Product Enhancement

Data General has announced three new peripherals for the Commercial Systems computer family—a magnetic tape drive and two Winchester disk subsystems.

The new Model 6123 tape drive is a backup device to the 12.5M- and 25M-byte disks available on the Commercial Systems CS/10 modules C1 and C3. The 6123 features an IBM-and ANSI-compatible tape format, 1600 bpi recording density, a storage capacity of up to 27.3M bytes per reel, and a data transfer rate of up to 48K bytes per second. Software support for the 6123 is provided by CS Interactive Cobol and CS Business Basic. The new tape drive may be configured as a backup on both CS/10 modules and as a system generator on the C3 module.

According to DG, the 6123 tape drive has greater reliability and more storage capacity than earlier diskette backup systems. Suggested price of the Model 6123 is \$6,600.

The CS/50 and CS/70 Model C6 systems that were previously packaged with 50- and 96-megabyte disk units, are now being offered with new 73- and 147-megabyte disk units, respectively. These units are fixed-disk systems that feature a single board controller. Maximum on-line storage for new packaged systems is 564 million bytes with the 73M-byte disk and 638 million bytes with the 147M-byte disk. Initial base storage may be expanded to four drives including one additional subsystem and two add-on drives, in any combination of capacities.

Installed CS/40, CS/50, CS/60, and CS/70 systems can be upgraded to support the new disks. Both the 73M-byte and 147M-byte disks are fully supported by Interactive Cobol and Business Basic.

The price of a 73M-byte subsystem is \$18,000; as an add-on, the price is \$14,500. The 147M-byte subsystem price is \$24,000; the add-on cost is \$20,500. All of the new Commercial Systems peripherals are available 90 days after receipt of order. \Box