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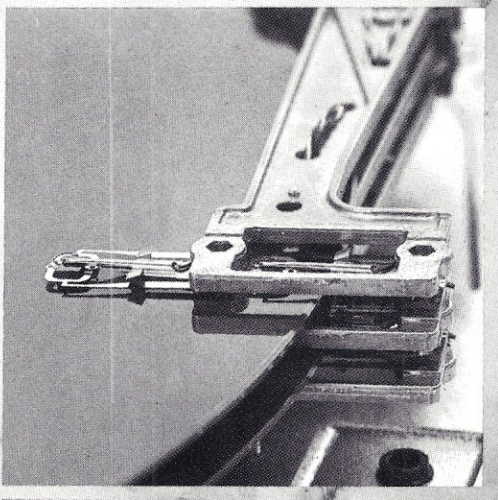

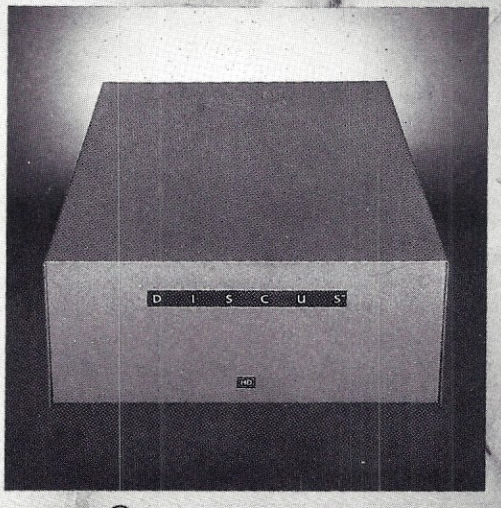


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# The Editor's Page

## by Sol Libes

After ten years of being an amateur computerist I have finally succumed and joined the ranks of commercial computerists; at least partly. I follow in the footsteps of many who have gone before me.

It had become apparent to me that there has been a significant void in the microcomputer magazine field. There are magazines catering exclusively to TRS-80, Appple, Pet, Heath, Kim, etc system users and broad based publications such as BYTE, Creative Computing, Interface Age and Kilobaud. The result was that S-100 system users received only very minimal magazine coverage. There was a real need for a publication to cater to S-100 system users. After all, S-100 is far and away the most popular bus-oriented microcomputer system around. Its popularity is on the increase (last year saw the introduction of five new S-100 mainframes), particularly with the adoption of the IEEE S-100 Bus Standard and the availability of the new S-100 16-bit microprocessor boards.

The problem of no S-100 magazine was pointed out to me when two S-100 product manufacturers asked me for advice on where they should advertise their products to effectively reach the largest number of S-100 system users for the advertising dollars they had to spend. After all, magazine advertising is very expensive ( e.g. BYTE charges about $2,700 per page) and when only a small percentage of the magazines readers are potential customers it means the advertiser is throwing away a lot of money advertising in the magazine. I really could not help these S-100 suppliers.

It was then that the idea of an S-100 magazine started to take shape in my mind.

I spoke to a number of people, including magazine publishers, to see if they were interested in publishing the magazine and succeeded in drumming up zero interest. Basically, they felt that the circulation would not be large enough for it to be financially worthwhile. One told me he felt that the S-100 bus was a thing of the past. Another explained the magazine publishing business to me.....that it would take at least three years to make it profitable and it would need a circulation of at least 50,000 subscribers.

I then started to think of publishing it myself. I am no businessman. Moreover, I am the kind of person who likes to take on a variety of projects and not tie myself to projects that take up all my time and run on for years. However, it has become apparent, after approaching many people, that the only way an S-100 magazine will come into existence is if I assume the responsibility.

Many friends, who also believe in the need for this magazine, have pitched in to help me get it off the ground. You will see some of their names on the table of contents. But I will need a lot more help to make it a success. I am therefore asking for you help.....subscribe, get your friends to subscribe. Send in articles, letters of criticism, suggestions, etc. Lets make S-100 MICROSYSTEMS "the" forum for S-100 system users.

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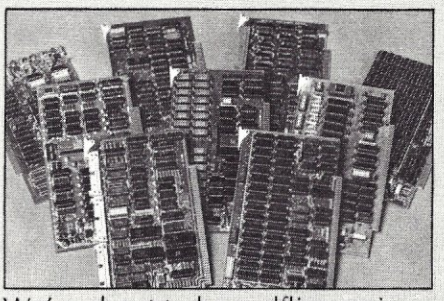

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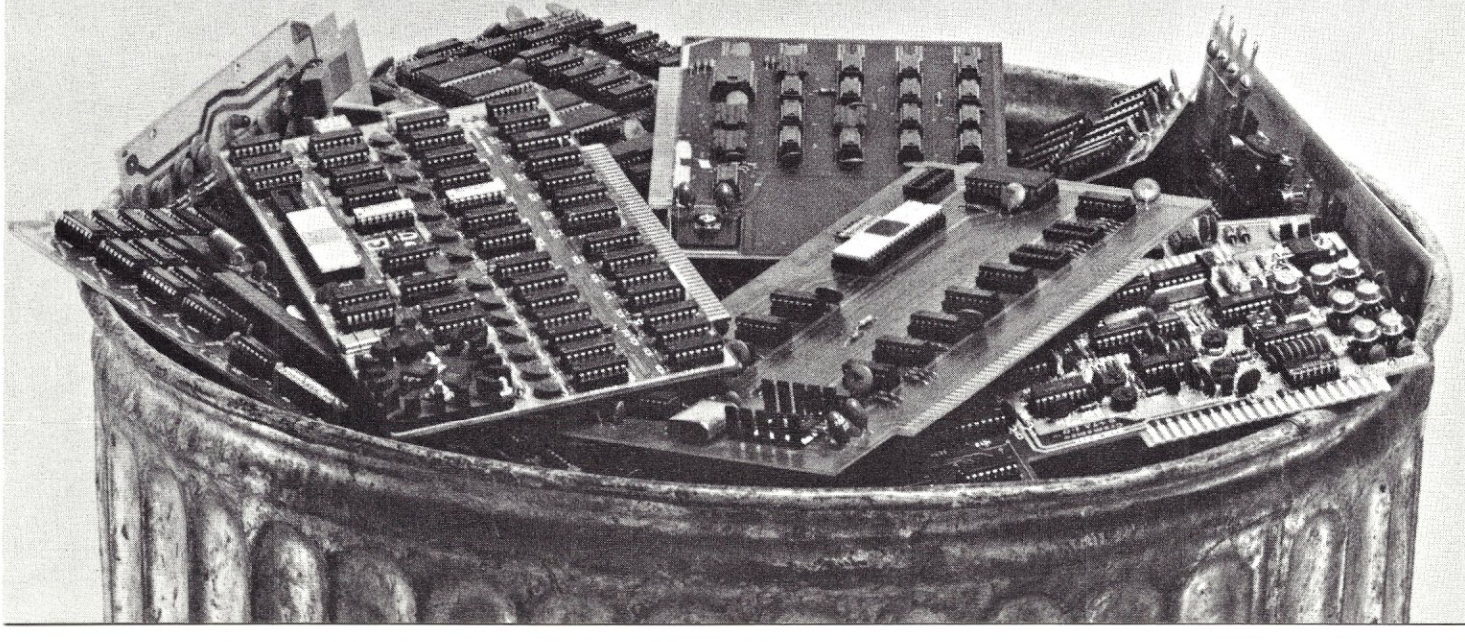

# AN INTRODUCTION TO CP/M—Part 1

## CP/M's Structure and Format

by

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This is the first part of tutorial series on CP/M, the most widely used disk operating system for S-100 based microcomputer systems.

CP/M is an operating system written to run on 8080/8085/Z80 based micro-computers. It was written and is currently being supported by DIGITAL RESEARCH, PO BOX 579, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA 93950. Their phone is 408-649-3896. Also there is a users group that provides a vehicle for the exchange of software, and currently, it has a quite large and varied list of languages and utility programs written to run under CP/M. There have been several versions of CP/M with the most current being ver. 2.0, and although at present I do not have this version, I will be getting it in the near future. The system that I have now is version 1.4 which DIGITAL RESEARCH continues to market and support. The prices that I have at this writing are $100 for ver. 1.4 and $150 for 2.0 which includes a FLOPPY DISKETTE and complete documentation.

In the past, CP/M has been limited to run mainly on 8 inch and 5 inch "floppies", for although there have been tape versions, the majority of use has been with disk-based systems. One of the abilities of ver. 2.0 is hard-disk compatibility which opens up the possibility of tremendous mass memory capability on a micro-computer. More on this in future articles. CP/M uses "SOFT-SECTOR" IBM 3740 format diskettes which store approximately 250,000 bytes of data in single density format on 8 inch disks and 70,000 bytes on the 5.25 inch variety, but double density is available on both systems and quad density is available for the 5.25 inch type. Thus, with a 4-drive dual-density system (DUAL REFERS TO THE ABILITY TO READ BOTH SINGLE AND DOUBLE DENSITY) the mass-memory size is 2 megabytes on 8 inch diskettes. Such large memory capability is simply incredible when one considers computer size and price tag.

What really makes this operating system so attractive for small system users, however, is that it is hardware independent in that once a user has it running, he/she can use CP/M software without having to interface it by writing drivers for his/her system configuration. This is made possible because a group of routines that comprise an area of the system called "BIOS" (BASIC INPUT OUTPUT SYSTEM) is implemented when the user first gets CP/M up and running, and then the operating system calls this area when it needs to do any I/O. Thus many combinations of terminal ports and disk controllers can be used. Currently, there are many disk controllers being manufactured, and several worthwile articles could be written for this column by users of different boards. I have the TARBELL interface, and in a future column, I will discuss the board and my problems in getting it up and running. There are four other areas in the memory map of the system that I will mention here. BDOS (BASIC DISK

OPERATING SYSTEM) has routines that are used by the system to access its system disk drives and thus provides for file management. Next month I will discuss how files are constructed, but for now I will simply list the basic operations provided by BDOS:

| | |
|---|---|
| SEARCH | FIND A PARTICULAR FILE BY NAME |
| OPEN | PREPARE A FILE FOR OPERATIONS ON IT |
| CLOSE | CLOSE A PREVIOUSLY OPENED FILE |
| RENAME | GIVE A FILE A NEW NAME |
| READ | BRING IN A RECORD (1 SECTOR/ 128 BYTES) OF A FILE |
| WRITE | STORE ON THE DISK ONE RECORD IN AN OPENED FILE |
| SELECT | CHANGE THE LOGGED ON DISK DRIVE |

DIGITAL RESEARCH also uses the term FDOS (FLOPPY-DISK OPERATING SYSTEM) which is actually the combined areas of BIOS and BDOS. The CCP (CONSOLE COMMAND PROCESSOR) can be compared to a keyboard monitor, for the user converses with the operating system via this area by using the command syntax of CP/M. In other words, the operator can accomplish various tasks such as list a directory of files on a disk, or execute a program file on a disk simply by using the terminal that is logged on the system. Finally, there is an area of memory that is used by programs that run under CP/M.

This area, the TPA (TRANSIENT PROGRAM AREA), begins at memory location 0100H, and programs are written by the user to run so that they can access areas of BDOS, BIOS, and CCP to use routines already present in the system. Programs accomplish this through various "SYSTEM CALLS" and thus as I stressed above, a program that uses these calls can be run on any CP/M system. Finally, there is an area from 00H to 0FFH that provides for buffers and system memory registers (special storage areas) that are used by the operating system. Below is a memory map of a 16K CP/M system based on an INTEL MDS system BIOS as provided in DIGITAL RESEARCH'S documentation.

In the memory map, TBASE, CBASE and FBASE represent the memory address of the start of each area. TBASE is always equal to 0100 but CBASE and FBASE change with different sized systems. Systems can be made larger or smaller according to the amount of main memory or other

consideration, but actually the memory map stays essentially the same with only the TPA changing in size for different versions. One final note on the operating system map is that a program may overlay the CCP or FDOS. What this means is that once the program is loaded from disk, it may use areas of memory previously occupied by the CCP or FDOS as long as they are not needed by the program.

On power up, the operating system is either entirely or partially loaded into memory from a CP/M system diskette via a bootstrap loader sequence. Any diskette that has the operating system on it and is in drive 0 is called the "SYSTEM DISKETTE", and if you have a multiple drive system, only the 0 drive needs to have the operating system on it. Tracks 0 and 1 contain the operating system while a directory of all the files on a disk and their locations and the data files are found on the other tracks (2-76 on 8" disk or 2-35 on 5.25" disk). Sector 1 track 00, the very first sector on the disk, contains a loader program, which when placed in memory from 00-7FH will bring in the rest of CP/M when executed. In order to read sector 1, track 0, a bootstrap loader is used that can either be toggled in via a "front panel" or burned into a ROM and executed. In my system which uses a ROM bootstrap, the entire process takes less than 5 seconds. In some systems, different from mine, the BIOS or parts of BIOS such as disk I/O is placed in ROM also. The BIOS contains boot programs to bring CP/M back in after a program has run, thus after executing a file, if BIOS is not altered, one need only execute the area of BIOS used to bring in the system. Location 000H in memory is reserved for a jump vector to this boot routine, thus to bring in CP/M, all one has to do is to jump to location 00H. If bios is altered however, the entire system has to be rebooted from the starting point using a computer reset command to get control via either a ROM monitor, or a CP/M bootstrap that is initiatied on reset. The main advantage of jumping to location 00 and not reseting the computer is that the former procedure will not alter the TPA or in other words, the memory located from 100H to CBASE (start of CCP). Once back at command level, the user may then save a memory image of the TPA that may be examined, modified, or executed at later time.

I have included the following literal flowchart to help summarize what happens when CP/M is brought in on a system after power up.

In my system which uses the "Tarbell" controler and BIOS, the following dialog occurs:

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TARBELL 36K CPM V1.4 OF 11-13-78
2SIO VERSION.
HOW MANY DISKS? 2
A>
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*                                                                        *
*              BIOS (BASIC I/O SYSTEM) 3E00-3FFFH                        *
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******      FDOS (FLOPPY DISK OPERATING SYSTEM) BDOS+BIOS      **********
*                                                                        *
*              BDOS (BASIC DISK OPERATING SYSTEM) 3100-3DFFH             *
* (FBASE)                                                                *
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*                                                                        *
*              CCP (CONSOLE COMMAND PROCESSOR) 2900-30FFH                *
* (CBASE)                                                                *
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*              TPA (TRANSIENT PROGRAM AREA) 0100H-28FFH                  *
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* (TBASE)                                                                *
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*              BUFFER AND STORAGE AREA 0000-FFH                          *
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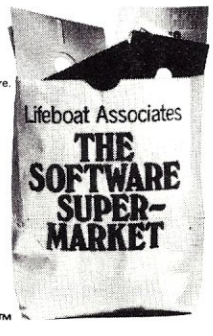


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|---|---|
| 1. TURN ON POWER | |
| 2. PLACE SYSTEM DISKETTE IN DRIVE 0 | |
| 3. HIT RESET | INITIALIZES ROM BOOTSTRAP LOADER SETS DISK DRIVE 0 TO TRACK 00,SECTOR 1 |
| 4. HIT RUN | ROM BOOTSTRAP LOADER LOADS IN BOOT LOADER FROM SYSTEM DISKETTE TO LOCATION 00-7FH<br><br>COMPUTER JUMPS OUT OF ROM BOOTSTRAP TO THE TO THE BOOT LOADER AT LOCATION 00<br><br>CCP, BDOS, AND BIOS ARE BROUGHT IN AND PLACED IN MEMORY AT THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS.<br><br>THE COMPUTER JUMPS TO ROUTINE IN BIOS CALLED BOOT WHICH PRINTS A MESSAGE ASKS THE OPERATOR FOR THE NUMBER OF DISK DRIVES IN THE SYSTEM. |
| 5. TYPE IN AT THE CONSOLE THE NUMBER OF DISK DRIVES IN SYSTEM | BIOS LOGS THE NUMBER OF DISKS, PLACE A JUMP INSTRUCTION TO A BOOT ROUTINE IN BIOS AT LOCATION 000, AND THEN PLACES A JUMP INSTRUCTION TO FBASE (START OF BDOS) AT LOCATION 005H WHICH IS FOR SYSTEM CALLS BY PROGRAMS IN THE TPA. |
| 6. PROMPT IS PRINTED ON CONSOLE TERMINAL | SYSTEM IS READY FOR COMMAND PROCESSING |

In the above, 36K is the CP/M memory size, V1.4 stands for version 1.4 of CP/M, and 2SIO VERSION is the type of I/O board used in my system. I typed in 2 to the question "HOW MANY DISKS?" because I currently have two disk drives, and finally the prompt "A>" signifies that drive "A" (drive 0) is the currently logged on disk. Also, memory locations 00-02 contain (C3 03 8A) which is the jump to the boot routine in BIOS as mentioned above, and locations 05-07 contain (C3 03 7D) which is the jump to BDOS to service system calls. All values in hexadecimal.

Hopefully, the above text will give an idea of the structure and initial workings of CP/M on power up and reset. Next month I will discuss the basic command syntax of CP/M, file structure, and diskette mapping. In future articles, I will discuss modifying CP/M for different hardware confurations, using system calls, running utility programs, and implementing I/O STATUS BYTE options.

NEXT MONTH

PART 2

CP/M's File Structure and Command Syntax

# NEW PRODUCTS

CP/M VERSION 2.0 MP/M SOFTWARE RELEASED

DIGITAL RESEARCH, P.O. Box 579, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 has announced the release of CP/M Version 2.0. CP/M 2.0 allows for data file management for up to 128 megabytes. The CP/M BDOS, completely table drive, allows definition of as many as 16 logical drives of up to 8 megabytes each. It includes new random access features, separation of files by user tag number and read-only protection of individual files. Other enhancements are contained in the modules and utilities. New manuals include a "System Alteration Guide" and an "Interface Guide" for customizing the software. CP/M 2.0 is upward compatible with previous releases of CP/M.

Also introduced is MP/M 1.0, which is a multiprogramming monitor for 8080, Z80 and 8085 processors. MP/M is also upward compatible with CP/M and uses the CP/M 2.0 file structures.

# MODIFYING THE SDS VDB-8024


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This article describes how to alter the SDS-8024 Video Board to support all the sophisticated screen editing functions of UCSD PASCAL. Further, it contains a routine for adding PEEK and POKE like functions to UCSD PASCAL and a PASCAL program for burning in an EPROM.


S-100 Bus boards are available with an enormous range of functions, performance and prices. My experience with SD Sales (now SD Systems) computer products has been that they are good quality and reasonably priced. Their ExpandoRam boards are an exception, being of good quality and rock bottom prices.

When SDS introduced their 24 by 80 character VDB-8024 video board I was excited. since the limitations of my memory-mapped 16 by 64 character board were beginning to cause problems for me. I investigated their product, and discovered that it was a "smart" board, with an on-board Z-80, 2708 EPROM firmware to control the board's functions, a 2708 character EPROM, and one of the (at that time) new CRT controller chips, the SMC 5027. The kit was a bit steep at $320, but the fact that I could customize it made it attractive.

The board works as a small computer system in its own right, accepting data from the main computer and processing it in order to achieve the same functions as a smart terminal. Specifically, it must move the character data into the refresh RAM at the proper location, move the cursor around, and perform whatever "smart" functions, such as random cursor motion, are required. The CRT controller chip, the SMC 5027, shares the refresh RAM with the Z-80, as a DMA device, so that about one half of the memory accesses are made by the 5027 and the remainder by the Z-80.

Those of you who have written drivers for the memory mapped video boards will already know that scrolling all of the characters on the screen up one line is a time consuming business. Most of the CRT controller chips provide ways to perform scrolling rapidly, usually by changing the upper left character. The 5027 does this, and although it increases the speed of the VDB-8024 board, it also complicates the firmware which drives it. At any given time, the 5027 may "think" that the top of the screen is at any one of 24 locations in the refresh memory, and in order to function correctly, the firmware must keep track of what the 5027 is thinking. In order to fully understand the firmware listing given at the end of the article, you will probably have to read articles or data sheets on the 5027, since a complete discussion of the 5027's features is beyond the scope of this article. Note that discussions of the 5027 have appeared in BYTE and INTERFACE AGE magazines.

I have used computers for over twelve years, and have become a confirmed high level language freak, since the novelty of machine language wore off about seven years ago. I run the UCSD PASCAL operating system exclusively (except when I am forced to use CP/M to re-write my BIOS), so it was important to me that whatever "terminal" I used could support that software system. UCSD PASCAL includes a sophisticated screen editor, and thus requires some special CRT functions, such as erase-to-end-of-line, erase-to-end-of-screen, random cursor addressing, home and cursor motion controls. The VDB-8024 as delivered included a set of firmware which supported most of these features (and some additional features which I did not need), but did not support the erase-to-end-of functions which I required. I set out to find out how hard it would be to modify the board.

The first step was to get the kit working without any changes. and then to attempt the modifications. The kit went

together easily, and there were no problems getting the board to function as advertised. One flaky RAM chip was annoying, but since SDS would not send me a replacement without my first sending them the chip, I replaced it myself rather than go without the board for the weeks the trade might take. At the time that I purchased the kit (May of 1979), the documentation was not exactly correct for the board, but I assume that that has been improved.

SDS includes a listing of their firmware in their instruction book and so it was easy to start thinking about how to modify their software. My first observation was that, although their hardware was fine, their software practices and documentation were rather poor. For instance, they never gave the ports which controlled the SMC 5027 any logical names, using hex instead, as in the following:

```
OUT (8AH),A
LD A,065H
OUT (81H)
LD A,0D7H
OUT (80H)
```

This made it rather difficult for me to read at first, especially since there were no comments about the 5027 ports. When I re-wrote their firmware, I used logical names instead, as in the following:

```
OUT (RESET),A
LD  A,065H
OUT (REG1)
LD  A,0D7H
OUT (REG3)
```

It would have been nice if the other hex constants could have been named also, but they correspond to a series of bit patterns for controlling the 5027, and are not amenable to short names.

In addition, there appears to be a hardware feature on their board which allows one to turn off the SMC 5027's access to the refresh RAM in order to allow the Z-80 to access it more rapidly. Since this function was not documented anywhere, its use had to be deduced from the schematics. Unfortunately the schematics were not exactly correct either (more on that later).

SDS included a number offunctions of which UCSD PASCAL would not take advantage, including reverse scrolling, underlining, highlighting, blinking, and multiple terminal "speeds". I decided to remove them from my version of the firmware. Also, I did not want the auto-line-feed feature which SDS included, so I re-wrote that area of the firmware.

Since I had written my own driver for my memory mapped video board previously, I had incorporated a somewhat unusual manner of performing random cursor addressing. Although there is no standard for this function, many terminals do it by accepting an ESCape character first (1BH), followed by the x- and the y- locations for the cursor. One minor problem with this is that it would seem that only two characters should be required for this function, rather than three. The real problem, however, is that it does not allow for random x- and y-addressing independently. My non-standard method did, so I changed their firmware again.

My method uses (wastes?) the ASCII characters from 80H to 8FH by assigning them the following values. If the character is between 80H (128) and 0D1H (209), it controls the x-address, and the new x-address may be found by subtracting 128 from the character. This allows me to set up x-addresses from zero to 81. If the character is greater than 0d1H, it controls the y-address, and the new address may be found by subtracting 210 from the character. This allows me to set up y-addresses from zero to 45.

Reading through the SDS firmware was both interesting and confusing, since I had never seen such control oriented code before. The entire "computer system" was dedicated to the single-minded function of processing characters from the computer to the screen. After the power-on reset occurs, the firmware simply sets up the 5027, enables interrupts, and HALTS! It has nothing to do until the first character comes in from the main computer. When the character arrives the processor will be interrupted, so it made sense to write the program that way. Sequences which in a "normal" program would make little sense began to make sense as I realized that sections of unconnected code would be connected when interrupts began to happen.

Because it is interrupt driven, the real action starts at location 38H, where the interrupt service routine (actually the entire program) starts. It inspects the character to see if it is a control character or a displayable character. For control characters, it manipulates the Z-80 registers and the 5027 registers to accomplish the required function. For displayable characters, it simply displays them and moves the cursor.

Since I do not use CP/M unless I have to, I wanted to write this new firmware under UCSD PASCAL. Each release of UCSD PASCAL after Version 1.4 has included an assembler for the machine on which the software runs; in my case it was a Z-80. It seemed as if I could in fact develop the assembler

source and object using the UCSD system and its nice screen editor.

I then came to the question of how to program the EPROM from PASCAL. I had intended to program the new EPROM using a Cromenco Bytesaver EPROM programming board, to which I could get temporary access. The Bytesaver actually burns an EPROM by interpreting a "write" access to an EPROM memory location as a request that that EPROM location be programmed. It seemed that if I could write a PASCAL program which repeatedly wrote the required bit pattern into a particular location in memory, then the EPROM could be programmed in PASCAL. In BASIC, this would correspond to using the "peek" and "poke" facilities.

The UCSD Assembler has many features, among them the ability to generate relocatable code and the ability to assemble many modules in one pass, keeping track of them in a kind of directory at the start of each file. I

PROGRAM LISTING 1
PEEK & POKE FUNCTIONS

```
.FUNC   MEMREAD,1       ;PARAM IS ADDRESS
POP     IX              ;RETURN ADDRESS
POP     IY              ;POP TWO WORDS OF ZEROS
POP     IY              ;POP TWO WORDS OF ZEROS
POP     HL              ;READ ADDRESS
LD      E,(HL)          ;READ BYTE
LD      D,0
PUSH    DE              ;RETURN VALUE READ ON STACK
JP      (IX)            ;RETURN TO CALLER

.PROC   MEMWRITE,2      ;PARAMS ARE ADDRESS, DATA
POP     IX              ;RETURN ADDRESS
POP     DE              ;DATA
POP     HL              ;WRITE ADDRESS
LD      (HL),E          ;WRITE BYTE
JP      (IX)            ;RETURN TO CALLER
```

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had to use absolute assembly, to be certain that the bit patterns which were in the file were in fact those which I wanted to burn into the EPROM, and I had to find a way to ignore the directory block, which is 512 bytes long.

Since I had access to the Cromenco Bytesaver board, all I had to do in PASCAL was to read the firmware object file, throw away the first 512 bytes, and then transfer the remaining 1024 bytes repeatedly into the area of memory where the Bytesaver was assigned. That would have been easy, but UCSD PASCAL had no routines corresponding to BASIC's "peek" and "poke"; I had to write them also.

The assembly routines for the "peek" and "poke" functions are given in Program Listing 1 and correspond to a PASCAL FUNCTION ('memread') and a PASCAL PROCEDURE ('memwrite').

The PASCAL program to burn the EPROM is shown in Program Listing 2 and should be reasonably easy to read, since the variable names are clear. Comments in PASCAL are enclosed in curly brackets ("{" and "}"). All PASCAL keywords are written in UPPER case, and all user defined values are in lower case.

After writing the new firmware and assembling it under UCSD, I burned the EPROM and plugged it in. The first version blew up because I had forgotten a POP instruction, and the stack (placed in an unused area in refresh memory) quickly deteriorated. The second version, was also bad, and this time it took me a while figure out the reason. It seems that SDS had no need for the most significant bit of the data coming from the computer, so it did not even bring it off of the S-100 Bus. I, on the other hand, required it in order to distinguish between my peculiar random cursor addressing functions and normal characters. With the line disconnected, it floated high, and all characters were cursor-control characters. Unfortunately, the schematic was wrong in this instance, and it was only after I looked at the board itself that I discovered it. A simple jumper finished the job.

All in all, the modification was not really that difficult, and the results are quite pleasing. I would not, however, recommend that anyone attempt this unless they are well versed in both hardware and assembly language software. The firmware is tricky, and an understanding of the 5027 controller chip is also necessary in order that all of the code may be understood.

Following is the text of the final firmware package which I created.

PROGRAM LISTING 2
EPROM BURNER PROGRAM

```
PROGRAM burn;
  TYPE
    byte = 0..255;
  VAR
    code : PACKED ARRAY[0..1023] OF byte;
    i, j, addr, count : INTEGER;
    infile : FILE;

  { DEFINE ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE MODULES AS EXTERNAL }
  PROCEDURE memwrite(addr, data : INTEGER); EXTERNAL;
  FUNCTION memread(addr : INTEGER) : INTEGER; EXTERNAL;

  BEGIN
  RESET(infile,'JON:CRT.CODE');     { OPEN CODE FILE }
  { ASK USER HOW MANY TIMES TO BURN PROM }
  WRITE('ENTER LOOP COUNT : ');
  READ(count);
  { READ THE SECOND 512 BYTE BLOCK OF THE FILE INTO 'CODE' ARRAY }
  i := BLOCKREAD(infile,code,2,1);
  addr := (15 * 4096) + (8 * 256); { BYTESAVER ADDRESS }
  { BURN THE PROM 'COUNT' TIMES }
  FOR i := 1 TO count DO BEGIN
    WRITELN('STARTING PASS ',I);
    FOR j := 0 TO 1023 DO
      memwrite(addr+j,code[j])
    END;
  { CHECK THE PROM }
  FOR i := 0 TO 1023 DO
    IF (memread(addr + i) <> code[i]) THEN
      WRITELN('ADDRESS ',i,' IS ',memread(addr + i),' BUT SHOULD BE ',code[i]);
  END.
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A complete and up-to-date listing of CBBS facilities across the country. Also a summary of how to access them.

Over the past few years, the number of computer hobbyists who have modems has increased dramatically. In the past year alone, some computer clubs show an increase in modems of four to six times the number of the previous year. The increased number of modems on systems has also caused a proliferation of Computerized Bulletion Board Systems throughout the Personal Computing community.

The Computerized Bulletin Board System, or CBBS, acts as a clearinghouse for information of interest to Personal Computing users. Typical messages left on the system include messages of items for sale, people looking for help with hardware or software, people looking for others with the same type of equipment or applications, rumors and messages to others. Also, a few clubs have put their newsletters on the CBBS for distribution before the printed material is ready.

Most CBBS's are similar in operation, since most have gotten their software from the same source and thus they have only minor differences between them. Most run CP/M similar to the Chicago CBBS operated by Ward Cristensen and Randy Suess. Most are compatible with terminals running at 300 baud, RS-232C, while some can also handle other baud rates (the other most common being 110 baud). Usually the hard part is to get through to the system. Most systems are readily accessible after 11PM (the rates are cheaper then also). When you get the dial tone, engage your machine and hit a few carriage returns. From there most systems are self-prompting.

As mentioned earlier, the Chicago CBBS was created by Ward and Randy for members of the Chicago Area Computer/Hobbyist Exchange club to use. Access to the system is via 110 or 300 baud ASCII terminal at 312-528-7141. When you get the tone, press return several times for CBBS to detect your terminal speed.

Another club with a CBBS is the New England Computer Society. Their CBBS is located in Cambridge Massachusetts. They are using the standard CBBS CP/M software from Ward and Randy. The CBBS runs at 110 or 300 baud. Just hit a few returns once you are on for CBBS to detect your speed. A summary of the Cambridge CCBS commands are as follows:

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          -CBBS COMMAND SUMMARY-

Return = Command List
? = Command Summary
B = Print Bulletins
C = Case Switch
D = Half/Full Duplex Switch
E = Enter Message
     Edit commands are:
          A = Abort
          C = Continue Input
          E = Edit Line
          H = Help
          L = List Lines
          R = Retype Line
          S = Save Message
G = Goodbye (logoff)
H = Helpful Information
K = Kill (delete) message
N = Set (0-9) Null Fill Characters
Q = Quick Summary of Messages
R = Retrieve Messages
S = Summarize Messages
     Search Parameters:
          field = string
          Where fields are:
          F = From
          T = To
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S = Subject
D = Date
W = Print Welcome Text
X = Expert mode

-CBBS CONTROL CHARACTERS-

DEL/B/ = Deletes the previous character typed
Cntrl-U = Deletes the current line
Cntrl-R = Retypes the current line
Cntrl-S = Pauses the output (any character to restart)
Cntrl-C = Throws away current printing
Cntrl-K = Abort function and return to command

The command summary of the Cambridge CBBS is similar to most that are running CP/M. Some CBBS's have variations of the letter codes, some have more functions while others have a few less (the Akron Ohio CBBS for example does not have the Cntrl-C or Cntrl-K functions).

Since the CBBS's are using RS-232C ASCII, it is easy to access systems in your area that are not of your computer type. You can call up an Apple Bulleting Board or a Forum-80 and also get your messages onto and from those systems. The commands are similar, but will probably have different letter codes than those shown above. The number of ABBS (Apple Bulletin Board System) and Forum-80 (TRS-80 Bulletin Board System) is growing in number rapidly as is the CP/M CBBS's.

Some other CBBS's offer other features as well as being clearinghouses. A few of the Forum-80 systems have dedicated uses. The Family Historian Forum is an "electronic newsletter for the sharing of research problems, suggestions and messages for geneolists across the nation". The Engineer-80 is dedicated to dissemination of engineering related applications for microcomputers. The Memphis Forum-80 handles information on handicapped applications for microcomputers.

One group in the Washington DC area is AMRAD. Their CBBS is accessible via telephone (703-281-2125) or via an amateur radio repeater in McLean, Viginia. Radio access is via the WR4APC 2 meter repeater on 147.81/147.21 MHz. The computer recognizes the call WR4IWG when sent using 45 baud (60 wpm) Baudot RTTY with tones of 2125 Hz (mark) and 2295 Hz (space). When calling the CBBS, the baud rates are 110 or 300 baud. Other computer clubs are also in the planning stages of telephone/repeater set-ups. The South Florida Computer Club is planning a repeater link in the

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# OBSCURE AND DIRTY PROGRAMMING TRICK

## by

## Bill Fuller

### Computer Hobbyist Group of North Texas

Ever gotten ready to call some subroutine and found that the argument you needed to send it in the A-register was in the B-register because of some previous calculation? And to make things worse you do not have another free register to use to make the swap. So you are forced to make the slow route through main memory to do this data shuffle?

Maybe this hasn't happened to you but you might find this technique entertaining. It trades the contents of A and B without the need of any other intermediate storage location. According to Bill Fuller this is analogous to swapping the contents of a bucket of black paint and a bucket of white paint without mixing them. But somehow it works. I will demonstrate by example.

| | before operation register-A | register-B | after operation register-A | register-B |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| @onset | 11010010 | 11100101 | same | |
| A⊻B→B | 11010010 | 11100101 | 11010010 | 00110111 |
| A⊻B→A | 11010010 | 00110111 | 11100101 | 00110111 |
| A⊻B→B | 11100101 | 00110111 | 11100101 | 11010010 |

where ⊻ = the Exclusive-OR operation.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IEEE S-100 STANDARD

## by Sol Libes

The IEEE S-100 Standard will soon be adopted. What is the significance of this document?

There are currently close to two dozen different manufacturers of S-100 mainframes and 50 manufacturers of over 400 S-100 plug-in boards. This makes the S-100 bus far and away the most popular computer bus system in current use. Further, it is increasing in popularity. Last year five new S-100 mainframes were introduced despite the fact that three S-100 manufacturers went out of business. Their demise however was due to poor management and not a lack of orders.

The fact is that a bus oriented system offers more power and flexibility than integrated systems such as the TRS-80, PET and APPLE. One example of this power is the fact that an S-100 system user can select from seven different 8-bit CPU boards (8080, 8085, 8088, Z80, 6502, 6800 and 6809) and five different 16-bit CPU boards (9900, LSI-11, 8086, Z8000 and Pascal Microengine).

However, the S-100 bus, created by MITS in 1975, was only very loosely defined by MITS and many S-100 suppliers changed pin assignments and employed different timing, drive and loading circuits. The result was that many S-100 boards claimed by their suppliers to be S-100 compatible would work in some S-100 systems but not in others. The new IEEE S-100 Standard should eliminate this problem. However, a word of caution is necessary here. The S-100 standard has been in circulation for about a year in proposal form. Some S-100 suppliers have already introduced S-100 products which the manufacturers claim to be "IEEE S-100 compatible" and are in fact compatible with an early version of the proposed standard. Some other suppliers have introduced boards compatible with the later version of the proposed standard which is reprinted here. In the case of the latter there is little liklihood of compatibility problems. However, in the former there could be problems. Once the standard is formely adopted (hopefully by May) this problem should dissappear.

Secondly, we are moving into a new era of more powerful microcomputer systems. Things MITS did not even envision, when they created the bus. Things like expanding direct memory addressing beyond 64K bytes and multi-processors on the bus. The new IEEE S-100 standard thus defines these new more powerful applications. It expands memory addressing to 16 megabytes and I/O addressing to 64K ports. It expands the vectored interrupt system to 11 inputs and provides for up to 16 masters on the bus.

This means that the new IEEE S-100 bus is far and away the most powerful microcomputer bus architecture available. The IEEE standard sets the foundation for even greater use and popularity of the bus, so that it will continue to maintain its dominance for many years to come.

I wish to thank Dr. Robert G. Stewart, Chairman of the IEEE-CS Computer Standards Committee, George Morrow of Thinker Toys and Tru Seaborn, editor of IEEE Computer magazine for their assistance in bringing this reprint to S-100 MICROSYSTEMS.

One last caution. The following is still a proposal. At this point it appears to be very close to what will actually be adopted. However, it is possible that there may be some minor changes (e.g. a pin assignment). As soon as the standard is adopted S-100 MICROSYSTEMS will print the revised standard or the changes.

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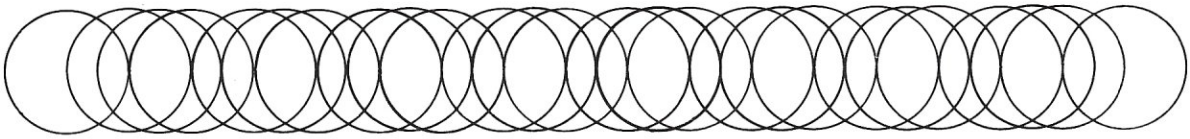
# STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR S-100 BUS INTERFACE DEVICES (DRAFT)

*This proposed standard eliminates many of the problems in the S-100 bus and upgrades it for 16-bit microprocessors. It is offered here for public comment before submission to the IEEE Standards Board.*



# Standard Specification for S-100 Bus Interface Devices

**IEEE Task 696.1 / D2**

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**Introductory comments by**
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**IEEE-CS Computer Standards Committee**

The following draft of a proposed standard for the S-100 bus is the culmination of over a year and a half of effort to eliminate many of the bus's problems and to upgrade it to be suitable for 16-bit microprocessors. The address bus has been extended to 24 bits, the data in and data out buses ganged to form a 16-bit wide data bus for 16-bit transactions, and two additional handshaking lines added to permit intermixing of 8- and 16-bit memory cards.

A binary encoded multiple master arbitration bus permits up to 16 masters on the bus. The necessary logic can be implemented in one chip. Additional ground lines, a power fail line, and an error line have been added. Three lines termed NDEF—for not to be defined—have been allotted to allow leeway to implementers for specialized use. Such use must be specified in all literature. Five lines are RFU—reserved for future use. Some lines formerly used for front panel purposes have been deleted, with the intention that such lines can best be handled by a jumper cable from the CPU card to the front panel. A DMA protocol is specified which provides overlap of the control lines at the beginning and end of the transition between permanent and temporary masters. This allows the address, data, and control buses to settle before information is transferred.

As a bit of personal testimony, I implemented the new DMA protocol on my own system, which includes a Digital Systems dual floppy disk interfaced to a MITS Altair 8800, using DMA for disk transfers. The soft error rate, presumably due to glitching on the positive true logic lines, dropped from a situation where a file would be seriously munged in a few hours to the present situation where I can work for days on end without an observable error.

We have observed a new typographic convention in publishing the proposed standard. The use of an overbar to denote electrically low active or negative true logic lines has been replaced by a postfix asterisk to avoid confusion with Boolean negation and permit typing on word processing systems. This is verbalized by the word "star," replacing the prior word "bar." The Boolean negation overbar can be optionally replaced by a prefix minus sign, with parentheses if needed.

The named authors of the standard were evenly divided as to whether the asterisk should be included in logic equations and state diagrams as well as in electrical signal names and timing diagrams. Two authors believe that the asterisk, when thought of as a designator rather than as the negation operator, adds clarity and consistency, and lessens the need to remember or look up the electrically active level when converting from logic to electrical representations. Such use makes logic state diagrams more directly useful for interpreting oscilloscope or logic analyzer waveforms.

The other two authors feel that the inclusion of the asterisk in the name of a logic state or variable is likely to carry with it the implication of logical negation, thus causing the logic statements to be interpreted incorrectly. Furthermore, they assert that many designers think mostly in terms of electrical levels, with high being true, which again causes logic statements to be interpreted incorrectly. They propose to resolve this hazard by removing the electrical information, i.e., the asterisk, from the variable name when it is us-

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ed in a logic context as opposed to an electrical or timing context.

A compromise has been reached where the asterisk is not used in the context of logic equations, but is included elsewhere in the document. We solicit feedback from the readers on these two points of view.

The S-100 bus subcommittee has been ably chaired by George Morrow and Howard Fullmer. Both of them provided invaluable technical insights which have been incorporated throughout the draft standard. John Walker of Marinchip Systems suggested the method of using 16-bit memory and interface cards interchangeably with 8-bit cards. David Gustavson and Leo Paffrath of SLAC suggested the bus arbitration scheme which has also been implemented on the Department of Energy's Fastbus. Howard Fullmer suggested the DMA overlap protocol which lowers glitching noise. Kells Elmquist of InterSystems offered a critique of the draft published in May 1978 in *Computer* and provided many useful suggestions for improvement. He carefully investigated numerous timing and electrical alternatives and resolved many open questions relating to the standard. Kells wrote the final version of the draft for submission to and revision by the subcommittee.

The IEEE Computer Society is publishing this standard in draft form to allow you to comment upon it prior to submission to the IEEE Standards Board for adoption as an IEEE standard. For example, should the data bus be extended to 32 bits, and if so, how? Your comments should be sent to George Morrow by August 15, 1979, with copies to Gordon Force. Mr. Morrow's address is:

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Finally, preparation of this proposed standard has benefited from the contributions of many individuals and companies. We indeed thank them all. ■

## The proposed standard

### 1.0 General

#### 1.1 Scope

This standard applies to interface systems for computer system components interconnected via a 100-line parallel backplane commonly known as the S-100 bus.

It applies to microprocessor computer systems, or portions of them, where

1) Data exchanged among the interconnected devices is digital (as distinct from analog).
2) The total number of interconnected devices is small (22 or fewer).
3) The total transmission path length among interconnected devices is electrically short (25" or less). That is, transmission line propagation delays are not important.
4) The maximum data rate of any signal on the bus is low (less than or equal to 6 MHz).

#### 1.2 Object

This standard is intended:

1) To define a rational, general-purpose interface system for designers of new computer system components that will ensure their compatibility with present and future S-100 computer systems.
2) To provide the microprocessor computer system user with compatible device families which will communicate in an unambiguous way without modification, from which a modularly expandable computer system may be constructed.
3) To enable the interconnection of independently manufactured devices into a single system.
4) To specify terminology and definitions related to the system.
5) To define a system with the minimum number of restrictions on the performance characteristics of devices connected to the system.
6) To define a system that, of itself, is of relatively low cost, and allows the interconnection of low cost devices.
7) To define a system that is easy to use.

#### 1.3 Definitions

The following definitions apply for the purpose of this standard. This section contains only general definitions. Detailed definitions are given in other sections as appropriate.

*1.3.1 General system terms*

*Compatibility.* The degree to which devices may be interconnected and used without modification, when designed as defined in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this standard.

*Interface.* A shared boundary between parts of a computer system, through which information is conveyed.

*Interface system.* The device independent functional, electrical, and mechanical elements of an interface necessary to effect unambiguous communication among a set of devices. Driver and receiver circuits, signal line descriptions, timing and control conventions, message transfer protocols, and functional logic circuits are typical interface system elements.

*System.* A set of interconnected elements constituted to achieve a given objective by performing specified functions.

*1.3.2 Signals and paths*

*Assert.* To drive a signal line to the true state. The true state is either a high or low state, as specified for each signal.

*Bidirectional bus.* A bus used by any individual device, or set of devices, for the two-way transmission of messages, that is, both input and output.

*Bit-parallel.* A set of concurrent data bits present on a like number of signal lines used to carry information. Bit-parallel data bits may be acted upon concurrently as a group or independently as individual data bits.

*Bus.* A set of signal lines used by an interface system, to which a number of devices are connected, and over which messages are carried.

*Byte.* A set of bit-parallel signals corresponding to binary digits operated on as a unit. Connotes a group of eight bits where the most significant bit carries the subscript 7 and the least significant bit carries the subscript 0.

*Byte-serial.* A sequence of bit-parallel data bytes used to carry information over a common bus.

*High state.* The electrically more positive signal level used to assert a specific message content associated with one of two binary logic states.

*Low state.* The electrically less positive signal level used to assert a specific message content associated with one of two binary logic states.

*Signal.* The physical representation which conveys data from one point to another. For the purpose of this standard, this applies to digital electrical signals only.

*Signal level.* The magnitude of a signal when considered in relation to an arbitrary reference magnitude (voltage in the case of this standard).

*Signal line.* One of a set of signal conductors in an interface system used to transfer messages among interconnected devices.

*Signal parameter.* That parameter of an electrical quantity whose values or sequence of values convey information.

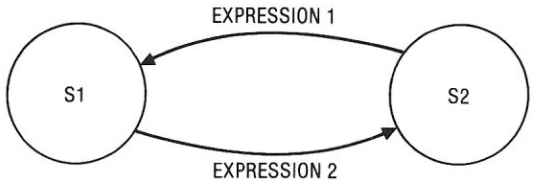
*Unidirectional bus.* A bus used by a device for one-way transmission of messages, that is, either input only or output only.

*Word.* A set of bit-parallel signals corresponding to binary digits and operated on as a unit. Usually connotes a group of 16 bits where the most significant bit carries the subscript 15 and the least significant bit carries the subscript 0.

### 1.4 State diagram notation

Each state that an interface function can assume is represented graphically by a circle. A mnemonic is used within the circle to identify the state.

All permissible transitions between states of an interface function are represented graphically by arrows between them. Each transition between states may be qualified by an expression whose value must be either true or false. If a state transition is not qualified by an expression it is assumed that transition from one state to another will occur after a minimum time period, as indicated in the timing specifications. An interface function must enter the state pointed to if and only if the driving expression becomes true, or in the case of a time dependent transition, as soon as the minimum specified time has passed.




An expression consists of two parts, a driving expression and a driven expression, separated by a slash (/). The driving expression is mandatory and specifies the conditions necessary for the state transition. The driven expression is optional and is used to indicate signal transitions as a result of the state transition. A signal transition is indicated by the signal name followed by an equal sign (=), followed by an indication of the state attained by the signal as a result of the transition. A driving expression consists of one or more messages used in conjunction with the operators AND (a•b), OR (a+b), and NOT (−a). Precedence is defined by parentheses. An example expression is: (driving/driven)

$$A \cdot (B+C) \ / \ D=F(ALSE), \ E=T(RUE)$$

If A AND (B OR C) is true, then D is forced false and E is forced true, and the state transition takes place.

### 1.5 Logical and electrical state relationships

This standard makes a distinction between the logical function of a signal and its electrical implementation. All equations in this standard are logic equations, not electrical equations (unless otherwise stated), and are written in terms of logic states. The use of the term "active" for the purpose of this standard is synonymous with the logic state true.

There are two types of electrical implementation of the logic states:

*Active high signals.* Active high signals are represented without a suffix after the signal name mnemonic (i.e. ABCD).

| LOGIC STATE | BINARY STATE | ELECTRICAL SIGNAL LEVEL | ELECTRICAL STATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| FALSE (F) | 0 | CORRESPONDS TO ≤.8 V, CALLED THE LOW STATE. | L |
| TRUE (T) | 1 | CORRESPONDS TO ≥2.0 V, CALLED THE HIGH STATE. | H |

*Active low signals.* Active low signals are represented with an asterisk suffix after the mnemonic (i.e. ABCD*).

| LOGIC STATE | BINARY STATE | ELECTRICAL SIGNAL LEVEL | ELECTRICAL STATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| FALSE (F) | 0 | CORRESPONDS TO ≥2.0 V, CALLED THE HIGH STATE. | H |
| TRUE (T) | 1 | CORRESPONDS TO ≤.8 V, CALLED THE LOW STATE. | L |

In translating a logic equation into an electrical implementation, care must be taken to account for the active-high or active-low character of the electrical signal. For example, the logic equation

$$MWRT = pWR \cdot -sOUT, \text{ (logic equation)}$$

when implemented electrically, becomes

$$MWRT = (-pWR^*) \cdot -sOUT, \text{ (electrical equation)}$$

since pWR* is the electrical signal carrying the pWR information on the bus.

Note that this is equivalent to

$$MWRT = -(pWR^* + sOUT), \text{ (electrical equation)}$$

by deMorgan's theorem; consequently, a single two-input NOR gate is sufficient to implement MWRT, if it meets the loading and drive requirements.

The edge or change of electrical value of an electrical signal on a timing diagram which causes a transition change of the variable as a logic variable from false to true is:

| *Signal* | *Edge* |
|---|---|
| active high | rising |
| active low | falling |

Logic equations in state diagrams are written in terms of logic state, not electrical state.

The suffix asterisk "*" is not a negation operator. It is a designator (like a comment or footnote) attached to a name, telling the reader what the relationship is between the truth state and the electrical state. That is, this variable is true when the line on the bus is low.

A prefix minus sign "−" represents the logical negation operator and is equivalent to the use of an overbar. Parentheses are used to enclose the negated variable when required for clarity.

## 1.6 Interface system overview

### *1.6.1 Interface system objective*

The overall purpose of the interface system is to provide an effective communication link over which messages are carried in an unambiguous way among a group of interconnected devices.

Messages in an interface system belong to either of two broad categories:

1) Messages used to manage the interface system itself, called interface messages.
2) Messages used by the devices interconnected by the interface system, and carried by that system, but not part of the interface system itself (i.e. data). These are called device dependent messages.

The interface system herein described comprises the necessary functional and electrical specifications for interface messages to effect the objective of this standard, but it is beyond the scope of this standard to specify the nature or meaning (other than electrical signal level) of device dependent messages.

### *1.6.2 Fundamental communication capabilities*

An effective communication link requires two basic functional elements to organize and manage the flow of information among devices:

1) A device acting as a bus master.
2) A device acting as a bus slave.

All data transfer communications between a bus master and a bus slave are carried out in terms of a generalized bus cycle generated by the bus master and responded to by the addressed bus slave.

In the context of the interface system described by this standard:

1) A device acting as a bus master has the capability to address all bus slaves, or some portion of them, by generating all interface messages necessary to effect a bus cycle, and has the capability to transfer device dependent messages to or from the addressed slave as a part of that bus cycle.
2) A device acting as a bus slave monitors all bus cycles, and has the capability, thus, to be addressed by the bus master and to transfer device dependent messages to or from the bus master.

Bus master and bus slave capabilities occur both individually and collectively in devices interconnected via the S-100 interface system.

### *1.6.3 Message paths and bus structure*

The S-100 interface system consists of a set of signal lines used to carry all information, interface messages and device dependent messages among interconnected devices.

The bus structure is organized into eight sets of signal lines:

1) Data bus— 16 signal lines.
2) Address bus— 16 or 24 signal lines.
3) Status bus— 8 signal lines.
4) Control output bus— 5 signal lines.
5) Control input bus— 6 signal lines.
6) DMA control bus— 8 signal lines.
7) Vectored interrupt bus— 8 signal lines.
8) Utility bus— 20 signal lines.

## 2.0 Functional specification

### 2.1 Functional partition

Functional devices interconnected via the interface system are divided into two broad classifications, bus masters and bus slaves, according to their relationship to the generation and reception of interface messages.

Devices acting as bus masters are responsible for the initiation of all bus cycles, and for the generation of all signals necessary for the conduction of an unambiguous bus cycle. These signals are termed type M signals, and consist of the address, status, and control buses. Device dependent messages are transmitted and received on the data bus.

Bus masters are subdivided into two classifications, permanent masters and temporary masters. A permanent bus master (generally a CPU) is the highest priority master in the interface system. A temporary master may request the bus from the permanent master for an arbitrary number of bus cycles, and then returns control of the bus to the permanent master. The transfer of bus control from a permanent master to a temporary master and back to the permanent master is termed a DMA cycle.

The difference between a permanent bus master and a temporary bus master is that:

1) Only one permanent master may exist within the interface system, whereas up to 16 temporary masters may co-exist in a single system.
2) A temporary master is not subject to a DMA cycle, that is, there are no nested DMA operations.

Devices acting as bus slaves are bus cycle receptors. A bus slave monitors all bus cycles and, if addressed during a particular bus cycle, accepts or sends the requested device dependent message on the data lines. While bus masters must generate a specific set of signals in order to assure an unambiguous bus cycle, a bus slave need only examine and generate that subset of bus signals necessary to communicate with bus masters.

### 2.2 Signal lines

*2.2.1 General*

The bus is a collection of message paths defined relative to the current bus master. They are:

1) Address bus.
2) Status bus.
3) Data input/output bus.
4) Control output bus.
5) Control input bus.
6) DMA control bus.
7) Vectored interrupt bus.
8) Utility bus.

The nature and use of each bus is specified in the following sections.

*2.2.2 Address bus*

The address bus consists of 16 or 24 bit-parallel signal lines used to select a specific location in memory or a specific input/output device for communication during the current bus cycle.

All bus masters must assert at least 16 address bits, but may assert 24 address bits if extended address capability is desired. Validity of the address bus is defined in 2.7.3.

Table 1 summarizes address usage for various bus cycles.

**Table 1.**
**Address usage for different bus cycles.**

| CYCLE TYPE | STANDARD ADDRESSING | EXTENDED ADDRESSING |
|---|---|---|
| MEMORY READ<br>MEMORY WRITE<br>M1 (OP-CODE FETCH) | A0-A15 | A0-A23 |
| INPUT<br>OUTPUT | A0-A7† | A0-A15 |
| INTERRUPT ACKNOWLEDGE | NONE | NONE |
| HALT ACKNOWLEDGE | NONE | NONE |

† see 2.2.2.3

*2.2.2.1 Standard memory addressing*

The standard memory address bus consists of 16 lines specifying 1 of 64K memory locations. These 16 lines are named A0 through A15, where A15 is the most significant bit.

*2.2.2.2 Extended memory addressing*

The extended memory address bus consists of 24 lines specifying 1 of 16 million memory locations. These 24 lines are named A0 through A23, where A23 is the most significant bit.

*2.2.2.3 Standard input/output device addressing*

The standard I/O device address bus consists of 8 lines, A0 through A7, specifying 1 of 256 I/O devices. A7 is the most significant bit.

*NOTE:* The I/O device address has traditionally been duplicated onto the high order address byte, A15-A8. While this is considered acceptable procedure, it is not recommended for new designs as it complicates expansion to extended I/O device addressing.

*2.2.2.4 Extended input/output device addressing*

The extended I/O device address bus consists of 16 lines, A0 through A15, specifying 1 of 64K devices. A15 is the most significant bit.

*2.2.3 Status bus*

The status bus consists of eight lines which identify the nature of the bus cycle in progress, and qualify the nature of the address on the address bus.

The mnemonics for status lines always begin with a lower-case s.

The 8 status lines are:

1) Memory read— sMEMR.
2) Op-code fetch— sM1.
3) Input— sINP.
4) Output— sOUT.
5) Write cycle— sWO*.
6) Interrupt acknowledge— sINTA.
7) Halt acknowledge— sHLTA.
8) Sixteen-bit data transfer request— sXTRQ*.

The 8 lines on the status bus must be generated by the current bus master.

Validity of the status bus is given in 2.7.3.

*2.2.3.1 Status memory write*

One relevant status signal is not directly available on the bus, but may be created by the combination of two others. Status Memory Write is defined as:

$$\text{sMemory Write} = (-\text{sOUT}) \cdot \text{sWO}, \text{(logic equation)}$$

that is, status memory write is true when sOUT is false and sWO (write) is true.

*2.2.3.2 Status usage chart*

Table 2 gives the status word definition for all possible bus cycles. (W) refers to word (16-bit data path) operations; (B) refers to byte (8-bit data path) operations. H=high state. L=low state. X=don't care.

**Table 2.**
**Status usage chart.**

| STATUS BITS | | sMEMR | sM1 | sWO* | sOUT | sINP | sINTA | sHLTA | sXTRQ* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CYCLE TYPE | | | | | | | | | |
| MEMORY READ | (B) | H | L | H | L | L | L | L | H |
| | (W) | H | L | H | L | L | L | L | L |
| OP-CODE FETCH | (B) | H | H | H | L | L | L | L | H |
| | (W) | H | H | H | L | L | L | L | L |
| MEMORY WRITE | (B) | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | H |
| | (W) | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L |
| OUTPUT | (B) | L | L | L | H | L | L | L | H |
| | (W) | L | L | L | H | L | L | L | L |
| INPUT | (B) | L | L | H | L | H | L | L | H |
| | (W) | L | L | H | L | H | L | L | L |
| INTERRUPT ACKNOWLEDGE | (B) | L | X | H | L | L | H | L | H |
| | (W) | L | X | H | L | L | H | L | L |
| HALT ACKNOWLEDGE | | X | X | H | L | L | L | H | X |

WHERE:
H = HIGH STATE
L = LOW STATE
X = DON'T CARE
W = 16-BIT OPERATION
B = 8-BIT OPERATION

*2.2.4 Data bus*

Data input and data output are always specified relative to the current bus master. Data transmitted by the current bus master to a bus slave is called data output. Data received by the current bus master from a bus slave is called data input.

The data bus consists of 16 lines grouped as two unidirectional 8-bit buses for byte operations and as a single bidirectional bus for 16-bit word operations.

*2.2.4.1 Byte operations*

Two unidirectional 8-bit buses are used for byte data transfers. Data output appears on the data output bus (DO0-DO7), where DO7 is the most significant bit.

Data input appears on the data input bus (DI0-DI7), where DI7 is the most significant bit.

*2.2.4.2 Word operations*

For 16-bit data transfers the DI and the DO buses are ganged together, creating a single 16-bit bidirectional bus. Two signal lines control the ganging of the data buses, sixteen request (sXTRQ*) and sixteen acknowledge (SIXTN*). When both of these lines are true (in the low state), the data buses are ganged with DO0 corresponding to DATA 0 and DI7 corresponding to DATA 15, the most significant bit.

Complete specification of the 8/16-bit protocol is given in 2.6.

*2.2.5 Control output bus*

The 5 lines of the control output bus determine the timing and movement of data during any bus cycle. The mnemonics for the control output lines always begin with a lower-case p.

The five lines are:

1) pSYNC, which indicates the start of a new bus cycle.
2) pSTVAL*, which in conjunction with pSYNC indicates that stable address and status may be sampled from the bus in the current cycle.
3) pDBIN, a generalized read strobe that gates data from an addressed slave onto the data bus.
4) pWR*, a generalized write strobe that writes data from the data bus into an addressed slave.
5) pHLDA, the hold acknowledge signal that indicates to the highest priority temporary master that the permanent master is relinquishing control of the bus.

The control output signals are subject to the functional and timing disciplines given in 2.7, 3.8, and 3.9.

*2.2.6 Control input bus*

The six lines of the control input bus allow bus slaves to synchronize the operations of bus masters with conditions internal to the bus slave (e.g., data not ready), and to request operations of the permanent master (e.g., interrupt or hold).

The six control input lines are:

1) RDY
2) XRDY

3) INT*
4) NMI*
5) HOLD*
6) SIXTN*

*2.2.6.1 Ready lines*

The ready lines are used by bus slaves to synchronize bus masters to the response speed of the slave. Thus cycles are suspended and wait states inserted until both ready lines are asserted.

The RDY line is the general ready line for bus slaves. It is specified as an open collector line.

The XRDY line is a special ready line commonly used by front panel devices to stop and single step bus masters. As it is not specified as an open collector line, it should not be used by other bus slaves, since a bus conflict may exist.

*2.2.6.2 Interrupt lines*

The two interrupt lines, INT* and NMI*, are used to request service from the permanent bus master.

The INT* line may be masked off by the bus master, usually via an internal software operation. If the master accepts the interrupt request on the INT* line, it may respond with an interrupt acknowledge bus cycle, accepting vectoring information from the data bus. The INT* line is often implemented as a "group interrupt" line in conjunction with the vectored interrupt bus. In this case, INT* indicates the presence of one or more vectored interrupt requests.

The NMI* line is a non-maskable interrupt request line, that is, it may not be masked off by the bus master. Accepting an interrupt on the NMI* line need not generate an interrupt acknowledge bus cycle.

An interrupt request on the INT* line is asserted as a level, that is, the line is asserted until interrupt service is received. An interrupt request on the NMI* line, on the other hand, is asserted as a negative going edge, since no interrupt acknowledge cycle need be generated.

Both these lines are specified as open collector lines.

*2.2.6.3 Hold request*

The hold request line, HOLD*, is used by temporary bus masters to request control of the bus from the permanent bus master. The HOLD* line may be masked by the permanent bus master to prevent temporary masters from gaining bus control.

The HOLD* line is specified as an open collector line, and may only be asserted at certain times. See 2.8.3.

*2.2.6.4 Sixteen acknowledge*

The sixteen acknowledge line, SIXTN*, is a response to the status signal sixteen request (sXTRQ*), and indicates that the requested 16-bit data transfer is possible.

The SIXTN* line is specified as an open collector line. Detailed specification of the use of this line is given in 2.6.

*2.2.7 DMA control bus*

The eight lines of the DMA control bus are used in conjunction with control bus signals HOLD* and pHLDA. They arbitrate among simultaneous requests for control of the bus by temporary masters and disable the signal drivers of the permanent bus master, thus effecting an orderly transfer of bus control.

All eight lines of the DMA control bus are specified as open collector lines.

The eight DMA control lines are:

1) DMA0*
2) DMA1*
3) DMA2*
4) DMA3*
5) ADSB*
6) DODSB*
7) SDSB*
8) CDSB*

Detailed specification of the use of these lines is given in 2.8.

*2.2.7.1 DMA arbitration*

The four lines that arbitrate among simultaneous requests for bus control by temporary masters are DMA0* through DMA3*. The encoded priority of requesters is asserted on these lines and, after settling, they contain the priority number of the highest priority requester.

Detailed specification of this process is given in 2.8.3

*2.2.7.2 Bus transfer signals*

Four signals are available on the bus to disable the line drivers of the permanent bus master. They are:

1) ADSB*, address disable.
2) DODSB*, data out disable.
3) SDSB*, status disable.
4) CDSB*, control output disable.

Use of these lines is tightly specified during the transfer of the bus from a permanent master to a temporary master, as given in 2.8.2, and any transfer involving the control output lines should follow a similar protocol.

The address, data, and status signals from the permanent master may be disabled and replaced using these signals as long as the contents of these buses is valid for the current bus cycle as though no replacement had occurred.

*2.2.8 Vectored interrupt bus*

The eight lines of the vectored interrupt bus are used in conjunction with the generalized vectored in-

terrupt request, INT*, to arbitrate among eight levels of interrupt request priorities. They are typically implemented as inputs to a bus slave which masks and prioritizes the requests, asserts the generalized interrupt request to the permanent bus master, and responds to the interrupt acknowledge bus cycle with appropriate vectoring data.

The eight lines of the vectored interrupt bus are VI0* through VI7*, where VI0* is considered the highest priority interrupt.

The vectored interrupt lines should be implemented as levels, that is, they should be held active until service is received.

*2.2.9 System utilities*

*2.2.9.1 System power*

Power in S-100 systems is distributed to bus devices as unregulated voltages. A total of nine bus lines are used:

1) +8 volts, 2 lines.
2) +16 volts, 1 line.
3) −16 volts, 1 line.
4) GROUND, 5 lines.

Ground lines are distributed across the edge connector such that low impedance grounds are available on both sides of the edge connector, and on both sides of the circuit cards.

Power lines are subject to the specifications given in 3.2.

*2.2.9.2 System clock*

The system clock, Φ, is generated by the permanent master. The control timing for all bus cycles, whether they are cycles of the permanent master or cycles of temporary masters in control of the bus, must be derived from this clock.

This signal is never transferred during a bus exchange operation.

*2.2.9.3 CLOCK*

This clock is specified as a 2-MHz (0.5 percent tolerance) signal with no relationship to any other bus signal. It is to be used by counters, timers, baud-rate generators, etc.

*2.2.9.4 System reset functions*

System reset functions are divided into three lines:

1) RESET*, resets all bus masters.
2) SLAVE CLR*, resets all bus slaves.
3) POC*, power-on clear is active only on power-on, and asserts SLAVE CLR* and RESET*.

The POC* signal is specified as having a minimum active period of 10 msec.

RESET* and SLAVE CLR* are specified as open collector lines.

*2.2.9.5 Memory write strobe*

The memory write strobe, MWRT, must be generated somewhere in the system. It is usually generated by front panel type devices, but is optionally generated by permanent masters or mother boards in systems without front panels. Care must be taken that it is generated at only one point in a given system.

Memory write is defined as:

$$MWRT = pWR \cdot -sOUT \quad \text{(logic equation)}$$

*2.2.9.6 Phantom slaves*

A line, PHANTOM*, is provided for overlaying bus slaves at a common address location. When this line is activated phantom bus slaves are enabled and normal bus slaves are disabled.

This line is specified as an open collector line.

*2.2.9.7 Error*

The line ERROR* is a generalized error line that is asserted when an error of some sort (i.e., parity, write to protected memory) is occurring in the current bus cycle.

This line is specified as an open collector line.

*2.2.9.8 Manufacturer specified lines*

Three lines which can be specified by individual manufacturers are provided on the bus. These lines, termed NDEF (not to be defined), should only be implemented as options, and shall be provided with jumpers so that possible conflicts may be eliminated.

Any manufacturer MUST specify in detail any use of these lines. Signals on these lines are limited to 5 volt logic levels.

*2.2.9.9 Power fail (PWRFAIL*)*

The power fail line indicates impending power failure, and remains true until power is restored and POC* is true.

*2.2.9.10 Reserved lines (RFU)*

The five remaining lines are reserved for future use and may not be used for any purpose.

*2.2.10 Pin list*

Pin connections to the card edge connector shall conform to the list given in Table 3.

**2.3 The permanent master interface**

*2.3.1 General*

The permanent master interface provides the capability to transfer device dependent messages to and from all bus slaves. It is responsible for the genera-

**Table 3. S-100 bus pin list.**

| PIN NO. | SIGNAL & TYPE | ACTIVE LEVEL | | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | +8 VOLTS (B) | | | Instantaneous minimum greater than 7 volts, instantaneous maximum less than 25 volts, average maximum less than 11 volts. |
| 2 | +16 VOLTS (B) | | | Instantaneous minimum greater than 14.5 volts, instantaneous maximum less than 35 volts, average maximum less than 21.5 volts. |
| 3 | XRDY (S) | H | | One of two ready inputs to the current bus master. The bus is ready when both these ready inputs are true. See pin 72. |
| 4 | VI0*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 0. |
| 5 | VI1*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 1. |
| 6 | VI2*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 2. |
| 7 | VI3*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 3. |
| 8 | VI4*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 4. |
| 9 | VI5*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 5. |
| 10 | VI6*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 6. |
| 11 | VI7*(S) | L | O.C. | Vectored interrupt line 7. |
| 12 | NMI*(S) | L | O.C. | Non-maskable interrupt. |
| 13 | PWRFAIL*(B) | L | | Power fail bus signal. (See Section 2.10.1 regarding pseudo open-collector nature) |
| 14 | DMA3* (M) | L | O.C. | Temporary master priority bit 3. |
| 15 | A18 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 18. |
| 16 | A16 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 16. |
| 17 | A17 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 17. |
| 18 | SDSB* (M) | L | O.C. | The control signal to disable the 8 status signals. |
| 19 | CDSB* (M) | L | O.C. | The control signal to disable the 5 control output signals. |
| 20 | GND (B) | | | Common with pin 100. |
| 21 | NDEF | | | Not to be defined. Manufacturer must specify any use in detail. |
| 22 | ADSB* (M) | L. | O.C. | The control signal to disable the 16 address signals. |
| 23 | DODSB* (M) | L | O.C. | The control signal to disable the 8 data output signals. |
| 24 | Φ (B) | H | | The master timing signal for the bus. |
| 25 | pSTVAL*(M) | L | | Status valid strobe. |
| 26 | pHLDA (M) | H | | A control signal used in conjunction with HOLD* to coordinate bus master transfer operations. |
| 27 | RFU | | | Reserved for future use. |
| 28 | RFU | | | Reserved for future use. |
| 29 | A5 (M) | H | | Address bit 5. |
| 30 | A4 (M) | H | | Address bit 4. |
| 31 | A3 (M) | H | | Address bit 3. |
| 32 | A15 (M) | H | | Address bit 15 (most significant for non-extended addressing.) |
| 33 | A12 (M) | H | | Address bit 12. |
| 34 | A9 (M) | H | | Address bit 9. |
| 35 | DO1 (M)/DATA1 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 1, bidirectional data bit 1. |
| 36 | DO0 (M)/DATA0 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 0, bidirectional data bit 0. |
| 37 | A10 (M) | H | | Address bit 10. |
| 38 | DO4 (M)/DATA4 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 4, bidirectional data bit 4. |
| 39 | DO5 (M)/DATA5 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 5, bidirectional data bit 5. |
| 40 | DO6 (M)/DATA6 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 6, bidirectional data bit 6. |
| 41 | DI2 (S)/DATA10 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 2, bidirectional data bit 10. |
| 42 | DI3 (S)/DATA11 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 3, bidirectional data bit 11. |
| 43 | DI7 (S)/DATA15 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 7, bidirectional data bit 15. |
| 44 | sM1 (M) | H | | The status signal which indicates that the current cycle is an op-code fetch. |
| 45 | sOUT (M) | H | | The status signal identifying the data transfer bus cycle to an output device. |
| 46 | sINP (M) | H | | The status signal identifying the data transfer bus cycle from an input device. |
| 47 | sMEMR (M) | H | | The status signal identifying bus cycles which transfer data from memory to a bus master, which are not interrupt acknowledge instruction fetch cycle(s). |
| 48 | sHLTA (M) | H | | The status signal which acknowledges that a HLT instruction has been executed. |
| 49 | CLOCK(B) | | | 2 MHz (0.5%) 40-60% duty cycle. Not required to be synchronous with any other bus signal. |
| 50 | GND (B) | | | Common with pin 100. |
| 51 | +8 VOLTS (B) | | | Common with pin 1. |
| 52 | −16 VOLTS (B) | | | Instantaneous maximum less than −14.5 volts, instantaneous minimum greater than −35 volts, average minimum greater than −21.5 volts. |
| 53 | GND (B) | | | Common with pin 100. |
| 54 | SLAVE CLR* (B) | L | O.C. | A reset signal to reset bus slaves. Must be active with POC* and may also be generated by external means. |
| 55 | DMA0* (M) | L | O.C. | Temporary master priority bit 0. |

| PIN NO. | SIGNAL & TYPE | ACTIVE LEVEL | | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | DMA1* (M) | L | O.C. | Temporary master priority bit 1. |
| 57 | DMA2* (M) | L | O.C. | Temporary master priority bit 2. |
| 58 | sXTRQ* (M) | L | | The status signal which requests 16-bit slaves to assert SIXTN*. |
| 59 | A19 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 19. |
| 60 | SIXTN* (S) | L | O.C. | The signal generated by 16-bit slaves in response to the 16-bit request signal sXTRQ*. |
| 61 | A20 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 20. |
| 62 | A21 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 21. |
| 63 | A22 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 22. |
| 64 | A23 (M) | H | | Extended address bit 23. |
| 65 | NDEF | | | Not to be defined signal. |
| 66 | NDEF | | | Not to be defined signal. |
| 67 | PHANTOM*(M/S) | L | O.C. | A bus signal which disables normal slave devices and enables phantom slaves—primarily used for bootstrapping systems without hardware front panels. |
| 68 | MWRT (B) | H | | pWR• — sOUT (logic equation). This signal must follow pWR* by not more than 30 ns. (See note, Section 2.7.5.3) |
| 69 | RFU | | | Reserved for future use. |
| 70 | GND (B) | | | Common with pin 100. |
| 71 | RFU | | | Reserved for future use. |
| 72 | RDY (S) | H | O.C. | See comments for pin 3. |
| 73 | INT* (S) | L | O.C. | The primary interrupt request bus signal. |
| 74 | HOLD* (M) | L | O.C. | The control signal used in conjunction with pHLDA to coordinate bus master transfer operations. |
| 75 | RESET*(B) | L | O.C. | The reset signal to reset bus master devices. This signal must be active with POC* and may also be generated by external means. |
| 76 | pSYNC (M) | H | | The control signal identifying $BS_1$. |
| 77 | pWR* (M) | L | | The control signal signifying the presence of valid data on DO bus or data bus. |
| 78 | pDBIN (M) | H | | The control signal that requests data on the DI bus or data bus from the currently addressed slave. |
| 79 | A0 (M) | H | | Address bit 0 (least significant). |
| 80 | A1 (M) | H | | Address bit 1. |
| 81 | A2 (M) | H | | Address bit 2. |
| 82 | A6 (M) | H | | Address bit 6. |
| 83 | A7 (M) | H | | Address bit 7. |
| 84 | A8 (M) | H | | Address bit 8. |
| 85 | A13 (M) | H | | Address bit 13. |
| 86 | A14 (M) | H | | Address bit 14. |
| 87 | A11 (M) | H | | Address bit 11. |
| 88 | DO2 (M)/DATA2 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 2, bidirectional data bit 2. |
| 89 | DO3 (M)/DATA3 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 3, bidirectional data bit 3. |
| 90 | DO7 (M)/DATA7 (M/S) | H | | Data out bit 7, bidirectional data bit 7. |
| 91 | DI4 (S)/DATA12 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 4 and bidirectional data bit 12. |
| 92 | DI5 (S)/DATA13 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 5 and bidirectional data bit 13. |
| 93 | DI6 (S)/DATA14 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 6 and bidirectional data bit 14. |
| 94 | DI1 (S)/DATA9 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 1 and bidirectional data bit 9. |
| 95 | DI0 (S)/DATA8 (M/S) | H | | Data in bit 0 (least significant for 8-bit data) and bidirectional data bit 8. |
| 96 | sINTA (M) | H | | The status signal identifying the bus input cycle(s) that may follow an accepted interrupt request presented on INT*. |
| 97 | sWO* (M) | L | | The status signal identifying a bus cycle which transfers data from a bus master to a slave. |
| 98 | ERROR* (S) | L | O.C. | The bus status signal signifying an error condition during present bus cycle. |
| 99 | POC* (B) | L | | The power-on clear signal for all bus devices; when this signal goes low, it must stay low for at least 10 msecs. |
| 100 | GND (B) | | | System ground. |

tion and timing of all bus cycles while it has control of the bus, and is capable of generating all possible bus cycles.

The permanent master normally has control of the bus. It may relinquish bus control to a temporary bus master via a hold operation for an arbitrary number of cycles. Upon completion of the hold operation control of the bus is always returned to the permanent master.

### *2.3.2 Permanent master state diagram*

The permanent master interface shall be implemented so as to conform to the state diagram given in Figure 1.

*2.3.3 Permanent master state descriptions*

*2.3.3.1 Bus state 1*

The initial bus state, $BS_1$, is the state in which the status and address buses are in transition to their values for the new bus cycle. pSYNC goes true in the middle of the $BS_1$ state, indicating the beginning of a new bus cycle.

*2.3.3.2 Bus state 2*

Bus state 2, $BS_2$, is the state during which the address and status lines become stable. When they are guaranteed stable the pSTVAL*, status valid strobe, is activated.

The ready lines and the sixteen acknowledge line are sampled during the $BS_2$ state.

*2.3.3.3 Wait state*

The wait state, $BS_w$, is entered if the ready line sampled in $BS_2$ indicates that the addressed bus slave is not ready for data transfer. The ready line is sampled once every clock cycle until a ready condition is indicated. When the ready condition is indicated the $BS_2$ state is completed and the $BS_3$ state entered.

The $BS_w$ state is thus used to synchronize bus cycles generated by bus masters with the response speed of assorted bus slaves.

*2.3.3.4 Bus state 3*

Bus state 3, $BS_3$, is the bus state during which the data transfer actually takes place between the master and the addressed slave.

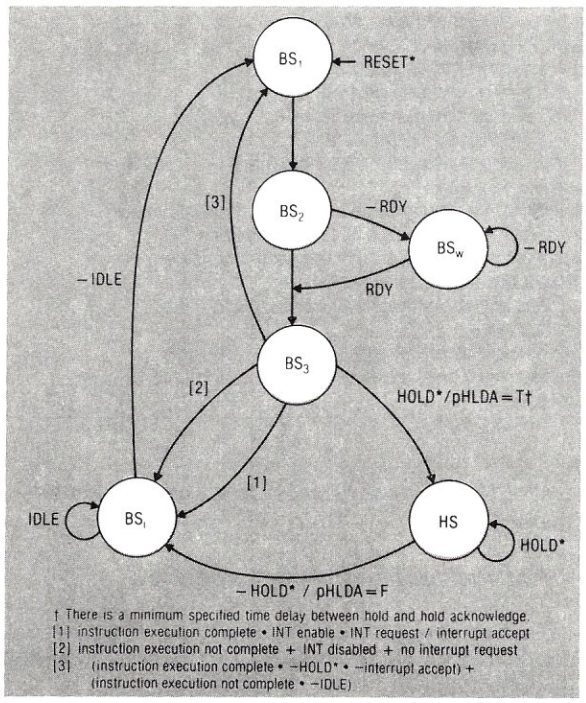



**Figure 1. Permanent master state diagram.**

*2.3.3.5 Idle bus states*

After completion of the $BS_3$ state, the master may enter one or more idle bus states.

While in an idle bus state the generalized data strobes, pWR* and pDBIN, must not be active, and pSTVAL* must not be asserted in conjunction with pSYNC active.

*2.3.3.6 Hold accept*

Permanent masters must be configured to conditionally accept hold operations from temporary masters. This function may be gated off under hardware or software control, to allow indivisible test and set operations. If hold is enabled and active, the permanent master will enter the hold state HS following a $BS_3$ state, and pHLDA will be asserted.

The permanent master remains in the hold state until the hold request HOLD* becomes false.

Hold operations always take priority over interrupt operations.

*2.3.3.7 Interrupt accept*

If hold request is not active, if execution of the current instruction is complete, and if interrupts are enabled and an interrupt is being requested, then the permanent master accepts the interrupt request at the end of the $BS_3$ state. In the case of a vectored interrupt, the next bus cycle may be an interrupt acknowledge bus cycle. In the case of a non-maskable interrupt, the response is usually a transfer to a predetermined location.

*2.3.4 Required signals for permanent masters*

*2.3.4.1 Output signals*

The following signals are output signals from permanent masters to bus slaves:

1) A0-A23†.
2) All status signals.
3) All control output signals.
4) Data output signals (8 or 16 depending on processor type).
5) Φ, the system clock.

*2.3.4.2 Input signals*

The following signals are required input signals to permanent masters:

1) The control input signals, except NMI* and SIXTN*.
2) Data input signals (8 or 16 depending on processor type).
3) The four disable signals ADSB*, DODSB*, SDSB*, CDSB*.
4) RESET*.

† A16 through A23 are optional on permanent masters.

*2.3.5 Dummy mastering*

In cases where a number of processors co-exist in a single system as temporary masters, it may prove inefficient from a systems point of view to implement a permanent master.

In such a case it is permissible that the permanent master be implemented as a dummy, that is, as a device that conducts no bus cycles, but only supplies an arbitration interval so that the DMA control bus may settle.

The dummy master takes control of the bus between temporary masters, asserting the control output bus in the null state, and passes the bus to the next requester after an arbitration interval of one clock cycle.

Required output signals for dummy masters are the control output signals, and the system clock Φ. Input signals are HOLD* and CDSB*.

**2.4 The temporary master interface**

*2.4.1 General*

The temporary master interface provides the capability to transfer device dependent messages to and from a selected set of bus slaves. The temporary master thus differs from the permanent master in that it need not generate all possible bus cycles.

The temporary master requests control of the bus from the permanent master. If the bus is granted, the temporary master is responsible for the generation and timing of all bus cycles until it returns control to the permanent master.

Since up to 16 temporary masters may co-exist in a single system, a protocol has been developed to arbitrate among simultaneous bus requests. Detailed specification of this protocol is given in 2.8.3.

*2.4.2 Temporary master state diagram*

The temporary master interface shall be implemented so as to conform to the state diagram given in Figure 2.

*2.4.3 Temporary master state descriptions*

*2.4.3.1 Arbitration (ARB)*

If more than one temporary master is present in the system, bus requesters must arbitrate for the bus as given in 2.8.3.

During the arbitration sequence, bus requesters try to assert their priorities on the arbitration bus, and the contents of the arbitration bus are compared with each requester's priority.

If the contents of the arbitration bus is of higher priority than the locally attempted priority assertion, then a higher priority requester is present in the system, and the low priority requester removes its low order bits from the arbitration bus. Thus, after some settling time, the priority of the highest priority requester is present on the arbitration bus. This requester is granted the bus on the rising edge of hold acknowledge.

*2.4.3.2 Bus transfer states (XS I and XS II)*

Since the bus has positive polarity control signals, extreme care must be taken in bus transfer operations to avoid erroneous pulses on the control lines.

In general terms, this is accomplished by specifying that both the permanent master and the temporary master drive the control lines in specified logic states during the bus transfer.

Detailed specification of this operation is given in 2.8.2.

**Proposed S-100 bus layout—Quick reference**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pin 1 | +8 Volts (B) | | pin 51 | +8 Volts (B) | |
| pin 2 | +16 Volts (B) | | pin 52 | −16 Volts (B) | |
| pin 3 | XRDY (S) | H | pin 53 | GND | |
| pin 4 | VI0* (S) | L | pin 54 | SLAVE CLR* (B) | L |
| pin 5 | VI1* (S) | L | pin 55 | DMA0* (M) | L |
| pin 6 | VI2* (S) | L | pin 56 | DMA1* (M) | L |
| pin 7 | VI3* (S) | L | pin 57 | DMA2* (M) | L |
| pin 8 | VI4* (S) | L | pin 58 | sXTRQ* (M) | L |
| pin 9 | VI5* (S) | L | pin 59 | A19 | H |
| pin 10 | VI6* (S) | L | pin 60 | SIXTN* (S) | L |
| pin 11 | VI7* (S) | L | pin 61 | A20 (M) | H |
| pin 12 | NMI* (S) | L | pin 62 | A21 (M) | H |
| pin 13 | PWRFAIL* (B) | L | pin 63 | A22 (M) | H |
| pin 14 | DMA3* (M) | L | pin 64 | A23 (M) | H |
| pin 15 | A18 (M) | H | pin 65 | NDEF | |
| pin 16 | A16 (M) | H | pin 66 | NDEF | |
| pin 17 | A17 (M) | H | pin 67 | PHANTOM* (M/S) | L |
| pin 18 | SDSB* (M) | L | pin 68 | MWRT (B) | H |
| pin 19 | CDSB* (M) | L | pin 69 | RFU | |
| pin 20 | GND | | pin 70 | GND | |
| pin 21 | RFU | | pin 71 | NDEF | |
| pin 22 | ADSB* (M) | L | pin 72 | RDY (S) | H |
| pin 23 | DODSB* (M) | L | pin 73 | INT* (S) | L |
| pin 24 | Φ (B) | H | pin 74 | HOLD* (M) | L |
| pin 25 | pSTVAL* (M) | L | pin 75 | RESET* (B) | L |
| pin 26 | pHLDA (M) | H | pin 76 | pSYNC (M) | H |
| pin 27 | RFU | | pin 77 | pWR* (M) | L |
| pin 28 | RFU | | pin 78 | pDBIN (M) | H |
| pin 29 | A5 (M) | H | pin 79 | A0 (M) | H |
| pin 30 | A4 (M) | H | pin 80 | A1 (M) | H |
| pin 31 | A3 (M) | H | pin 81 | A2 (M) | H |
| pin 32 | A15 (M) | H | pin 82 | A6 (M) | H |
| pin 33 | A12 (M) | H | pin 83 | A7 (M) | H |
| pin 34 | A9 (M) | H | pin 84 | A8 (M) | H |
| pin 35 | DO1 (M)/DATA1 (M/S) | H | pin 85 | A13 (M) | H |
| pin 36 | DO0 (M)/DATA0 (M/S) | H | pin 86 | A14 (M) | H |
| pin 37 | A10 (M) | H | pin 87 | A11 (M) | H |
| pin 38 | DO4 (M)/DATA4 (M/S) | H | pin 88 | DO2 (M)/DATA2 (M/S) | H |
| pin 39 | DO5 (M)/DATA5 (M/S) | H | pin 89 | DO3 (M)/DATA3 (M/S) | H |
| pin 40 | DO6 (M)/DATA6 (M/S) | H | pin 90 | DO7 (M)/DATA7 (M/S) | H |
| pin 41 | DI2 (S)/DATA10 (M/S) | H | pin 91 | DI4 (S)/DATA12 (M/S) | H |
| pin 42 | DI3 (S)/DATA11 (M/S) | H | pin 92 | DI5 (S)/DATA13 (M/S) | H |
| pin 43 | DI7 (S)/DATA15 (M/S) | H | pin 93 | DI6 (S)/DATA14 (M/S) | H |
| pin 44 | sM1 (M) | H | pin 94 | DI1 (S)/DATA9 (M/S) | H |
| pin 45 | sOUT (M) | H | pin 95 | DI0 (S)/DATA8 (M/S) | H |
| pin 46 | sINP (M) | H | pin 96 | sINTA (M) | H |
| pin 47 | sMEMR (M) | H | pin 97 | sWO* (M) | L |
| pin 48 | sHLTA (M) | H | pin 98 | ERROR* (S) | L |
| pin 49 | CLOCK (B) | | pin 99 | POC* (B) | L |
| pin 50 | GND | | pin 100 | GND | |

*2.4.3.3 Bus cycle*

The definition of bus cycle states is the same as that for the permanent master interface, given in 2.3.3.1 through 2.3.3.5.

An arbitrary number of bus cycles may be performed by the temporary master before returning control to the permanent master.

*2.4.4 Required signals for temporary masters*

*2.4.4.1 Output signals*

The following are required output signals for a temporary master interface:

1) Address lines A0-A23†.
2) All status signals.
3) All control output signals ††.
4) Data output lines.
5) DMA arbitration lines DMA0*-DMA3*.
6) Hold request, HOLD*.

*2.4.4.2 Input signals*

The following are required input signals for a temporary master interface:

† *Note:* Temporary masters must generate A16-A23; they need only generate falses or lows on these 8 lines, however.

†† *Note:* Temporary masters should provide a jumper on the pSTVAL* line, as 8080 CPUs of old design do not transfer this line with the control output lines. In this case all bus masters use the same pSTVAL* signal.

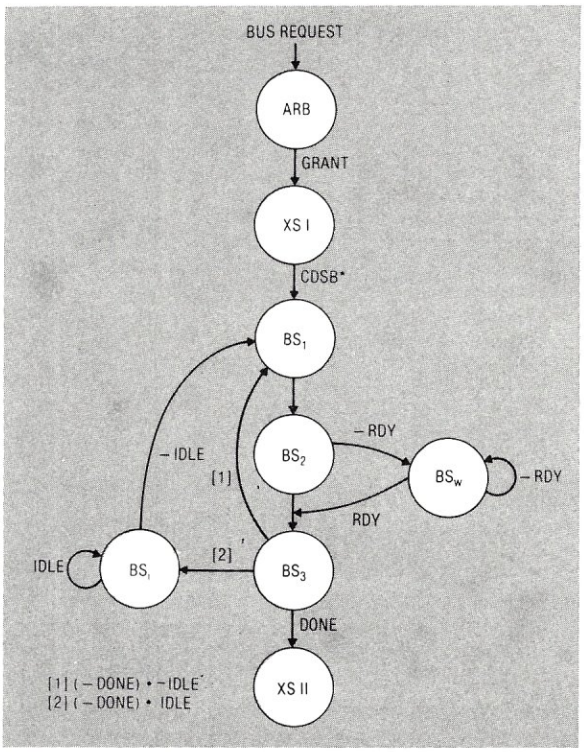



**Figure 2. Temporary master state diagram.**

1) The ready lines, RDY and XRDY.
2) Hold acknowledge, pHLDA.
3) Data input lines.
4) The system clock, Φ.

**2.5 The slave interface**

A slave device responds to a bus cycle initiated by a bus master. Memory and input/output devices are examples of bus slaves.

A slave device may request service by a bus master by generating an interrupt request.

*2.5.1 Slave interface state diagram*

The slave interface shall conform, in general, to the state diagram given in Figure 3. Slave interfaces need not have both read and write capability.

*2.5.2 Slave state definitions*

*2.5.2.1 Slave idle state*

The slave idle state, $S_i$, is a passive state with respect to the bus.

The slave monitors the stream of bus cycles to determine if it is selected for the current bus cycle.

The slave may be performing internal operations while in the idle state.

The assertion of SLAVE CLR* forces all slaves into the idle state.

*2.5.2.2 Slave setup*

A slave moves from the slave idle state to the setup state, $S_s$, when it has been addressed by the current bus cycle. This is an operation internal to the slave which sets up a data transfer with a bus master. If a

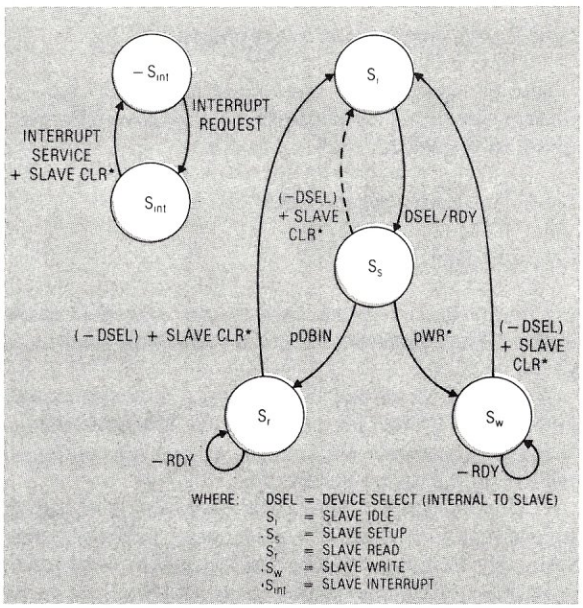



**Figure 3. Slave interface state diagram.**

slave can tolerate spurious transitions from the idle state to the setup state, then the device select signal may be decoded statically from the address and status buses. If a device cannot tolerate spurious transitions, the device select line should be decoded in conjunction with the status valid strobe, pSTVAL*.

If synchronization is required by the slave before the data transfer may take place, the ready line is asserted false during this state until the device is ready for data transfer.

*2.5.2.3 Slave read*

Data from the addressed slave is gated onto the data bus during the slave read state, $S_r$. The generalized read strobe governs the transition to this state.

When device select becomes false the slave returns to the idle state.

*2.5.2.4 Slave write*

Data from the current bus master is written into the slave during the active period of the generalized write strobe, pWR*.

When device select becomes false the slave returns to the idle state.

*2.5.2.5 Interrupt request state*

If a slave requires service by a bus master, an interrupt request may be generated by the slave. The interrupt should be held active until the slave is serviced, or until SLAVE CLR* is asserted.

*2.5.3 Required signals for slave interfaces*

Slave interfaces need only receive and generate that subset of bus signals necessary for communication with masters.

**2.6 8/16-bit data transfer protocol**

*2.6.1 General*

Implementation of the 8/16-bit data transfer protocol allows both 8-bit and 16-bit parallel data transfers over the bus, and hence allows both 8-bit masters and 16-bit masters and slaves to co-exist in a single system. For 16-bit transfers the two unidirectional 8-bit data buses are ganged to form a single 16-bit bidirectional data bus.

Two lines are assigned to control the ganging of the data bus:

1) sXTRQ*, status output from the master, which indicates a request for a 16-bit data transfer.
2) SIXTN*, an acknowledge input to the master, which indicates that a 16-bit data transfer is possible.

Use of the sixteen acknowledge line SIXTN* permits the use of current design 8-bit memory boards without modification. When SIXTN* is false, a 16-bit transfer may be accomplished by two sequential single-byte transfers.

*2.6.2 8-bit data paths*

The current bus master requests an 8-bit transfer by not asserting sXTRQ*.

Byte data output from the master to the addressed slave is asserted on the data output bus, DO0 through DO7.

Byte data input from the addressed slave to the current bus master is asserted on the data input bus, DI0 through DI7.

*2.6.3 16-bit data paths*

The current bus master requests a 16-bit transfer by asserting sXTRQ*.

If the addressed slave is capable of a 16-bit parallel data transfer, it asserts SIXTN*, as shown in the timing diagram (see page 52).

Sixteen-bit data transfer is then conducted via the ganged data buses, where DO0 = DATA0, and DI7 = DATA15.

*2.6.4 Memory organization*

Memory devices capable of both 8-bit and 16-bit parallel data transfers are organized, as shown in Figure 4, as two banks of 8-bit memory, a high-byte bank and a low-byte bank. These data banks may be activated either together or separately, depending on the condition of the sixteen request status line, sXTRQ*.

*2.6.4.1 Byte references*

When sXTRQ* is not asserted, memory references are single-byte transfers.

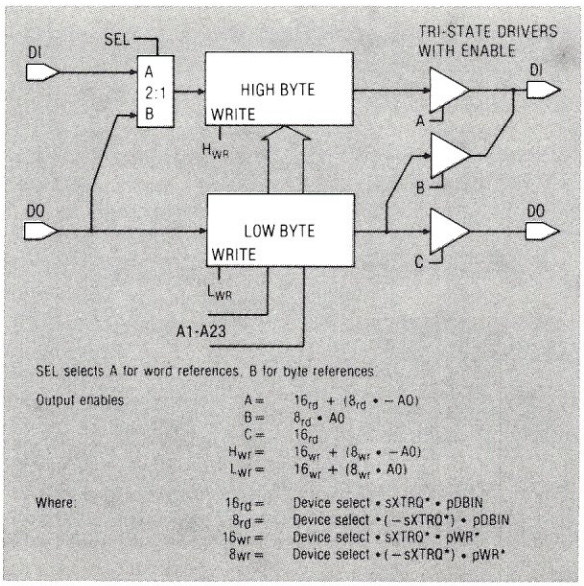



**Figure 4. 8/16-bit memory organization.**

The proper location in memory is selected by the address output on address lines A1 through A15 (A23 for extended addressing systems), while the A0 line selects the high byte or the low byte. A0 equals 0 selects the high byte of the 16-bit word, while A0 equals 1 selects the low byte of the word.

See Figure 5 for address usage.

In the 8-bit mode, data output from the master, on the DO bus, is connected to the data input lines of both memory banks; the low-byte data input lines are connected directly to the DO bus, and the high-byte data input lines are connected to the DO bus via a two-to-one multiplexer controlled by sXTRQ*.

Data output from the memory banks is routed to Tri-State† bus drivers A and B in Figure 4. One of these drivers is enabled when the read strobe is activated, depending on the condition of A0. The selected byte is thus available to the master on the DI bus.

*2.6.4.2 Word references*

When sXTRQ* is asserted by the master, and SIXTN* is asserted by the slave, memory references are double-byte transfers.

Address lines A1 through A15 (A23 in extended address systems) select the proper word from memory. The condition of the A0 bit does not enter into the decoding or addressing for word references.

See Figure 5 for address usage.

In the 16-bit mode, data output from the bus master is asserted on the 16 signal lines of the DO bus and the DI bus. The multiplexer on the data input lines now routes the high-byte data, on the DI bus, to the data input lines of the high-byte bank. Low-byte data, on the DO bus, is connected to the data input lines of the low-byte bank.

Data output from the memory banks is routed through buffers A and C to their respective data paths. Both A and C will be enabled by the read strobe.

†Tri-State is a trademark of National Semiconductor.

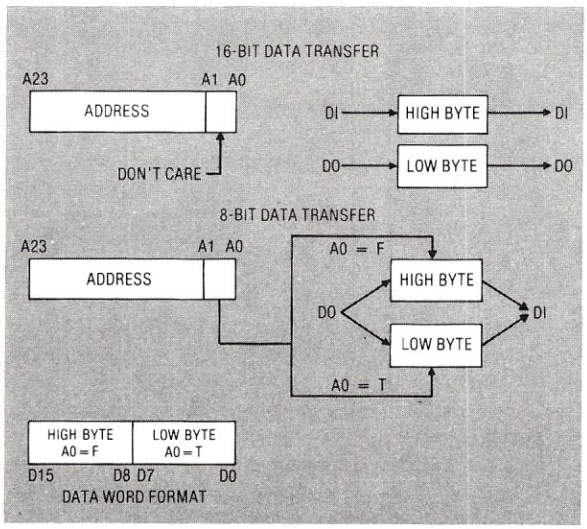



**Figure 5. 8/16-bit address and data usage.**

*2.6.5 Sixteen acknowledge (SIXTN*)*

Implementation of the sixteen acknowledge line allows the use of 8-bit memory boards in a 16-bit system without modification, but with a reduction in maximum system bandwidth.

If a 16-bit master requests a 16-bit transfer, but the addressed slave is not capable of such a transfer, the sixteen acknowledge lines will not be asserted.

The master will respond in one of two ways, by generating an error trap or by conducting the transfer in byte-serial fashion.

*2.6.5.1 Byte-serial response*

If the sixteen acknowledge line is not activated after a specified period, circuitry may be included on bus masters to conduct the requested 16-bit transfer as two consecutive byte operations, thus assembling the requested 16-bit word while holding the master in a wait state.

For this process to occur, the sixteen acknowledge line must meet the timing specifications for the ready line inputs.

*2.6.5.2 Error response*

If circuitry does not exist on the master to conduct the requested 16-bit transfer as two consecutive byte operations, an error condition shall result immediately, with ERROR* asserted.

**2.7 Fundamental bus cycle timing**

*2.7.1 General*

This section deals with the fundamental timing concepts involved in the standard bus cycle. Detailed specification of the timing parameters discussed in this section is given in 3.8 and 3.9.

The standard bus cycle is a pseudo-synchronous cycle, that is, the timing of the control signals bears a specified relationship to the master system clock Φ.

All data transfers, including read or write cycles, 8- or 16-bit transfers, memory or input/output device transfers, and interrupt acknowledge are conducted on the bus as a standard bus cycle.†

Figure 6 shows the fundamental timing for a standard bus cycle, with a single wait state inserted by the addressed slave.

*2.7.2 Address and status buses*

The beginning of a new bus cycle is indicated by the rising edge of the pSYNC signal, which closely follows the rising edge of the system clock, Φ.

The address and status buses are changing to their values for the new cycle during the beginning of the

† See possible exception, section 2.7.5.3.

pSYNC interval. Shortly after they can be guaranteed stable on the bus, the status valid strobe, pSTVAL*, is asserted. pSTVAL*, decoded in conjunction with pSYNC, indicates to all bus slaves that stable address and status may be sampled from the bus.

The position of the status valid strobe within the pSYNC interval is independent of the system clock, Φ. This affords the designer of bus masters considerable flexibility in interfacing different processors to the bus. The status valid strobe should be positioned within the pSYNC interval such that the delay between guaranteed status on the bus and the activation of the status valid strobe is as close to the minimum specification as possible, thus maximizing memory and device access time.†

In order to prevent false cycle starts in bus slaves, only one negative edge of the status valid strobe may occur while pSYNC is asserted.

Address and status information is thus stable on the bus from the negative transition of the status valid strobe during pSYNC, and is held stable until a specified period after the trailing edge of the data strobe (pDBIN in the read case, and pWR* in the write case). This hold time ensures that false decoding of the address and status information will not occur at the end of the bus cycle.

*2.7.3 Ready and sixteen acknowledge lines*

The sixteen acknowledge line, since it may be used to place the bus master in a wait state while a requested 16-bit transfer is conducted in byte-serial fashion, is subject to the same timing constraints as the ready lines.

The ready lines are first sampled by the bus master on the rising edge of the system clock during the BS 2 state, and if active, the master enters a wait state, sampling the ready line once every clock cycle on the rising edge of the system clock until the slave is ready for data transfer.

A minimum setup time before the rising edge of the system clock, and a minimum hold time after sampling must be met for the proper operation of the ready lines.

The time between the active edge of the status valid strobe and the sampling of the ready line may be very short. Hence, it is recommended practice not to make assertion of the ready line dependent on pSTVAL*.

Data output, address, and status are held stable during wait states.

*2.7.4 Read cycles*

*2.7.4.1 General*

There are four types of read cycles: op-code fetch (M1), memory read, input, and interrupt acknowledge. These cycles are all similar with respect to timing, but make different use of the status bits and the address bus. See Tables 1 and 2.

*2.7.4.2 The read strobe*

The generalized read strobe pDBIN is used to gate data from an addressed slave onto the data bus during a read operation. The read strobe is asserted true by the bus master after a minimum specified time from the assertion of the status valid strobe.

It is held true during any inserted wait states, and returns to the false state, returning the data bus to the high impedance state, shortly before the address and status buses are allowed to change.

*2.7.5 Write cycles*

*2.7.5.1 General*

There are two possible types of write cycles on the bus, a memory write cycle and an output cycle.

These two cycles are similar with respect to timing, but make different use of the status bits and address bus. A special write strobe, MWRT, is generated for memory cycles.

*2.7.5.2 The write strobe*

The generalized write strobe, pWR*, is used to write data from the data bus into the addressed bus slave. The write strobe may be asserted by the master after the completion of the pSYNC interval.

Data out on the data bus must be guaranteed valid for a specified period both before and after the activation of the write strobe. Hence, either the leading or the trailing edge of the write strobe may be used to strobe data into the addressed slave.

Address and status information must be held valid for a specified period of time from the trailing edge of the write strobe.

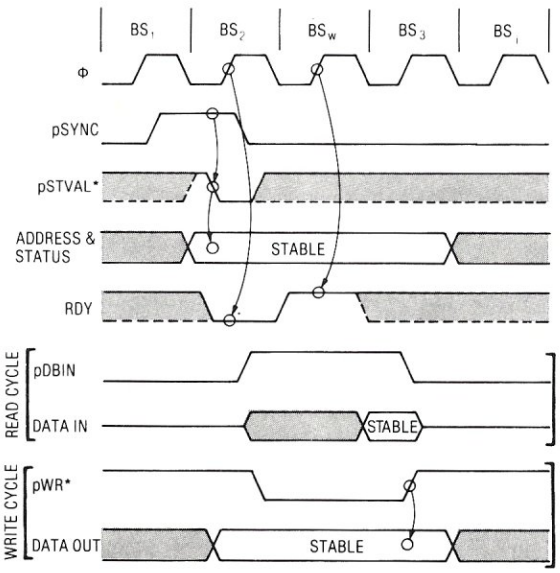



**Figure 6. Bus cycle fundamental timing relationships.**

†Note: The Φ1 signal output from current 8080 processor boards meets all the specifications as a status valid strobe. Hence, these boards meet the bus cycle specification without modification.

*2.7.5.3 Memory write strobe*

While the generalized write strobe is activated for all write cycles, the memory write strobe is activated for memory write cycles only. The memory write strobe is usually generated by front-panel devices, if they exist in the system, as a function of bus memory write or a front-panel deposit. If front-panel devices do not exist the memory write strobe must be generated somewhere in the system, but at only one point. This circuit should be designed such that it generates the memory write strobe for all bus masters. Jumpers shall be provided to allow extra circuits to be disabled.

The memory write strobe, MWRT, is defined as:

$$MWRT = pWR \cdot \overline{sOUT}, \text{ (logic equation)}$$

that is, memory write is true when pWR is true and sOUT is false.

The memory write strobe must follow the pWR* strobe by not more than a specified period.†

## 2.8 Special bus operations

*2.8.1 General*

This section describes two special bus operations related to DMA operations, that is, the transfer of bus control from the permanent bus master to a temporary bus master for an arbitrary number of bus cycles, and the return of control to the permanent bus master.

These two operations are:

1) The bus transfer protocol.
2) The arbitration protocol among simultaneous bus requesters.

*2.8.2 Bus transfer protocol*

*2.8.2.1 General*

When a temporary bus master has been granted the bus by the permanent bus master, control must be transferred to the temporary master in such a way that spurious signals are not generated on the control output lines, causing false bus cycles. Since some of the control output signals are of positive polarity, extreme care must be taken in this operation. In general, the specified bus transfer protocol accomplishes this by having the permanent master and the temporary master drive the control output lines simultaneously at specified levels during the bus transfer.

*2.8.2.2 Bus transfer state diagram*

The bus transfer operation shall be implemented so as to conform to the bus transfer state diagram given in Figure 7.

*2.8.2.3 Bus transfer state definitions*

*2.8.2.3.1 Idle*

The idle state signifies that the temporary master is either involved in internal operations, and does not require the bus, or that it is waiting for the bus to become free so that it may assert its bus request.

*2.8.2.3.2 Arbitration*

If a temporary master desires the bus, and HOLD is false and pHLDA is false, the temporary master enters the arbitration sequence, where it contests with other bus requesters for control of the bus.

Detailed specification of this process is given in 2.8.3.

*2.8.2.3.3 Bus grant*

Priority assertions on the arbitration bus settle in the interval between the assertion of a hold request and a hold acknowledge. At the rising edge of the hold acknowledge signal the bus is granted to the highest priority requester, enabling the bus transfer operation for that requester.

If the bus is not granted to a requester, that requester returns to the idle state.

The bus grant state is termed MINE.

†*Note:* Historically the MWRT strobe has been generated by front-panel devices to accomplish the deposit function. In such a case, the MWRT strobe is asserted while the front-panel holds the CPU in a wait state during a memory read cycle. Note that the status will indicate a read cycle and the pDBIN strobe will be active.

While this is acceptable procedure for 8-bit systems, and 8-bit memories should respond to MWRT as well as pWR*, it is not permissible in 16-bit systems as a conflict will exist on the bidirectional data bus. A front-panel could be implemented either as a temporary master, or integrated into the CPU.

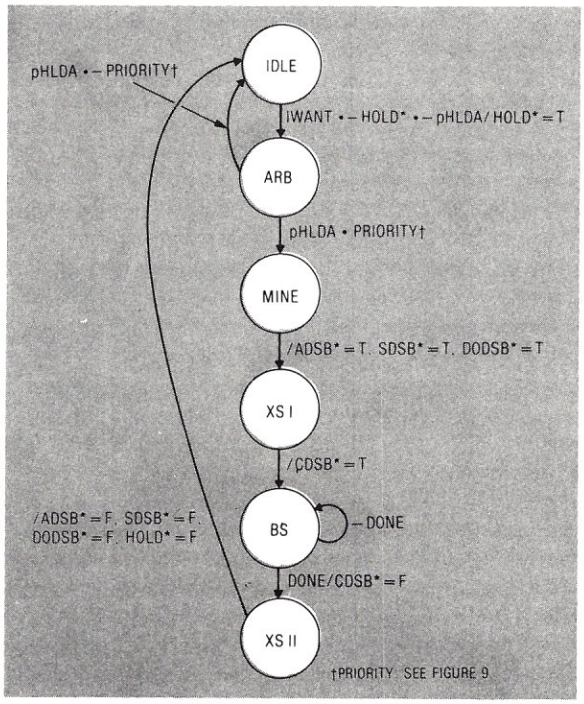



**Figure 7. Bus transfer state diagram.**

*2.8.2.3.4 Transfer state one, XS I*

The bus transfer sequence begins with transfer state one, XS I. The bus transfer control circuit asserts the following signals together:

1) ADSB*
2) SDSB*
3) DODSB*

disabling the address, status, and data output drivers of the permanent bus master and enabling the control output drivers of the temporary master. Both the permanent master and the temporary master are now driving the control output lines. These lines are required to have the following levels during this time.

| | *Signal* | *Logic state* | *Electrical level* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | pSYNC | F | L |
| 2) | pSTVAL* | F | H† |
| 3) | pDBIN | F | L |
| 4) | pWR* | F | H |
| 5) | pHLDA | T | H |

The transfer state is terminated by the assertion (by the bus transfer control circuit) of the CDSB* line, disabling the control drivers of the permanent master and enabling the address, status, and data out drivers of the temporary master. The temporary master now has complete control of the bus and begins its first bus cycle.

*2.8.2.3.5 Bus cycles*

Any number of standard bus cycles are then conducted by the temporary bus master. Bus control is never transferred between cycles. When the temporary master is done, the process proceeds to XS II, transfer state two.

*2.8.2.3.6 Transfer state two*

Transfer state two, XS II, is the mirror image of the sequence in XS I. The state begins with the release of the CDSB* signal, enabling the control output drivers of the permanent master and disabling the address, status, and data output drivers of the temporary master.

Both the temporary master and the permanent master drive the control output lines for the remainder of XS II at the levels prescribed for XS I.

The state is ended by the release of other disable signals and HOLD*, enabling the address, status, and data out drivers on the permanent master, and disabling the control output drivers of the temporary master. The permanent master now has complete control of the bus and the temporary master returns to the idle state.

*2.8.2.4 Bus transfer timing relationships*

*2.8.2.4.1 General*

The fundamental timing relationships for a bus transfer and a single DMA bus cycle are given in Figure 8.

Relationship to the bus transfer states is shown in boxes at the bottom of the figure.

Detailed specification of these times is given in 3.10 and Table 5.

*2.8.2.4.2 $T_{set}$*

A minimum time between the rising edge of the hold acknowledge signal and the assertion of the disable signals in XS I allows time for completion of the preceding bus cycle.

*2.8.2.4.3 $T_{ov}$*

The time that both the temporary master and the permanent master must drive the control output signals has a specified minimum to assure a smooth bus transfer.

Assertion of the XFER II signal, or CDSB*, is specified relative to the rising edge of the system clock, Φ, so that the assertion of this signal may be used by the temporary master as a cycle start signal.

*2.8.2.4.4 $T_{dh}$*

The "done" signal is a signal internal to the temporary master. This signal should not be asserted until the hold time for data output, status, and address signals in the standard bus cycle has been met.

*2.8.2.4.5 $T_{rel}$*

Completion of the reverse bus transfer XFER II shall precede the release of the pHLDA signal by a minimum specified time.

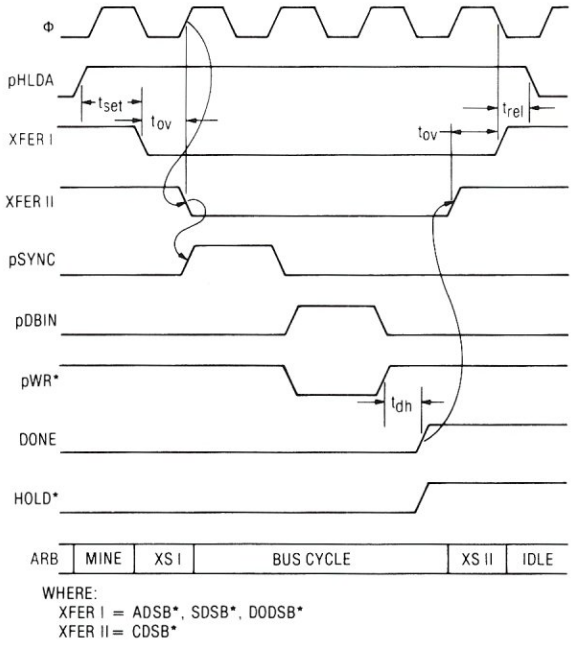



**Figure 8. Bus transfer and single bus cycle.**

†See note in section 2.4.4.1.

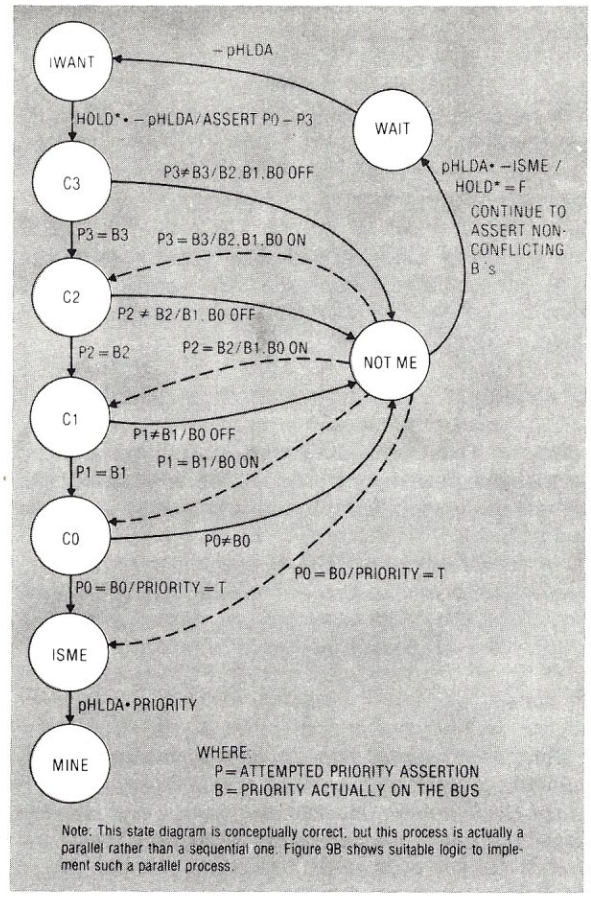



**Figure 9a. Bus arbitration diagram.**

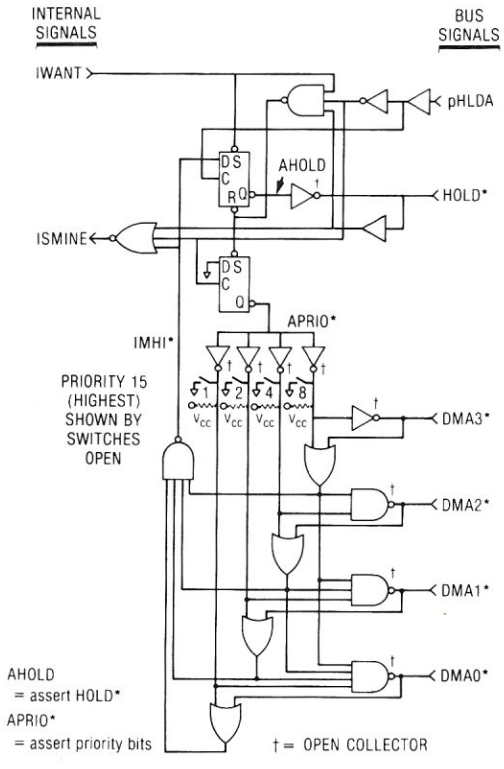



**Figure 9b. Bus arbitration example.**

*2.8.3 Bus arbitration protocol*

In a system which allows more than one master to use the system bus, for example a CPU permanent master and several temporary masters such as DMA controllers or multiple CPUs, some means must be provided to determine which device will be allowed to control the bus at any given time.

The bus arbitration system uses four bus lines for arbitrating among 16 temporary masters. These lines are driven by open collector drivers, and are pulled high by pullup resistors. Each temporary master has a unique priority number which it asserts on the arbitration bus at an appropriate time. A higher binary number indicates a higher priority.

The temporary masters compare the priority appearing on the active-low open-collector bus with the priority they are asserting, starting with the most significant bit. If disagreement is detected by any temporary master at any given bit position, then another temporary master must be asserting that priority bit and thus must have a higher priority. In that case all less significant bits are removed by the detecting temporary master. All more significant bits agree, and thus need not be removed, and the bit which disagreed must have been a 0 and thus was not asserted. Leaving the agreeing bits asserted reduces system noise caused by the redistribution of driving currents in the bus, and speeds settling of the correct priority on the arbitration bus. This process is a continuous asynchronous parallel process, not a sequential bit-by-bit process as it may seem from the above description. Incorrect comparisons will occur and be removed as the bus lines settle for as long as four bus delays (not related to the choice of four bus lines) plus logic delays.

The four lines which comprise the arbitration bus are DMA0* through DMA3*, where DMA3* is the most significant bit. These lines, in conjunction with HOLD* and pHLDA, control the bus arbitration process.

*2.8.3.1 Bus arbitration implementation*

An implementation of the bus arbitration protocol is shown in Figures 9a and 9b.

Any implementation shall obey the rules summarized in section 2.8.4.

*2.8.3.2 Bus arbitration state definitions*

*2.8.3.2.1 IWANT*

The IWANT state is an internal state for a temporary master which has determined that a bus access is necessary and thus wishes to arbitrate for bus control.

Temporary masters may not assert their priorities nor remove them at arbitrary times, or the arbitration bus may be in transition when the result is needed. A temporary master may assert its priority and the HOLD* bus request only if (1) pHLDA is not asserted (the permanent master has the bus), and (2)

HOLD* is not already asserted. This guarantees an ample time to settle the arbitration bus before the granting of the bus on the rising edge of pHLDA.

This scheme usually results in the first requester winning the bus. Only if simultaneous bus requests occur will the arbitration have any effect. This, however, is not improbable, since multiple unsuccessful requesters will become synchronized by waiting for the falling edge of pHLDA.

*2.8.3.2.2 Priority compare states*

The priority comparison states, C3 through C0, are the states where each requester compares the priority it is attempting to assert on the arbitration bus with the priority actually on the arbitration bus. Though C3 through C0 are shown and described as sequential, they are actually parallel processes. While disagreement occurs at any bit position, less significant bits are removed from the arbitration bus. If no disagreement persists after the settling time, the requester has the highest priority and will be granted the bus on the rising edge of pHLDA, proceeding to the state "MINE", where the bus transfer begins. All requesters continue to assert their priorities on the arbitration bus until the falling edge of pHLDA. Thus the priority number of the current bus master is available on the DMA bus while pHLDA is true. If the permanent master has the bus, pHLDA will be false.

A temporary master that wins the bus continues to assert its priority and HOLD* until its bus cycles are complete. A temporary master that loses the bus continues to assert its priority bits not turned off by the arbitration process, but must remove its assertion of the HOLD* line, so that the winner may indicate that it is finished by releasing HOLD*. A losing requester in this state is said to be in the "WAIT" state.

*2.8.3.3 Bus arbitration timing relationships*

Figure 10 shows two possible cases of the bus arbitration procedure. The first of these is a case where the requester has no competition; it requests the bus and the bus is granted. The second case shows the requester waiting for the bus to be free, arbitrating for the bus and losing, and arbitrating for the bus and winning.

*2.8.3.3.1 No competition*

When the temporary master determines that it requires the bus, it raises the internal signal IWANT. In this case, the rising edge of IWANT finds the pHLDA signal unasserted, meaning the permanent master has the bus, and the HOLD* signal unasserted, meaning that no other devices are requesting the bus. The temporary master may then assert the HOLD* signal and assert its priority on the arbitration bus. The ISME signal is the result of the arbitration process, and is asserted if none of the bit-wise comparisons on the arbitration bus fail. This arbitration result is clocked by the rising edge of the pHLDA signal, creating the bus grant signal MINE.

When the temporary master is finished with the bus, the IWANT signal is released, releasing the HOLD* signal and resetting the bus grant signal, MINE. The permanent master releases the pHLDA signal, and all assertions are removed from the arbitration bus.

*2.8.3.3.2 Wait-lose-win*

In this example the requester raises its IWANT signal, but finds the bus already busy and must wait to assert its bus request and priority until the falling edge of pHLDA.

The requester arbitrates for the bus during try 1, but another requester has a higher priority and the arbitration result ISME is low at the rising edge of pHLDA, indicating a loss in the arbitration process. The losing requester removes its assertion of the HOLD* signal, but continues to assert the non-conflicting high-order bits of its losing priority until the falling edge of pHLDA. At the falling edge of pHLDA, the process repeats, but this time results in a win for the requester.

*2.8.4 Summary of arbitration protocol*

Figures 9A and 9B represent an example, not a required implementation. Any implementation which obeys the rules may be used. The rules which must be obeyed by a temporary master are:

1) HOLD* may be asserted only when it is not already asserted and pHLDA is low.
2) HOLD* must be removed when pHLDA rises if another controller has asserted higher priority.
3) HOLD* must be removed when the controller no longer needs the bus.
4) Priority must be asserted whenever HOLD* is asserted, and must remain asserted until the next falling edge of pHLDA.

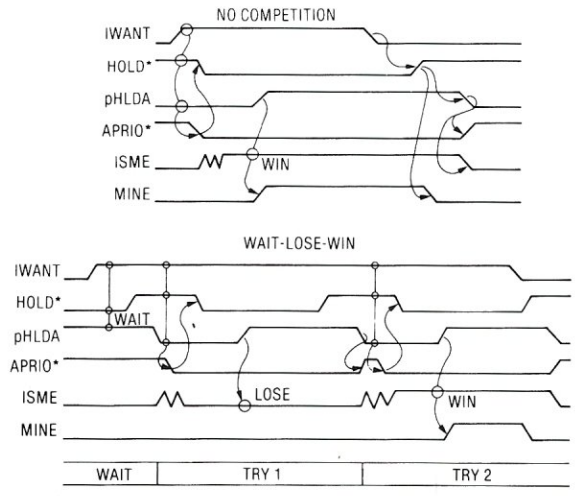



**Figure 10. Bus arbitration timing diagrams.**

5) The priority level must be user-selectable by switches and asserted by open-collector drivers on bus lines DMA3*-DMA0*.
6) The most significant bit of the priority level (appearing on DMA3*) must be compared with the priority asserted. If the line is asserted low but not by this temporary master, all less significant priority bit assertions must be removed. Similarly, bits DMA2*, DMA1*, and DMA0* must be examined and possible less significant conflicting bits removed.
7) If no lines are asserted low except those asserted by this temporary master after sufficient settling time, this temporary master has highest priority and may take the bus when pHLDA rises.
8) Logic implementations must be such that settling of the arbitration circuitry and bus will be completed between the assertion of HOLD* and the rise of pHLDA.

### 2.9 Interrupt protocol

The purpose of an interrupt system is to allow peripheral devices to suspend the operation of a bus master in an orderly way and to request that the master service the requesting peripheral. When service is complete, the bus master returns to the operation from which it was interrupted.

The interrupt protocol is comprised of an 8-level vectored interrupt system and a non-maskable interrupt. A complying master need only implement INT*.

*2.9.1 Vectored interrupts*

*2.9.1.1 Vectored interrupt requests*

Eight levels of vectored interrupt requests are issued on the vectored interrupt lines, VI0* thru VI7*, where VI0* is the most significant interrupt priority level. Vectored interrupt requests, however, may be rotated, masked individually, or "fenced out" by the interrupt control slave, and hence the priority levels are not fixed. Requests on the VI lines should be asserted as levels, that is, they should be held active until service is received. A slave which asserts a VI line need take no further action to generate an interrupt. It is assumed that if interrupt acknowledge cycles occur, an interrupt controller somewhere in the system will respond appropriately.

The generalized interrupt request line, INT*, is implemented as a communication line between the interrupt controller and an interruptable master. Any slave or interrupt controller, using the INT* line, must respond appropriately to any interrupt acknowledge cycles. The interrupt controller is not required to use INT*. A vectored interrupt may occur without INT* ever being asserted.

*2.9.1.2 Interrupt acknowledge*

The interrupt acknowledge cycle is a standard bus read cycle. The interrupt acknowledge cycle requests vectoring information from the interrupt controller to be asserted on the data bus during pDBIN.

Since no address information is asserted during an interrupt acknowlege cycle, only one interrupt controller may exist on the bus. If multiple interrupt controllers exist, they must either be "daisy chained" to avoid possible bus conflicts, or polled by the bus master.

*2.9.2 Non-maskable interrupt (NMI*)*

The non-maskable interrupt is an optional control input to bus masters. This interrupt is not maskable by a software instruction, and takes priority over other interrupt requests. The NMI* line may be used in the implementation of the special condition lines,ERROR* and PWRFAIL*.

NMI* is an open collector line. The bus master shall respond to negative going transitions on the NMI* line.

*2.10 Special condition lines*

Two special condition lines, PWRFAIL* and ERROR*, are available on the bus. Their use is optional.

*2.10.1 Power-fail pending (PWRFAIL*)*

This line indicates an impending system power failure. It is specified that this line shall be activated at least 50 msecs before the local voltage regulators drift out of specification.

The line stays low until the power-on clear signal is activated. This implies that either a normally closed relay or a battery powered circuit drive the power fail line. The circuit driving this line must meet the electrical specifications for an open collector line.

*2.10.2 ERROR**

This is a generalized error line that indicates that the current bus operation is producing an error of some sort (i.e., memory parity error, write to protected memory, inability to accommodate 8-bit slaves, etc.)

The ERROR* line should be implemented as a trap. All relevant information about the error-causing cycle—address, data, status, device number (for temporary masters)—should be latched on the falling edge of ERROR*.

ERROR* is implemented as an open collector line.

## 3.0 Electrical specifications

### 3.1 Application

This section defines the electrical specifications for interface devices to be used in S-100 bus systems. Proper operation of these devices also depends on two other factors:

1) Short physical distance between devices.
2) Relatively low electrical noise.

The electrical specifications for the bus driver and receiver circuits do not imply a particular technology, unless otherwise noted.

All specifications apply over the temperature range $T_a = 0\,°C$ to $70\,°C$.

### 3.2 Power distribution

Power in S-100 systems is distributed as unregulated DC power at three voltages, +8 volts, +16 volts, and −16 volts. Because these voltages are on adjacent lines it is relatively easy to short these lines on card removal. Therefore, bleeder resistors or other constant loads sufficient to discharge all three supplies rapidly are recommended.

#### *3.2.1 +8 volt specification*

Instantaneous minimum must be greater than +7 volts, instantaneous maximum less than 25 volts, and average maximum less than 11 volts.

#### *3.2.2 +16 volt specification*

Instantaneous minimum must be greater than 14.5 volts, instantaneous maximum less than 35 volts, and average maximum less than 21.5 volts.

#### *3.2.3 −16 volt specification*

Instantaneous maximum must be less than −14.5 volts, instantaneous minimum greater than −35 volts, and average minimum greater than −21.5 volts.

### 3.3 General signal discipline

Other than the power lines noted above, all signals on the bus are limited to positive signal levels between 0 volts and +5 volts, and may not have loaded rise or fall times less than 5 nsecs.

### 3.4 Driver requirements

#### *3.4.1 Driver types*

Three types of bus drivers are defined:

1) An active driver, either in the high state or in the low state or in transition, which has the capability to accept current in the low state and to provide current in the high state.
2) An open collector driver, which will not accept or provide current in the high state. A 1000Ω ± 5% pullup resistor to +5 volt or equivalent must be provided somewhere in the system for open collector lines. It is recommended that these pullup resistors be provided on the bus. However, implementation on the permanent master is also acceptable.
3) A Tri-State driver, which has the capability to be in the high-impedance state as well as in the high and low states.

#### *3.4.2 Driver specifications*

Specifications for bus drivers shall be as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Low state ($V_{OL}$): | Output voltage less than or equal to +0.5 volts at 24 mA sink current. |
| High state ($V_{OH}$): | Output voltage (for active and Tri-State drivers) greater than or equal to +2.4 volts at 2 mA. |

The leakage current for Tri-State drivers in the high-impedance state is specified as not greater than ±25 μA.

The internal capacitive load of a driver shall not exceed 15 pF at 25 °C whether in the active or the high-impedance state.

The rise and fall times of bus drivers should be minimized, subject to 3.3. In no case should the rise or fall times exceed 50 nsec at rated capacitive load.

### 3.5 Receiver specifications

The specifications for receivers on the bus shall be as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Low state: | A voltage less than or equal to +0.8 volts shall be recognized as a low state. |
| High state: | A voltage greater than or equal to +2.0 volts shall be recognized as a high state. |

Bus receivers shall source no more than 0.5 mA at 0.5 volts and sink no more than 50 μA at 2.4 volts.

Bus receivers shall have diode clamp circuits to prevent excessive negative voltage excursions.

Additional noise immunity is afforded by the use of Schmitt-type receiver circuits. Recommended hysteresis for such receivers should be greater than or equal to 0.4 volts.

### 3.6 Bidirectional signals

Some interface signals, such as the data bus, are combined Tri-State drivers and receivers. For each function these devices must meet the same specifications as separate drivers and receivers.

The total internal capacitive load for a line transceiver shall not exceed 20 pF at 25 °C.

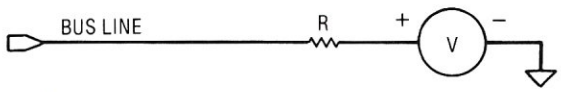
### 3.7 Card-level bus loading

At the card level, the following specifications apply:

1) The total capacitive load on any bus input shall not exceed 25 pF.
2) A card may not source more than 0.5 mA at 0.5 volts nor sink more than 80 μA at 2.4 volts on any signal line except for DMA0*, DMA1*, DMA2*, DMA3*, PHANTOM*, and PWRFAIL*. On these lines a card may not source more than 0.4 mA at 0.5 volts.

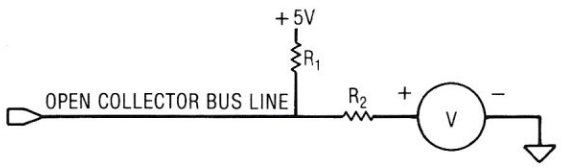
*3.7.1 Bus termination*

All bus lines except the power and ground lines may be terminated to reduce bus noise using a circuit equivalent to




where V=2.6 volts ± 0.2 volts and R is no less than 180Ω(± 5%).

Open collector lines may have a combination pullup and termination scheme using a circuit equivalent to




where V=2.6 volts ± 0.2 volts, $R_1 = 1.5K\Omega \pm 5\%$, and $R_2$ should be no less than 180Ω (±5%).

**3.8 Read cycle timing specification**

Figure 11a depicts the read cycle timing waveforms with the pertinent timing parameters shown. Table 4 specifies these parameters.

**3.9 Write cycle timing specification**

Figure 11b depicts the write cycle timing waveforms with the pertinent timing parameters shown. Table 4 specifies these parameters.

**3.10 Ready and sixteen request timing specification**

Figure 12 depicts RDY, XRDY, and SIXTN* timing waveforms during read and write cycles, with pertinent timing parameters shown. Table 4 specifies these parameters.

**3.11 Bus transfer timing specification**

Figure 8 depicts bus transfer timing waveforms with the pertinent timing parameters shown. Table 5 specifies these parameters.

## 4.0 Mechanical specifications

**4.1 Application**

This section defines the mechanical specifications for standard interface systems.

**4.2 Connector type**

The card edge connector is a 100-pin (dual 50) connector with contacts spaced on 0.125" centers. It is nominally designed for printed circuit boards 0.062" thick.

The connector is subject to the specifications in 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

*4.2.1 Electrical considerations*

1) Voltage rating: 200 volts DC, minimum pin to pin.
2) Current rating: 2.5A per contact.
3) Contact resistance: 50 mΩ maximum at rated current after 100 insertions.
4) Insulation resistance: 1000 MΩ minimum.

*4.2.2 Connector spacing*

Connectors should be spaced 0.75 inches −0.01 inches center to center.

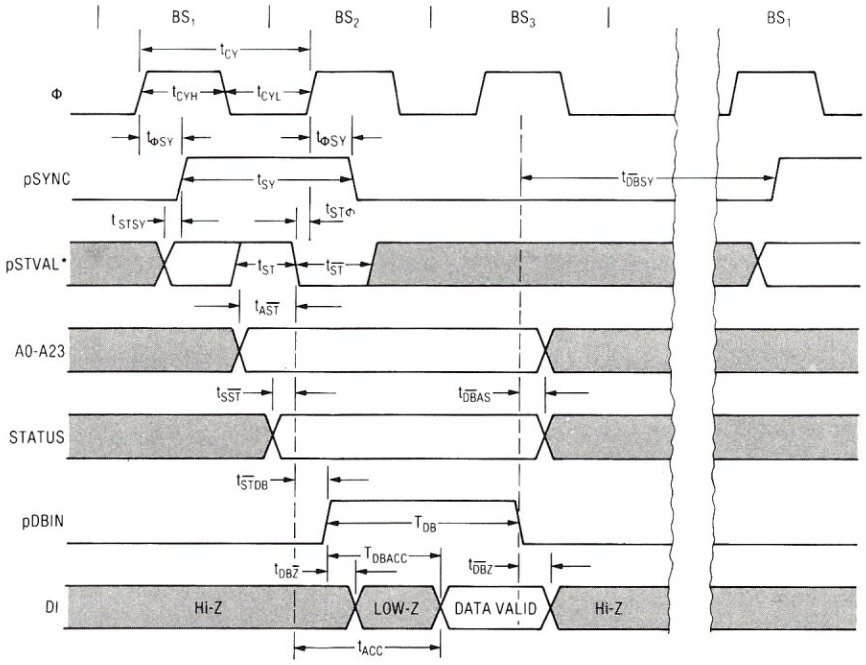



**Figure 11a. Read cycle timing diagram.**

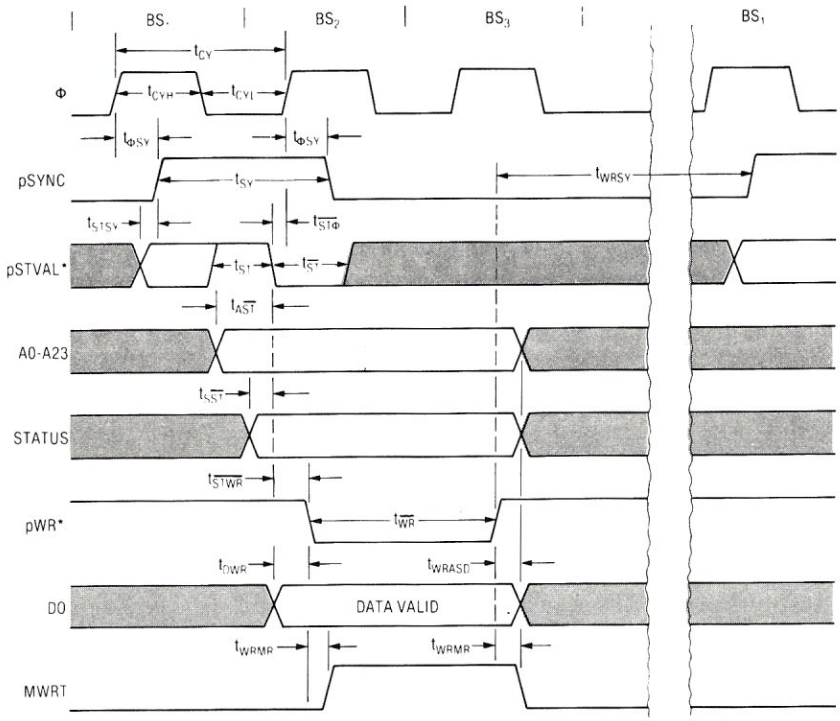



**Figure 11b. Write cycle timing diagram.**

**Table 4. Read/write cycle timing parameters.**

| | | MIN.(NSECS) | MAX.(NSECS) |
|---|---|---|---|
| $t_{CY}$ | Φ PERIOD | 166 | 2000 |
| $t_{CYH}$ | Φ PULSE WIDTH HIGH | $0.4t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{CYL}$ | Φ PULSE WIDTH LOW | $0.4t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{\Phi SY}$ | DELAY Φ HIGH TO pSYNC HIGH; DELAY Φ LOW TO pSYNC LOW | 10 | $0.4t_{CY}$ |
| $t_{SY}$ | pSYNC PULSE WIDTH HIGH | $0.7t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{\overline{ST}\Phi}$ | pSTVAL* LOW PRIOR TO Φ LOW DURING pSYNC | 0 | |
| $t_{ST}$ | pSTVAL* PULSE WIDTH HIGH | 50 | |
| $t_{\overline{ST}}$ | pSTVAL* PULSE WIDTH LOW | 50 | |
| $t_{STSY}$ | pSTVAL* FALLING EDGE PRIOR TO pSYNC HIGH | 0 | |
| $t_{\overline{AST}}$ | ADDRESSES STABLE PRIOR TO pSTVAL* LOW DURING pSYNC HIGH | 70 | |
| $t_{\overline{SST}}$ | STATUS STABLE PRIOR TO pSTVAL* LOW DURING pSYNC HIGH | 40 | |
| $t_{DB}$ | pDBIN PULSE WIDTH HIGH | $0.9t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{\overline{STDB}}$ | DELAY pSTVAL* LOW TO pDBIN HIGH | 20 | |
| $t_{\overline{DBSY}}$ | DELAY pDBIN LOW TO pSYNC HIGH | 0 | |
| $t_{\overline{DBAS}}$ | HOLD TIME FOR ADDRESSES AND STATUS AFTER pDBIN LOW | 50 | |
| $t_{\overline{DBZ}}$ | DELAY pDBIN LOW TO SLAVE DI DRIVERS Hi-Z | | $25+0.1t_{CY}$ |
| $t_{DB\overline{Z}}$ | DELAY pDBIN HIGH TO SLAVE DI DRIVERS ACTIVE | 10 | $25+0.1t_{CY}$ |
| $t_{ACC}$ | DELAY pSTVAL* LOW TO DATA VALID | SPECIFIED BY MANUFACTURER. WORST CASE MAXIMUM FOR ALL SLAVES AND WORST CASE MINIMUM FOR ALL MASTERS. | |
| $t_{S\overline{DB}}$ | DATA VALID SETUP TIME TO pDBIN LOW | | |
| $t_{\overline{WR}}$ | pWR* PULSE WIDTH LOW | $0.9t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{\overline{STWR}}$ | DELAY pSTVAL* LOW TO pWR* LOW | 30 | |
| $t_{WRSY}$ | DELAY pWR* HIGH TO pSYNC HIGH | 0 | |
| $t_{D\overline{WR}}$ | SETUP TIME DO VALID TO pWR* LOW | $0.1t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{WRASD}$ | HOLD TIME ADDRESSES, STATUS, AND DO FROM pWR* HIGH | $0.2t_{CY}$ | |
| $t_{WRMR}$ | DELAY pWR* LOW TO MWRT HIGH; DELAY pWR* HIGH TO MWRT LOW | | 30 |
| $t_{\overline{RDY}\Phi}$ | SETUP TIME RDY, XRDY, SIXTN* TO Φ RISING | 80 | |
| $t_{\Phi RDY}$ | HOLD TIME RDY, XRDY, SIXTN* AFTER Φ RISING | 70 | |

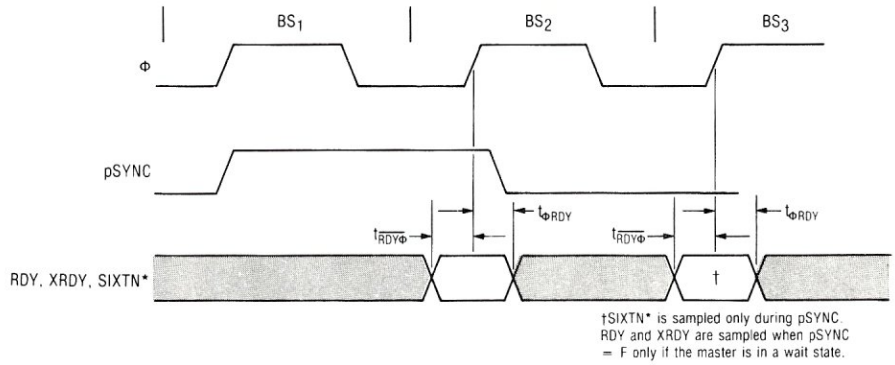



**Figure 12. Timing of RDY, XRDY, and SIXTN* during read and write cycles.**

**Table 5.**
**Bus transfer timing parameters.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $t_{SET}$ | DELAY pHLDA TO ADSB*, SDSB*, DODSB* | 30 |
| $t_{OV}$ | TIME BOTH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT MASTER DRIVE THE CONTROL OUTPUT LINES | $0.5t_{CY}$ |
| $t_{DH}$ | HOLD TIME ADDRESS, STATUS, AND DATA OUT DURING DMA CYCLE | $0.2t_{CY}$ |
| $t_{REL}$ | SETUP TIME, END OF BUS TRANSFER TO pHLDA RISING EDGE | 20 |

### 4.3 Board size specification

Circuit boards shall conform to the board size specifications given in Figure 13. The edge connector pin shown in the figure is pin 50. Pin 100 opposes pin 50 on the back side of the board.

Total board depth shall not exceed 0.65".

Nominal board thickness is 0.062".

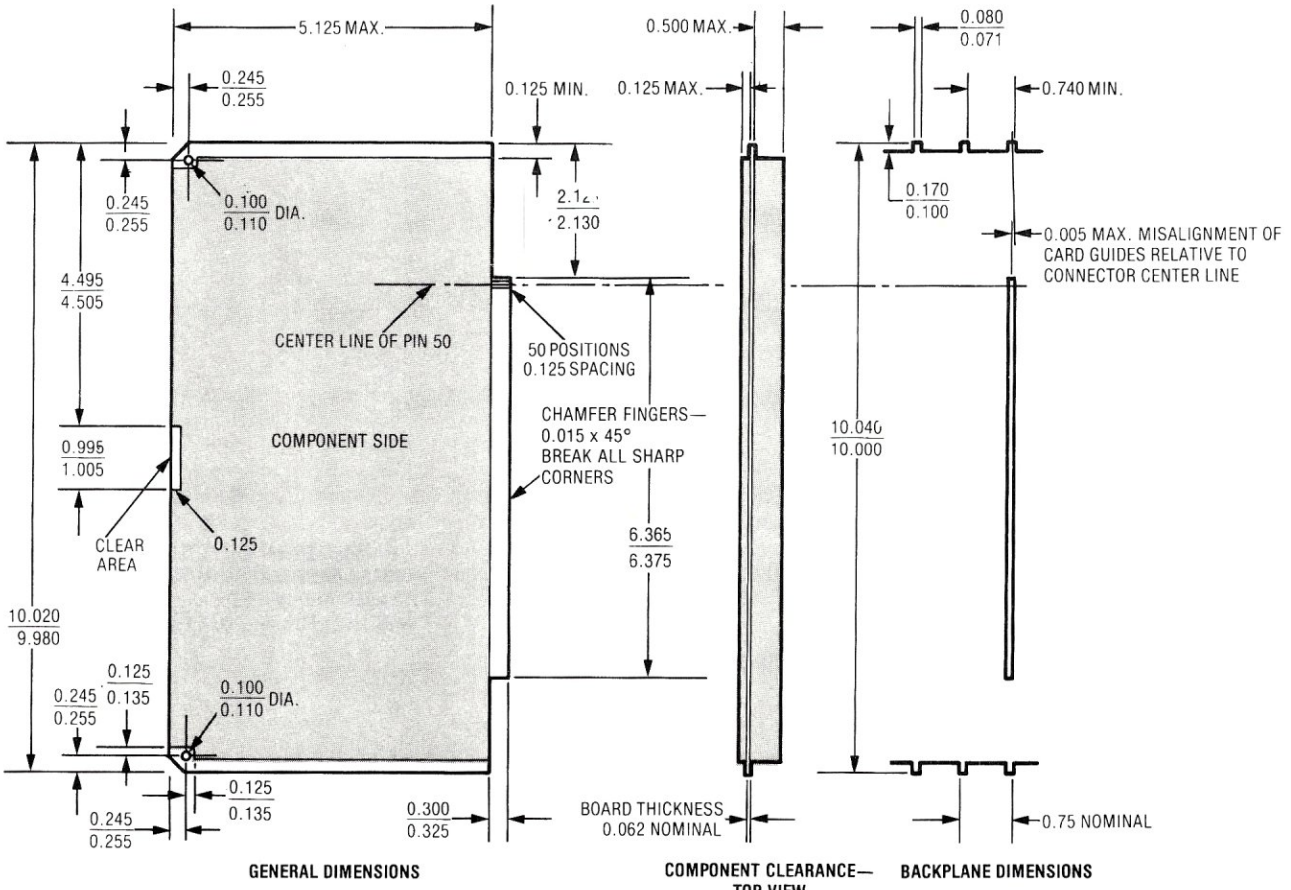



**Figure 13. S-100 board mechanical parameters.**

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# AN 8080 DISASSEMBLER

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A Disassembler program will take object code, in RAM, and yield a source code output. It is an invaluable software utility. This Disassembler program takes up only 1K of memory space and is very easy to use.


This is a very simple and easy to use disassembler program than can be used with virtually any 8080 microcomputer system. Previous to my getting disks I used it with my audio cassette based system. I now use it on my IMSAI with North Star Disk System, in both CP/M and North Star DOS.

I have several versions on disk that are assembled to run at different memory locations. For North Star DOS I have versions that are assembled to run at 0, 2A00H, 5800H and D000H. For CP/M I have versions assembled to run at 100H, 5800H and D000H. I then load the appropriate version for the software I am going to disassemble. For example, to disassemble North Programs that have an origin of 2A00H, I load and run the disassembler at memory location 0. To disassemble a CP/M program that has an origin at 100H, I load and run the disassembler in high memory (e.g. 5800H or D000H depending on where CP/M is located).

The version of disassembler shown here is set up to run with my monitor program that starts at E000H. Therefore the program starts with "global definitions" that define the locations of the console (keyboard and VDM display in my case) I/O driver routines and the return address for the monitor or operating system. These equates should therefore be changed to suit your particular DOS or monitor program.

Routine LOOP, near the beginning of the program reads the sense switches on the front panel of my IMSAI-8080. If switch 2 is raised then the disassembly is interrupted and control is returned to the operating system. This allows me to interrupt a run at any point before the run is completed, should I desire to do so. If your system does not have a front panel with sense switches and you want to be able to interrupt a run then replace the IN 0FFH and ANI 2 instructions with a CALL to the keyboard status routine followed by a jump to the operating system. Then any keypress will interrupt execution and return to the operating system. This works if the keyboard input routine returns with a non-zero. If it returns a zero change JNZ EEND to JZ EEND.

To use the disassembler program load it into memory and then type the starting address of the memory area to be disassembled followed by a comma and the ending address to be disassembled.

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A>DIR
A: NSTAT    COM
A: ZDIR     COM
A: ED       COM
A: DISASM   PRN
A: DISASM   ASM
A>TYPE DISASM.ASM
; GLOBAL DEFINITIONS
INP     EQU     0E092H  ; KEYBOARD INPUT
OUT8    EQU     0E17CH  ; CHARACTER DISPLAY
EEND    EQU     0E02BH  ; RETURN TO MONITOR
        ORG     0
;
; MAIN PROCESSING LOOP
; GET STARTING ADDRESS
        LXI     H,0
GIN0:   PUSH    H
        CALL    INP     ; GET KEYBOARD CHAR
        CALL    OUT8    ; ECHO
        CALL    NYBLE
        POP     H
        JC      GIN1
        MOV     E,A
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        MVI     D,0
        DAD     H
        DAD     H
        DAD     H
        DAD     H
        DAD     D
        JMP     GIN0
GIN1:   XRA     A
        XCHG
LOOP:   IN      0FFH    ; SENSE SWITCH
        ANI     2       ; NO. 2 TO QUIT
        JNZ     EEND    ; RETURN TO MONITOR
        CALL    CLER
        CALL    PROC
        CALL    DISP
        JMP     LOOP
; CONVERT ASCII TO HEX
NYBLE:  CPI     '0'
        RC
        CPI     'F'+1
        CMC
        RC
        SUI     '0'
        CPI     10
        CMC
        RNC
        SUI     7
        CPI     10
        RET
; ADD (A) TO H,L
ADDH:   ADD     L
        MOV     L,A
        RNC
        INR     H
        RET
; GET AND STORE MNEMONIC
;  (HL) POINTS TO MNEMONIC TABLE
CARD:   PUSH    H
        MVI     A,' '
CRD0:   STA     PMNE+3
        MOV     A,M
        ORA     A
        JZ      CRD2
        MOV     B,A
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
        ANI     1FH
        ADI     40H
        STA     PMNE
        INX     H
        MOV     C,M
        MOV     A,B
        ANI     7
        RLC
         LC
        MOV     B,A
        MOV     A,C
        RLC
        RLC
        ANI     3
        ORA     B
        ADI     40H
        STA     PMNE+1
        MOV     A,C
        ANI     1FH
        JZ      CRD1
        ADI     40H
        STA     PMNE+2
CRD1:   POP     H
        INX     H
        INX     H
        RET
; 4-CHAR MNEMONIC
CRD2:   INX     H
        MOV     A,M
        LXI     H,TBX
        CALL    ADDH
        MOV     A,M
        INX     H
        JMP     CRD0
; CHECK FOR REG "PSW"
CHEK:   CPI     0F1H
        JZ      CHEK0
        CPI     0F5H
        RNZ
CHEK0:  LXI     H,'SP'
        SHLD    PARG
        MVI     A,'W'
        STA     PARG+2
        RET
; INITIALIZE OUTPUT BUFFER
CLER:   LXI     H,PLOC
        MVI     B,36
CLER0:  MVI     M,' '
        INX     H
        DCR     B
        JNZ     CLER0
        MVI     M,13
; CONVERT & STORE PC
        PUSH    D
        POP     H
        LXI     B,PLOC
        CALL    C4D
; CONVERT & STORE COMMAND
        LDAX    D
        MOV     H,A
        LXI     B,PC1
        CALL    C2D
        RET
; GET AND STORE ARGUMENT
;  (HL) POINTS TO PROCESS BYTE
CREG:   MOV     A,M
        RLC
        JNC     CR1
; REGISTER PAIR ARGUMENT
        PUSH    PSW
        LDAX    D
        ANI     30H
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
        LXI     H,REG1
        CALL    ADDH
        MOV     A,M
        STA     PARG
        LDAX    D
        CALL    CHEK
        POP     PSW
CR1:    RLC
        JNC     CR3
; SINGLE REGISTER ARGUMENT
        PUSH    PSW
        LDAX    D
        CPI     40H
        JNC     CR6
        ANI     38H
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
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CR2:    LXI     H,REG2
        CALL    ADDH
        MOV     A,M
        STA     PARG
        POP     PSW
CR3:    RLC
        JNC     CR7
; 1-BYTE CONSTANT ARGUMENT
        INX     D
        LDAX    D
        MOV     H,A
        PUSH    H
        LXI     B,PARG+2
        CALL    C2D
        POP     H
CR3A:   LXI     B,PC2
        CALL    C2D
CR4:    LDA     PARG
        CPI     ' '
        JZ      CR5
        MVI     A,','
        STA     PARG+1
CR5:    CALL    JUST
        RET
CR6:    ANI     7
        JMP     CR2
CR7:    RLC
        JNC     CR8
; 2-BYTE CONSTANT ARGUMENT
        INX     D
        LDAX    D
        MOV     L,A
        INX     D
        LDAX    D
        MOV     H,A
        PUSH    H
        LXI     B,PARG+2
        CALL    C4D
        POP     H
        LXI     B,PC3
        CALL    C2D
        JMP     CR3A
CR8:    LDAX    D
; TEST FOR "RST" AS SPECIAL CASE
        ANI     0C7H
        CPI     0C7H
        JNZ     CR5
        LDAX    D
        ANI     38H
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
        ADI     '0'
        STA     PARG
        RET
; LEFT JUSTIFY ARGUMENT FIELD
JUST:   LDA     PARG
        CPI     'S'
        JZ      JUS2
        CPI     ' '
        RNZ
        LDA     PARG+2
        CPI     ' '
        RZ
; LEFT SHIFT FIELD BY 2
        PUSH    B
        PUSH    D
        PUSH    H
        PUSH    PSW
        LXI     H,PARG
        LXI     D,PARG+2
        MVI     B,6
JUS0:   LDAX    D
        MOV     M,A
        INX     H
        INX     D
        DCR     B
        JNZ     JUS0
JUS1:   POP     PSW
        POP     H
        POP     D
        POP     B
        RET
; MAKE PLACE FOR 1 ADD'L CHAR.
JUS2:   PUSH    B
        PUSH    D
        PUSH    H
        PUSH    PSW
        LXI     H,PARG+6
        LXI     D,PARG+5
        MVI     B,5
JUS3:   LDAX    D
        MOV     M,A
        DCX     D
        DCX     H
        DCR     B
        JNZ     JUS3
        MVI     A,'P'
        MOV     M,A
        JMP     JUS1
; CONVERT 1 BYTE TO 2 ASCII CHARS.
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C2D:    PUSH    D
        MVI     D,2
        JMP     CVD
; CONVERT 2 BYTES TO 4 ASCII CHARS.
C4D:    PUSH    D
        MVI     D,4
CVD:    XRA     A
        DAD     H
        RAL
        DAD     H
        RAL
        DAD     H
        RAL
        DAD     H
        RAL
        CPI     10
        JC      CVD0
        ADI     7
CVD0:   ADI     '0'
        STAX    B
        INX     B
        DCR     D
        JNZ     CVD
        POP     D
        RET
; DISPLAY LINE
DISP:   PUSH    H
        LXI     H,PLOC
DISP0:  MOV     A,M
        CALL    OUT8
        CPI     13
        JZ      DISP1
        INX     H
        JMP     DISP0
DISP1:  POP     H
        RET
; PROCESS COMMAND (DE POINTS TO COMMAND)
PROC:   PUSH    D
        LDAX    D
        CPI     40H
        JNC     PRB
; COMMAND 00 - 3F
        ANI     7
        RLC
        MOV     C,A
        RLC
        ADD     C
        LXI     H,PRA
        CALL    ADDH
        PCHL
PRA:    LXI     H,TB1
        JMP     PRA4
        LXI     H,TB2
        JMP     PRA5
        LXI     H,TB3
        JMP     PRA1
        LXI     H,TB4
        JMP     PRA5
        LXI     H,TB5
        JMP     PRA3
        LXI     H,TB6
        JMP     PRA3
        LXI     H,TB7
        JMP     PRA3
        LXI     H,TB8
PRA1:   LDAX    D
        ANI     38H
        RRC
        RRC
        MOV     C,A
        RRC
        ADD     C
PRA2:   CALL    ADDH
PRA3:   CALL    CARD
        POP     D
        CALL    CREG
        INX     D
        RET
PRA4:   LDAX    D
        ORA
        JZ      PRA3
        MVI     A,3
        JMP     PRA2
PRA5:   LDAX    D
        ANI     8
        JZ      PRA3
        MVI     A,3
        JMP     PRA2
PRB:    CPI     80H
        JNC     PRC
; COMMAND 40 - 7F
        LXI     H,TB9
        LDAX    D
        CPI     76H
        JZ      PRA3
; MOV INSTRUCTION
        LXI     H,'OM'
        SHLD    PMNE
        LXI     H,' V'
        SHLD    PMNE+2
        ANI     38H
        RRC
        RRC
        RRC
        LXI     H,REG2
        CALL    ADDH
        MOV     L,M
        MVI     H,','
        SHLD    PARG
        LDAX    D
        ANI     7
        LXI     H,REG2
        CALL    ADDH
        MOV     A,M
        STA     PARG+2
        POP     D
        INX     D
        RET
PRC:    CPI     0C0H
        JNC     PRD
; COMMAND 80 - BF
        LXI     H,TB10
        JMP     PRA1
; COMMAND C0 - FF
PRD:    SUI     0C0H
        MOV     C,A
        RLC
        ADD     C
        LXI     H,TB11
        JMP     PRA2
; REGISTER TABLES
REG1:   DB      'B'
        DB      'D'
        DB      'H'
        DB      'S'
REG2:   DB      'B'
        DB      'C'
        DB      'D'
        DB      'E'
        DB      'H'
        DB      'L'
        DB      'M'
        DB      'A'
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; COMMAND PROCESSING TABLES
;  CONTAINS MNEMONICS & PROCESSING FLAGS
TB1:    DW      0D073H
        DB      0
        DW      922CH
        DB      0
TB2:    DW      966H
        DB      90H
        DW      4420H
        DB      80H
TB3:    DW      0
        DB      80H
        DW      300H
        DB      80H
        DW      0
        DB      80H
        DW      300H
        DB      80H
        DW      600H
        DB      10H
        DW      900H
        DB      10H
        DW      19DH
        DB      10H
        DW      161H
        DB      10H
TB4:    DW      984BH
        B       80H
        DW      0D820H
        DB      80H
TB5:    DW      924BH
        DB      40H
TB6:    DW      0D220H
        DB      40H
TB7:    DW      896DH
        DB      60H
TB8:    DW      393H
        DB      0
        DW      8394H
        DB      0
        DW      4C90H
        DB      0
        DW      5290H
        DB      0
        DW      4120H
        DB      0
        DW      411BH
        DB      0
        DW      39DH
        DB      0
        DW      431BH
        DB      0
TB9:    DW      1443H
        DB      0
TB10:   DW      409H
        DB      40H
        DW      309H
        DB      40H
        DW      429DH
        DB      40H
        DW      8298H
        DB      40H
        DW      810BH
        DB      40H
        DW      81C4H
        DB      40H
        DW      817CH
        DB      40H
        DW      501BH
        DB      40H
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TB11:   DW      9A93H
        DB      0
        DW      0D083H
        DB      80H
        DW      9A53H
        DB      10H
        DW      5053H
        DB      10H
        DW      9A1BH
        DB      10H
        DW      0C00H
        DB      80H
        DW      909H
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
        DW      8096H
        DB      0
        DW      5491H
        DB      0
        DW      8056H
        DB      10H
        DW      922CH
        DB      0
        DW      801EH
        DB      10H
        DW      0F00H
        DB      10H
        DW      0C908H
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
        DW      8393H
        DB      0
        DW      0D083H
        DB      80H
        DW      8353H
        DB      10H
        DW      547DH
        DB      20H
        DW      831BH
        DB      10H
        DW      0C00H
        DB      80H
        DW      499DH
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
        DW      0C090H
        DB      0
        DW      922CH
        DB      0
        DW      0C050H
        DB      10H
        DW      804BH
        DB      20H
        DW      0C018H
        DB      10H
        DW      922CH
        DB      0
        DW      8998H
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
        DW      0F94H
        DB      0
        DW      0D083H
        DB      80H
        DW      0F54H
        DB      10H
        DW      1200H
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                .PROC   CRTCTL  ;

;       VIDEO DISPLAY BOARD CONTROL SOFTWARE
;       FOR S.D.SALES VDB-8024.  JON BONDY, 5/16/79
;
;       PORTS ASSIGNED TO REGISTERS INSIDE THE SMC 5027 CHIP
REG0    .EQU    80H     ;HORIZONTAL LINE COUNT
REG1    .EQU    81H     ;MODE/HSYNC WIDTH/HSYNC DELAY
REG2    .EQU    82H     ;SCANS PER DATA ROW/CHARS PER DATA ROW
REG3    .EQU    83H     ;SKEW BITS/DATA ROWS PER FRAME
REG4    .EQU    84H     ;SCAN LINES PER FRAME
REG5    .EQU    85H     ;VERTICAL DATA START
REG6    .EQU    86H     ;LAST DISPLAYED DATA ROW
RESET   .EQU    8AH     ;RESET 5027
WCCHAR  .EQU    8CH     ;WRITE CURSOR CHARACTER/COLUMN ADDRESS
WCLINE  .EQU    8DH     ;WRITE CURSOR LINE ADDRESS
STIMCH  .EQU    8EH     ;START TIMING CHAIN

CRTIN   .EQU    20H     ;INPUT PORT FROM WHICH CHARACTERS
                        ;FROM THE COMPUTER ARE RECEIVED

NUMROW  .EQU    24      ;NUMBER OF ROWS
NUMCOL  .EQU    80      ;NUMBER OF COLUMNS
STKTOP  .EQU    2000H   ;TOP OF STACK
DISPMEM .EQU    1000H   ;START OF DISPLAY MEMORY
BLANK   .EQU    20H     ;ASCII BLANK

;   A NOTE ON THE 5027
;
;       IN ORDER TO SCROLL THE DISPLAY RAPIDLY, THE 5027 DOES NOT MOVE
;       DATA AROUND IN THE DISPLAY MEMORY IN ORDER TO SCROLL.  RATHER,
;       IT STARTS READING DATA FOR REFRESH AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION IN
;       THE MEMORY, AND 'WRAPS AROUND' FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE BUFFER TO
;       THE TOP WHEN IT NEEDS TO.  BECAUSE OF THIS USE OF A CIRCULAR
;       BUFFER, THE UPPER LEFT CHARACTER ON THE SCREEN NEED NOT ALWAYS
;       BE (AND MOST OFTEN IS NOT) THE INITIAL BYTE IN THE REFRESH MEMORY.
;       A REGISTER IN THE 5027 IS USED TO KEEP TRACK OF WHERE THE REFRESH
;       IS TO STOP (AND HENCE, WHERE IT IS TO START), AND THE FOLLOWING
;       FIRMWARE MUST KEEP TRACK OF THIS IN ORDER THAT IT ALWAYS KNOW WHERE
;       THE TOP OF THE USER'S DISPLAY IS.  THIS IS THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE
;       'B' REGISTER, WHICH ALWAYS MAINTAINS A COPY OF THE LAST LINE
;       NUMBER WHICH THE 5027 WILL DISPLAY.
;
;       IN THE FOLLOWING CODE, TWO SIMILAR TESTS OCCUR FREQUENTLY, ONE TO
;       SEE IF THE CURSOR HAS MOVED OUTSIDE OF THE BUFFER (AND HENCE SHOULD
;       BE MOVED TO THE TOP OF THE BUFFER IN ORDER TO WRAP AROUND), AND ONE
;       TO SEE IF THE CURSOR HAS MOVED OUTSIDE OF THE SCREEN (I.E., BELOW
;       THE LAST LINE OR ABOVE THE FIRST LINE).  IF THE READER ALLOWS THESE
;       TWO TESTS TO BECOME CONFUSED WITH EACH OTHER, THE CODE WILL MAKE NO
;       SENSE AT ALL.
;
;   REGISTER USE
;
;       A       SCRATCH
;       B       LAST DISPLAYED LINE -- SEE ABOVE DISCUSSION ON 5027
;       C       SCRATCH
;       D       COLUMN NUMBER FOR CURSOR
;       E       LINE NUMBER FOR CURSOR
;       HL      ADDR OF NEXT CHAR IN DISP MEMORY
;
;       POWER UP INITIALIZATION
;
        .ORG    0
        LD      SP,STKTOP       ;SET UP STACK POINTER
        IN      A,(CRTIN)       ;CLEAR IRPT FLOP
        IN      A,(30H)         ;CLEAR KBD RDY FLOP
        CALL    INIT            ;SET UP 5027 CHIP
        CALL    CLEAR           ;START WITH SCREEN CLEARED
        IM      1               ;SET UP INTERRUPT MODE
        SCF                     ;SET CARRY FLAG -- NO LONGER USED
        EI                      ;ENABLE IRPTS AND WAIT
        HALT
;
;       START OF INTERRUPT DRIVEN PROGRAM
;
        .ORG    38H
        POP     IY              ;SAVE RETURN ADDRESS
        IN      A,(CRTIN)       ;INPUT CRT CHAR
        BIT     7,A             ;IS THIS A CURSOR CONTROL CHAR ?
        JP      NZ,GOXY         ;YES
        BIT     6,A             ;TEST FOR OTHER CONTROL CHARS
        JR      NZ,DISPLAY      ;NO -- DISPLAYABLE CHARACTER
        BIT     5,A             ;TEST AGAIN FOR CONTROL CHAR
        JR      Z,CTR           ;YES
;
;       DISPLAY CHARACTER
;
DISPLAY LD      C,A             ;CHAR SAVED IN C REG
        LD      A,D             ;PLAY WITH COLUMN COUNTER
        INC     A               ;IS NEXT CHAR ON SAME LINE ?
        CP      NUMCOL
        JR      Z,HLT           ;NOPE
        LD      (HL),C          ;PUT CHAR IN DISPLAY MEMORY
        INC     D               ;CLEAN UP COLUMN POINTER
        INC     HL              ;CLEAN UP MEMORY POINTER
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A      ;REPOSITION CURSOR ON SCREEN
HLT     SCF                     ;WAIT AGAIN
        EI
        HALT
;
;       INITIALIZE CRT 5027 CHIP
;
INIT    OUT     (RESET),A       ;SEE 5027 DATA SHEET FOR MEANING OF THESE
        LD      A,065H
        OUT     (REG0),A
        LD      A,04BH
        OUT     (REG1),A
        LD      A,04DH
        OUT     (REG2),A
        LD      A,0D7H
        OUT     (REG3),A
        LD      A,003H          ; 60 HZ = 03H, 50 HZ = 1DH
        OUT     (REG4),A
        LD      A,0BH           ; 60 HZ = 0BH, 50 HZ = 25H
        OUT     (REG5),A
        LD      A,NUMROW-1
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        LD      B,A             ;LAST LINE DISPLAYED
        OUT     (REG6),A
        LD      A,0
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A
        OUT     (WCLINE),A
        OUT     (STIMCH),A
        OUT     (RESET),A
        OUT     (STIMCH),A
        LD      DE,0            ;START WITH COLUMN AND ROW AT ZERO
        RET
;
;       BRANCH ON CONTROL CHARACTERS
;
CTR     LD      IY,HLT          ;SET UP TO RETURN TO HALT INSTRUCTION
        PUSH    IY              ;PUSH RETURN ADDR
        CP      08H             ;BACK SPACE
        JP      Z,BS
        CP      09H             ;TAB
        JP      Z,TAB
        CP      0AH             ;LINE FEED
        JP      Z,LF
        CP      0DH             ;CARRIAGE RETURN
        JP      Z,CR
        CP      0CH             ;CLEAR PAGE / FORM FEED
        JP      Z,CLEAR
        CP      011H            ;CURSOR UP
        JP      Z,UPLINE
        CP      012H            ;CURSOR DOWN
        JP      Z,DNLINE
        CP      013H            ;CURSOR RIGHT
        JP      Z,RIGHT
        CP      014H            ;CURSOR LEFT
        JP      Z,LEFT
        CP      15H             ;HOME
        JP      Z,HOME
        CP      016H            ;ERASE TO END OF SCREEN
        JP      Z,EEOS
        CP      017H            ;ERASE TO END OF LINE
        JP      Z,EEOL
        CP      01AH            ;CLEAR PAGE / FORM FEED
        JP      Z,CLEAR
        POP     IY              ;UNIMPLEMENTED CONTROL CHARACTER...IGNORE IT
        JR      HLT
;
;       CRLF
;
LFCR    CALL    LF
        CALL    CR
;
;       LINE FEED
;
LF      LD      A,E             ;SET UP TO COMPARE CURRENT LINE NUMBER...
        CP      B               ;...WITH LAST LINE IN BUFFER
        CALL    Z,SCRUP         ;IF THEY MATCH, MUST SCROLL UP
        INC     A               ;OTHERWISE, MOVE TO NEXT LINE
        CP      NUMROW          ;IS IT AT BOTTOM OF BUFFER ?
        JR      NZ,LFRT         ;NO -- SKIP AROUND NEXT INSTRUCTION
        LD      A,0             ;YES -- SET LINE NUMBER TO TOP OF BUFFER
LFRT    LD      E,A             ;'E' CONTAINS LINE NO.
        OUT     (WCLINE),A
        LD      L,D             ;CONVERT ROW AND COLUMN INTO ADDRESS IN...
        LD      H,E             ;...REFRESH MEMORY, SINCE LINES ARE 80...
        RL      L               ;...COLUMNS LONG
        RR      H
        RR      L
        SET     4,H
        RET
;
;       CARRIAGE RETURN
;
CR      LD      D,0             ;SET COLUMN NUMBER TO ZERO
        LD      A,D
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A
        LD      A,80H           ;CLEAN UP REFRESH MEMORY ADDRESS
        AND     L
        LD      L,A
        RET
;
;       LEFT / BACKSPACE
;
LEFT    .EQU    $               ;MOVE CURSOR LEFT
BS      LD      A,0             ;BACK SPACE
        CP      D               ;IF COLUMN WAS ZERO...
        RET     Z               ;...ATTEMPT TO MOVE OFF OF SCREEN
        DEC     D               ;O.K. TO DECREMENT COLUMN NUMBER
        DEC     HL              ;KEEP MEMORY POINTER CORRECT ALSO
        LD      A,D             ;TELL 5027 WHAT WE'RE DOING SO THAT...
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A      ;...CURSOR WILL BE CORRECT
        RET
;
;       MOVE CURSOR RIGHT
;
RIGHT   LD      A,D             ;COPY COLUMN COUNTER AND...
        INC     A               ;...INCREMENT COPY IN 'A'
        CP      NUMCOL          ;DID WE MOVE OFF OF SCREEN ?
        RET     Z               ;YEP -- FORGET THE MODIFICATION
        INC     D               ;INCREMENT COLUMN AND ...
        INC     HL              ;...MEMORY POINTERS
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A      ;KEEP 5027 INFORMED
        RET
;
;       SCROLL UP
;
SCRUP   INC     B               ;INCREMENT LAST DISPLAYED LINE
        LD      A,B             ;SET UP TO COMPARE
        CP      NUMROW          ;IS NEW ROW LAST ROW IN MEMORY ?
        JR      NZ,SCR2         ;NOPE
        LD      B,0             ;YES -- WRAP 'B' REG AROUND
SCR2    LD      L,0             ;SET UP MEMORY POINTER FROM ROW,COL
        LD      H,B
        RR      H
        RR      L
        SET     4,H
        LD      C,BLANK         ;SET UP TO FILL NEW LINE WITH BLANKS
        LD      A,80            ;CALCULATE ADDRESS OF LAST CHAR...
        ADD     A,L             ;...IN LINE FOR LOOP TERMINATION
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SCRLP   LD      (HL),C          ;FILL WITH BLANKS
        INC     HL
        CP      L
        JR      NZ,SCRLP
        LD      A,B
        OUT     (REG6),A        ;CHANGE LAST DISPLAYED LINE ADDRESS IN 5027
        LD      A,E             ;LINE FEED ROUTINE EXPECTS THIS SETUP
        RET
;
;       CLEAR SCREEN
;
CLEAR   LD      A,08H           ;THIS IS FUNNY HARDWARE HACK TO DISABLE DMA...
        OUT     (10H),A         ;...FOR 5027 (I THINK)
        LD      HL,DISPMEM      ;STARTING ADDRESS
        LD      C,BLANK         ;BLANK CHARACTER
CLR1    LD      A,50H           ;LOOP TERMINATION TEST VALUE
CLR     LD      (HL),C          ;CLEAR LOOP
        INC     HL
        CP      L
        JR      NZ,CLR
        LD      A,0D0H          ;NEW LOOP TERMINATION VALUE -- ?????
CLR2    LD      (HL),C          ;NOTE THAT SOME OF THE DISPLAY RAM IS USED...
        INC     HL              ;...FOR FIRMWARE BOOKKEEPING, SO MUST BE...
        CP      L               ;...PROTECTED FROM CLEAR
        JR      NZ,CLR2
        LD      A,1BH           ;NOW, WE TEST 'H', FINALLY
        CP      H
        JR      NZ,CLR1         ;IF NOT DONE, START AGAIN AT 'CLR1'
        CALL    HOME            ;DONE -- HOME CURSOR
        LD      A,20H           ;SET UP 5027 DMA AGAIN (I THINK)
        OUT     (10H),A
        RET
;
;       CURSOR UP ONE LINE
;
UPLINE  LD      A,E             ;DO WE HAVE TO MOVE UP IN WRAP AROUND MODE ?
        CP      0
        JR      NZ,UPLP         ;NOPE -- NORMAL NUMBER
        LD      A,NUMROW        ;YES -- SUBSTITUTE LARGEST LINE NUMBER
UPLP    DEC     A               ;DECREMENT IN EITHER CASE
        CP      B               ;DID WE MOVE 'UP' INTO LOWEST LINE ON SCREEN ?
        RET     Z               ;YES -- IGNORE ATTEMPT TO MOVE OFF OF SCREEN
        LD      E,A             ;VALUE IS O.K. -- SAVE IT
        CALL    PLACE           ;PLACE CURSOR AT LOCATION IN D/E
        RET
;
;       CURSOR DOWN ONE LINE
;
DNLINE  LD      A,E             ;ARE WE TRYING TO MOVE DOWN FROM LAST LINE ?
        CP      B
        RET     Z               ;YES -- IGNORE ATTEMPT TO MOVE OFF OF SCREEN
        CP      NUMROW-1        ;DO WE HAVE TO WRAP AROUND BUFFER ?
        JR      NZ,DNLP
        LD      A,0FFH          ;YES -- PRE-LOAD DUMMY VALUE
DNLP    INC     A               ;INCREMENT ROW IN ANY CASE
        LD      E,A             ;SAVE NEW VALUE
        CALL    PLACE           ;PLACE CURSOR AT LOCATION IN D/E
        RET
;
;       PLACE CURSOR AT POSITION SPECIFIED IN 'D' AND 'E'
;       'D' IS COLUMN NUMBER, 'E' IS LINE NUMBER
;
PLACE   LD      H,E             ;SET UP DISPLAY MEMORY ADDRSS IN H/L...
        LD      L,D             ;...USING D/E DATA
        RL      L
        RR      H
        RR      L
        SET     4,H
        LD      A,D
        OUT     (WCCHAR),A      ;PLACE CURSOR HERE BY TELLING 5027
        LD      A,E
        OUT     (WCLINE),A
        RET
;
;       HOME
;
HOME    LD      D,0             ;COLUMN IS ZERO AT HOME
        LD      A,B             ;USE LAST DISPLAYED LINE PLUS ONE AS HOME ROW
        INC     A
        CP      NUMROW          ;IS IT OUT OF THE BUFFER (WRAP AROUND) ?
        JR      NZ,HOLP
        LD      A,0             ;YES -- LOAD ZERO
HOLP    LD      E,A             ;USE CALCULATED VALUE FOR ROW
        CALL    PLACE           ;PLACE CURSOR IN DESIRED LOCATION
        RET
;
;       CURSOR CONTROL ROUTINES
;
GOXY    CP      210             ;'<' IS X-CONTROL, '>=' IS Y-CONTROL
        JP      M,XCNTL
        SUB     210             ;THIS IS Y-CONTROL CHAR
        CP      NUMROW          ;CHECK VALUE < NUMBER OF ROWS
        JP      P,HLT           ;INVALID, SO IGNORE
        ADD     A,B             ;ADD ROW # TO LAST DISP ROW
        INC     A
        CP      NUMROW          ;IS IT OUTSIDE OF BUFFER (WRAP AROUND)
        JP      M,SKIP2
        SUB     NUMROW          ;YES -- SUBSTITUTE VALUE
SKIP2   LD      E,A             ;USE NEW ROW VALUE
        CALL    PLACE           ;PLACE CURSOR CORRECTLY
        JP      HLT             ;FINISHED
XCNTL   SUB     128             ;COLUMN CODE STARTS HERE
        CP      NUMCOL
        JP      P,HLT           ;GREATER THAN VALID COLUMN
        LD      D,A             ;NO OTHER CHECKS REQUIRED -- PLACE CURSOR
        CALL    PLACE
        JP      HLT
;
;       TAB
;
TAB     LD      A,0F8H          ;MASK TO MAKE COLUMN COUNTER A MULT OF 8
        AND     D               ;AND WITH MASK TO CLEAR LOW 3 BITS
        ADD     A,08H           ;ADD 8
        CP      NUMCOL          ;OFF END OF LINE ?
        RET     Z               ;YES -- IGNORE


        LD      D,A             ;NO -- PLACE CURSOR HERE
        CALL    PLACE
        RET
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;
;       ERASE TO END OF LINE
;
EEOL    LD      A,D             ;COPY COLUMN NUMBER INTO 'A'
        PUSH    HL              ;SAVE OLD CURSOR ADDRESS
        LD      C,BLANK         ;FOR LOOP SPEED
EEOLL   LD      (HL),C
        INC     A
        INC     HL
        CP      NUMCOL          ;GO UNTIL 'A' IS EQUAL TO 80
        JR      NZ,EEOLL
        POP     HL              ;GET OLD CURSOR ADDRESS
        RET
;
;       ERASE TO END OF SCREEN
;
EEOS    PUSH    DE              ;SAVE OLD ROW/COLUMN VALUES
EEOSL   CALL    EEOL            ;ERASE TO END OF CURRENT LINE
        LD      D,0             ;FROM NOW ON, ERASE ENTIRE LINE
        CALL    DNLINE          ;GO TO NEXT LINE DOWN
        LD      A,B
        CP      E               ;IS CURRENT ROW THE FINAL ROW DISPLAYED ?
        JR      NZ,EEOSL        ;NOPE -- GO ERASE ANOTHER LINE
        CALL    EEOL            ;DO FINAL LINE ERASE OUTSIDE OF LOOP
        POP     DE              ;RESTORE REAL ROW/COLUMN VALUES
        CALL    PLACE           ;SET CURSOR UP CORRECTLY
        RET

        .END
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DB      0
DW      0F1CH
DB      10H
DW      0C00H
DB      80H
DW      890BH
DB      20H
DW      0D494H
DB      0
DW      594H
DB      0
DW      1B00H
DB      0
DW      554H
DB      10H
DW      1500H
DB      0
DW      51CH
DB      10H
DW      922CH
DB      0
DW      89C4H
DB      20H
DW      0D494H
DB      0
DW      94H
DB      0
DW      0D083H
DB      80H
DW      54H
DB      10H
        DW      4022H
        DB      0
        DW      1CH
        DB      10H
        DW      0C00H
        DB      80H
        DW      897CH
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
        DW      4093H
        DB      0
        DW      1800H
        DB      0
        DW      4053H
        DB      10H
        DW      402AH
        DB      0
        DW      401BH
        DB      10H
        DW      922CH
        DB      0
        DW      91CH
        DB      20H
        DW      0D494H
        DB      0
; 4-CHARACTER MNEMONIC TABLE
TBX:    DW      9D58H
        DB      1
        DW      6158H
        DB      1
        DW      9A44H
        DB      0CH
        DW      6244H
        DB      0CH
        DW      8548H
        DB      53H
        DW      184CH
        DB      4CH
        DW      0C54CH
        DB      8
        DW      0C047H
        DB      0C8H
        DW      9C4CH
        DB      8
        DW      804CH
        DB      0C8H
PLOC:   DS      5       ; OUTPUT BUFFER
PC1:    DS      3
PC2:    DS      3
PC3:    DS      3
PLAB:   DS      6
PMNE:   DS      6
PARG:   DS      10
        END
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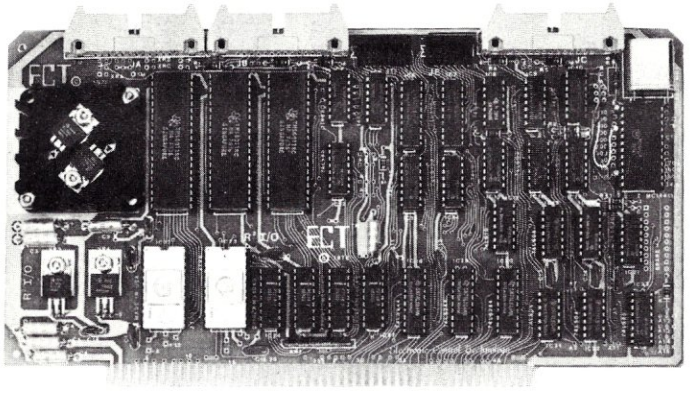

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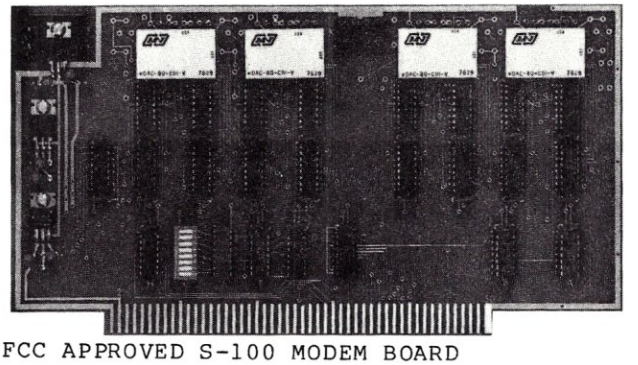

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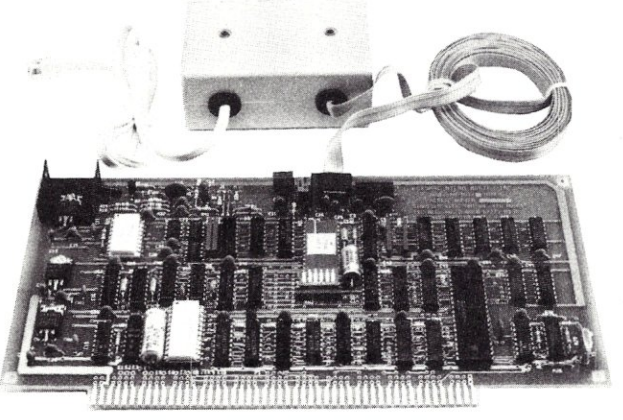

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