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# Int 21H, AH=1CH

## Version

1 and higher

## Brief

GET DRIVE PARAMETER BLOCK FOR DEFAULT DRIVE

## Family API

## Input

AH = 1Fh

## Return

AL = sectors per cluster (allocation unit), or FFh if invalid drive

CX = bytes per sector  
DX = total number of clusters  
DS:BX -> media ID byte (see #01356)

## Notes

this call was undocumented prior to the release of DOS 5.0; however, only the DOS 4.0+ version of the DPB has been documented

Format of DOS 1.1 and MS-DOS 1.25 drive parameter block: Offset Size Description (Table 01357) 00h BYTE sequential device ID 01h BYTE logical drive number (0=A:) 02h WORD bytes per sector 04h BYTE highest sector number within a cluster 05h BYTE shift count to convert clusters into sectors 06h WORD starting sector number of first FAT 08h BYTE number of copies of FAT 09h WORD number of directory entries 0Bh WORD number of first data sector 0Dh WORD highest cluster number (number of data clusters + 1) 0Fh BYTE sectors per FAT 10h WORD starting sector of directory 12h WORD address of allocation table Note: the DOS 1.0 table is the same except that the first and last fields

are missing; see INT 21/AH=32h for the DOS 2+ version

## See also

SeeAlso: AH=32h,AX=7302h

## Note

Text based on [Ralf Brown Interrupt List Release 61](#)

| <b>DOS API</b>              |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Process manager             | INT 20H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 00H, 25H, 26H, 31H, 34H, 35H, 4BH, 4CH, 4DH, 50H, 51H, 52H, 55H, 62H, INT 22H, INT 27H, INT 28H  |
| File manager                | INT 25H, INT 26H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 0DH, 0EH, 0FH, 10H, 11H, 12H, 13H, 14H, 15H, 16H, 17H, 19H, 1AH, 1BH, 1CH, 21H, 22H, 23H, 24H, 27H, 28H, 29H, 2EH, 2FH, 32H, 3305H, 36H, 39H, 3AH, 3BH, 3CH, 3DH, 3EH, 3FH, 40H, 41H, 42H, 4300H, 4301H, 45H, 45H, 46H, 4EH, 4FH, 54H, 56H, 5700H, 5701H, 5AH, 5BH, 5c00H, 5c01H, 60H, 67H, 68H, 6900H, 6901H, 6AH, 6CH |
| Character Device I/O        | INT 29H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 01H, 02H, 03H, 04H, 05H, 06H, 07H, 08H, 09H, 0AH, 0BH, 0AH, 0CH, 5D07H, 5D08H, 5D09H, 5D0AH  |
| Signals                     | INT 23H, INT 24H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 3300H, 3301H, 3302H   |
| Memory manager              | <b>INT 21H</b> : 48H, 49H, 4AH, 5800H, 5801H, 5802H, 5803H   |
| Date and Time               | <b>INT 21H</b> : 2AH, 2BH, 2CH, 2DH  |
| Misc                        | <b>INT 21H</b> : 30H, 3306H, 3700H, 3701H, 3702H, 3703H, 59H   |
| NLS                         | <b>INT 21H</b> : 3303H, 3304H, 3800H, 3801H, 6300H, 6301H, 6301H, 6500H, 6501H, 6502H, 6503H, 6504H, 6505H, 6506H, 6507H, 6520H, 6521H, 6522H, 6523H, 65A0H, 65A1H, 65A2H, 6601H, 6602H  |
| Devices                     | <b>INT 21H</b> : 4400H, 4401H, 4402H, 4403H, 4404H, 4405H, 4406H, 4407H, 4408H, 4409H, 440AH, 440BH, 440CH, 440DH, 440EH, 440FH, 4410H, 4411H, 53H   |
| Network                     | <b>INT 21H</b> : 5E00H, 5E01H, 5E02H, 5E03H, 5E04H, 5E05H, 5F00H, 5F01H, 5F02H, 5F03H, 5F04H, 5F05H, 5F07H, 5F08H  |
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| Video I/O                   | @SetMode @SetCurSz @SetCurPos @GetCur @SetPage @ScrollUp @ScrollDn @Scroll @GetChAtr @PutChAtr @PutCh @SetPalet @SetColor @SetDot @GetDot @WrtTTY @VideoState @GetMode @GetDisplay @GetVideoState @GetEGAInfo @CIs   |
| Hardware info               | @Equipment @MemSize  |
| Serial I/O                  | @AuxInit @AuxSendChar @AuxRecieveChar @AuxStatus   |
| Tape I/O                    | @TapeOn @TapeOff @TapeRead @TapeWrite  |
| Keyboard I/O                | @KbdStatus @CharIn @CharPeek   |
| Printer I/O                 | @PrnPrint @PrnInit @PrnStatus  |
| Disk I/O                    | @DskReset @DskStatus @DskRead @DskWrite @DskVerify @DskFormat  |
| Date and Time               | @SetTime @GetTime  |
| Mouse                       | @MouInit @MouShowPointer @MouStatus @MouSetPos @MouSetMickey @MouRegion  |

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### Family API

|           |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| DOS       | Process Manager   | <a href="#">DosBeep</a> <a href="#">DosExit</a> <a href="#">DosSleep</a> <a href="#">DosExecPgm</a>  |
|           | File Manager  | <a href="#">DosChDir</a> <a href="#">DosChgFilePtr</a> <a href="#">DosClose</a> <a href="#">DosDelete</a> <a href="#">DosDupHandle</a> <a href="#">DosMkDir</a> <a href="#">DosMove</a> <a href="#">DosQCurDir</a> <a href="#">DosQCurDisk</a> <a href="#">DosSetFileMode</a> <a href="#">DosOpen</a> <a href="#">DosQFileInfo</a> <a href="#">DosRead</a> <a href="#">DosQFileMode</a> <a href="#">DosQFSInfo</a> <a href="#">DosQVerify</a> <a href="#">DosRmDir</a> <a href="#">DosSelectDisk</a> <a href="#">DosFindClose</a> <a href="#">DosFindFirst</a> <a href="#">DosFindNext</a> <a href="#">DosSetFileInfo</a> <a href="#">DosSetVerify</a> <a href="#">DosWrite</a> <a href="#">DosFileLocks</a> <a href="#">DosSetFHandState</a> <a href="#">DosNewSize</a> <a href="#">DosBufReset</a> <a href="#">DosQFHandState</a> <a href="#">DosSetFSinfo</a> |
|           | Memory Manager  | <a href="#">DosFreeSeg</a> <a href="#">DosSubAlloc</a> <a href="#">DosSubFree</a> <a href="#">DosSubSet</a> <a href="#">DosAllocHuge</a> <a href="#">DosAllocSeg</a> <a href="#">DosReallocHuge</a> <a href="#">DosReallocSeg</a> <a href="#">DosGetHugeShift</a> <a href="#">DosCreateCSAlias</a>   |
|           | NLS   | <a href="#">DosCaseMap</a> <a href="#">DosGetCtryInfo</a> <a href="#">DosGetDBCSEv</a> <a href="#">DosSetCtryCode</a> <a href="#">DosGetCollate</a> <a href="#">DosGetMessage</a> <a href="#">DosInsMessage</a> <a href="#">DosPutMessage</a>  |
|           | Date and Time   | <a href="#">DosSetDateTime</a> <a href="#">DosGetDateTime</a>  |
|           | Devices   | <a href="#">DosDevConfig</a> <a href="#">DosDevIOCtl</a> <a href="#">DosDevIOCtl2</a>  |
|           | Signals   | <a href="#">DosHoldSignal</a> <a href="#">DosSetSigHandler</a>   |
|           | Misc  | <a href="#">BadDynLink</a> <a href="#">DosGetEnv</a> <a href="#">DosGetMachineMode</a> <a href="#">DosGetVersion</a> <a href="#">DosError</a> <a href="#">DosErrClass</a> <a href="#">DosSetVec</a>  |
| KBD       | <a href="#">KbdCharIn</a> <a href="#">KbdFlushBuffer</a> <a href="#">KbdGetStatus</a> <a href="#">KbdSetStatus</a> <a href="#">KbdStringIn</a> <a href="#">KbdPeek</a>  |  |
| VIO       | <a href="#">VioGetBuf</a> <a href="#">VioGetConfig</a> <a href="#">VioGetCurPos</a> <a href="#">VioGetCurType</a> <a href="#">VioGetPhysBuf</a> <a href="#">VioReadCellStr</a> <a href="#">VioReadCharStr</a> <a href="#">VioScrollUp</a> <a href="#">VioScrollDn</a> <a href="#">VioScrollLf</a> <a href="#">VioScrollRt</a> <a href="#">VioScrUnLock</a> <a href="#">VioSetCurPos</a> <a href="#">VioSetCurType</a> <a href="#">VioSetMode</a> <a href="#">VioGetMode</a> <a href="#">VioShowBuf</a> <a href="#">VioWrtCellStr</a> <a href="#">VioWrtCharStr</a> <a href="#">VioWrtCharStrAtt</a> <a href="#">VioWrtNAttr</a> <a href="#">VioWrtNCell</a> <a href="#">VioWrtNChar</a> <a href="#">VioWrtTTY</a> <a href="#">VioScrLock</a> <a href="#">VioPopUp</a> |  |
| Tools     | <a href="#">BIND</a>  |  |
| Modules   | <a href="#">DOSCALLS.DLL</a> <a href="#">VIOCALLS.DLL</a> <a href="#">KBDSCALLS.DLL</a> <a href="#">MSG.DLL</a>   |  |
| Libraries | <a href="#">API.LIB</a> <a href="#">OS2386.LIB</a> <a href="#">FAPI.LIB</a> <a href="#">DOSCALLS.LIB</a> <a href="#">SUBCALLS.LIB</a>   |  |

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