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PREFACE

The NCR TECHNICAL REFERENCE manual is designed for programmers, engineers, designers, technical personnel, and others whose use of the NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6 requires knowledge of its general architecture and system design. This publication provides specific information for sophisticated programming as well as interfacing and expanding the hardware.

The first three chapters describe the system components and include functional block diagrams, operating characteristics, hardware and software information, connector specifics, and pin configurations. Chapter 4 is included as a convenient location for filing the ROM information, and the appendices contain quick reference material on the character set, op-codes, switch and pin-out configurations, component specifications, and logic diagrams. A glossary and an index are also included.

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NCR-DOS (PN: 150-0000596)

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Chapter 1

Primary System Components

This chapter contains technical reference information about the primary system components of the NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6. Primary components are the internal subsystems that are basic and required by the personal computer.

The PC6, a modular unit consists of a base unit with the central processor and memory storage systems, and a separate keyboard. It is intended to operate on 110/120 volt AC power source except when equipped to operate on 220 volt power.



MODEL DESCRIPTION

The NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6 is available in several models which vary by disk drive and other memory storage device combinations. Three of the standard combinations are:

Model	Memory Storage Device
1012	Two flexible disk drives
1014	One flexible disk drive, one fixed disk drive
1015	One flexible disk drive; one fixed disk drive, one magnetic tape drive

The main memory of all models can be either 256KB or more, determined by memory modules mounted on the main processor board. Also, an optional memory expansion card can be added to increase the 256KB memory mounted on the main board to a system total of 640KB in 64KB increments.

Disk storage capacity for each flexible diskette is 360 KB. Disk storage for the standard integrated fixed disk is 20MB.

MAIN PROCESSOR BOARD

The main processor board (MPB) incorporates the 8088-2 central processing unit (CPU) and the other components needed to efficiently direct the flow of data. The 8088-2 performs all arithmetic and logic operations required in the course of normal operations. Additional integrated circuits enhance the control of system busses, interrupts, and direct memory access (DMA).

Additional memory modules can increase the standard on-board memory of 256KB to 640KB. If a level of memory between 256KB and 640KB is wanted, a memory expansion board can be added on which the memory can be increased in 64KB increments up to a total of 640KB. Faster access to memory and execution of programs is possible with on-board memory because the memory board requires a wait state when the system is operating at the faster of its two speeds. Memory populated on the MPB will run at either speed. Eight 62-pin expansion slots provide plug-in compatibility for special-function boards. On-board connectors link the boards to various input/output devices.



The main processor board mounts horizontally in the lower part of the computer. Access to the expansion slots and sockets for pluggable memory chips is straightforward and easy by removing the upper cover of the computer.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The main processor board is a multilayered printed circuit measuring 11.00 by 12.00 inches. The board is mounted horizontally in the lower part of the personal computer chassis. The board fits into slides on the bottom of the chassis. To align the board precisely, there is a keyed slot in the chassis slide. Two machine screws are threaded into the chassis frame to anchor the board securely.

Mounted on the board are the components involved in the central processing activities of the personal computer. The primary operating component is the Intel 8088-2 16-bit microprocessor. This powerful integrated circuit oversees and directs virtually all operations occurring throughout the personal computer.

Along with the 8088-2, a number of other major components occupy the processor board:

- VLSI clock generator
- 8259A interrupt controller
- 8288 bus controller

Mounted near the VLSI clock is a trimmer adjustment. With this the clock can be adjusted precisely to its normal operating frequency of 4.7727MHz. This is necessary for proper operation of composite color monitors and RF modulators used with color television sets.

Overall power to the board is supplied through a 12-pin, in-line connector mounted on the board near the CPU integrated packages. Principal components in the middle part of the board include the following:

- 8237A direct memory access (DMA) controller
- 2 read-only memory (ROM) sockets, one used for the 16K BIOS, and the other reserved for future expansion
- 8253 timer
- 8250 serial UART

Also on the board are a number of connectors for the following devices:

- serial peripheral (RS 232C) 34-pin header connector
- parallel (Centronics) peripheral 26-pin header connector
- keyboard 5-pin, DIN, female connector

To the left of the RAM chip area of the board are eight 62-pin board-edge connectors. These are used for the expansion and enhancement of various board functions such as:

- color display/graphics board
- monochrome display board

- memory expansion board
- asynchronous communications board
- bisynchronous communications board
- fixed disk controller board

Also on the board are four banks of sockets for the insertion of dynamic random access memory (RAM) chips. These chips provide memory of 256KB or 640KB. Each bank requires nine chips to match the 64K byte arrangement. Eight chips are for data and the ninth chip is for parity. Thus, with a total of 36 sockets, four banks of on-board memory chips, a total of 640KB is possible. The personal computer comes with bank 0 filled with a set of 256KB chips or with all four banks filled with 64KB chips, giving it a standard memory of 256KB. Two sets of switches inform the system of the amount of memory installed.

PRIMARY SYSTEM COMPONENTS



Main Processor Board Block Diagram

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FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The main processor board consists of five main functional areas as determined by the functions of the major components. These various sections operate as follows:

• MAIN PROCESSOR BOARD and SUPPORT COMPONENTS Board Sector 1

This section processes and controls all data entering and leaving the PC by means of the 8088-2 main central processor unit (CPU) and other special purpose integrated circuits.

• CONFIGURATION SWITCHES Board Sector 2

These two switches are set to indicate to the main processor board the current parameters of the system, such as memory capacity, type of peripherals attached, etc.

• RAM Board Sector 3

This segment provides on-board memory storage through 36 64k-by-1 bit dynamic RAM chips, both soldered and pluggable. There are thirtytwo (32) chips for data and four (4) chips for parity.

EXPANSION SLOTS Board Sector 4

Eight 62-pin slots furnish the physical interface for specialpurpose boards providing memory expansion, added graphics capability, and other system enhancements.

• CONNECTORS Board Sector 5

Various in-line, DIN, and multiple pin connectors provide the physical link between the board and the several peripheral devices.

Detailed descriptions of the operation and interrelationships of the major functional areas are contained in the following pages.

Main Processor Board Sector 1



The Intel 8088-2 is a microprocessor with 16-bit internal architecture and an 8-bit data bus interface. The 8088-2 has the ability to directly address up to one megabyte of memory.

Operational speed and efficiency are enhanced by the addition of pipelined architecture. This arrangement frees the execution unit of the 8088-2 from actually fetching data. Between the execution hardware and the system bus is a bus interface unit. This unit continues to obtain instructions while the execution unit carries out commands already fetched. The resultant increase in operational speed from the standard fetch-execute-fetch-execute sequence is considerable. Moreover, the system bus can be used more fully.

There are 14 register sets in the 8088-2, each of which is 16-bits. The total of 14 includes 4-stack arrangements for both data and segment registers and 2-stack arrangements for index, pointer, and control registers. The upper and lower halves of the data registers are separately addressable. Consequently, each data stack can serve either as a single 16-bit register or as two 8-bit registers.

Flag registers and instruction pointers are included in the control registers. Operating in conjunction with the 8088-2 pipelined archi-

tecture, these registers have specialized functions. The instruction pointer indicates the next instruction to be fetched, not the next instruction to be executed as in other microprocessors. The flag register displays codes that indicate the results of operations performed by the arithmetic-logic unit in the 8088-2.

The board has provision for the operation of an extra-performance (XP) feature which allows operation at 8.000 MHz. The 8.000 MHz mode is selected by a switch mounted on the front of the computer, labeled "XP". The interface is a 40-pin header for connection of the extra performance feature board to the main processor board. The extra performance feature hardware consists of a plug-in board which fits any of the expansion slots in the main processor board and a ribbon cable for the 40-pin interface connector. On some models the plug-in board is replaced by a chip mounted on the MPB thus freeing the slot for any other expansion board needed.

Addresses and Offset Format — The segment registers are used to determine the memory addresses. These are special-purpose registers related to the other registers. The segment registers are divided into code, stack, data, and extra segment. Specific combinations of these segments allow the 8088-2 to directly address up to 1 megabyte of memory simultaneously by offsetting the sections. Further control and enhancement of both on-board and external memory access is provided by the 8237 DMA (direct memory access) controller across four DMA channels.

8088-2 Interrupts — Interrupts in the 8088-2 can originate externally in peripheral devices or internally in software. Under certain conditions, the 8088-2 itself generates interrupt commands. Each interrupt is identified by a type code that directs the 8088-2 to the proper interrupt routine. These routines are stored by address in an interrupt vector table (capacity 256 addresses). Normal interrupts enter the 8088-2 as interrupt requests prioritized into eight levels by the 8259 controller. Under certain conditions, an NMI (non-maskable interrupt) is generated. This happens in situations such as loss of system power or memory parity error. NMIs have the highest priority and cannot be disabled.

8088-2 Maximum Mode — The 8088-2 has the added capability to function in the so-called maximum mode. This allows the microprocessor to operate in concert with special-purpose processor extensions, such as the 8087 numeric coprocessor. The use of processor extensions

allows sections of the 8088-2 previously dedicated to specific functions such as bus control or computation to be reassigned. As with the pipelined architecture, the result is greater processor speed and efficiency.

8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller — The PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6 is an interrupt-driven microcomputer. As previously mentioned, the 8088-2 CPU can operate on a number of interrupt levels and perform many interrupt routines. To manage the interrupts that may be occurring in the system at a given time, the main processor board is equipped with the 8259A programmable interrupt controller. This chip regulates up to eight levels of interrupt requests.

8288 Bus Controller — The flow of data along the I/O and system busses is controlled by the 8288 chip. Operating in conjunction with the 8088-2, this component generates command and control signals that direct the attention of the main processor board to the proper data at the proper time. The 8288 functions in either the I/O bus or system bus mode depending on the number of processors in a system.

8237A Programmable DMA Controller — The 8237A circuitry enables peripherals to transfer data directly to and from system memory, interrupt controller, main processor, and the control bus. Operating on four independent channels, the DMA controller can manage the transfer of blocks of data with minimal involvement from the main processor board.

The 8237A operates in either idle or active cycles. The controller is idle when there are no requests coming in on its f ur channels. Once a request is received, the 8237A begins to transfer memory in one of various transfer modes. These modes include:

- Single transfer
- Block transfer
- Demand transfer

Actual transfers within the modes are of three types: read, write, and verify. A read transfer shifts information from memory to an I/O device while a write transfer drives data from an I/O device into memory. The verify operation serves as a check on the transfer function. As an added functional feature, the 8237A can perform memory-to-memory transfers.

On-Board Read Only Memory (ROM) with Basic I/O System — The PC6 PERSONAL COMPUTER's basic I/O system (BIOS) is contained in a 16-KB erasable-programmable read only (EPROM) device. This chip is an Intel 2764 or comparable model from another manufacturer.

8253 Timer — Synchronization of the main processor board operations is provided by the 8253 programmable interval timer and counter. This component interacts closely with the system software to automatically provide accurate timing periods as they are needed. In this manner, time delays need not be programmed into the software itself. The 8253 chip is used for the dynamic refresh and the speaker control. One timer is available for your use.

VLSI Clock Generator/Driver — A portion of the VLSI device is used as the clock driver, generating the 4.77 MHz signal used on the main processor board. Any variations in frequency are adjusted by using the nearby trimmer.

Configuration Switches Board Sector 2

There are two system configuration switches mounted on the main processor board. Switches 1 and 2 are 8-position. The positions of the various switches define the configuration of the system. Different combinations are set depending on the number and kind of peripherals attached, the amount of memory available, and other system parameters.



The switches are port addressed and their positions are read as input by the 8088-2. The various switch-selectable settings are listed in the "Software Considerations" section in this chapter and in Appendix C.

Main Processor Board Sector 3 RAM



On-board RAM Sector 3

The random access memory (RAM) on the main processor board is furnished by four banks of 64K by 1 byte or one bank of 256K by 1 byte dynamic RAM (DRAM) chips. Each bank consists of nine chips, eight chips for data, one for parity. Standard memory capacity of the personal computer loads 4 banks each with 64KB for a total of 256 KB. (Some models load 256KB chips in only one bank as the initial standard configuration of on-board memory.) Filling the four banks in the arrangement shown in the chart below will provide a maximum of 640KB of on-board memory. The arrangements shown below are the only allowable configurations.

Bank 0	Bank 1	Bank 2	Bank 3	Total
64 256 64 256 256 64 256	64 empty 64 256 256 64 256	64 empty 256 empty 64 256 64	64 empty 64 empty empty 256 64	256 * 256 * 448 512 576 640 640
 Memory exp provide men of 640KB in 	ansion board nory values ab 64KB increme	can be used v ove 256KB up ents.	vith these com to a total syst	binations to em memory

Data enters through the 8-bit address latch, is processed through row and column decoders, and stored in one of the cell memory arrays. Synchronization of data flow is controlled by individual strobes for row and column addresses.

The personal computer on-board memory communicates with the 8088-2 over the address, data, and control busses. Overall control of these lines and communications is provided by the 8327A DMA controller. To ensure a consistent flow of data the lines are buffered. Since on-board memory is dynamic, periodic refresh is required. Refresh signals come from the 8253 timer every 15 microseconds.



Expansion Slots Board Sector 4

The personal computer main processor board is equipped with eight 62-pin slots designed to mate with compatible board-edge connectors. Optional special-function boards for memory expansion, color/graphics, and other system enhancements slide directly into these slots. The slots themselves are connected to system busses to route data to and from the proper on-board components, including the 8288 bus controller, 8259A interrupt controller, various address and data buffers, and the 8088-2 CPU.

Any system expansion board installed in the personal computer communicates with the 8088-2 over the 62 lines of the expansion slot I/O channel. There are lines for address, data, and control. All lines are buffered and operate in parallel. Any board can be plugged into any open slot except two. The available space for the boards in those positions is slightly shorter than that of the rest of the positions. Eight lines are dedicated to various levels of electrical power and ground. An additional eight lines service the 8-bit data bus.

Twenty lines are used for addressing purposes. For memory, all twenty lines are used; for I/O devices, nine lines are used. Up to 512 different I/O devices can be addressed over these nine lines. The expansion cards are secured by means of a small metal tang on one

corner. This tang is fastened to the corresponding board support arm by a hex head slotted screw.



Connectors Board Sector 5

Serial Communications — The serial connector is a 34-pin header connector on the main processor board which is connected by a ribbon cable to a DB-25 male plug mounted on the housing of the computer. It follows the RS 232C industry standard. The 8250 asynchronous communications interface is the on-board controller for this connector. Any device communicating serially with the personal computer is attached at this connector. The "Internal Asynchronous Communications Interface" section contains additional information describing 8250 serial communication.

Parallel Communications — The parallel connector is a 26-pin header connector on the main processor board. It is connected by a ribbon cable to a DB-25 female connector mounted on the housing of the computer providing the physical link between the on-board parallel (Centronics) interface and external parallel devices. Further details on the operation of parallel communications on the system board are given in the "Internal Centronics Interface" section of this chapter. **Keyboard Communications** — The personal computer keyboard cable attaches to the main processor board at the 5-pin DIN female plug which is mounted at a right angle to the board and is accessed through a hole in the computer housing. Signals from the keyboard enter the main processor board at this point, are encoded or decoded through keyboard logic, bussed to the appropriate controller chip (for example, the 8259A interrupt controller), and then to the main processor board .

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

The capacities and ranges of the major components on the main processor board are outlined in the following pages.

Intel 8088-2 Microprocessor

- N-channel, silicon gate, NMOS construction
- 16-bit on-board architecture/8-bit data bus interface
- Direct addressing to 1 Megabyte of memory
- 16-bit stacked registers
- Total of 24 operand addressing modes
- 8-bit and 16-bit arithmetic
 - Binary and decimal
 - Signed and unsigned
- 4.77MHz clock rate
- Input voltage: .5V low; 2V high
- Power supply current: 340mA
- Clock cycle: 200 ns

8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller

- Standard levels of priority: 8
- Expandable levels of priority: 64

- NMOS construction
- Input voltage: .5V low; 2V high
- Input current: 85mA
- Duration of interrupt acknowledge cycle: 160 ns

8288 Bus Controller

- Bipolar bus driving capability
- 3 status lines
- Input voltage: .8V low; 2V high
- Supply current: 230mA
- Duration of clock cycle: 100 ns minimum
- Power consumption: 1.5W

8237A Programmable DMA Controller

- 4 independent channels
- Designed for use with an external 8-bit address register
- 64K address and word capacity on each channel
- Input voltage: .8V low; 2V high
- Duration of clock cycle: 210 ns
- Duration of DMA transfer: five 210 ns clock cycles

2764 EPROM — 16K Byte Capacity BIOS

- Access time: 350 ns maximum
- Power consumption: 525mW maximum
- Input voltage: .8V low; 2V high

8284A Clock Generator and Driver

- Crystal frequency: 14.31818 MHz
- Counter: divide by 3
- Duty cycle: 33%
- Input voltage: .8V low; 2V high
- Duration of clock cycle: 125 ns

2164 DRAM On-Board Memory

- N-channel, HMOS construction
- 64K by 1 bit format
- Input voltage: 0.8V low; 2V high
- Access time: 200 ns maximum
- Duration of read, write cycle: 300 ns
- Duration of read, modify, write cycle: 345 ns
- Power consumption: 1W

Expansion Slots (8 Available)

- 62-pin design
- Lines for:
 - Power
 - Address
 - Data
 - Control
- Compatible with:
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- NCR expansion boards
- Other manufacturers' expansion boards

Parallel Communications (Centronics) Connector

- DB-25 female connector on computer housing
- 34-pin header connector on main processor board
- Operates on industry standard signals

Serial Communications (RS 232C) Connector

- DB-25 male connector
- 34-pin header connector on main processor board
- Baud range
 - 50 baud minimum
 - 19.2K baud maximum

SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS

The NCR Personal Computer can be configured in many ways. The presence of peripheral devices, expansion boards, and other system enhancements must be made known to the main processor board. This information is provided through the configuration switches. The following pages list the switch settings for all possible system configurations on the standard PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6 followed by other helpful software-related information.

Switch Number 1 Settings



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Switch Number A Settings



* A Memory Expansion Board can be used with these settings.

System Memory Address Ranges

The table below provides the address ranges for various amounts of system memory.

Start Address		30000 MIANA 20	
Decimal	Hex	Function	
0	00000	128 to 256 KB Read/Write Memory on System Board	
128 KB	20000		
192 KB	30000		
256 KB	40000	Contraction of the second	
320 KB	50000		
384 KB	60000	and the second sec	
448 KB	70000	Up to 384 KB Read/Write	
512 KB	80000	Memory in I/O Channel	
576 KB	90000		
640 KB	A0000		
656 KB	A4000		
672 KB	A8000	128 KB Reserved	
688 KB	AC000	and because an other states	
704 KB	B0000	Monochrome	
720 KB	B4000	10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-1	
736 KB	B8000	Color/Graphics	
752 KB	BC000	Provide and reaction of the second	
768 KB	C0000		
784 KB	C4000	and the second second second second	
800 KB	C8000	Fixed Disk Control	
816 KB	CC000		
832 KB	D0000		
848 KB	D4000	192 KB Read Only Memory	
864 KB	D8000	Expansion and Control	
880 KB	DC000	Carrier Carry 11	
896 KB	E0000	and the second s	
912 KB	E4000		
928 KB	E8000		
944 KB	EC000		
960 KB	F0000	Reserved	
976 KB	F4000	and a second s	
992 KB	F8000	48 KB Base System ROM	
1008 KB	FC000		

System Configuration Address Ranges

The following table provides the hexadecimal address ranges for various personal computer system configurations.

ADDRESS (HEX)	DEVICE (MAIN PROCESSOR B_ARD)		
000-00F	DMA (8237A-5)		
020-021	INTERRUPTS (8259A)		
040-043	TIMER (8253A)		
060-063	PIO (8255A-5)		
080-083	DMA PAGE REGISTERS		
0A0	NMI ENABLE REGISTERS		
2F8-2FF	SERIAL PORT RS-232 COMM2		
378-37F	PARALLEL PORT		
3F8-3FF	SERIAL PORT RS-232 COMM1		

I/O ADDRESS MAP *

ADDRESS	DEVICE	
(HEX)	(IN EXPANSION BUS)	
380-38F	MONOCHROME DISPLAY ADAPTER CARD	
3D0-3DF	COLOR/GRAPHICS DISPLAY ADAPTER CARD	
3F0-3F7	FLEXIBLE DISK ADAPTER CARD	

* 768 device locations maximum

The CPU controller accepts Read/Write commands initiated by the processor.

Write PIO Control Register

PIO CS	A1	A0	IOW
0	0	1	0

- D0 = +Gate speaker
- D1 = + Speaker data
- D2 = Select system configuration switch 2 low bits
- D3 = N/A
- D4 = -Enable RAM parity
- D5 = -Enable I/O check
- D6 = + Enable keyboard clock
- D7 = +Clear keyboard
Write Switch Register

PIO CS	A1	A0	IOW		
0	1	0	0		

D0 = Not used

D1 = +8087 installed

D2, D3 = System memory

D4 = Display configuration Jumper 1 (DISP 1)

D5 = Display configuration Jumper 2 (DISP 2)

D6, D7 = Number of floppies.

Write PIO Configuration Lock Register:

PIO CS	A1	A0	IOW				
0	1	1	0				

D0 = -Enable parity D1 = +8087 installed D2 thru D4 = Not used D5 = +Lock system switch register D6, D7 = Not used

Read PIO Control Register

PiO CS	A1	A0	IOR
0	0	1	0

Read Switch Register

PIO CS	A1	A0	IOR
0	1	0	0

D0-D3 depends on PIO control register Bit 2 When PIO control register Bit 2 = 1D0 = Not used D1 = +8087 installed D2, D3 = System memory

When PIO control register Bit 2 = 0 D0 = Display configuration Jumper 1 D1 = Display configuration Jumper 2 D2, D3 = Number of floppies

- D4 = +Timer 2 terminal count D5 = +Timer 2 terminal count D6 = +I/O CH check
- D7 = + PTY check

Printer Port Programming

PRINT CS	A1	AO	IOR	IOW	OPERATION
0	0	0	0	1	Read back printer data port
0	0	0	1	0	Write printer data port
0	0	1	0	1 1	Read printer status
0	0	1	1	0	N/A
0	1	0	0	1	Read back printer control port
0	1	0	1	0	Write printer control port
0	1	1	0	1	N.C.
0	1	1	1	0	N.C.

Read Printer Status Port Data Bit Definition:

- D0 thru D2 not used
- D3 = -Error
- D4 = + SLCT
- D5 = + Paper empty
- D6 = -ACK
- D7 = +Busy

Write Printer Control Port Data Bit Definition

- D0 = Strobe
- D1 = -Auto FDXT
- D2 = +Init
- D3 = -SCLT in
- D4 = +Printer interrupt enable

Interrupt Priorities

The following table lists the interrupt priorities of the 8088-2 main processor board.

8088-2 INTERRUPT PRIORITIES						
PRIORITY NMI	USAGE PARITY ERROR					
0	TIMER					
1	KEYBOARD					
2	RESERVED					
3	ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS (SECONDARY)					
4	ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS (PRIMARY)					
5	FIXED DISK CONTROLLER					
6	FLEXIBLE DISK CONTROLLER					
7	PRINTER					

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

The following pages contain illustrations of the principal physical connectors on the main processor board, along with listings of their individual pin assignments.



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	2						-	-					-										

Main processor board-expansion slots

Expansion Slot Pin Assignments

в	FUNCTION	A	FUNCTION
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 33 24 25 26 27 28 9 30 31	GND + RESET DRIVE + 5V IRQ2 - 5V + DRQ2 - 12V - HRQ I/O + 12V GND - MEMW - MEMW - MEMR - IOW - IOR - DACK3 + DRQ3 - DACK3 + DRQ3 - DACK1 + DRQ1 - BDACK0 + BCLOCK + IRQ7 + IRQ6 + IRQ5 + IRQ4 + IRQ3 - DACK3 + T/C + ALE + 5V + OSC GND	$\begin{array}{c}1\\2\\3\\4\\5\\6\\7\\8\\9\\10\\11\\12\\13\\14\\15\\16\\17\\18\\19\\20\\21\\22\\23\\24\\25\\26\\27\\28\\29\\30\\31\end{array}$	- $I/O CHECK$ + $D7$ + $D6$ + $D5$ + $D4$ + $D3$ + $D2$ + $D1$ + $D0$ + $I/O CH RDY$ + $BAEN$ + $A19$ + $A18$ + $A17$ + $A18$ + $A17$ + $A16$ + $A15$ + $A14$ + $A13$ + $A12$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A9$ + $A8$ + $A7$ + $A6$ + $A5$ + $A4$ + $A3$ + $A2$ + $A1$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A10$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A10$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A11$ + $A20$ + $A10$ + $A10$

- Asserts low

+ Asserts high

Main Processor Board Keyboard Connector Pin Assignments



Keyboard Interface Signals



Main Processor Board Power Connector



Main Processor Board DC Power Connector



DC Power Cable Voltages

ON-BOARD CENTRONICS INTERFACE

The on-board Centronics interface provides a parallel port for the attachment of an external input/output device. The interface provides eight TTL-buffered data lines, four TTL-buffered control lines, and five steady-state status lines. The interface, under processor control, performs three operations:

- Writes data to attached device
- Reads data from attached device
- Reads status of attached device

The interface is the default printer port unless changed by the software.

Physical Description

The on-board Centronics interface (physically part of the main processor board) is comprised of a 26-pin header connector and additional latches and buffers. The connector on the board is connected by a ribbon cable to a DB-25 connector on the housing of the computer which is accessible from the outside.



Chart of pin assignments is shown on page 1-37.



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Functional Description

Data transfer between the processor and the interface is through the data bus; control of the interface is through IN and OUT instructions to appropriate addresses. The interface performs three operations: write data, read data, and read status.

To write data to the attached device, the processor must first place the appropriate data on the data bus and issue an OUT instruction to address 378 hex. The interface captures the data from the data bus and presents the data on the output data lines. The processor must then place appropriate control data on the data bus and issue an OUT instruction to address 37A hex. The interface captures the control data and presents the data on the output control lines.

To read data from the attached device, the processor must place appropriate control data on the data bus and issue an OUT instruction to address 37A hex. The processor then must issue an IN instruction to address 378 hex to capture the data from the data lines.

To read the status of the attached device, the processor must issue an IN instruction to address 379 hex. The interface places the status in the five most significant bits of the data bus.

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Input and output data is present at the DB-25 connector when an IN or OUT instruction is issued at address 378 hex. The connector pins and associated data bits are:

Date Bit	Pin No.	Data Line			
0	2	Data 0			
1	3	Data 1			
2	4	Data 2			
3	-5	Data 3			
4	6	Data 4			
5	7	Data 5			
6	8	Data 6			
7	9	Data 7			

When data are written to the device, the signals at the pins go to the level defined by the associated data bit; the pins are capable of sourcing 2.6mA and sinking 24mA. When data are read from the device, the resulting data are presented to the data bus.

The control data are presented to four pins of the DB-25 connector. The connector pins and the associated data bus bits are shown in the following illustration:

Data Bit	Pin No.	Control Line
0	1	Control 1
1	14	Control 2
2	16	Control 3
3	17	Control 4

These pins are driven by open-collector drives that pull to +5 VDC through 4.7K-ohm resistors. The pins can sink approximately 7mA and maintain 0.8 volts down-level.

NOTE: The control port drivers invert the signals on pins 1, 14, and 17. Also, the status bit 7 signal on pin 11 is inverted.

If the interface is being used to attach a printer to the processor, the control data are:

- Pin 1 STROBE
- Pin 14 AUTO FEED
- Pin 16 INITIALIZE
- Pin 17 SELECT INPUT

The status data are present at five pins on the DB-25 connector. The connector pins and the data bus bits associated with the pins are shown in the following illustration.

Data Bit	Pin No.	Status Line
3	15	Status 1
4	13	Status 2
5	72	Status 3
6	10	Status 4
7	11	Status 5

These pins are capable of sourcing 2.6mA and sinking 24mA.

If the interface is being used to attach a printer to the processor, the status lines indicate the following realtime status:

- Pin 15 ERROR
- Pin 13 SELECT
- Pin 12 PE (Out of Paper)
- Pin 11 BUSY
- Pin 10 ACK

If data bit 4 is set to 1 by the processor and the processor issues an OUT instruction to address 37A (hex), the interface interrupts the processor if pin 10 (status 1) goes from high to low.

Physical Connections/Pin Assignments

The pin assignments of the DB-25 connector are shown in the following illustration.

L PARTIE	

	Pin	Function
	1	-Strobe
	2	+D0
	3	+D1
	4	+D2
	5	+D3
	6	+D4
	7	+D5
	8	+D6
	9	+D7
	10	-Acknowledge
	11	+Busy
	12	+Paper out
	13	+Select
Centronics	14	+ Auto
interface	15	-Error
	16	-Int
	17	-Select in
	18	GND
	19	GND
	20	GND
	21	GND
	22	GND
	23	GND
	24	GND
	24	CND

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The Centronics interface connector is a header connector with the above pin assignments. A picture of the connectors with the cable connecting them is shown on page 1-32.

ON-BOARD ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE (RS 232C)

The on-board asynchronous communications interface provides the capability in the form of a serial port to add any RS 232C compatible device, such as printer, plotter, or modem, to the personal computer. The RS 232C communications port is a DB-25 male connector, located on the rear panel of the personal computer. This is connected by a ribbon cable to a 34-pin header connector mounted on the main processor board.

Physical Description

The on-board asynchronous communications interface is located on the main processor board. It is comprised of the 8250 asynchronous communications element, the serial connector, and a system configuration switch located in position 3 of system configuration switch 2. Refer to the switch settings earlier in this chapter.

Functional Description

This section provides an explanation of the functional characteristics of the on-board asynchronous communications interface.

Features — The on-board asynchronous communications adapter uses an 8250 40-pin asynchronous communication element with the following features:

- Full double buffering
- Independently-controlled interrupt
- Programmable baud rate generator
- Fully-programmable serial interface characteristics:
 - 5, 6, 7, or 8-bit characters
 - Even, odd, or no parity
 - 1, 1-1/2, or 2 stop bit generation

- False start bit detector
- Status reporting
- Tri-state TTL drive capabilities for bidirectional data bus and control bus
- Line break generation/detection
- Internal diagnostic capabilities
- Fully prioritized interrupt system controls
- Independent receiver clock input



Chart of pin assignments is shown on page 1-41.

The block diagram on the next page illustrates the functional characteristics of the on-board asynchronous communications inter-face:



On-Board Asynchronous Communications Adapter (RS 232C) and 8250 Signals

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Physical Connections/Pin Assignments

The following figure illustrates the location of the RS 232C communications port (on-board asynchronous) and the pin assignments for the connectors.

	Function	Pin	
	Ground	1	
	Transmitted data	2	
a same market	Received data	3	1.00
uest to send	Request to send	4	On board asynchronous communications adapter (RS-232C)
	Clear to send	5	
	Data set ready	6	
	Signal ground	7	
	Received line signal detector	8	
	NC	9	
NC NC NC	NC	10	
	NC	11	
	NC	12	
	NC	13	
External	NC	14	
device	NC	15	
1	NC	16	
1	NC	17	
	NC	18 19 20	
1	NC		
	Data terminal ready		
	NC	21	
	Ring indicator		1.000
1	NC	23	
	NC	24	
1	NC	25	L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L

Operating Configurations — The 8250 converts parallel data to serial on the transmit side and serial to parallel on the receive side.

Various operating configurations can be selected by setting the Com1 (hex 3F8 through 3FF) or Com2 (hex 2F8 through 2FF) configuration switches, and writing data to the 8250.

These configurations are defined by various registers that are selected by address bit A0, A1, A2, and the Divisor Latch Access bit (DLAB), bit 7 of the Line Control Register. The following figure defines the register selection used in the 8250.

Port H	ex Addr.	DLAB	A0	A1	A2	Register
Comm 1	Comm2			-		
3F8	2F8	0	0	0	0	Receiver Buffer (Read), Transmitter Holding Register (Write)
3F9	2F9	0	1	0	0	Interrupt Enable
3FA	2FA	x	0	1	0	Interrupt Identification (Read Only)
3FB	2FB	X	1	1	0	Line Control
3FC	2FC	x	0	0	1	Modem Control
3FD	2FD	х	1	0	1	Line Status
3FE	2FE	x	0	1	1	Modem Control Status
3FF	2FF	x	1	1	1	Not Used
3F8	2F8	1	0	0	0	Divisor Latch (Least Signigicant Bit)
3F9	2F9	1	1	0	0	Divisor Latch (Most Significant Bit)

Software Information

The 8250 contains a programmable baud rate generator and several accessible registers. This section provides information on these software-controlled components.

Programmable Baud Rate Generator — The 8250 contains a programmable baud rate generator that has the capability of dividing the clock input (1.8432MHz) by any value from 1 through 2 to the 16th power minus 1. The divisor is stored in two 8-bit latches in a 16-bit binary format; these divisor latches must be loaded during initialization in order to ensure that the baud rate generator will operate properly. Whenever either of the 8-bit divisor latches is loaded, a 16-bit baud counter is also immediately loaded. The output frequency of the baud rate generator is 16 times the baud rate. The baud rate generator has maximum operating frequency of 3.1MHz; however,

the data rate should never exceed 19,200 baud. The following table illustrates baud rates up to 19,200 baud and the divisor required to generate each baud rate:

	Divisor (16 x Clock) DLAB=1				
Desired Baud	Decimal Value	Hex Value			
naic		DLM Address 3F9	DLL Address 3F8		
50	2304	09	00		
75	1536	06	00		
110	1047	04	17		
134.5	857	03	59		
150	768	03	00		
300	384	01	80		
600	192 -	00	00		
1200	96	00	60		
1800	64	00	40		
2000	58	00	3A		
2400	48	00	30		
3600	32	00	20		
4800	24	00	18		
7200	16	00	10		
9600	12	00	00		
19.200	6	00	06		

Accessible Registers — The 8250 contains a number of registers that may be accessed or controlled through the processor. These registers control 8250 operations and are also used to transmit and receive data. The following table summarizes the accessible registers in the 8250.

Registers
Accessible
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Table

				Reç	gister Addre	SS				
	0 DLAB=0	0 DLAB=0	1 DLAB = 0	2	e	4	5	g	0DLAB = 1	1DLAB 1
No.	Receiver Buffer Register (Read Only)	Transmitter Holding Register (Write Only)	Interrupt Enable Register	Interrupt Identifi- cation Register	Line Control Register	MODEM Control Register	Line Status Register	MODEM Status Register	Divisor Latch (LS)	Divisor Latch (MS)
0	Data Bit 0*	Data Bit 0*	Enable Received Data Available Interrupt (ERBFI)	"" if Interrupt Pending	Word Length Select Bit 0 (WLS0)	Data Terminal Ready (DTR)	Data Ready (DR)	Delta Clear to Send (DCTS)	Bit 0	Bit 8
-	Data Bit 1	Data Bit 1	Enable Transmitter Holding Register Empty Interrupt (ETBEI)	Interrupt ID Bit (0)	Word Length Select Bit 1 (WLS1)	Request to Send (RTS)	Overrun Error (OR)	Delta Data Set Ready (DOSR)	Brt 1	ය. ක
2	Data Bit 2	Data Bit 2	Enable Receiver Line Status Interrupt (ELSI)	Interrupt ID Bit (1)	Number of Stop Bits (STB)	Out 1	Parity Error (PE)	Trailing Edge Ring Indicator (TERI)	Bit 2	Bit 10
Bit 0	is the least sig	nificant bit. It is	the first bit se	sriatly transm	nitted or rect	aived.				

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			Table 2. St	Read A	VD8250 Acces egister Addres	sible Regis	sters Cont.			
0	Data Bri 3	Data Bit 3	Enable MODEM Status Interrupt (EDSSI)	C	Parity Enable (PEN)	Out 2	Framing Error (FE)	Delta Receive Line Signal Detect (DSLSD)	Bit 3	Bit 11
4	Data Bit 4	Data Bit 4	0	0	Even Parity Select (EPS)	Loop	Break Interrupt (BI)	Clear to Send (CTS)	Bit 4	Bit 12
ú	Data Bit 5	Data Bit 5	0	o	Stick Parity	o	Transmitter Holding Register Emply (THRE)	Data Set Ready (DSR)	Bit 5	Bit 13
Q	Data Bit 6	Data Bit 6	0	O	Set Break	o	Transmitter Shift Register Empty (TSRE)	Ring Indicator (RI)	Bit 6	Bit 14
2	Data Bit 7	Data Bit 7	0	0	Divisor Latch Access Bit (DLAB)	0	0	Received Line Signal Detect (RLSD)	Bit 7	Bit 15
· Bit 0	is the lease sig	gnificant bit. It is	the first bit se	erially transm	nitted or receiv	'ed.				

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Line-Control Register (LCR) — The LCR contains the programmer-specified values for the format of the asynchronous communications exchange. The contents of this register may also be retrieved and checked; this eliminates the need for storing line characteristics in a separate system memory storage area. The following table defines the functions of the LCR bits.

Hex Address 3FB	Line Control Register (LCR)
Bit	Function/Explanation
0.1	Word length selection Specifies number of bits in each transmitted or receive serial character.
	Bit 0 Bit 1 Word Length
	0 0 5 Bits 1 0 6 Bits 0 1 7 Bits 1 1 8 Bits
2	Number of Stop bits
	Bit 2 Value Word Length Stop Bits
	0 N/A 1 1 5 Bits 1-1/2 1 6. 7. or 8 Bits 2
3	Parity enable If equal to 1, a parity bit will be generated or checked between the last data word bit and the stop bit(s). Sum of data word bits and parity bit equals odd or even number of 1's as specified in bit 4.
4	Even parity select. Bit 3 must be set equal to 1 for odd or even parity. Bit 4 equal to 0 selects odd parity; but 4 equal to 1 selects even parity.
5	Stick parity. Enabled only when bits 3 and 5 are set equal to 1. Parity bit is transmitted and received as 0 if bit 4 is set equal to 1; transmitted and received as 1 if bit 4 is set equal to 0.
6	Set break control bit. Enables processor to alert a terminal in the system. Serial output (SOUT) is forced to the spacing (0) state when bit 6 is set equal to 1; this does not change, regardless of other transmitter activity. Bit 6 equal to 0 disarms the set break.
7	Divisor latch access bit (DLAB). Bit 7 must be set equal to 1 to access the divisor latches of the bau_rate generator during a read/write operation. This bit must be set equal to 0 to access the interrupt enable register the receiver buffer, or the transmitter holding register.

Line Status Register (LSR) — The LSR is an 8-bit register that provides data transfer status information to the processor. The following table defines the functions of the LSR bits:

Hex Address 3FD	Line Status Register (LSR)
Bit	Function/Explanation
0	Receiver data ready (DR) Set equal to 1 when a complete character has been received and transferred into the receiver buffer register. DR is reset to 0 when the processor reads the data in the receiver buffer register or when the processor writes a 0 into DR.
al adri huannag Subjumithi siira Subjumithi siira	Overrun error (OE) Indicated that the next character was transferred into the receiver buffer register before the previous data was read, destroying the previous character. This indicator is reset whenever the processor reads the contents of the line status register.
2	Parity error (PE) Received data character parity is incorrect; parity is different from parity specified by the even parity select bit. PE is set equal to 1 when a parity error is detected; it is reset to 0 when the processor reads the content of the line status register.
3	Framing error (FE) Received character did not have a valid stop bit. Set equal to 1 whenever the stop bit following the last data bit or parity is detected as a zero bit.
4	Break interrupt (BI) Set equal to 1 whenever the received data input is held in the spacing state (logical 0) for a longer time than that required for full word transmission.
	NOTE: Bits 1-4 are error indicators that produce a receiver line status interrupt whenever the corresponding condition is detected.
5	Transmitter holding register empty (THRE) Set equal to 1 when a character is transferred from the transmitter holding register into the transmitter shift register; indicates that the 8250 is ready to accept a new character for transmistion. This causes the 8250 to send an interrupt to the processor when the transmit holding register empty interrupt enable is set high. THRE is reset to 0 concurrent with the loading of the transmitter holding register by the processor.
6	Transmitter shift register empty (TSRE) Set equal to 1 whenever the transmitter shift register is idle. This is a read-only bit and is reset to 0 whenever a data transfer from the transmitter holding register to the transmitter shift register occurs.
7	Permanently set equal to logical zero (0).

Interrupt Identification Register (IIR) — The 8250 contains an on-chip interrupt capability that assigns four different priority levels to interrupts:

- 1 Receiver line status
- 2 Receiver data ready
- 3 Transmitter holding register empty
- 4 Modem status

Assigning priorities to interrupts keeps software overhead to a minimum during data character transfers. The IIR stores information indicating that a prioritized interrupt is pending; it also stores information on the type of interrupt. When the IIR is addressed during chip selection, it freezes the highest-level interrupt that is pending and ignores all other interrupts until the frozen interrupt is serviced by the processor. The following tables define the functions of the IIR bits and the interrupt set/reset functions.

Hex Address 3FA	Interrupt Identification Register (IIR)
Bit	Function/Explanation
0	Interrupt pending Set equal to 0 when an interrupt is pending; when set equal to 1, indicates that no interrupt is pending and polling (if used) continues. May be used in either a hard-wired prioritized or polled environment; may also be used as a pointer to an appropriate interrupt service routine.
1,2	Highest priority interrupt. Use to identify the highest-priority pending. Use of these oits for identification is illustrated in the Interrupt Control Functions Table.
3-7	Always equal to 0.

su	Interrupt Reset Control	1	or Reading the Line Status Register	Reading the Receiver Buffer Register	r Reading the IIR Register (of source of interrupt) or Writing into the Transmitter Holding Register	Reading the Moder Status Register e
Set/Reset Functio	Interrupt Source	None	Overrun, Parity, Framing Error; Break Interrupt	Receiver Data Available	Transmitter Holding Registe Empty	Clear to Send, Data Set Ready Ring Indicator, or Received Lin Signal Deteot
Interrupt	Interrupt Flag	None	Receiver Line Status	Received Data Available	Transmitter Holding Register Emply	Modem Status
104D	Priority Level		1 (Highest)	2	e	4
ication	Bit 2	0	-	-	0	0
t Identif Register	Bit 1	0	-	0	-	0
Interrup	Bit 0	۰ ۱	0	0	0	0

Interrupt Enable Register (IER) — The IER, An 8-bit register in the 8250, enables the four interrupt levels to separately activate the chip interrupt (INTRPT) output signal. The interrupt system can be totally disabled by resetting bits 0-3 of the IER. Selected interrupt can be enabled by setting appropriate bits in this register to logical 1. Disabling the interrupt system inhibits the active (high) INTRPT output from the chip as well as the interrupt identification register (IIR). All other functions in the system continue to operate normally;

these include setting modem status registers and the line status register (LSR). The table below defines the functions of the IER bits.

Hex Address 3F9	Interrupt Enable Register (IER)
Bit	Function/Explanation
0	Set equal to 1 to enable the received data available interrupt.
1	Set equal to 1 to enable the transmitter holding register empty interrupt.
2	Set equal to 1 to enable the receiver status interrupt.
3	Set equal to 1 to enable the modern status interrupt.
4-7	Always equal to 0.

Modem Control Register (MCR) — The MCR, an 8-bit register, controls the interface with a modem, data set, or peripheral device that emulates a modem. The following table defines the functions of the MCR bits.

Hex Address 3FC	Modem Control Register (MCR)	
Bit	Function/Explanation	
0	Data terminal ready (DTR) output hn-When this bit is set equal to 0, the DTR output is forced to logical 1; when this bit is set equal to 1, the DTR output is forced to a logical 0.	
	NOTE: DTR output from the 8250 may be applied to an EIA inverting line driver (such as the DS 1488) to get the proper polarity input at the modem or data set.	
1	Request to send (RTS) output Functions in same manner as bit 0.	
2	Output 1 signal (OUT 1) Auxiliary user-designated output. Functions in same manner as bit 0.	
3	Output 2 signal (OUT 2) Auxiliary user-designated output. Functions in same manner as bit 0.	
4	 Diagnostic loopback for 8250 When this bit is set equal to 1, the following events occur: Transmitter serial output (SOST) is set to 1 Receiver serial input (SIN) is disconnected Transmitter shift register output is "looped" back into the receiver shift register input Modem control inputs (CTS, DRES, RLSD, and RI) are disconnected Modem control outputs (DTR, RTS, OUT1, and OUT2) are internally connected to the modem control inputs. 	
Anno (ALLA) Anno (ALLA) Anno (ALLA) Anno (ALLA) Anno (ALLA)	Transmitted data is immediately received in the diagnostic mode; this allows the processor to verify the transmit and receive data paths of the 8250. Receiver and transmitter interrupts are fully operational in the diagnostic mode. Modem control interrupts are also operational; however, the interrupt sources are now the lower control inputs. The interrupt enable register continues to control the interrupts. The interrupt system is tested by writing into the lower six bits of the line status register and the lower four bits of the modem status register. Setting any of these bits equal to 1 generates the corresponding interrupt (if enabled); interrupts are reset in the same manner as during normal 8250 operation. To return to normal operation the register must be re-programmed for normal operation and bit 4 of the modem	
5-7	Always equal to 0.	

Modem Status Register (MSR — The MSR, an 8-bit register, indicates the current state of the control lines from the modem or other peripheral device to the processor. Four bis of the MSR also provide change information. These bits are set equal to 1 whenever a control input from the modem changes state and are reset to 0 whenever the processor reads the MSR. The following table defines the functions of the MSR bits:

Hex Address 3FE	Modem Status Register (MSR)	
Bit	Function/Explanation	
0	Delta clear-to-send (DCTS) Indicates that CTS input to the chip has changed state since the last time it was read by the processor.	
1	Delta data set ready (DDSR) Indicates that DSR input to the chip has changed state since the last time it was read by the processor.	
2	Trailing edge of ring (TERI) Indicates that RI input to the chip has changed state since the last time it was read by the processor.	
3	Delta received line signal detector (DRLSD) Indicates that the RLSD input to the chip has changed state.	
4	Complement of the clear-to-send (CTS) input.	
5	Complement of the data-set-ready (DSR) input.	
6	Complement of the ring indicator (RI) input.	
7	Complement of the received-line-signal-detect (RLSD) input.	

Receiver Buffer Register (RBR) — The RBR, an 8-bit register, contains the received data characters. The following table defines the functions of the RBR bits:

Hex Address 3F8 Receiver Buffer Register DLAB=0 Read Only			
Bit	Function/Explanation		
0	Data bit 0		
1	Data bit 1		
2	Data bit 2		
3	Data bit 3		
4	Data bit 4		
5	Data bit 5		
6	Data bit 6		
7	Data bit 7		
erni Zerni ni s	NOTE: Bit 0 is the first bit serially received; it is the least significant bit.		

Transmitter Holding Register (THR) — The THR, an 8-bit register, contains the next character to be transmitted. The following table defines the functions of the THR bits:

Bit	Function/Explanation
0	Data bit 0
aterna 1	Data bit 1
2	Data bit 2
3	Data bit 3
4	Data bit 4
5	Data bit 5
6	Data bit 6
7	Data bit 7
	NOTE: Bit 0 is the first bit serially transmitted; it is the least significant bit.

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Interrupts/Bit Sequences — IRQ4 (used for Com 1) or IRQ3 (used for Com 2) provides a positive active interrupt to the system; this is the only interrupt line provided. It is functional only when bit 3 of the modem control register (MCR) is set equal to 1 (high).

The data format is illustrated in the following figure:

Start Bit D0 D1 D2 D3 D4 D5	D6	D7	Parity Bit	Stop Bits
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The D0 (data bit 0) is the least significant bit and is the first bit to be transmitted or received. Start, stop, and parity bits are inserted as required if the adapter is programmed to do so. Five to eight data bits may be transmitted or received, followed by one or two stop bits; 1-1/2 stop bits may also be used, but only with the five-bit format.

Voltage Interchange Circuit — Signal voltages are measured at the interface point. Voltage must fall within the ranges of -3 to -15VDC or +3 to +15VDC, with respect to signal ground. The plus (+) range is considered to be the "spacing" condition and denotes a "0" binary state; it also defines the ON condition for interface control circuit functions. The minus (-) range is considered to be the "marking" condition and denotes a "1" binary state; it also defines the OFF condition for interface control circuit functions.

The range between +3VDC and -3VDC is considered to be an invalid signal level: any signal voltage exceeding +15VDC or -15VDC is also considered to be invalid.



Port Addressing — Serial-parallel port addressing is under software control, rather than under switch control; the power-up default is the serial port.

COM 1 or COM 2 serial port addressing is done through switches on the main processor board. Refer to Appendix C for complete information on proper switch settings.

8250 Input/Output Signals — The following table summarizes 8250 signals according to whether they are input, output, or I/O signals.

Input		Output		input/Output	
Pin No.	Symbol	Pin No.	Symbol	Pin No.	Symbol
9	RCLK	11	SOUT	1-8	D0-D7
10	SIN	15	BAUDOUT	16	XTAL1
12	CS0	24	CSOUT	17	XTAL2
13	CS1	30	INTRPT		
14	CS2	31	OUT2		
18	DOSTR	32	RTS		
19	DOSTR	33	DTR		
20	VSS	34	OUT1		
21	DISTR	1.26	9.8		
22	DISTR				
25	ADS] [
26	A2	1,18	12-1		
27	A1				
28	A0				
35	MR				
36	CTS	creat la			
37	DSR	uch roc		11.11	
38	RSLD				
39	RI				
40	VCC	THE ATTR	port all rong	-	Notes L
NOTE: Pin 23 (DDIS) is not used.					

8250 Pin Definition — The Pin Definition Table defines the pin number, name symbol, and function for each pin on the 8250. In these definitions, a low represents a logical 0 (0VDC NOMINAL) and a high represents a logical 1 (+2.4VDC nominal).

Pin Number	Pin Name	Symbol	Function
1-8	DATA BUS	D0-D7	3-state input/output lines. Bi-directional communication lines between 8250 and Data Bus. All assembled data TX and RX, control words, and status information are transferred via the D0-D7 data bus.
9	RECEIVE CLK.	RCLK	This input is the 16X baud rate clock for the receiver section of the chip (may be tied to BAUDOUT pin 15).
10	SERIAL INPUT	SIN	Received Serial DAta in from the communications link (Peripheral device, modem or data set).
11	SERIAL OUTPUT	SOUT	Transmitted Serial Data Out to the communication link. The SOUT signal is set to a (logic 1) marking condition upon a MASTER RESET.
12 13 14	CHIP SELECT CHIP SELECT CHIP SELECT	CS0 CS1 CS2	When CS0 and CS1 are high, and CS2 is low, chip is selected. Selection is complete when the address strobe ADS latches the chip select signals.
15	BAUDOUT	BAUDOUT	16X clock signal for the transmitter section of the 8250. The clock rate is equal to the oscillator frequency divided by the divisor loaded into the divisor latches. The BAUDOUT signal may be used to clock the receiver by tying to (pin 9) RCLK.
16 17	EXTERNAL CLOCK IN EXTERNAL CLOCK OUT	XTAL 1 XTAL 2	These pins connect the crystal or signal clock to the WD8250 baud rate divisor circuit. See Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 for circuit connection diagrams.

Pin Number	Pin Name	Symbol	Function
18 19	DATA OUT STROBE DATA OUT STROBE	DOSTR DOSTR	When the chip has been selected, a low DOSTR or high DOSTR will latch data into the selected 8250 register (a CPU write). Only one of these lines need be used. Tie unused line to its inactive state. DOSTR — high or DOSTR — low.
20	GROUND	VSS	System signal ground.
21 22	DATA IN STROBE DATA IN STROBE	DISTR	When chip has been selected, a low DISTR or high DISTR will allow a read of the selected WD8250 register (a CPU read). Only one of these lines need be used. Tie unused line to its inactive state. DISTR — high or DISTR — low.
23	DRIVER DISABLE	DDIS	Output goes low whenever data is being read from the 8250. Can be used to reverse data direction of external transceiver.
24	CHIP SELECT OUT	CSOUT	Output goes high when chip is selected. No data transfer can e inititated until CSOUT is high.
25	ADDRESS STROBE	ADS	When low, provides latching for register. Select (A0, A1, A2) and chip select (CS0, CS1, CS2) NOTE: An active ADS signal is required when the Register Select (A0, A1, A2) signals are not stable for the duration of a read or write operation. If not required, the ADS input can be tied permanently low.
26 27 28	REGISTER SELECT A2 REGISTER SELECT A1 REGISTER SELECT A0	A2 A1 A0	These three inputs are used to select a 8250 internal register during a data read or write. See Table below.
29	NO CONNECT	NC	No Connect
30	INTERRUPT	INTRPT	Output goes high whenever an enabled interrupt is pending.

Pin Number	Pin Name	Symbol	Function
31	OUTPUT 2	OUT2	User-designated output that can be programmed by Bit 3 of the modem control register = 1, causes OUT2 to go low.
32	REQUEST TO SEND	RTS	Output when low informs the modem or data set that the 8250 is ready to transmit data. See Modem Control Register.
33	DATA TERMINAL READY	DTR	Output when low informs the modem or dataa set that the 8250 is ready to communicate.
34	OUTPUT 1	OUT1	User designated output can be programmed by Bit 2 of Modem Control Register = 1 causes OUT1 to go low.
35	MASTER RESET	MR	When high clears the registers to states as indicated in the following table.
36	CLEAR TO SEND	CTS	Input from DCE indicating remote device is ready to transmit. See Modem Control Register.
37	DATA SET READY	DSR	Input from DCE used to indicate the status of the local data set. See Modem Control Register.
38	RECEIVED LINE SIGNAL DETECT	RSLD	Input from DCE indicating that it is receiving a signal which meets its signal quality conditions. See Modem Control Register
39	RING INDICATOR	Rī	Input, when low, indicates that a ringing signal is being received by the modem or data set. See Modem
40	+ 5V	vcc	+5 Volt Supply.

Reset Control of Registers and Pinout Signals				
Register/Signal	Reset Control	Reset State		
Receiver Buffer Register	First Word Received	Data		
Transmitter Holding Register	Writing into the Transmitter Holding Register	Data		
Interrupt Enable Register	Master Reset	All Bits low (0-3 forced and 4-7 permanent)		
Interrupt Identification Register	Master Reset	Bit 0 is High and Bits 1-7 are Permanently Low		
Line Control Register	Master Reset	All Bits Low		
MODEM Control Register	Master Reset	All Bits Low		
Line Status Register	Master Reset	All Bits Low Except Bits 5 and 6 are High		
Modem Status Register	Master Reset MODEM Signal Inputs	Bits 0-3 Low Bits 4-7 — Input Signal		
Divisor Latch (low order bits)	Writing into the Latch	Data		
Divisor Latch (high order bits)	Writing into the Latch	Data		
SOUT	Master Reset	High		
BAUDOUT	Writing into either Divisor Latch	Low		
CSOUT	ADS Strobe Signal and State of Chip Select Lines	High/Lo w		
DDIS	DDIS — CSOUT • RCLK • DISTR (At Master Reset, the CPU	High		
	Sets HULK and DISTR low.)			
INTRPT	Master Reset	Low		

KEYBOARD

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The keyboard is the means by which the user communicates with the system. Ninety-five keys are provided for maximum operating flexibility.

Function Keys Reference 1 on keyboard illustration

The ten function keys on the far left of the keyboard are programmable by the user.

Typewriter Keypad Reference 2 on keyboard illustration
The typewriter section of the keyboard is a standard layout of alphanumeric keys with the addition of a few function keys. The keys are software defined. The keyboard features n-key-rollover which allows additional keys to be depressed before previously depressed keys are released. Also, all keys have an auto-repeat feature which allows keys to generate their functions repeatedly as long as they are held down.

Cursor Control Keypad Reference 3 on keyboard illustration.

The cursor control keypad permits easy cursor movement and screen editing. In addition, the function keys are redefinable by software.

Calculator Keypad Reference 4 on keyboard illustration.

The calculator keypad on the far right of the keyboard supplies calculator functions, cursor movement control, numeric entry, and edit functions. The keys may be redefined by software.

Cabling

The keyboard is hard-wired to a 6-foot coiled 4-wire cable with two bidirectional signals. The cable, shielded and grounded, connects to the main processor board by means of a 5-pin DIN connector. Power at +5.2VDC is supplied through the system board.

Keyboard Ergonomics

Two "legs", one on each side of the keyboard, provide tilt adjustment for typing comfort. The legs can be set in a vertical position or in other positions to provide the degree of tilt to the keyboard that best suits the operator.



Keyboard Layout

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The keyboard functions by means of full-travel mechanical keys returning scan codes to an Intel 8039 or an 8049 microprocessor in the keyboard. The 8039 is an 8-bit, microprocessor with 1K by 8-bit program memory, 64 by 8-bit RAM data memory, 27 I/O lines, and an 8-bit timer/counter. The 8039 uses an external ROM while the 8049 has an internal ROM. Either of the microprocessors can store up to 16 scan codes in a buffer, perform a self-test for malfunctioning keys, test memory, and check its own ROM. Either one scans the keyboard and handles the two signals for the bidirectional lines and the handshaking for the scan-code transfer.



Keyboard Block Diagram

During operation, the keys generate a make and a break scan code. (The break code is the make code plus 80 hex; see the scan code diagram on the next page.)

KEYBOARD SCAN CODES

The following list shows the keyboard reference positions and the hex scan code for each:

Key - Scan Code	Key — Scan Code	Key — Scan Code	Key — Scan Code	Key — Scan Code
Typewriter Keys	T — 14	- 28	Function Keys	6 — 4D
Esc - 01	Y — 15	- 29	F1 - 3B	+ 4E
1 - 02	U — 16	Shift - 2A	F2 – 3C	1 — 4F
2 - 03	1 - 17	- 2B	F3 - 3D	2 - 50
3 - 04	0 - 18	Z – 2C	F4 3E	3 -51
4 - 05	P - 19	X — 2D	F5 - 3F	Ins - 52
5 - 06	[- 1A	C — 2E	F6 40	Dei - 53
6 07] - 18	V - 2F	F7 - 41	Cursor Control Keys
7 - 08	- 10	B - 30	F8 — 42	Cirl - 1D
8 - 09	Ctrl - 1D	N - 31	F9 43	Del - 53
9 — DA	A — 1E	M - 32	F10 46	Pg Up - 49
0 08	S – 1F	- 33	Calculator Keys	End - 4F
00	D - 20	- 34	Num Lock 45	Home - 47
00 =	F - 21 .	/ - 35	Scroll Lock - 44	Ins - 52
+ - OE	G — 22	Shift - 36	7 - 47	
++ - OF	н — 23	Prt Sc - 37	8 48	
0 10	J - 24	Alt — 38	9 49	
W - 11	K — 25	Space - 39	- 4A	0 5 8 8 5 1 H H
E - 12	L - 26	Caps Lock - 3A	4 — 4B	LA DE LA MARINE
R – 13	; — 27		5 - 4C	No. of Long To

PRIMARY SYSTEM COMPONENTS

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS The 5-pin DIN connector has the following pin configuration. The signal level is +5VDC:



Keyboard Interface Signals



SPEAKER SYSTEM

A 2-inch diameter speaker is mounted inside the chassis of the PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6. It is driven by a 2N3906 transistor

and power consumption of the permanent magnet unit is approximately 0.8 watt.

The speaker interacts with two on-board components to produce audible signals for user feedback. One bit of the CPU VLSI can be set to produce a tone at the appropriate time, or one channel of the 8253 timer can drive the speaker. The volume control is on the front panel of the computer.

FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE CONTROLLER

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The flexible disk drive controller is a CMOS integrated circuit designed to control the operation of the flexible disk drive units during the disk I/O operations. It consists of two chips, the NEC 765 and the FE 2100. It operates from a +5 volt power supply and requires an 8 MHz signal to the X1 pin. All inputs and outputs are TTL compatible.

Input to the controller is buffered on the I/O bus and uses the DMA chip on the processor board to transfer data records. A level 6 DMA interrupt is used to report the completion of an operation and any status conditions that require resolution by the 8088-2 processor on the main processor board.

The disk drive parameters on the controller are programmable, allowing the support of up to four flexible disk drive units: 5.25 inch half-height double density (MFM Format).

SOFTWARE INFORMATION

Software Command Sequence

The flexible disk controller can perform 15 c (fferent operational commands. Every operation (command) is initiated by a transfer of a byte or string of bytes from the 8088-2 to the data register of the UPD765 on the disk controller. The cyclic nature of commands, execution of the commands, and the return of results, are more easily understood when discussed as three sequential events: the command, execution, and result phases.

• Command Phase

During the command phase, the flexible disk controller receives all the required information (data and parameters for execution of the command) from the 8088-2 on the main processor board.

Execution Phase

During the execution phase, the flexible disk controller performs the operation (command) ordered, using the data passed to it from the main processor board.

Result Phase

During the result phase, operational status and data (if a READ operation) is made available to the main processor board. Data bytes are accessed from the data register, and the status byte is accessed from the status register of the UPD765.

With the three phases of each command defined, the actual operation of the 15 commands used by the flexible disk drive controller is shown in the command summary. The abbreviations used in the tables are listed at the end of the command summary tables.

Port Information

I/O addressing for the disk controller is at the following three I/O addresses:

3F2	(HEX) DATA OUTPUT REGISTER (OUTPUT)
3F4	(HEX) STATUS REGISTER (INPUT) COMMAND REGISTER (OUTPUT)
3F5	(HEX) RESULT STACK (INPUT) INPUT (7 RESULTS MAXIMUM)
	COMMAND STACK (OUTPUT)

OUTPUT (9 COMMANDS MAXIMUM)

Digital Output Register

The digital output register, a write-only register byte located at I/O port address 3F2 (hex) is used to: (1) select disk drive units, (2) control the motors of those units, and (3) enable controller interrupts and DMA requests. All bits are set to 0 by the I/O reset and have the following functions:

These four bits control the spindle motors of the flexible disk drives. When any bit is set to 0, the motor of the corresponding flexible disk unit is off.

PRIMARY SYSTEM COMPONENTS

3F2 (hex)	These four bits control the spindle motors of the flexible disk drives. When any bit is set to 0, the motor of the corresponding flexible disk unit is off.
7	Bit 4 controls Drive A (unit 0) Bit 5 controls Drive B (unit 1)
6	Bit 6 controls Drive C (unit 2) Bit 7 controls Drive D (unit 3)
5	This bit enables DMA request and flexible disk drive
*4	controller interrupts to be routed to the Input/Output interface. If this bit is set to 0 the I/O interface drivers
3	are disabled.
2	This bit must be set to 1 to enable the Flexible Disk Drive Controller.
1	Both bits 1 and 0 are used to select one of the disk drive
0	units configured with the system. The bit patterns

0	Select Drive A
0	Select Drive B
1	Select Drive C
1	Select Drive D
	0 0 1 1

Bit 1

Internal Registers

Bit 0

The flexible disk controller (UPD765) has two internal registers: a status register and a data register; each may be accessed by the main processor board at any time.

Status Register

The status register is an 8-bit read-only register, located at port address 3F4 (hex), that contains the current status of the flexible disk controller. The following descriptions define the status register bits and their meanings: DB7 = If 1, this bit indicates that the data register is READY to send or receive data to, or from, the /flexible disk controller. The direction of data transfer is determined by the DB6 status.

DB6 = If 0, directions of data transfer is from the main processor board to the controller data register; If 1, the direction of data transfer is from the controller data register to the main processor board.

DB5 = If 1, controller is executing in a non-DMA mode: if 0, execution is completed. (This bit used only during non-DMA mode operations.)

DB4 = If 1, a READ or WRITE command is in progress.

DB3 = If 1, flexible disk drive 3(D) is presently in the SEEK Mode. (Applicable only for external drive units)

DB2 = If 1, flexible disk drive 2(C) is presently in the SEEK Mode. (Applicable only for external drive units)

DB1 = If 1, flexible disk drive 1 (B) is presently in the SEEK Mode.

DB0 = If 1, flexible disk drive 0 (A) is presently in the SEEK Mode.

Data Register

DB7

DB6

DB5

DB4

DB3

DB2

DB1

DB0

The disk controller's internal 8-bit data register, located at I/O port address 3F5 (hex), is a stack of several registers where only the top 8-bit entry is available to the main processor board bus. This stack register stores data, commands, parameters, and flexible disk drive status information. Data bytes (one register) are written to, or sent from, the data register stack.



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TECHNICAL REFERENCE

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Pin Configuration

Disk Drive Controller Chip

A2	1	48	— тс оит	
DACK OUT	2	47	D4	
CS	-3	46	DRIVE 0	
IOW	-4	45	D1	
IOR	5	44	DRIVE 2	
WR	6	43	RESET	
D5	7	42	GND	
D6	- 8	41	DRIVE 1	
RDW	9	40	D0	
VCO	10	39	DRIVE 3	
RD	- 11	38	D2	
READ DATA —	12	37	DRQ OUT	
RDD	13	36	D3	
TC IN	14	35	INT OUT	
X1		34	INT IN	
X2	16	33	RST	
DACK IN-	17	32	WDA	
CLK	18	31	WE	
VCC	19	30	STP	
WCK	20	29	STEP	
PS1	21	28	RW/SEEK	
PS0	22	27	FL/TRO	
D7	23	26	TRACK 00	
DRQ IN	24	25	WRITE DATA	1

Pin Number	Signals	Direction
(odd)*		
2	(Not Connected)	(N/C)
4	In Use (Drive Active)	Input
6	Drive Select 3	Input
8	Index (Sector)	Output
10	Drive Select 0 (A)	Input
12	Drive Select 1 (B)	Input
14	Drive select 2 (C)	Input
16	Motor On (Selected Drive)	Input
18	Direction Select	Input
20	Step (Pulse Signal)	Input
22	Write Data	Input
24	Write Gate	Input
26	Track 00	Output
28	Write Protect	Output
30	Read Data	Output
32	Side Select (Head Select)	Input
34	Ready	Output

*All odd numbered Pins (1,3,5,7,...33) are GROUND The disk drive interface connector is a header connector with the above pin assignments.

NOW -	Timings							
Signal	Minimum nsec	Typical nsec	Maximum nsec					
IOR to RD IOW to WR DACK IN to DACK OUT CLK period		. 250	91 86 101					

Environmental Specifications

Operating Temperature Range: 0° to 70° Supply Voltage: +4.75 V Minimum, +6.00 V Maximum

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

System Interface

The following signals are input to the flexible disk controller on the main processor board:

Pin Function Table:

PIN	TYPE	SYMBOL	FUNCTION
1	1	+ A2	CPU I/O address A2
2	0	- DACK OUT	DMA cycle active to FDC
3	1	- CS	FDC and FFDC chip select
4	1	- IOW	I/O write from CPU
5	10110	- IOR	I/O read from CPU
6	0	- WR	Control signal to transfer data from data bus to FDC
7	1	+ D5	CPU data bus bit 5
8	L L	+ D6	CPU data bus bit 6
9	0	+RDW	Generated by PLL to sample data from floppy disk drive
10	0	+VCO	Enables VCO in PLL
11	0	- RD	Control signal to transfer data from FDC to data bus
12	1	- READ DATA	Raw read data from disk drive
13	0	+ RDD	Read data containing clock and data to FDC
14	1	+TC IN	End of DMA cycle
15	1	+X1	Crystal clock input
16	0	+ X2	Crystal clock output
17	1	- DACK IN	DMA acknowledge from CPU I/O bus
18	0	+ CLK	4 MHz clock to FDC
19	-	VCC	+5 volts D.C. power
20	0	+ WCK	Write data rate to disk drive
21	- 1 · · ·	+ PS1	Pre compensation select in MFM mode from FDC
22	1	+ PS0	Pre compensation select in MFM mode from FDC
23	1	+ D7	CPU data bus bit 7
24	0	+ DRQ IN	DMA request from FDC
25	0	+W DATA	Serial CLK and data to disk drive
26	0	- TRACK 00	Track 0 condition from disk drive
27	1	+FLT/TRO	Indicates disk drive fault condition in RD/WR mode or track 0 in seek mode
28	0	- RW/SEEK	Select RD/WR mode or seek mode
29	0	+ STEP	Step signal to disk drive
30	0	+ STP	Step signal from FDC
31	0	+ WE	Enables WR data to disk drive
32	0	+ WDA	Serial CLK and data from FDC
33	0	+ RST	Reset to FDC
34		+INT IN	INT request from FDC
35	0	+INT OUT	INT request to CPU
36	1	+ D3	CPU data bus bit 3
37	0	+ DRQ OUT	DMA request to CPU
38	1	+ D2	CPU data bus bit 2
39	0	+ DRIVE 3	Disk drive select 3
40	1	+ D0	CPU data bus bit 0
41	0	+ DRIVE 1	Disk drive select 1
42	-	GROUND	
43	1	- RESET	Initialize data separator and drive select register
44	0	+ DRIVE 2	Disk drive select 2
45	1	÷ D1	CPU data bus bit 1
46	0	+ DRIVE 0	Disk drive select 0
47	0	+ D4	CPU data bus bit 4
48	OP	+ TC OUT	End of DMA transfer to FDC

TECHNICAL REFERENCE

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Command Summary Tables

In the following command summary tables, 0 indicates "logical 0" for that bit, 1 means "logical 1," and X means "any."

Phase	R/W	D7 D6	Data Bus Bit D5 D4 D3	s D2 D1 D0	Comments
Command	****	MT MF X X	Read Data SK 0 0 X X X H R N EOT GPL	1 1 0 HD US1 US0	Command Codes Sector ID information prior to command execution.
Execution Result	R R R R R R R R		STO ST1 ST2 C H R N		Data transfer between the FDD and the main system. Status information after command execution. Sector ID information after command execution.
			Read Deleted D	Data	
Command Execution Result	**************************************	MT MF	SK 0 1 X X X H R EOT GPL DTL ST0 ST1 ST2 C H	1 0 0 HD US1 US0	Command Codes Sector ID information prior to command execution. Data transfer between the FDD and the main system. Status information after command execution. Sector ID information after command
	R R		R N		execution.

Command Summary (1 of 6)

Command Abbreviations

The following tables define the symbols used in the command summary:

Phase	BW	07	D6	Da D5	ata B	us B	its D2	D1	DO	Comments
Fliase	1	1	00	00						Commente
Command	w	MT	MF	0	Write 0	Data 0	а 1 ЦП	0	1	Command Codes
	W	^	^	^	Ŷ	ç^	nD	031	030	Sector ID information
	W				F	7				execution.
	w				EC	и ЭТ				
	W				GI D	PL TL				
Execution										Data transfer between the FDD
Besult	R				S	то				and the main system. Status information
	R				S	T1				after command
	R				Č					Sector 1D information
	R				F	7				execution.
	н	10.0	112		1	4				
Command	w	мт	MF	Writ 0	e Del 0	eted 1	Data 0	0	1	Command Codes
	W W	×	Х	Х	×	x	HD	US1	USO	Sector ID information
	W				ŀ	+				prior to command
	W				1	N TC				
	W				GI	PL				·
Execution	vv				U	IL.				Datatransfer
										between the FDD and the main system.
Result	R				S S	TO T1				Status information after command
	R				S	Ţ2				execution.
	R				ŀ	-				after command
	R				r 1	N N				EXECUTION.

Command Summary (2 of 6)

Command Status Register

The following tables define the values of ST0, ST1, ST2, and ST3, which are the status values from the command summary.

PRIMARY SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Phase	R/W	D7	D6	Da D5	ata Bus B D4 D3	its D2	D1	DO	Comments
Command	w	мт	MF	R SK	ead a Tra 0 0	ck 0	1	0	Command Codes
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		~	*	C H R EOT GPL DTL	HU	051	050	Sector ID information prior to command execution.
Execution									Data transfer between the FDD and the main system. FDC reads all of cylinder's contents from index hole to EOT.
Result	R R R R R R R R			-	ST0 ST1 ST2 C H R N	C and T H	Xob 32	10 YA	Status information after command execution. Sector ID information after command execution
Command Execution	w W	MT X	MF	0 X	Read ID 0 1 X X	0 HD	1 US1	0 US0	Command Codes The first correct ID information on the cylinder is stored in
Result	R R R R R R R				ST0 ST1 ST2 C H R N				Status information after command execution. Sector ID information during execution phase.

Command Summary (3 of 6)

Phase	R W	D7	D6	Da D5	ata B D4	us B D3	its D2	D1	Do	Comments
-		1		Fo	rmat	a Tr	ack			
Command	w	MT X	MF X	0 X	0 X	1 X	1 HD	0 US1	0 US0	Command Codes
	w				1	N.				Bytes/Sector
	W				S	C				Sector/Track
					G					Gap 3 filler byte
Execution	**				L	<i>.</i>				FDC formats an entire cylinder.
Result	R				S	то				Status information
	R				S	T1				after command
	R				S	T2				execution.
	H				(נ ב				In this case, the ID
	R				ŗ	3				meanino
	R				i	v.				g.
1				9	Scan	Equ	al			
Command	W	MT	MF	SK	1	Ō	0	0	1	Command Codes
	W	X	Х	х	X	X	HD	US1	USO	0 1 10 1 1
	W									Sector ID information
	W				F	a A				execution
	W				i	v.				
	W				E	тс				
	W				G	PL				
–	W				S	TΡ				Determined
Execution										between the FDD
Besult	B				S	то				Status information
neaun	R]			S	T1				after command
	R				S	T2				execution.
	R				(D,				Sector ID information
	R				ł	4				after command
	R				1	N N				execution.

Command Summary (4 of 6)

Phase	DAN	D7	DE	Da	ata B	us B	its	D1	DO	Comments
Fliase	0/11	07	00	05	04	03	DZ	01	00	Comments
	Scan Low or Equal									
Command	W	MT	MF	SK	1	1	0	0	1	Command Codes
	VV M/		×	~	~	<u>``</u>	HD	051	050	Sector ID information
	W					4				prior to command
	W				F	à				execution
	Ŵ				N	v.				
	W				E	TC				
	w				GI	PL				
	W				ST	ΓP			1	
Execution	1.000									Data compared
										between the FDD
	-									and main system.
Hesult	н				S	10				Status information
	к				5	11				aner command
	R	-			5	12			- 1	Sector ID information
						4				after command
	B				Ē	4				execution
	R				P	i				Should in .
				Scan	High		Equa	1	1	
Command	w	MT	ME	SK	1	1	Lųva 1	0	1	Command Codes
O O I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	W	X	X	X	x	x	HD	US1	USO	
	w				C	2				Sector ID information
	W				H	4				prior to command
	W	12.51			F	F				execution.
	W				1	4				
	W	0.000			EC	DT				
	W	11.0			GI	PL				
-	W				SI	IP				Data as meaned
Execution										batwoon the EDD
										and main system
Result	R				\$1	TO				Status information
riesuit	B				S	Γ1				after command
La contra	B	-			ST	12				execution.
	R				C	2			1.2	Sector ID information
	R		H			after command				
	R				F	7				execution.
	R				- N	1				

Command Summary (5 of 6)

Phase	R/W	D7	D6	Da D5	ata B D4	lus B D3	its D2	D1	DO	Comments
Command Execution No Result Phase	w w	MT X	MF X	SK X	Recal O X	librat 0 X	te 1 HD	1 US1	0 US0	Command Codes
Command Result	W R R	0	S (0	ense O	Inter 0 S P(rrupt 1 TO CN	Stat 0	us O	0	Command Codes Status information at the end of seek operation about the FDC
Command No Result Phase	w w w	0	0 SR	0 T HL1	Spe 0	o O	0 	1 HUT	1 ND	Command Codes
Command Result	w W	0 X	0 X	Sens 0 X	e Dr 0 X S	ive S 0 X T3	itatus 1 HD	0 US1	0 US0	Command Codes Status information about FDD.
Command Execution No Result Phase	¥	0 X	0 X	0 X	Se 0 X NO	eek 1 X CN	1 HD	1 US1	1 US0	Command Codes Head is positioned over proper cylinder on diskette
Command	W			Ir	Invalid	alid I Code	es			Invalid command codes (NoOp - FDC goes into standby state). ST 0 = 80

Command Summary (6 of 6)

PRIMARY SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Symbol	Name	Description
AO	Address Line 0	A0 controls selection of main status register (A0 = 0) or data register (A0 = 1).
С	Cylinder Number	C = the current/selected cylinder (track) number of the medium.
D	Data	D = the data pattern that is going to be written into a sector.
D7-D0	Data	8-bit data bus, where $D7 = most significant$ bit, and DO least significant bit.
DTL	Data Length	When N is defined as 00, $DTL =$ the data length that users are going to read from or write to the sector.
EOT	End Of Track	EOT = the final sector number on a cylinder.
GPL	Gap Length	GPL = the length of gap 3 (spacing between sectors excluding VCO sync field).
н	Head Address	H = head number 0 or 1, as specified in ID field.
HD	Head	HD = a selected head number 0 or 1. (H = HD in all command words.)
HLT	Head Load Time	HUT = the head unload time after a read or write operation has occurred (0 to 480 ms in 32-ms increments).
MF	FM or MFM Mode	If MF is low,, FM mode is selected; if it is high, MFM mode is selected only if MFM is implemented.
МТ	Multi-Track	If MT is high, a multi-track operation is to be performed. (A cylinder under both HDO and HD1 will be read or written.)
N	Number	N = the number of data bytes written in a sector.

Command Symbols (1 of 2)

Symbol	Name	Description
NCN	New Cylinder Number	NCN = a new cylinder number, which is going to be reached as a result of the seek operation. (Desired position of the head.)
ND	Non-DMA Mode	ND = operation in the non-DMA mode.
PCN	Present Cylinder Number	PCN = cylinder number at the completion of sense-interrupt-status command indicated the position of the head at present time.
R	Record	R = the sector number, which will be read or written.
R/W	Read/Write	R/W = either (R) or write (W) signal.
SC	Sector	SC indicates the number of sectors per cylinder.
SK	Skip	SK = skip deleted-data address mark.
SRT	Step Rate Time	SRT = the stepping rate for the FDD (2 to $32 \text{ ms in } 2\text{ -ms increments}).$
ST 0 ST 1 ST 2 ST 3	Status 0 Status 1 Status 2 Status 3	ST 0-3 = one of four registers that store the status information after a command has been executed. This information is available during the result phase after command execution. These registers should not be confused with the main status register (selected by A0 = 0). ST 0-3 may be read only after a command has been executed and contain information relevant to that particular command.
STP	Scan Test	During a scan operation, if STP = 1, the data in contiguous sectors is compared byte-by-byte with data sent from the processor (or DMA), and if STP = 2, then alternate sectors are read and compared.
US0, US	Unit Select	US = a selected drive number encoded the same as bits 0 and 1 of the digital output register (DOR).

Command Symbols (2 of 2)

	Data	Bit	
No.	Symbol	Name	Data Bit Description
7	IC	interrupt Code	Bit 7 = 0 and bit 6 = 0 Normal termination of command (NT). Command was completed and properly executed.
6			Bit $7 = 0$ and bit $6 = 1$ Abnormal termination of command (AT). Execution of command was started, but was not successfully completed. Bit $7 = 1$ and bit $6 = 0$
			Invalid command issue (1C). Command that was issued and was never started. Bit 7 = 1 and bit 6 = 1 Abnormal termination because, during command execution, the ready signal from FDD changed state.
5	SE	Seek End	When the FDC completes the seek command, this flag is set to 1 (high).
4	EC Check	Equipment	If a fault signal is received from the FDD, or if the track 0 signal fails to occur after 77 step pulses (recalibrate command), then this flag is set.
3	NR	Not Ready	When the FDD is in the not-ready state and a read or write command is issued, this flag is set. If a read or write command is issued to side 1 of a single-sided drive, then this flag is set.
2	HD	Head Address	This flag is used to indicate the state of the head at interrupt.
1 0	US1 US0	Unit Select 1 Unit Select 0	These flags are used to indicate a drive unit number at interrupt.

	Bil		
No.	Symbol	Name	Data Bit Description
7	EN	End of Cylinder	When the FDC tries to access a sector beyond the final sector of a cylinder, this flag is set.
6	_		Not used. This bit is always 0 (low).
5	DE	Data Error	When the FDC detects a CRC error in either the ID field or the data field, this flag is set.
4	OR	Over Run	If the FDC is not serviced by the main system during data transfers within a certain time interval, this flag is set.
3	-	_	Not used. This bit is always 0 (low).
2	ND	No Data	During execution of a read data, write deleted data, or scan command, if the FDC cannot find the sector specified in the ID register, this flag is set. During execution of the read ID command, if the FDC cannot read the ID field without an error, then this flag is set. During the execution of the read a cylinder command, if the starting sector cannot be found, then this flag is set.
1	NW	Not Writeable	During execution of a write data, write deleted data, or format-a-cylinder command, if the FDC detects a write-protect signal from the FDD, then this flag is set.
0	MA	Missing Address Mark	If the FDC cannot detect the ID address mark, this flag is set. Also, at the same time, the MD (missing address mark in the data field) of status register 2 is set.

	Data	Bit	
No.	Symbol	Name	Data Bit Description
7	-	-	Not used. This bit is always 0 (low).
6	СМ	Control Mark	During execution of the read data or scan command, if the FDC encounters a sector that contains a deleted data address mark, this flag is set.
5	DD 💼 S	Data Error in Data Field	If the FDC detects a CRC error in the data, then this flag is set.
4	wc	Wrong Cylinder	This bit is related to the ND bit, and when the contents of C on the medium are different from that stored in the ID register, this flag is set.
3	SH	Scan Equal Hit	During execution of the scan command, if the condition of "equal" is satisfied, this flag is set.
2	SN	Scan Not Satisfied	During execution of the scan command, if the FDC cannot find a sector on the cylinder that meets the condition, then this flag is set.
1	BC	Bad Cylinder	This bit is related to the ND bit, and when the contents of C on the medium are different from that stored in the ID register, and the contents of C is FF, then this flag is set.
0	MD	Missing Address Mark in Data Field	When data is read from the medium, if the FDC cannot find a data address mark or deleted data address mark, then this flag is set.

	Data	Bit	
No.	Symbol	Name	Data Bit Description
7	FT	Fault	This bit is the status of the fault signal from the FDD.
6	WP	Write Protected	This bit is the status of the write-protected signal from the FDD.
5	RY	Ready	This bit is the status of the ready signal from the FDD.
4	то	Track 0	This bit is the status of the track 0 signal from the FDD.
3	TS	Two Side	This bit is the status of the two-side signal from the FDD.
2	нD	Head Address	This bit is the status of the side-select signal from the FDD.
1	US 1	Unit Select 1	This bit is the status of the unit-select-1 signal from the FDD.
0	USD	Unit Select 0	This bit is the status of the unit-select-0 signal from the FDD.

Flexible Disk Controller Constants

The following are the physical constants used on flexible disk drive:

- Number of data bytes written in a sector = 02 (hex)
- Number of sectors per cylinder (track) = 08 (hex)
- Track step rate time (6 milliseconds track to track) = C (hex)

POWER SUPPLY

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The power supply converts AC current to regulated DC power for use by the main processor board, disk drives, keyboard, and plug-in options. The unit is mounted at the side of the cabinet bottom, above the main processor board.



FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

AC current (120VAC) travels through an RFI line filter and a 3-amp in-line fuse to the power switch, and finally into the power supply. The output of the power supply is DC regulated.

Output	Supplies Power To*
+5.2VDC at 15A ±4%	Main Processor Board, Disk Drives Keyboard Expansion Adapters
+ 12.2VDC at 4.2A ±5%	Main Processor Board, Disk Drives (one at a time), Expansion Slots
-5.0VDC at 300MA ±3%	Expansion Slots
-12.2VDC at 250MA ±5%	Main Processor Board and Expansion Slots

* All voltages are bussed across the eight expansion slots.

A 3-amp in-line fuse between the line filter and the power switch protects the system. The DC outputs shut down at over-voltage and over-current conditions.

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

- Input: 120VAC (min. 104, max. 127) 59 - 60.6Hz frequency 6.0 A max. @ 120VAC
- Continuous operation at 130 watts
- Cooled by air movement from an internal built-in fan.

Physical Connectors/Pin Assignments

Power Supply Input Connections

J1-1 Line J1-3 Neutral J1-2 Chassis ground



Chapter 2

Secondary Storage Components

This section provides information about secondary storage components and the necessary adapter boards that are available for use with the NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6. Specifically, technical reference information is presented about the flexible disk drive, the fixed disk drive and its adapter board, the tape back-up drive unit, and the diskettes that are used with the flexible disk drive.

5-1/4-INCH FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The 5-1/4-inch flexible disk drive is a random access data storage device that records data on 5-1/4-inch flexible magnetic diskettes in double-density format with modified frequency modulation. The drive has a spindle motor for turning the diskette; a magnetic head for reading, writing, and erasing data on the diskette; and a stepping motor for moving the magnetic head across the tracks of the diskette.

Printed circuit boards in the disk drive frame incorporate the read/write circuits, control circuits, and servo circuits necessary for data transfer to and from the disk drive controller on the main processor board. Three sensor systems are built into the disk drive assembly for indexing, write-protecting, and detecting track 0.

The NCR Personal Computer has space and power for up to four internal flexible disk drives. The drives are wired in a daisy chain, and the disk (or tape) drive on the end connector of the cable must have a terminator resistor.

SECONDARY STORAGE COMPONENTS



Flexible Disk Drive



Flexible Disk Drive Jumper Headers

The first flexible disk drive in the computer must be designated "Drive A", the second "Drive B", and so on.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The flexible disk drive has two basic functions: write data on the flexible diskette and read data from the flexible diskette. When the diskette is installed and rotating at the prescribed 300 rpm, the drive sends a ready signal to the controller. The controller selects the drive and causes the read/write heads to move to the appropriate track on the diskette. Other signals select which of the two heads will be used and cause the heads to be loaded.

SECONDARY STORAGE COMPONENTS

If the operation to be performed is a write operation, the controller arranges the data and clock information in the proper format, and sends it to the flexible disk drive where it is written on the diskette. The disk drive will inform the controller if an error is detected.

On a read operation the write circuits are disabled. The read/write head detects data already recorded on the diskette and creates an analog signal from it. Amplifiers in the disk drive increase the amplitude of the signal, change it to a digital signal, and send it to the controller.

If there are no disk operation commands for a period of 15 seconds, the spindle motor stops.



^{5-1/4-}inch Flexible Disk Drive Block Diagram

Spindle

The collet and step arm assembly make up a mechanism that holds the diskette tightly against the spindle when the lever on the disk door is closed. The spindle motor turns the diskette at a constant 300 rpm.

Read/Write Heads and Head Carriage

The read/write magnetic heads, one for each side of the diskette, include a read/write gap for reading and writing data and two erase gaps for tunnel erasing. The magnetic head carriage is moved along the guide shafts by a four-stage motor through a steel belt. For each step instruction received from the controller, the motor turns two steps (for 48tpi) and causes the heads to move to the desired track.

Sensors

Three sensors are built into the disk drive assembly. The Index Detection Sensor consists of an LED and a photo-transistor. As the diskette turns, the index hole passing the detector triggers the generation of a pulse. This serves as an input to the flexible disk controller.

The write-protect sensor photo-optically detects the write-protect cutout on the diskette. If the light path is disturbed by means of a label over the cutout, no write or erase current is supplied to the read/write and erase heads.

The track 00 detection mechanism uses a photo-interrupter to detect the outermost track position (track 00) of the head. The flexible disk drive informs the controller each time the carriage moves out to track 00 and generates the track 00 signal. The head carriage strikes the track 00 stopper to stop the head.

Circuitry

Three printed circuit boards are built into the flexible disk drive. The DD motor servo board controls the rotational speed of the spindle motor. The MFD control board controls the stepping motor and the sensors, including the ready detector low voltage sensor. The read/write board contains the data-recovery circuitry, which amplifies the signal from the head and sends digitized data to the MPB.



Read/Write Circuit Block Diagram





OPERATION

The flexible disk drive receives operating instructions from the controller, so it requires no action by the operator except to load or unload the diskette. The set arm assembly lever should be in the open position when a diskette is not in the disk drive. After inserting the diskette in the slot, turn the lever one quarter turn clockwise. This moves the drive hub into position through the spindle access hole,

which centers the diskette and starts the spindle drive motor. To remove a diskette from the disk drive, turn the lever one quarter turn back to the horizontal position and remove the diskette.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Dimensions: Half-height; approximately 8"by 5-3/4"by 1-3/4"
- 5-1/4" (133 mm) diameter diskette
- 2 read/write heads
- 300 rpm
- Double-sided, double-density*
- 40 Tracks per side*
- 48 Tracks per inch*
- 6 ms track-to-track access time*
- 250K bytes-per-second transfer rate
- Drive timeout in 15 seconds of no use*
- 15 ms head setting time (last track addressed)*
- Error Rate:
 - 1 per 10⁹ (recoverable)
 - 1 per 10¹² (non-recoverable)
 - 1 per 10 6 (seeks)
- Power:
 - ± 12.2 VDC ± 0.6 V, 900 mA average ± 5.2 VDC ± 0.25 V, 600 mA average

* Software-controlled by flexible disk drive controller on main processor board.
PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

DC Power Connector









Flexible Disk Control/Data Cable

Drive Select 3	6
in Use	4
Ground-Odd Numbers	1-33
Unused	2
Index	8
Drive Select 0 (Å)	10
Drive Select 1 (B)	12
Drive Select 2 (C)	14
Motor On	16
Direction (Stepper Motor)	18
Step Pulse	20
Write Data	22
Write Enable	24
Track 0	26
Write Protect	28
Read Data	30
Select Head 1	32
Ready	34
	Drive Select 3 In Use Ground-Odd Numbers Unused Index Drive Select 0 (Å) Drive Select 1 (B) Drive Select 2 (C) Motor On Direction (Stepper Motor) Step Pulse Write Data Write Enable Track 0 Write Protect Read Data Select Head 1 Ready

Disk Drives

Flexible Disk Drive Connections

Pin Assignments (at disk drive)

Signals	Directions	Signals	Ground
Reserved	Input	2	1
In Use	Input	4	3
Drive Select 3	Input	6	5
Index/Selector	Output	8	7
Drive Select 0	Input	10	9
Drive Select 1	Input	12	11
Drive Select 2	Input	14	13
Motor On	Input	16	15
Direction Select	Input	18	17
Step	Input	20	19
Write Data	Input	22	21
Write Gate	Input	24	23
Track 00	Output	26	25
Write Protect	Output	28	27
Read Data	Output	30	29
Side One Select	Input	32	31
Ready	Output	34	33

DISKETTES

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A 5-1/4-inch flexible magnetic diskette is used with the flexible disk drive for recording and storage. The diskette is permanently sealed in a nylex jacket for protection. The jacket is lined with a napped material that cleans the diskette during use.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The drive hub in the disk drive holds the diskette by means of the spindle access hole. Sector indexing is accomplished photo-optically through the index hole and the write/protect cutout prevents erasure of protected diskettes. An opening in the jacket provides access for the read/write head in the disk drive.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Size: 5.25 inches (133.4 mm) diameter. Distance from edge of diskette to edge of jacket:0.140 inch (3.56 mm)
- Double-sided, double-density, soft sectored
- Oxide-coated mylar diskette
- Spindle access hole
- Read/write access hole
- Index hole
- Write/protect cutout
- 48 tracks per inch (TPI)
- 40 tracks/surface
- 9 or 8 sectors to a track (360/328K bytes)
- 512 bytes per sector
- diskette layout Tracks 0-2 operating system Track 3 directory Tracks 4 — 79 user files



FIXED DISK CONTROLLER BOARD

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The fixed disk controller board is 13 inches by 4.2 inches. Four connectors are provided on this board. The 62-pin board edge connector provides for interface to the system board. Three other connectors consist of a 34-pin drive control connector (J1), and two 20-pin drive data connectors (J2 and J3).



Fixed Disk Controller Adapter

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The fixed disk drive board will control up to two fixed disk drives. All necessary receivers and drivers are included as well as address, data, and control circuitry buffering. There are two interface busses, a 20-bit address bus and an 8-bit bidirectional data bus. The main processor board accesses the controller through I/O ports as described on the next page:

Port		Function
320 Hex	Read Write	Data is read from the controller Data is written to the controller
321 Hex	Read Write	Controller hardware status Reset drive controller board
322 Hex	Read Write	Drive configuration byte fixed disk drive controller select
323 Hex	Write Only	DMA and interrupt request port

On the following pages a more detailed bit description for each port is presented.



Functional Block Diagram

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Read/Write Port 320 Hex

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Data	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d

When used as input, this port reads data from the drive; when used as an output it writes data to the drives.

BIT	FUNCTION
0	DATA
1	DATA
2	DATA
3	DATA
4	DATA
5	DATA
6	DATA
7	DATA

Read Status Port 321 Hex

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Data	×	x	IRQ	DRQ	BSY	+ C/-D	+1/-0	REQ

When Port 321 is read, the data bit meanings are as follows:

Bit	Bit Name	Function
0	REQ Request	Host and controller handshake bit. When active, (1) indicates that the controller is ready to transfer data to or from host.
1	+1/-0 +1nput -Output	Defines the direction for transfer between host and controller, from the host's point of view.
2	+C/-D +Control-Data	Indicates to the host which type of transfer the controller is expecting, either a command/status, or data transfer.
3	BSY Busy	Indicates the controller is busy executing a command.
4	DRQ DMA Request	Indicates the controller is ready for a DMA transfer, direction determined by bit 1.
5	IRQ Interrupt Request	Signifies an interrupt is pending.
6		Ignored
7		Ignored

Write Control Port 321 Hex

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Data	x	x	x	x	x	×	×	×

Writing to Port 321 generates a hardware reset. When writing to this port the data byte written is ignored.

- BIT FUNCTION
- 0 Ignored
- 1 Ignored
- 2 Ignored

3	Ignored			
4	Ignored			
5	Ignored			
6	Ignored			
7	Ignored			

Read	Port	322	Hex
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Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	O
Data	x	x	x	x	config. drive 1	config. drive 1	config. drive 0	config. drive 0

This byte is read to determine the drive configuration.

BIT	FUNCTION				
0	Configuration Drive 0				
1	Configuration Drive 0				
2	Configuration Drive 1				
3	Configuration Drive 1				
4	Ignored				
5	Ignored				
6	Ignored				
7	Ignored				

Write Port 322 Hex

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Data	x	x	x	x	×	x	x	x

Writing to Port 322 when the controller is not busy selects the controller and prepares it to receive a command. The controller will respond to selection by setting the busy bit in the status register. Any data may be written to this port, since the controller ignores the data.

BIT	FUNCTION			
0	Ignored			
1	Ignored			
2	Ignored			
3	Ignored			
4	Ignored			
5	Ignored			
6	Ignored			
7	Ignored			

Write Port 323 Hex

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	lange -	0
Data	x	x	x	x	x	x	IRQEN	DRQEN

This byte is a write only port.

Bit	Bit Name	Function
0	DROEN	DMA request enable bit. When set, enables DMA requests to the host.
1	IRQEN	Interrupt request enable bit. When set, enables interrupts to the host.
2		Ignored
3	- Charles be	Ignored
4		Ignored
5		Ignored
6		Ignored
7	er e have	Ignored

SPECIFICATIONS

Drive Interfaces

Data encoding method:	MFM (Double-density)
Cylinders per drive:	Programmable to 1024
Bytes per sector:	512
Sectors per track:	17
Head selects:	8
Drive selects:	2
Data transfer rate:	5 m bits/sec
Write precompensation time:	12 nanoseconds

Main Processor Board Interface

Type: Board Edge 62-pin standard I/O channel

Power: + 5VDC @ 1.5 amps Supplied via 62-pin connector

+ 12VDC @ 100 ma

Connectors P1	62-pin board edge	
J1	Drive control 34-pin	
J2, J3	Drive 0 and drive 1 data connector	
J4	Test connector	

P1 Connections 62-Pin Card Edge Connector					
в	FUNCTION	A	FUNCTION		
1	GND	1	- I/O CHECK		
2	+ RESET DRIVE	2	+ D7		
3	+ 5V	3	+ D6		
4	IRQ2	4	+ D5		
5	- 5V	5	+ D4		
6	+ DRQ2	6	+ D3		
7	- 12V	7	+ D2		
8	- HRQ I/O	8	+ D1		
9	+ 12V	9	+ D0		
10	GND	10	+ 1/0 CH RDY		
11	- MEMW	11	+ BAEN		
12	- MEMR	12	+ A19		
13	- IOW	13	+ A18		
14	- IOR	14	+ A17		
15	- DACK3	15	+ A16		
16	+ DRQ3	16	+ A15		
17	- DACK1	17	+ A14		
18	+ DRQ1	18	+ A13		
19	- BDACK0	19	+ A12		
20	+ BCLOCK	20	+ A11		
21	+ IRQ7	21	+ A10		
22	+ IRQ6	22	+ A9		
23	+ IRQ5	23	+ A8		
24	+ IRQ4	24	+ A7		
25	+ IRQ3	25	+ A6		
26	- DACK2	26	+ A5		
27	+ T/C	27	+ A4		
28	+ ALE	28	+ A3		
29	+ 5V	29	+ A2 P1		
30	+ OSC	30	+ A1		
31	GND	31	+ A0 62 PIN		

(-ASSERTS LOW)

1/0

(+ASSERTS HIGH)

CARD BUS CONNECTIONS Bus Expansion

Board Bus Connections

TECHNICAL REFERENCE

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Sig. Gnd.	Sig. Pin	Signal Mnemonic	Signal Description
1	2	RWC-	Reduced Write Current-, when as- serted with WG- reduces the write current to the drive for writing on inner disk cylinders.
3	4	HS 22	Head Select 22 is the most signifi- cant bit of the binary coded head select address.
5	6	WG-	Write Gate-, when asserted, allows write data to be written on the disk.
7	8	SC-	Seek Complete- signals that the heads have settled on the final track at the end of a seek.
9	10	TR 00-	Track 00- indicates that the heads are positioned on cylinder zero.
11	12	WF-	Write Fault- prohibits writing to the disk when a condition exists that may cause improper writing on the disk.
13	14	HS 20	Head Select 20 is the least signifi- cant bit in the binary coded head select address.
15	16	Reserved	A GLISH CS
17	18	HS 21	Middle bit of the binary coded head select address.
19	20	INDEX-	Index- is asserted once per disk revolution, indicating the beginning of a track.
21	22	RDY-	Ready-, when asserted with SC-, indicates when the selected drive is ready to perform a read, write, or seek command.
23	24	STEP-	Step-, when asserted, causes the head selected to move in or out one track based on the state of DIBIN-
25	26	DS 1-	Drive Select 1- indicates that drive #1 is to respond to the control sig- nals on the disk drive control bus.
27	28	DS 2-	Drive Select 2- indicates that drive #2 is to respond to the control sig- nals on the disk drive control bus.
29	30	Reserved	
31	32	Reserved	
33	34	DIRIN-	Direction In- indicates which direc- tion the heads will move during a seek command (low = in.high = out).

Disk Drive Control Connector J1 Pin Description

Signal Pin	Signal Mnemonic	Signal Description
1 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, and 20	DSEL- GROUND	Not used. Data line ground returns.
3, 5, 7, 9, 10	Spare	
13	MFMWD +	MFM Write Data + is MFM encoded write data to be written to the disk. This data must be precompensated for inner disk cyl- inders. The beginning cylinder for write pre- compensation is to be programmable. The amount of precompensation for both early and late bits should be 12 nsec. This line shall be disabled (Tri-stated) except when writing.
14	MFMWD-	MFM Write Data- is MFM encoded write data to be written to the disk. This data must be precompensated for inner disk cyl- inders. The beginning cylinder for write pre- compensation is to be programmable. The amount of precompensation for both early and late bits should be 12 nsec. This line shall be disabled (Tri-stated) except when writing.
17	MFMRD+	MFM Read Data + is MFM encoded read data from the disk.
18	MFMRD-	MFM Read Data- is MFM encoded read data from the disk.

Disk Drive Data Connectors J2 and J3 Pin Description

Signal Pin	Description
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 5	Oscillator GND VCO In GND Delay Data GND N.C. GND N.C. GND N.C. GND N.C. GND N.C. GND Read Clock R

Disk Drive Test Connectors J4 Pin Description

FIXED DISK DRIVE

The NCR half-high 20MB disk Drive provides high density mass storage using the same voltages as the 5-1/4-inch flexible disk drive. The fixed 5-1/4-inch double platter stores data on four surfaces of 612 tracks each, 2,448 tracks total.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Enhanced reliability is provided by microprocessor electronic control and a band-actuated stepper mechanism. The two PC boards in the unit are mounted outside the head disk assembly (HDA) for ease of field servicing. A 0.3 micron air filter protects the heads, actuator, and disk platter from contamination. (The air filter is not a serviceable item.) A provision for air pressure equalization is built in.



Fixed Disk Assembly View .

NOTE: Although there are enough slots on the computer to install more than two fixed disks, it is not feasible to do so because the power supply can support no more than two fixed disks along with one or two flexible disk and tape drives.





Fixed Disk Block Diagram

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The drive consists of read/write control electronics, read/write heads, a track positioning activator, a spindle motor, the disks and an air filtration system. These components: (1) interpret and generate control signals, (2) rotate the disks at a constant 3600 RPM, (3) position the heads, (4) read and write data, and (5) provide a contamination-free environment.

The electronics package is on two printed circuit boards. The primary board has power, control, and data signals, and includes a microprocessor that controls the following:

- Index detection circuit
- Head position activator circuit
- Drive up-to-speed
- Reduced write current
- Temperature compensation
- Ready
- Seek complete
- Track 0 detect

Circuits on the primary board that are not microprocessor controlled are:

- Read/write circuits
- Head select
- Write fault
- Drive select
- DC unsafe circuit

The second PCB is a motor control providing speed and braking controls as well as the power for the spindle drive motor.

HARDWARE INFORMATION

Control Signals

The control signals are of two types: Those to be multiplexed in a multiple drive system, and those intended to do the multiplexing.

To Be Multiplexed	To Do the Multiplexing
Write Gate	Drive Select 1
Head Select 2a0	Drive Select 2
Head Select 2a1	Drive Select 3

Drive Select 4

Data Signals

Step

Head Select 2a2

Recovery Mode Direction In

Data signals are differential in nature and may not be multiplexed. Two pairs of lines are provided at J2 connector and are selected to transfer data to and from the drive's read/write electronics in the drive. To Drive

From Drive

+ MFM Write Data + MFM Read Data

• MFM Write Data - MFM Read Data

Ground

- Drive Selected

Power Signals

The power is supplied to the unit through connector J3 to operate the DC spindle drive and stepper motors. The power to operate the disk drive electronics and microprocessor is also supplied through J3. The motors require +12 VDC power, and the primary board and microprocessor electronics require +5 VDC.

To Drive

+ 5VDC

+ 12VDC

Ground

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

34-Pin Board Edge Connection (odd-numbered pins grounded)

HOST SYSTEM	FLAT CABLE OR TWISTED PAIR 20 FEET MAXIMUM		ST225	
			- 1]
	RESERVED	2	3-0	
	- HEAD SELECT 2	4	- 5-	
	- WRITE GATE	- 6	7	
-	- SEEK COMPLETE	- 8		
	- TRACK 0	10	- 9	
-		12		
	- HEAD SELECT 2°	- 14	- 13	
	- RECOVERY MODE (to J2 pin 7)	- 16		
	HEAD SELECT 2	18		
	- INDEX	20		7
-	READY	22	22	
	STEP ►	- 24	- 23-	
	- DRIVE SELECT 1	26	23	
	DRIVE SELECT 2	- 28	20	
	- DRIVE SELECT 3	30	- 29 -	
	DRIVE SELECT 4	32	- 31-	
		•	- 33-	
_	J1/P1		-	
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Fixed Disk Control Signals

20-Pin Board Edge Connection

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OST SYSTEM	FLAT CABLE OR TWISTED PAIR 20 FEET MAXIMUM	ST212
4	DRIVE SELECTED	1 2-
	RESERVED	- 3
	RESERVED	- 5
	RECOVERY MODE GROUND	- 7
	NOT CONNECTED NOT CONNECTED GROUND	9
	GROUND	
		13
	GROUND	- 14
	GROUND	16
-	+ MFM READ DATA	- 17
-	GROUND	- 18
-	GROUND	20-
-		1 +
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Fixed Disk Data Signals



Drive Select Chart

Placing the jumper plug on the appropriate pair of pins on the designator connector, J7, determines which select line activates that drive. The following chart indicates which drive select pins must be connected by the jumper plug to assign the drive designation wanted:



NOTE: The first fixed disk drive in the computer must be designated "Drive DS-1", the second "Drive DS-2". Drive DS-1 will then be automatically assigned one letter higher than the highest flexible disk drive letter above "B". Drive DS-2 will be automatically assigned the next higher letter above Drive DS-1.



Fixed Disk Data Cable



Connector

Fixed Disk Control Signal Cable

SPECIFICATIONS

DC Power

+ 12VDC $\pm 5\%$, 0.75 amp typical, 2.5 amps (at power on) + 5VDC $\pm 5\%$, 0.9 amp typical, 1.2 amps maximum 100mV maximum ripple peak-to-peak (12/5 volts)

14 watts, typical 16 watts, maximum

Functional Specifications

Capacity per formatted drive

20.0 MB

Capacity per	unformatted drive	25.52 MB
Capacity per	formatted surface	5.0 MB
Capacity per	unformatted surface	6.38 MB
Capacity per	formatted track	8,192 bytes
Capacity per	unformatted track	10,416 bytes

Performance Specifications

Rotational speed	3,600 RPM +-1%
Recording density	9,784 BPI
Flux density	9,784 FCI
Track density	588 TPI
Cylinders	612
Tracks	2,448
Read/write heads	4
Disks	2
Track-to-track access time	20 ms
Average access time	85 ms
Maximum access time	205 ms
Transfer rate	5.0 Mbits/sec
Average latency	8.33 ms

OPTIONAL STORAGE DEVICES

NCR provides a complete line of storage options. External fixed disk drives, built-in fixed disk drives, built-in and external tape drives, and external 8-inch flexible disk drives, allow the user to meet any storage requirement. Below is a list of the available NCR storage options along with the NCR option kit number:

Built-In Options

3285-K113	10MB FIXED DISK DRIVE
3285-K114	20MB FIXED DISK DRIVE
3285-K115	10MB BACKUP STREAMER TAPE
3285-K116	1.2MB FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE
3285-K117	40MB FIXED DISK DRIVE
3285-K119	20MB BACKUP TAPE DRIVE

External Options

6097-4341	10MB WINCHESTER HARD DISK DRIVE
6097-4441	20MB WINCHESTER HARD DISK DRIVE
6097-6341	37MB WINCHESTER HARD DISK DRIVE
6097-6441	74MB WINCHESTER HARD DISK DRIVE
6097-7040	DATA BACK-UP TAPE DRIVE
6097-7141	10MB WINCHESTER W/TAPE DRIVE
6097-7241	37MB WINCHESTER W/TAPE DRIVE
6097-6561	DUAL 8" FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE
6097-6441 6097-7040 6097-7141 6097-7241 6097-6561	74MB WINCHESTER HARD DISK DRIVE DATA BACK-UP TAPE DRIVE 10MB WINCHESTER W/TAPE DRIVE 37MB WINCHESTER W/TAPE DRIVE DUAL 8" FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE

TAPE CARTRIDGE DRIVE (Winchester Disk Back-Up System)

The NCR tape drive unit provides a reliable backup system for a Winchester fixed disk. It uses the same cabling and electrical power and control as the flexible disk drive units and can be mounted in one of the spaces for disk drives in the front panel of the computer. A diskette, provided with the unit, incorporates the software needed to read and write data on the tape.



Bottom View

Tape Cartridge Drive

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The tape drive unit is a tape recording drive that operates either as a mirror-image streamer or as a file selectable mode recorder to back up data that are stored on a Winchester disk. It uses the same cables used to control flexible disk drives and can be "daisy chained" with one or more such drives. The motion of the tape is provided through a capstan from a brushless DC drive motor and the motion of the

recording head is controlled by a separate motor which drives a spiral shaped cam to move the read/write head across the width of the tape.



Functional Block Diagram of the Tape Drive

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The portion of the MPB which controls the flexible disk drives also controls the tape drive. It transmits commands to the drive over the same cable. Each command is a series of pulses transmitted at the standard 3 or 6 millisecond stepper pulse rate. The drive's command interpreter counts the number of pulses received during a command sequence and implements the command. Most of the commands deal with motion control or status reporting. Three commands control the mode of the drive; two switch between the data and the format mode, while the third invokes a program module that records a servo pattern on blank tapes.

The drive executes a number of motion commands that permit operation in either the streaming, mirror-image mode; or the start/stop, file-selectable mode. The tape's drive motor is controlled by the built-in microprocessor, which uses precision counters to continuously monitor and adjust the speed of the drive motor.

In order to store 10MB of data on a .15-inch wide tape, the drive uses the write circuit and a precision oscillator to record an eight-track servo pattern on blank tape. The servo writing process divides the tape into eight serpentine tracks numbered 0 to 7. Even-numbered tracks run from beginning of tape (BOT) to end of tape (EOT). Odd-numbered tracks run from EOT to BOT. Each track has 177 feet of tape available for data, providing about 1.25 MB of data per track.

The read/write circuits not only read and record MFM-encoded data but also write and detect servo information used for fine-positioning of the head on the tracks.

HARDWARE INFORMATION

The MPB and the tape drive are connected by a 34-conductor ribbon cable which connects to the board edge connector at the rear of the drive. The cable can be daisy-chained to flexible disk drives if need be. An AMP 583717-5 cable connector and any cable with AWG #28 wires can be used as signal cable; shielding is unnecessary.

The DC power connector connects to an AMP 641737-1 connector that is mounted parallel to the tape drive board at the rear. (See the following illustration.)



Tape Drive Connections

Cable Connections for Tape Drive

Any tape drive/flexible disk drive combination of up to four devices can be attached to the flexible disk controller on the MPB with the following restrictions:

- Each unit on one cable must have a unique address.
- Total cable length must not exceed 10 feet.
- A terminator resistor pack must be installed on the drive on the last connector on the cable. Terminator resistors must be removed from any intermediate drives.

A device select jumper determines the address of the drive. The location of the jumper strap pin set is shown in the illustration for the cable connections, and the specific location of the drive select jumper is shown in the inset of that illustration.

Each drive is shipped with a jumper on the last two pins of the select set. If a select jumper is used and the device is in an intermediate position on the cable, remove this jumper. If the drive is the last or only device on the cable, leave this jumper in place. Each drive is equipped with a 150-ohm terminator pack installed as shown in the illustration for the cable connections. If the drive is the last or the only device on the signal cable, leave the terminator pack in place; if the drive is an intermediate device, remove the pack.

The following chart shows the pin assignments on the signal cable connector:



Tape Drive Signals

MAINTENANCE

The only maintenance that should be performed on the drive outside of the factory is the periodic cleaning of the read/write head. This should be done at least once every six months to remove any oxide build-up accumulated through use. The head is accessible from the front through the flip-up door where the cartridge is inserted, so that

the drive can be cleaned without removing the assembly from the computer.

Use isopropyl alcohol on a nonabrasive, nonlinting, cotton-tipped applicator to clean the head. Do not use ordinary hygenic cotton applicator swabs because they leave lint on the head. After you clean the head with alcohol, allow the residual moisture to evaporate before using the drive.

ADJUSTMENTS

There are no field or depot adjustable mechanisms or components on the drive because all adjustable assemblies require special tools and fixtures. Therefore, any mechanism that requires adjustment or alignment is supplied as a complete prealigned assembly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Tape Format

Number of tracks: Number of blocks per track: Recording density: Flux reversals per inch: Track density: Data encoding method:

Formatted Capacity

Per tape: Per track: Per block: Per sector:

Media

Type:

Width: Length:

Performance Characteristics Read/write modes supported:

Time to dump/restore 10 megabytes of data: 8 (serpentine pattern) 158 6400 bits per inch 6400 59 tracks per inch MFM

10.35 megabytes 1.29 megabytes 8192 bytes 1024 bytes

DC-600 media in DC-100A size cartridge 0.15 inch 185 feet

streaming (mirror image) start/stop (file selectable) random access (file update)

8 minutes in streaming mode, single pass.

Electrical interface: Disk controller: Data transfer rate: Tape speed Read/write operations: Reverse/fast forward: Maximum speed variation Instantaneous (ISV): Long term: Start/stop time Head positioning time: Adjacent tracks: Maximum: End-to-end positioning time Read/write speed: Reverse/fast forward speed: standard flexible disk NEC 765 and FE 2100 250,000 bits per second

39 inches per second 70 inches per second

3.5 percent1.5 percent400 milliseconds

250 milliseconds 1 second

57 seconds 31 seconds

Reliability

Error rate Soft error: Hard error: Seek error: Mean time between failures: Mean time to repair: Preventive maintenance: Shock Operating:

Not operating:

Power Requirements

+ 12 volts DC Tolerance: Current Average: Surge (400 ms): Total power dissipation: in 10° bits read
in 10¹¹ bits read
in 10⁶ seeks
12,000 hours
30 minutes
Clean head every 6 months

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Chapter 3

Optional Equipment

The sections in this chapter contain technical reference information about the equipment offered as options with the NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6.

MONOCHROME DISPLAY ADAPTER BOARD

The purpose of this section is to provide information on the operating characteristics and proper application of the Monochrome Display Adapter Board for the NCR Personal Computer.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The monochrome display adapter board is a main processor board bus expansion device that is inserted into one of the bus connector slots on the top of the main processor board. The board measures 13 inches long by 4.2 inches wide. The adapter board interfaces to the system board via a 62-pin bus connector, and interfaces to the CRT assembly by means of a 9-pin D-shell connector.



Monochrome Display Adapter Card





FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

This adapter board is inserted into one of the bus expansion I/O connectors on the main processor board. It will drive one mono-
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chrome display device. The outputs to the analog board of the video display are routed to a 9-pin video cable connector mounted on the adapter board mounting bracket.

The adapter board accepts digital signal information from the main processor board bus and, by decoding these signals, generates the proper analog signals necessary to drive the analog board of a raster-scan monochrome CRT.

The character information stored in the character code memory of the adapter board is in the form of ASCII codes. A character generator ROM is used to convert the ASCII codes to the dot patterns that form each character. Each of the 256 characters produced by the character generator is one byte in length and has an attribute byte associated with it. The attribute byte is capable of being controlled separately so each character can have multiple display features.



The analog signals for each displayed character and its attributes are transmitted to the monochrome CRT analog board 50 times each second to refresh the display. Using a 9×14 pixel matrix with a 7×9 character matrix cell, the board's 4K byte ROM character generator provides 256 resident character codes. This character generator provides the features listed below.

The character generator provides:

- Upper-case alphabetic characters
- Lower-case alphabetic characters with descenders
- Punctuation and special characters such as *, \$, @, #, \, /, [,], etc.
- Numeric characters
- Special foreign language characters
- Block graphics using the 9 X 14 matrix

The complete character set with their associated values are listed in Appendix A, Character Set and Color Attributes.

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS/SPECIFICATIONS

Operating Characteristics

The monochrome display adapter board operates under total software control, supporting:

- Reverse video
- Intensity (brightness)
- Character blink and rate of blink
- Underscoring

CRT Display: 80 character columns x 25 lines (one screenful)

ROM Character Generator: 4K bytes (256 Character Codes)

- Character matrix: 7 x 9 pixels
- Block graphics matrix: 9 x 14 pixels

2K Memory Character Codes

• On-screen characters

2K Memory Character Attributes

• Character attributes: blink, intensity and reverse video.

Specifications

- Nominal dimensions = 13 inches long, 4.2 inches wide
- Cathode ray tube (CRT) controller IC = Motorola MC6845
- 4K ROM character generator providing 256 resident character patterns
- 62 contact main processor board bus expansion connector
- DB-9 video cable connector
- Power requirement = +5VDC @ 1.0 Amp (maximum)

Input signal operating ranges are as follows:

Video Input

- level low: 0 to 0.4V
- level high: 3V (typical)

Horizontal Drive

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- Level low: 0 to 0.4V
- Level high: 3V (typical)

Vertical Drive

- Level low: 0 to 0.4V
- Level high: 2.00 to 5.25V
- Display Buffer Memory: 4K bytes
- Dot Clock Frequency: 16.257MHz
- Sweep Rates: 18.432KHz (horizontal); 50Hz (Vertical), which provides a screen refresh rate of 50Hz
- Logic Levels: TTL compatible
- Power Requirement: +5VDC ± 0.5 V at 1.0A (max.)

ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE INFORMATION

Attribute Byte

The possible bit patterns of the attribute byte are shown in the following illustration:

	Attribute Byte									
	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0		
No Display Underline Normal Video Reverse Video Blink Intensity (High)	any any any any 1 any	0 0 1 any any	0 0 1 any any	0 0 1 апу апу	any any any any any 1	0 0 1 0 any any	0 0 1 0 any any	0 1 1 0 any any		

Switch Settings

The switch settings on the main processor board for systems using a monochrome display adapter board should have positions 5 and 6 on S1 (located on the main processor board) set to OFF (OPEN). Refer to Appendix C, Switch Configurations, in this manual.

Internal Register Information

Software control of the monochrome display adapter board is possible by accessing the internal registers of 6845 through the Input/Output ports.

The starting memory address of the adapter board is B000 (hex). The Input/Output address for the adapter board is 3B0 (hex) to 3BF (hex).

The I/O Port assignments for the monochrome adapter board are:

- 3B4 (hex) = CRT Controller Index Register
- 3B5 (hex) = CRT Controller Data Register
- 3B8 (hex) = CRT Controller Port

Bit 0 = (1) High Resolution Mode

Bit 1 = (unassigned)

Bit 2 = (unassigned)

Bit 3 = (1) Video Enable

Bit 4 = (unassigned)

Bit 5 = (1) Blink Enable

Bit 6 = (unassigned)

Bit 7 = (unassigned)

• 3BA (hex) = CRT Status Port

Bit 0 = (1) Horizontal Drive Enable

Bit 1 = (not available)

Bit 2 = (not available)

Bit 3 = (1) Monochrome Video Enable

Bit 4 = (unassigned)

Bit 5 = (unassigned)

Bit 6 = (unassigned)

Bit 7 = (unassigned)

The following diagram illustrates the internal register assignments of the 6845 controller chip on the adapter board:

Register Number	Parameter Affected	Register Address Value in Hex
R0	Horizontal Total	61
R1	Horizontal Displayed	50
R2	Horizontal Sync. Position	52
R3	Horizontal Sync. Width	OF
R4	Vertical Total	19
R5	Vertical Total Adjust	06
R6	Vertical Displayed	19
R7	Vertical Sync. Position	19
R8	Interlace Mode	02
R9	Max Scan Line Address	0D
R 10	Cursor Start Scan Line	0B
R11	Cursor End Scan Line	0C
R 12	Start Address (High)	XX
R 13	Start Address (Low)	XX
R14	Cursor Address (High)	XX
R15	Cursor Address (Low)	XX
R16	Reserved	-
R17	Reserved	-

Chart of Internal Registers & Addresses

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

The monochrome display adapter board is connected to the system by inserting the 62-pin board-edge connector of the adapter board into one of the empty expansion slots on the main processor board. Refer to the illustration on page 3-1 of this manual to see how the board and its connector are arranged.

Video Signals

The monochrome display adapter board connects to the video display unit by means of a female 9-pin D-shell connector located on the board support bracket. This connector accepts the male video cable connector from the analog board of the monochrome display device.

Physical Connections/Pin Assignments

The analog signals output from the adapter board are assigned to the D-connector pins of the video cable:



Monochrome Display Adapter - Output Connection



CAUTION

Many third-party CRT monitors are claimed to be TTL compatible but have input circuits which require the controller chip on the adapter board to exceed the maximum drive current rating of the video circuits. The adapter board outputs are three direct-drive signals and CRT's using a composite video input (one signal line and one ground) are incompatible with the output lines (vert., horiz., video, and ground) of the adapter board.

BUS SIGNALS

The following signals are input to the monochrone display adapter board:

BUS CONNECTOR PIN

BUS SIGNAL

A1	17(not used)
A2	+ Data Bit 7
A3	+ Data Bit 6
A4	+ Data Bit 5
A5	+ Data Bit 4
A6	+ Data Bit 3
A7	+ Data Bit 2
A8	+ Data Bit 1
A9	+ Data Bit 0
A10	+AEN
A11	+ A19
A12	+A18
A13	+A17
A14	+ A16
A15	+ A15
A16	+A14
A17	+A13
A18	+A12
A19	+A11
A20	+A10
A21	+ A9
A22	+A8
A23	+A7
A24	+A6
A25	+A5
A26	+A4
A27	+A3

A29 $+A1$ A30 $+A0$ B1GroundB2 $+$ ResetB3 $+5V$ B4 thru B8(not used)B9 $+12V$ B10GroundB11 $-$ Memory WriteB12 $-$ Memory ReadB13 $-$ I/O WriteB14 $-$ I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
A30 $+$ A0B1GroundB2 $+$ ResetB3 $+$ 5VB4 thru B8(not used)B9 $+$ 12VB10GroundB11 $-$ Memory WriteB12 $-$ Memory ReadB13 $-$ I/O WriteB14 $-$ I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B1GroundB2+ ResetB3+ 5VB4 thru B8(not used)B9+ 12VB10GroundB11- Memory WriteB12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
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B4 thru B8(not used)B9+ 12VB10GroundB11- Memory WriteB12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B9+ 12VB10GroundB11- Memory WriteB12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B10GroundB11- Memory WriteB12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B11- Memory WriteB12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B12- Memory ReadB13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B13- I/O WriteB14- I/O ReadB15 thru B19(not used)B20Clock
B14 - I/O Read B15 thru B19 (not used) B20 Clock
B15 thru B19 (not used) B20 Clock
R20 Clock
DL0 CIOCA
B21 thru B28 (not used)
B29 + 5V
B30 + 5V
B31 Ground

MONOCHROME VIDEO DISPLAY

The NCR Personal Computer Monochrome Display, Option Kit 3285-K150, is a solid-state, raster-scan CRT display. The display is divided into a rectangular grid of many small picture elements (pixels). An analog circuit board interfaces with the display and activates an electron beam. The beam travels through a standard pattern of scan lines that fills the entire screen. When energized, the beam scans the phosphor surface of the tube causing the CRT screen dots to glow. Illuminated pixels form alphanumeric dot or graphic characters on the screen.

Two cables connect the display to the computer: a signal cable, which connects the adapter board to the display; and a power cable, which provides AC power from the computer.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Components of the monochrome raster-scan display are a monochrome cathode ray tube (CRT) and a monochrome display analog circuit board.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

CRT features:

- 14-inch (345 millimeters) measured diagonally
- 90 degrees deflection angle
- P39 phosphor



Monochrome Display



Monochrome Display Block Diagram

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The monochrome video display interfaces with the monochrome analog circuit board. The monochrome adapter board accepts input signals from the main processor board and generates the analog signals necessary to produce the characters.

The analog circuit board receives three analog signals from the display adapter board. The signals are the vertical scan, the horizontal scan, and the video information.

The monochrome display adapter board, option kit 3284-K141, determines when the beam will be energized, and also its scan rate.

The screen is refreshed at a rate of 200 lines, 50 times per second.

The refresh cycle is illustrated in the table below.

HORIZONTAL DRIVE

- 15.750KHz
- 640 pixel resolution per line

VERTICAL DRIVE

- 59 Hz
- 200 pixel resolution

SPECIFICATIONS

Monochrome Functional Area	Measurement	Value	Remarks
Video Input	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5V	Into internal 500 ohms or less contrast control: TTL
	Rise Time	10ns	Maximum leading edge (10-90%)
	Fall Time	10ns	Maximum trailing edge (90-10%)
	Frequency	Up to 20MHz Data Rate	Standard Unit
	Maximum Bandwidth	16.257MHz	
Horizontal Drive Input	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5V	Sync Positive
	Rise/Fall Times	40ns Maximum	
	Resolution	18.432KHz/ 640 PIXEL Resolution	
	Blanking Time	9.965µ Sec	
Vertical Drive Input	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5V	Sync negative
	Rise/Fall Times	40ns Maximum	proved a classical sector
	Resolution	50Hz/200 PIXEL Resolution	
	Refresh Rate	200 lines 50 times per second	
	Blanking Time	1.085 ms	
Input Power	Voltage/ Amperage Requirements	+ 12 Volts ± 5% 1.25 amps nom. 1.50 amps max.	
	Maximum Ripple	100mv p-p	Refresh Synchronous with power supply
		10mv p-p	Refresh non-synchronous with power supply
		50mv p-p	High Frequency power

SPECIFICATIONS

Monochrome Functional Area	Measurement	Value	Remarks
Controis	Internal (Factory Preset)		PC Label below:
i unical participation partici	Manna Manna Manna Manna Manna Manna Manna Manna Manna	Horizontal Hold Video Centering Linearity Width Focus Brightness (Limiting) Contrast	"HORIZ HOLD" "HORIZ CENT" "LINEARITY" "WIDTH" "FOCUS" BRT CTRS
	External	Brightness	100K ohm potentiometer
CRT Display Characteristics	Diagonal Measurement	12 inches	-
	Deflection Angle	90°	The second secon
	CRT Type	20 inch	Sperical Radius
	High Voltage	13.0KV	Nominal
	Useable Screen Area	6.7 x 9.0 inches	
	Horizontal	800 @ 70 cd/m ²	Center
	Resolution	650 @ 70 cd/m ²	Corners
	Linearity	10% Maximum Height/Width Variance	Adjacent Characters
	1023/1	20% Maximum Height/Width Variance	All Screen Characters
	Screen Surface	P39 Green Phosphor	
	Characters Per Line:	80	
	Number of Lines:	25	
	Character Boxes:	9 dots x 14 dots	

SPECIFICATIONS

Monochrome Functional Area	Measurement	Value	Remarks		
Mechanical Specification	Weight	10.0 lbs. (4.54 kg)	of The Doard of Co.		
	Height Width Depth	7.49 in. 11.1 in. 11.4 in.	asi figet pen. The old and 4.25 inches high		
Environment	Ambient Termperature	5° to 50°C (41° to 131°F) -40° to 65°C (-40° to 150°F)	Operating Non-operating		
	Humidity (Non- condensing)	5% to 90%	Operating/Non- operating		
	Altitude (Maximum)	10,000 ft. (3.048 km) 30,000 ft. (9.144 km)	Operating Non-operating		

TECHNICAL REFERENCE

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COLOR/GRAPHICS DISPLAY BOARD

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Color/Graphics Adapter Board, option kit 3284-K140, controls the display of alphanumerics and graphics on an attached video display. The board is functionally compatible with most industrystandard color displays. The board also controls the operation of an optional light pen. The color/graphics display board is 13.00 inches wide and 4.25 inches high.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The color/graphics display board operates in two display modes selectable by the processor software: alphanumerics and graphics. The board is capable of displaying alphanumerics and graphics in black-and-white and color; the type of display is specified when the mode is selected.

When the board is in the alphanumeric mode characters are displayed as dot patterns provided by an on-board character generator; the generator produces dot patterns for 256 characters (Appendix A identifies the character set). The dot pattern is ar 8×8 pattern; lower case letters are displayed in a 7×7 pattern with a descender. The screen size for the alphanumeric mode is also switch selectable: 40 column x 25 row (use with T.V.) and 80 column x 25 row (use with RGB, Composite or Internal Monitors)

When the board is in the graphics mode characters are displayed as picture elements. The graphics may be displayed at three-leveled resolution: 160 pixels x 100 row (low resolution); 320 pixels x 200 rows (medium resolution), or 640 pixels x 200 rows (high resolution). Pixel size for the graphics display depends on the resolution.

- 160 pixels x 100 rows; pixel size is 2 x 2 (or other combination can be done by user-written software)
- 320 pixels x 200 rows; pixel size is 1 x 1 (supported by NCR Operating System)
- 640 pixels x 200 rows; pixel size is 1 x 1

Although the board supports the low-resolution graphics mode (160 x 100), the BIOS does not. Therefore, if low resolution is used, special assembly language software must be developed to implement low-resolution graphics.

The board is capable of blinking characters in the alphanumeric mode and blinking foregrounds in the graphics mode; the blinking attribute is specified by software. For black-and-white displays, the board is capable of reversing the video; the video reverse attribute is software-selectable. The color attributes selectable by the software depend on the operating mode.

- 16 border colors for 40-column x 25-row alphanumeric screens are selectable
- 16 character colors for both alphanumeric screens are selectable
- 16 background colors for graphic screens (except high-resolution) are selectable
- 6 background colors for both alphanumeric screens are selectable
- 8 foreground colors for graphic screens (except high-resolution) are selectable

The software-selectable colors are defined in the following chart:

Color	Border	Border Characters		Graphics F'ground	Graphics B'ground	
Black	x	x	x		×	
Blue	x	x	x		×	
Green	x	×	x	x	x	
Cyan	x	x	x	x	x	
Red	x	x	x	x	x	
Magenta	x	x	x	x	x	
Brown	x	x	x	x	×	
White	x	x	x	x	×	
Gray (HI)	x	x	x	où arralero a	x	
Light Blue (HI)	×	x			x	
Light Green (HI)	x	x			×	
Light Cyan (HI)	x	x		the state of the second	x	
Light Red (HI)	x	x			x	
Light Magenta (HI)	x	x	1		x	
Light Brown (HI)	x	x			x	
White (H!)	×	x	ols inci a	San Jane La	×	

Characters displayed on the monochrome display with the underline attribute are displayed on the color display as a blue character.

Characters displayed on the color display as a blue character are displayed on the monochrome display as a white character on a black background with a white underline.

On-board storage is eight 16K x 1 DRAMs. These RAMs are used as the display buffer. The display buffer size (16K) allows it to store multiple alphanumeric screens:

- Up to eight 40-column x 25-row alphanumeric screens
- Up to four 80-column x 25-row alphanumeric screens

A timing generator within the display controller produces the timing signals used by the display controller and the display buffer. These timing signals resolve processor/color graphic board conventions for accessing the display buffer.

The interface to the direct drive color display is through the 9-pin D-Shell type connector.



SOFTWARE INFORMATION

Control of the color graphics display board is implemented through the BIOS. The BIOS allows 16 commands to be implemented:

- Set video mode
- Set cursor type
- Set cursor position
- Read cursor position
- Read light pen position
- Select display page
- Scroll screen up
- Scroll screen down
- Read attribute and character
- Write attribute and character
- Write character
- Set color palette
- Write dot
- Read dot
- Write teletype
- Read video state

If additional video commands are needed, special assembly language programs must be developed. Special programs must also be developed if the low-resolution graphics mode is to be used.

Definition of Display Screens

All display screens (alphanumerics and graphic displays) are defined by the processor software before the screens are displayed. The screen definitions are stored in the display buffer before the appropriate BIOS commands are executed to display the screen.

Each character position for alphanumeric displays is defined in the display buffer as two 8-bit bytes: character byte and attribute byte. Character bytes (odd number address) specify the ASCII code of the character to be produced by the character generator. Attribute bytes (even number addresses) specify the display/color attributes of the character position. The attribute byte configuration is shown in the chart on the next page:



• Bits 0-3 identify the character color. Bit values and associated colors are:

ed survey and	Bit Value			Dec.	Hex.	
alecter for he	3	2	1	0	Value	Value
Black	0	0	0	0	00	00
Blue	0	0	0	1	01	01
Green	0	0	1	0	02	02
Cyan	0	0	1	1	03	03
Red	0	1	0	0	04	04
Magenta	0	1	0	0	05	05
Brown	0	1	1	0	06	06
White	0	1	1	1	07	07
Gray	1	0	0	0	08	08
Light Blue	1	0	0	1	09	09
Light Green	1	0	1	0	10	0A
Light Cyan	1	0	11	1	11	0B
Light Red	1	1	0	0	12	DC
Light Magenta	1	1	0	1	13	OD
Yellow	1	1	1	0	14	0E
White (HI)	1	1	1	1	15	OF

- Bits 4-6 identify the background color. The selectable colors are 0-8 as defined for character colors.
- Bit 7 indicates if the displayed character is to be blinking (1) or non-blinking (0).
- The meaning of Bit 7 depends on the state of Bit 5 of Mode Control Register (Port 3D8). If Bit 5 = 0, then a "1" state for Bit 7 indicates high intensity, and a "0" indicates normal intensity. If

Bit 5 = 1, then a "1" state for Bit 7 indicates activation of the blink attribute, and a "0" state indicates non-blink.

Each pixel for medium-resolution graphics is defined in the display buffer. A byte in the display buffer defines the color of four medium-resolution display pixels; the byte configuration is:



The value of each pixel-bit pair determines the color to be displayed:

- 00 indicates the pixel is displayed in the selected background color (color selected in bits 0 through 3 of the color selection register)
- 01 indicates the display color is selected by bit 5 of the color selection register: bit 5 = 1 (cyan) or bit 5 = 0 (green).
- 10 indicates the display color is selected by bit 5 of the color selection register; bit 5 = 1 (magenta) or bit 5 = 0 (red)
- 11 indicates the display color is selected by bit 5 of the color selection register; bit 5 = 1 (white) or bit 5 = 0 (brown)

Each pixel for high-resolution graphic displays is defined in the display buffer. A byte in the display buffer defines the on/off condition of eight pixels; the byte configuration is:



Each pixel bit indicates whether the pixel is to be displayed as background (0) or as foreground (1).

Selection of Video Modes

When the system executes the set video mode, it initializes the mode control register, color select register, and CRT controller registers R0 through R15 on the board according to the specified video mode (1-7).

Mode Control Register (Address 3D8) — The mode control register is a 6-bit output-only register; its I/0 address is hexadecimal 3D8. The bit configuration of the register is:



- Bit 0 is set to 1 if the alphanumeric mode is 80 x 25 and is set to 0 if the alphanumeric mode is 40 x 25
- Bit 1 is set to 1 if the graphic mode is medium-resolution (320 x 200) and is set to 0 if an alphanumeric mode is selected.
- Bit 2 is set to 1 if black-and-white is selected and is set to 0 if color is selected.

- Bit 3 is set to 1 if the video signal is enabled and is set to 0 if the signal is disabled.
- Bit 4 is set to 1 if the graphic mode is high-resolution (640 x 200) and is set to 0 if the mode is other than high resolution graphic mode.
- Bit 5 is set to 1 when the blink attribute is selected and is set to 0 when the background color is selected.

The values set in this register by the system Set Video Mode command are:

Mada	Mode	Bit Value						Dec.	Hex
mode	No.	5	4	3	2	1	0	Value	Value
40 x 25 B/W	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	44	2C
40 x 25 Color	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	40	28
80 x 25 B/W	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	45	2D
80 x 25 Color	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	41	29
Graphic-MR Color	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	42	2A
Graphic-MR B/W	6	1	0	1	1	1	0	46	2E
Graphic-HR B/W	7	0	1	1	1	1	0	30	1E

B/W = Black and White RM = Medium Resolution HR = High Resolution

Color Select Register (Address 3D9) — The color select register is a 6-bit output-only register; its I/0 address is 3D9. The bit configuration of the register is:



• Bits 0 through 3 are set to 1 if the appropriate color has been selected for the following:

- 40 x 25 alphanumeric border
- 320 x 200 graphics background
- 640 x 200 graphics foreground
- Bit 4 is set to 1 if the alternate, intensified set of colors is selected for the graphics mode and is set to 0 if the alphanumeric background color is selected.
- Bit 5 is set to 1 if the color set for 320 x 200 graphics is cyan, magenta, and white; it is set to 0 if the color set is green, red, and brown.

The values set in this register by the system set video mode command are:

Mode	Mode		Bit Value Dec.					Dec.	Hex
	No.	5	4	3	2	1	0	Value	Value
40 x 25 B/W	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	30
40 x 25 Color	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	30
80 x 25 B/W	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	30
80 x 25 Color	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	30
Graphic-MR Color	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	30
Graphic-MR B/W	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	48	3D
Graphic-HR B/W	7	1	1	1	1	1	10	63	3F

B/W = Black and White RM = Medium Resolution HR = High Resolution

CRT Controller Registers (Address 3D4) — CRT controller registers (R0 through R15) are 8-bit registers. They are not directly accessible to the software; instead, an address register (AR) is addressed (3D4) and loaded with a selected register number (0-11 Hex). The 16 registers are:

• Horizontal Total (R0) — This register is set to the horizontal synchronization period (character times); it is the number of displayed characters plus the number of non-display characters times (retrace) minus one.

- Horizontal Displayed Register (R1) This register is set to the number of displayed characters per line; it must be less than the contents of R0.
- Horizontal Sync Position Register (R2) This register is set to a value that defines the horizontal sync and scan delays. Increasing its value shifts the display to the left and decreasing its value shifts the display to the right.
- Sync Width Register (R3) This register is set to the value of the vertical sync pulse width which is fixed at 16 scan-line times and the horizontal sync pulse width which may range from 1 to 15 character clock periods.
- Vertical Total Register (R4) and Vertical Total (R 5) These two registers are set to the elapsed time of the vortical scan. R4 is set to the integer number of the character line time minus one. R5 is set to the number of scan lines.
- Vertical Displayed Register (R6) This register is set to the number of displayed character row times. The value must be less than the value of R4.
- Vertical Sync Position (R7) This register is set to a value that controls the position of the vertical sync; the value is one less than the computed character line times. Increasing its value shifts the display up and decreasing its value shifts the display down.
- Interlace Mode and Skew Register (R8) This register is set to a value that specifies the interlace mode, and the display enable and cursor output delays.



- Maximum Scan Line Address Register (R9) This register is set to the number of scan lines per character row minus one.
- Cursor Start Register (R10) This register is set to start the scan line within the character block and the cursor blink rate. Bits 5 and 6 of the register control cursor operation as shown below:



- Cursor End Register (R11) This register is set to the last scan line of the cursor.
- Start Address Registers (R12 and R13) This register pair controls the first address output by the CRT controller after vertical blanking. R13 holds the low-order bits.
- Cursor Registers (R14 and R15) This register pair is set to position the cursor anywhere in the refresh RAM area. R14 holds the high-order bits and R15 holds the low order bits.

The values set in these registers by the BIOS set video mode command are:

	40 x 25 Alphanumeric						
Register	nueral - 70	80 x 25 Alpha	numeric				
	Control and an		Graphics				
R0 Horizontal Total	38	71	38				
R1 — Horizontal Displayed	28	50	28				
R2 — Horizontal Sync Position	2D	5A	2D				
R3 — Horizontal Synch Width	0A	0A	0A				
R4 — Vertical Total	1F	1F	7F				
R5 Vertical Total Adjust	06	06	06				
R6 — Vertical Displayed	19	19	64				
R7 — Vertical Sync Position	1C	1C	70				
R8 — Interlace Mode	02	02	02				
R9 — Max Scan Line Address	07	07	01				
R 10 — Cursor Start	06	06	06				
R11 — Cursor End	07	07	07				
R12 - Start Address (H)	0	0	0				
R13 - Start Address (L)	0	0	0				
R14 — Cursor Address (H)	0	0	0				
R15 — Cursor Address (L)	0	0	0				

All values are hex

Check of Board Status

The Status Register is a 4-bit read-only register; its I/O address is 3DA Hex. The register bit configuration is:



- Bit 0 is set to 1 if the CRT controller is not accessing the display buffer; the main processor board can access the display buffer without interfacing with the screen (screen flicker).
- Bit 1 is set to 1 if the light pen trigger has been set
- Bit 2 is set to 1 if the light pen switch is OFF and set to 0 if the light pen switch is ON.

• Bit 3 is set to 1 if the CRT controller is in the vertical retrace period; the main processor board can access the display without interference.

Control of the Light Pen

The light pen is controlled by two latches: Clear Light Pen Latch and Reset Light Pen Latch. Any access to address 3DC (Hex) presets the light pen and any access to address 3DB (Hex) resets the light pen. Data is not required with addresses 3DC and 3DB; both are address-activated.

CRT Controller Programming Requirements

The BIOS sets CRT controller registers R0-R7 to preset values depending on the video mode selected. For different video mode requirements, special programs must be developed to set the CRT controller registers.

The following table identifies the parameters used to calculate the CRT controller register values:

	40 x 25 Alphanumerics		
Parameters	aniquide o	80 x 25 Alphanumerics	
			Graphics
Displayed Characters Per Row	43	80	43
Displayed Characters Rows Per Screen	25	25	100
Character Blow Rows	8	8	2
Active Scan Lines	200	200	200
Total Scan Lines	261	261	255
Total Rows Per Screen	32.6	32.6	127.6
Horizontal Sync Delay	2	10	2
Horizontal Sync Width	10	10	10
Horizontal Scan Delay	2	14	3
Total Character Times	57	114	57
Vertical Sync Delay	0	0	12

Perform the following procedures to set the CRT controller registers:

- 1. Send register number (0-11 Hex) of the desired register with an OUT I/0 instruction to address 3D4.
- 2. Send the desired value of the register with an OUT I/0 instruction to address 3D5.

COLOR/GRAPHICS DISPLAY BOARD PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS

The mode control register and the color select register are set to predefined values by the BIOS set video mode command. Additionally, the BIOS sets the color select register for medium-resolution graphics with the set color palette command.

Mode Control Register

For all modes except high-resolution, black-and-white graphics, bit 5 of the register is set to (1). For the graphics displays bit 5 does not have any effect. However, for alphanumeric displays, bit 5 indicates the blinking bit of the display buffer attribute byte is enabled and the character displayed blinks according to the blink bit in the attribute byte. With bit 5 set to 1, the background colors for alphanumerics are limited to 8 colors not requiring the intensity bit.

To define the additional eight background colors specified by the intensity bit, bit 5 of the mode control register must be turned off; value less than 20 Hex.

Color Select Register

The BIOS set video mode command sets the color select register for the following color attributes:

- For 40 x 25 alphanumeric display border color is black.
- For all alphanumeric displays background and character colors selected in display buffer.
- For medium-resolution graphic displays background color is black and foreground color is selected in the buffer display (colors selectable are cyan, magenta, and white)

If the color attributes for the medium-resolution graphic displays are to be changed, the set color palette command of the BIOS can be used. This command resets the background color or the color set for foregrounds. However, a change in the 40 x 25 alphanumeric display border color must be made with special programming. The program must issue an OUT I/O instruction to ad iress 3D9 with the appropriate value for the desired color.

OPERATION

Operation of the color/graphics display board is under system control. If the mode of operation is to be changed after the Set video mode command has been executed, care must be taken to prevent flicker on the screen. To change video mode, perform the following:

- 1. Determine the existing mode of operation: read video state system command.
- 2. Reset Bit 3 of the mode control register: OUT I/O instruction to address 3D8 with hex value 00 through 07.
- 3. Set new mode: set video mode system command.
- NOTE: If the new mode is not one of the supported modes, special programming is needed to establish the mode.

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS (COLOR/GRAPHICS DISPLAY ADAPTER)



OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT



Color/Graphics Adapter Output

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
A2	+ Data 7	A18	+ A13	B1	Ground
A3	+ Data 6	A19	+ A12	B2	+ Reset
A4	+ Data 5	A20	+ A11	B3	+ 5V
A5	+ Data 4	A21	+ A10	89	+ 12V
A6	+ Data 3	A22	+ A9	810	Ground
A7	+ Data 2	A23	+ A8	B11	- MEMW
A8	+ Data 1	A24	+ A7	B12	- MEMR
A9	+ Data 0	A25	+ A6	B13	- IOW
A11	FAEN	A26	+ A5	B14	- IOR
A 12	+ A19	A27	+ A4	B20	Clock
A 13	+ A18	A28	+ A3	B29	+ 5V
A 14	+ A17	A29	+ A2	B30	+ osc
A15	+ A16	A30	+ A1	B31	Ground
A16	+ A15	A31	+ A0	1000	

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MEMORY EXPANSION BOARD

The Memory Expansion Board, kit number 3284-K101, provides additional random access memory for the main processor board. The memory expansion on the board is in 64 KB increments up to 384 KB; the first nine chips (64K B) are soldered and the remaining RAM locations are socketed for expansion. Expansion is obtained by populating the board in nine-chip increments.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The memory expansion board is 13 inches long and 4.2 inches high: it is populated as shown in the following illustration:



Memory Expansion Card

The main processor board RAM must be populated to 256 KB and no more before the memory expansion board is installed.

The configuration switches are housed in a DIP package. They may be either the slide type of the rocker type.



DIP Switch Types

Each individual switch in the package is identified with a number, and the 'OPEN' or 'ON' position of the switches are also identified on the package. In the illustration above, switch 1 is shown in the CLOSED or ON position, the remaining switches in the OPEN or OFF position.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The memory expansion board contains six banks of nine RAM locations. Bank 0 comes from NCR populated with 64 KB RAM's; banks 1-5 are socketed to provide easy installation of 64 KB RAMs. Memory refresh is provided by the main processor board.

When installing the board, configuration switches on the board must be set to identify the amount of memory installed. The switch settings for this board are shown in the figure on the next page.

Ex 1	pansio Swit 2	on Boa ches 3	rd 4	Board Memory Size	Explanation
On Off On Off On Off	On Off Off On On	On On On Off Off	On On On On On	64 KB 128 KB 192 KB 256 KB 320 KB 384 KB	Setting as delivered After first 64 KB expansion After second 64 KB expansion After third 64 KB expansion After fourth 64 KB expansion After fifth 64 KB expansion

Memory Expansion Card Switch Settings

OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

• 64 KB to 384 KB expansion range (64 KB increments)

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- 200 ns access time
- 320 ns cycle time

PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS/PIN ASSIGNMENTS

Signal	nal Pin Signal		Pin
-I/O Check	A1	+ A7	A24
+ Data 7	A2	+ A6	A25
+ Data 6	A3	+ A5	A26
+ Data 5	A4	+ A4	A27
+ Data 4	A5	+ A3	A28
+ Data 3	A6	+ A2	A29
+ Data 2	A7	+ A1	A30
+ Data 1	A8	+ A0	A31
+ Data 2	A9	GROUND	B1
+ AEN	A11	+ RESET	B2
+ A19	A12	+ 5V	B3
+ A18	A13	.+ 12V	B9
+ A17	A14	GROUND	B10
+ A16	A 15	- MEMW	B11
+ A15	A 16	- MEMR	B12
+ A14	A17	- 10W	B13
+ A13	A 18	- 10R	B14
+ A12	A 19	CLOCK	B20
+ A11	A20	+ 5V	B29
+ A10	A21	+ OSC	B30
+ A9	A22	GROUND	B31
+ A8	A23		

Expansion Bus Connector

SCSI INTERFACE

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

NCR provides an interface system to allow the Personal Computer to share peripheral devices with other Personal Computers. SCSI, the Small Computer System Interface, uses a high-level command set that masks the on-board structures of the peripheral devices from the interface, making SCSI device independent. This independence allows the substitution of one vendor's device with another's without major modifications of the host hardware or software. The SCSI interface provides the following major features:

- Intelligent Bus
- Device Independence
- Wide Selection of Peripheral Devices
- Direct Copy Between Devices
- Optional Bus Arbitration
Intelligent Bus

SCSI uses an intelligent, eight-port device that permits communications between any two of the eight ports. Any port can be attached to a host computer or a peripheral device controller. A host computer on one of the ports can address any of the other seven ports. Therefore the SCSI can accommodate single- or multiple-host systems with several peripheral device controllers. SCSI can accommodate up to eight devices.

Device Independence

The SCSI command set masks the on-board structures of the peripheral devices from the interface. This eliminates the need for major software modifications when changing peripheral devices.

Wide Selection of Peripheral Devices

The SCSI bus accommodates controllers for low- to mediumperformance peripheral devices. SCSI can accommodate hard disk drives, flexible disk drives, magnetic tape drives, and printers.

Direct Copy Between Devices

The SCSI bus configuration allows direct copy between two devices.

Optional Bus Arbitration

The optional SCSI bus arbitration device allows priority assignment of bus capture requests. The highest priority device wins the arbitration and captures the bus.

The SCSI interface also supports 1.5 MB data transfer rates, simplified I/O programming, a device-independent command set, and multiple overlap of peripheral device operations for increased throughput.

PROPOSED STANDARD

SCSI is a joint effort by NCR, Shugart Associates, and others (as such it has been referred to as SASI). The companies involved with SCSI are presenting it to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a proposed standard interface. SCSI (or SASI) has already been adopted by many companies as a standard interface.

COMMUNICATIONS ADAPTER AND CABLE

ADAPTER

The asynchronous communication adapter is NCR kit 3284-K130. It is an add-on plug-in board that provides the capability of connecting a serial RS 232C device such as a printer, plotter, or modem to the computer. This connection is in addition to any peripheral connected to the internal asynchronous communications port.



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8. DB 25 Connector

DB 23 Connector

Asynchronous Adapter Board

CABLES

The communications cable is NCR kit 3284-K122. It is an accessory cable which allows connecting a modem to the RS 232C serial

asynchronous communications port on the NCR PC. It can also be used to connect a modem to the asynchronous communications adapter board. The cable is two meters long with a 25-pin D shell connector on each end. Female terminals are on the computer end and male terminals are on the modem end. Connections are 1-to-1 for the nine wires used and the shield is connected only at the computer end. The diagram below illustrates the cable.



Pin assignments at computer end of the cable Pin assignments at modem end of the cable

1	Frame Ground	None
2	Transmit Data	2
3	Receive Data	3
4	Request to Send	4
5	Clear to Send	5
6	Data Set Ready	6
7	Signal Ground	7
8	Carrier Detect	8
20	Data Terminal Ready	20
22	Ring Indicator	22
	Grounding Strap Connected to Shield	
	All other pins are unused	

Communications cable pin assignments



Female serial connector on the asynchronous device

PRINTER OPTIONS

The following sections present overview and specification information describing the printers and the plotter that are available, as options, with the NCR Personal Computer.

MODEL 6411-8510 DOT MATRIX PRINTER, SMALL CARRIAGE

Physical Description

This printer is a freestanding 120 CPS 80-column dot matrix impact printer that connects directly to a parallel output port of the Personal Computer. State-of-the-art technology provides a compact, lightweight, table-top unit with tractors below the print line. This design allows the printed output to be immediately removed without the wasted paper usually associated with tractor-feed units. Should friction paper feed be preferred, the tractors can be disabled by the operator. The printer can utilize cut sheets or multiple fan-fold forms with up to four parts.

Functional Description

The printer contains a 96-character ASCII generator for upper/lower case print and a graphics character generator for block graphics. In addition, it can move paper bidirectionally, and print bit-image graphics generated by application program. An added feature of the printer is the capability to load (by means of a program) an eight-channel vertical format unit with five tab stops. Tab positions then can be selected or by passed as necessary, to speed printing on applications with variable prints on each line.

Specifications

Specifications for the 6411-8510 are as follows:

Print Method:	Dot matrix, impact
Print Speed:	120 CPS, bidirectional position-seeking 63 lines per minute for full 80-column page
Character Set:	96 character upper/lower case ASCII
Character Format:	7 (horizontal) x 8 (vertical) dot matrix characters 8 (horizontal) x 8 (vertical) dot matrix graphics
Character Pitch:	5, 6, 8.5, 10, 12 characters per inch, or proportional

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Paper Feed:	Bidirectional friction tractor
Line Spacing:	6 or 8 lines per inch (characters) N/144 inches (graphics)
Line Feed Speed:	Maximum 100 ms
Form Width:	3.5 to 10 in.
Form Thickness:	.0528 mm
Number of Copies:	Original plus 3
Type of Forms:	Fan-fold sprocket single sheet paper
Form Loading:	Rear
Power:	115VAC + 10%, 60Hz, 180W
Weight:	24 lbs./11 kg
Dimensions:	Width: 22 in. (550 m n); Depth: 21 inches (300 mm), Height: 5.3 inches (133 mm)
Interface:	8-bit parallel (Centronics-compatible)

MODEL 6411-1550 DOT MATRIX PRINTER, LARGE CARRIAGE, FASTER SPEED

Functional Description

The primary difference between this printer and the Model 6411-8510 printer is that this printer has a wider, 136-character carriage. Both 6411 models can utilize cut sheets or multiple fan-fold forms with up to four parts.

Both of the mentioned printers contain a 96-character ASCII generator for upper/lower case print, and a graphics character generator for block graphics. In addition, they can move paper bidirectionally, and print bit-image graphics generated by the application program. An added feature of both 6411's is the capability to load (by means of a program) an eight-channel vertical format unit with five tab channels, with each channel capable of accepting multiple tab stops. Tab positions then can be selected or by-passed to speed printing on applications with variable print lines on each form.

Specifications Specifications for the 6411-1550 printer are as follows:

Print Method:	Dot matrix, impact
Print Speed:	120 CPS, bidirectional position-seeking, lines per minute for full 136-column page
Character Set:	96 characters upper/lower case ASCII
Character Format:	7 (horizontal) x 9 (vertical) dot matrix characters 8 (horizontal) x 8 (vertical) dot matrix graphics
Character Pitch:	5, 6, 8.5, 10, 12 characters per inch, or proportional
Paper Feed:	Bidirectional friction tractor
Line Spacing:	6 or 8 lines per inch (characters) N/144 inches (graphics)
Line Feed Speed:	Maximum 80 ms
Form Width:	3.5 to 15.0 in.
Form Thickness:	.0528 mm
Number of Copies:	Original plus 3
Type of Forms:	Fan-fold sprocket, single sheet paper
Form Loading:	Rear
Power:	115VAC + 10%, 60Hz, 180W
Weight:	24 lbs./11 kg.
Dimensions:	Width: 22 in. (550 mm); Depth: 12 in. (300 mm); Height: 5.3 inches (133 mm)

Interface:

8-bit parallel (Centronics-compatible)

MODEL 6455-2310 LETTER QUALITY PRINTER

Functional Description

This printer provides the highest quality printer output. A letterquality original, with up to five copies, can be printed at speeds of up to 33 characters per second. A program mode feature allows complete control of the printer through the application program of such items as thimble pitch, impression control, and character spacing. The latest word processing technology and printer features include:

- 2K buffer
- Auto bidirectional printing
- Two-color ribbon
- End-of-ribbon detect
- Paper-out detect
- Friction feed platen
- Set/reset horizontal tabs
- Set/reset vertical tabs
- Set/reset forms length
- Set/reset left/right margins
- Reverse line feed
- Half-line and reverse half-line feed
- Set format mode (for pre-printed forms)
- Paper out defeat (allows operator to override paper out detect)
- Graphics mode (requires bidirectional tractor option)
- Remote diagnostics

- Word Processing Assist Group, including:
 - Auto proportional spacing
 - Auto underscore
 - Auto bold print
 - Shadow print
 - Auto line centering
 - Line justification
 - Fine back spacing
- Operator Switch-Selectable parameters, including:
 - 110 to 9600 baud
 - ETX/ACK-DC1-DC3 protocol
 - Auto CR or LF
 - 6/8 line per inch
 - Impression control
 - 10, 12, or 15 characters per inch or proportional spacing

Other forms-handling options include:

- Single and dual cut-sheet feeders
- Bidirectional forms tractor
- Bottom-feed adapter
- Cut-sheet guide
- Front insertion
- Envelope adapter

Specifications

Specifications for the 6455-2310 printer are as follows:

Print Speed:	Up to 33 characters per second	
Maximum Copies:	Original plus 5	
Character Set:	Up to 128 characters	
Paper Width:	Up to 16 inches	
Printing:	136 columns at 10 characters per inch 163 columns at 12 characters per inch 204 columns at 15 characters per inch	
Column spacing:	120 positions per inch	
Line Feed:	48 positions per inch	
Tabbing:	Horizontal and vertical (any direction)	
Copy/Impression Cont	rbinder control of operator or program	
Interface Type:	EIA RS 232C/CCITT V.24	
Communications Code: ASCII		

MODEL 5403-0102, 0202 PLOTTERS

Physical Description

The Model 5403-0102 Graphics Plotter is an option available with the NCR Personal Computer. The plotter is a two-pen device, accommodating 8-1/2-x-11 inch and 210-x-297 millimeter hard-printout copy.

Pinch wheels and drive wheels move the paper across the platen for X-axis plotting. Pen movement locates points along the Y-axis. Lines can be plotted at speeds of up to 15 inches per second (38 centimeters per second). Labels can be drawn at speeds of up to six characters per second.

The two-pen feature supports dual-color plotting. For plots requiring more than two colors, the program being plotted can be halted and pen colors can be changed.

Five internal characters sets are available. The symbol plotting capability and the seven dashed line fonts provide additional printout versatility. Operation of the plotter is controlled through the pushbuttons on the front panel. Pushbuttons permit manual control of the paper and pen movement, including pen selection, and halting the program (for changing pens, viewing the plot, etc.).

A six-pen graphics plotter, 5403-0202, is also available for the NCR Personal Computer; this plotter has essentially the same capabilities and operating characteristics as the two-pen model. For additional information, contact your NCR representative.

Functional Description

Either graphics plotter can be used to produce hard copy computer graphics for technical, scientific, and business applications. Charts and graphs can be output in color for such applications as summarizing data, identifying trends, comparing results, focusing on exceptions, etc.

When the plotter is turned on, default conditions are automatically established for most plotting parameters. In most cases, the only additional user action required to start the plotting is to load the pens and plotting medium.

The five internal character sets eliminate the need to use softwaregenerated characters. Text can be written in any direction, with or without slant, and in various sizes.

A variety of operations can be programmed into the plotter, using the 40 plus built-in instructions.

The plotter has an addressable step size of 0.001 inch (0.025 mm), i.e., the plotter can plot up to 1000 points in a one-inch line. When commanded to return to the same point, this repeatability can be achieved within 0.004 inches (0.1 mm).

The interface for the plotter is an RS 232C. A dual input/output cable is available, which allows connection of the plotter in series with a terminal and computer.

Specifications

Plotting Sizes:	0102: Hard copy media size of 8 0202: Hard copy media size of 1	3.5 x 11 in. 7 x 11 in.
	0100	

	0102	0202
Mechanical Limits:	Y-axis: 7.5 in.	10.5 in.
	X-axis: 10.7 in.	16.7 in.

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Addressable Resolution:

Repeatability:

Pen Velocity:

0.001 in. (Step Size)

0.004 in. for any specific dimension

Pen down: maximum 15 in. (each axis) per second; programmable from 0.40 to 15 in. in increments of 0.15 in.; Pen Up, 20 in. per second

Communications Modes:

Half- or full-duplex

Odd, even, or marking bit

256 characters or 2 KB (switch-selectable)

110 to 9600 baud

Width: 24 inches; Depth: 15 in.; Height: 9 in.

80 Watts (stand-by)

170 Watts (operating)

Transmission Speed:

Parity:

Receive Buffer Size:

Overall Dimensions:

Weight:

27 lbs.

Power Consumption:

Power Requirements:

Environmental And Safety:

Temperature:

Meets UL478 and CSA C22.2

115/230 VAC 0215%, 50/60Hz

Operating 40 degrees F to 100 degrees F (5 degrees C to 38 degrees C)

Relative Humidity: Operatin

Operating/storage 10-90% (non-condensing)

Acoustic Noise: 60 dba (with covers)

NCR DECISION NET SYSTEM

NCR DECISION NET is an efficient way to tie personal computers together in an information network. Interconnection by Omninet, the

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NCR local area network, allows the business professional to take advantage of electronic mail and user-to-user interaction.

The DECISION NET system has two major components; MODUS and Omninet. Network control is provided by Omninet.

The Omninet local area network supports 64 workstations with a maximum separation of 5000 feet. Omninet has a collision avoidance scheme to minimize the probability of data collision.

NCR MODUS allows the network to share files and peripherals. The following optional equipment allows the Personal Computer to be connected to Omninet:

DECISION NET Transporter Board and Cable (NCR Kit #3273-K700)

The microprocessor-based transporter board performs many high level network tasks that are usually handled by the host computer. The transporter board features error detection and message acknowledgement. These features greatly reduce the software burden on the host computer, MODUS, and the personal computers on the network. One transporter board is required for each Personal Computer connected to the network.

DECISION NET Tap Box (NCR Kit #3273-K702)

The DECISION-NET Tap Box is the hardware component that provides the connection between the Personal Computer and the network cable. One tap box is required for each Personal Computer connected to the network.

DECISION NET Repeater (NCR Kit #3273-K704)

The DECISION-NET Repeater extends the maximum separation distance between network equipment. Each DECISION-NET Repeater can extend the network 1000 feet. The maximum network length is 5000 feet with the maximum of four DECISION-NET Repeaters.

NCR-DOS 2.11 Networking Software (NCR Kit #GOBO-0014) This software provides the communications capabilities on the network.



Chapter 4

ROM

ROM BIOS

The overall purpose of the BIOS (basic input/output system) is to provide control of the system devices at the device level. The BIOS consists of two parts: diagnostics/initialization, and the actual device handling routines. The diagnostics and initialization part executes when power is first turned on, and when a keyreset (controlalternate-delete) is issued. It is responsible for verifying and initializing the hardware, and setting up tables and control information required by the operating system. The device handling routines take care of the actual initialization of the devices and the I/O to/from the devices.

The BIOS frees you from the requirement of device addressing and specifying device operating characteristics. This isolation between user programs and device control provides the advantages of (1) removing this programming burden from programmers, and (2) offering additional flexibility by allowing device changes and additions to the system without impacting the user programs. It is for this reason that you should never attempt to branch directly to the BIOS routines, but should always perform I/O through the function calls and interrupts provided by NCR-DOS.

The display of time of day is done through a routine which takes control of interrupt 1C (Hex). The display should be disabled through software in NCR-DOS if you want to use interrupt 1C or run a program which accesses that interrupt and have a problem doing so.

The interrupt service routine always returns control to the system through the standard return address in the ROM-BIOS. When the display is disabled there is only negligible processing in the interrupt service routine.

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Chapter 5

DIAGNOSTICS

This chapter describes the interfaces for the PC6 user and service diagnostics. The diagnostics for the computer and its devices are set up in two levels, an overall "shell" and the test modules within the shell for each individual device. This arrangement allows the addition of test modules to the shell when a new device is added to the system without modification to the rest of the modules.

MODULAR DIAGNOSTIC CONCEPT

The PC6 diagnostics system is a modular software system with one shell controlling the execution of a variable number of test modules. The shell, running under NCR-DOS, provides a menu of any number of test modules. The test modules can be executed individually or in groups, once only or repeating automatically until stopped. The test modules interface directly to an error log file on the diagnostics diskette. The figure below shows the structure of the diagnostic system. Each test module is also capable of running independently under NCR-DOS.





DIAGNOSTICS

The diagnostics shell, running under DOS, is the core of the diagnostics system. It has features such as utilities and test module installation. The shell prompts you for a choice from a menu of test modules, then sets up the parameters and invol 25 the selected test module.

The shell permits the user of the diagnostics to add test modules that conform to the module/shell interface and the module/error log interface. This allows you to customize the diagnostics routines to the specific hardware in your system.

MODULE INTERFACE

Test modules are written so that the tests can be run for the user of the system as well as for the service personnel. Because of DOS restrictions, test modules in the PC6 diagnostic system must have unique file names. Test modules do not destroy the operating system or alter its state in any way.

The test module/shell interface requires the shell to pass one of the following parameters to whatever module is invoked:

- S Service Diagnostic Mode
- M Mute User Interaction
- G Group Test Mode
- R Repeat Test Mode
- C Configuration Test Mode

The parameters G, R, and C are mutually exclusive, i.e., the module will act on the first one received and ignore any other if more than one is presented. The S parameter is recognized along with any one of the others.

The test module receives these parameters at offset 80H in the program segment prefix. The first byte contains the length of the parameter list; the actual parameters following in succeeding bytes. If no parameters are received from the shell, the module defaults to the user diagnostics mode and runs the tests as a group.

The S parameter tells the module to run its tests in service mode. Service diagnostics error codes are more specific than those in user diagnostics because of the needs of the service technician. (A description of all diagnostics error returns and codes is in the HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE MANUAL.) If S is passed as the only parameter, the test module displays a menu; otherwise no menu is displayed. A typical service diagnostics menu is shown in Figure 5-2.

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                         SYSTEM MEMORY
    leble Selections
                        - Moves pattern through memory for test
 RAM Pattern
                        - Verifies correct addressing in memory
2 RAH Address
                        - Check the operation of RAM parity
3 RAH Parity
                        - Performs a checksum on the internet ROM
A ROM Checksus
       Exclanation of Selections
(F1)
<F2>
       Terminate Test Hodule
Press selection and (Return) for running test once
Press selection and (F8) for running test continuously (Press (F4) to Stop):
SELECTION =>
```

Figure 5-2 Service Menu for System Memory Module

The M parameter tells the module that it should "mute", i.e. suppress, any prompts for operator action whenever the tests are being run in "all" or "continuous" mode. During such a test run the shell continually checks the "stop key", F4, and stops at the end of the current test when F4 is pressed.

The G parameter tells the module that the tests in that module should be run as a group. No menu is displayed. When all of the tests are completed, the module returns to the diagnostics shell. User diagnostics performs tests only in group mode. All keyboard entries are ignored while the tests are running.

The R parameter tells the test module to perform a test by "repeat group". This means that the tests are performed as a group, then repeated again within the module until you press the "stop key", F4. Test banners and passed/error messages are the same as in group parameter tests.

The C parameter tells the test module to perform a configuration test for the module and return a pass/fail byte. The C parameter gives the shell the ability to determine a configuration of test modules and diplay those modules on its main menu. The configuration test checks only whether the devices related to the test module are present. A configuration test is included in each test module.

RETURN CODES

A diagnostic test module returns one byte by DOS system function 4CH in interrupt 21 to the shell when it terminates. This byte has either one of the following values:

- 0 = Module terminated successfully
- -1 = Module terminated with failure

Return codes are interpreted by the shell depending on which parameter was invoked. For example, if the C parameter is passed to the module for a configuration test and that test fails to find a specific device, a -1 will be passed back to the shell. That particular device will then not be displayed as an installed device on the shell's main menu.

If a -1 is returned for any other parameter besides C, the -1 tells the shell that the module detected an error so that the shell will display the message "Failed" on its main menu.

If no errors are detected on the test run, a 0 is returned to the shell to indicate that the test was passed successfully and the message "Passed" will be displayed on the main menu.

ERROR LOG FILE

An error logging system is provided with the PC6 diagnostics. Each test module writes error messages in an error log file to be displayed at a later time. All messages written to the file are appended to any messages written there previously.

The name of the error file is ERROR.LOG. The contents of the file are all ASCII characters.

Error messages have the format shown in Figure 5-3. Contained in the messages is a header record, a number of message records, and a terminate record.

The header record consists of the filename of the test module that detected the error, the code of the error in service diagnostics, as well as the date and time of the test.

The message record consists of a field of 4 blanks followed by a variable length text field. There can be none or several message records in an error message.

Header Record	Message Records	Terminate Record
🛶 39 Bytes 🔶	Variable Number of Records	2 Bytes ►

A. Header Record:

1) Service Diagnostics

0	9	13	18	28	37	38
Filename	:MÀJ	:DET	MM-DD-YY	HH:MM:SS	0D	OA

2) User Diagnostics

0	18	28	37	38
Filename	MM-DD-YY	HH:MM-SS	0D	0A

B. Message Record:



C. Terminate Record:

0 1 0D 0A

Figure 5-3 Error Message Format

Each header record and message record is followed by a carriage-return line-feed for formatting purposes.

The final record in an error message is the terminate record. It provides an additional carriage-return line-feed so that a blank line is displayed when viewing the error log file.

For example, a typical error message in service diagnostics looks like this:

MEMORY : 03: 01 12-12-84 14:34:56 EXP DATA: 0325 OBS DATA: 0345

The same message in user diagnostics looks like this:

MEMORY 18-18-84 14:34:56 RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY (RAM) ADDRESS ERROR

The shell ensures that an error log file ERROR.LOG exists but each module opens the file before writing a message and closes the file before terminating.

The message is displayed on the video display as well as being logged in the error log file. If either the G or R parameter is in effect when the error occurs, the module pauses after displaying the message and then continues with the next test. If the error occurs in a single test in service diagnostics, the module prompts you for a key to continue.

DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN SERVICE AND USER DIAGNOSTICS

There are two distinctions between user and service diagnostics, the flexibility of test selection and the format of the error messages.

User diagnostics are intended for the final user of the PC6 computer and generally show only the information needed by the user to determine which device, if any, has failed. No specific information on how to service the machine is given, and the messages are written in terms that a non-technical user can understand.

Service diagnostics are intended for use by a field service technician to determine as closely as possible the source of an error. Service diagnostics show a menu of test choices if the S parameter is the only one selected from the main menu.

The error messages for service diagnostics contain error codes that are much more specific than the messages in user diagnostics. The messages contain as much information as necessary, e.g., expected data, observed data, and parameter values. A complete description of these messages is included in the HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE MANUAL.

KEYBOARD DEFINITION

The keys which are defined for the PC6 diagnostics and test module operation are:

F1	100.0	Explanation of selections (Help)
F2		Terminate test module (Stop)
F3		Return to previous menu
F4		Stop test run. Used to stop a continuous
		run at any level of test

F5	Not defined
F6	Display utilities menu
F7	Run all tests once (Group Test)
F8	Run this test repeatedly until stopped
F9	Add a test module to the shell
F10	Exit to DOS
ENTER	Terminates any keyboard entry
PgUp	Display previous screen
PgDn	Display next screen
ESC	Cancel selection

SAMPLE SCREENS

Figure 5-4 and Figure 5-5 show two typical diagnostics screens, one from user diagnostics and one from service diagnostics.

The NCR Personal Computer		Copyright	1985 NCR (Corp
	SYSTEM MEHORY			
Ram Pattern				
PASSED				
KAH Address				
ERROR				
1/22/85	8:47:31			
BANDON ACCESS MEMORY	(RAN) ADDRESS ERROR			
RAM Parity				
PASSED				
ROM Checksum				
PASSED				
(F2) Terminate Test Hodu	te .			

Figure 5-4 Typical Error Message for User Diagnostics





Appendix A

Character Set and Color Attributes

This appendix contains a set of two tables presenting the following character set and display attribute information:

• Keystrokes required to display each displayable character.

• Hex values that must be specified in the attribute byte for the various display attribute configurations.

KEYSTROKES

KEYSTROKES

Char. Val	acter	Characters/Keystroke		
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes	
00	0	Blank (Null)	Ctrl 2	
01	1	\odot	Ctrl A	
02	2	9	Ctrl B	
03	3	•	Ctrl C	
04	4	+	Ctrl D	
05	5	.	Ctrl E	
06	6	•	Ctrl F	
07	7	•	Ctrl G	
08	8	***	Ctrl H Backspace, Shift Backspace	
09	9	0	Ctrl	
0A	10	Ø	Ctrl J Ctrl ≁	
0B	11	O,	Ctrl K	
0C	12	Ŷ	Ctrl L	
0D	13	ſ	Ctrl M. ≁, Shift ≁	
0E	14	5	Ctrl N	
0F	15	₽	Ctrl O	
10	16		Ctrl P	
11	17	•	Ctrl Q	
12	18	\$	Ctrl R	
13	19	!!	Ctrl S	
14	20	পা	Ctrl T	
15	21	5	Ctrl U	
16	22	1	Ctrl V	
17	23	1	Ctrl W	

Char Va	acter lue	Characters/Keystroke	
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
18	24	1	Ctrl X
19	25	ł	Ctrl Y
1A	26	-	Ctrl Z
1B	27	+	Ctrl [, Esc. Shift Esc. Ctrl Esc
1C	28	L_	Ctrł 🔨
1D	29	-	Ctrl]
1E	30		Ctrl 6
1F	31	v	Ctrl —
20	32	Blank Space	Space Bar, Shift. Space, Ctrl Space, Alt Space
21	33	1	!
22	34	•	
23	35	#	#
24	36	\$	s
25	37	%	%
26	38	&	å
27	39		•
28	40	((
29	41))
2A	42	•	•
28	43	+	+
2C	44		
2D	45	-	-
2E	46		

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Character Value		Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
2F	47	1	1
30	48	0	0
31	49	1	1
32	50	2	2
33	51	3	3
34	52	4	4
35	53	5	5
36	54	6	6
37	55	7	7
38	56	8	8
39	57	9	9
3A	58	:	:
3B	59	· · ·	
3C	60	<	<
3D	61	-	-
3E	62	>	> ·
3F	63	3	?
40	64	@	@
41	65	A	A
42	66	В	в
43	67	С	С
44	68	D	D
45	69	E	E
46	70	F	F
47	71	G	G
48	72	н	н
49	73	1	1
4A	74	J	J

Char Va	acter lue	Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
4Б	75	ĸ	к
4C	76	. L	L
4D	77	M	м
4E	78	N	N
'4F	79	0	0
50	80	Р	Р
51	81	0	Q
52	82	R	R .
53	83	S	S
54	84	т	т
55	85	υ	U
56	86	v	V-
57	87	w	w
58	88	x	X
59	89	Y	Y
5A	90	Z	Z
5B	91	[[
5C	92	\ \	1
5D	93]]
5E	94	^	٨
5F	95	-	-
60	96	•	
61	97	а	а
62	98	b	b
63	99	c	с
64	100	d	d
65	101	e	е
66	102	f	1

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Character Value		Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
67	103	g	g
68	104	h	h
69	105	i	i
6A	106	i	1 - I
6B	107	k	k
6C	108	1	1
6D	109	m	m
6E	110	n	n
6F	111	0	0
70	112	р	p
71	113	q	q
72	114	r	r
73	115	s	s
74	116	t	t
75	117	u	u
6	118	v	v
77	119	w	w
78	120	×	x
79	121	У	у
7A	122	z	Z
7B	123	1	1
7C	124	:	;
7D	125		1
7E	126	-	~
7F	127	Δ	Ctrl -

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Char Va	acter lue	Character	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
80	128	ç.	Alt 128
81	129	ů	Alt 129
82	130	é	Alt 130
83	131	a	Alt 131
84	132	ä	Alt 132
85	133	à	Alt 133
86	134	a	Alt 134
87	135	c	Alt 135
88	136	ę	Alt 136
89	137	ë	Alt 137
8A	138	è	Alt 138
8B	139	ī	Alt 139
8C	140	î	Alt 140
8D	141	ì	Alt 141
8E [°]	142	Ä	Alt 142
8F	143	Ā	Alt 143
90	144	É	Ait 144
91	145	æ	Alt 145
92	146	Æ	Alt 146
93	147	8	Alt 147
94	148	Ó	Alt 148
95	149	δ	Alt 149
96	150	û	Alt 150
97	151	ù	Alt 151
98	152	ÿ	Alt 152
99	153	ö	Alt 153
9A :	154	Ü	Alt 154

Note 1: Keystrokes Alt 128 and higher must use the numeric keypad

Character Value		Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
9B	155	•	Alt 155
9C	156	£	Alt 156
9D	157	Y	Alt 157
9E	158	Pt	Alt 158
9F	159	5	Alt 159
AO	160	à	Alt 160
A1	161	í	Alt 161
A2	162	ó	Alt 162
A3	163	ú	Alt 163
A4	164	ň	Alt 164
A5	165	Ñ	Alt 165
A6	166	ā	Alt 166
A7	167	۵	Alt 167
A8	168	د	Alt 168
A9	169	-	Alt 169
AA	170	7	Alt 170
AB	171	1/2	Alt 171
AC	172	1/4	Ait 172
AD	173	'	Alt 173
AE	174	<<	Alt 174
AF	175	>>	Alt 175
B0	176	-	Alt 176
81	177	*****	Alt 177
B2	178		Alt 178
B3	179		Alt 179
B4	180		Ait 180
85	181		Ait 181
B6	182		Alt 182

Note 1: Keystrokes Alt 128 and higher must use the numeric keypad

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Char. Val	actar lue	Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
B7	183	П	A# 183
⁻ B8	184	_	Alt 184
B9	185		Alt 185
BA	186		Alt 186
BB	187		Alt 187
вС	188		Alt 188
BD	189		Alt 189
BE	190		Alt 190
BF	191		Alt 191
C0	192		Alt 192
C1	193	1	Alt 193
C2	194		Alt 194
СЗ	195		Alt 195
C4	196		Alt 196
C5	197		Alt 197
C6	198		Alt 198
C7	199		Alt 199
C8	200		Alt 200
C9	201		Alt 201
CA	202		Alt 202
СВ	203		Ait 203
сс	204		Alt 204
CD	205		Alt 205
CE	206		Alt 206
CF	207	1	Alt 207
D0	208	HI.	Alt 208

Note 1: Keystrokes Alt 128 andhigher must use the numeric keypad

Character Value		Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
D1	209		Alt 209
D2	210		Ait 210
D3	211		Alt 211
D4	212	E	Alt 212
D5	213	F	Alt 213
D6	214		Alt 214
D7	215		Alt 215
D8	216		Alt 216
D9	217		Alt 217
DA	218		Alt 218
DB	219	Sec.	Alt 219
DC	220	and mark	Alt 220
DD	221	1. Market and the second secon	Alt 221
DE	222	24	Alt 222
DF	223	and the	Alt 223
E0	224	a	Alt 224
E1	225	ß	Alt 225
E2	226	Г	Alt 226
E3	227	π	Alt 227
E4	228	Σ	Alt 228
E5	229	σ	Alt 229
E6	230	μ	Alt 230
E7	231	т	Alt 231
E8	232	φ	Alt 232
E9	233	θ	Alt 233
EA	234	Ω	Alt 234
EB	235	٠ð	Alt 235

Note 1: Keystrokes Alt 128 and higher must use the numeric keypad

Char Va	acter lue	Characte	rs/Keystrokes
Hex	Dec	Symbol	Keystrokes
EC	236	30	Alt 236
ED	237	φ	Alt 237
EE	238	e	Alt 238
EF	239	\cap	Alt 239
FO	240	Ξ	Alt 240
F1	241	=	Alt 241
F2	242	≥	Alt 242
F3	243	<	Alt 243
F4	244	ſ	Alt 244
F5	245	J	Alt 245
F6	246	-	Alt 246
F7	247	*	Alt 247
F8	248	0	Alt 248
F9	249	•	Alt 249
FA	250	•	Alt 250
FB	251		Alt 251
FC	252	η	Alt 252
FD	253	2	Alt 253
FE	254	•	Alt 254
FF	255	BLANK	Alt 255

Note 1: Keystrokes Alt 128 and higher must use the numeric keypad

		Display Attributes			
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome	
Нех	Dec	Background	Foreground		
00	0	Black	Black	Non-Display	
01	1	Black	Blue	Underline	
02	2	Black	Green	Normal	
03	3	Black	Cyan	Normal	
04	4	Black	Red	Normal	
05	5	Black	Magenta	Normal	
06	6	Black	Brown	Normal	
07	7	Black	Light Grey	Normal	
08	8	Black	Dark Grey	Non-Display	
09	9	Black	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline	
0A	10	Black	Light Green	High Intensity	
0B	11	Black	Light Green	High Intensity	
0C	12	Black	Light Red	High Intensity	
00	13	Black	Light Magenta	High Intensity	
0E	14	Black	Yellow	High Intensity	
OF	15	Black	White	High Intensity	
10	16	Blue	Black	Normal	
11	17	Blue	Blue	Underline	
12	18	Blue	Green	Normal	
13	19	Blue	Cyan	Normal	
14	20	Blue	Red	Normal	
15	21		Magenia	Normal	
16	22	Blue	Brown	Normal	
17	23	Blue	Light Grey	Normal	

DISPLAY ATTRIBUTES

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		Display Attribut		es
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome
Hex	Dec	Background	Foreground	-
18	24	Blue	Dark Grey	High Intensity
19	25	Blue	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
1A	26	Blue	Light Green	High Intensity
18	27	Blue	Light Cyan	High Intensity
1C	28	Blue	Light Red	High Intensity
۱D	29	Blue	Light Magenta	High Intensity
1E	30	Blue	Yellow	High Intensity
1F	31	Blue	White	High Intensity
20	32	Green	Black	Normal
21	33	Green	Blue	Underline
22	34	Green	Green	Normai
23	35	Green	Cyan	Normal
24	36	Green	Red	Normal
25	37	Green	Magenta	Normal
26	38	Green	Brown	Normal
27	39	Green	Light Grey	Normal
28	40	Green	Dark Grey	High Intensity
29	41	Green	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
2A	42	Green	Light Green	High Intensity
2B	43	Green	Light Cyan	High Intensity
2C	44	Green	Light Red	High Intensity
2D	45	Green	Light Magenta	High tensity
2E	46	Green	Yellow	High Intensity

_		Display Attributes				
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome		
Hez	Dec	Background	Foreground	1000		
2F	47	Green	White	High Intensity		
30	48	Cyan	Black	Normal		
31	49	Cyan	Blue	Underline		
32	50	Cyan	Green	Normai		
33	51	Cyan	Cyan	Normal		
34	52	Cyan	Red	Normal		
35	53	Cyan	Magenia	Normal		
36	54	Cyan	Brown	Normal		
37	55	Cyan	Light Grey	Normal		
38	56	Cyan	Dark Grey	High Intensity		
39	57	Cyan	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline		
3A	58	Cyan	Light Green	High Intensity		
38	59	Cyan	Light Cyan	High Intensity		
3C	60	Cyan	Light Red	High Intensity		
3D	61	Cyan	Light Magenta	High Intensity		
3E	62	Cyan	Yellow	High Intensity		
ЗF	63	Cyan	White	High Intensity		
40	64	Red	Black	Normal		
41	65	Red	Blue	Underline		
42	66	Red	Green	Normal		
43	67	Red	Cyan	Normal		
44	68	Red	Red	Normal		
45	69	Red	Magenta	Normal		
46	70	Red	Brown	Normal		
47	71	Red	Light Grey	Normal		
48	72	Red	Dark Grey	High Intensity		
49	73	Red	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline		
4 A	74	Red	Light Green	High Intensity		

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CHARACTER SET AND COLOR

		Display Attributes			
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome	
Hex	Dec	Background	Foreground	and the second	
4B	75	Red	Light Cyan	High Intensity	
4C	76	Red	Light Red	High Intensity	
4D	77	Red	Light Magenta	High Intensity	
4E	78	Red	Yellow	High Intensity	
4F	79	Red	White	High Intensity	
50	80	Magenta	Black	Normal	
51	81	Magenta	Blue	Underline	
52	82	Magenta	Green	Normal	
53	83	Magenta	Cyan	Normal	
54	84	Magenta	Red	Normal	
55	85	Magenta	Magenta	Normal	
56	86	Magenta	Brown	Normal	
57	87	Magenta	Light Grey	Normal	
58	88	Magenta	Dark Grey	High Intensity	
59	89	Magenta	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline	
5A	90	Magenta	Light Green	High Intensity	
58	91	Magenta	Light Cyan	High Intensity	
5C	92	Magenta	Light Red	High Intensity	
5D	93	Magenta	Light Magenta	High Intensity	
5E	94	Magenta	Yellow	High Intensity	
5F	95	Magenta	White	High Intensity	
60	96	Yellow	Black	Normal	
61	97	Yellow	Blue	Underline	
62	98	Yellow	Green	Normal	
63	99	Yellow	Cyan	Normal	
64	100	Yellow	Red	Normal	
65	101	Yellow	Magenta	Normal	
66	102	Yellow	Brown	Normal	

		Display Attributes			
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome	
Нех	Dec	Background	Foreground		
67	103	Yellow	Light Grey	Normal	
68	104	Yellow	Dark Grey	High Intensity	
69	105	Yellow	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline	
6A	106	Yellow	Light Green	High Intensity	
68	107	Yellow	Light Gyan	High Intensity	
6C	108	Yellow	Light Red	High Intensity	
6D	109	Yellow	Light Magenta	High Intensity	
6E	110	Yellow	Yellow	High Intensity	
6F	111	Yellow	White	High Intensity	
70	112	White	Black	Reverse Video	
71	113	White	Blue	Underline	
72	114	White	Green	Normal	
73	115	White	Cyan	Normal	
74	116	White	Red	Normal	
75	117	White	Magenta	Normal	
76	1 18	White	Brown	Normal	
77	119	White	Light Grey	Normal	
78	120	White	Dark Grey	Reverse Video	
79	121	White	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline	
7A	122	White	Light Green	High Intensity	
78	123	White	Light Cyan	High Intensity	
7C	124	White	Light Red	High Intensity	
7D	125	White	Light Magenta	High Intensity	
7E	126	White	Yellow	High Intensity	
7F	127	White	White	High Intensity	

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		Display Attributes				
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome		
Hex	Dec	Background	Foreground			
	80 to FF Hex are Flashing in both Color & Monochrome					
80	128	Black	Black	Non-Display		
81	129	Black	Blue	Underine		
82	130	Black	Green	Normal		
83	131	Black	Cyan	Normal		
84	132	Black	Red	Normai		
85	133	Black	Magenta	Normai		
86	134	Black	Brown	Normal		
87	135	Black	Light Grey	Normal		
88	136	Black	Dark Grey	Non-Display		
89	137	Black	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline		
8A	138	Black	Light Green	High Intensity		
88	139	Black	Light Cyan	High Intensity		
8C	140	Black	Light Red	High Intensity		
8D	141	Black	Light Magenta	High Intensity		
8E	142	Black	Yellow	High Intensity		
8F	143	Black	White	High Intensity		
90	144	Blue	Black	Normal		
91.	145	Blue	Blue	Underline		
92	146	Blue	Green	Normal		
93	147	Blue	Cyan	Normal		
94	148	Blue	Red	Normal		
95	149	Blue	Magenta	Normal		
96	150	Blue	Brown	Normal		
97	151	Blue	Light Grey	Normal		
98	152	Blue	Dark Grey	High Intensity		
99	153	Blue	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline		
9A	154	Blue	Light Green	High Intensity		
CHARACTER SET AND COLOR ATTRIBUTES

		Display Attributes		
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome
Нех	Dec	Background	Foreground	
9B	155	Blue	Light Cyan	High Intensity
9C	15G	Blue	Light Red	High Intensity
9D	157	Blue	Light Magenta	High Intensity
9E	158	Blue	Yellow	High Intensity
9F	159	Blue	White · ·	High Intensity
AO	160	Green	Black	Normal
A1	161	Green	Blue	Underline
A2	162	Green	Green	Normal
A3	163	Green	Cyan	Normal
A4	164	Green	Red	Normai
A5	165	Green	Magenta	Normal
A6	166	Green	Brown	Normal
A7	167	Green	Light Grey	Normal
8A	168	Green	Dark Grey	High Intensity
A9	169	Green	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
AA	170	Green	Light Green	High Intensity
AB	171	Green	Light Cyan	High Intensity
AC	172	Green	Light Red	High Intensity
AD	173	Green	Light Magenta	High Intensity
AE	174	Green	Yellow	High Intensity
AF	175	Green	White	High Intensity
в0	176	Cyan	Black	Normai
81	177	Cyan	Blue	Underline
B2	178	Cyan	Green	Normai
в3	179	Cyan	Cyan	Normal
84	180	Cyan	Red	Normal
В5	181	Cyan	Magenta -	Normal
B6	182	Cyan	Brown	Normal

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CHARACTER SET AND COLOR

		. Courts	les	
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome
Hez	Dec	Background	Foreground	
87	183	Cyan	Light Grey	Normal
88	184	Суал	Dark Grey	High Intensity
89	185	Cyan .	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
BA	186	Cyan	Light Green	High Intensity
88	187	Cyan	Light Cyan	High Intensity
вс	188	Cyan	Light Red	High Intensity
80	189	Cyan	Light Magenta	High Intensity
BE	190	Cyan	Yellow	High Intensity
BF	191	Cyan	White	High Intensity
CO	192	Red	Black	Normal
C11	193	Red	Blue	Underline
C2	194	Red	Green	Normal
C3	195	Red	Cyan	Normal
C4	196	Red	Red	Normal
C5	197	Red	Magenta	Normal
C6	198	Red	Brown	Normal
C7	199	Red	Light Grey	Normal
C8	200	Red	Dark Grey	High Intensity
Ċ9	201	Red	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
CA	202	Red	Light Green	High Intensity
СВ	203	Red	Light Cyan	High Intensity
сс	204	Red	Light Red	High Intensity
CD	205	Red	Light Magenta	High Intensity
CE	206	Red	Yellow	High Intensity
CF	207	Red	White	High Intensity
D0	208	Magenta	Black	Normal

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		Display Attribut		es
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome
Hex	Dec	Background Foreground		
D1	209	Magenta	Blue	Underline
D2	210	Magenta	Green	Normal
D3	211	Magenta	Cyan	Normal
D4	212	Magenta	Red	Normal
D5	213	Magenta	Magenta	Normal
D6	214	Magenta	Brown	Normal
D7	215	Маделіа	Light Grey	Normal
D8	216	Magenta	Dark Grey	High Intensity
D9	217	Magenta	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
DA	218	Magenta	Light Green	High Intensity
DB	219	Magenta	Light Cyan	High Intensity
DC	220	Magenta	Light Red	High Intensity
DD	221	Magenta	Light Magenta	High intensity
DE	222	Magenta	Yellow	High Intensity
D۶	223	Magenta	White	High Intensity
E0	224	Yellow	Black	Normal
El	225	Yellow	Blue	Underline
E2	226	Yellow	Green	Normal
E3	227	Yellow	Cyan	Normal
E4	228	Yellow	Red	Normal
E5	229	Yellow	Magenta	Normal
E6	230	Yellow	Brown	Normal
E7	231	Yellow	Light Grey	Normal
E8	232	Yellow	Dark Grey	High Intensity
E9	233	Yellow	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
EA	234	Yellow	Light Green	High Intensity
EB	235	Yellow	Light Cyan	High Intensity

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		Display Attribu		es
Character Value		Color/Graphics		Monochrome
Hex	Dec	Background Foreground		
EC	236	Yellow	Light Red	High Intensity
ED	237	Yellow	Light Magenta	High Intensity
EE	238	Yellow	Yellow	High Intensity
EF	239	Yellow	White	High Intensity
FO	240	White	Black	Reverse Video
F1	241	White	Blue	Underline
F2	242	White	Green	Normal
F3	243	White	Cyan	Normal
F4	244	White	Red	Normal
F5	245	White	Magenta	Normal
F6	246	White	Brown	Normal
F7	247	White	Light Grey	Normal
FB	248	White	Dark Grey	Reverse Video
F9	249	White	Light Blue	High Intensity Underline
FA	250	White	Light Green	High Intensity
۶B	251	White	Light Cyan	High Intensity
FC	252	White	Light Red	High intensity
FD	253	White	Light Magenta	High Intensity
FE	254	White	Yellow	High Intensity
FF	255	White	White	High Intensity

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8088-2 Register Structure

The following tables show the 8088-2 register structure. Additional information in note form is given at the end of this appendix.







8088-2 INSTRUCTION SET SUMMARY

The following tables summarize the 8088-2 instruction set. Additional information in note form is given after the tables at the end of this appendix.

Data Transfer

MOV = Move: Register/memory to/from register Immediate to register/memory Immediate to register Memory to accumulator Accumulator to memory Register/memory to segment register Segment register to register/memory

PUSH = Push: Register/memory

Register Segment register

POP = Pop:

Register/memory Register Segment register

XCHG = Exchange:

Register/memory with register Register with accumulator

IN = Input from: Fixed port Variable port

OUT = Output to: Fixed port Variable port XLAT = Translate byte to AL LEA = Load EA to register LDS = Load pointer to DS LES = Load pointer to ES LANF = Load AH with flags SANF = Store AH into flags PUSHF = Push flags POPF = Pop flags

76543210	76543210	76543210	76543210
1000101w	mod reg r/m	di onesta	and the Dark
1100011w	mod 0 0 0 r/m	data	data if w = 1
1011w reg	data	data if w=1	
1010000w	add-low	add-high	
1010001w	add-low	add-high	
10001110	mod 0 reg r/m		
10001100	mod 0 reg r/m		

11111111	mod 1 1 0 r/m
0 1 0 1 0 reg	
000 reg 1 1 0	

10001111	mod 0 0 0 r/m
0 1 0 1 1 reg	
000 reg 1 1 1	

1000011w	mod reg r/m
10010 reg	

1110010w	port
1110110w	

1110011w	port
1110111w	
11010111	
10001101	mod reg r/m
11000101	mod reg r/m
11000100	mod reg r/m
10011111	
10011110	
10011100	
10011101	ļ

Data Transfer

Logic

76543210	76543210
1111011w	mod 0 1 0 r/m

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NOT Invert
SHL/SAL Shift logical arithmetic left
SHR Shift logical right
SAR Shift arithmetic right
ROL Rotate left
ROR Rotate right
ACL Rotate through carry flag left
BCB Botate through carry right

AND = And:

Reg/memory and register to either Immediate to register/memory Immediate to accumulator

1111011w	mod 0 1 0 r/m
110100vw	mod 1 0 0 r/m
110100vw	mod 1 0 1 r/m
110100vw	mod 1 1 1 r/m
110100vw	mod 0 0 0 r/m
110100vw	mod 0 0 1 r/m
110100vw	mod 0 1 0 r/m
110100vw	mod 0 1 1 r/m

001000dw	mod reg r/m		1.000
1000000w	mod 1 0 0 r/m	data	data if w 1
0010010w	data	data if w 1	

TEST And function to flags no result: Register/memory and register Immediate data and register/memory immediate data and accumulator

OR = Oc

Reg/memory and register to either Immediate to register/memory Immediate to accumulator

XOR = Exclusive or:

Reg/memory and register to either Immediate to register/memory Immediate to accumulator

1000010	mod rag r/m		
1111011₩	mod 0 0 0 r/m	data	data if w 1
1010100w	data	data il w 1	

	000010dw	mod reg r/m		
	1000000w	mod 0 0 1 r/m	data	data if w 1
1	0000110w	data	data if w 1	

001100dw	mod reg r/m)	
1000000w	mod 1 1 0 r/m	data	data it w 1
0011010*	data	data if w 1	

Logic

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Arithmetic

ADD = Add:

Reg/memory with register to either Immediate to register/memory Immediate to accumulator

ADC = Add with carry:

Reg/memory with register to either immediate to register/memory immediate to accumulator

INC = Increment:

Register/memory Register AAA = ASCII adjust for add DAA = Decimal adjust for add

SUB = Subtract:

Reg/memory and register to either Immediate from register/memory Immediate from accumulator

SBB = Subtract with borrow

Reg/memory and register to either Immediate from register/memory Immediate from accumulator

DEC Decrement

Register/memory Register REG Change sign

CMP = Compare:

Register/memory and register Immediate with register/memory Immediate with accumulator AAS ASCII adjust for subtract DAS Decimal adjust for subtract MUL Multiply (unsigned) IMUL Integer multiply (signed) AAM ASCII adjust for multiply DIV Divide (unsigned) IDIV Integer divide (signed) AAD ASCII adjust for divide CBW Convert byte to word CWD Convert word to double word

76543210 76543210 76543210 76543210

w b 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	mod reg r/m		
100000sw	mod 0 0 0 r/m	data	data if s w 01
0000010w	data	data if w 1	

000100dw	mod reg r/m		
100000sw	mod 0 1 0 r/m	data	data il s w 01
0001010w	data	data if w 1	

1111111w	mod 0 0 0 r/m
01000 reg	
00110111	- 11221101
00100111	1

001010dw	mod reg r/m		the second second second
100000sw	mod 1 0 1 r/m	data	data if s w 01
0010110w	data	drta if w 1	

000110dw	mod reg r/m	10.000	
100000sw	mod 0 1 1 r/m	data	data if s w 01
0001110w	data	data if w 1	

1	1	1	1	1	1	1 w	med 0 0 1 r/m
0	1	0	0	1		reg	
1	1	1	1	0	1	1 w	mod 0 1 1 r/m

001110dw	mod reg r/m		
100000sw	mod 1 1 1 r/m	data	data if s w 01
0011110w	data	data if w 1	
00111111			
00101111			
1111011w	mod 1 0 0 r/m]	
1111011w	mod 1 0 1 r/m		
11010100	00001010]	
1111 <u>0</u> 11w	mod 1 1 0 r/m	}	
1111011w	mod 1 1 1 r/m	}	
11010101	00001010		
10011000		-	
10011001			
	-		

Arithmetic

String Manipulation	
REP - Repeat	11110012
MOVS - Move byte/word	1010010w
CMPS - Compare byte/word	1010011w
SCAS - Scan byte/word	1010111w
LODS - Load byte/wd to AL/AX	1010110w
STOS - Stor byte/wd from AL/A	1010101w

String Manipulation

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Control Transfer 76543210 76543210 76543210 CALL = Call 11101000 disp-low disp-high Direct within segment 1111111 mod 0 1 0 r/m Indirect within segment 10011010 offset-low offset-high Direct intersegment seq-low seg-high Indirect intersegment 11111111 mod 0 1 2/m JMP = Unconditional Jump: 11101001 Direct within segment disp-low disp-high 11101011 Direct with segment-short disp Indirect within segment 11111111 mod 100 r/m 11101010 Direct intersegment offset-low offset-high seq-low seg-high Indirect intersegment 11111111 mod 1 0 1 r/m RET = Return from CALL: Within segment 11000011 11000010 Within seg adding immed to SP data-low data-high Intersegment 11001011 11001010 data-low Intersegment adding immediate to SP data-high JE/JZ = Jump on equal/zero 01110100 disp 01111100 JL/JNGE = Jump on less/not greater disp or equal JLE/JNG = Jump on less or equal/not 01111110 disp greater JE/JNAE = Jump on below/not above 01110010 disp or equal 01110110 JEE/JNA = Jump on below or equal/ disp not above 01111010 JP/JPE = Jump on parity/parity even disp 01110000 JO = Jump on overflow disp 01111000 disp JS = Jump on sign JNE/JNZ = Jump on not equal/not zero 01110101 disp JNL/JGE = Jump on not less/greater 01111101 disp or equal JNLE/JG = Jump on not less or equal/ 01111111 diso greater JNB/JAE = Jump on not below/above 01110011 disp or equal JNBE/JA = Jump on not below or 01110111 disp equal/above 01111011 JMP/JPO = Jump on not par/par odd disp JNO - Jump on not overflow 01110001 disp JNS = Jump on not sign 01111001 disp LOOP = Loop CX times 11100910 diso 11100001 LOOPZ/LOOPE - Loop while zero/equal disp LOOPNZ/LOOPNE = Loop while not 11100000 diso zero/equal

JCXZ = Jump on CX zero

INT = Interrupt: Type specified Type 3 INTO Interrupt on overflow IRET Interrupt return

type

disp

Control Transfer

11100011

Processor Control	76543210	76543210
CLC Clear carry	11111000	
CMC Complement carry	11110101	
STC Set carry	11111001	
CLD Clear direction	11111100	
STD Set direction	11111101	
CLI Clear interrupt	11111010	1.
STI Set interrupt	11111011.	
HLT Halt	11110100	1.000
WAIT Wait	10011011	
ESC Escape (to external device)	11011xxx	mod x x x r/m
LOCK Bus lock prefix	11110000	
NOP No operation	10010000	

Notes:

AL = 8-bit accumulator AX = 16-bit accumulator CX = Count register DS = Data segment ES = Extra segment Above/below refers to unsigned value. Greater = more positive. Less = less positive (more negative) signed values if d = 1 then "to" reg; if d = 0 then "from" reg if w = 1 then word instruction; if w = 0 then byte instruction

if r/m = 000 then EA = (BX) + (SI) + DISP if r/m = 001 then EA = (BX) + (DI) + DISP if r/m = 010 then EA = (BP) + (SI) + DISP if r/m = 011 then EA = (BP) + (DI) + DISP if r/m = 100 then EA = (SI) + DISP if r/m = 101 then EA = (BP) + DISP if r/m = 110 then EA = (BP) + DISP if r/m = 111 then EA = (BX) + DISP OISP follows 2nd byte of instruction (before data if required)

"except if mod = 00 and r/m = 110 then EA = disp-high: disp-low.

if s:w = 01 then 16 bits of immediate data form the operand if s:w = 11 then an immediate data byte is sign extended to form the 16-bit operand if v = 0 then "count" = 1, if v = 1 then "count" in (CL) x = don't care z is used for string primitives for comparison with ZF FLAG

SEGMENT OVERRIDE PREFIX

0 0 1 reg 1 1 0

Processor Control

8088-2 REGISTER STRUCTURE AND

REG is assigned according to the following table:

16-Bit	(w = 1)	8-8it (w ≈ 0)		Seg	ment
000 001 010 011 100 101 110 111	AX CX DX BX SP BP SI DI	000 001 010 011 100 101 110 111	AL CL DL BL AH CH DH BH	00 01 10 11	ES CS SS DS

Instructions which reference the flag register as a 16-bit object use the symbol FLAGS to represent the file:

FLAGS - X:X:X:X:(OF):(DF):(IF):(TF):(SF):(ZF):X:(AF):X:(PF):X:(CF)

Switch Configurations

This appendix contains the various settings of the DIP switches on the main processor board and the memory expansion card. Information is also presented describing the system configurations that are defined through the various switch setting combinations.

For the flexible disk drive, the jumper connections for the various drive selection options are documented.



MAIN PROCESSOR BOARD SWITCH SETTINGS

Main Processor Board Configuration Switches

There are two DIP switches located on the main processor board. While these switches do not actually control any circuitry or switch

data lines, they are interpreted by the system software and appropriate action is generated.

Switch one is set to define the amount of memory in the system, the type of CRT used, and whether or not the coprocessor feature is installed.

Switch two is set to define the communication and printer channels and informs the main processor board the amount of memory installed and how it is configured.



Switch Number 1 Settings

Switch Number A Settings



* A Memory Expansion Board can be used with these settings.

EXPANSION MEMORY BOARD SWITCH SETTINGS



Memory Expansion Card





Switc	Switch Position Settings		Position Settings Total Memory on Expansion Card			
1	2	3	4	(in KB)	on Main Pro- cessor Board)	
On	On	On	Off	64	320	
Off	On	On	Off	128	384	
On	Off	On	Off	192	448	
Off	Off	On	Off	256	512	
On	On	Off	Off	320	576	
Off	On	Off	Off	384	640	

FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE JUMPER HEADERS

The flexible disk drives of the system are selected by connecting a jumper between certain contacts of the header. The following diagrams illustrate the location of the header jumpers on the flexible disk drive unit.



Bottom View



The first flexible disk drive in the computer must be designated "Drive A", the second "Drive B" and so on.

FIXED DISK DRIVE JUMPER HEADERS



Drive Select Chart

Placing the jumper plug on the appropriate pair of pins on the designator connector, J7, determines which select line activates that drive. The following chart indicates which drive select pins must be connected by the jumper plug to assign the drive designation wanted:



The first fixed disk drive in the computer must be designated "Drive DS-1", the second "Drive DS-2". Drive DS-1 will be automatically assigned one letter value higher than the highest flexible disk drive above "B". Drive DS-2 will be automatically assigned the next higher letter above Drive DS-1.

The first tape drive on the cable must be designated to be one number (letter) higher than the highest designation on flexible disk drives. The software will then assign correct designations to all drives in the computer and address them correctly.



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Integrated Circuit Component Pinout Configurations

The following diagram presents the pinout identifications for all of the integrated circuit component types used in the NCR Personal Computer subsystems.

	CHT CONTROLLER (CRTC)	
RESET C1 40 Yes RTD C2 34 5 SWRSEER WIR C3 34 5 SWRSEER GE C3 34 1 LCT/DR GE C3 34 1 LCT/DR A C3 34 1 LCT/DR DA C4 35 1 ADV DB C1 34 1 WP/T3 DB C1 32 ADV ADV DB C1 20 PS DVA DB C1 75A 29 US DB C1 75A 29 US DB C1 743 2 N/M	GND [1 40 3 V5 RESET C 3 30 3 AA UA3 C 4 37 3 AA UA3 C 5 30 3 AA UA3 C 6 33 2 AA UA3 C 7 34 AA UA3 C 7 34 AA UA4	CS 1 24 2 27 3 4 RD 2 2 3 3 3 1 1677 D D 2 2 1 167 1674 D D 2 2 1 164 1 1 D D 2 2 1 164 1
ID3 010 210 500 CLR CI 220 ADW CLR CI 220 ADW CLR CI 220 ADW CLR CI 220 ADW COR CI 200 AT	Anto T (1 (1) 7) 15 CLASCA C (1) 27 Ver (1) 27 CLASCA C (1) 27 Ver (1) 27 CLASCA C (1) 27	D, 1 2 75 5 D, Rad 1 3 26 5 VCC GND 1 3 26 5 VCC GND 1 5 24 D DTA D, 15 24 D DTA D, 15 24 D DTA D, 15 24 D DTA D, 15 24 D DTA D, 17 821A 21 DTA D, 17 821A 21 DTA D, 17 821A 21 DTA T, 16 D TA T, 16 D
ADST 6 C 8 33 A 41 AKN C 8 32 A 4 AKN C 10 33 V 46 (-3V1 C3 K (-1) 201 A 3 C4 K (-1)	D.	Ver 1 20 Ver 1 2 27 P N C (1) A 1 20 P N C (1) A 1 7 21 P C Q 1 1 10 D C Q Q 1 1 10 D C Q <
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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COMPONENT PINOUT CONFIGURATIONS



D	0	1	5	24	Ь	Vec
D _e	C	2		23	b	WR
0,	C	3		22	Þ	RD
D.	C	4		21	b	Č5
D.	¢	5		20	2	A.
D,	C	6	8253	19	Þ	A.
0.	0	7		18	Þ	CLK 2
D,	0			17	Þ	OU1 2
CLK 0	0	9		ιĘ	p.	GATE 2
OUTO	C	10		15.	2	CLK 1
GATEO	5	13		14	2	GATE 1
GND	q	12		13	μ	OUT 1

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PIN NAMES

D., D.	DATA BUS (BI-DIRECTIONAL)
AFSET	RESETINPIT
CS	CHIP SELECT
PD D	READ INPUT
WR	WAITEINPUT
A0-A1	PORT ADDRESS
PAT-PAD	PORT A (BIT)
PB7-PBC	PORT 8 (BIT)
PC1-PC0	PORT CIBIT:
Ver	-5 VOLTS
GND	SVOLTS

D-D.	DATA BUS IS BITI
CLKN	COUNTER CLOCK INPUTS
ATE N	COUNTER GATE INPUTS
DUTN	COUNTER OUTPUTS
0	PEAD COUNTER
AA	WRITE COMMAND OF DATA
25	CHIP SELEC?
4. A.	COUNTER SELECT
icc .	-5 VOLTS
NO I	GADUNC

PIN NAMES



		_	
A2	1	48	- TC OUT
DACK OUT	2	47	- 04
cs	3	46	ORIVE 0
10W	4	45	01
109	5	44	DRIVE 2
WR	6	43	- AESET
D5	7	2	- GND
D6	8	41	DRIVE 1
90W	9	40	00
VCO	10	39	DAIVE 3
AD	11	36	02
READ DATA	12	37	TUO DRG OUT
ADD	13	36	03
TC IN	14	35	TUO THI
X1	15	34	INT IN
X2	16	33	AST
DACK IN	17	32	WDA
CLK	18	31	
VCC	19	30	STP
WC	20	29	- STEP
PS1	21	28	RW/SEEK
PS0	22	27	FL/TRO
07	23	26	TRACK 00
DAG IN	24	25	WRITE DATA

FLEXIBLE DISK CONTROLLER

CPU CONTROLLER

Appendix E

Specifications

The sections in this appendix present the specifications for all of the NCR PERSONAL COMPUTER PC6 subsystems.

MAIN PROCESSOR BOARD

INTEL 8088-2 MICROPROCESSOR

- N-channel, silicon gate, NMOS construction
- 16-bit on-board architecture/8-bit data bus interface
- Direct addressing to 1 Megabyte of memory
- 16-bit stacked registers
- Total of 24 operand addressing modes
- 8 and 16 bit arithmetic
 - Binary and decimal
 - Signed and unsigned
 - 4.77MHz clock rate
- Input voltage 0.5V low; 2.4V high
- Power supply current 340 mA
- Clock cycle 200 ns

8259A PROGRAMMABLE INTERRUPT CONTROLLER

• Standard levels of priority - 8

• Expandable levels of priority - 64

- NMOS construction
- Input voltage 0.5V low; 2.4V high
- Input current 85 mA
- Duration of interrupt acknowledge cycle 160 ns

8288 BUS CONTROLLER

- Bipolar bus driving capability
- 3 status lines
- Input voltage 0.8V low; 2.4V high
- Supply current 230mA
- Duration of clock cycle 100 ns minimum
- Power consumption 1.5W

8237A PROGRAMMABLE DMA CONTROLLER

- 4 independent channels
- Designed for use with an external 8-bit address register
- 64K address and word capacity on each channel
- Input voltage .8V low; 2.4V high
- Duration of clock cycle 210 ns
- Duration of DMA transfer five 210 ns clock cycles

2764 ERASABLE/PROGRAMMABLE READ-ONLY MEMORY (EPROM) — 16K BYTE CAPACITY BIOS

- Access time 350 ns maximum
- Power consumption 525mW maximum
- Total programming time for all 64K bits

• Input voltage - .8V low; 2.4V high

2164 DYNAMIC RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY (DRAM) ON-BOARD MEMORY

- N-channel, HMOS construction
- 64K x 1 bit format
- Input voltage .8V low; 2.4V high
- Access time 150 ns maximum
- Duration of read, write cycle 260 ns -
- Duration of read, modify, write cycle 280 ns
- Power consumption 1W

EXPANSION SLOTS (8 AVAILABLE)

- 62-pin design
- Lines for:
 - Power
 - Address
 - Data
 - Control
- Compatible with:
 - NCR expansion boards
 - Other industry manufacturers' expansion boards

PARALLEL COMMUNICATIONS (CENTRONICS) CONNECTOR

- DB-25 female connector
- Operates on industry standard signals
- Compatible with IBM peripherals

SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS (RS 232C) CONNECTOR

• DB-25 female connector

- Baud range
 - 50 baud minimum
 - 19.2K baud maximum

MONOCHROME DISPLAY SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications pertain to NCR kit K150.

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MONOCHROME DISPLAY SPECIFICATIONS

Monochrome Functional Area	Measurement	Value	Remarks
Video Input	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5 V	Into internal 500 ohms or less contrast control: TTL
	Rise Time	10ns	Maximum leading edge (10-90%)
	Fall Time	10ns	Maximum trailing edge (90-10%)
	Frequency	Up to 20MHz Data Rate	Standard Unit
	Maximum Bandwidth	16.257MHz	a manufacture of the
Horizontal Drive	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5V	Sync Positive
	Rise/Fall Time	40ns Maximum	Report Andrews
	Resolution	18.432KHz/640 PIXEL Resolution	and the second
	Pulse Width		and the second se
	Blanking Time	10ns Minimum	
Vertical Drive Input	Amplitude	4.0 ± 1.5V	Syлc positive or negative
	Rise/Fall Times	40ns Maximum	
	Resolution	50Hz/200 PIXEL Resolution	
	Refresh Rate	200 lines 50 times per second	
	Pulse Width	.162 ms	
	Blanking Time	1.03 ms	
Input Power	Voltage/	+ 12 Volts @	
	Amperage Requirements	1.25 amps nom/ 1.50 amps max.	
	Maximum Ripple	100mv p-p	Refresh Synchronous with power supply
		10mv p-p	Refresh non-synchronous
		50mv p-p	High Frequency
Video Input	Shunt	4K ohms	Excluding internal
angoughee	Shunt	30pt maximum	
Horizontal Drive Input Impedance	Capacitive Coupled Input Impedance	470 ohms minimum	
Vertical Drive Input Impedance		3.3K ohms minimum	
Video Amplifier Response	Small Signal Bandwidth (-3db)	DC — 22MHz DC — 20MHz	Typical Minimum
	Leading Edge (90-10% @ CRT cathode)	20ns	Maximum

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Monochrome Functional Area	Measurement	Value	Remarks
Controls	Internal (Factory Preset)	2 ⁴ : 44	PC Label below:
1 24		Horizontal Hold Video Centering Linearity Width focus Brightness (Limiting) Contrast	"HORIZ HOLD" "HORIZ CENT" "LINEARITY" "WIDTH" "FOCUS" PRT TRS
	External	Brightness	100K ohm potentiometer
CRT Display Characteristics	Diagonal Measurement	12 inches	
	Deflection Angle	90°	dana a construction of the
	CRT Type	20 inch	Spherical Radius
	High Voltage	13.0KV	Nominal
	Usable Screen	6.7 x 9.0 inches	
	Horizontal	800 @ 70 cd/m?	Center
	Resolution	650 @ 70 cd/mi	Corners
	Linearity	10% Maximum Height/Width Variance	Adjacent Characters
		20% Maximum Height/Width Variance	All Screen Characters
	Screen Surface	P39 Green Phosphor	and the second second
	Characters Per Line:	80	
	Number of Lines:	25	
	Character Boxes:	9 dots x 14 dots	
Mechanical Specification	Weight	10.0 lbs. (4.54 kg)	
the second se	Height	7.49 in.	
	Width	11.1 in.	
	Depth	11,4 in.	
Environment	Ambient Temperature	Operating	and the second s
	5° to 50°C (41° to 131°F) -40° to 65°C (-40° to 150°F)	Non-operating	- and fam.
	Humidity (No- condensing)	5% to 90%	Operating/Non- operating
	Altitude (Maximum)	10,000 ft. (3.048 km) 30,000 ft. (9.144 km)	Operating Non-operating

MONOCHROME DISPLAY ADAPTER BOARD SPECIFICATIONS

- Nominal dimensions = 13.00 inches long, 4.2 inches wide
- Cathode ray tube controller IC = Motorola MC6845
- 4K ROM character generator providing 256 resident character patterns
- 62 contact, Main Processor Board Bus expansion connector
- 9-pin 'D-type' video cable connector
- Power Requirements = +5VDC @ 1.0A (maximum)

Video Input:

- Level low = 0 to 0.4V
- Level high = 3V (typical)

Horizontal drive:

- Level low = 0 to 0.4V
- Level high = 3V (typical)

Vertical drive:

- Level low = 0 to 0.4V
- Level high = 3V (typical)
 Display Buffer Memory: 4K bytes
 Dot Clock Frequency: 16.257MHz
 Sweep Rates: 18.432KHz (horizontal); 50Hz
 (Vertical), while providing a screen-repaint rate of
 50Hz Logic Levels are TTL-compatible
 Power Requirement: +5VDC + /0.5V at 1.0A (max.)

POWER SUPPLY SPECIFICATIONS

Output

Supplies Power To:

+5.2V at 10A within 4%

Main Processor Board, Flexible Disk Drives, Keyboard, plus all Expansion Adapters

SPECIFICATIONS

+12.2V at 4.1A within 5%	System dynamic memory, disk drive motors (one at a time) for both flexible and fixed disks
-5.0V at 300MA within 3%	RS 232C port (with -12V) dynamic memory bias
-12.2V at 500MA within 5%	RS 232C port (with +12V)

FIXED DISK DRIVE SPECIFICATIONS

DC Power Requirements:

+12V within 5%, 0.75 amp typical, 2.5 amps (at power on) *5V within 5%, 0.9 amp typical, 1.2 amps (maximum)

Maximum Ripple: 100MV peak to peak (12V, 5V)

Power Dissipatib#W, typical 16W, maximum

Performance Specifications Capacity

Formatted

Unformatted

Per	Drive	20.0 MB	25.52 MB
Per	Surface —	5.0 MB	6.38 MB
Per	Track	8,192 bytes	10,416 Bytes

Performance Specifications Capacity

Rotational Speed	3600 RPM + 1%
Recording Density	9,784 BPI
Flux Density	9,784 FCI
Track Density	568 TPI
Cylinders	612
Tracks	2,448
R/W Heads	4
Discs	2
Access Time:	
Track to Track	20 ms
Average	85 ms
Maximum	205 ms

Transfer Rate Average Latency

FLEXIBLE DISK DRIVE SPECIFICATIONS

- Dimensions: Half-height; approximately 8" by 5-3/4" by 1-3/4"
- 5-1/4" (133 mm) diameter diskette
- 2 read/write heads
- 300 rpm
- Double-sided, double-density*
- 40 Tracks per side*
- 48 Tracks per inch*
- 6 ms track-to-track access time*
- 250K bytes-per-second transfer rate
- Drive timeout in 15 seconds of no use*
- 15 ms head setting time (last track addressed)*

• Error Rate:

- 1 per 10A9 (recoverable)
- 1 per 10A1A2 (non-recoverable)
- 1 per 10A6 (seeks)
 - Rol2d2VDC 02 0.6V, 900 mA average +5.2VDC 02 0.25V, 900 mA average
- Software-controlled by flexible disk drive controller on MPB.

5-1/4" FLEXIBLE MAGNETIC DISK SPECIFICATIONS

- Size 5.25 inches (133.4 mm) square. Distance from edge of disk to edge of jacket: 0.140 inch (3.56 mm)
- Double-sided, double-density, soft-sectored
- Oxide-coated mylar disk
- Spindle access hole
- Read/write access hole
- Index hole
- Write/protect cutout

- 48 tracks per inch (TPI)
- 40 tracks/surface
- 9 sectors to a track
- 512 Bytes per sector
- Disk layout Tracks 0-2 operating system Track 3 directory Tracks 4 — 79 user files

FIXED DRIVE INTERFACES SPECIFICATIONS

- Encoding method MFM
- Tracks per head 306
- Bytes per sector: 512
- Sectors per track: 17
- Total tracks: 1224
- Head selects: 4
- Drive selects: 2
- Data transfer rate: 5 Mbits/sec
- Write precomp time: 12 ns

MAIN PROCESSOR BOARD INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

- Type: 62-pin standard I/O channel card edge
- Power: Supplied via 62-pin connector +5VDC @ 1.5 amps +12VDC @ 100ma

Glossary

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ABORTED

Ended abnormally before completion, such as a function that is interrupted before completion.

ACOUSTIC COUPLER

A modem that converts the data to be transmitted into a sequence of different tones; sent via a conventional telephone handset to a receiving modem; converts them back to a stream of binary digits.

ACRONYM

A word formed from the first letter or letters of the words in a name, term, or phrase.

ADAPTER

A connector that has a plug for one type of cable or device and a socket for another type. An adapter allows parts of a computer which ordinarily don't fit together to be connected.

ADDRESS

Data is contained in the devices which make up your computer's internal and external memory and the registers in its CPU. Each accessible location within a device is assigned a number, which is known as an "address". In internal memory, the address is a specific byte number. In external memory, the address is a unit number (for example, drive A) and, for disk or diskette drives, the address may include a track number and a sector number. Your computer is able to locate data using these addresses.

APPLICATION PROGRAM

A program that you use on your computer to perform a specific job, such as budgeting or word processing.

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ASCII

American National Standard Code for Information Interchange. The standard code, using a coded character set consisting of 7-bit coded characters (8 bits including parity check), used for information interchange among data processing systems, data communication systems, and associated equipment. The ASCII set consists of control characters and graphic characters.

ASSEMBLE

To prepare an object language program from a symbolic language program by substituting machine operation codes for symbolic operation codes and absolute addresses for symbolic addresses.

ASSEMBLER

A computer program that operates on symbolic input data to produce machine instructions. An assembler generally translates input symbolic codes into machine instructions, item for item, and produces, as an output, the same number of instructions or constants that were defined in the input symbolic codes.

ASYNCHRONOUS

Characterizing different time intervals between events or occurrences.

ASYNCHRONOUS DATA TRANSMISSION

A format for data transmitted across telephone lines in which each character is "framed" by a start bit and a stop bit. Thus, when transmitted asynchronously, each character is 10 bits in length: seven information bits, one parity bit, one start bit, and one stop bit.

В

BACK UP, verb

The process of duplicating data from one location to another (i.e., diskette to diskette, or fixed disk to diskette) to prevent total information loss should the original record be lost or damaged.

BACKUP, noun

A copy of a file or disk/diskette.

BACK-UP, adjective

A system that performs the process of backing up data or files.

BASIC

- 1. Acronym for the programming language Beginner's Allpurpose Symbolic Instruction Code. BASIC uses common English words and is relatively easy to use.
- 2. The computer program which translates statements made in BASIC programming language into instructions to the computer.

BINARY CODE

A system of numbering which uses only two values, zero and one. For example, the ASCII letter D is represented as 01000100.

BINARY DIGIT (bit)

Either of the characters 0 or 1, abbreviated as bit.

BLOCK

A physical unit of data that can be conveniently stored by a computer on an input or output device. The term is synonymous with physical record. The block is normally composed of one or more logical records or a portion of a logical record.

BPI

Abbreviation for bits per inch. The standard measure for the density of data recording on disks/diskettes/tapes.

BPS

An abbreviation for bits per second. In serial transmission, the instantaneous bit speed with which a device or channel transmits a character.

BYTE

A sequence of adjacent bits operated upon as a unit. The smallest addressable memory element; usually represents one character. In your computer, each byte consists of eight bits plus one parity bit.

С

CARTRIDGE

A container with a reel of magnetic tape for the storage of data and a takeup reel for transfer of the tape within the cartridge by means of a capstan drive system.

CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)

An electronic vacuum tube with a screen, such as a television picture tube, upon which information may be displayed.

CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT (CPU)

The central processor or the computer system contains the internal memory unit (memory), the arithmetic logic unit (ALU), and the input/output control unit (I/O Control).

COBOL

An acronym for Common Business Oriented Language — a higher level language developed for business data-processing applications.

CODING

(1) The writing of a list of instructions which will cause a computer to perform specified operations. (2) An ordered list or lists of the successive instructions which will cause a computer to

perform a particular process.

COMMAND

An instruction which tells the operating system what you want to do.

COMMUNICATION ADAPTER

A hardware component that is hardwired into the telephone line which prepares data for transmission through a telephone line.

COMPILER

A computer program that operates on symbolic input data to produce machine instructions. A compiler is more powerful than an assembler. It is able to replace certain input items with a series of instructions. The program which results from compiling is a translated and expanded version of the original program.

COMPONENT

A functional part of an operating system, i.e., your keyboard.

COMPRESSION

The elimination of blank spaces on the magnetic tape or disk by placing data files immediately adjacent to each other.
COMPUTER

A device capable of accepting data in the form of facts and figures, applying prescribed processes to the data and supplying the results of these processes as meaningful information. This device usually consists of input and output devices, storage, arithmetic and logic units, and a control unit. Usually, an automatic, stored-program machine is implied.

COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION (CAI)

A data processing application in which a computing system assists in the instruction of students. The application usually involves a dialog between the student and a computer program which informs the student of mistakes as they are made.

COMPUTER SYSTEM

The physical equipment and instructions; i.e., hardware and software, used as a unit to process data. It includes the central processing unit (CPU), its operating system, and peripheral equipment and programs under its control.

CONVERSATIONAL MODE

A mode of operation of a data processing system in which a sequence of alternating entries and responses between a user and the system takes place in a manner similar to a dialog between two persons.

CPS

Abbreviation for characters per second. It is a standard way of measuring the printing speed of a printer.

CPU

See central processing unit.

CRT

See cathode ray tube.

CURSOR

A moving, sliding, or blinking symbol on a CRT which indicates where the next character will appear.

CYLINDER

The tracks of a disk storage device that can be accessed without repositioning the access mechanism.

DATA

Any information — letters, numbers, symbols — which is input to, or output from, the computer for storage or manipulation.

DATA BASE

A collection of data fundamental to an enterprise.

DEBUG

To detect, to trace, and to eliminate mistakes in computer programs or in other software.

DEFAULT

An alternative value, attribute, or option that is automatically selected by the computer program when none has been specified.

DESTINATION FILE

A file designated to receive the information which is output from a computer run.

DIAGNOSTICS

Procedures used to identify and isolate problems within the computer or its peripherals.

DIRECTORY

A list of file names kept on each disk or diskette.

DISKETTE

A thin, flat piece of flexible plastic which looks like a phonograph record. It is coated with magnetic material and is encased in a protective paper jacket. Data is recorded and stored on a diskette. Flexible Disk, Floppy Disk, Disk, Flexible Diskette, Floppy Diskette, Floppy, Mini Disk are all common names used to refer to a removable diskette.

DISKETTE ENVELOPE

A heavy paper envelope in which diskettes are stored except when in use.

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EBCDIC

An acronym for Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code. A coded character set consisting of 8-bit coded characters.

EDIT

To prepare data for a later operation. Editing may include the rearrangement or the addition of data, the deletion of unwanted data, format control, code conversion, and the application of standard processes such as zero suppression.

ELECTRONICS

Pertaining to the application of that branch of science which deals with the motion, emission and behavior of currents of free electrons, especially in vacuum, gas or phototubes and special conductors or semiconductors. Contrasted with "electric" which pertains to the flow of large currents in wires only.

EPROM

An acronym for Erasable PROM. One of the latest types of monolithic memory. It can be programmed in the field by the user, and it can also be erased and reprogrammed with different information. Once it has been programmed the EPROM memory acts just the same as ROM.

ERASE

To remove data from a data medium, leaving the medium available for recording new data.

EXTENSION

A one-, two-, or three-letter addition to a filename generally used to identify what type of data file it is.

F

FIELD

A unit of data within a record or area. A logical grouping of contiguous characters.

FILE

A set of related records grouped and identified together; the records in a file may be sequenced according to a key contained in each record.

FILENAME

The name applied to a data file to identify it so that the computer can locate it and recall it from a storage device.

FILE-SELECTABLE

The ability of a computer to select data from a storage device by the filename or to transfer data to storage by single filename.

FIXED DISK

A thin, flat, circular piece of rigid plastic or aluminum on which data and information is stored. Hard disks are able to store much more data than flexible diskettes.

FORMATTED DISKETTE

A diskette on which track and sector control information has been written by a particular computer system, i.e., NCR-DOS, but which contains no data.

FORTRAN

An acronym for FORmula TRANslator. A high level programming language used to perform mathematical, scientific, and engineering computations.

FUNCTION

Any activity of the computer directed by the software, such as loading a file into memory, saving a file onto a disk, or performing a series of calculations.

G

GLITCH

A sudden, often unexplained, electronic occurrence which causes problems in an electronic device.

GRAPHICS

Facilities to provide computer output in the form of displays, drawings, and pictures.

Н

HARD COPY

A printed copy of machine output in readable form, i.e., reports, listings, documents, summaries.

HARD DISK

See fixed disk.

HARDWARE

Physical equipment used in data processing. Contrast with software.

HEAD

A device that reads, records, or erases data on a storage medium, e.g., a small electromagnet used to read, write, or erase data on a magnetic disk.

HEXADECIMAL DIGIT

A whole number in the hexadecimal numeral system (based on a radix of 16). A hexadecimal digit can be expressed in any one of sixteen different characters: 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,a,b,c,d,e,f.

HOUSEKEEPING

Computer operations that do not directly contribute toward the desired results; in general, initialization, set-up, diagnostics.

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ILLEGAL CHARACTER

A character or combination of bits which is not accepted as a valid or known representation by the computer.

INDICATOR

A device which registers a condition in the computer.

INITIALIZE

To set counters, switches, and addresses to zero or other starting values at the beginning of, or at prescribed points in, a computer routine.

I/0

Abbreviation for "input and output". Input is the data received by the CPU from devices connected to it. Output is that which is sent from the CPU to those devices.

INPUT

The introduction of data from an external storage medium into a computer's internal storage unit.

INSTRUCTION

A group of characters, bytes, or bits that defines an operation to be performed by the computer.

INTERFACE

A common boundary between two or more electronic devices or software programs which enables them to transfer information.

INTERRUPT

A suspension of a process, such as the execution of a computer program, caused by an event external to that process, and performed in such a way that the process can be resumed.

Κ

KEY

(1) The field or fields which identify a record. (2) The field which determines the position of a record in a sorted sequence. (3) A lever on a manually operated machine, such as a typewriter.

KILOBYTE

A kilobyte is 1024 bytes. It is commonly abbreviated as K, and used as a suffix when describing memory size in computers. Thus, 24K really means a 24 x 1024 = 24,576 byte memory system.

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LANGUAGE

A set of characters, conventions, and rules, that is used for conveying information. The three aspects of language are pragmatics, semantics, and syntax.

LED

An acronym for Light Emitting Diode, a commonly used alphanumeric display unit which glows when supplied with a specified voltage.

LOAD

To enter data into storage or working registers of the computer.

LOG

A record of the operations of data processing equipment, listing each job or run, the time it required, operator actions, and other pertinent data.

LOGGING-ON

Giving the computer (particularly if it is a part of a larger system) information such as your name and a password in order to be able to use the system.

LOOP

A sequence of instructions in a program that can be executed repetitively until certain specified conditions are satisfied.

Μ

MACHINE INSTRUCTION

An instruction that a computer can directly recognize and execute.

MACHINE LANGUAGE

The basic language of a computer.

MACRO INSTRUCTION

(1) A source language instruction that is equivalent to a specified number of machine language instructions. (2) A machine language instruction that is composed of several micro instructions.

MEMORY

The storage facilities of the computer, capable of storing vast amounts of data.

MENU

Options listed in a display image that can be selected by the user of the display device.

MICRO INSTRUCTION

A low level instruction used to obtain a macro, or machine language instruction.

MIRROR-IMAGE

Exact copy of a data storage system such as a hard disk with files arranged in exactly the same sequence, including any blank spaces.

MODEM

Modulator-Demodulator. A device which converts (modulates) serialized digital signals (usually output from a communications

adapter) to acoustic signals for transmission over a telephone line and converts (demodulates) incoming acoustic signals to serialized digital signals.

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OPERATING SYSTEM

An organized collection of software that controls the overall operations of a computer. The operating system does many basic operations which were performed by hardware in older machines, or which are common to many programs. It is available to the computer at all times either being held in internal storage or on an auxiliary storage device.

OPERATION

A defined action. The action specified by a single computer instruction or high level language statement.

OPERATION CODE

The instruction code used to specify the operations a computer is to perform.

OUTPUT

(1) Data transferred from a computer's internal storage unit to some storage or output device. (2) The final result of data processing; data that has been processed by the computer.

Ρ

PARALLEL TRANSMISSION

In data communications, a method of data transfer in which all bits of a character are sent simultaneously.

PARAMETER

An arbitrary constant. A variable in an algebraic expression that temporarily assumes the properties of a constant.

PARITY

A method used by most of the computer industry to determine if hardware has correctly sent and received data characters. If hardware checks for even parity, it considers valid all characters moved between units, memory registers, or memories whose total number of ON bits is even. If hardware checks for odd parity, it considers valid all characters moved between units, memory registers, or memories whose total number of ON bits is odd.

PARITY BIT

The extra bit that computer hardware adds to a character or group of characters prior to moving the character between units, memory registers, or memories. Hardware sets the bit either OFF or ON to develop either an odd or even number of ON bits in the character. When this character is received, hardware checks the parity to determine if the data was correctly received or if a parity error exists.

PARITY CHECKING

Automatic error detection by using checking bits along with the numerical bits.

PASCAL, BLAISE

(1623-1662) A French mathematician who built the first deskcalculator type of adding machine in 1642. This device represented the numbers from 0 to 9 with teeth on gears. The machine could perform addition and subtraction.

PASCAL

A high-level, procedure-oriented programming language named for Blaise Pascal.

PASSWORD

A unique string of characters that a program, computer operator, or user must supply to meet security requirements before gaining access to data.

PERIPHERAL

A device which is separate from the computer but which works in conjunction with it, such as a printer, a keyboard, a disk drive, etc.

PHYSICAL RECORD

The unit of data for input or output; e.g., a punched card, a tape block, a record on a disk.

PIXEL

A picture element.

PL/1

A high level programming language designed to process both scientific and business applications. The PL/1 language contains many of the best features of FORTRAN, COBOL, ALGOL and other languages as well as a number of facilities not available in previous languages.

PROCESSOR

A device or system capable of performing operations upon data; e.g., CPU (hardware) or compiler (software). A compiler is sometimes referred to as a language processor.

PROGRAM

(1) A set of sequenced instructions to cause a computer to perform particular operations. (2) A plan to achieve a problem solution. (3) To design, write, and test one or more routines. (4) Loosely, a routine.

PROGRAMMING

The process of translating a problem from its physical environment to a language that a computer can understand and obey. The process of planning the procedure for solving a problem. This may involve among other things the analysis of the problem, preparation of a flowchart, coding of the problem, establishing input/ output formats, establishing testing and checkout procedures, allocation of storage, preparation of documentation, and supervision of the running of the program on a computer.

PROM

An acronym for Programmable Read Only Memory. A memory that can be programmed by electrical pulses. Once programmed, it is read only. The PROM chips can be purchased blank and then be programmed by using a special machine. Once programmed, this memory behaves the same as the ROM. That is, it can be read as many times as desired but cannot be written.

RAM

Random Access Memory. The type of internal memory of a computer in which data can be written to, read from, erased, or stored in any order. RAM is maintained by electrical current and makes up much of the internal memory.

RESET

(1) To return computer components to a specified static state. (2) To place a binary cell into the zero state.

RESPONSE TIME

The time it takes the computer system to react to a given input. It is the interval between an event and the system's response to the event.

RESTART

To reestablish the execution of a routine.

RESTORE

To recover data from a storage device such as a tape cartridge and transfer it back to the disk from where it was originally copied.

RETENSION

To adjust the tension again on the tape in a cartridge so that it is uniform in tension throughout the reel.

ROM

An acronym for Read Only Memory. Nonerasable, permanently programmed memory usually used to store monitors, I/O drivers, interpreters, or special application functions. It is not possible to write into ROM memory.

ROUTINE

A set of machine instructions for carrying out a specific processing operation. Sometimes used as a synonym for program.

RUN TIME

The time during which the data are fetched by the control unit and the actual processing is performed in the arithmetic unit.

S

SAVE TO TAPE

Transfer data from disk or other memory device to tape.

SCREEN

The display surface of a CRT device.

GLOSSARY

SCROLL

To roll lines up or down a CRT screen to review text or information. Most screens display only 25 lines at a time, so scrolling is useful in viewing large files of information.

SECTOR

One of the peripheral elements into which each track of a disk surface is divided. Disks are usually formatted into 8 or 9 sectors.

SOFTWARE

The non-physical portion of your system. Any kind of program within the electrical circuits of a computer is software.

SOURCE DOCUMENT

An original document from which basic data are extracted; e.g., invoice, sales slip, inventory tag.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

A graphic character that is not a letter, a digit, nor a blank; e.g., plus sign, equal sign, asterisk, dollar sign, comma, and period.

START/STOP

A mode of operation of a tape drive in which the data are transferred in blocks during which the tape runs and then stops while the computer reads more data for transfer.

STATEMENT

In programming, an expression or generalized instruction in a source language.

STORAGE

Descriptive of a device or medium that can accept data, hold them, and deliver them on demand at a later time. The term is preferred to memory.

STORAGE CAPACITY

The number of items of data which a storage device is capable of containing. Frequently defined in terms of computer words, bytes, or characters.

SYNCHRONOUS DATA TRANSMISSION

A transmission mode in which regularly timed clock pulses are used to provide synchronization between the transmitting and receiving devices on a communication line. Synchronous transmission reduces overhead, compared with asynchronous transmission, by eliminating the need to send individual start and stop bits for each character transmitted.

SYSTEMS PROGRAMS

Computer programs that provide a particular service to the user; for example, compilers, assemblers, operating systems, softmerge programs, linkage editor programs, graphic support programs, etc.

Т

TERMINAL

(1) An I/O peripheral device which is on-line to the computer, but which is in a remote location: another room, another city, or another country. (2) A point at which information can enter or leave a communication network.

TRACKS

A series of concentric rings on a disk or diskette. Data can be written to or read from the tracks by the read-write head.

U

UPDATE

To incorporate into a master file the changes required to reflect transactions or other events.

USER GROUP

A group of computer users that share knowledge they have gained and programs they have developed on a computer or class of computers of a specific manufacturer.

UTILITY ROUTINES

Software used to perform some frequently required process in the operation of a computer system.

V

VALIDATION

The examination of data for correctness against certain criteria, such as format, ranges, check digits, equivalent entries on a master file.

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VARIABLE

A quantity that can assume any of a given set of values.

VERIFY

(1) To determine whether a data processing operation has been accomplished accurately; e.g., to check the results of keypunching. (2) To check data validity.

W

WORD

A group of bits, or bytes considered as an entity and capable of being stored in one storage location.

WORD LENGTH

The number of bits, or bytes in a word.

WRITE

(1) The process of transferring information from the computer to an output medium. (2) To copy data, usually from internal storage to auxiliary storage devices.

WRITE-INHIBIT TAB

Opaque tape used to cover the write-enable notch on diskettes to prevent writing on the disks.

WRITE ENABLE NOTCH

A small notch located on an edge of most diskettes. It permits data to be recorded on that diskette.

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