

# Roland Exclusive Messages

## 1. Data Format for Exclusive Messages

Roland's MIDI implementation uses the following data format for all exclusive messages (type IV):

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEV	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
CMD	Command ID
[BODY]	Maindata
F7H	End of exclusive

### Exclusive status: F0H, F7H

An exclusive message must be flanked by a pair of status codes, starting with a Manufactures-ID immediately after F0H (MIDI version1.0).

### Manufactures ID: 41H

The Manufactures ID identifies the manufacturer of a MIDI instrument that triggers an exclusive message. Value 41H represents Roland's Manufactures ID.

### Device ID: DEV

The Device-ID contains a unique value that identifies the individual device in the multiple implementation of MIDI instruments. It is usually set to 00H - 0FH, a value smaller by one than that of a basic channel, but value 00H - 1FH may be used for a device with multiple basic channels.

### Model-ID: MDL

The Model ID contains a value that uniquely identifies one model from another. Different models, however, may share an identical Model-ID if they handle similar data.

The Model-ID format may contain 00H in one or more places to provide an extended data field. The following are examples of valid Model-IDs, each representing a unique model:

01H  
02H  
03H  
00H, 01H  
00H, 02H  
00H, 00H, 01H

### Command-ID: CMD

The Command-ID indicates the function of an exclusive message. The Command-ID format may contain 00H in one or more places to provide an extended data field. The following are examples of valid Command-IDs, each representing a unique function:

01H  
02H  
03H  
00H, 01H  
00H, 02H  
00H, 00H, 01H

### Main data: BODY

This field contains a message to be exchanged across an interface. The exact data size and contents will vary with the Model-ID and Command-ID.

## 2. Address-mapped Data Transfer

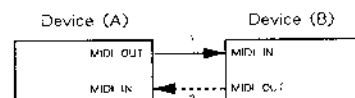
Address mapping is a technique for transferring messages conforming to the data format given in Section 1. It assigns a series of memory-resident records—waveform and tone data, switch status, and parameters, for example—to specific locations in a machine dependent address space, thereby allowing access to data residing at the address a message specifies.

Address-mapped data transfer is therefore independent of models and data categories. This technique allows use of two different transfer procedures: one-way transfer and handshake transfer.

## # One-way transfer procedure (See Section3 for details.)

This procedure is suited for the transfer of a small amount of data. It sends out an exclusive message completely independent of a receiving device status.

### Connection Diagram

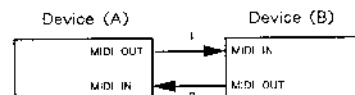


Connection at point 2 is essential for "Request data" procedures. (See Section3.)

## # Handshake transfer procedure (See Section4 for details.)

This procedure initiates a predetermined transfer sequence (handshaking) across the interface before data transfer takes place. Handshaking ensures that reliability and transfer speed are high enough to handle a large amount of data.

### Connection Diagram



Connection at points 1 and 2 is essential.

## Notes on the above two procedures

- \*There are separate Command-IDs for different transfer procedures.
- \*Devices A and B cannot exchange data unless they use the same transfer procedure, share identical Device-ID and Model ID, and are ready for communication.

## 3. One-way Transfer Procedure

This procedure sends out data all the way until it stops when the messages are so short that answerbacks need not be checked.

For long messages, however, the receiving device must acquire each message in time with the transfer sequence, which inserts intervals of at least 20milliseconds in between.

### Types of Messages

Message	Command ID
Request data 1	RQ1 (11H)
Data set 1	DT1 (12H)

### # Request data # 1: RQ1 (11H)

This message is sent out when there is a need to acquire data from a device at the other end of the interface. It contains data for the address and size that specify designation and length, respectively, of data required.

On receiving an RQ1 message, the remote device checks its memory for the data address and size that satisfy the request.

If it finds them and is ready for communication, the device will transmit a "Data set 1 (DT1)" message, which contains the requested data. Otherwise, the device will send out nothing.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEV	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
11H	Command ID
a2H	Address MSB
...	...
...	LSB
55H	Size MSB
...	...
...	LSB
sum	Check sum
F7H	End of exclusive

- \*The size of the requested data does not indicate the number of bytes that will make up a DTI message, but represents the address fields where the requested data resides.
- \*Some models are subject to limitations in data format used for a single transaction. Requested data, for example, may have a limit in length or must be divided into predetermined address fields before it is exchanged across the interface.
- \*The same number of bytes comprises address and size data, which, however, vary with the Model ID.
- \*The error checking process uses a checksum that provides a bit pattern where the least significant 7 bits are zero when values for an address, size, and that checksum are summed.

#### # Data set 1 : DTI (12H)

This message corresponds to the actual data transfer process. Because every byte in the data is assigned a unique address, a DTI message can convey the starting address of one or more data as well as a series of data formatted in an address-dependent order.

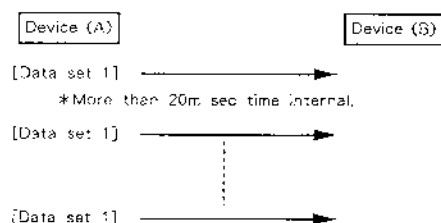
The MIDI standards inhibit non real time messages from interrupting an exclusive one. This fact is inconvenient for the devices that support a "soft-through" mechanism. To maintain compatibility with such devices, Roland has limited the DTI to 256 bytes so that an excessively long message is sent out in separate segments.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEV	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
12H	Command ID
aaH	Address MSB
...	...
...	LSB
ddH	Data
...	...
sum	Check sum
F7H	End of exclusive

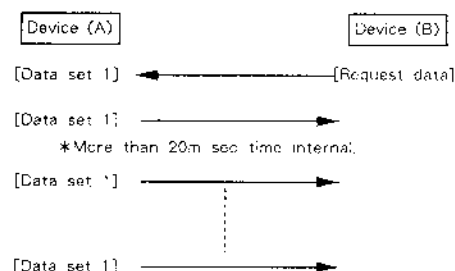
- \*A DTI message is capable of providing only the valid data among those specified by an RQ1 message.
- \*Some models are subject to limitations in data format used for a single transaction. Requested data, for example, may have a limit in length or must be divided into predetermined address fields before it is exchanged across the interface.
- \*The number of bytes comprising address data varies from one Model-ID to another.
- \*The error checking process uses a checksum that provides a bit pattern where the least significant 7 bits are zero when values for an address, size, and that checksum are summed.

#### # Example of Message Transactions

- Device A sending data to Device B  
Transfer of a DTI message is all that takes place.



- Device B requesting data from Device A  
Device B sends an RQ1 message to Device A. Checking the message, Device A sends a DTI message back to Device B.



#### 4. Handshake- Transfer Procedure

Handshaking is an interactive process where two devices exchange error checking signals before a message transaction takes place, thereby increasing data reliability. Unlike one-way transfer that inserts a pause between message transactions, handshake transfer allows much speedier transactions because data transfer starts once the receiving device returns a ready signal.

When it comes to handling large amounts of data - sampler waveforms and synthesizer tones over the entire range, for example - across a MIDI interface, handshaking transfer is more efficient than one way transfer.

#### Types of Messages

Message	Command ID
Want to send data	WSD (40H)
Request data	RQD (41H)
Data set	DAT (42H)
Acknowledge	ACK (43H)
End of data	EOQ (45H)
Communication error	ERR (4EH)
Rejection	RJC (4FH)

#### # Want to send data : WSD (40H)

This message is sent out when data must be sent to a device at the other end of the interface. It contains data for the address and size that specify designation and length, respectively, of the data to be sent.

On receiving a WSD message, the remote device checks its memory for the specified data address and size which will satisfy the request. If it finds them and is ready for communication, the device will return an "Acknowledge (ACK)" message. Otherwise, it will return a "Rejection (RJC)" message.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEV	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
40H	Command ID
aaH	Address MSB
...	...
...	LSB
ssH	Size MSB
...	...
...	LSB
sum	Check sum
F7H	End of exclusive

- \*The size of the data to be sent does not indicate the number of bytes that make up a "Data set (DAT)" message, but represents the address fields where the data should reside.
- \*Some models are subject to limitations in data format used for a single transaction. Requested data, for example, may have a limit in length or must be divided into predetermined address fields before it is exchanged across the interface.
- \*The same number of bytes comprises address and size data, which, however, vary with the Model-ID.
- \*The error checking process uses a checksum that provides a bit pattern where the least significant 7 bits are zero when values for an address, size, and that checksum are summed.

# Request data : RQD (41H)

This message is sent out when there is a need to acquire data from a device at the other end of the interface. It contains data for the address and size that specify designation and length, respectively, of data required.

On receiving an RQD message, the remote device checks its memory for the data address and size which satisfy the request. If it finds them and is ready for communication, the device will transmit a "Data set (DAT)" message, which contains the requested data. Otherwise, it will return a "Rejection (RJC)" message.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEH	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
41H	Command ID
aaH	Address MSB
...	...
...	LSB
ssH	Size MSB
...	...
...	LSB
sum	Check sum
F7H	End of exclusive

- \*The size of the requested data does not indicate the number of bytes that make up a "Data set (DAT)" message, but represents the address fields where the requested data resides.
- \*Some models are subject to limitations in data format used for a single transaction. Requested data, for example, may have a limit in length or must be divided into predetermined address fields before it is exchanged across the interface.
- \*The same number of bytes comprises address and size data, which, however, vary with the Model-ID.
- \*The error checking process uses a checksum that provides a bit pattern where the least significant 7 bits are zero when values for an address, size, and that checksum are summed.

# Data set : DAT (42H)

This message corresponds to the actual data transfer process. Because every byte in the data is assigned a unique address, the message can convey the starting address of one or more data as well as a series of data formatted in an address dependent order.

Although the MIDI standards inhibit non real time messages from interrupting an exclusive one, some devices support a "soft through" mechanism for such interrupts. To maintain compatibility with such devices, Roland has limited the DAT to 256bytes so that an excessively long message is sent out in separate segments.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEH	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
42H	Command ID
aaH	Address MSB
...	...
...	LSB
ddH	Data
...	...
sum	Check sum
F7H	End of exclusive

- \*A DAT message is capable of providing only the valid data among those specified by an RQD or WSD message.
- \*Some models are subject to limitations in data format used for a single transaction. Requested data, for example, may have a limit in length or must be divided into predetermined address fields before it is exchanged across the interface.
- \*The number of bytes comprising address data varies from one model ID to another.
- \*The error checking process uses a checksum that provides a bit pattern where the least significant 7 bits are zero when values for an address, size, and that checksum are summed.

# Acknowledge : ACK (43H)

This message is sent out when no error was detected on reception of a WSD, DAT, "End of data (EOD)", or some other message and a requested setup or action is complete. Unless it receives an ACK message, the device at the other end will not proceed to the next operation.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEH	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
43H	Command ID
F7H	End of exclusive

# End of data : EOD (45H)

This message is sent out to inform a remote device of the end of a message. Communication, however, will not come to an end unless the remote device returns an ACK message even though an EOD message was transmitted.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEH	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
45H	Command ID
F7H	End of exclusive

# Communications error : ERR (4EH)

This message warns the remote device of a communications fault encountered during message transmission due, for example, to a checksum error. An ERR message may be replaced with a "Rejection (RJC)" one, which terminates the current message transaction in midstream.

When it receives an ERR message, the sending device may either attempt to send out the last message a second time or terminate communication by sending out an RJC message.

Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEH	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
4EH	Command ID
F7H	End of exclusive

# Rejection : RJC (4FH)

This message is sent out when there is a need to terminate communication by overriding the current message. An RJC message will be triggered when :

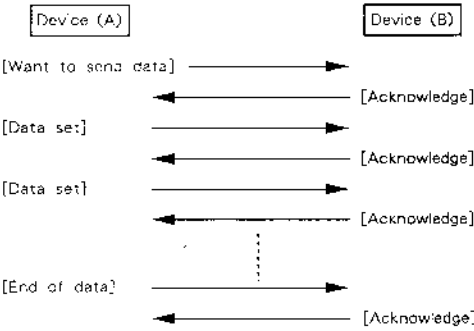
- a WSD or RQD message has specified an illegal data address or size.
- the device is not ready for communication.
- an illegal number of addresses or data has been detected.
- data transfer has been terminated by an operator.
- a communications error has occurred.

An ERR message may be sent out by a device on either side of the interface. Communication must be terminated immediately when either side triggers an ERR message.

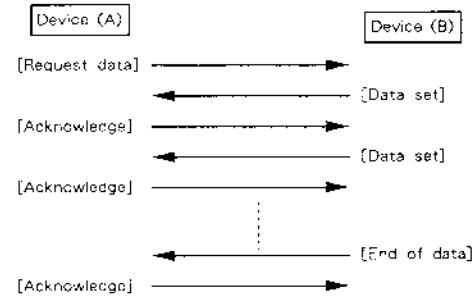
Byte	Description
F0H	Exclusive status
41H	Manufactures ID (Roland)
DEV	Device ID
MDL	Model ID
4FH	Command ID
F7H	End of exclusive

# Example of Message Transactions

- Data transfer from device (A) to device (B).

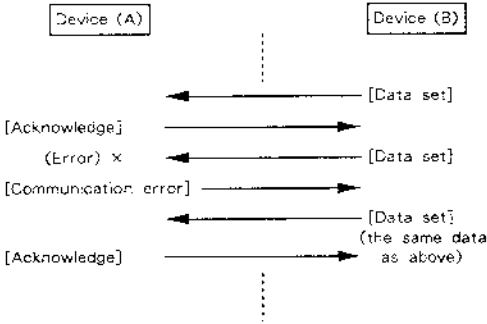


- Device (A) requests and receives data from device (B).

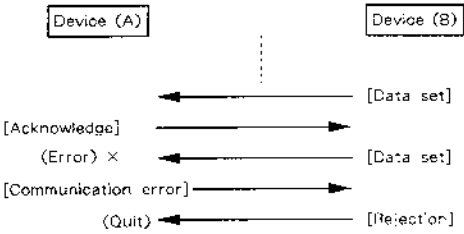


- Error occurs while device (A) is receiving data from device (B).

- 1) Data transfer from device (A) to device (B).



- 2) Device (B) rejects the data re-transmitted, and quits data transfer.



- 3) Device (A) immediately quits data transfer.

