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This guide describes the procedures for installing and configuring both the table top (DWZZA–AA) and the StorageWorks (DWZZA–VA) 8-bit SCSI bus converters.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

This equipment requires the use of shielded SCSI cables such as the Digital Equipment Corporation BN21K-series, BN21L-series, BN21R-series, or BN23G-series.

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Preface

The *StorageWorks Solutions DWZZA SCSI Bus Converter* describes the purpose, function, operation, and use of the 8-bit SCSI bus converter. This SCSI bus converter extends the length of the bus between controllers and the SCSI devices.

Intended Audience

This publication is for use by customers and DigitalTM employees responsible for configuring, installing, and maintaining the StorageWorks subsystem and its components.

Documentation Conventions

The following conventions are used in this manual:

boldface type	Boldface type indicates the first instance of terms being defined in text, in the glossary, or both.
italic type	Italic type indicates emphasis and complete manual titles. In the glossary, italic type indicates a cross-reference.

Structure

This manual is organized as follows:

Chapter 1 Introducing the DWZZA	This chapter is an overview of the SCSI bus converters.
Chapter 2 Using a DWZZA	This chapter describes the procedures for configuring a SCSI bus using a SCSI bus converter.

Glossary

Related Documents

The following are StorageWorks documents relative to this product:

Document Title	Order Number
StorageWorks Solutions Configuration Guide	EK-BA350-CG
StorageWorks Solutions Shelf and SBB User's Guide	EK-BA350-UG

Introducing the 8-bit SCSI Bus Converters

The DWZZA-series **SCSI bus converters** (converter) are SCSI–2 compliant single-ended SCSI to differential SCSI 8-bit converters capable of data transfer rates of up to 10 mega bytes per second (10 MB/s). This chapter describes the following converters:

- The DWZZA–AA is a stand alone self powered, table top unit.
- The DWZZA–VA is a StorageWorks building block (SBB) carrier for installation in an 8bit SBB shelf.

Note

The discussion of the DWZZA-series SCSI bus converters in this guide addresses the models, applications, cables, and configurations compatible with the StorageWorks building block (SBB) shelves. The capabilities and use of these converters in other environments or with other SCSI systems are not within the scope of this guide.

1.1 SCSI Bus Converter Functions

All the SBB shelves are either 8-bit or 16-bit **single-ended**, **physical buses**. Some controllers and hosts use **differential** buses and others use a single-ended bus. Single-ended and differential physical buses are not compatible. The SCSI protocol disables both buses when they are connected. However, by using a SCSI bus converter you can accomplish the following:

- Connect a differential physical bus to a single-ended physical bus
- Extend the maximum length of a SCSI bus

The SCSI bus converter internal **logical bus** establishes compatibility between the differential and singled-ended physical buses and connects them as a single logical bus.

These converters may be installed alone or in combination and can be configured to operate in either the **end-bus** or the **mid-bus** location simply by either installing or removing bus terminators.

1.2 Product Descriptions

There are three types of DWZZA SCSI bus converters—the DWZZA–AA, the DWZZA–MA, and the DWZZA–VA. The two types used with the StorageWorks product line are the SBB version, the DWZZA–VA and the table top version, the DWZZA–AA. As described in Chapter 2, these converters can be installed in either the end-bus or the mid-bus position.

The DWZZA–MA version has neither an enclosure nor a power source and can only be installed as an option. It use is described in the option documentation.

1.2.1 SBB Shelf Converter

The DWZZA–VA is an SBB shelf converter installed in slot 0 of an 8-bit shelf, such as a BA350–SB. The 8-bit differential cable connector is a 68-pin, high-density female connector. The 8-bit single-ended output connector is a 96-pin DIN connector that mates with the shelf backplane.





1.2.2 Table Top Converter

The DWZZA–AA is a table top converter with a self-contained power supply. The 68-pin high-density female connector is used for the differential SCSI bus (see Figure 1–2). The 50-pin single-ended low-density connector is used for the single-ended SCSI bus (see Figure 1–3).

Figure 1–2 DWZZA–AA SCSI Bus Converter—Differential Connector



Figure 1–3 DWZZA–AA SCSI Bus Converter—Single-Ended Connector



1.2.3 SCSI Bus Components

To install a SCSI bus converter you need *both* a SCSI "A" and a SCSI "P" cable (see Section 2.2). Please refer to the *StorageWorks Solutions Configuration Guide* for a complete list of the available cables. For a mid-bus configuration you will need an H885–AA trilink connector (see Figure 2–7).

1.3 Product Specifications

Table 1–1 lists the functional specifications for the table top (DWZZA–AA) and SBB shelf (DWZZA–VA) SCSI bus converters.

Features						
SCSI ID and SCSI Addresses	No SCSI IDs (device addresses) are consumed by the					
	converter.					
Overload Protection						
DTERMPOWER	1.5 A self-resetting thermal fuse					
STERMPOWER	1.5 A self-resetting thermal fuse					
Shielding						
Enclosure	Shielded for ESD, EMI, and safety requirements					
Connectors	Shielded for ESD, EMI, and safety requirements					
Power-Up Reset	Automatically clears					
-	Initiator detection circuit					
	Target detection circuit					
	• BSY glitch filter					
SCSI Bus Reset	Automatically clears					
	Initiator detection circuit					
	Target detection circuit					
	• BSY glitch filter					
Single-Ended SCSI Bus Length	(See Table 2–1 for detailed specifications)					
Slow (5 MB/s)	6 meters (19.7 feet)					
Fast (10 MB/s)	3 Meters (9.8 feet)					
Differential SCSI Bus Length	25 meters (82 feet)					
Data Timing	The relationship between the data and the control					
signals is brought to SCSI compatibility before						
	transmission to the other SCSI bus.					
Design	High reliability SMT					
Cable Fault	DIFFSENSE support					
Glitch Elimination	• 100% glitch free operation during power-up					
	• BUSY GLITCH trap eliminates cable length					
	constraint due to wired-OR glitches on the BSY					
	line					
Termination						
• End-bus terminators installed and						
• Remove or disable terminators for						
Singled-ended	User selectable 8-bit active termination.					
	Remove the jumper for mid-bus operation.					
Differential Five 14-pin SIP resistors.						
	Remove SIPs for mid-bus operation					
TERMPOWER						
Supplied to both buses.						
Service						
• The user can install (enable) or rem						
Contact Digital service personnel f	for all other service.					

Table 1–1 SCSI Bus Converter Functional Specifications

Configuration Rules						
The maximum number of DWZZAs be	The maximum number of DWZZAs between any two devices is 2 .					
Agency Approvals						
UL, CSA, FCC Class B, TUV						
Environmental Specifications						
Relative Humidity	10% to 85% non-condensing					
Operating Temperature	10° C to 40° C (50° F to 104° F)					
Storage Temperature (non-operating)	-40°C to 66°C (-40°F to 151°F)					
Power Requirements						
Input Voltage	+5.0 V dc, ±0.25 V dc					
Input Current						
Electronics	3.1 Amps					
Terminators	0 to 3.0 Amps (in addition to electronics)					
TERMPOWER Supplied to both buses						
SCSI Connectors and Cables						
Single-Ended	Surface mount unitized connector includes:					
	 Standard 4-pin power connector 					
	• 50-pin, female, low-density SCSI "A" connector					
Differential	erential Board mounted 68-pin, female, high-density					
	SCSI "P" connector					
Cables	 BN21R-series and BN23G-series shielded 					
	SCSI "A" cables					
 BN21K-series and BN21L-series shielded 						
	SCSI "P" cables					

 Table 1–1
 SCSI Bus Converter Functional Specifications (Continued)

Using an 8-bit SCSI Bus Converter

This chapter discusses how to effectively use a converter by selecting configurations, cables, terminating the buses, and installing the converter. Complete the following procedures in the specified sequence to install and use a converter:

- Determine the SCSI bus type, speed, and maximum physical length (see Section 2.1).
- Determine the optimum configuration for your system (see Section 2.3).
- Select the SCSI bus cables (see Section 2.2).
- Set the bus terminations on the converter (see Section 2.4).

Note

In this section, the term controller means any one of the following SCSI devices: (1) a controller, (2) a host computer, or (3) an adapter.

2.1 SCSI Buses

The SCSI bus length is the total length from the bus terminator on the controller to the terminator at the other end of the bus. For a basic configuration, this is the distance from the controller terminator to the shelf terminator.

Table 2–1 is a synopsis of the SCSI buses supported by the 8-bit converter organized by bus type (single-ended or differential). This table includes the following information:

- Bus speed (fast or slow)
- Data transfers per seconds expressed either in mega bytes (MB/s) or mega transfers (MT/s)
- The maximum length of each bus in meters (M) and feet (ft)
- The *maximum* length SCSI "A" and SCSI "P" cable for each.

Note

Changes in differential bus speed or width only affect the data transmission rate. The maximum bus length and cable length remains constant.

Table 2–1 SCSI Buses and Cables

	Buses			Transfer Rate Bus Length		uses Transfer Rate		e Bus Length Recommen		nended C	able
Width	Speed	Туре	MT/s*	MB/s	Meters	Feet	Order No.	Meters	Feet		
SCSI "A" Cables (Use only with DWZZA–AA)											
8-bit	Fast	Single-ended	10	10	3	9.8	BN21R-02	2	6.6		
							BN23G-02				
8-bit	Slow	Single-ended	5	5	6	19.7	BN21R-05	5	16.4		
							BN23G-05				
SCSI "F	" Cables	6									
8-bit	Fast	Differential	10	10	25	82	BN21K-23	23	75.5		
							BN21L-23				
8-bit	Slow	Differential	5	5	25	82	BN21K-23	23	75.5		
							BN21L-23				

Note

MT/s (megatransfers per second) is the repetitive rate at which words of data are transferred across a bus. The number of megabytes per second (MB/s) is determined by the bus width (8-, 16-, or 32-bit) and the number of bytes per word (1, 2, or 4, respectively).

The maximum bus length and maximum cable length are not the same.

• The bus length is measured from the controller terminator to the SBB shelf terminator and *includes* the SCSI cables.

^{*} Megatransfers per second

• The maximum cable length is the longest cable length that can be used without exceeding the maximum bus length. For example, you cannot use a 25 m (82 ft) cable when the maximum bus length is 25 m. You must allow for the SBB shelf bus length. Therefore, the maximum length cable you should use is 23 m (75.5 ft).

2.2 Selecting the SCSI Cables

The StorageWorks Solutions Configuration Guide describes SCSI cables in detail.

When selecting a cable you must consider the cable connector clearance. Be sure to determine the type connector compatible with the controller connector. In some cases you must use a right-angle connector because there is not enough clearance to use a straight connector. The following are the cable connector requirements:

Table 2–2 Connector Compatil

	Connector Type					
Component	68-Pin 50-Pin					
SBB shelf converter (DWZZA–VA)	Right-angle	N/A				
Table top converter (DWZZA-AA)	Right-angle or straight	Right-angle or straight				
Host, adapter, or controller	Check the controller documentation to determine requirements					

The recommended SCSI "P" cables are the BN21K-series (see Figure 1–1) and the BN21L-series (see Figure 2–2). The recommended SCSI "A" cables are the BN21R-series (see Figure 2–3) and the BN23G-series (see Figure 2–4).

Figure 2–1 BN21K-Series Cable Connectors



Figure 2–2 BN21L-Series Cable Connectors



Figure 2–3 BN21R-Series Cable Connectors



Figure 2–4 BN23G-Series Cable Connectors



2.3 Determining the Configuration

The manner in which you configure the SCSI bus converter is based upon the SCSI controller and what you are planning to accomplish. There following are the two basic configurations for a converter:

- The end-bus configuration (see Section 2.3.1)
- The mid-bus configuration (see Section 2.3.2)

CAUTION

Regardless of the configuration used, end-bus or mid-bus, you cannot separate the controller and the devices with *more than two* converters in series. For example, One table top and one SBB shelf converter in series.

2.3.1 End-Bus Configuration

The end-bus configurations shown in Figure 2–5 terminates all cables in the converter, the shelf, and in the controller. This effectively creates two physical buses, one between the converter and the controller; the other between the converter and the SBB shelf.

Note

Both the differential and the single-ended SCSI bus terminators are factory-installed. You do not need to change the termination to operate the converter in the end-bus position.

Figure 2–5 shows the three basic end-bus configurations:

Note

Devices addresses 0 through 15 are valid when using a 16-bit controller. When using an 8-bit controller the valid device addresses are 0 through 6.

• Single-Ended Controller to SBB Shelf

All StorageWorks SBB shelves are single-ended SCSI buses. When the single-ended is operating at 5 MB/s (slow) the maximum SCSI bus length is 6 m (19.7 ft).

• Differential Controller to SBB Shelf

This configuration requires an SBB shelf converter in Slot 0. Connect the controller to the SBB shelf converter with a SCSI "P" cable.

• Single-Ended Controller to SBB Shelf—Extended Length

This configuration requires two SCSI bus converters—a table top models and an SBB shelf converter (see Figure 2–5). Depending upon the bus speed (fast or slow) the total bus length could be between 31 m (101.8 ft) or 37 m (121.4 ft).

- Install the –VA model in SBB shelf slot 0.
- Connect the controller to the table top converter single-ended connector using a SCSI "P" cable.
- Connect the table top converter differential connector to the SBB shelf converter with a SCSI "P" cable.

Note

When using an 8-bit single-ended controller the valid shelf device addresses are 0 through 6.

Figure 2–5 Typical End-Bus Configurations

CONFIGURATION 1



CONFIGURATION 2



CONFIGURATION 3



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2.3.2 Mid-Bus Configuration

The typical mid-bus configuration shown in Figure 2–6 creates the following three buses:

- A 25 m (82 ft) differential bus from the controller through the tri-link connector on the SBB shelf 1 converter to SBB shelf 2 converter.
- A single-ended bus on SBB shelf 1
- A single-ended bus on SBB shelf 2

To create this shelf requires that you remove the differential termination from SBB shelf 1 converter using the procedure Section 2.4.1. The single-ended termination would remain in place. The termination in SBB shelf 2 converter would remain in the end-bus configuration.

Note that the total length of the differential bus remains at 25 m (82 ft). Therefore, for proper operation the total length of the SCSI "P" cables must be less than 25 m.

Figure 2–6 Typical Mid-Bus Converter Configuration



2.4 Setting the Bus Termination

All SCSI buses are terminated at the physical ends of the bus. This is true even when using a DWZZA SCSI bus converter. Both DWZZA SCSI bus converters supply terminator power (TERMPOWER) to the SCSI terminators. TERMPOWER is electrical current that is limited by self-resetting fuses.

The following sections describe the procedures for configuring a DWZZA SCSI bus converter for either a mid-bus (see Section 2.4.1) or end-bus (see Section 2.4.2) operation.

CAUTION

To prevent SCSI bus malfunction, *do not* remove the DWZZA SCSI bus converter or disconnect the SCSI cable when power is on.

2.4.1 Mid-Bus SCSI Bus Converter

Use an H885-AA trilink connector (see Figure 2–7), to place the converter in the mid-bus position as shown in Figure 2–6. Use the following procedure to configure the differential connector for mid-bus operation:





CAUTION

Do not attempt the following procedure without taking proper precautions against electrostatic discharge (ESD). Wear an ESD grounding wrist strap whenever you remove the cover from any enclosure or device.

- 1. Turn off the power and remove the input power cable.
- 2. Disconnect the SCSI cables.
- 3. Remove either the SBB bezel and cover, or the table top converter cover.

CAUTION

The tri-link connector is always installed on the converter SCSI bus *input connector*. Remove the bus termination only for the input connector. Do not remove the termination for the output connector.

4. Remove the five differential bus resistor SIPs (see Figure 2–8).

Note

The converters in the end-bus position are configured as shown in Figure 2–9.

- 5. Replace the SBB converter cover and bezel, or the table top converter cover.
- 6. Install the trilink connector on the differential connector.

- 7. Connect the input SCSI "P" cable from the controller or the table top converter to the trilink connector (see Figure 2–6).
- 8. Connect a SCSI-P cable from the trilink connector to the input connector on the second converter.
- 9. Make sure that the differential bus is terminated in the last converter on the bus (refer to Section 2.4.2).
- 10. Digital recommends that you label the converters with the status of both the differential terminator and the single-ended terminator, as either *IN* or *OUT*.
- 11. Install the SBB converter.
- 12. Connect the input power cable and apply power to the shelf.
- 13. Observe the system to determine if the SCSI bus and devices are functioning properly.

Figure 2–8 DWZZA Mid-Bus Terminators



2.4.2 End-Bus SCSI Bus Converter Terminators

Use the following procedure to configure the converter termination from a mid-bus to an end-bus position (see Figure 2–5 and Figure 2–6).

CAUTION

Do not attempt the following procedure without taking proper precautions against electrostatic discharge (ESD). Wear an ESD grounding wrist strap whenever you remove the cover from any enclosure or device.

Note

Both the differential and the single-ended SCSI bus terminators are factory-installed. You do not need to change the termination to operate the converter in the end-bus position.

- 1. Turn off the power and remove the input power cable.
- 2. Disconnect the SCSI cables.
- 3. Remove either the SBB converter bezel and cover, or the table top converter cover.

CAUTION

To prevent damage, remove the SBB bezel only as required and use *minimal* pressure used when pushing down on the mounting tabs.

- 4. To terminate the single-ended input SCSI bus, install jumper J2 (see Figure 2–9).
- 5. To terminate the differential input SCSI bus install the five resistor single-inline-packages (SIPs).
- 6. Replace the SBB converter cover and bezel, or replace the table top converter cover.
- 7. Digital recommends that you label the converters with the status of both the differential terminator and the single-ended terminator, as either *IN* or *OUT*.
- 8. Install the SBB in the shelf.
- 9. Connect the SCSI "P" cables.
- 10. Connect the input power cable and apply power.
- 11. Observe the system to determine if the SCSI bus and devices are functioning properly.



Figure 2–9 DWZZA–VA End-Bus Bus Terminators

Glossary

adapter See SCSI bus converter.

building block shelf See SBB shelf.

controller

A hardware/firmware device that manages communications on behalf of host systems over the SCSI bus to devices, such as the HSC-series, HSJ-series, and HSZ-series controllers. Controllers typically differ by the type of interface to the host and provide functions beyond what the devices support.

differential SCSI bus

A signal's level is determined by the potential difference between two wires. A differential bus is more robust and less subject to electrical noise than is a single-ended bus.

DWZZA

A StorageWorks compatible 8-bit SCSI bus converter.

See SCSI bus converter.

electrostatic discharge

See ESD.

ESD

Electrostatic discharge is the discharge of a potentially harmful static electric voltage as a result of improper grounding.

host

The primary or controlling computer or any such unit (in a multiple computer network) to which storage is attached.

initiator

A SCSI device that requests another device on the but to perform an operation. Any device on the bus can be an initiator or a target.

logical bus

A single-ended, physical bus connected to a differential, physical bus by a SCSI bus converter.

physical bus

Two SCSI terminators separated by cables, connectors, and/or the backplane circuitry.

SBB

StorageWorks building block. The basic building block of the StorageWorks product line. Any device conforming to shelf mechanical and electrical standards installed in either a 3¹/₂-inch or 5¹/₄-inch carrier is considered to be an SBB, whether it is a storage device, a power supply, or other device.

SBB shelf

The common name for any StorageWorks shelf that contains only power supply and storage SBBs.

SCSI

Small Computer System Interface. This ANSI interface defines the physical and electrical parameters of a parallel I/O bus used to connect computers and devices. The StorageWorks subsystem implementation uses SCSI-2 for the transfer of data.

SCSI bus converter

Sometimes referred to as an adapter. (1) A connecting device that permits the attachment of accessories or provides the capability to mount or link units. (2) The device that connects a differential SCSI bus to a single-ended SCSI bus.

SCSI device

A host computer adapter, a peripheral controller, or an intelligent peripheral that can be attached to the SCSI bus.

SCSI device ID

The bit-significant, representation of the SCSI addressing referring to one of the signal lines numbered 0 through 15. Also referred to as target ID. For example, SCSI device ID 1 would be represented as 00001.

SCSI mid-bus position

The physical location of a controller or a device that the SCSI bus passes through enroute to the controller or device that contains the SCSI bus termination.

SCSI-P cable

A 68-conductor (34 twisted pairs) cable used for differential bus connections.

single-ended SCSI bus

A bus in which each signal's logic level is determined by the voltage of a single wire in relation to ground.

Small Computer System Interface

See SCSI.

StorageWorks

The Digital set of enclosure products that allows customers to design and configure their own storage subsystem. Components include power, packaging, and interconnections in a StorageWorks shelf. SBBs and array controllers are integrated therein to form level enclosures to house the shelves. Standard mounting devices for SBBs are also included.

StorageWorks building block

See SBB.

target

A SCSI device that performs an operation requested by an initiator. Any device on the bus can be an initiator or a target.

target ID

See SCSI device ID.

termpower

Is an electrical current that is limited by self-resetting fuses.