Release Note for AIC SAS 6G 2U12-2 Expander

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Changelog

- 12/26/2014 (firmware 1.11.1.4 + mfg 1.1.0.5) Part Number (B98-00XUXXE0110104 + B98-002JC6G0010005) Old Part Number B98-002JC6G0010004 is replaced by B98-002JC6G0010005.

 1. Resolve the drive mapping issue in Windows with LSI SAS 12G HBA running firmware phase 6
- 06/26/2014 (firmware 1.11.1.4 + mfg 1.1.0.4) Part Number (B98-00XUXXE0110104 + B98-002JC6G0010004) Old Part Number B98-002JC6G0010003 is replaced by B98-002JC6G0010004.
 - 1. Resolve the drive mapping issue in Windows with SAS 12G HBA
- 12/24/2013 (firmware 1.11.1.4 + mfg 1.1.0.3) Part Number (B98-00XUXXE0110104 + B98-002JC6G0010003)
 Old Part Number B98-00XUXXE0110103 is replaced by B98-00XUXXE0110104.

 1. Add the console command "enclosure_addr" to configure the enclosure address.
 2. Add the console command "sas_standby_timer" to configure the SAS standby timer.
 3. Add the console command "check_wide_port" to configure the wide port checker.
 4. Add the console command "serial_number" to configure Expander serial number and Enclosure serial

 - number.
 - 5. Resolve the issue below. Each of the subtractive phys attached to the controller appear to be attached to a different SAS addresses. This is a transient condition for Auto Port Configuration enabled controller ports when each phy gets configured as a separate port. More than one ports with subtractive routing attributes are not allowed as per SAS spec. The discovery algorithm checks for multiple expanders attached to subtractive phys to detect an invalid topology. This check was not excluding phys without any devices attached. Due to this linked down controller phys with different SAS addresses, wrongly get considered as multiple subtractive ports. Once the discovery algorithm detects multiple subtractive ports on an expander, it skips that expander during discovery leading to incomplete route table.
- 01/14/2013 (firmware 1.11.1.3 + mfg 1.1.0.3) Part Number (B98-00XUXXE0110103 + B98-002JC6G0010003)
 Old Part Number B98-00XUXXE0110101 is replaced by B98-00XUXXE0110103.

 1. Resolve the issue that the temperature settings in MFG can not be updated into MCU for smart fan
 - control while powering up both of Expander and MCU.
- 12/28/2012 (firmware 1.11.1.1 + mfg 1.1.0.3) Part Number (B98-00XUXXE0110101 + B98-002JC6G0010003) Old Part Number B98-002JC6E0010002 is replaced by B98-002JC6G0010003.
 - 1. Improve signal
 - 2. Change the text descriptor for Array Device from "ArrayDeviceYY" to "DiskZZZ" where YY is the slot ID in hexadecimal form and ZZZ is the slot ID in decimal form.
- 05/11/2012 (firmware 1.11.1.1 + mfg 1.1.x.2) 1. Add the item 6 of the notice 02/15/2012 in the "Changelog" section
- 04/24/2012 (firmware 1.11.1.1 + mfg 1.1.x.2)
 1. Remove the section "Supported Topology", and add two sections, "Supported Configuration" and "Unsupported Configuration"
- 03/06/2012 (firmware 1.11.1.1 + mfg 1.1.x.2)
 - 1. Improve signal for SATA drive
- 02/15/2012 (firmware 1.11.1.1 + mfg 1.1.x.1)
 1. Both LEDs (blue and red) per drive can be controlled by Host HBA or RAID card.
 2. Compatible with Adaptec 3G HBA and RAID cards.

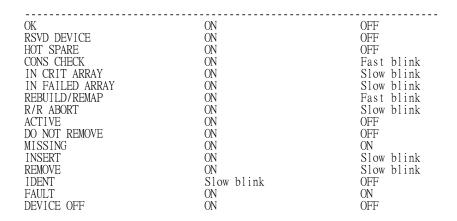
 - 3. Support T10 zoning.
 4. In dual-Expander configuration, Host can control drive's LEDs (blue and red) via either Expander.
 - 5. The firmware on Expander automatically configures the number of Fans (cooling elements) during the first boot after the Expander board is attached to the backplane, but the number of cooling elements in SES report may be incorrect on the first boot. After the second boot, cooling elements work well.
 - 6. The order of drive slot id is changed. The order in firmware 0.6.x.x is from top to bottom, then from left to right, and the first slot id (the top-left drive) in SES page is 0. The order in firmware 1.11.1.1 is from left to right, then from top to bottom, and the first slot id (the top-left drive) in SES page is 1.

Definition of the visual LED indicators (blue and red) associated with a disk drive

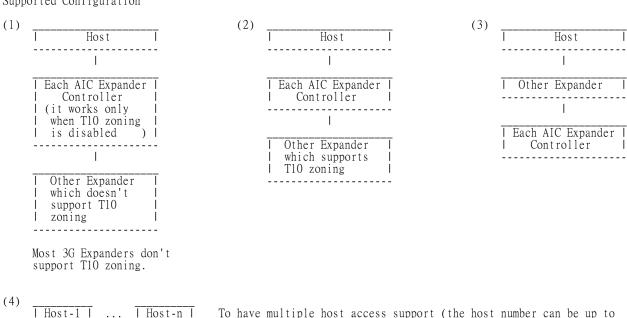
Host Control Bit

Blue LED

Red LED



Supported Configuration





To have multiple host access support (the host number can be up to the number of wide ports on each AIC 6G Expander Controller), only the following drives are supported for shared access:

- 1. SAS drive
- 2. SATA drive with an interposer which provides SATA-to-SAS convertion

Unsupported Configuration

1. This only applies to the enclosure which supports dual AIC 6G Expander Controllers.

The enclosure with dual AIC 6G Expander Controllers attached is inserted with a SATA drive without any interposer. It will cause the drive LEDs behaves incorrect.

Command Line Interface Operation

- 1. How to enable/disable T10 zoning
 The default T10 zoning configuration is off.
 - (A) Check the current zoning state cmd> phyzone state Zoning is OFF
 - (B) Enable zoning

cmd> phyzone on

(C) Disable zoning cmd> phyzone off

2. How to configure T10 zoning
After enabling T10 zoning, three predefined groups are Group1, Group8, and Group9. Each PHY should be in one of the three group, and all PHYs in a wide port should be in the same group. Each PHY in Groupl can access any PHY in other groups, and vice versa. Each PHY in Group8 cannot access any PHY in Group9, and vice versa.

The default configuration, which allows two wide ports can access all drives, follows.

(A) PHYO - PHY3 for the UP wide port (the first port): Group8

(B) PHY4 - PHY7 for the UP/DOWN wide port (the second port): Group1

(C) PHY8 - PHY11 for the third port if available: Group1

(D) PHY12 - PHY35 for drive : Group1

The command syntax is "phyzone phy_index group". The following example shows how to setup one drive accessed only the first port and another drive accessed only by the second port.

Step 1: Read the current group for PHY4 cmd> phyzone 4 Phy 4 for Zone Group 1

Step 2: Assign the second port (PHY4 - PHY7) for Group9

cmd> phyzone 4 9 cmd> phyzone 5 9

cmd> phyzone 6 9

cmd> phyzone 7 9

- Step 3: Assign the drive on PHY12 to be accessed only by the first port instead of the second port cmd> phyzone 12 8
- Step 4: Assign the drive on PHY13 to be accessed only by the second port instead of the first port cmd> phyzone 13 9

Step 5: Reset

- 3. How to get all revisions in AIC SAS 6G Expander
 - (A) Expander firmware revision cmd> rev
 - (B) Expander configuration revision cmd> showmfg
 - (C) Microchip firmware for managing sensors cmd> sensor
- 4. How to configure temperature sensor

Four temperature settings in Celsius are T1, T2, warning threshold, and alarm (critical) threshold.

(A) Get the current temperature settings

cmd> temperature

Temperature in Celsius (t1=20 C, t2=55 C, warning=50 C, alarm=55 C)

(B) Set temperature with new T1=18 C, T2=52 C, warning threshold=48 C, and alarm threshold=54 C. The new setting will take effect after reset.

cmd> temperature 18 52 48 54

cmd> reset