conjunction with the *Write Operating Mode Select* command ([Section 3.1.1](#)). This command specifies which test pattern is to be displayed when the *Write Operating Mode Select* command selects Test Pattern Generator as the image source. The settings for this command are to be retained until changed using this command. The controller automatically applies these settings each time the Test Pattern Generator is selected.
2. Batch files ([Section 3.1.14](#)) can be created and stored in Flash and used to recall the settings for predefined test patterns.
3. The Test Pattern border selection creates a single pixel wide and tall white border around the specified test pattern.
4. *It is important that the user review the notes for the Write Operating Mode Select command ([Section 3.1.1](#)) to understand the concept of source associated commands. This concept determines when source associated commands are executed by the system. Note that this command is a source associated command.*
5. When a Foreground or Background Color is not used, the controller ignores the corresponding bit values. The number of parameter bytes to be used depends on the selected pattern. [Table 3-4](#) shows the number of bytes to be used based on the specified pattern.

Table 3-4. Number of Bytes Required based on Pattern Selection

Specified Pattern	Solid Field	Fixed Step Horz Ramp	Fixed Step Vert Ramp	Horz Lines	Vert Lines	Diag Lines	Grid Lines	Checker board	Color Bars
Number of Bytes Required	2	4	4	4	4	4	6	6	1

6. The color for the fixed step vertical ramp pattern is specified using the foreground color. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the start value and the stop value for the ramp. For this pattern, the system automatically determines the step size based on the start and stop values and the size of the display (DMD). The minimum start value = 0, the maximum stop value = 255, and the start value must always be smaller than the stop value. For example, if the start value = 0, the stop value = 255, and the DMD resolution is 768 tall, then the step size is 3 (768 pixels / 256 values = 3). Thus every value from 0 to 255 has a step size of 3 pixels (such that each step has 3 rows of pixels with the same gray scale value). The gray scale value always increments by 1 for each step between the start and stop values. An example of a fixed step vertical ramp pattern is shown in [Figure 3-1](#).



Figure 3-1. Example of Fixed Step Vertical Ramp Test Pattern

7. The colors for the horizontal lines pattern are specified using both the foreground and background colors. The foreground color is used for the horizontal lines, and the background color is used for the space between the lines. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the foreground line width, as well as the background line width. The user must determine the line spacing for each resolution display. For example, if the foreground line width = 1, and the background line width = 9, there is a single pixel horizontal line on every tenth line. An example of a horizontal lines pattern is shown in [Figure 3-2](#).

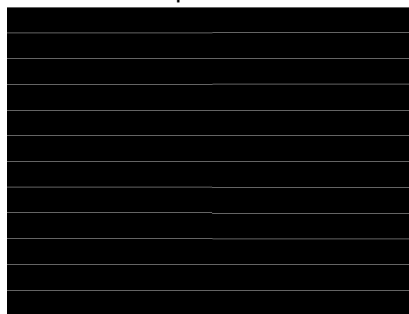


Figure 3-2. Example of Horizontal Lines Test Pattern

8. The colors for the vertical lines pattern are specified using both the foreground and background colors. The foreground color is used for the vertical lines, and the background color is used for the space between the lines. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the foreground line width, as well as the background line width. The user must determine the line spacing for each resolution display. For example, if the foreground line width = 1, and the background line width = 9, there is a single pixel vertical line on every tenth line. An example of a vertical lines pattern is shown in [Figure 3-3](#).

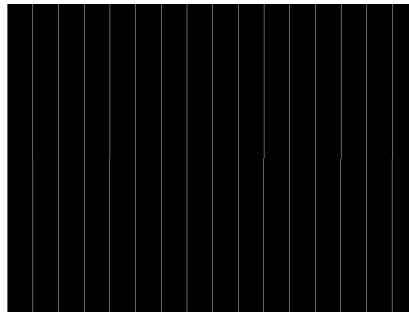


Figure 3-3. Example of Vertical Lines Test Pattern

9. The colors for the diagonal lines pattern are specified using both the foreground and background colors. The foreground color is used for the diagonal lines, and the background color is used for the space between the lines. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the horizontal and vertical line spacing. The line width is always one pixel. The user determines the line spacing for each resolution display. Both horizontal and vertical line spacing must use the same value, and are limited to values of 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 127, and 255. Invalid values result in a communication error (invalid command parameter). An example of a diagonal lines pattern is shown in [Figure 3-4](#).

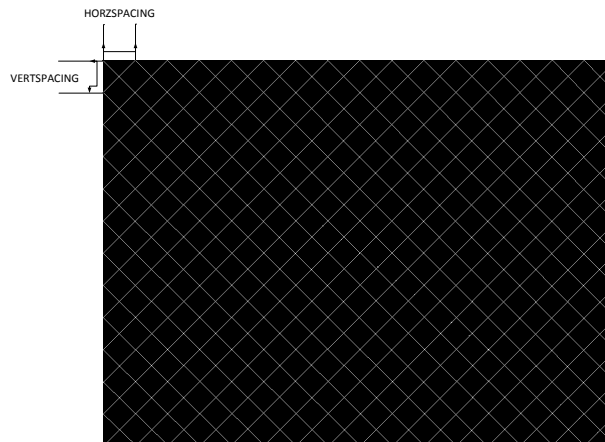


Figure 3-4. Example of Diagonal Lines Test Pattern

10. The colors for the grid lines pattern are specified using both the foreground and background colors. The foreground color is used for the grid lines, and the background color is used for the space between the lines. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the horizontal foreground and background line width, as well as the vertical foreground and background line width. The user determines the line spacing for each resolution display. For example, if the horizontal foreground line width = 1, and background line width = 9, there is a single pixel horizontal line on every tenth line. If the vertical foreground line width = 1, and background line width = 9, there is a single pixel vertical line on every tenth line. An example of a grid lines pattern is shown in [Figure 3-5](#).

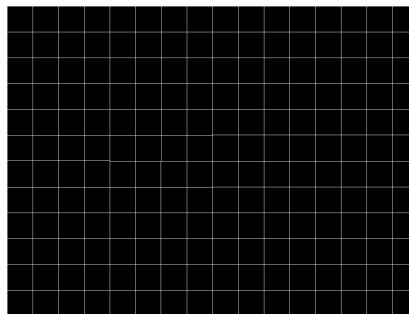


Figure 3-5. Example of Grid Lines Test Pattern

11. The colors for the checkerboard pattern are specified using both the foreground and background colors. The foreground color is used for one of the checkers, and the background color is used for the alternating checker. As noted in [Table 3-3](#), the user specifies the number of horizontal checkers and the number of vertical checkers. For this pattern, the system automatically determines the checker size in each direction

based on the number of checkers and the size of the display (DMD). For example, if the number of horizontal checkers = 4, the number of vertical checkers = 4, and the DMD resolution is 1280x720, the size of the horizontal checkers is 320 pixels, and the size of the vertical checkers is 180 pixels (1280 pixels / 4 checkers = 320 pixels: 720 pixels / 4 checkers = 180 pixels). An example of a checkerboard pattern (16 checkers by 12 checkers) is shown in [Figure 3-6](#).

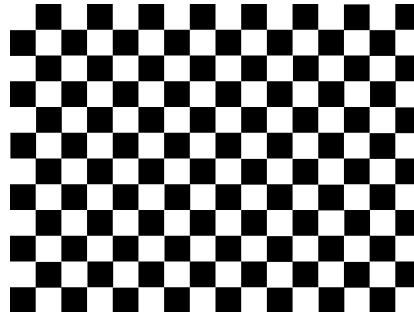


Figure 3-6. Example of Checkerboard Test Pattern

3.1.4 Read Test Pattern Select (0Ch)

This command reads the state of the test pattern selected for the display module.

3.1.4.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	TPG pattern select
Byte 2	Foreground and background color (see Table 3-2)
Byte 3	Parameter 1 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 4	Parameter 2 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 5	Parameter 3 (see Table 3-3)
Byte 6	Parameter 4 (see Table 3-3)

This command always returns six bytes as the host does not know how many bytes are valid until the pattern is selected. All unnecessary bytes (see [Table 3-4](#)) are set to '0'.

3.1.5 Write Splash Screen Select (0Dh)

3.1.5.1 Write

This command selects a stored splash screen to be displayed.

3.1.5.2 Write Parameters (0Dh)

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Splash screen reference number (integer)

1. This command is used in conjunction with the *Write Operating Mode Select* (Section 3.1.1) and the *Write Splash Screen Execute* (Section 3.1.15) commands. It specifies which splash screen is to be displayed when the *Input Source Select* command selects splash screen as the image source. The controller retains the settings for this command until changed using this command.
2. The steps required to display a splash screen are: select the desired splash screen (this command), change the input source to splash screen (using *Write Operating Mode Select*), and start the splash screen retrieval process (using *Write Splash Screen Execute*).
3. The Splash Screen is a unique source since it is read from Flash and sent down the processing path of the controller one time, to be stored in memory for display at the end of the processing path. As such, the user must set *all image processing settings* (e.g. *image crop*, *image orientation*, *display size*, *splash screen select*, *look select*, *splash screen as input source*) before executing the *Write Splash Screen Execute* command.
4. *It is important that the user review the notes for the Write Operating Mode Select command (Section 3.1.1) to understand the concept of source associated commands. This concept determines when source associated commands are executed by the system. Note that this command is a source associated command.*
5. The availability of splash screens is limited by the available space in flash memory.
6. All splash screens must be *landscape* oriented.
7. When this command is received while Splash Screen is the active source, other than storing the specified splash screen value, the only action of the controller software is to obtain the header information from the selected splash screen and store this in internal memory. Then, when the *Write Splash Screen Execute* command is received, the controller software uses this stored information to set up the processing path prior to pulling the splash data from flash.

Note

The DLPC143x only supports native resolution splash screen images. For the DLPC1438 this resolution is 1280x720. The system will not be properly configured if a resolution other than the DMD's native resolution is input.

3.1.6 Read Splash Screen Select (0Eh)

This command reads the last selected splash screen index.

3.1.6.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.6.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Splash screen index

3.1.7 Read Splash Screen Header (0Fh)

This command reads the splash screen header information for the selected splash screen.

3.1.7.1 Read Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Splash screen reference number (integer)

The read parameter is used to specify the splash screen for which the header parameters are to be returned. If a splash screen value is provided for which there is no splash screen available, the controller issues an error (invalid command parameter value – communication status) and the command does not execute.

3.1.7.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Splash image width in pixels (LSByte)
Byte 2	Splash image width in pixels (MSByte)
Byte 3	Splash image height in pixels (LSByte)
Byte 4	Splash image height in pixels (MSByte)
Byte 5	Splash image size in bytes (LSByte)
Byte 6	Splash image size in bytes
Byte 7	Splash image size in bytes
Byte 8	Splash image size in bytes (MSByte)
Byte 9	Pixel format
Byte 10	Compression type
Byte 11	Color order
Byte 12	Chroma order
Byte 13	Byte order

Parameter definitions referenced are in [Table 3-5](#).

Table 3-5. Splash Screen Header Definitions

Parameter	Values
Pixel format	'0h' = 24-bit RGB unpacked (not used) '1h' = 24-bit RGB packed (not used) '2h' = 16-bit RGB 5-6-5 '3h' = 16-bit YCbCr 4:2:2
Compression type	'0h' = Uncompressed '1h' = RGB RLE compressed '2h' = User-defined (not used) '3h' = YUV RLE compressed
Color order	'0h' = 00RRGGBB '1h' = 00GGRRBB
Chroma order	'0h' = Cr is first pixel '1h' = Cb is first pixel
Byte order	'0h' = Little endian '1h' = Big endian

3.1.8 Write Display Image Orientation (14h)

This command specifies the image orientation of the displayed image. *This setting does not apply to Internal Pattern mode.*

3.1.8.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte

b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	Short axis image flip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Image not flipped. • 1: Image flipped.
b(1)	Long axis image flip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Image not flipped. • 1: Image flipped.
b(0)	



Figure 3-7. Short-Axis Flip



Figure 3-8. Long-Axis Flip

3.1.9 Read Display Image Orientation (15h)

This command reads the specified displayed image orientation.

3.1.9.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.9.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte

b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
	Short axis image flip:
b(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Image not flipped. • 1: Image flipped.
	Long axis image flip:
b(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Image not flipped. • 1: Image flipped.
b(0)	<i>Reserved</i>

3.1.10 Write Display Image Curtain (16h)

This command fills the entire display with a user-specified color.

3.1.10.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte

b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
	Select curtain color:
b(3:1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0h: Black• 7h: White
	Curtain enable:
b(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• '0': Curtain disabled• '1': Curtain enabled

- The Image Curtain fills the entire display with a user specified color.

3.1.11 Read Display Image Curtain (17h)

This command reads the state of the image curtain control function.

3.1.11.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.11.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte

b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
	Select curtain color:
b(3:1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0h: Black • 7h: White
	Curtain enable:
b(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Curtain disabled • '1': Curtain enabled

3.1.12 Write Image Freeze (1Ah)

This command enables or disables the image freeze function.

3.1.12.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	
b(7:1)	Reserved
b(0)	Image freeze: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Image freeze disabled • '1': Image freeze enabled

Default: 00h

1. Normal use of the Image Freeze capability typically has two main functions. The first function is to allow the end user to freeze the current image on the screen for their own uses. The second function is to allow the user to reduce or prevent system changes from showing up on the display as visual artifacts. In this second case, the image is frozen, system changes are made, and when complete, the image is unfrozen. In all cases, when the image is unfrozen, the display starts showing the most recent input image. Thus input data between the freeze point and the unfreeze point is lost. Suggestions to the host system for the types of image changes likely to necessitate the use of the image freeze command to hide artifacts are discussed in [Section 3.1.12.2](#).
2. The controller software never (either *automatically* nor *under-the-hood*) freezes or unfreezes the image. This applies when software is making updates to the system on its own volition, as well as for any operation commanded via I²C. The controller software does not freeze or unfreeze the image for any reason except when explicitly commanded by the *Write Image Freeze* command.
3. If the user chooses not to make use of Image Freeze, is recommended that they change the source itself before changing image parameters to minimize transition artifacts.

3.1.12.2 Use of Image Freeze to Reduce On-Screen Artifacts

Commands that take a long time to process, require a lot of data to be loaded from flash, or change the frame timing of the system may create on-screen artifacts. The *Write Image Freeze* command can try and minimize, if not eliminate, these artifacts. The process is:

1. Send a *Write Image Freeze* command to enable freeze.
2. Send commands with the potential to create image artifacts.
3. Send a *Write Image Freeze* command to disable freeze.

As the system processes commands to the controller serially, it requires no special timing or delay between these commands. Make sure that the number of commands placed between the freeze and unfreeze is small, as it is likely not desirable for the image to be frozen for a "long" period of time. A list of commands that may produce image artifacts is listed in [Table 3-6](#). This is not an all-inclusive list, however, and the user is responsible for determining if and when use of the image freeze command meets their product needs.

Table 3-6. Partial List of Commands that May Benefit from the Use of Image Freeze

Command	Command OpCode
Write Input Source Select	05h
Write External Video Source Format Select ⁽¹⁾	07h
Write Test Pattern Select ⁽¹⁾	0Bh
Write Splash Screen Select ⁽¹⁾	0Dh
Write Look Select	22h

(1) If changed while this source is the active source

[Table 3-7](#) of how to use the image freeze command.

Table 3-7. Test Pattern Generator Example Using Image Freeze

Command	Notes
Write Image Freeze = Freeze	

Table 3-7. Test Pattern Generator Example Using Image Freeze (continued)

Command	Notes
Write Image Crop, Write Display Size, Write Display Image Orientation, Write Test Pattern Select.	Potential data processing commands that may be required for proper display of test pattern image. These are used as appropriate. It is recommended that these be set before the Write Operating Mode Select command.
Write Operating Mode Select = Test Pattern Generator	
Write Image Freeze = Unfreeze	

3.1.13 Read Image Freeze (1Bh)

This command reads the state of the image freeze function.

3.1.13.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.1.13.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte

b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
	Image freeze:
b(0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Image freeze disabled • '1': Image freeze enabled

3.1.14 Write Execute Flash Batch File (2Dh)

This command executes a batch file stored in flash.

3.1.14.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Batch File Number

1. Most system *Write* commands specified in this document that can be sent by itself can be grouped together with other system commands or command parameters into a Flash batch file. See [Table 3-8](#) for a list of commands which cannot be used in batch files.
2. One example for a Flash batch file might be the commands and command parameters required for initialization of the system after power-up.
3. The Flash batch file numbers to be specified in this byte are enumerated values (0,1,2,3...).
4. Flash batch file 0 is a special Auto-Init batch file that is run automatically by the DLPC148X software immediately after system initialization has been completed. The controller does not typically call the Flash batch file 0 using the *Write Execute Flash Batch File* command (although the system does allow it). This special Flash batch file typically specifies the default operating mode the system initializes to.
5. Embedding Flash batch file calls within a Flash batch file is not allowed (i.e. calling another batch file from within a batch file is not allowed). Multiple batch files can be executed consecutively by sending multiple execute batch file commands.
6. The system provides the ability to add an execution delay between commands within a Flash batch file. This is done using the *Write Flash Batch File Delay (DBh)* command (See [Section 3.4.1.9](#)).
7. The order of command execution for commands within a Flash batch file is the same as if the commands had been received over the I²C port.

Table 3-8. List of Commands Excluded from Batch File Use

Command	Op-Code
Write Execute Flash Batch File	2D
Write Flash Data Type Select	DE
Write Flash Data Length	DF
Write Erase Flash Data	E0
Write Flash Start	E1
Write Flash Continue	E2
All <i>Read</i> commands	Various

3.1.15 Write Splash Screen Execute (35h)

This command starts the process of retrieving a splash screen from flash for display.

3.1.15.1 Write Parameters

This command has no parameters.

Some important points to be noted about this command:

1. This command is used in conjunction with the Write Operating Mode Select ([Section 3.1.1](#)) and the Write Splash Screen Select ([Section 3.1.6](#)) commands. It is used to start the process of retrieving a splash screen from Flash for display.
2. The Splash Screen is a unique source as it is read from Flash and sent down the processing path of the controller one time, to be stored in memory for display at the end of the processing path. Set *all image processing settings* (image size, image crop, image orientation, display size, splash screen select, look select, splash screen as input source) *before executing this command*. Any data path processing changed after the splash screen has been executed requires this command to be re-executed before the controller displays the result. This way, the controller repeats the splash screen retrieval process each time it receives this command.
3. The process of retrieving the splash screen from SPI Flash can take a significant amount of time depending on the size of the compressed image stored in flash. During this period, the controller will not accept any new I2C commands. The user must ensure that the splash screen has been successfully displayed before sending any further commands.
4. When this command is processed in Display - Splash Screen mode, the system automatically initializes the system color processing based on the splash header information prior to sending the splash image down the data path. However, in Light Control - Splash Pattern mode, no color processing is performed and the stored bitmap is displayed as is, irrespective of whether the image is stored in RGB565 format or YCrCb (16-bit) format. Therefore, to get an accurate representation of the input image in splash pattern mode, the images must be stored in RGB565 format in flash.
5. *It is important that the user review the notes for the Write Operating Mode Select command ([Section 3.1.1](#)) to understand the concept of source associated commands. This concept determines when source associated commands are executed by the system. Note that this command is a source associated command; however, this command is special in that there is no maintained state or history. Thus, this command has no "settings" to be stored or reused by the system.*

3.2 Illumination Control Commands

3.2.1 Write Illuminator LED Enable (52h)

This command enables or disables individual LEDs. *This setting cannot be changed during and active print while in External Print modes.*

3.2.1.1 Write Parameters

Byte 1

b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	LED 1 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 1 disabled • 1: LED 1 enabled
b(1)	LED 2 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 2 disabled • 1: LED 2 enabled
b(0)	LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 3 disabled • 1: LED 3 enabled

Default: Firmware specified

3.2.2 Read Illuminator LED Enable (53h)

This command reads the state of the LED enables.

3.2.2.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.2.2.2 Return Parameters

Byte 1	
b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	LED 1 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 1 disabled • 1: LED 1 enabled
b(1)	LED 2 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 2 disabled • 1: LED 2 enabled
b(0)	LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: LED 3 disabled • 1: LED 3 enabled

3.2.3 Write Illuminator LED Current PWM (54h)

This command sets the PWM values for the LEDs 1, 2, and 3.

3.2.3.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	LED 1 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 2	LED 1 PWM parameter	MSByte
Byte 3	LED 2 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 4	LED 2 PWM parameter	MSByte
Byte 5	LED 3 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 6	LED 3 PWM parameter	MSByte

1. When an all-white image is being displayed, this command allows the system white point to be adjusted while also establishing the total LED power.
2. The parameters specified by this command have a resolution of 10 bits, and are defined by the appropriate PMIC specification.

3.2.4 Read Illuminator LED Current PWM (55h)

This command reads the PWM parameters for the illuminator LEDs of the display module.

3.2.4.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.2.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	LED 1 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 2	LED 1 PWM parameter	MSByte
Byte 3	LED 2 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 4	LED 2 PWM parameter	MSByte
Byte 5	LED 3 PWM parameter	LSByte
Byte 6	LED 3 PWM parameter	MSByte

See [Section 3.2.3](#) for a detailed description of the return parameters.

Unused most significant bits are set to '0'.

3.2.5 Write Illuminator LED Max Current PWM (5Ch)

This command specifies the maximum LED PWM allowed for each LED.

3.2.5.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Maximum LED 1 PWM	LSByte
Byte 2	Maximum LED 1 PWM	MSByte
Byte 3	Maximum LED 2 PWM	LSByte
Byte 4	Maximum LED 2 PWM	MSByte
Byte 5	Maximum LED 3 PWM	LSByte
Byte 6	Maximum LED 3 PWM	MSByte

Default: Firmware specified

1. The parameters specified by this command have a resolution of 10 bits, and are defined by the appropriate PMIC specification.
2. Set unused most significant bits to '0'.

3.2.6 Read Illuminator LED Max Current PWM (5Dh)

This command reads the specified maximum LED PWM allowed for each LED.

3.2.6.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.2.6.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Maximum LED 1 PWM	LSByte
Byte 2	Maximum LED 1 PWM	MSByte
Byte 3	Maximum LED 2 PWM	LSByte
Byte 4	Maximum LED 2 PWM	MSByte
Byte 5	Maximum LED 3 PWM	LSByte
Byte 6	Maximum LED 3 PWM	MSByte

1. See the Write *RGB LED PWM Control* command for a detailed description of the return parameters.
2. Unused most significant bits are set to '0'.

3.3 3D Print Commands

This section describes the commands used in 3D Print modes. The commands for 3D Print include:

1. Trigger Out Configuration
 - a. Write Trigger Out Configuration (see [Section 3.3.3](#))
 - b. Read Trigger Out Configuration (see [Section 3.3.4](#))
2. Sensing Sequence Information
 - a. Read Sensing Sequence Version (see [Section 3.3.5](#))
3. External Print Control
 - a. Write External Print Configuration (see [Section 3.3.6](#))
 - b. Read External Print Configuration (see [Section 3.3.7](#))
 - c. Write External Print Control (see [Section 3.3.8](#))
 - d. Read External Print Control (see [Section 3.3.9](#))
4. FPGA SPI Processing Control
 - a. Write Parallel Video (see [Section 3.3.10](#))
 - b. Read Parallel Video (see [Section 3.3.11](#))
 - c. Write Active Buffer (see [Section 3.3.12](#))
 - d. Read Active Buffer (see [Section 3.3.13](#))
 - e. Write FPGA Control (see [Section 3.3.14](#))
 - f. Read FPGA Control (see [Section 3.3.15](#))
 - g. Read FPGA SPI CRC16 (see [Section 3.3.16](#))

3.3.1 3D Print Procedure Without FPGA Front-End

To properly configure the DLPC143x controller for External Print mode without an FPGA controlling the front-end of data being fed, the following commands are to be sent in order:

First layer:

1. Set External Print Configuration (see [Section 3.3.6](#))
2. Send video data to DLP143x parallel input lines
3. Set Operating Mode to External Print (see [Section 3.1.1](#))

Note

any command issued after this command will need to wait on System_Ready

4. Set External Print Layer Control with the needed dark and exposed frames (see [Section 3.3.8](#))

Subsequent layers:

1. Send video data to DLP143x parallel input lines

2. Set External Print Layer Control with the needed dark and exposed frames (see [Section 3.3.8](#))
3. Continue to send layers until last layer

Note: Without an FPGA to act as a buffer, the DLPC1438 immediately displays any changing image data received on the parallel data lines and actuator features are not supported. It is recommended to allow the complete frame count to be run before changing video data on the parallel inputs.

3.3.2 3D Print Procedure With FPGA Front-End

To properly configure the DLPC143x controller for External Print mode with an FPGA controlling the front-end of data being fed, the following commands are to be sent in order:

First layer:

1. Ensure that CRC16 calculation is enabled (see [Section 3.3.14](#))
2. Ensure that buffer active number is 0 (see [Section 3.3.12](#))
 - a. Note this can be set to active buffer 1 if active buffer is set to 0 in step 5.
3. Set External Print Configuration (see [Section 3.3.6](#))
4. Send image into buffer
 - a. SPI transmission speed can be set up to 50 MB/s
 - b. Configure video data according to SPI specifications (see [Section 4.1](#))
 - c. Follow formatting guidelines (see [Section 4.2](#))
 - d. SPI images will be sent into **non-active** buffer
5. Write FPGA active buffer to 1 (see [Section 3.3.12](#))
 - a. This causes the FPGA to read and transmit the data on buffer 0 while allowing data to be written to buffer 1
6. Set parallel buffer to "Read and send buffer" (see [Section 3.3.10](#))
7. Set Operating Mode to External Print (see [Section 3.1.1](#))

Note

any command issued after this command will need to wait on `System_Ready`

8. Set External Print Layer Control with the needed dark and exposed frames (see [Section 3.3.8](#))
 - a. The FPGA data is updated at the beginning of the sequence, so previous data stored in the FPGA is transmitted before new data. This may potentially cause an undesired image to be projected before the intended image. It is therefore recommended to allow 3 or more dark frames before exposed frames to allow the data to reach the ASIC.
9. Check FPGA SPI CRC16 Value (see [Section 3.3.16](#)) or check SPI CRC Error (see [Section 3.5.2](#)) if needed

Subsequent layers:

1. Send image into buffer
2. Write FPGA active buffer (see [Section 3.3.12](#))
 - a. Write FPGA active buffer to 0 for later even layers if buffer active number is set to 0 in step 2 above and written active buffer is set to 1 in step 5 above.
 - b. Write FPGA active buffer to 1 for later odd layers if buffer active number is set to 0 in step 2 above and written active buffer is set to 1 in step 5 above.
3. Set External Print Layer Control with the needed dark and exposed frames (see [Section 3.3.8](#))
4. Check FPGA SPI CRC16 Value (see [Section 3.3.16](#)) or check SPI CRC Error (see [Section 3.5.2](#)) if needed
5. Continue to send even and odd layers until last layer

3.3.3 Write Trigger Out Configuration (92h)

This command defines the Trigger Out characteristics.

3.3.3.1 Write Parameters (92h)

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Trigger Configuration	
Byte 2	Delay (in μ s)	LSByte
Byte 3	Delay (in μ s)	
Byte 4	Delay (in μ s)	
Byte 5	Delay (in μ s)	MSByte

Byte 1 Trigger Configuration

b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	Trigger Inversion '0': Not Inverted '1': Inverted
b(1)	Trigger Enable '0': Disable '1': Enable
b(0)	Trigger Select '0': Trigger Out 1 '1': Trigger Out 2

Default: Flash settings defined

1. Trigger Out settings are only applied when the user sends *Write Operating Mode Select* command with an External Print mode selected.
2. The controller retains and uses the Trigger Out setting until next *Write Trigger Out Configuration* command.
3. Delay range of Trigger Out 1: [0, Pattern Period]
4. Delay range of Trigger Out 2: [-Pre-Illumination Dark Time, Pattern Period]
5. Trigger Out 2 supports negative values, meaning the trigger can be sent in advance. The delay is processed as signed 16-bit integer.

3.3.4 Read Trigger Out Configuration (93h)

This command reads the Trigger Out configuration of the specified trigger.

3.3.4.1 Read Parameters

Parameter Byte	
b(7:1)	Reserved
b(0)	Trigger Select '0': Trigger Out 1 '1': Trigger Out 2

3.3.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Trigger Configuration
Byte 2	Delay (in μ s) LSBByte
Byte 3	Delay (in μ s)
Byte 4	Delay (in μ s)
Byte 5	Delay (in μ s) MSByte

Byte 1	Trigger Configuration
b(7:3)	Reserved
b(2)	Trigger Inversion '0': Not Inverted '1': Inverted
b(1)	Trigger Enable '0': Disable '1': Enable
b(0)	Trigger Select '0': Trigger Out 1 '1': Trigger Out 2

Trigger Out 2 supports negative values, meaning the trigger can be sent in advance. The delay is processed as signed 16-bit integer.

3.3.5 Read Sensing Sequence Version (9Bh)

This command reads the 3D Print Sequence Binary version.

3.3.5.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.5.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Sensing Sequence Binary version Reserved
Byte 2	Sensing Sequence Binary version Patch
Byte 3	Sensing Sequence Binary version Minor
Byte 4	Sensing Sequence Binary version Major

3.3.6 Write External Print Configuration (A8h)

This command sets the degamma index and designates the illuminator to be used for External Print Mode.

NOTE: This command cannot be properly executed when in External Print mode to avoid changing the print mode during a print sequence. Setting the External Print Configuration must therefore be completed in either

Test Pattern Generator mode or Standby mode before entering into External Print mode as described in [Section 3.3.1](#) and [Section 3.3.2](#).

3.3.6.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Degamma Transfer Function Index select
Byte 2	Illuminator LED enable

Byte 1	Degamma Transfer Function Index select
00h	Linear
01h	Uniformity Correction Optimized

1. The Linear degamma transfer functions indices correspond to linear CMT LUTs from a 0 value to 255.
2. The Uniformity Correction Optimized transfer function indices correspond to CMT LUTs that are optimized for 3D print applications. These tables have a begin at a 0 value. The tables next value outputs a light intensity of roughly half of the maximum (128) and then increments linearly to the maximum intensity.

Byte 2	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	Illuminator LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': LED disable • '1': LED enable
b(1)	Illuminator LED 2 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': LED disable • '1': LED enable
b(2)	Illuminator LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': LED disable • '1': LED enable

1. NOTE: The 3D Print software has been designed to support only one LED. Multiple LEDs are not to be enabled at the same time.

3.3.7 Read External Print Configuration (A9h)

This command reads the degamma index and illuminator to be used for External Print Mode.

3.3.7.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.7.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Degamma Transfer Function Index select
Byte 2	Illuminator LED enable

Byte 1	Degamma Transfer Function Index select
00h	Linear
01h	Uniformity Correction Optimized

1. The Linear degamma transfer functions indices correspond to linear CMT LUTs from a 0 value to 255.
2. The Uniformity Correction Optimized transfer function indices correspond to CMT LUTs that are optimized for 3D print applications. These tables have a begin at a 0 value. The tables next value outputs a light intensity of roughly half of the maximum (128) and then increments linearly to the maximum intensity.

Byte 2	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>

Byte 2	Description
b(2)	Illuminator LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '0': LED disabled '1': LED enabled
b(1)	Illuminator LED 2 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '0': LED disabled '1': LED enabled
b(2)	Illuminator LED 3 enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '0': LED disabled '1': LED enabled

- NOTE: The 3D Print software has been designed to support only one LED. Multiple LEDs are not to be enabled at the same time.

3.3.8 Write External Print Control (C1h)

This command specifies the control for the 3D Print external print layer. This includes enabling the print control, setting the number of dark frames, and setting the number of exposed frames. Sending this command begins the count of exposed frames after the External Print Configuration has been established.

3.3.8.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	External Print Control	
Byte 2	Number of Dark Frames	LSByte
Byte 3	Number of Dark Frames	MSByte
Byte 4	Number of Exposed Frames	LSByte
Byte 5	Number of Exposed Frames	MSByte

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	External Print Control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '0': Start '1': Stop

- The FPGA data is updated at the beginning of the sequence, so previous data stored in the FPGA is transmitted before new data. This may potentially cause an undesired image to be projected before the intended image. It is therefore recommended to allow 3 or more dark frames before exposed frames to allow the data to reach the ASIC.

Note

If the Number of Exposed frames is set to 0xFFFF (the mad 16-bit value), the Number of Exposed frames will run infinitely. This state can be exited by entering into Standby Mode.

3.3.9 Read External Print Control (C2h)

This command reads the status of the 3D External Print. This includes enabling the print control, the number of dark and exposed frames set to run, and the number of dark and exposed frames that have run.

3.3.9.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.9.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	External Print Control	
Byte 2	Number of Dark Frames	LSByte

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 3	Number of Dark Frames	MSByte
Byte 4	Number of Exposed Frames	LSByte
Byte 5	Number of Exposed Frames	MSByte

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	External Print Control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Start • '1': Stop

3.3.10 Write Parallel Video (C3h)

This command enables the FPGA parallel video interface. This command and Write FPGA TPG (see [Section 3.5.3](#)) cannot enable at the same time. In order to disable this command, switch the DLPC1438 into Standby mode through the Operating Mode Select (see [Section 3.1.1](#)).

3.3.10.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	FPGA Parallel Video Buffer Enable

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Parallel Buffer Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Don't read buffer • '1': Read and send buffer

3.3.11 Read Parallel Video (C4h)

This command reads the parallel video interface enable.

3.3.11.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.11.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	FPGA Parallel Video Buffer Enable

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Parallel Buffer Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Don't read buffer • '1': Read and send buffer

3.3.12 Write Active Buffer (C5h)

This command selects the FPGA active buffer number for SPI writes.

3.3.12.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	FPGA Active Buffer

1. The active buffer receives the incoming data from the SPI front-end.
2. The inactive buffer contains the data that is actively transmitted to the ASIC.

3.3.13 Read Active Buffer (C6h)

This command returns the FPGA active buffer number for SPI writes.

3.3.13.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.13.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	FPGA Active Buffer

1. The active buffer receives the incoming data from the SPI front-end.
2. The inactive buffer contains the data that is actively transmitted to the ASIC.

3.3.14 Write FPGA Control (CAh)

This command writes the FPGA control parameters for the pixel data stream from the SPI interface to the ASIC.

3.3.14.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(3)	FPGA CRC16 error inject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': No error injection • '1': Error injection
b(2)	FPGA CRC16 calculation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Disable CRC16 calculation • '1': Enable CRC16 calculation
b(1)	FPGA reset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': No reset • '1': Reset FPGA
b(0)	FPGA reset unlock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Don't allow reset • '1': Allow reset

3.3.15 Read FPGA Control (CBh)

This command returns the FPGA control parameters for the pixel data stream from the SPI interface to the ASIC.

3.3.15.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.15.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(3)	FPGA CRC16 error inject: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': No error injection • '1': Error injection
b(2)	FPGA CRC16 calculation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': Disable CRC16 calculation • '1': Enable CRC16 calculation
b(1)	FPGA reset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '0': No reset • '1': Reset FPGA

Parameter Byte	Description
b(0)	FPGA reset unlock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> '0': Don't allow reset '1': Allow reset

3.3.16 Read FPGA SPI CRC16 (CEh)

This command returns the FPGA SPI CRC16 results for the pixel data stream. The FPGA CRC16 calculation must be enabled within [Section 3.3.14](#) before sending SPI data to receive a valid return on this command.

3.3.16.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.3.16.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	FPGA SPI CRC16 value	LSByte
Byte 2	FPGA SPI CRC16 value	MSByte

3.4 General Setup Commands

3.4.1 Administrative Commands

3.4.1.1 Read Short Status (D0h)

This command provides a short system status.

3.4.1.1.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.4.1.1.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Short System Status

Byte 1

b(7)	Boot/Main Application	b(3)	System Error
	'0': Boot		'0': No Error
	'1': Main		'1': Error
b(6)	3D Print Sequence Error	b(2)	<i>Reserved</i>
	'0': No Error		'0': No Error
	'1': Error		'1': Error
b(5)	Flash Error	b(1)	Communication Error
	'0': No Error		'0': No Error
	'1': Error		'1': Error
b(4)	Flash Erase Complete	b(0)	System Initialization
	'0': Complete		'0': Not Complete
	'1': Not Complete		'1': Complete

1. The controller sets the *Flash Erase Complete* status bit at the start of the Flash erase process, and clears the bit when it completes the erase process. The flash status can be obtained during or after the erase process. To obtain this status during the erase process, only this command can be sent after the start of the flash erase. If the user sends any other command during the erase process, the controller holds the command without processing until it completes the flash erase process (thus blocking any following status requests until it processes the previously sent command).
2. The *Flash Error* bit indicates an error during any Flash operation. For Flash writes, the controller updates this bit at the end of each write transaction. However, when the controller detects an error, this bit remains in the error state until cleared. This error state allows the user the option of checking the status between each write transaction, or at the end of the update. When a write transaction starts, the flash status (and this error bit) is not accessible until the write transaction has completed.
3. The *Communication Error* bit indicates an error on the I²C command interface. The *Read Communication Status* command gives specific details about communication errors.
4. The *System Error* bit indicates any errors other than *Flash Error* and *Communication Error*. The *Read Communication Status* command gives specific details about communication errors.
5. The controller clears the *Flash Error*, *Communication Error*, and *System Error* bits after executing the *Read Short Status* command.
6. When the *3D Print Sequence Error* bit is set, read the *System Status (D1h)* for specific errors in the selected External Print mode.
7. Check the *Read Short Status* command *periodically, not continuously*. Continuous access can severely degrade system performance.

3.4.1.2 Read System Status (D1h)

This command reads system status information.

3.4.1.2.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.4.1.2.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	DMD interface status
Byte 2	LED status
Byte 3	Internal interrupt status
Byte 4	Miscellaneous status

All system status error bits are cleared by the *Read System Status* command.

Byte 1	Light Control and DMD interface status
b(7:3)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(2)	DMD Training Error '0': No Error '1': Error
b(1)	DMD Interface Error '0': No Error '1': Error
b(0)	DMD Device Error '0': No Error '1': Error

- The system sets the DMD Device Error for the following conditions:
 - The system cannot read the DMD Device ID from the DMD
 - The firmware specified DMD Device ID does not match the actual DMD Device ID
- The system sets the DMD Interface Error when there are power management setup conflicts on this interface.
- The system sets the DMD Training Error when the training algorithm is unable to find a data eye that meets the specified requirements.

Byte 2	LED Status		
b(7:6)	<i>Reserved</i>		
b(5)	Blue LED Error	b(2)	Blue LED State
b(4)	Green LED Error	b(1)	Green LED State
b(3)	Red LED Error	b(0)	Red LED State
	'0': No Error		'0': Off
	'1': Error		'1': On

Byte 3 Internal Interrupt Status

b(7:3)	Light Control Error (Only applicable for Light Control Operating Modes)
	0h: No Error
	1h: illumination time not supported
	2h: Pre-illumination dark time not supported
	3h: Post-illumination dark time not supported
	4h: Trigger Out 1 delay not supported
	5h: Trigger Out 2 delay not supported
b(2)	DC Power Supply
	'0': Supply voltage is in normal range
	'1': Supply voltage is low
b(1)	Sequence Error
	'0': No Error
	'1': Error
b(0)	Sequence Abort Error
	'0': No Error
	'1': Error

The DC power supply voltage status reported in b(2) is based on DLPA300x PMIC chip monitoring of the DC power supply voltage by using the chip BAT_LOW_WARN feature. The status of b(2) matches the value of the BAT_LOW_WARN bit in the DLPA300x PMIC chip status interrupt register.

Byte 4 Miscellaneous Status

b(7)	<i>Reserved</i>	b(3)	Primary or Secondary Operation
	'0': No Error		'0': Primary
	'1': Error		'1': Secondary
b(6)	Actuator Subframe Error	b(2)	Single or Dual Controller Configuration
	'0': No Error		'0': Single
	'1': Error		'1': Dual
b(5)		b(1)	
	'0': No Error		'0': No Error
	'1': Error		'1': Error
b(4)	Product Configuration Error	b(0)	
	'0': No Error		'0': No Error
	'1': Error		'1': Error

1. The system sets the Primary or Secondary bit as appropriate in both single and dual controller configurations.
2. The system sets the Product Configuration Error bit if it determines that some piece of the product configuration is not correct. Some examples are:
 - Invalid Controller and DMD Combination
 - Invalid Controller and DLPx000 Combination
 - Invalid Flash build for current Controller, DMD, or DLPx000 configuration
3. The system sets the Actuator Subframe Error bit if the system detects AWG_ERROR condition.

3.4.1.3 Read System Software Version (D2h)

This command reads the main application software version information.

3.4.1.3.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.4.1.3.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description		
Byte 1	Controller main application software version	Patch	LSByte
Byte 2	Controller main application software version	Patch	MSByte
Byte 3	Controller main application software version	Minor	
Byte 4	Controller main application software version	Major	

3.4.1.4 Read Communication Status (D3h)

3.4.1.4.1 Read Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Command bus selection

Byte 1 Command bus selection

b(7:2) *Reserved* b(1:0) '10': I²C

3.4.1.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Bytes 1 - 4	<i>Reserved</i>
Byte 5	I ² C Communication status
Byte 6	Aborted or Invalid Command op-code

The system clears all communication status error bits when this command is read.

Byte 5 I²C Communication status

b(7)	<i>Reserved</i> '0': No Error '1': Error	b(3)	Flash Batch File Error '0': No Error '1': Error
b(6)	I ² C Bus Timeout Error '0': No Error '1': Error	b(2)	Command Processing Error '0': No Error '1': Error
b(5)	Invalid Number of Command Parameters '0': No Error '1': Error	b(1)	Invalid Command Parameter Value '0': No Error '1': Error
b(4)	Read Command Error '0': No Error '1': Error	b(0)	Invalid Command Error '0': No Error '1': Error

1. The system sets the Invalid Command Error bit when it does not recognize the command op-code. Byte 6 contains the invalid op-code received by the controller.
2. The system sets the Invalid Command Parameter Error bit when the it detects that the value of a command parameter is not valid (e.g. out of allowed range).
3. The system sets the Command Processing Error bit when a fault is detected while processing a command. In this case, the system aborts the command and moves to the next command. Byte 6 contains the op-code of the aborted command.
4. The system sets the Flash Batch File Error bit when an error occurs during the processing of a flash batch file. When the systems sets this bit, it typically sets another bit to indicate what kind of error was detected (such as: Invalid Command Error).
5. The system sets the Read Command Error bit when the host terminates the read operation before all of the requested data has been provided, or if the host continues to request read data after all of the requested data has been provided.
6. The system sets the Invalid Number of Command Parameters Error bit when too many or too few command parameters are received. In this case, the system aborts the command and moves to the next command. Byte 6 contains the op-code of the aborted command.
7. The system sets the Bus Timeout Error bit when it releases control of the bus because the bus timeout value was exceeded.

3.4.1.5 Read Controller Device ID (D4h)

This command reads the Controller Device ID.

3.4.1.5.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.4.1.5.2 Return Parameters

Byte 1

b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(3:0)	Controller Device ID

Unused controller device ID values are reserved.

3.4.1.6 Read DMD Device ID (D5h)

This command reads the DMD device ID.

3.4.1.6.1 Read Parameters

Byte 1	DMD Register Selection
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	'0': DMD Device ID '1': <i>Reserved</i>

3.4.1.6.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Bytes 1 – 4	See Table 3-9

Table 3-9. DMD Device ID Reference Table

DMD Device ID				Device Description
Byte 1 (Identifier)	Byte 2 (Byte Count)	Byte 3 (ID-MSByte)	Byte 4 (ID-LSByte)	Resolution and Type
60h	0Dh	00h	68h / 72h / 87h	0.3 720p (1280x720, Sub-LVDS)

3.4.1.7 Read System Temperature (D6h)

This command is used to read the system temperature using an external thermistor (if available).

3.4.1.7.1 Read Parameters

The command has no read parameters.

3.4.1.7.2 Read Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	LSByte
Byte 2	MSByte

Figure 3-9 shows the bit order and definition for the signed magnitude system temperature data, which is returned in degrees C. The unspecified msbits (bits 15:12) is set to '0'.

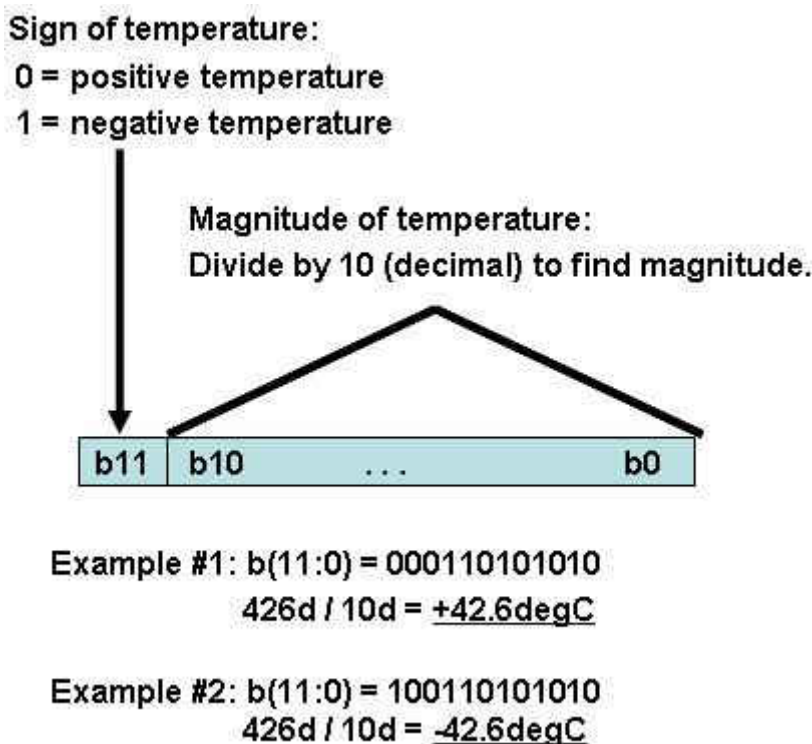


Figure 3-9. Bit Order and Definition for System Temperature

3.4.1.8 Read Flash Build Version (D9h)

This command reads the controller flash version.

3.4.1.8.1 Read Parameters

The command has no read parameters.

3.4.1.8.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description		
Byte 1	Flash build version	Patch	LSByte
Byte 2	Flash build version	Patch	MSByte
Byte 3	Flash build version	Minor	
Byte 4	Flash build version	Major	

3.4.1.9 Write Flash Batch File Delay (DBh)

This command is used to specify an execution time delay within a Flash batch file.

3.4.1.9.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Flash Batch File Delay (LSB)
Byte 2	Flash Batch File Delay (MSB)

1. The Flash batch file delay is to be specified in units of 1ms (e.g. 500ms = 01F4h).
2. This command is used to specify an execution delay time within a Flash batch file. It can only be used within a Flash batch file, and is not a valid command on the I2C interface.
3. Typical use of this command is in the Auto-Init Flash batch file (batch file 0), but is valid for use in any batch file (See [Section 3.1.14](#)).

3.5 FPGA Commands

This section covers the commands issued through the DLPC1438 to the FPGA. The FPGA on the system is tasked with formatting external test patterns, actuator control, and SPI pixel data streaming.

3.5.1 Read FPGA Version (64h)

The command Reads the version number of the currently flashed FPGA firmware.

3.5.1.1 Read Parameters

This command has no read parameters.

3.5.1.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description		
Byte 1	FPGA Build Version	Patch	LSByte
Byte 2	FPGA Build Version	Patch	MSByte
Byte 3	FPGA Build Version	Minor	
Byte 4	FPGA Build Version	Major	

3.5.2 Read FPGA Status (6Fh)

This command reads the FPGA main status.

3.5.2.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.2.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
b(15:11)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(10)	Read FIFO full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: FIFO not full • 1: FIFO full
b(9:6)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(5)	Write FIFO full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: FIFO not full • 1: FIFO full
b(4)	Actuator waveform error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No error • 1: Error
b(3)	SPI CRC error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No error • 1: Error

Parameter Bytes	Description
b(2)	Memory initialization error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No error • 1: Error
b(1)	Mem PLL locked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No error • 1: Error
b(0)	Video PLL locked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No error • 1: Error

3.5.3 Write FPGA TPG (67h)

This command configures the FPGA test pattern parameters. This pattern can be used by putting the DLPC1438 into external print mode through the Operating Mode Select (see [Section 3.1.1](#)), setting the External Print Configuration (see [Section 3.3.6](#)), and writing the External Print Layer Control (see [Section 3.3.8](#)). The external FPGA TPG mode is primarily intended for debugging. This command and Write Parallel Video (see [Section 3.3.10](#)) cannot enable at the same time. In order to disable this command, switch the DLPC1438 into Standby mode through the Operating Mode Select (see [Section 3.1.1](#)).

3.5.3.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Test Pattern Generator (TPG) and border enable
Byte 2	Test Pattern select

Byte 1	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(1)	Border enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Border disabled • 1: Border enabled
b(0)	TPG enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Disabled • 1: Enabled

Byte 2	Description
b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(3:0)	Pattern select <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0x4: Cycle Actuator Calibration Pattern 0-3 • 0x8: Grid • 0x9: Horizontal Ramp • 0xA: Vertical Ramp • 0xB: Checkerboard • 0xC: Frame and Cross • 0xD: Horizontal Lines • 0xE: Vertical Lines • 0xF: Grid, 45 Degrees

3.5.4 Read FPGA TPG (68h)

This command reads the FPGA Test Pattern Generator (TPG) configuration parameters.

3.5.4.1 Read Parameters

This command contains no parameters.

3.5.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Test Pattern Generator (TPG) and border enable
Byte 2	Test Pattern select

Byte 1	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(1)	Border enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Border disabled • 1: Border enabled
b(0)	TPG enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Disabled • 1: Enabled

Byte 2	Description
b(7:4)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(3:0)	Pattern select <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0x4: Cycle Actuator Calibration Pattern 0-3 • 0x8: Grid • 0x9: Horizontal Ramp • 0xA: Vertical Ramp • 0xB: Checkerboard • 0xC: Frame and Cross • 0xD: Horizontal Lines • 0xE: Vertical Lines • 0xF: Grid, 45 Degrees

3.5.5 Actuator Commands

This section covers the commands issued to the FPGA through the DLPC1438 to set up and control the actuator.

3.5.5.1 Write Actuator Latency (70h)

This command writes the actuator latency.

3.5.5.1.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	LSByte
Byte 2	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	
Byte 3	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	
Byte 4	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	MSByte
Byte 5	Actuator latency auto-scaling	

Byte 3	Actuator Latency Auto-Scaling
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Scaling enable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: No scaling • 1: Scaling

3.5.5.2 Read Actuator Latency (71h)

This command reads the actuator latency.

3.5.5.2.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.2.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	LSByte
Byte 2	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	
Byte 3	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	
Byte 4	Delay for actuator sync GPIO in clock ticks, with a step of 133.333 ns	MSByte
Byte 5	Actuator latency auto-scaling	

Byte 3	Actuator Latency Auto-Scaling
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Scaling enable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0: No scaling 1: Scaling

3.5.5.3 Write Actuator Gain (72h)

This command writes the actuator gain value.

3.5.5.3.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator gain value

1. This parameter has a range of 0 to 1.9921875.
2. 0x80 represents a gain of 1.

3.5.5.4 Read Actuator Gain (73h)

This command reads the actuator gain value.

3.5.5.4.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.4.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator gain value

1. This parameter has a range of 0 to 1.9921875.
2. 0x80 represents a gain of 1.

3.5.5.5 Write Actuator Segment Length (74h)

This command writes the actuator segment length.

3.5.5.5.1 Write Parameters

The parameters define the duration of each step (level) for the actuator function.

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Actuator segment length value	LSByte
Byte 2	Actuator segment length value	MSByte

1. This parameter can range from 17 to 4095.

3.5.5.6 Read Actuator Segment Length (75h)

This command reads the actuator segment length value.

3.5.5.6.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.6.2 Return Parameters

The parameters define the duration of each step (level) for the actuator function.

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Actuator segment length value	LSByte
Byte 2	Actuator segment length value	MSByte

1. This parameter can range from 17 to 4095.

3.5.5.7 Write Actuator Subframe Delay (76h)

This command writes the actuator subframe delay.

3.5.5.7.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Delay for actuator subframe	LSByte
Byte 2	Delay for actuator subframe	
Byte 3	Delay for actuator subframe	
Byte 4	Delay for actuator subframe	MSByte

1. The delay for actuator subframe is in clock ticks.
2. There is a step every 0.01984 micro-seconds.

3.5.5.8 Read Actuator Subframe Delay (77h)

This command reads the actuator subframe delay.

3.5.5.8.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.8.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Delay for actuator subframe	LSByte
Byte 2	Delay for actuator subframe	
Byte 3	Delay for actuator subframe	
Byte 4	Delay for actuator subframe	MSByte

1. The delay for actuator subframe is in clock ticks.
2. There is a step every 0.01984 micro-seconds.

3.5.5.9 Write Actuator Offset (78h)

This command writes the actuator offset value.

3.5.5.9.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Actuator offset

1. This parameter is presented in 8-bit signed format, and has a range of -128 to 127. 2's compliment format is used for negative value.

3.5.5.10 Read Actuator Offset (79h)

This command reads the actuator offset value.

3.5.5.10.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.10.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Actuator offset

1. This parameter is presented in 8-bit signed format, and has a range of -128 to 127. 2's compliment format is used for negative value.

3.5.5.11 Write Actuator Configuration Select (A2h)

This command selects AWC0 on axis 0 or AWC1 on axis 1 for subsequent configuration commands.

3.5.5.11.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator waveform generator select

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Actuator waveform axis selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Axis 0 • 1: Axis 1

3.5.5.12 Read Actuator Configuration Select (A3h)

This command returns the selected AWC for subsequent configuration.

3.5.5.12.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.12.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator waveform generator select

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Actuator waveform axis selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Axis 0 • 1: Axis 1

3.5.5.13 Write Actuator Fixed Output Level (A4h)

This command writes actuator fixed output value. This value defines the level that is output on the PWM or DAC data bus when the fixed output enable is selected (see [Section 3.5.5.17](#)).

Note

Fixed actuator output for PWM configurations will not appear until the controller is put into External Print mode when the value stored will be applied. Before entering the mode, the value will be 0 on the output.

3.5.5.13.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator fixed output value

1. This parameter is presented in 8-bit signed format, and has a range of -128 to 127. 2's compliment format is used for negative value.

3.5.5.14 Read Actuator Fixed Output Level (A5h)

This command reads the actuator fixed output value.

3.5.5.14.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.14.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator fixed output value

1. This parameter is presented in 8-bit signed format, and has a range of -128 to 127. 2's compliment format is used for negative value.

3.5.5.15 Write Actuator Number of Segments (A6h)

This command defines the actuator number of segments.

3.5.5.15.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator Number of Segments value 1

1. This number is range of 2 to 255 in steps of 1.
2. Actuator Number of Segments settings are only applied when the user sends *Write Operating Mode Select to Print External Layer* (see [Section 3.1.1](#)). The Actuator Number of Segments value is sent when *Write Operating Mode Select - External Print Mode* is called. If this command is not sent, the software stores the settings until it is called.

3.5.5.16 Read Actuator Number of Segments (A7h)

This command returns the Number of Segments selection.

3.5.5.16.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.16.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Byte	Description
Byte 1	Actuator Number of Segments value 1

1. This number is range of 2 to 255 in steps of 1.

3.5.5.17 Write Actuator Output Select (AAh)

This command writes the actuator output select type. To set the fixed output level see [Section 3.5.5.13](#).

3.5.5.17.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Fixed Output Enable

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Fixed output enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Fixed output disable • 1: Fixed output enable

Note

MCU and EEPROM actuators may have the fixed output pre-configured. If this is the case, the settings stored in the actuator will be loaded once the DLPC is put into External Print Mode ([Section 3.1.1](#)). It is recommended to issue this command after entering into External Print Mode.

3.5.5.18 Read Actuator Output Select (ABh)

This command reads the actuator output select type.

3.5.5.18.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.18.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Fixed Output Enable

Byte 1	Description
b(7:1)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(0)	Fixed output enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Fixed output disable • 1: Fixed output enable

3.5.5.19 Read Actuator Control (AFh)

This command reads the actuator output enable fields.

3.5.5.19.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.19.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Actuator type
Byte 2	Actuator output select

Byte 1	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(1:0)	Actuator type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0x0: None • 0x1: Standalone • 0x2: TI Common Actuator Interface (MCU) • 0x3: TI Common Actuator Interface (EEPROM)

Byte 2	Description
b(7:2)	<i>Reserved</i>
b(1)	Actuator waveform function <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Disabled • 1: Enabled

3.5.5.20 Read Actuator Temperature (C7h)

This command reads the actuator temperature for TI common actuators only.

3.5.5.20.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.20.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description	
Byte 1	Actuator temperature in degrees C	LSByte
Byte 2	Actuator temperature in degrees C	MSByte
Byte 3	Actuator illumination type	
Byte 4	Number of configuration updates	LSByte
Byte 5	Number of configuration updates	MSByte
Byte 6	Temperature used for configuration	LSByte
Byte 7	Temperature used for configuration	MSByte

3.5.5.21 Write Actuator Orientation (C8h)

This command writes the actuator subframe orientation for pixel data and actuator positions.

3.5.5.21.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Actuator subframe order 1
Byte 2	Pixel subframe order without flip 2
Byte 3	Pixel subframe order with long axis flip 3
Byte 4	Pixel subframe order with short axis flip 4
Byte 5	Pixel subframe order with both axis flip 5

1. Defines enumeration value for actuator subframe position. Available actuator subframe order: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
2. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with no flips. Available pixel subframe order with no flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
3. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with long axis flip. Available pixel subframe order with long axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
4. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with short axis flip. Available pixel subframe order with short axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
5. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with both axes flipped. Available pixel subframe order with both axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16

3.5.5.22 Read Actuator Orientation (C9h)

This command reads the actuator subframe order for pixel data and actuator positions.

3.5.5.22.1 Read Parameters

This command has no parameters.

3.5.5.22.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Actuator subframe order 1
Byte 2	Pixel subframe order without flip 2
Byte 3	Pixel subframe order with long axis flip 3
Byte 4	Pixel subframe order with short axis flip 4
Byte 5	Pixel subframe order with both axis flip 5

1. Defines enumeration value for actuator subframe position. Available actuator subframe order: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
2. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with no flips. Available pixel subframe order with no flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
3. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with long axis flip. Available pixel subframe order with long axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16
4. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with short axis flip. Available pixel subframe order with short axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16

5. Defines enumeration value for pixel subframe position with both axes flipped. Available pixel subframe order with both axis flip: 0x1, 0x3, 0x6, 0xb, 0xc, 0x11, 0x14, 0x16

3.6 Flash Update Commands

This section describes the commands required to update internal pattern data stored in flash. The following steps must be followed to successfully update pattern data:

1. Generate your pattern data using the [DLP® Display and Light Control EVM GUI](#). The .bin file generated by the “Save Pattern Data” button in GUI contains the pattern data to be sent through I2C.
2. Ensure internal patterns are not currently running.
3. Set flash data type to pattern data block using *Write Flash Data Type Select (DEh)* command.
4. Check whether the generated .bin file can fit within the currently existing pattern data flash block using the *Read Flash Update PreCheck (DDh)* command.
5. Erase existing pattern data using *Write Erase Flash Data (E0h)* command.
6. Set flash data length to 1024 bytes using the *Write Flash Data Length (DFh)* command.
7. Write the first 1024 bytes of pattern data using *Write Flash Start (E1h)* command.
8. Write the remaining data in blocks of 1024 bytes using the *Write Flash Continue (E2h)* command.

Note

If the size of the pattern data is not a multiple of 1024 bytes, the last Write Flash Continue command has less than 1024 bytes. In that case, use the *Write Flash Data Length (DFh)* command to update the Flash Data Length prior to the last Write Flash Continue command.

Note that the flash commands described in this section cannot be used within batch files.

3.6.2 Write Flash Data Type Select (DEh)

This command is used to specify the type of data that is written to the Flash. In DLPC143x the only flash data type supported for update through I2C is internal pattern data.

3.6.2.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Flash Data Type (D0h for pattern data)
Byte 2	(00h for pattern data)
Byte 3	(00h for pattern data)
Byte 4	(00h for pattern data)

3.6.3 Write Flash Data Length (DFh)

This command is used to specify the length of the data that is written to the Flash in bytes.

3.6.3.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Flash Data Length (LSB)
Byte 2	Flash Data Length (MSB)

Default: 0000h

1. Flash data length must be in multiples of four bytes.
2. The flash data length applies to each write transaction, not to the length of the data type selected.
3. The maximum data length allowed for each write transaction is 1024 bytes.

3.6.4 Write Erase Flash Data (E0h)

This command erases the specified block of data in Flash.

3.6.4.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Signature: Value = AAh
Byte 2	Signature: Value = BBh
Byte 3	Signature: Value = CCh
Byte 4	Signature: Value = DDh

1. When this command is executed, the system erases all sectors associated with the data type specified by the *Write Flash Data Type Select* ([Section 3.6.2](#)) command. As such, this command does not make use of the Flash Data Length parameter.
2. The signature bytes are used to minimize unintended flash erases. The command OpCode and four signature bytes must be received correctly before this command is recognized and executed.

Note

Since the process of erasing Flash sectors can take a significant amount of time, the Flash Erase Complete status bit in the *Read Short Status* command ([Section 3.4.1.1](#)) is to be checked periodically (not continuously) to determine when this task has been completed. This bit is set at the start of the erase process and is cleared when the erase process is complete. Flash writes are not to be started before the erase process has been completed.

3.6.5 Write Flash Start (E1h)

This command is used to start writing data to Flash.

3.6.5.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Data Byte 1
Byte 2	Data Byte 2
Byte 3	Data Byte 3
Byte 4	Data Byte 4
Byte 5 ... n	Data Byte 5 ... n

1. The *Write Flash Data Length* command must be used to specify how many bytes of data are sent by this command.
2. The *Write Flash Start* command is used to write up to 1024 bytes of data starting at the first address of the data type selected. If more than 1024 bytes are to be written, the *Write Flash Continue* command must be used. Up to 1024 bytes of data can be written with each *Write Flash Continue* command, which starts at the end of the last data written.
3. The Flash Error bit of the *Read Short Status* command indicate if the Flash update was successful. This bit sets for an error at the end of each write transaction, however, once an error has been detected, this bit remains in the error state until a new data type is selected (selecting a new data type clears this bit). This allows the user the option of checking the status between each write transaction, or at the end of the update of a specific data type. Once a write transaction has started, the flash status (and this error bit) is not accessible until the write transaction has completed.

3.6.6 Write Flash Continue (E2h)

This command is used if more than 1024 bytes of data has to be written to Flash.

3.6.6.1 Write Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Data Byte 1
Byte 2	Data Byte 2
Byte 3	Data Byte 3
Byte 4	Data Byte 4
Byte 5 ... n	Data Byte 5 ... n

1. The *Write Flash Data Length* command must be used to specify how many bytes of data are sent by this command.
2. The *Write Flash Start* command is used to write up to 1024 bytes of data starting at the first address of the data type selected. If more than 1024 bytes are to be written, the *Write Flash Continue* command must be used. Up to 1024 bytes of data can be written with each *Write Flash Continue* command, which starts at the end of the last data written.
3. The Flash Error bit of the *Read Short Status* command indicates if the Flash update was successful. This bit is set for an error at the end of each write transaction, however, once an error has been detected, this bit remains in the error state until a new data type is selected (selecting a new data type clears this bit). This allows the user the option of checking the status between each write transaction, or at the end of the update of a specific data type. Once a write transaction has started, the flash status (and this error bit) is not accessible until the write transaction has completed.

3.6.7 Read Flash Start (E3h)

This command is used to start reading data from Flash.

3.6.7.1 Read Parameters

The command has no read parameters.

3.6.7.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Data Byte 1
Byte 2	Data Byte 2
Byte 3	Data Byte 3
Byte 4	Data Byte 4
Byte 5 ... n	Data Byte 5 ... n

1. The *Write Flash Data Length* command must be used to specify how many bytes of data are sent by this command.
2. The *Read Flash Start* command is used to read up to 256 bytes of data starting at the first address of the data type selected. If more than 256 bytes are to be read, the *Read Flash Continue* command must be used. Up to 256 bytes of data can be read with each *Read Flash Continue* command, which starts at the end of the last data written.

3.6.8 Read Flash Continue (E4h)

This command is used if more than 256 bytes of data has to be read from Flash.

3.6.8.1 Read Parameters

The command has no read parameters.

3.6.8.2 Return Parameters

Parameter Bytes	Description
Byte 1	Data Byte 1
Byte 2	Data Byte 2
Byte 3	Data Byte 3
Byte 4	Data Byte 4
Byte 5 ... n	Data Byte 5 ... n

1. The *Write Flash Data Length* command must be used to specify how many bytes of data are sent by this command.
2. The *Read Flash Start* command is used to read up to 256 bytes of data starting at the first address of the data type selected. If more than 256 bytes are to be read, the *Read Flash Continue* command must be used. Up to 256 bytes of data can be read with each *Read Flash Continue* command, which starts at the end of the last data written.

4 SPI Data Transmission

This section covers the formatting for proper SPI data transmission from a SPI transmitter to the FPGA on a DLPC1438 system. The topics for this section include:

1. SPI Pixel Video Specifications (see [Section 4.1](#))
2. SPI Data Formatting (see [Section 4.2](#))

4.1 SPI Pixel Video Specifications

The external print data stream to the parallel data pins on the DLPC1438 needs to be properly formatted. The front end video source is to have the following settings:

- Horizontal back porch: 645
- Horizontal front porch: 645
- Vertical back porch: 107
- Vertical front porch: 107
- Pixels per line: 1280
- Lines per frame: 720

4.2 SPI Data Formatting

The incoming data sent over the SPI interface must be formatted in the following method for proper interpretation from the FPGA:

Table 4-1. SPI Data Stream Format

Layout:	Command	Row/Col Index	Dummy	Length 1	Data Field 2	CRC16 3
Bits:	0 - 7	8 - 39	40 - 47	48 - 79	80 -336/16.777297E6	337/16.777298E6 - 369/16.777329E6

1. The length field is the hexadecimal number of bytes of the data field.
2. The data field has a minimum size of 256 bits and a maximum size of 16,777,216 bits.
3. The CRC16 is a 16 bit redundancy check. These bits are always be at the end of the datastream.

For example, the DLP team at TI uses the mkCrcFun function from [crcmod](#) within Python scripts. The parameters used to generate the function are:

Polynomial: 0x18005

Initial value: 0xFFFF

Final XOR value: 0x0

Input reflected: False

Result reflected: False

Forward or reverse: Forward

The FPGA SPI CRC16 results can be checked with [Section 3.3.16](#)

4. These command parameters are all sent in little endian formatting.
5. Due to limitations in SPI transmitter buffer size, it may be necessary to send these commands in smaller portions. For instructions on doing so please refer to [Section 4.2.1](#).

Table 4-2. SPI Data Stream Commands

Command Code	Description
00	Idle
04	Data stream

The SPI Data stream may replace the entire image buffer, or may optionally update a rectangular windowed portion of the image buffer. Column Start Index sets the column of the top left pixel of the rectangle to be updated, which will occur at column number 128 x Column Start Index. Row Start Index sets the row of the top left pixel of the rectangle to be updated, which will occur at 2 x Row Start Index. Column End Index sets the rightmost column of the rectangle to be updated, which will occur at column number 128 x Column End Index - 1. Length determines the bottom right corner of the rectangle to be updated, and must be set at height x width x number of bits per pixel.

For example, to replace the entire 2560 x 1440 frame of 8-bit values, use the following settings:

Column Start Index: 0

Column End Index: 19

Start Row Index: 0

Length: 3686400

For example, to replace the 1280 x 720 frame of 8-bit values, use the following settings:

Column Start Index: 5

Column End Index: 14

Start Row Index: 180

Length: 921600

Table 4-3. SPI Data Stream Row And Column Index Bits (8 - 39)

Bits	Description	Valid Values with DLPC1438
b(8:12)	Column Start Index, column of top left pixel = 128 x Column Start Index	0 to 19
b(13:17)	Column End Index, rightmost column = 128 x Column End Index - 1	0 to 19, must be greater or equal than Column Start Index
b(18:28)	Start Row Index, row of top left pixel = 2 x Start Row Index	0 to 719
b(29:35)	All "0"s for dummy bits	
b(36:39)	All "1"s for data stream check	

4.2.1 Dividing SPI Data

In the event of a command exceeding the front-end buffer size, the command can be reduced to a size that can be supported and sent in segments. In these segmented commands the command must always begin with the command opcode, the row and column index, and the dummy bits followed by the data. This can be repeated as necessary until the entirety of the command data has been sent with the CRC as the last two bytes.

This appears as follows:

Table 4-4. SPI Data First Transmission

Command	Row/Col Index	Dummy Bits	Length 1	Image Data 0 to send (x1)
1 byte opcode	4 bytes in little endian	7 bits all "0"s	4 bytes in little endian	Up to FPGA buffer size - 79 bits in little endian

1. The length field is the hexadecimal number of bits of the entire data being sent for the image over all transmissions.

Table 4-5. SPI Data Nth Transmission

Command	Row/Col Index	Dummy Bits	Image Data from (xN-1) to (xN)
1 byte opcode	4 bytes in little endian	7 bits all "0"s	Up to SPI transmitter buffer size - 47 bits in little endian

Table 4-6. SPI Data Final Transmission

Command	Row/Col Index	Dummy Bits	Image Data (xN) to end	CRC16
1 byte opcode	4 bytes in little endian	7 bits all "0"s	Up to SPI transmitter buffer size - 63 bits in little endian	2 bytes in little endian

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