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**TECHNICAL
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PROGRAM

6070 CARTRIDGE DISK FORMATTER
PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

THE CARTRIDGE DISK FORMATTER PROGRAM IS A UTILITY PROGRAM
DESIGNED TO FORMAT AND CHECK DISK PACKS. THE PROGRAM IS NOT
A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND ASSUMES THE HARDWARE TO BE IN
WORKING ORDER.


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17.0 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/THEORY OF OPERATION:
A. FORMATTER PROGRAM (STARTING ADDRESS <SA> 500)
THE DISK IS FIRST FORMATTED AFTER WHICH A FORMAT DONE
MESSAGE IS PRINTED. THEN A 15555 PATTERN IS WRITTEN
TO THE ENTIRE PACK AND READ BACK 2 TIMES. AND PASS
IS PRINTED. THE DATA PATTERN IS THEN ROTATED 1 BIT
AND THE WRITE/READ/READ PROCESS IS REPEATED.
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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AT LEAST 4 PASSES (WRITE/READ)
BE ALLOWED TO INSURE PACK QUALITY. IF TIME PERMITS,
LONGER RUNS WILL FURTHER INSURE QUALITY.
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ANY HARD DATA OR ADDRESS ERRORS WILL RESULT IN THE
BAD SECTOR FLAG BEING SET IN THAT SECTOR. ANY "SOFT
DATA" OR "ADDRESS ERROR" ADDRESS ENCOUNTERED TWICE
CAUSE THAT BAD SECTOR FLAG TO BE SET. ANY OTHER
ERROR WILL CAUSE THE PROGRAM TO PRINT THE FAILURE TO
THE TTY AND TAKE THE CORRESPONDING UNIT OFFLINE.
THEN TESTING WILL RESUME ON THE REMAINING UNITS. IF
NO UNITS REMAIN TO BE TESTED THE PROGRAM WILL PAUSE.
THIS PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A RELIABILITY FOR THE
DISK SYSTEM AND IN GENERAL ASSUMES THE CONTROL AND DRIVE
TO BE IN WORKING ORDER.
A HARD ADDRESS ERROR IS DEFINED AS SUCH AFTER TWO
ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE BOTH RESULTING IN AN ADDRESS
ERROR. A HARD DATA ERROR IS DEFINED AS SUCH AFTER
2 OR MORE OF 10 READ TRY'S HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.
B. CHECK PROGRAM ONLY (SA 501)
SAME AS SA 500 EXCEPT THAT INITIAL PACK FORMAT
OPERATION IS BYPASSED.
B.1. STATISTICS
TYPE L FOR 1ST 100. DISK ADDRESSES OF BAD SECTORS,
DATA AND ADDRESS ERRORS.

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C. COMMAND STRING INTERPRETER (SA 503)
AS A TROUBLE SHOOTING AID THE SERVICE ENGINEER
MAY TYPE IN HIS OWN TEST LOOP. AFTER STARTING
AT 503, THREE ARGUMENTS MUST BE ENTERED IN
RESPONSE TO THREE PROGRAM QUESTIONS: "UNIT",
"DATA", AND "COMMAND STRING". ALL NUMBERS MUST
BE ENTERED IN OCTAL.
I. UNIT: TYPE UNIT # OR CARRIAGE TO USE
THE PREVIOUS ENTRY
II. DATA:
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ALO=ALL ONES
ALZ=ALL ZEROS
PAT=110110
FLO=FLOATING ONE PATTERN
FLZ=FLOATING ZERO PATTERN
ADR=ALTERNATING CYLINDER AND
HEAD, SECTOR WORDS
VAREXISTING WORDS ENTERED
PREVIOUSLY AS DESCRIBED BELOW
ALTERNATIVELY ENTER A STRING OF UP
TO 7 OCTAL 16 BIT WORDS TO BE
USED AS DATA. THE WORDS ENTERED
ARE USED REPEATEDLY TO MAKE UP A
SECTOR BLOCK. TYPE CARRIAGE TO
USE THE PREVIOUS ENTRY.
III. COMMAND STRING:
OPTIONS 1. READ HEAD,SECTOR,#SECTORS
2. WRITE SAME
3. SEEK CYLINDER
4. RECALIBRATE
5. LOOP (GO TO BEGINNING OR LR)
6. DELAY N (N=DELAY IN MS)
7. LR (BEGIN LOOP HERE)
8. FORMAT CYL,HD,SECTOR
9. BAD (BAD SECTOR) CYL,HD,SECTOR
10. TYPE CARRIAGE RETURN TO USE THE
PREVIOUS COMMAND STRING,UNIT,OR
DATA.
11. TYPE ESCAPE TO BYPASS UNIT & DATA
PROMPT TO COMMAND STRING PROMPT,
USING PREVIOUSLY ENTERED UNIT #
& DATA.
12. TYPE ANY KEY TO INTERRUPT EXECUTION
OF CURRENT COMMAND AND RETURN TO
UNIT#.
13. TYPE A "0" TO ENTER ODT

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01 WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION.  
02 LINE FEED IS USED TO CLOSE THE OPEN CELL WITH OR  
03 WITHOUT MODIFICATION AND TO OPEN THE SUCCEEDING  
04 CELL.  
05 CLOSE THE OPEN CELL WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION  
06 AND OPEN THE PRECEDING CELL  
07 CLOSE THE OPEN CELL WITHOUT MODIFICATION, AND  
08 OPEN THE CELL POINTED TO BY ITS CONTENTS.  
09 *ADR*/ CLOSE THE OPEN CELL WITHOUT MODIFICATION, AND  
10 OPEN THE CELL POINTED TO BY ITS CONTENTS + "ADR".  
11 -ADR*/ CLOSE THE OPEN CELL WITHOUT MODIFICATION, AND  
12 OPEN THE CELL POINTED TO BY ITS CONTENTS - "ADR".  
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OTHER ODT COMMANDS

RUBOUT THIS KEY IS USED TO DELETE ERRONEOUSLY TYPED DIGITS. EACH TIME THE KEY IS PRESSED THE RIGHT MOST DIGIT IS DELETED AND ECHOED ON THE TERMINAL. IF THE RUBOUT KEY IS PRESSED RIGHT AFTER OPENING A CELL THEN IT DELETES THE RIGHT MOST DIGIT OF THE CELLS CONTENTS. THIS ALLOWS THE MODIFICATION OF THE CELL AS IF ITS CONTENTS WERE TYPED IN JUST BEFORE THE KEY WAS PRESSED.

ADR*B INSERT A BREAK POINT AT LOCATION "ADR".

ENTRY TO ODT AFTER EXECUTING A BREAK POINT WILL CAUSE IT TO BE DELETED.

D DELETE THE BREAK POINT IF ANY.

P RESTART THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM AT LOCATION POINTED BY 4A.

ADR*R START EXECUTING THE PROGRAM AT "ADR" AFTER AN IO-RESET.

K KILL THE STRING TYPED SO FAR. THE ODT RESPONDS WITH A "2" AND THE OPEN CELL IS CLOSED WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

= PRINT THE OCTAL VALUE OF THE INPUT ONLY. THIS WILL CLOSE ANY OPEN CELLS WITHOUT MODIFICATION AND WILL NOT OPEN A CELL

NOTE: IN PROGRAMS WHICH RELOCATE THEMSELVES THE USER SHOULD PLACE BREAK POINTS ONLY IN THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM AREA. IF A BREAK POINT IS PLACED OUTSIDE THIS AREA THE RESULTS WILL BE UNPREDICTABLE.

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SPECIAL NOTES/SPECIAL FEATURES:

1. THE PROGRAM IS INOT! A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND ASSUMES THE HARDWARE TO BE IN WORKING ORDER.
2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AT LEAST 4 PASSES (WRI/REA/REA) BE ALLOWED TO INSURE PACK QUALITY. IF TIME PERMITS, LONGER RUNS WILL FURTHER INSURE QUALITY.

PROGRAM RUNTIME:

PROGRAM RUNTIMES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED WITH MEMORIES OF 16k OR LARGER.

TYPICAL RUNTIME (4 PASSES) IS APPROXIMATELY 16 MINS FOR A SINGLE DRIVE, TWO SURFACES ON NOVA 800 AND LATER SERIES CPU'S.

FOUR PASSES AFTER FORMAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SURFACE VERIFICATION.

READ, WRITE AND SEEK OPERATIONS ARE TIMED BY SPECIAL ROUTINES. WHEN THE PROGRAM IS FIRST STARTED, THE TIMING ROUTINE WILL TEST FOR THE PRESENCE OF A REAL TIME CLOCK (RTC) TO DERIVE TIMING FROM IT. IF NO RTC IS PRESENT, THE PROGRAM WILL TYPE "TTO BAUD RATE". THIS MESSAGE REFERS TO THE BAUD RATE OF THE CONSOLE TERMINAL (DEVICE 10 & 11). TYPE IN THE BAUD RATE. IF A TYPING ERROR OCCURS IN THE NUMBER TYPE (BEFORE THE CARRIAGE RETURN), SIMPLY TYPE A NON-NUMERIC CHARACTER AND THE REQUEST FOR THE BAUD RATE WILL BE REPEATED. IF THE CARRIAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN AFTER A TYPING ERROR, RELOAD THE PROGRAM.

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