Wishbone/Low Level Commands for TG1000

The TG-1000 controller can be interfaced through High Level commands(HL cmds) and W Commands(W cmds). HL cmds use ASCII characters, human readable, very verbose, easy to construct. W cmds are binary and ideal for hardware to hardware communication. In fact all internal communication between Tiger Comm card and Device cards are done in W cmds. No special operation is required to switch from HL cmds to W cmds, Tiger Comm automatically detects and processes them accordingly.

This document describes the packet structures of W commands and replies, gives examples, and lists the command set in detail. A complete and functional W command includes a card address and a W command packet.

The MS-2000 has it's own set of commands, see the MS-2000 Low Level Commands documentation.

Document Conventions

In this document, the terms device and card are defined such that devices are mechanical objects connected to cards by cables. Thus one or more devices, e.g., filterwheels or stage axis motors, may be connected to each card.

Non-readable data characters are represented in this document as hexadecimal values in the formats 0xFF and #FF, may be delimited by a following space when part of a character string. The space character is represented by its byte value: #20. Readable characters appear as themselves or enclosed in single quotes, e.g., A . For example, the following string includes the data characters 0xFF, 1, A, and 0x0D:

#FF 1A#0D or #FF1A#0D

This string may also be represented this way: #FF #31 #41 #0D or #FF#31#41#0D

W Command and Reply Structure

All W command packets are the structure below. They contain an Address byte, Command set ID, Command ID, Argument length. Argument optional and depend on the command itself.

Table 1: W Command Structure

Card Address 1 byte (0x30 for Comm, 0xFE for broadcast, 0x31 for device cards)	Command Set ID 1 byte 0xD7 for W cmd	Command ID 1 byte	l	Argument 0-251 bytes	
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Table 2: TG-1000 addresses

Addressee	Usage	Value
TG-1000 Comm	Hard coded, re-assignable	0x30 ('0')
Stage/ FW/Shutter	Unique device address	0x31 to 0x39

Addressee	Usage	Value
Reserved for future use, including future broadcast commands		0x81 to 0xF5
Stage Broadcast	Recognized by all stage controllers	0xF6
Filterwheel Broadcast	Recognized by all FW controllers	0xF7
Shutter Broadcast	Recognized by all shutter controllers	0xF8
LCD Broadcast	Recognized by all LCD controllers	0xF9
Broadcast	Recognized by all cards	0xFD
Due a dea et even ut Comen	Recognized by all cards except TG-1000 Comm	0xFE
Broadcast except Comm	Tiger bus address	0xFF

Address 0x30 to 0x39 and then 0x81 to 0xF5 are unique addresses. At any given time, only one card in the controller can have them. When a W command is sent, all cards receive it and parse it, but will not act unless the address matches. If the user likes to address multiple cards with the same Command, then he can use the Broadcast command.

Argument length denotes the number of bytes to follow in the packet. W command receivers use the argument length byte to count the remaining incoming characters. When that many characters have been received, processing begins.

Reply Structure

The W reply packet has two elements: the outcome byte and the reply data. The outcome byte is one of the values specified in the table below.

Outcome	Reply data
1 byte	0∞ bytes

Table 3: W Reply Structure

Character	Hex	Description
ENQ	0x05	The argument length byte does not match the specified value for that command.
ACK	0x06	The command is well-formed, and execution has begun.
BEL	0x07	The argument length byte value exceeds the capacity of TG-1000's input buffers.
NAK	0x15	One of the following has occurred: the cmd id byte is undefined; or an argument is not in the specified value range, or the command is not recognized by the addressed device.
CAN	0x18	An intercharacter timeout (2ms) expired before the expected number of bytes was received.

Command Set

Table 4 W user Commands and Replies describes all W commands with Command Set ID 0xD7. The commands described in Table 5 W Internal Command and Replies are for use on the backplane bus and not recommended for transmission from an external host. Table 6 Planned W commands, not implemented.

Move Axis Absolute

ID Hex	0x01			
Normal recipient	Stage			
	5 bytes			
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.		
Argument	destination position given in 1/10 microns, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.			
Danly	1 byte			
Reply	Byte 1 ACK or NAK for out of range argument			

Move axis to given position. On the XY controller, axis[0] is the X axis. On the ZF controller, axis[0] is the Z axis.

Example:

#31#D7#01#05#00#46#40#E4#01 #06 Moves first axis on card #1 by 1234.5 microns

Move Axis Relative

ID Hex	0x02			
Normal recipient	Stage			
	5 bytes			
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.		
Byte 2-5 destination position given in 1/10 microns, an IEEE-754 single pre-				
Poply	1 byte			
Byte 1 ACK or NAK for out of range argument				

Move axis to given position relative to its current position.

Example:

#31#D7#02#05#01#C6#40#E4#01 #06 Rel moves 2nd axis on card #1 by -1234.5 microns

Spin Axis

ID Hex	0x03
Normal recipient	Stage

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	2 bytes
Argument	Byte 1 axis selector 03.
Argument	Byte 2 motor power, a signed character in range -128 to 127, where 0=no power. Format is 2s complement.
Donly	1 byte
Reply	Byte 1 ACK or NAK for out of range argument

Apply motor power to an axis

Example:

#31#D7#03#02#00#32

#06

Moves first axis on card #1 by at 50% total power in positive direction

#31#D7#03#02#00#CE

#06

Moves first axis on card #1 by at 50% total power in negative direction

Set Axis Position

ID Hex	0x04			
Normal recipient	Stage			
	5 bytes			
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.		
Argument	Byte 2-5	the position given in 1/10 microns, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.		
Donly	1 byte			
Reply Byte 1 ACK or NAK for out of range argument				

Coerces current axis position

Example:

#31#D7#04#05#00#46#40#E4#01

#06

Sets first axis on card #1 position as 1234.5 microns

Halt

ID Hex	80x0
Normal recipient	Stage
Argument	none

Reply	none
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Halt all movement of all axes.

Since there is no reply, this command can be broadcast to all stages.

Example:

#31#D7#08#00

Halts all movement on all axis in just card #1

#FE#D7#08#00

Halts all movement on all stage class cards in controller

Get Status and Position

ID Hex	0x0A				
Normal recipient	recipient Stage				
A results a set	1 bytes				
Argument	Byte 1	Byte 1 axis selector 03.			
	6 bytes				
	Byte 1	ACK			
Reply	Byte 2	Status (bits layout similar to RDSBYTE)			
	Byte 3-6	Position given in 1/10 Microns, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.			

It's a function of the axis unit multiplier, set with the HL cmd "UM", default value is 10,000 or mm/10000.

Note: Pre v2.7, units were millimeters.

Example:

Card#1's 1st axis when idle #31#D7#0A#01#00 #06#0A#00#00#00#00

Card#1's 1st axis while active #31#D7#0A#01#00 #06#0F#46#40#E3#B4

Get Status

ID Hex 0x0C

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Normal recipient	Stage
Argument	None
Danly	1 byte
Reply	Byte 1 'N' or 'B'

Same as STATUS command.

Example:

Card#1 is idle #31#D7#0C#00 #4E (0x4E hex for N)

Card#1 is active #31#D7#0C#00 #42 (0x42 hex for B)

Set Resolution

ID Hex	0x0D		
Normal recipient	Stage		
A	1 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1	03 for number of decimal points.	
Bonly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or others	

Selects decimal point of WHERE command in high level command set.

Default setting is tenths of a micron resolution.

Example:

#31#D7#0D#01#03 #06

w x :A 12344.700

Get Axis Names

ID Hex	0x0E
Normal recipient	Stage
Argument	none

	4 to 6 byte			
	Byte 1	ACK		
	Byte 2	Number of valid axis names to follow		
Reply	Byte 3	Axis 0 name		
	Byte 4	Axis 1 name		
	Byte 5	Axis 2 name		
	Byte 6	Axis 3 name		

Requests names of the axes supported by a stage card. Also returns number of valid axes, given by Byte 1 of the reply.

Example:

STD XY card on address 1 #31#D7#0E#00 #06#02#58#59 (0x58 ASCII for X and 0x59 is Y)

A 4ch MicroMirror card on address 2 #32#D7#0E#00 #06#04#50#51#52#53 (0x50 to 0x53 is P,Q,R and S)

Get Single Axis Position

ID Hex	0x0F			
Normal recipient Stage				
Anarimaant	1 bytes			
Argument	Byte 1 axis selector 03.			
	4 byte			
Reply	Byte 1-4 Axis position given in 1/10 microns, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.			

It's a function of the axis unit multiplier, set with the HL cmd "UM", default value is 10,000 or mm/10000.

Note: Pre v2.7, units were millimeters.

Example:

Card#1 X is at 1234.4 microns and Y is at -1234.5 microns #31#D7#0F#01#00 #46#40#E3#B4 (12344.92578125) #31#D7#0F#01#01 #C6#40#E2#D2 (-12344.705078125)

Get Device Class

ID Hex	0x14				
Normal recipient	Any				
Argument	none	none			
	2 bytes	bytes			
Reply	Byte 1 ACK				
Byte		: device type: 0=Comm; 1=Stage; 2=Filterwheel; 3=Shutter; 4=LCD; 255=no device (reply timeout)			

Queries each card directly, about what class it is.

Note: Piezo drive cards, micro mirror drive cards are also classed as stage cards.

Note: If no device is present at the given bus address, then no reply is sent.

Example:

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In a Controller with 2 stage cards and 1 comm card #30#D7#14#00 #06#30 #32#D7#14#00 #06#31 #31#D7#14#00 #06#31 #33#D7#14#00 (no reply)
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Get Device Map Element

ID Hex	0x16	0x16			
Normal recipient	Comm				
Argument	none	none			
	1 byte	1 byte			
	Byte 1 ACK				
Reply	Byte 2 bus address				
	Byte 3	device type ('0' (0x30)=Comm; '1' (0x31)=Axis; '2' (0x32)=Filterwheel; '3' (0x33)=Shutter; '4' (0x34)=LCD)			

Queries the Comm card for its list of cards and their class present in the controller. Each time the command is give, Comm card moves down the list, prints the card address and its class. When it runs out of cards, it starts back at the top.

Note: Piezo drive cards, micro mirror drive cards are also classed as stage cards.

Example:

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In a Controller with 2 stage cards and 1 comm card #30#D7#16#00
#06#30#30 (first time, reports itself)
#30#D7#16#00 (note cmd is always directed to omm.. Card)
#06#31#31 (second time card#1 details are sent)
#30#D7#16#00
#06#32#31 (3rd time card#2 details are sent)
#30#D7#16#00
#06#30#30 (starts back at the top)
#30#D7#16#00
#06#31#31
#30#D7#16#00
#06#32#31
#30#D7#16#00
#06#30#30
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Get Number of Devices

ID Hex	0x17		
Normal recipient	Comm		
Argument	none		
	2 bytes Reply Byte 1 ACK		
Reply			
	Byte 2	number of devices listed in the device map.	

Host command queries the Comm card for total number of card of all classes present in the controller.

Example:

In a Controller with 2 stage cards and 1 comm card #30#D7#17#00 #06#03 (Answer 3 cards)

Get Stage Axis Settings

ID Hex	0x19	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	1 bytes	
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.

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	23 bytes	
	Byte 1	ACK
	Byte 2-5	max speed in mm/sec, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.
	Byte 6-9	backlash in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.
	Byte 10-13	drift error in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number
	Byte 14-17	finish error in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number
D I .	Byte 18-19	ramp time in ms, a 16-bit unsigned integer.
Reply	Byte 20	1=pointing device X movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device X movement does not control this axis.
	Byte 21	1=pointing device Y movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device Y movement does not control this axis.
	Byte 22	1=pointing device scroll wheel movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device scroll wheel movement does not control this axis.
	Byte 23	Encoder polarity. 0=negative (left side Z); 1=positive (right side Z)

Host command to stage controller. Gets Speed (S), Backlash (B), Drift error (E), Finish error (PC), Ramp time (AC), Mouse controls (X, Y, or Scroll) and encoder polarity

Example:

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#31#D7#19#01#00
#06#40#B7#DE#93#3D#23#D7#0A#39#D1#B7#17#37#CB#42#4B#00#64#00#00#00#01
#31#D7#19#01#01
#06#40#B7#DE#93#3D#23#D7#0A#39#D1#B7#17#37#CB#42#4B#00#64#00#00#00#01
#31#D7#19#01#02
#06#15 (NACK as no 3rd axis)
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Breaking down the reply and analysing

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#06 (ACK)
#40#B7#DE#93 Speed is 5.74591970443726 mm/s
#3D#23#D7#0A Backlash is 0.0399999991059303 mm
#39#D1#B7#17 Drift Error is 0.00039999998989515 mm
#37#CB#42#4B Finish error is 2.42303558479762e-05 mm
#00#64 Ramp Time is 100 ms
#00
#00
#00
#01 Positive encoder polarity
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Move Filterwheel

ID Hex	0x1A
Normal recipient	Filterwheel

	2 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1 Wheel selector. Value: 0.		
	Byte 2	Filter selector. Values 07	
Ponly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK	

Host to Filterwheel command

Example:

#32#D7#1A#02#00#05 #06 Moves FW #0 to position 5

Move Shutter

ID Hex	0x1B		
Normal recipie	Shutter		
	2 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1 Shutter selector. Value = 01		
	Byte 2 Energize shutter=1, De-energize shutter = 0		
Poply	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1 ACK		

Host to shutter command

Display Filterwheel Address

ID Hex	0x1C	
Normal recipient	Filterwheel	
Argument	none	
Donly	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK

Host to Filterwheel. Causes Filterwheel front panel 7 segment display to display device's bus address.

Example:

#FE#D7#1C#00

Causes all FW class cards to display their Address

Restore Filterwheel Display

ID Hex 0x1D			
Normal recipient	Filterwheel		
Argument	none		
Bonly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK	

Host to Filterwheel. Used after Display Filterwheel Address command. Causes Filterwheel to restore its panel 7 segment display to the state it was in before the Display Filterwheel Address command was issued.

Get Number of Axes

ID Hex	0x1E	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	none	
	2 bytes	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK
	Byte 2	number of axes supported on this card

Host to stage controller. Returns number of axes supported on this card.

Example:

#31#D7#1E#00 #06#02 (2 axes)

Save Filterwheel Settings

ID Hex	0x1F		
Normal recipient	Filterwheel		
Argument	none		
Ponly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK	

Host to Filterwheel. Causes Filterwheel controller to its write current settings to non-volatile memory.

Write Filterwheel Settings to RAM

ID Hex	0x20		
Normal recipient	Filterwheel		
	12 bytes		
http://asiimaging.com/doc	Byte 1-4	Channel O Filterwheel offset, a signed long integer	inted on 2025/12/16 19:20
	Byte 5	Channel 0 speed value	inted on 2025/12/16 16:29
Argument	Byte 6-9	Channel 1 Filterwheel offset, a signed long integer	

Poply	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK

Host to Filterwheel. Writes some current Filterwheel settings (see argument) to volatile memory.

Read Filterwheel Settings from RAM

ID Hex	0x21		
Normal recipient	Filterwheel		
Argument	none		
	13 bytes		_
	Byte 0	ACK	
	Byte 1-4	Channel 0 Filterwheel offset, a signed long integer	
	Byte 5	Channel 0 speed value	
	Byte 6-9	Channel 1 Filterwheel offset, a signed long integer	
	Byte 10	Channel 1 speed value	
		Shutter normal state	
Reply		Bit 0	0=Shutter 0 normally open; 1=Shutter 0 normally closed
	Byte 11	Bit 1	0=Shutter 1 normally open; 1=Shutter 1 normally closed
	Bit	Bit 2-3	not used
		Bit 4	1=Shutter controller (SH2 card) is connected at this address; 0=No SH2 card is connected at this address.
		Bit 5-7	not used
	Byte 12	number of currently operable wheels attached	

Host to Filterwheel. Transmits settings from RAM to host.

Confirm Halt

ID Hex	0x24
Normal recipient	Internal
Argument	none

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	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK = all axes halted, none were in motion when Halt command was given, or this is not the first Confirm Halt command issued since the most recent Halt command, or no Halt commands have been issued since the last system reset; NAK = at least one axis failed to halt; ENQ = a Halt command was issued prior to this command, and an axis was in motion when that Halt command was issued.

Comm to Stage Confirms that Halt command was executed successfully and stage is stopped. This command is invoked automatically when the H command HALT is transmitted from Host to Comm. If the result indicates that an axis failed to halt, then the system is automatically reset and all motors are shut down.

Zero Axis

ID Hex	0x25		
Normal recipient Stage			
Argument	1 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.	
Ponly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument	

Comm to Stage Duplicates H command ZERO and MS-2000 Zero button function. Causes readjustment of limits.

Example:

#31#D7#25#01#00

Zeros just 1st axis on card#1 #FE#D7#25#01#00

Zeros all 1st axes on all cards of stage class.

Get Axis Types

ID Hex	0x26
Normal recipient	Stage
Argument	none

	3 bytes		
	Byte 1	ACK	
Reply		Axis 0 type, where 0=no axis present; 1=XY; 2=motor-driven focus; 3=piezo-driven focus; 4=motor-driven zoom; 5=theta	
	Byte 3	Axis 1 type, defined same as Byte 1	

Comm to Stage

Reports whether each axis is an XY, motor-driven focus, or piezo-driven focus axis.

Users may also want to look at 0x4A Get Axis Kinds too. It is better implemented.

Get Axis Kinds

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ID Hex	0x4A	
Normal recipient	: Stage	
Argument	none	
	4 to 6 bytes	
	Byte 1 ACK	
	Byte 2 Total axis on card (and number of bytes to fo	llow)
Reply	Byte 3 Axis 0 type	
	Byte 4 Axis 1 type	
	Byte 5 Axis 2 type	
	Byte 6 Axis 3 type	
Axis Type Short	Description	
X	XY stage	
Z	Z focus motor drive. LS50s, Z scopes etc	
p	Piezo Focus. ASIs ADEPT, Piezo DAC etc	
0	Objective Turret	
f	Filter Changer	
t	Theta Stage	
l	Generic linear motorized stage, TIRF, SISKIYOU etc	
a	Generic linear piezo stage	
m	Zoom magnification motor axis	
u	Micro Mirror, Scanner 75 etc	
W	Filter Wheel	
S	Shutter	

Queries the Device card. Replies with total axes present, followed by ASCII codes for each axis representing which kind of axis.

Unknown axis type

Example:

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#31#D7#4A#00 #06#02#78#78 (0x78 is x for xymotor)

#32#D7#4A#00

#06#04#75#75#75#75 (0x75 is u for MicroMirror)

Get Axis Props

ID Hex		0x4B		
Normal 1	ecipient	nt Stage		
Argumer	nt	none		
		4 to 6 bytes		
		Byte 1	ACK	
		Byte 2	Total axis on card (and	number of bytes to follow)
Reply		Byte 3	Axis 0 properties	
		Byte 4	Axis 1 properties	
		Byte 5	Axis 2 properties	
		Byte 6	Axis 3 properties	
Bit 0 CRISP auto-focus firmware				
Bit 1	RING BUFFER firmware		nware	
Bit 2	SCAN firmware			
Bit 3	Bit 3 ARRAY firmware			
Bit 4 SPIM firmware				
Bit 5 SINGLEAXIS and/or MULTIAXIS firmward				
Bits 6-7	reserved			

Queries the Device card. Replies with total axes present, followed by byte for each axis representing any special properties or capabilities (usually would be firmware module) such as CRISP or RING BUFFER.

Example:

#34#D7#4B#00 #06#02#0A#0A (xystage with RING BUFFER and ARRAY)

#33#D7#4B#00

#06#04#10#10#10 (Micromirror with SPIM)

Set Stage Axis Settings

ID Hex	0x27

Normal recipient	Stage					
	23 bytes	23 bytes				
	Byte 1	axis selector 03.				
	Byte 2-5	max speed in mm/sec, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number				
	Byte 6-9	backlash in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number				
	Byte 10-13	drift error in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.				
	Byte 14-17 finish error in mm, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point n					
Argument	Byte 18-19	ramp time in ms, a 16-bit unsigned integer.				
	Byte 20	1=pointing device X movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device X movement does not control this axis.				
	Byte 21	1=pointing device Y movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device Y movement does not control this axis.				
	Byte 22	1=pointing device scroll wheel movement controls this axis; 0=pointing device scroll wheel movement does not control this axis.				
	Byte 23	Encoder polarity. 0=negative (left side Z); 1=positive (right side Z)				
Ponly	1 byte					
Reply	Byte 1	ACK				

Comm to Stage. Host command to stage controller. Counterpart to Get Axis Settings command. Sets Speed (S), Backlash (B), Drift error (E), Finish error (PC), Max lim (SU), Min lim (SL), Ramp time (AC), Mouse controls (X, Y, or Scroll), and Encoder polarity (EPOL).

Example:

To set 1st axis to 2mm/sec #31#D7#27#17#00#40#00#00#3D#23#D7#0A#39#D1#B7#17#37#CB#42#4B#00#64#00 #00#00#01 #06

Save Settings Stage

ID Hex	0x28	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	none	
Ponly	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK

Writes current stage settings to non-volatile memory

Example:

#31#D7#28#00

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#06

saves settings of just card #1 to non volatile memory

#FE#D7#28#00

#06

saves settings of all cards in controller to nonvolatile memory.

Get Saved Settings Stage

ID Hex	0x29
Normal recipient	Stage
Argument	none
Donly	1 byte
Reply	Byte 1 ACK

Reads stage settings from non-volatile memory into stage volatile memory, overwriting current settings.

Restore Stage Defaults

ID Hex	0x2A	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	none	
Dank	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK

Marks stage non-volatile memory as unsaved. Next stage reset, the settings will be the original factory defaults.

Restore Filterwheel Defaults to RAM

ID Hex	0x2B	
Normal recipient	Filterwheel	
Argument	none	
Raniv	1 byte	
	Byte 1 ACK	

Writes default settings to Filterwheel RAM.

Read Filterwheel Settings to RAM

ID Hex	0x2C
Normal recipient	Filterwheel

Argument	none	
Dank	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1	ACK

Host to Filterwheel. Reads settings from non-volatile memory to Filterwheel RAM.

Reset Stage

ID Hex	0x2D	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	none	
Reply	1 byte	
Reply	Byte 1 AC	K

Host to stage. Invokes stage software reset.

Example:

#31#D7#2D#00
resets just card #1.
#FE#D7#2D#00
resets all stage class cards in the controller

Ping

ID Hex	0x2F	
Normal recipient	ent All	
Argument	none	
Daniv	1 byte	
	Byte 1	ACK

Replies ACK. Used to verify that sender has sent a command readable to the receiver. May be used to seek serial baud rate match.

Set Clutch

ID Hex	0x31
Normal recipie	e nt Stage
Argument	1 byte
	Byte 1 0=disengage; 1=engage
Poply	1 byte
Reply	Byte 1 ACK

Engages or disengages clutch.

Get Stage Settings And Flags

ID Hex	0x32	
Normal recipient	Stage	
Argument	none	
	9 bytes	
	Byte 1	ACK
	Byte 2	XY pitch
	Byte 3	Z pitch
Reply	Byte 4	Where command format
керіу	Byte 5	X & Y encoder flag, where 'L' = linear, 'R' = rotary
	Byte 6	Clutch engaged
	Byte 7	1st Axis, X or Z axis profile
	Byte 8	2st Axis, Y or F axis profile
	Byte 9	Knob speed

Return states of system flags.

Some common pitches	
PITCH_A_FINE	'A', (0x41)
PITCH_B_COARSE	'B', (0x42)
PITCH_C_ULTRA_COARSE	'C', (0x43)
PITCH_25NM	'H', (0x48)
PITCH_NORM_Z	'N', (0x4E)
PITCH_D_ULTRA_FINE	'U', (0x55)
SD_ACTUATOR	'X', (0x58)
PITCH_ZEISS_Z	'Z', (0x5A)
GTS_A_FINE	'a', (0x61)
GTS_B_COARSE	'b', (0x62)
GTS C ULTRA COARSE	'c', (0x63)

Some common p	orofiles
STANDARD_XY	0x00
STANDARD_Z	0x01
STD_CP_ROT	0x02
STD_FP_ROT	0x03
STD_CP_LIN	0x04
STD_FP_LIN	0x05
UCP_ROT	0x06
UUCP_ROT	0x07
UFP_ROT	0x08
UUFP_ROT	0x12
UFP_LIN	0x14
UCP_LIN	0x22

Some common p	orofiles
UUCP_LIN	0x23
SCOPE_STD_Z	0x0a
SCOPE_LIN_Z	0x0b
SD_XLATE	0x0f
PIEZO_PROFILE	0x10
MM_PROFILE	0x2b

Example:

#31#D7#32#00 #06#42#46#97#52#00#02#02#05

Breaking down and analysing the reply.

#06 (ACK)

#42 (B pitch)

#46 (ignore, no z)

#97#52 (R for rotary)

#00#02 (#2 profile, std xy)

#02 (#2 profile, std xy)

#05 (knob speed)

Set Joystick/Mouse Speeds

ID Hex	0x35		
Normal recipient Stage			
	3 bytes		
	Byte 1 Slow joystick speed		
Argument	Byte 2	Fast joystick speed	
	Byte 3	Blank (used to be knob speed, however knob speed is handled differently now)	
Danly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or others	

Sets slow and fast joystick speed for XY. This command does the same things as the H cmd JS.

Example:

To set joystick slow at 20% and fast at 80% #31#D7#35#03#14#50#00 #06 include a 3rd byte leave it at 0x00 to appease the controller

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Get Mouse Speeds

ID Hex	0x36				
Normal recipio	ent Stage				
Argument	none				
	4 byte				
	Byte 1 ACK				
Reply	Byte 2 Slow joystick speed				
Reply	Byte 3 Fast joystick speed				
	Blank (used to be knob speed, however knob speed is handled differently now)				

Returns settings made by Set Stage Mouse Speeds command.

Example:

#31#D7#36#00 #06#14#50#00 (slow at 20% and fast at 80%)

Set Encoder Polarity

ID Hex	0x37		
Normal recipier	Stage		
	2 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1 axis selector 03.		
	Byte 2 values are 1 and -1. (2s complement)		
Reply	1 byte		
	Byte 1 ACK		

Default value is 1 for left-hand Z drive.

Sets encoder polarity. Left- or right-hand Z drives need this setting.

Example:

#31#D7#37#02#00#FF #06 (sets card#11st axis as epol as -1) #31#D7#37#02#00#01 #06 (sets card#11st axis as epol as 1)

Note: Save settings to nonvolatile memory(0x28) and restart controller for settings to take affect.

Get Encoder Polarity

ID Hex	0x38	
Normal recipient	cipient Stage	
Argument	1 bytes	
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.
	2 bytes	
Reply	Byte 1	. ACK
Перту	Ryto 2	0xFF for -1 , 0x01 for 1
	Dyte 2	0x01 for 1

Returns encoder polarity setting (see Set Encoder Polarity command)

Example:

#31#D7#38#01#00 #06#FF (card#1 1st axis has negative encoder polarity)

Set Encoder Type

ID Hex	0x39	0x39		
Normal recipient Stage				
	1 bytes			
Argument	Byte 1	NUL =Rotary; anything else =Linear		
		anytning eise =Linear		
Reply	1 byte			
Kehiy	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument		

This setting informs the firmware about the hardware configuration with respect to encoders. Then turn the controller OFF/ON for settings to take effect.

Example:

#31#D7#39#01#01 #06 Sets all axis on card#1 to linear enc mode #31#D7#39#01#00 #06

Sets all axis on card#1 to rotary enc mode

Note: Restart controller, for settings to take affect.

Get Encoder Type

ID Hex	0x3A
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Normal recipient	Stage		
Argument	none		
	2 bytes		
Reply	Byte 1 ACK		
	Byte 2 0x52, R for Rotary, 0x4C, L for Linear		

Gets encoder type—linear or rotary

Example:

#31#D7#3A#00 #06#52 (card#1 is in rotary encoder mode)

Home Filterwheel

ID Hex	0x3D		
Normal recipient Filterwheel			
Argument	1 byte		
	Byte 1: 0 or 1, Filterwheel selector		
Reply	1 byte		
	Byte 1 ACK or NAK for out of range argument		

Corresponds to Filterwheel HO command.

Get Firmware Version

ID Hex	0x3F		
Normal recipient Any			
Argument	none		
Ponly	varies		
Reply	String ACK or NAK for out of range argument		

Returns a String containing the version number

Example:

On a stage card #31#D7#3F#00 #76#32#2E#37 (in ASCII is "v2.7") On a filter wheel card #32#D7#3F#00 #56#65#72#73#69#6F#6E#3A#20#76#31#2E#32#0A (in ascii is "Version: v1.2<CR>")

Set Default Manual Input Device

ID Hex	0x40		
Normal recipient	t Stage		
	2 bytes		
	Byte 1	axis selector 03.	
Argument	Byte 2	device selector, Some important ones 0x00 = NONE 0x02 = Joystick - X deflection 0x03 = Joystick - Y deflection 0x05 = X-Wheel 0x06 = Y-Wheel 0x09 = JX and X-wheel combo 0x0A = JY and Y-wheel combo 0x16 = Z-Wheel 0x17 = F-Wheel	
Ponly	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument	

Sets type of device to be used for manual movements, i.e., analog joystick or Knobs. Writes settings to nonvolatile memory. Note: For safety, this command disables all movement. Also appropriate firmware modules must also be present on the card

Example:

So switch axis to X and Y knobs. #31#D7#40#02#00#05 #06 #31#D7#40#02#01#06 #06

Get Default Manual Input Device

ID Hex	0x41		
Normal recipient Stage			
A ration and	1 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.	
	2 bytes		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument	
	Byte 2	see Set Manual Input Device	

Returns which kind of manual input device is used, i.e., analog joystick or knobs etc

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Example:

#31#D7#41#01#00 #06#02 (1st axis is joystick x) #31#D7#41#01#01 #06#03 (2nd axis is joystick y)

Set Axis Speed

ID Hex	0x43	0x43				
Normal recipie	nt Stage					
	5 bytes	5 bytes				
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03.				
Argument	Byte 2-5	Byte 2-5 max speed in mm/sec, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number.				
Bonly	1 byte					
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument				

Sets speed of a single axis

Example:

set ist axis to 2mm/sec #31#D7#43#05#00#40#00#00 #06

Set Encoder Counts Per Mm

ID Hex	0x44			
Normal recipient	nt Stage			
8 bytes				
Argument		for axis 0, counts per millimeter, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number		
	Byte 5-8	for axis 1, counts per millimeter, an IEEE-754 single precision floating point number		
Ponly	1 byte			
Reply	Byte 1	ACK or NAK for out of range argument		

Sets both axes' encoder counts per millimeter.

Example:

Set Card#1 1st and 2nd axis to 60000 counts/mm

#31#D7#44#08#47#6A#60#00#47#6A#60#00 #06

Get Encoder Counts Per Mm

ID Hex	0x45			
Normal recipient	Stage			
Argument	none			
	9 byte			
Dank	Byte 1	ACK		
Reply	Byte 2-5	encoder counts for axis 0, in IEEE 754 format		
	Byte 6-9	encoder counts for axis 1, in IEEE 754 format		

Gets encoder counts per millimeter for the specified axis

Example:

#31#D7#45#00 #06#47#6A#60#00#47#6A#60#00 (#47#6A#60#00 is 60,000)

Joystick XY data

ID Hex	0x46		
Normal recipien	nt Stage		
	5 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1 X joystick value, -127 to 127		
	Byte 2 Y joystick value, -127 to 127		
Reply	no reply		

Sends current joystick X & Y values from Comm to Stage. Each value denotes the deflection of the joystick relative to its position at rest (center). Behaves like the spin command. Handy to simulate joystick/button in UI.

Example:

#FE#D7#46#02#40#40

All axis in controller that have joystick as manual input, start moving.

#FE#D7#46#02#CE#CE

All axis in controller that have joystick as manual input, now move in opposite direction #FE#D7#46#02#00#00

All axis in controller that have joystick as manual input, stop moving.

Button data

ID Hex	0x47			
Normal recipient	Stage			
	2 bytes			
		Button byte with bits defined as follows, its active low		
		Bits 0-3	undefined	
	Dyrta 1	Bits 4	Zero button state	
	Byte 1	Bits 5 Home button state		
Argument		Bits 6	At (@) button state	
		Bits 7	Joystick button (fast/slow)	
	Byte 2	Clutch byte with bits defined as follows:		
		Bits 0-5	undefined	
		Bits 6	Clutch switch state	
		Bits 7	undefined	
Reply	no reply			

Sends current button state from Comm to Stage.

Command has to be sent two twice, Once indicating press and the release. Based on the time interval between press and release commands, the stage card will conclude if it's a short press, or long press etc.

Note: For broadcast used Address 0xF6

Example:

Zero button press and release for just Card #1 #31#D7#47#02#E0#00 #31#D7#47#02#F0#00 Home button press for all stage cards in controller #F6#D7#47#02#D0#00 #F6#D7#47#02#F0#00

Knob data

ID Hex	0x48		
Normal recipient	recipient Stage		
	4 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1-2	Signed integer left knob value	
	Byte 3-4	Signed integer right knob value.	
Reply	no reply		

Sends left and right knob rotation values from Comm to Stage.

Example:

#FE#D7#48#04#00#FF#00#FF

Moves all axis that respond to knobs.

Get Tiger Banner

ID Hex	0x49
Normal recipient	All
Argument	none
Donly	varies
Reply	String TIGER_BANNER string followed by ETX message terminator.

Gets TIGER BANNER string from device and relays it to host.

Example:

#32#D7#49#00

#41#74#20#33#32#3A#20#5A#3A#5A#4D#6F#74#6F#72#2C#46#3A#5A#4D#6F#74#6F#72 #20#76#32#2E#37#20#53#54#44#5F#5A#46#20#4A#75#6C#20#33#30#20#32#30#31#33 #3A#31#36#3A#30#39#3A#35#31#03

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Set Axis Direction

ID Hex	0x4C		
Normal recipie	Stage		
	2 bytes		
Argument	Byte 1 axis selector 03.		
	Byte 2 values are 1 and -1. (2s complement)		
David.	1 byte		
Reply	Byte 1 ACK		

Sets Axis direction. Setting is automatically saved into non volatile memory. Does not need a system reset. Default is 1 or positive direction.

Example:

#31#D7#4C#02#00#FF #06 (sets card#1 1st axis direction as -1 or negative) #31#D7#4C#02#00#01 #06 (sets card#1 1st axis direction as positive or 1)

Get Axis Direction

ID Hex	0x4D		
Normal recipient	Stage		
Argument	1 byte		
Argument	Byte 1	axis selector 03	
	2 bytes		
Reply	Byte 1	ACK	
Reply	Byte 2	0xFF for -1 , 0x01 for 1	
	byte 2	0x01 for 1	

Returns axis direction setting

Example:

#31#D7#4D#01#00 #06#FF (card#1 1st axis direction is negative)

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Set Filterwheel Number

ID Hex	0xFA		
Normal recipient	Filterwheel		
	2 bytes Argument Byte 1 Unsigned char, the assigned number for wh		
Argument			
Byte 2 Unsigned char, the assigned number		Unsigned char, the assigned number for wheel 1	
Reply	no reply		

After internally assigning each filterwheel its number for FW0, FW1,... FWn commands and before sending Get Tiger Banner command to filterwheel, Comm sends this command so that the filterwheel can reply to Get Tiger Banner command showing its assigned number.

High Level Cmd

ID Hex	0xFC				
Normal recipient	internal				
	11 bytes				
	Byte 1-2	gCmd [0x12 Move, 0x21 Zero, etc]			
	BVIDS	Byte 3 gOp [0x00 none, 0x01 read, 0x02 write, 0x06 plus, 0x07 minus]			
Argument	Byte 4	gSubCmd [0x01 entry, 0x02 exit, 0x03 pseudoaxis,0x04 non rad, 0x05 read			
http://asiimaging.com/de	Byte 5	gAxisChar [0x58 X, 0x59 Y,etc] Printed on 2025/12/16 18:29			
	Byte 6-9	Byte 6-9 gNum , IEEE 754 format 4byte float			

Reply	no reply
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Internal ASI command: copies TG-1000 Comm parser state to TG-1000 stage card.

Example:

m x=123 generates #31#D7#FC#0B#00#12#02#04#58#42#F6#00#00#04#01

H Get gNum

ID Hex	0xFD
Normal recipient	unused

Internal ASI command: request gNum to be copies from TG-1000 stage card to TG-1000 command card

Get Gerror

ID Hex	0x50
Normal recipient	Stage/Internal

Gets an error code following an High Level command. For inhouse use only

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