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PROGRAM

8K VIDEO DISPLAY TEST

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ABSTRACT

THE NOVA 6012 VIDEO DISPLAY DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM CONTAINS FIVE SEPARATE TEST PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE CHECKOUT AND EVALUATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE 6012 DISPLAY.


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; SAME BAUD RATE. VERIFY AND NOTE
; THE OPERATIONAL BAUD RATE OF THE INTERFACE
; CONTROLLER(4010 OR 4060). REMOVE THE DISPLAY
; HOUSING COVER AND VERIFY THAT THE BAUD RATE
; SELECTION SWITCH IS SET TO SELECT THE CORRESP-
; ONDING BAUD RATE.

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;3.1 NOVA (EXCEPT MICRO NOVA) OR ECLIPSE PROCESSOR
;3.2 8K READ/WRITE MEMORY
;3.3 EITHER A TYPE 4060 OR 4010 I/O INTERFACE

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(1) 6012 DISPLAY
SEE "HOW TO USE THE NOVA
COMPUTERS" REFERENCE MANUAL FOR A
DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION BIT
OPTIONS OF THE 4010 AND 4060 INTERFACE.

SWITCH SETTINGS
STARTING ADDRESSES
000002= 6012 DIAGNOSTIC - AUTOMATIC
TESTS.
000003= VISUAL DISPLAY TEST - FULL SCREEN
DISPLAY OF EACH CHARACTER IN CHARACTER
SET, SEQUENCED UNDER MANUAL CONTROL.
000004= VISUAL DISPLAY TEST-ROTATING
CHARACTER SET.
000005= CHARACTER ECHO TEST IN THE
(PAGE) BUFFER MODE.
000006= CHARACTER ECHO IN ROLL MODE.
000007= CHANGE INTERFACE DEVICE CODE.
000010= READ (DISPLAY) CHARACTER SCOPE LOOP.
000011= WRITE(DISPLAY) CHARACTER SCOPE LOOP.
000014 = RELOAD OPERATION PARAMETERS
DATA INTO THE PROGRAM.

DISCRETE SWITCH SELECTIONS
SWITCH 1(1)= PROCEED FROM THE ERROR LOOP.
SWITCH 7(1)= DO NOT HALT ON ERROR - ROTATING
CHARACTER SET. LOOP IN CURRENT TEST
UNCONDITIONALLY-AUTO TEST MODE.

SWITCH 8(1)= NO HALT ON TIMEOUT - ROTATING
CHARACTER SET

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; DIAGNOSTIC OPERATING PROCEDURE
 ; VERIFY THAT THE INTERFACE IS INSTALLED PROPERLY
 ; AND ALL THE EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE
 ; COMPUTER AND THE DISPLAY CHASSIS ARE PROPERLY
 ; SECURED. LOAD THE PROGRAM VIA THE BINARY LOADER
 ; OR DIAGNOSTIC OPERATING SYSTEM.
 ; SET THE SWITCHES TO 00002 AND PRESS START.
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 ; 5.2 IF THIS IS THE INITIAL PASS OF THE PROGRAM (AFTER
 ; BEING LOADED) THE PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE THESE
 ; FOLLOWING DATA: A) THE STATE OF THE PARITY SELECT
 ; JUMPERS(LOCATED INSIDE THE DISPLAY CHASSIS),
 ; SELECTING EITHER ODD, EVEN, OR NO PARITY(MARKED), B)THE
 ; TYPE # OF THE INTERFACE ASSEMBLY INSTALLED
 ; IN THE COMPUTER WHICH WILL BE DRIVING THE DISPLAY,
 ; C)THE DEVICE CODE # OF THE INTERFACE ASSEMBLY,
 ; AND FINALLY D)THE # OF THE LINE OR CHANNEL
 ; THAT THE DISPLAY IS CONNECTED TO(NOT
 ; APPLICABLE IF TYPE 4010 INTERFACE ASSEMBLY
 ; IS INSTALLED).
 ; NOTE: IF THE DEVICE CODE OF THE 4010 MODULE
 ; IS OTHER THAN 10 OR 11 OR THE 4060 MODULE IS
 ; OTHER THAN 30, THE PROCEDURE LISTED IN SECTION
 ; 10 HAS TO BE DONE FIRST TO CHANGE THE DEVICE
 ; CODES BEFORE STARTING AT LOC 2.
 ; THE PROGRAM WILL HALT AFTER AN INITIAL START
 ; AT LOC 2,3, 4, OR 5 IF THE SPECIFICATION DATA
 ; HAS NOT BEEN ENTERED. ENTER THE FIRST WORD OF
 ; THE REQUIRED DATA INTO THE COMPUTER CONSOLE
 ; SWITCHES USING THE FORMAT SHOWN BELOW....

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; AFTER THE SWITCHES HAVE BEEN SET UP
 ; PRESS CONTINUE. THE PROGRAM WILL
 ; HALT AGAIN FOR THE BAUD RATE INPUT DATA,
 ; ENTER THE BAUD RATE INTO THE COMPUTER
 ; CONSOLE SWITCHES 10 THRU 15. THE STATES
 ; OF SWITCHES 0 THRU 9 ARE NOT USED BY THE
 ; PROGRAM AND ARE "DON'T CARE STATES".
 ; EXAMINE THE TABLE BELOW AND ENTER
 ; SWITCH DATA LISTED OPPOSITE THE BAUD RATE OF
 ; THE INTERFACE ASSEMBLY IF THE BAUD RATE
 ; OF ANY PARTICULAR INTERFACE ASSEMBLY
 ; IS NOT LISTED, USE THE SWITCH DATA OF
 ; THE BAUD RATE LISTED THAT IS CLOSEST IN VALUE.

BAUD	BITS	0-9	10	11	12	13	14	15
110	X-X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
150	X-X	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
300	X-X	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
600	X-X	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
1200	X-X	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1800	X-X	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2400	X-X	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
3600	X-X	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
4800	X-X	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
7200	X-X	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

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WHERE: P= PARITY; 1 FOR ODD, 2 FOR EVEN, 0 FOR
 NO PARITY (MARKED,MSB=1)
 X= NOT USED (DON'T CARE STATES)
 I= LAST 2 OCTAL DIGITS OF INTERFACE TYPE#
 SUCH AS 10 FOR TYPE# 4010.
 D= 2 DEVICE CODE OCTAL DIGITS (EVEN #
 DEVICE CODE IF INTERFACE IS A 4010).


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:7.6 VISUAL DISPLAY TEST - ROTATING CHARACTER SET.
:7.7 THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION OF THE VISUAL
:7.8 DISPLAY TEST IS TO PROVIDE AN AUTOMATIC FULL
SCREEN DISPLAY OF THE ENTIRE CHARACTER SET.
AS THE PROGRAM RUNS IT SHIFTS ALL CHARACTERS
DISPLAYED ONE CHARACTER POSITION.
SET THE CONSOLE SWITCHES TO 000004, AND PRESS
START. PROGRAM WILL RUN CONTINUOUSLY WITHOUT
OPERATOR INTERVENTION UNLESS INTERFACE SPECIFICATION
DATA HAS NOT BEEN ENTERED OR AN ERROR OCCURS.
CONSOLE SWITCH 7 IN 0 POSITION WILL
CAUSE A HALT ON DATA ERROR. ON A HALT EXAMINE THE
CONSOLE ADDRESS LIGHTS TO VERIFY THAT
IT IS A DATA ERROR HALT, THEN EXAMINE
AC0 FOR GOOD CHARACTER, AC1 = BAD CHARACTER
AND AC3 FOR THE (OCTAL) NUMBER OF THE BAD CHARACTER
IN THE PRESENT FRAME. CONVERT THIS
OCTAL NUMBER (IN AC3) TO DECIMAL TO
DETERMINE ITS CHARACTER POSITION ON THE
DISPLAY SCREEN. CHECK THAT POSITION
ON THE SCREEN FOR AN OUT OF SEQUENCE
CHARACTER, SUCH AS 67898 WHERE THE
8 AFTER THE 9 GENERALLY INDICATES A DISPLAY MEMORY
ERROR. A LARGE NUMBER OF ERRORS WITH
NO APPARENT ERRORS DISPLAYED ON THE
SCREEN ARE GENERALLY TRANSMITTER LOGIC
ERRORS. EXAMINE THE ERROR PATTERN TO
DETERMINE BIT SHIFT OR BIT DROPOUT FOR LONG
TERM RELIABILITY RUNS, SET SWITCH 7 TO A 1
TO ALLOW THE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE AUTOMATICALLY
AFTER AN ERROR. THE # OF ERRORS WILL BE
REPORTED UPON HITTING THE SPACE BAR TWICE.
CONSOLE SWITCH 8 IN THE 0 POSITION WILL
CAUSE A HALT ON A TIMEOUT ERROR.
EXAMINE THE "XMTFLG" LOCATION. IF
ON A PROCESSOR-TO-DISPLAY DATA TRANSFER.
IF XMTFLG = 0, THE TIMEOUT OCCURRED ON
A DISPLAY-TO-PROCESSOR DATA TRANSFER.
EXAMINE LOCATION "CHARS" FOR THE NUMBER
OF CHARACTERS LEFT TO BE TRANSFERRED. CONVERT
THIS NUMBER FROM OCTAL TO DECIMAL AND SUBTRACT 1
TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER (IN THE FRAME) OF THE
LAST CHARACTER TRANSFERRED.
SWITCH 8 IN THE 1 POSITION WILL ALLOW THE
PROGRAM TO CONTINUE AUTOMATICALLY AFTER AN
ERROR. ERROR REPORTING IS PROVIDED
BY HITTING THE SPACE BAR TWICE WHEN THE DISPLAY
IS NOT CHANGING WITH A SCREEN FULL OF CHARACTERS.
AFTER THE REPORT HAS BEEN READ THE OPERATOR CAN
RESUME TESTING BY HITTING ANY DISPLAY KEY.

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:8. CHARACTER ECHO TEST PROCEDURE.
:8.1 SET THE "BUFFERED, PAGE, ROLL" SWITCH TO THE
"BUFFERED" POSITION.
:8.2 SET 000005 INTO THE CONSOLE SWITCHES AND PRESS
START.
:8.3 TYPE IN ENOUGH CHARACTERS TO FILL THE ENTIRE
BUFFER (AND SCREEN). MAKE SURE THE START AND END
PROTECT BITS ARE INSERTED INTO AT LEAST TWO
OF THE 24 LINES. HOME THE CURSOR & PRESS THE
CONTROL - N KEY ON THE DISPLAY KEYBOARD.
THIS PARTICULAR KEYING ACTION TRANSMITS THE
PAGE OF DATA TO THE COMPUTER.
:8.4 HOLDING THE DISPLAY XMIT KEY DOWN, TYPE THE E
KEY WITH NO COMMAS OR SPACES TO
ECHO THE DATA SENT TO THE COMPUTER.
VERIFY THAT THE BUFFERED PAGE (INCLUDING THE
PROTECTED BITS) ARE RETURNED TO THE SCREEN.
:8.5 TO CONTINUE TESTING REPEAT PARAGRAPHS
8.3 AND 8.4, THIS TIME USING BLINKING CHARACTERS
ALONG WITH PROTECT CHARACTERS.
:8.6 THE CHARACTER ECHO TEST MAY BE REPEATED
AS MANY TIMES AS DESIRED TO TEST THE ECHO
TRANSMISSION AND DISPLAY CHARACTERISTICS
OF PAGE DATA ASSEMBLED IN THE BUFFER MODE.
JUST REMEMBER TO TOGGLE THE "BUFFERED, PAGE
ROLL" SWITCH TO THE PROPER POSITION RELATIVE TO THE
FUNCTION BEING PERFORMED.
:8.7 NO PROGRAMMED ERROR MANAGEMENT IS PROVIDED IN
THE CHARACTER ECHO TEST.

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:9. ROLL MODE TEST PROCEDURE.
:9.1 SET THE "BUFFERED, PAGE, ROLL" SWITCH TO THE BUFFERED POSITION. LOAD 000006 INTO THE CONSOLE SWITCHES AND START. THE PROGRAM WILL HALT. WHEN THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED, A CLEAR SCREEN COMMAND WAS ISSUED. VERIFY THAT THE SCREEN IS CLEAR, AND THE CURSOR IS IN THE HOME POSITION.
:9.2 SET THE "BUFFERED, PAGE, ROLL" SWITCH TO THE "ROLL" POSITION. AT THE DISPLAY KEYBOARD, PRESS CONTROL-RESET KEYS. VERIFY CURSOR MOVES TO 1ST CHARACTER POSITION OF THE LAST LINE. PRESS CONTINUE AND TYPE IN EACH CHARACTER IN THE CHARACTER SET. VERIFY CHARACTERS TYPED ARE ECHOED BACK ON THE SCREEN.
:9.3 AFTER A LINE IS TYPED A CR/LF MUST BE TYPED. VERIFY THAT A LINEFEED OCCURS AND CURSOR RETURNS TO THE 1ST CHARACTER POSITION OF THE LAST LINE AND THAT THE LINE JUST ENTERED ROLLS UP ONE LINE.
:9.4 AFTER THE CHARACTER SET HAS BEEN TYPED AND ECHOED, HOLD DOWN ANY CHARACTER KEY, ALONG WITH THE REPT (REPEAT) KEY UNTIL THE SCREEN HAS BEEN FILLED WITH CHARACTERS. CONTINUE TYPING AND VERIFY THAT THE TOP LINE OF CHARACTERS ROLLS OFF THE SCREEN ON THE NEXT LINEFEED.
:10. TO CHANGE DEVICE CODES.....
:10.1 LOAD 000007 INTO THE CONSOLE SWITCHES AND START. THE PROGRAM WILL HALT. LOAD THE 2 OCTAL DIGITS OF THE NEW DEVICE CODE INTO CONSOLE SWITCHES 10 THRU 15, AND PRESS CONTINUE.
:10.2 THE PROGRAM WILL HALT WHEN CHANGES ARE COMPLETED AND CAN BE VERIFIED BY PRESSING CONTINUE AFTER THE HALT. IF THE PROGRAM ENTERS A JUMP LOOP, THE CODE CHANGES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY. IF AN IMMEDIATE HALT RESULTS FROM PRESSING CONTINUE, AN ERROR IN THE CONSOLE DATA INPUT VIA THE SWITCHES HAS BEEN DETECTED BY THE PROGRAM. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS RESTART AT LOCATION 7, AND REINSERT NEW DEVICE CODE INTO THE CONSOLE SWITCHES AGAIN.

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