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**CONTROL DATA<sup>®</sup>**  
**3436-A, 3637-A/B/C**  
**DRUM STORAGE CONTROLLERS**

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**REFERENCE MANUAL**



## **PREFACE**

This publication contains reference information for Control Data® 3436-A, 3637-A/B/C Drum Storage Controllers which may be used in conjunction with standard Control Data 3000 series data channels. The reader should be familiar with characteristics of the 3000 series data channels.



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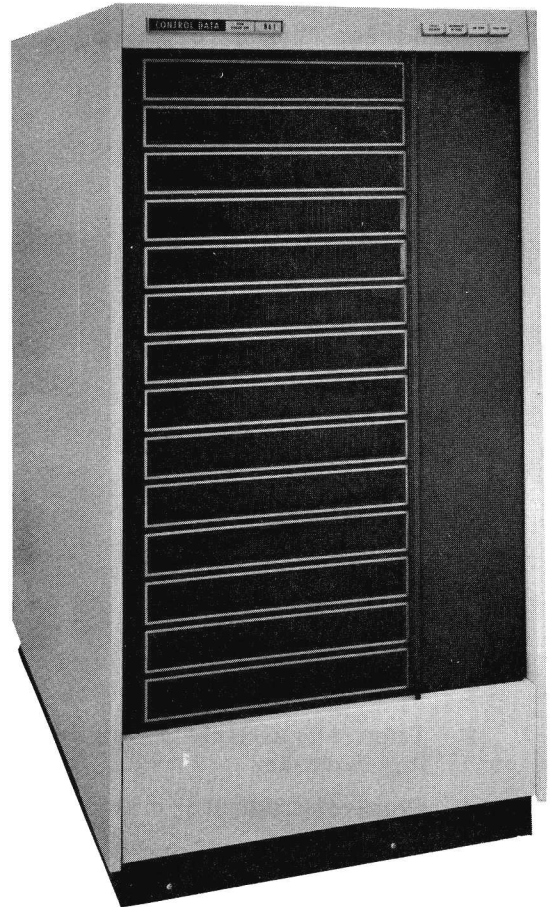
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DRUM STORAGE CONTROLLER



DRUM STORAGE UNIT

# 3436-A, 3637-A/B/C DRUM STORAGE CONTROLLERS

This manual describes a drum storage subsystem consisting of the CONTROL DATA® 3436/3637 Drum Storage Controllers, CONTROL DATA® 3000 Series Data Channels, and the following peripheral storage devices: CONTROL DATA® 861/863 and 865 Drum Storage Units. It includes relevant system specifications, programming procedures, codes, manual operating information and sample program routines. It is assumed the reader is familiar with 3000 Series logic, instructions, and procedures.

The following terms are used throughout this section and are defined here for clarification:

- Drum: The physical drum assembly, consisting of the drum drive motor, recording surface, drum case and logic mounted thereon. It does not include the cabinet which houses the drum assembly.
- Drum Unit: The drum and cabinet in which it is housed along with the associated drum unit logic and electronics.
- Drum Controller: The logic interface between the drum unit(s) and the data channel(s) and the cabinet in which the logic is housed.

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The controllers, in conjunction with the drum units operate as a drum storage subsystem having medium access time, nonvolatile, mass-memory facilities. The subsystem provides large-volume data storage with high-speed transfer capabilities.

The subsystem incorporates features which permit:

- 1) Byte addressable data access in the 863 Drum Units.
- 2) Sector addressable data access in the 865 Drum Units.
- 3) Continuous addressing throughout each drum unit.
- 4) Data checking on completion of a Write operation (Write Check).
- 5) The ability to determine the approximate drum angular position for maximum programming efficiency.

## SUBSYSTEM CONFIGURATION

Two major elements constitute the drum storage subsystem: The drum controllers and the drum units. Up to eight drum units may be connected to each controller, and each drum unit may be connected to two controllers. Thus, the controller/drum unit configuration allows two or more computing systems to be integrated via the drum units and permits multiple operations to take place within a system. Figure 1 shows a typical drum subsystem. Solid lines encompass the equipments necessary for a minimum subsystem; dashed lines indicate subsystem expansion capabilities.

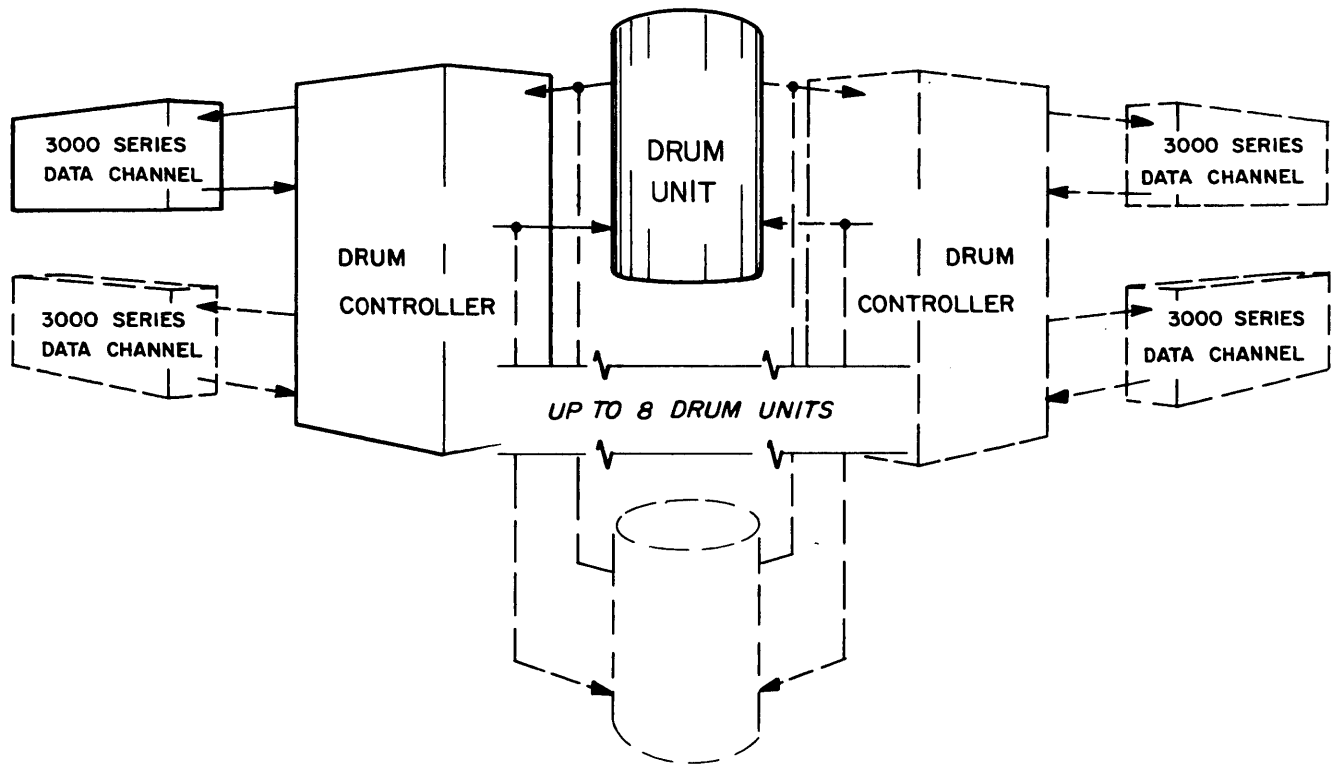


Figure 1. Typical Drum Subsystem

The subsystem incorporates features that allow the controller to operate with two 3000 Series Data Channels on a time-shared basis. The data channels provide an interface between the computers and the controllers. The subsystem also allows time-shared drum operations between controllers in the system. In this case, the drum unit acts as a common storage medium between the two controllers.



A description of equipment which may be incorporated into the drum storage subsystem, and its capabilities, is shown below.

3436-A Drum Storage Controller - Provides a single data channel interface to any of the 861/863 Drum Units.

3637-A Drum Storage Controller - Provides a dual data channel interface to any of the 861/863 Drum Units.

3637-B Drum Storage Controller - Provides dual data channel interface to any of the 861/863/865 Drum Units.

861-B Drum Unit - Provides byte addressable data storage (2,097,152 data bytes) with variable transfer rate capabilities.

863-B/C Drum Unit - Provides byte addressable data storage (2,097,152 data bytes) with variable transfer rate capabilities.

865-A/B Drum Unit - Provides sector addressable data storage (128 data bytes/sector; 4,194,304 bytes total capacity) at a fixed transfer rate.

Most of the information in this section is common to all of the equipment. Information that is unique to a particular controller or drum unit is so stated. The 861-B and 863-B Drum Units are similar. For simplicity, only the 863 is referenced throughout this section; however, all references and information applicable to the 863 also apply to the 861.

## DRUM UNITS

The basic purpose of the drum unit (which houses the drum and associated electronics) is to provide recording surfaces for storage of data. The drum, which is mounted on a vertical axis, is plated with a metallic recording medium. Each 863 drum contains 832 recording tracks; each 865 drum contains 768 recording tracks. Six other tracks are used to make up three sets of control timing tracks. One track of each set provides timing (Clock pulses); the other track of each set provides reference (indexing) information.

One of the three sets of control tracks is designated as a master set; the other two sets are designated as working sets. Provision is made within each drum unit for rewriting the working tracks from the master set while the master set may be written or rewritten via an external oscillator (one megacycle for the 863 Drum Unit; two megacycles for the 865 Drum Unit).

The drum unit also contains the drum drive motor, the R/W heads, and the associated drum electronics. Provision is made within the 861/863 drum units for manual selection of the interface transfer rates and drum size. All drum units provide for setting of the unit designation (unit number), and various maintenance switch functions.

The exchange of the following signals between the controller and drum units is necessary to control drum operation: (C → D) indicates the signal originates in the controller and is sent to the drum; (D → C) indicates the signal originates in the drum and is sent to the controller.

#### Select (C → D)

This signal is sent to all drum units attached to the controller. The signal indicates that the unit code is on the line and causes the drum unit to examine the code.

#### Select Reply (D → C)

This signal is sent in response to the Select signal and indicates that the designated drum unit has been selected. Absence of the signal indicates that the desired drum was unavailable (either no such drum exists or the drum is reserved by another controller).

#### Head Group Address (C → D)

These signals carry the 8-bit head group code (and Head Subgroup in the 865) from the controller Address register. The signals are decoded by the drum unit to select the appropriate head group (and head subgroup in the 865).

#### Angular Address (C → D)

These signals carry the 15-bit (14-bit in the 865) angular address to the drum unit from the controller Address register. For the 863, the signals are decoded according to the interlace to determine the angular position of the data to be read or written. For the 865, the signals are decoded to determine the starting sector address of the data to be read or written.

#### Read Angular Count (D → C)

These 12 signals carry: 1) from the 863, the upper 12 bits of the 15-bit Angular Count. This indicates within 8 byte locations the present position of the drum; 2) from the 865, (in the lower order positions) the 7-bit sector address portion of the Angular Count. This indicates the sector presently being referenced by the drum.

### Write (C → D)

This signal indicates the data is on the lines and directs the drum unit to record the data at the addressed location or sector.

### Read (C → D)

This signal directs the drum unit to read data from the addressed byte or sector.

### Data Ready (D → C)

This signal (sent in response to the Read signal) indicates that the requested byte (in the case of the 863) is on the lines to the controller. For the 865, the signal indicates that a data byte (from the requested sector) is on the lines to the controller.

### Compare (D → C)

This signal indicates that the drum unit is presently accessing the byte (for the 863) or the sector (for the 865) location indicated by the controller Address register. In the case of the 863, the signal initiates the Read operation within the controller if in the Read mode. In the case of the 865, this signal comes up only at the beginning of the addressed sector. For both the 863 and 865, the signal activates the Address Compare interrupt if selected.

### Write Reply (D → C)

This signal is sent in response to a Write signal. It indicates that the Write operation has been accepted by the drum unit and will commence upon determination of a successful Write Compare.

### Write Compare (D → C)

This signal is sent in response to a Write signal. It indicates that the angular address sent by the controller and the angular position of the drum compare and that the previously selected Write operation is being initiated at that location.

### Index (D → C)

This is the Stop Index signal from the index control track. The signal indicates the end of the clock and the beginning of the dead zone and head switching time for each revolution of the drum.

### Drum Ready (D → C)

This signal indicates that the unit code and the designation switch setting agree, the drum is up to speed, and no timing errors exist.

### Clock (D → C)

Two clock signals (Clock 1 and Clock 2) are sent by the selected drum unit. The signals come from the control timing tracks and provide the two phases of the 1-MHz clock. (The 865 drum 2-MHz clock is broken down to 1 MHz for controller use.)

### Release (C → D)

This signal removes all operating modes and reserves in the drum units; however, it does not affect any drum unit reserved by another controller.

### MC (C → D)

This signal clears most logic conditions, selections, and reserves within the drum units; however, it does not affect any drum unit reserved by another controller.

Manually initiated Master Clear removes all error conditions and the Drum Ready condition, causing the drum to recheck all timing and synchronization before becoming Ready again. (This requires approximately 70 ms.)

### Drum Type (D → C)

When a logical 1, this signal indicates that the selected drum unit contains an 863 Drum with 32K byte storage per head group; when a logical 0, this signal indicates that the selected drum unit contains an 865 Drum with 65K byte storage per head group.

### Data Error (D → C)\*

The presence of this signal indicates that either a Transmission Parity Error has been detected during a Write operation, or that a Checkword Error has been detected during a Read operation.

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\*These signals are only applicable to and returned only by the 865 Drum Units.

### Busy (D → C)\*

The presence of this signal indicates that the drum unit is busy with a data handling operation. Note that even if a Write or Read operation terminates prior to the end of the sector, the drum unit remains busy until the checkword is read or written at the end of that sector.

### Lost Data (D → C)\*

The presence of this signal indicates that 1) the data channel has failed to maintain the proper transfer rate while writing, (the controller checks for Lost Data during Read operations), or 2) the byte address portion does not contain all zeros when a new I/O initiation is attempted. (All I/O operations must commence at the beginning of a sector. At that point the byte address portion equals all zeros).

In addition to the signals, 13 bidirectional lines carry the data and parity information and Connect codes between the controller Transfer register and the drum unit.

## DRUM CONTROLLERS

The standard 3000 Series signals are exchanged between the controller and the data channel. The controller provides an interface between the drum units and the computer via the data channels. The controller translates the Connect and function codes issued by the computer to control drum operation. The controller synchronizes and transfers data between the drums and the computers in a parallel 13-bit byte format.

The computers control the drum (and controller) operations through the use of 12-bit function codes and a 21- or 22-bit address word\*\* (dependent upon the type of drum unit in use). Issuing of a function code specifying a mode of operation prepares the controller and drum unit for an I/O operation. The drum seeks the specified head group and the sector or angular address position specified by the contents of the Address register in the controller. The specific operation commences upon initiation of an I/O at the location specified by the address.

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\*These signals are applicable to the 865 Drum Units.

\*\*For specific format and address word information, refer to ADDRESSING.

Subsequent to the initiation of an I/O to/from the drum, the computer may issue a Load Address code followed by 2 bytes which form the address word. If an address word is issued, it is loaded into the controller Address register, and the next operation commences at this new address location. If no new address is received by the controller prior to the initiation of an I/O, operation commences at the address presently held in the Address register\*.

## STORAGE

The types of drum units are similar in that they are all mounted in identical cabinets, they all utilize a metallic magnetic recording medium, and all have the same number of data recording tracks per unit. The drums differ in their physical appearance, bit and track arrangement, and logically in their recording and addressing techniques and total storage capacities.

### 863 Drum Units

These drums have 768 data tracks and 64 parity tracks. The tracks are divided into 64 groups of 13 tracks each (12 data and one parity track per group). The groups are organized vertically on the drum and are referred to as head groups. Each bit of a byte is written on a separate track of the group (see Figure 2). Each track provides 32,768 bits of storage with a total capacity of 25,165,824 data bits (4,194,304 6-bit characters) per drum unit.

### 865 Drum Units

These drums have 768 data tracks divided into 64 head groups of 12 tracks each. Each head group is further sub-divided into four subgroups of 3 tracks each. Four bits of each byte are written serially on each of the three tracks of the subgroup. The bytes are written serially and in parallel as three groups of 4 bits each. (See Figure 2.)

## DATA FORMAT

Each 12-bit byte plus an associated parity bit is transferred in parallel between the data channels and the controller, and between the controller and selected drum units.

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\*With the 865 Drum, the byte portion of the address must equal zero or a Lost Data Error will occur upon initiation of the operation.

## 863 Drum Units

In the 863 Drum Units the bytes are recorded in parallel on the 13 tracks of a head group. Data is written on the drum in a byte format within a head group: bytes are recorded by laying down 1 bit in each of the 13 tracks of the head group. Any byte may be read or written without interference or reference to adjacent bytes (bits).

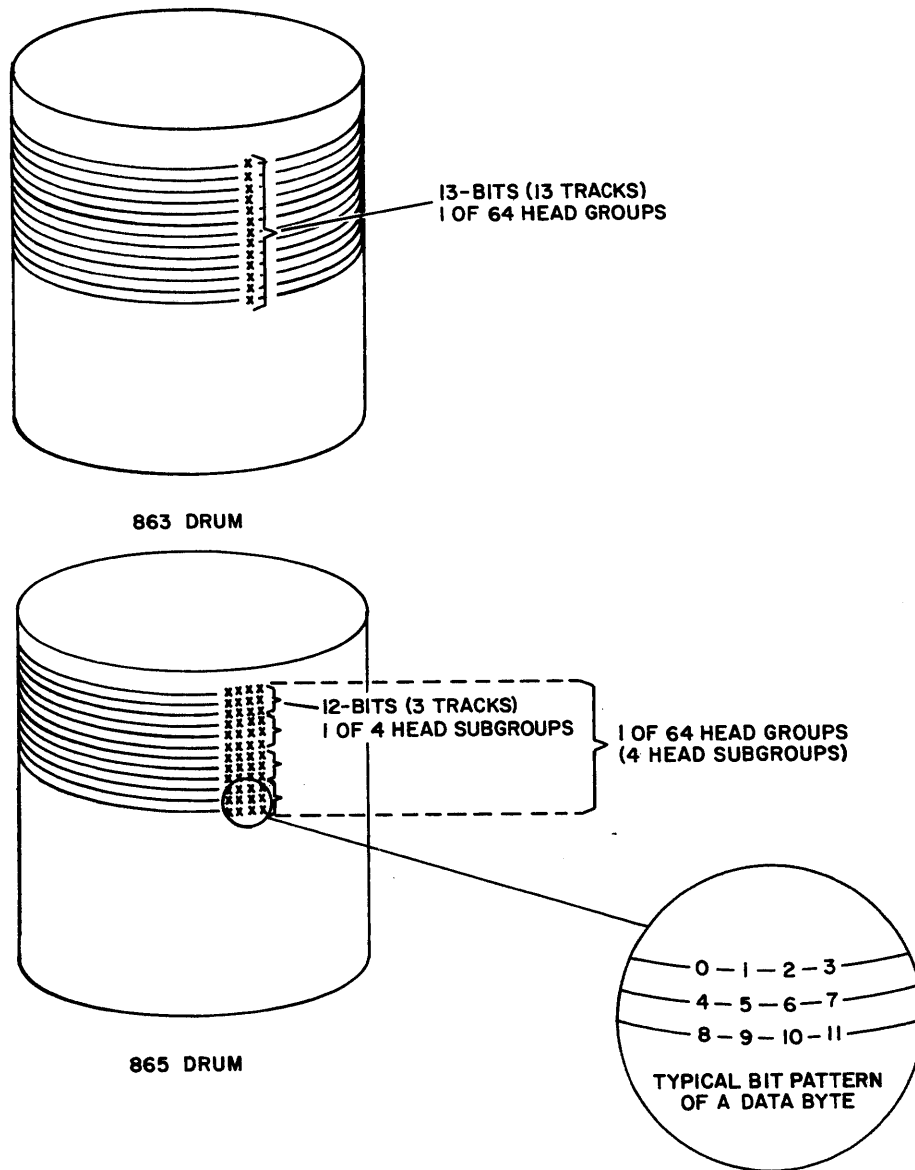


Figure 2. Theoretical Byte Recording Format

## 865 Drum Units

In the 865 Drum Units each byte is recorded in 3 sets (tracks) of 4 bits each. The 3 sets are recorded in parallel with the 4 bits within each set recorded serially. A total of 128 bytes are recorded in each sector of the drum.

## ADDRESS CHARACTERISTICS

Data is referenced by means of a 21-or 22-bit address.\* The address is assembled in the controller from two 12-bit bytes sent via the data channel to the controller. In the 863 a 21-bit address designates the specific head group and angular position of the byte on the drum; in the 865, a 22-bit address specifies the head group, the head subgroup and the starting sector address.

Addresses are continuous throughout the drum. For multiple-byte (or sector) transfers the address is automatically augmented to select the next sequential byte (or sector) without the necessity of readdressing from the computer.

Address sequencing is continuous from the starting address to the end of the drum; however, operation is not end-around within a drum unit.

### 863 Drum Units

The data is byte addressable. Each 21-bit address references the head group and angular position of one of the 32,768 bytes within that head group.

### 865 Drum Unit

Data is sector addressable. The sectors are referenced by means of a 22-bit address. Each address references a head group, a head subgroup, and a sector within the head group.

## DATA TRANSFER

The minimum data transfer is 1 byte†; the maximum data transfer is an entire drum. Table 1 lists the drum unit capacities and transfer information.

In the 865 Drum Unit data is transferred at a set rate of 1 byte every 2 microseconds. In the 863 Drum Unit data is transferred at a maximum rate of 1 byte per microsecond.

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\*Dependent upon the type of drum used in the subsystem. For specific format and address word information, refer to Addressing.

† Although as little as 1 byte may be read or written in the 865, the smallest addressable quantity is a sector (128 bytes)



The transfer rate is variable in the 863 Drum Unit, and can be reduced in binary increments by a logic interlace built into the drum unit. Table 2 indicates the interlaces available along with the various byte transfer timing. The interlace is selected manually at each drum unit. Therefore, various 863 Drum Units in a subsystem may have independent data transfer rates.

TABLE 1. DRUM CAPACITY AND TRANSFER SPECIFICATIONS

	863 Drum	865 Drum
Capacity		
Data Bits	25,165,824	50,331,648
6-bit Characters	4,194,304	8,388,604
Tracks (data)	768	768
Bits/Track	32,768	65,536
Transfer		
Minimum Quantity	1 byte	1 byte*
Maximum Quantity	2,097,152 bytes	4,194,304 bytes
Maximum Rate	2,000,000 Characters/ second (1X1 interlace)	1,000,000 Characters/ second

TABLE 2. INTERLACE SPECIFICATIONS

Ratio	Transfer Rate	
	$\mu$ sec/Byte, Minimum	Byte/Sec, (Maximum)
1:1	1	1,000,000
2:1	2	500,000
4:1	4	250,000
8:1	8	125,000
16:1	16	62,500
32:1	32	31,250

Registers within the controller and drum unit are used for synchronization and buffering. Buffering limitations are explained under Buffer Timing.

\* Although as little as 1 byte may be read or written in the 865, the smallest addressable quantity is a sector (128 bytes).

In the 865 Drum Unit the data channel must maintain the specified transfer rate or a Lost Data condition will occur. In the 863, data is never missed due to the failure of the data channel to maintain the selected interlace rate. If a byte is missed (either not received by the controller in time to be written on the drum or the last byte is not accepted from the controller when the next byte is ready to be read), the controller automatically enters a Readdress state during which the drum readdresses the location of the missed byte (the Address register is decremented and the address relocated). Accordingly, the drum must make one full revolution in order to relocate the desired position. (The 863 Drum Unit requires 34 ms per revolution.)

## PERFORMANCE TIMING

The access and total operating time involved in a data transfer is equal to the sum of the times involved in addressing the drum, locating the address byte or sector (865), and performing the transfer.

### Head Switching

Head switching time is defined as the interval necessary to electronically switch from one head group to another (or to the specified head group on an initial address operation). This is a constant, and is equal to 100 usec.

### Latency Time

Latency time is defined as the interval between the end of head switching time and the point at which the addressed byte or sector (865) arrives under the R/W heads. This is a maximum of one revolution of the drum (33.4 ms); the average time is one-half revolution.

### Access Time

Access time is defined as the time necessary to electronically switch to the desired head group plus the latency time necessary to locate the specified sector (865) or angular address (863); bring the desired data under the selected head group.

During multiple byte transfers which encompass more than one head group, the head switching takes place during the drum index time. Thus, additional access time is not required to reference the next sequential head group; however, the transfer time is increased by the 100 usec index time (see Programming Considerations; Write Timing).

## CODES

Table 2 lists all codes applicable to the drum storage subsystem. A complete explanation of each code follows the table.

TABLE 2.. CONNECT, FUNCTION, AND STATUS CODES

Connect	
Connect Controller and Drum	N00U*
Function	
Release and Disconnect	0000
Select Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy	0020
Release Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy	0021
Select Interrupt on End of Operation	0022
Release Interrupt on End of Operation	0023
Select Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation	0024
Release Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation	0025
Select Interrupt on Opposite Channel Release**	0026
Release Interrupt on Opposite Channel Release**	0027
Select Interrupt on Address Compare	0030
Release Interrupt on Address Compare	0031
Load Address	0040
Read	0041
Write	0042
Write Check	0043
Read Angular Count	0044
Status	
Ready	XXX1
Busy	XXX2
Drum Reject/Lost Data†	XXX4
Write Check Error	XX1X
End of Drum	XX2X
Release Interrupt**	XX4X
Address Compare Interrupt	X1XX
Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy	X2XX
Interrupt on End of Operation	X4XX
Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation	1XXX
Read Parity Error	2XXX
Reserved**	4XXX

\*N = equipment number of the controller. U = drum storage unit number.

\*\*Not applicable to the 3436 Drum Storage Controller

† When operating with 3436/3637-A Controllers, this bit indicates a Drum Reject; with 3637-B Controllers, this bit indicates Lost Data.

## CONNECT CODE

### *Connect Controller and Drum (N00U)*

The 12-bit Connect code (Figure 3) designates the equipment (controller) and the unit (drum) with which the computer desires to communicate.

Once the data channel is connected to a controller and drum unit, the controller and drum unit are reserved until specifically released by that channel. The channels may reserve additional drum units and/or controllers by issuing additional Connect instructions. Each Connect must receive a Reply for a successful connect and reservation to be made. If a Connect is rejected, the controller and/or drum is unavailable (non-existent or reserved by another channel).

#### NOTE

A Connect is never rejected because the subsystem is Not Ready.

When more than one connect is made (to reserve more than one drum unit), initiation of an I/O takes place at the controller and drum selected by the last successful Connect operation.

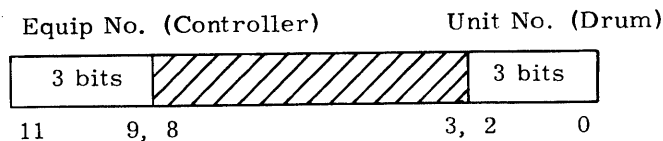


Figure 3. Connect Code Format

#### Bits 0-2

These 3 bits designate the unit (drum) with which the program desires to communicate. The number designating the unit is variable from 0-7 by means of a rotary designation switch located in the drum unit.

#### Bits 3-8

Unused.

## Bits 9-11

These 3 bits designate the equipment with which the program desires to communicate. The number designating the drum controller is variable by means of a rotary designation switch located in the controller cabinet.

Upon receipt of the Connect code by the controller, a Reply or Reject is returned to the data channel. If the desired controller and drum are available, a Reply is returned immediately. If the controller is unable to accept the code and perform the connect, a Reject is returned. Upon receipt of a Reject, the computer must request a status response and interrogate the status bits in order to determine whether the Reject was a result of the controller being reserved or the drum unit being unavailable. (Refer to explanation of status response bits Drum Reject (XXX4) and Reserved (4XXX).)

## FUNCTION CODES

The four-digit octal function codes (Figure 4) are divided into two major categories. The upper two digits of the code must be zeros; the categories are:

- 1) The mode codes (000- and 004- ) which affect operating modes and,
- 2) The interrupt codes (002- and 003- ) which set and remove interrupt selections.

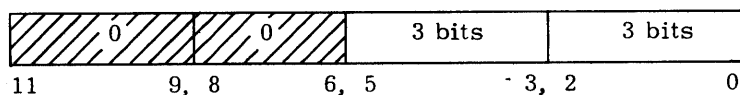


Figure 4. Function Code Format

A Reject is issued upon receipt of a mode or release function code whenever the controller is busy (I/O in process).

Unassigned function codes are replied but ignored by the controller.

## Mode Codes

The first code in this group (the Release and Disconnect (0000) code), while not actually a mode code, provides the computer with the means of releasing the drum subsystem and deselecting the data channel (without using a Master Clear), removing all reserves, mode selections and Interrupt signals. The remaining five codes in the group provide the computer with a means of selecting one of five operational modes. In the latter five cases, actual operation commences after the mode selection has been made and an I/O is initiated.

Transmission of a new select code prior to initiation of an I/O removes the present selection and replaces it with a new selection. In all cases, the select code is cleared upon completion of the mode of operation (end of I/O). Therefore, each individual buffer must be preceded by an operating mode code.

*Release and Disconnect (0000)*

This code releases the subsystem from the data channel. It causes all reserves to be removed, clears all Interrupt signals, removes all mode selections, clears the Read Parity and Write Check Error conditions, and drops the status response lines. (See Programming Consideration; Master Clear, Release and Disconnect.)

*Load Address (0040)*

This mode, in conjunction with an output buffer, causes the controller to load the next output buffer into the controller Address register.

*Read (0041)*

This mode, in conjunction with an input buffer, causes the controller to initiate a Read operation from the drum at the address specified by the content of the Address register. The operation will continue until halted by one of the conditions listed under Interrupt on End of Operation.

*Write (0042)*

This mode, in conjunction with an output buffer, causes the controller to initiate a Write operation to the drum at the address specified by the content of the controller Address register. The operation continues until halted by one of the conditions listed under the Interrupt on End of Operation.

*Write Check (0043)*

This mode, in conjunction with an output buffer, causes the controller to initiate a Read from the drum at the address specified by the content of the controller Address register.

The output buffer transmits data to the controller which is compared on a bit-by-bit basis with the data read from the drum.

Upon occurrence of a miscompare (compare error), the Write Check Error status bit is set. The occurrence of a write check error causes the Abnormal End of Operation interrupt to be set (if selected).

NOTE

The operation ends before the byte in error is replied; thus, in this case, the Address register contains the address of the byte in error.

*Read Angular Count (0044)*

This mode, in conjunction with an input buffer, causes the controller to return to the data channel a portion of the drum angular count. The count held in the Angular Counter is advanced by the drum unit Clock pulses and is synchronized with the rotation of the drum. Thus, the count (at any particular instant) represents the angular position of the drum in relation to the various address locations.

NOTE

The count returned is from the drum unit Angular Counter and is NOT the contents of the Address register.

The count returned to the data channel by the controller is dependent upon the type of drum unit selected.

- 865 Drum Unit: The controller returns the 7-bit sector address portion of the count presently associated with the data block being referenced.

The Angular Count is not timed with the beginning of the sector, and therefore the programmer cannot expect to operate on the next sector of the drum consistently. The programs next operation should be initiated on the returned address + 2. (See Address Compare Interrupt,)

- 861/863 Drum Unit: The controller returns the upper 12 bits of the 15-bit angular count. These 12 bits are sufficient to indicate within eight address positions (approximately 8  $\mu$ sec) the present position of the drum. If the input buffer is more than 1 byte in length, the count presently held in the continuously incrementing Angular Counter is returned on each byte transmitted.

The lower 15 bits of the 21-bit address indicate the angular address of a particular byte. The actual angular position of the byte on the drum depends upon

the interlace selected. To determine the physical location (angular position) of a particular byte address, the angular address portion of the byte address is left shifted, end-around, by the number of bits equal to the  $\log_2$  of the interlace. An example follows:

Drum Interlace = 8-1	$\log_2 8=3$
Byte Address $\underline{2731465}_8$	Angular Address $31465_8$
Head Address ↓	Angular Address = $011\ 001\ 100\ 110\ 101_2$
Angular Address ↑	Physical Location = $001\ 100\ 110\ 101\ 011_2$

### Interrupt Codes

These codes establish and remove the interrupt selections which determine what conditions send an interrupt to the data channel. The codes are never rejected by the controller.

A manual Master Clear or channel Master Clear removes all interrupt selections.

Interrupt indications (interrupt active) are removed whenever a manual Master Clear, channel Master Clear, release, or any interrupt function (select or release) is performed. The indication (but not the selection) is also removed whenever a new mode of operation is selected.

#### *Select Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy (0020)*

Selection of this code causes the interrupt line to be activated and the associated status bit set the next time the subsystem becomes Ready and Not Busy (at the end of the next operation). (For an explanation of Ready and Not Busy conditions, refer to the associated status response bit description.)

#### *Release Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy (0021)*

This code removes the associated interrupt selection set up by the 0020 code. No interrupt notification of Ready and Not Busy will be sent until the condition is reselected.

#### *Select Interrupt on End of Operation (0022)*

This code causes the interrupt line to be activated and the associated status bit to be sent upon completion of the next operation whether the end of operation is normal or abnormal.



Normally, operation ends upon completion of a buffer; however, during Write operation, the End of Operation signal is delayed until completion of writing of the last byte on the drum. Although this is a fixed delay for the operation, the length of the delay is inherently dependent on the interlace being used, on the last address of the drum, and on whether a single byte is being written. (For specific times, refer to Program Considerations; Write Timing.)

*Release Interrupt on End of Operation (0023)*

This code removes the associated interrupt selections set up by the 0022 code. No interrupt indication of end of operation will be sent until the condition is reselected.

*Select Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation (0024)*

This code causes the interrupt line to be activated and the associated status bit set upon the stopping of an operation due to any abnormal condition within the controller or drum unit.

The following conditions are considered abnormal:

- 1) The drum unit becomes Not Ready.
- 2) Any I/O attempt to reference an address exceeding the last address of the drum.
- 3) Occurrence of a read parity error (parity error in the data read from the drum).
- 4) Occurrence of a write check error (lack of a comparison during a Write Check operation).

Conditions 1 and 2 cause operations to cease immediately whether the interrupt is selected or not. If the interrupt is not selected, operation ends in a normal manner even though conditions 3 or 4 or both have occurred.

*Release Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation (0025)*

This code removes the associated interrupt selection set up by the 0024 code. No interrupt indication of abnormal end of operation will be sent until the condition is reselected.

*Select Interrupt on Opposite Channel Release (0026)*

This code causes an Interrupt signal to be sent and the associated status bit set whenever the opposite data channel (the channel presently maintaining a Reserve state of the controller) releases its reservation of the controller and drum units.

#### NOTE

If only one data channel is connected to the controller (as in the 3436) this code is not applicable and should not be used.

#### NOTE

The interrupt is conditioned upon the dropping of the reserve. Therefore, a Master Clear causes the interrupt only if the data channel executing the Master Clear has the drum sub-system reserved.

#### *Release Interrupt on Opposite Channel Release (0027)\**

This code removes the associated interrupt selection set by the 0026 code. No interrupt indication of a release by the other channel will be set until the condition is reselected.

#### *Select Interrupt on Address Compare (0030)*

This code causes the interrupt line to be activated and the associated status bit set upon occurrence (locating) of an address comparison between contents of the drum Angular Counter and the contents of the controller Address register.

When operating with an 863 Drum Unit, this interrupt operates in either of the following modes:

- 1) Upon detection of a specified address: if none of the 0041 through 0044 codes have been selected prior to location of the address, the interrupt occurs immediately.
- 2) Upon location of the specified address: if a mode is selected prior to location of the address, the interrupt is sent upon initiation of data transfer (I/O) at that address.

When operating with an 865 Drum Unit, this interrupt is conditioned only on the sector portion of the address. The interrupt occurs when the beginning of the specified sector is detected, and accordingly does not permit enough time for an operation to be initiated to that sector.

#### *Release Interrupt on Address Compare (0031)*

This code removes the associated interrupt selection set up by the 0030 code. No interrupt indication of an address comparison will be sent until the condition is reselected.

## STATUS CODES

In order for the computer to determine the state of the controller and drums, a 12-bit status response is available to the data channel. The computer initiates a Copy Status instruction and samples the status response on the lines from the controller. The computer may sample a status response anytime it is connected, or after a connect attempt is rejected, even if the controller and/or drum unit are under control or reservation by a different data channel.

The Copy Status response bits (Table 3) indicate the state of the controller and/or drums to which the data channel is connected or last attempted to connect. A "1" in the bit position indicates the condition is present (or has occurred); a "0" indicates the condition is not present (or has not occurred). It should be noted that the interrupts must have been selected or the associated interrupt status bit will be a "0" even though a condition that would normally set the interrupt has occurred (e.g., a copy status will not indicate that an abnormal end of operation has occurred unless the Abnormal End of Operation interrupt is selected). If the Abnormal End of Operation interrupt is selected, the operation ends, the Interrupt and Error status bits are set, and the interrupt is sent to the data channel immediately upon occurrence of the error condition. However, if the Abnormal End of Operation interrupt is not selected, the Error status bits are set immediately upon occurrence of the error condition even though the operation may not end until the buffer is completed (end of I/O).

### *Ready (XXX1)—Bit 0*

The presence of this bit indicates that the drum unit that last connected is in an operable condition and ready for use. The drum is considered Ready when it is up to operating speed, all voltages are at proper operating levels, and no timing fault conditions exist. The bit will remain a "1" until the unit becomes inoperable or certain fault conditions occur (see Not Ready Causes).

### *Busy (XXX2)—Bit 1*

The presence of this bit indicates that the drum unit specified by the Connect code is currently performing an operation (data transfer) and is unable to initiate any new action at this time. The bit will become a "0" at the end of operation.

The Busy status normally follows the Channel Busy signal; however, in a Write mode, the Busy status remains until the last byte has been written on the drum, or in the case of the 865, until a checkword has been written or read. Any abnormal condition which causes an end of operation to occur causes the Busy status to drop.

The Busy status does not respond to buffers attempted on a unit which is Not Ready or to buffers which are inconsistent with the selected mode of operation or for which no mode of operation has been selected (e. g., attempting to initiate an output buffer when a Read mode is selected).

*Drum Reject/Lost Data (XXX4)—Bit 2*

Dependent upon the controller model used in the subsystem, this bit indicates:

- 3436/3637-A Controllers - Drum Reject

The presence of this bit indicates that the instruction has been rejected because the specified drum unit was unavailable. This bit will be a "1" whether another controller is actually using the unit or simply has it reserved. The bit will also become a "1" if the unit specified by the code does not exist (no drum unit has that unit designation switch setting).

- 3637-B Controller - Lost Data

The presence of this bit indicates that data has been lost due to the data channel's failure to maintain the specified transfer rate to the 865 Drum Unit, or that the starting byte address was unequal to zero upon initiation of an I/O operation, (this bit is not used when 861/863 Drum Units are attached to this controller).

*Write Check Error (XX1X)—Bit 3*

The presence of this bit indicates that a miscompare has occurred during a Write Check operation. The bit is a "0" from initiation of the operation until the completion of the operation, providing the record compares for the entire buffer. If a miscompare is detected, the bit becomes a "1" immediately, and operation ceases if the Abnormal End of Operation interrupt is selected.

*End of Drum (XX2X)—Bit 4*

The presence of this bit indicates that: 1) with 3436/3637-A Controllers, the drum unit has addressed and used the final address on the drum. The bit remains a "1" until the subsystem is readdressed or master cleared (a MC clears the Address register to 00000) or, 2) with 3637-B Controllers, that the operation being initiated on the drum is attempting to go end-around on the drum. (Refer to section on Addressing).

*Release Interrupt (XX4X)—Bit 5*

The presence of this bit indicates that the interrupt was caused by the other data channel releasing its reserve of the controller and/or drum units.

*Address Compare Interrupt (X1XX)—Bit 6*

The presence of this bit indicates that the interrupt was caused by an existing comparison between the content of the controller Address register and the drum angular position (see 0030 Interrupt on Address Compare).

*Interrupt on Ready and Not Busy (X2XX)—Bit 7*

The presence of this bit indicates that the interrupt was caused by the specified condition, i. e., the drum unit is in the Ready state and is not currently Busy.

*Interrupt on End of Operation (X4XX)—Bit 8\**

The presence of this bit indicates that the interrupt was caused by an End of Operation.

*Interrupt on Abnormal End of Operation (1XXX)—Bit 9\**

The presence of this bit indicates that the interrupt was caused by an Abnormal End of Operation.

*Read Parity Error (2XXX)—Bit 10*

The presence of this bit indicates that either a parity or checkword error has been detected in the data read from the drum during a Read or Write Check operation. When an 865 Drum is selected, the occurrence of a transmission parity error between the controller and drum unit also causes this bit to set.

*Reserved (4XXX)—Bit 11*

Dependent upon the controller model used in the subsystem, this bit indicates:

- For 3436/3637-A Controller: The presence of this bit indicates that the instruction has been rejected because of the Reserved condition. If the status occurs without the Drum Reject status bit set, it indicates that the controller is reserved by the other data channel. If the status occurs with the Drum Reject bit set, it indicates that the controller is not reserved by the other channel but that the desired drum unit was reserved or unavailable.

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\*For an explanation of an End of Operation and an Abnormal End of Operation, see interrupt function codes 0022 and 0024.

- For 3637-B Controllers: The presence of this bit indicates that the instruction has been rejected because the controller is reserved by the other data channel. If the bit is a zero after a connect is rejected, it indicates that the controller is not reserved by the other channel but that the desired drum unit was reserved or unavailable.

## **SUBSYSTEM ERRORS AND PERFORMANCE**

The controller is designed to recognize lost data, parity, and write check errors. Other internal drum errors cause the subsystem to go to the Not Ready state. The write check, lost data, and read parity errors may be detected through the use of interrupts and the Copy Status instruction.

### **LOST DATA ERROR**

This error and associated status bit is applicable only when operating with an 865 Drum Unit. The error occurs (and the associated status bit sets) whenever:

- A data transfer is initiated anywhere other than at the start of a sector.
- The data channel fails to maintain the required transfer rate between the channel and controller/drum unit.

Upon occurrence of a Lost Data error condition, all further data transfer (within the operation) ceases and an Abnormal End of Operation occurs. If selected, the Abnormal End of Operation Interrupt sets.

### **PARITY ERRORS**

The controller is designed to recognize two distinct types of parity errors:

- 1) A parity error associated with the byte received from the data channel, called a Transmission Parity Error.
- 2) A parity error associated with the data read from the drum, called a Read Parity Error.

The Read Parity Error and Transmission Parity Error circuits are independent of one another. The data transfer circuits within the controller are designed so that the

occurrence of one type of error does not cause the occurrence of the other, (i. e., occurrence of either type of error causes the controller to correct (toggle) the parity bit prior to transferring the byte).

### Read Parity Error

During Read or Write Check (special type of Read) operation, a check is made on the data read from the drum. If an error is detected, the Read Parity Error FF sets, causing the associated parity error indicator to light and status bit to set. If selected, the Abnormal End of Operation Interrupt occurs and that status bit is set. In the case of the 861/863 drums it indicates that a parity error was detected in the data byte read from the drum. In the case of the 865 it indicates that either a checkword error was detected in association with the sector read from the drum or a parity error was detected in the data transferred between the drum and the controller.

#### NOTE

The Read Parity Error FF and status bit remain set until a new operation is initiated.

### Transmission Parity Error

The Transmission (XMSN) Parity circuits examine each byte transmitted to/from the controller, generate a new parity bit for that byte, and compare the parity bit generated with the parity bit accompanying the byte. If the bits do not agree, the Transmission Parity Error indicator lights up. Transmission of the error indication to the data channel is dependent upon the code or data causing the error as follows:

XMSN Parity Error on Connect: If the error is detected in conjunction with a Connect code, the connect and status drop, no action is taken by the controller upon the code in error, the TRANSMISSION P/E indicator (XMSN) lights up; however, no Reply, Reject, or Transmission Parity Error signals are sent to the data channel.

XMSN Parity Error on Function: If a Transmission Parity Error occurs in conjunction with a function code, the XMSN Parity Error signal is enabled to the data channel and the error indicator lights up; however, the function code is ignored by the controller. (No Reply or Reject is sent).

**XMSN Parity Error on Data Transfer:** If a Transmission Parity Error is detected on a data byte received from or transmitted to the data channel, the XMSN Parity Error signal is enabled and the error indicator lights up. Transfer of the byte in error continues in the normal manner.

The 865 Drum Unit also checks and generates parity for each byte transmitted to or received from the controller. (Parity bits are not written on or read from the 865 drum; only the checkword is used for data error detection.)

In the 863, if a Transmission Parity Error occurs during a Write operation, the parity bit of the byte in error is toggled and the byte in error along with the toggled parity bit is transferred to and written on the drum. If a Read Parity Error occurs during a Read operation, the parity bit in error is toggled and the byte in error, along with the corrected parity bit is transferred to the data channel. (Toggling of the parity bit has the effect of correcting the parity error, not the byte, so that the byte in error does not cause a parity error to be detected in the opposite parity circuit as the byte in error is transferred.)

#### NOTE

Once the parity bit is toggled and the byte transferred, all indication of the byte in error is removed (except as noted under Read Parity Error). Thus it becomes the responsibility of the programmer to maintain the knowledge and indication of the byte in error and its location on the drum (in the case of a Write) or in the computer (in the case of a Read) in order to avoid inadvertent use of the data in error.

Only a master clear clears a Transmission Parity Error in the 3436/3637-A Controllers; any MC or new Connect operation clears the Transmission Parity Error in the 3637-B Controller.

#### NOT READY CAUSES

The drum subsystem becomes Not Ready only when the associated drum unit is Not Ready. The drum is Not Ready when any of the following conditions exist:

- The drum is not up to operating speed.
- Any abnormal voltage levels exist in the dc circuits.
- A timing error exists or has been detected.



If the system becomes Not Ready during a data transfer, an abnormal end of operation is generated (the End of Operation and/or the Abnormal End of Operation interrupts are set if selected). The Not Ready status is removed by a manual master clear only.

#### BUFFER TIMING\*

The following indicates the buffer timing\*\* available to the data channel when operating with 863 Drum Units. If the channel fails to operate within these times the controller automatically enters a Readdress state during which the drum readdresses the location of the missed byte (the Address register is decremented and the address relocated). Accordingly, the drum must make one full revolution in order to relocate the desired position. (The 861/863 Drum Unit requires 34 ms per revolution.)

Timing of transfers within the drum subsystem is determined by the drum unit timing. The timing is referenced at the start of a Write cycle (for Write operations) or the start of a Read cycle (for Read and Write Check operations).

- 1) Minimum data signal to Reply time is 0.1 microseconds for Read and Write operations and 0.16 microseconds for Write Check operations.
- 2) The time from the dropping of the data signal to the dropping of the Reply is constant at 0.04 microseconds.
- 3) Byte timing is dependent on the interlace selected. The time between bytes is equal to the interlace rate in microseconds.

#### Write Timing

- 1) The data signal must occur no later than 0.08 microseconds before the start of the associated Write cycle.
- 2) The earliest a Reply can occur for the data signal of a given byte is 1.1 microseconds following the start of the Write cycle of the preceding byte plus one (i. e., the earliest a Reply can occur for Byte C is 1.1 microseconds after the start of the Write cycle for Byte A). Refer to Figure 5.
- 3) Figure 6 shows holding registers during Write operations.

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\*Not applicable to 865 Drum Units.

\*\*All times are taken from the controller cable interface.

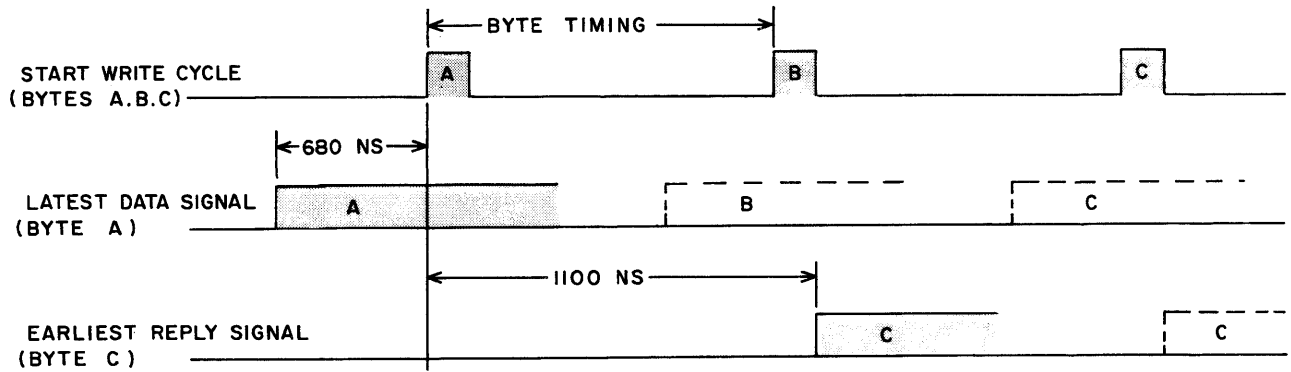


Figure 5. Write Timing

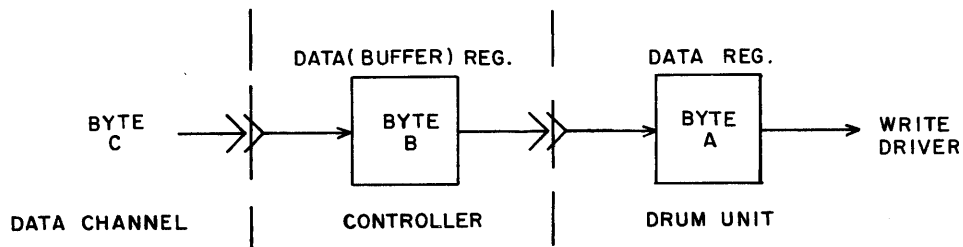


Figure 6. Holding Registers During Write Operations

Read and Write Check Timing

- 1) The Data Signal for a byte must drop (indicating data channel acceptance of the byte) at least 0.05 microseconds before the start of the Read Reply sequence for the following byte.
- 2) The earliest a Reply can occur is 0.34 microseconds for a Read operation and 0.4 microseconds for a Write Check following the start of the Read Reply sequence for that byte (refer to Figure 7).
- 3) Figure 8 shows the holding register during Read/Write Check operation.

**ADDRESSING**

After transmitting the Connect code, the computer may transmit an operating mode code or a Load Address mode code. If the operation is to start or continue at the address location presently held in the controller register, an operating mode select code is sent immediately upon completion of the connect. The address currently held in the

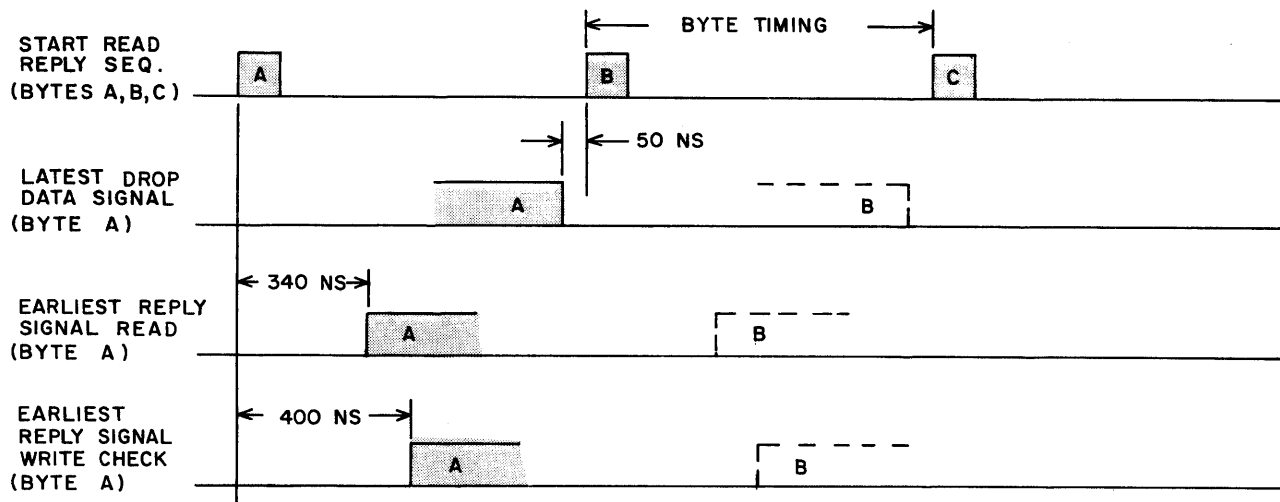


Figure 7. Read/Write Check Timing

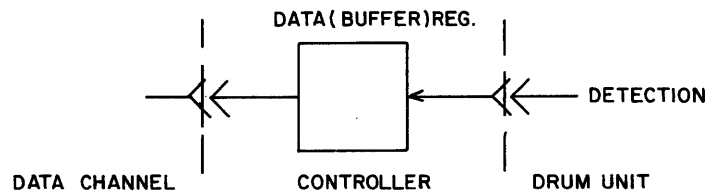


Figure 8. Holding Register During Read/Write Check Operation

register is the one at which the next Read or Write operation will take place. It is automatically incremented after each byte is either written on or read from the drum except on detection of a write check error. This process takes place throughout the entire drum, from head group 0, angular address 00000, to and including the last address on the drum (head group 64, angular address 32,768). If the input/output operation attempts to cause incrementation to continue beyond the last address available, an Abnormal End of Operation condition occurs. Once the last address has been used, the Address register must be reset. This may be done by loading a specific address or by executing a manual Master Clear or a Clear Channel instruction. In the latter two cases, the register is set to zero. If, however, a new address is necessary for the next operation, the Load Address mode code must be sent to the controller.

On receipt of the Load Address code, the controller commences loading 12-bit bytes from the data channel. These bytes form a 21- or 22-bit address word (dependent upon the type of drum unit selected) which is automatically loaded into the Address register

by the controller. The first byte of the address is loaded into the upper portion of the register (the lower order 9 or 10 bits of the byte are loaded into the register; the upper 2 or 3 bits are discarded). The second byte is loaded into the lower portion of the register. The output buffer from the computer may be as long as desired. The controller continues to load the bytes into the Address register as previously described until the buffer is depleted. Thus, the last 2 bytes transferred comprise the address remaining in the Address register.

NOTE\*

Because all byte address locations are absolute regardless of the interlace being used, the programmer is normally concerned only with the byte address of the desired data and not with the angular location of the byte upon the drum. The only time the programmer is ever concerned with the true angular location of a byte is in conjunction with Read Angular Count (0044). In this case, the angular position is desirable in order to determine the physical position of the drum read/write heads in relation to several unrelated byte address locations such that the closest location can be addressed first, the next closest location addressed next, etc., thus reducing the overall access and transfer time.

Figure 9 and 10 show the format of the drum unit addresses. The 863 address specifies one of 64 Head Groups and the angular address of a byte within that Head Group. The 865 address specifies one of 64 Head Groups, one of four Head Subgroups within the Head Group, one of 128 sectors in the Head Subgroup, and one of 128 bytes in the sector.

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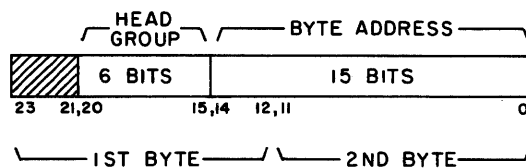


Figure 9. 863 Drum Address Format

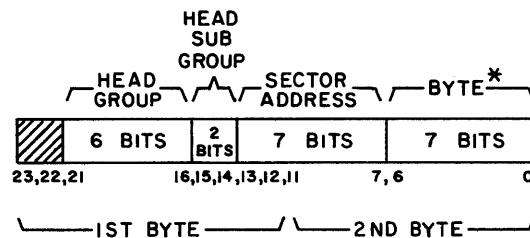
\*Not applicable to 865 Drum Units.

Bits 0-14 specify one of  $100,000_8$  ( $32,768_{10}$ ) angular addresses within a particular head group.

Bits 15-20 specify one of 64 Head Groups on the drum.

Bits 21-23 (NOT USED).

#### 865 FORMAT



\* MUST CONTAIN ALL ZEROS.

Figure 10. 865 Drum Address Format

Bits 0-6 specify one of 128 bytes in a sector. When loading addresses, these 7 bits must all be zeros or a Lost Data error will occur immediately upon initiation of an I/O operation.

Bits 7-13 specify one of 128 sectors in a particular Head Sub-group.

Bits 14, 15 specify one of four Head Sub-groups in a particular Head Group. Each Head Sub-group consists of three tracks in which the 12-bit byte is to be written (or read).

Bits 16-21 specify one of 64 Head Groups on the drum.

Bits 22, 23 (NOT USED).

#### NOTE

3000 Series Computers disassemble words upper byte first.

During multiple-byte or record transfers, (buffers of more than one byte or sector in length), the address is automatically augmented to select the next sequential location.

This process takes place throughout the entire drum, up to and including (but not beyond) the last address of the drum. (Operation is not end-around within a drum.)

### Auto-loading/End of Record

In order to accommodate auto-loading, the drum subsystem is equipped to indicate an End of Record upon completion of the autoloading sequence.

Auto-loading causes the drum subsystem to send to the data channel 512 bytes of data, commencing at address zero of the specified drum unit. Upon completion of the data transfer, the subsystem transmits an End of Record signal in response to the 513th byte.

#### NOTE

Because the 863 drum is byte addressable, there is no specific record length for the subsystem. The End of Record signal is provided only to facilitate auto-loading and is issued in response to an Autoload Request (see below).

The subsystem is designed to recognize the following sequence as the Auto-load Request and responds accordingly:

- 1) Master Clear.
- 2) Connect.
- 3) Issuance of a 0041 (Read) function code.
- 4) Initiation of a buffer equal to or greater than 513 bytes.

## **PROGRAMMING CONSIDERATIONS**

The following information will help in making the programmer and the engineer aware of critical problems and procedures unique to drum subsystems. Most of the procedures are common to all computers; those that are unique to a particular computer are so stated.

### PROGRAM COMPATABILITY

Program compatibility exists between programs written for the 3436/3637-A controllers and the 3637-B controllers with only minor variations necessary to the original program. These changes are limited to the differences in the Drum Reject/Lost Data

and Reserved status bits and addressing. Thus any program written for a 3436/3637-A controller will operate with a 3637-B controller by altering all references in the original program to these two status bits so that they reflect the new meaning as defined for the 3637-B controller and (when operating with an 865) by ensuring that all addresses reference the beginning of a sector. The converse is also true, except that any program written for a 3637-B controller and operating with an 865 Drum Unit cannot be modified to operate with a 3436/3637-A controller.

#### 865 INPUT/OUTPUT OPERATIONS

When any I/O operation to an 865 Drum Unit is terminated anywhere other than at the end of the sector (less than 128 bytes have been read or written), the byte count portion of the Address register will not contain all zeros. Accordingly, the register must be reloaded with an address whose byte count portion equals zero before any new I/O operation may commence.

#### SIMULTANEOUS SELECTION

If the two data channels attached to the same controller simultaneously attempt to connect to the controller, neither channel is given preference; the controller connects to the data channel recognized first.

Initiation of the I/O need not take place immediately after the connect is made; once the connect is made, the channel has the controller reserved until specifically released by the channel.

#### BUFFER RESTRICTIONS

Each buffer must be preceded by an EF instruction which specifies a mode of operation. Completion of a buffer (end of operation) with or without chaining clears the previous mode selection. Buffers which are inconsistent with the mode selected cause the computer to hang up (i. e., initiation of an output (write) buffer when a Read mode is selected).

#### MASTER CLEAR, RELEASE AND DISCONNECT

A manual or programmed (channel) Master Clear causes the Address register to be cleared to zero and removes all interrupt selections. A Release and Disconnect has no effect on the content of the Address register or interrupt selections.

## NOT READY

A manual Master Clear is necessary to remove a Not Ready condition.

## INTERRUPTS

Once an interrupt occurs (if selected), it is removed by any Master Clear, the Release and Disconnect function code, or any 002-, 003- function code. The interrupt selections are independent for each data channel interface and are not affected by the actions of the other data channel.

### NOTE

All interrupt selections are saved (remain) within the interface when a release and disconnect is performed. Only a Master Clear and associated 002- or 003- codes remove interrupt selections.

A data channel which has the subsystem reserved receives all interrupts selected. The channel not in control (reservation) of the controller and/or drums can be interrupted by a release interrupt only. All other interrupts from the controller to the data channel not in control are inhibited even though the interrupt is selected.

## WRITE TIMING

During Write operations, the End of Operation signal is delayed until completion of writing of the last byte of the buffer or record. In the 863 Drum Units the length of this delay depends on three factors: 1) the interlace ratio, 2) whether the last byte of the buffer requires a different head group, and 3) whether a single byte is being written (1-byte buffer).

### Write Timing Interlace Delay (863 Drum Units)

This delay time is equal to the transfer time per byte, and is directly proportional to the interlace ratio:

<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Transfer Time (<math>\mu</math>sec/byte)</u>
1:1	1
2:1	2
4:1	4
8:1	8
16:1	16
32:1	32



### Last Byte Write Timing

If the last byte of the buffer requires a head group on the drum different than the group used for the preceding byte, the end of operation is delayed by the 100- $\mu$ sec head group switching time plus the interlace time mentioned above.

### Single Byte Write Timing

If only a single byte is to be written on the drum (one-byte buffer), the end of operation is not sent until the byte has been written. Since the desired address position must be located prior to initiating the Write operation, the delay may be equal to an entire revolution of the drum (35 ms).

## MANUAL OPERATIONS

Operation of the drum subsystem is under program control from the computers through the use of the EF Connect and function codes. Only those manual operations necessary to bring up power to the controller and drums, set the equipment and unit designation switches, and load and initiate the computer program are necessary for subsystem operation.

To bring the subsystem up from dead start (no power applied to drums or controller), one of the following procedures should be followed. Refer to Figure 11 for switch locations.

### REMOTE STARTING

- 1) Ensure that the REMOTE-LOCAL power switch at each drum unit is in the REMOTE position.\*
- 2) Turn the main power circuit breaker (located near the bottom of the power panel at the rear of the controller) on. (The drum units will automatically be sequenced to avoid circuit overloading by starting current surges.)

### LOCAL STARTING

- 1) Ensure that the REMOTE-LOCAL switch at the drum unit is in the LOCAL position.
- 2) Press the power ON switch located immediately above the REMOTE-LOCAL switch. Wait approximately 10 minutes (to allow starting current surge to die down) and then repeat steps 1 and 2 for the next drum unit.

### NOTE

During remote starting, the sequencing automatically bypasses any unit in the subsystem whose selection switch is in the LOCAL position. Any combination of REMOTE and LOCAL settings is permissible in a subsystem.

### NOTE

In the REMOTE position, the presence of dc power at the controller is the determining factor in sequencing of power on at the drum units. When dc power becomes available at the controller, the drum units selected for remote power on starting automatically commence sequencing. Thus, it is possible to wire the system for automatic remote starting from the computer (or other desired source) rather than the controller by supplying controller power from a switch at the desired remote location.

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\*When the switch is in the REMOTE position, pressing the POWER ON or POWER OFF switch on the drum unit maintenance panel has no effect on the drum unit. When the switch is in the LOCAL position, the drum unit is not affected by the controller main power source.

Each drum unit requires approximately 15 minutes to come up to speed and become Ready. Thus, in a full eight drum subsystem (set up for Remote starting) two hours are required to bring the entire subsystem to the Ready state. If the subsystem is set up for Local starting, it will be up to speed and Ready, 15 minutes after the last drum is started.

Before turning the subsystem on, ensure that all switches are properly set. Table 4 indicates the correct setting of the various switches for normal subsystem operation. Deviations from the settings indicated (except as noted) are for maintenance purposes only and must not be used for normal programming operations.

To shut down the subsystem, turn off the appropriate power switch. If the units in the subsystem are selected for remote operation, all units drop simultaneously (no sequencing is necessary when shutting down the system). If any unit is selected for local operation, press the associated unit power OFF switch.

**NOTE**

When power is first supplied to the subsystem (controller and/or each drum unit), an automatic clear is performed on the controller and the drum unit logic. (The data on the drum is not disturbed.)

Prior to initiation of the program, the equipment and equipment number switches must be set. Figure 11 and 12 show the switches on the cabinets. No provision is made for indications of redundant selections (more than one equipment or unit having the same select setting).

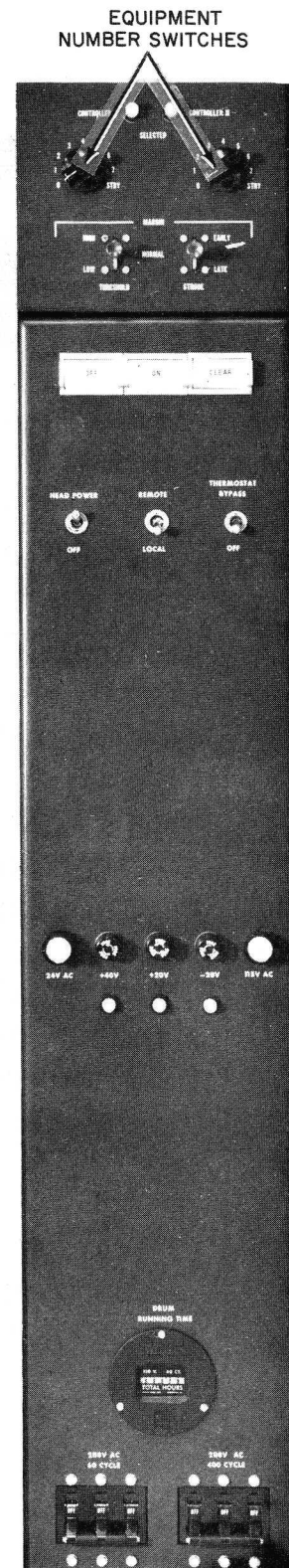
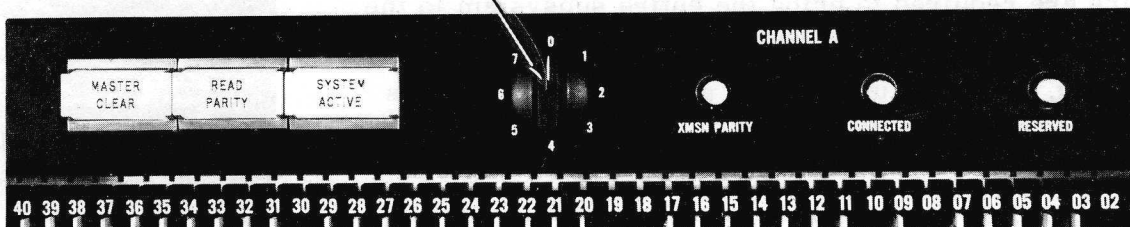


Figure 11. Drum Unit Switches and Indicators

**EQUIPMENT DESIGNATION SWITCH**



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Figure 12. Controller Interior Switches and Indicators

TABLE 4. SWITCHES AND INDICATORS

Item*	Designation	Normal Setting (Indication)	Location**
Drum Unit			
I	OFF LINE	OFF	Exterior
I	CIRCUIT BREAKER	OFF	Exterior
I	THERMOSTAT BY-PASS	OFF	Exterior
I	LOW TEMP	OFF	Exterior
I	HIGH TEMP	OFF	Exterior
R	CONTROLLER I	0-7	Control Panel
R	CONTROLLER II	0-7	Control Panel
I	CONTROLLER I SELECTED	ON (If selected)	Control Panel
I	CONTROLLER II SELECTED	ON (If selected)	Control Panel
MARGIN Switches†			
T	THRESHOLD	NORMAL	Control Panel
T	STROBE	NORMAL	Control Panel
PI	OFF	OFF (Not lighted)	Power Chassis
PI	ON	ON	Power Chassis
PI	CLEAR	OFF	Power Chassis
T	HEAD POWER	ON	Power Chassis
T	REMOTE/LOCAL	Appropriate setting for desired power sequencing	Power Chassis

\*I = Indicator      P = Pushbutton switch  
 R = Rotary switch    T = Toggle switch

\*\*All switches and indicators located within associated cabinets except those marked exterior.

† Not used on 865 Drum Units.

TABLE 4. (Cont'd)

Item	Designation	Normal Setting (Indication)	Location**
Drum Unit (Cont'd)			
T	THERMOSTAT BY-PASS	OFF	Power Chassis
I	+40v	ON	Power Chassis
I	+20v	ON	Power Chassis
I	-20v	ON	Power Chassis
T	208 vac 60~(Circuit breaker)	ON	Power Chassis
T	208 vac 400~(Circuit breaker)	ON	Power Chassis
Controller			
I	CIRCUIT BREAKER	OFF	Exterior
I	THERMOSTAT BY-PASS	OFF	Exterior
I	LOW TEMP	OFF	Exterior
I	HIGH TEMP	OFF	Exterior
PI	MASTER CLEAR	OFF	Chassis 1
I	READ PARITY	OFF	Chassis 1
I	SYSTEM ACTIVE	ON (When busy)	Chassis 1
R	EQUIPMENT DESIGNATION	0-7	One on each channel chassis (Channel A, Chassis 1) (Channel B, Chassis 2)
I	TRANSMISSION PARITY	OFF	
I	CONNECTED	ON (If connected)	
I	RESERVED	ON (If reserved)	
T	208 vac 400~ (Circuit breaker)	ON	Power Chassis (Rear of Cabinet)
T	CB1 (24 vac Circuit breaker)	ON	Main Frame
T	THERMOSTAT BY-PASS	OFF	Main Frame

## SAMPLE PROGRAM ROUTINE

To help in understanding the drum subsystem, a sample program is included preceded by a flow chart of the program. The routine is designed for a 3600 Computer System operating with an 863 Drum Unit.

### PROGRAM SEQUENCE

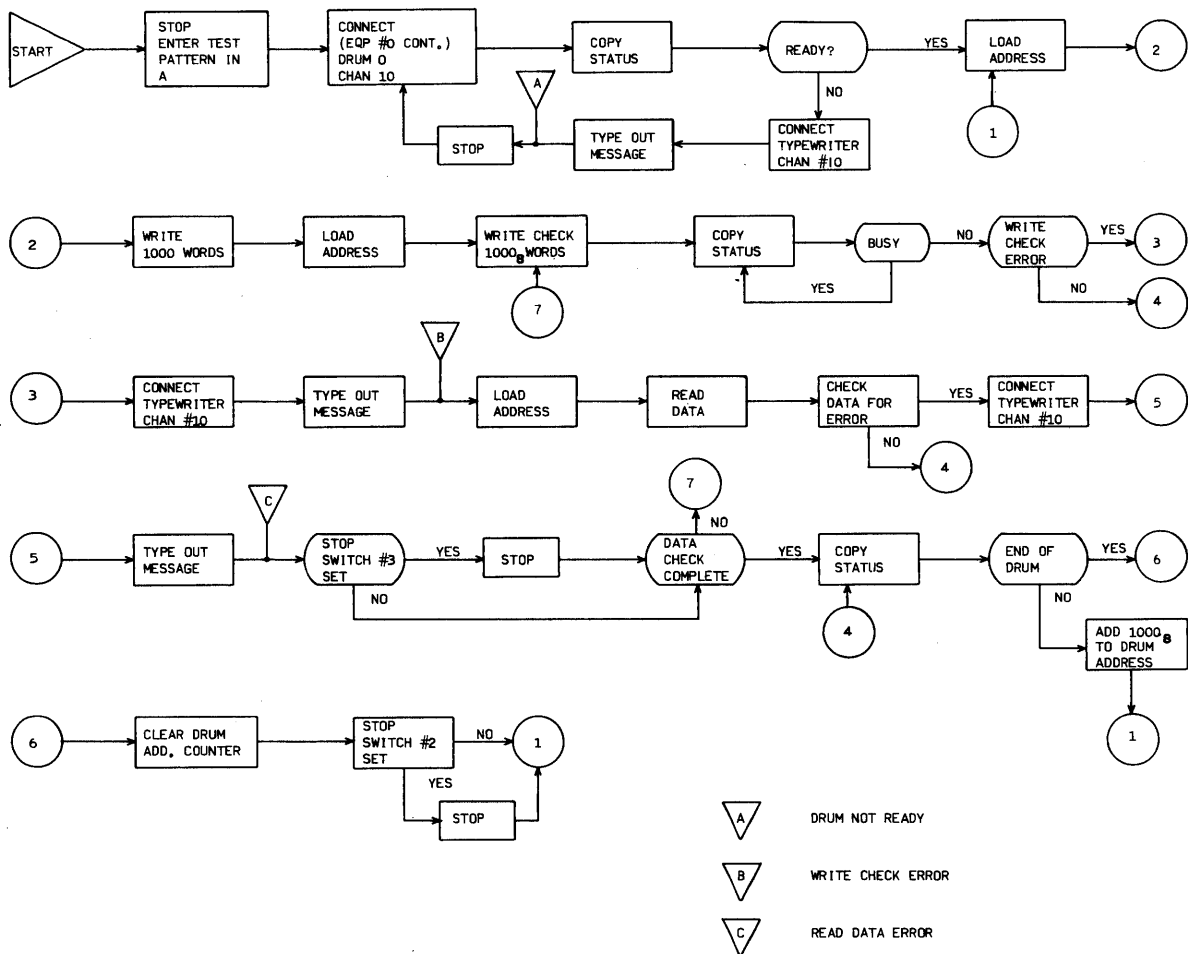
The basic programming sequence is:

SEQUENCE	COMMENT
1. Connect	Connect code selects controller and drum unit (if available).
Connect Response	If the Connect operation is successful, a Reply is returned; if the connect is not made (controller or drum unavailable) a Reject is returned; return to step 1 after determining the cause of the reject.
2. Select Interrupts	Any desired interrupting conditions should be selected at this point.
3. Load Address	If a new address location (other than the one presently held in the controller Address register) is desired, it should be sent prior to the execution of an EF operating mode selection.
4. Select Operating Mode	EF code selects the desired mode of operation. (Operating modes must be selected for each individual buffer.)
5. Initiate Operation	Initiation of a read or write I/O initiates operation within the drum. Completion of the I/O may be detected through use of the End of Operation interrupt or dropping of the Busy status bit.

# PROGRAM

This program uses two Stop switch settings and a Selective Jump switch setting. If Stop switch 3 is set, the program halts after typing out the error comment. If the switch is not set, the program continues even if an error is detected unless the error is a write check error. In this case, the program automatically initiates a read of the data in which the error occurred. If Stop switch 2 is set, the program stops upon completion of the routine. If the switch is not set, the routine is reinitiated at the load address point. In this latter case, operation is continuous and end-around within the program until stopped manually or until an error condition is detected. If Selective Jump switch 3 is set, the program bypasses the error typeout.

This routine selects controller (equipment) number 0, drum (unit) number 0. (The program assumes that the controller is connected to Channel 10.) The program then loads an address and initiates a Write operation of 1000<sub>8</sub> 48-bit words. Then a Write Check operation is initiated on the data just written.



Program Length 02101

00000	10	0	00000		ENA	0	
	20	0	P00067		STA	DRAD	Clear drum address counter
00001	76	0	P00002		SLS	ST1	Put pattern to be written in A
	50	0	00000				
00002	20	1	P00101	ST1	STA	WRTDA, 1	Store pattern in write buffer
	50	0	00000				
00003	54	1	01411	+	ISK	777, 1	
	75	0	P00002		SLJ	ST1	
00004	74	0	P00004	BEGIN	CONN	10B, 0, 0,*	Wait drum reply on connect
	10	0	00000				
00005	74	4	11000		COPY	10B, 1	Copy status
	10	0	00000				
00006	63	0	02001		NBJP	B1, 1, T1	Is drum ready
	60	0	P00011				
00007	10	0	P00061		ENA	NRTY	Cont word add type out not ready
	75	4	P00046		RTJ	TYPE	Go to typeout
00010	76	0	P00004	+	SLS	BEGIN	
	50	0	00000				
00011	75	4	P00054	T1	RTJ	LDAD	Go to load address
	50	0	00000				
00012	74	1	P00012		EXTF	10B, 42B,*	Wait reply on write function
	10	0	00042				
00013	74	3	P00013		BEGW	10B, WDATA,*	Wait reply on write
	10	0	P00065				
00014	75	4	P00054		RTJ	LDAD	Go to load address
	50	0	00000				
00015	74	1	P00015		EXTF	10B, 43B,*	Wait reply on write check fun
	10	0	00043				
00016	74	3	P00016		BEGW	10B, WDATA,*	Wait reply
	10	0	P00065				
00017	74	4	11000	T3	COPY	10B, 1	Copy status
	10	0	00000				
00020	63	0	02001	+	NBJP	B1, 1, T3	Wait not busy
	60	0	P00017				
00021	63	0	02003	+	NBJP	B1, 3, T8	Jump if no write check error
	60	0	P00040				



00022	10	0	P00062	+	ENA	WCTOC	Cont word add type wrt ck error
	75	4	P00046		RTJ	TYPE	Go to type out
00023	75	4	P00054		RTJ	LDAD	Load address
	50	0	00000				
00024	74	1	P00024		EXTF	10B, 41B,*	Wait reply to read function
	10	0	00041				
00025	74	2	P00025		BEGR	10B, RDATA,*	Wait reply
	10	0	P00066				
00026	74	4	11000	T5	COPY	10B, 1	Copy status
	10	0	00000				
00027	63	0	02002	+	NBJP	B1, 2, T5	Wait not busy
	60	0	P00026				
00030	50	1	00000		ENI	0, 1	Clear B1
	50	0	00000				
00031	12	1	P00101	T6	LDA	WRTDA, 1	Load write data
	42	1	P01101		SCM	REDDA, 1	Complement by read data
00032	22	0	P00037		AJP, ZR	T7	If A equal zero, continue
	10	0	P00063		ENA	REDECW	Control word for data error type
00033	75	4	P00046		RTJ	TYPE	Go to type
	50	0	00000				
00034	10	1	00000	+	ENA	0, 1	Put count in A
	14	0	P00067		ADD	DRAD	Add present drum
00035	00	7	00555		RSW	A, D	Put failing Drum Address in D
	12	1	P01101		LDA	REDDA, 1	Failing Read Word
00036	16	1	P00101		LDQ	WRTDA, 1	Write word
	76	3	P00037		SS3	T7	Data error
00037	54	1	00777	T7	ISK	777B, 1	Data check counter
	75	0	P00031		SLJ	T6	
00040	74	4	11000	T8	COPY	10B, 1	Copy drum status
	10	0	00000				
00041	63	0	02004		NBJP	B1, 4, T9	Check for end-of-drum
	60	0	P00044				
00042	10	0	00000		ENA	0	
	20	0	P00067		STA	DRAD	Clear drum address counter
00043	74	2	P00011		SS2	T1	End of test stop if S2 set
	50	0	00000				
00044	10	0	01000	T9	ENA	1000B	
	70	0	P00067		RAD	DRAD	Add 1000 to drum address

00045	75	0	P00011		SLJ	T1	
	50	0	00000				
00046	75	0	P00046	TYPE	SLJ	*	
	75	3	P00046		SJ3	TYPE	If JP3 set bypass timeout
00047	61	0	P00051		SAL	TYP1	Store control word address
	50	0	00000				
00050	74	0	P00050	+	CONN	0, 5, 0, *	Connect typewriter
	00	0	05000				
00051	74	3	P00051	TYP1	BEGW	0, 0, *	Wait reply
	00	0	00000				
00052	74	3	P00052		BEGW	0, CARG, *	Do a carriage return
	00	0	P00064				
00053	75	0	P00046		SLJ	TYPE	
	50	0	00000				
00054	75	0	P00054	LDAD	SLJ	*	Load address routine
	50	0	00000				
00055	74	1	P00055		EXTF	10B, 40B, *	Wait reply
	10	0	00040				
00056	74	3	P00056		BEGW	10B, LDADC, *	Wait reply
	10	0	P00060				
00057	75	0	P00054		SLJ	LDAD	
	50	0	00000				
00060	10	0	00001	LDADC	IOTW	DRAD, 1	Control word for Drum Address
	00	0	P00067				
00061	10	0	00002	NRTY	IOTW	NRTC, 2	Control word Not Ready timeout
	00	0	P00070				
00062	10	0	00003	WCTOC	IOTW	WCTO, 3	Control word for WRTCK timeout
	00	0	P00072				
00063	10	0	00003	RDECW	IOTW	RDETO, 3	Control word for RD Data Error
	00	0	P00075				
00064	10	0	00001	CARG	IOTW	CRR, 1	Control word for CR return
	00	0	P00100				
00065	10	0	01000	WDATA	IOTW	WRTDA, 1000B	Control word for write data
	00	0	P00101				
00066	10	0	01000	RDATA	IOTW	REDDA, 1000B	Control word for read data
	00	0	P01101				
00067	00	0	00000	DRAD	OCT	0	Drum address in use
	00	0	00000				

00070	63	6	05556	NRTC	TYPE	2,*R DRUM NOT READY	
	35	7	26031				
00071	42	7	56056				
	51	1	25540				
00072	63	6	00256	WCTO	TYPE	3,*R WRITE CHECK ERROR	
	16	7	55160				
00073	11	4	55111				
	15	6	05156				
00074	56	4	25660				
	60	6	06060				
00075	63	6	05651	RDETO	TYPE	3,*R READ DATA ERROR	
	12	5	56055				
00076	12	7	51260				
	51	5	65642				
00077	56	6	06060				
	60	6	06060				
00100	00	0	00000	CRR	OCT	63	Carriage return
	00	0	00063				
00101				WRTDA	BSS	1000B	Write buffer
01101				REDDA	BSS	1000B	Read buffer
							END

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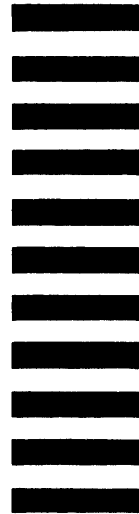
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