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# PDP-8 FAMILY LP08 LINE PRINTER INTERFACE MANUAL 

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## Foreword

The LP08 Line Printer Interface Manual comprises the following:
Chapter 1 - presents the purpose of the Interface and its electrical, mechanical, and environmental specifications

Chapter 2 - presents a description of the electrical and mechanical components making up the Line Printer and its associated Interface
Chapter 3 - presents the space, unpacking, inspection, and installation requirements and check-out procedures

Chapter 4 - presents the functional details, programming instructions, commands, and subroutines

Chapter 5 - presents a detailed operational description of the Interface logic
Chapter 6 - presents the preventive maintenance procedures necessary to maintain the Line Printer and Interface in an operational condition.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

This manual serves as an auxiliary to the Data Products Corporation Technical Manual DPC-214163A which fully describes the LPO8 Line Printer and is referenced throughout to avoid unnecessary duplication of data and drawings. The Data Production Corporation Technical Manual should be consulted for information regarding the installation, operation, principles of operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, associated drawings, and related data concerning the LPO8 Line Printer.

Other relevant documents are: the LP08 Test Interface Logic MAINDEC-8/I-D2AA and the LP08 Line Printer MAINDEC-8/I-D2AA programming manuals, and the PDP-8 maintenance manuals.

## Chapter 1

## General Description

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The LP08 Line Printer Interface links an 80-column line printer (see Figure 1-1) to one of DEC's family of PDP-8 Processors for impact line printing, with a speed per line ranging from 356 lines per minute $(1 \mathrm{pm})$ at 80 columns to 1110 lpm at 20 columns.

Either positive or negative bus computers can be interfaced with the Line Printer by interchanging of the appropriate modules. The wire wrap is common to both positive and negative interfaces.

The Line Printer is available with 80-column, 64or 96-character sets; models are identified by the following type number:
LP08-x ,y
where,
$x=F$ for 80-column, 64-character set
H for 80-column, 96-character set and,
$y=A$ for Positive bus, 60 Hz operation B for Positive bus, 50 Hz operation C for Negative bus, 60 Hz operation D for Negative bus, 50 Hz operation

### 1.2 SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical, operating, physical, environmental, and ancillary performance specifications are described in Table 1-1.


Figure 1-1. LP08 80-Column Line Printer

Table 1-1
Equipment Specifications

| Specification | Equipment | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electrical | Printer <br> Control <br> Signal Cable | $\begin{aligned} & 117 \mathrm{Vac} \pm 10 \%, 60 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm 3 \mathrm{~Hz} \\ & 220 \mathrm{Vac} \pm 10 \%, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm 3 \mathrm{~Hz} \\ & 250 \mathrm{~W} \\ & 120 / 240 \mathrm{Vac} \pm 10 \%, 47-63 \mathrm{~Hz} \\ & 60 \mathrm{~W} \end{aligned}$ <br> 25 ft maximum length of interconnection signal cable (supplied with system) |
| Operating Characteristics | Printer <br> 80-column model, 64-character <br> 80-column model, 96-character |  |

Table 1-1 (Cont)
Equipment Specifications

| Specification | Equipment |  | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Characteristics (Cont) | Printer (Cont) | Line advance time: Character: Synchronization: | 20 ms (maximum) <br> Variable reluctance pick-off sense <br> Drum position |
| Physical Characteristics | Printer, 80-column | Height: <br> Width: <br> Depth: <br> Weight: | $\begin{aligned} & 51.5 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 24-1 / 4 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 34-3 / 4 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 185 \mathrm{lb} . \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Control, (1 standard DEC logic panel) | Height: <br> Width: <br> Depth: | $\begin{aligned} & 5.25 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 19.0 \mathrm{in} . \\ & 7 \mathrm{in.} \end{aligned}$ |
| Environmental Characteristics | Printer and Control | Operating Temperature: Humidity: | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ to $110^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(43^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ <br> $5 \%$ to $90 \%$ (non-condensation) |
| Supplies | Paper | Type: <br> Dimensions: <br> Weight: <br> Single copy: <br> Multi copy: | Standard fanfold, edge punched 4 in. to $9-7 / 8$ in. wide ( 80 -column) <br> 15 lb bond (minimum) <br> 12 lb bond with single-sheet carbon for up to six parts |
|  | Ribbon | Type: <br> Width: <br> Length: <br> Thickness: | inked roll <br> 9 in. (80-column) <br> 35 yd <br> 0.003 in . |

## Chapter 2

## Component Description

### 2.1 LP08 LINE PRINTER

The LP08 Line Printer is a free-standing unit comprised of functional components, a power supply, and the main control panel. (For further description of the Line Printer, refer to Section I of the Data Products' Corporation Technical Manual.)

### 2.1.1 Functional Components

2.1.1.1 Character Drum - contains 64 different characters: 26 upper-case alphabetics, 10 numerals, and 28 special symbols. Table 2-1 shows the character font and sequence of a standard 64-character drum.

Table 2-1
Coded 64-Character Set

| 7 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & 1\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0\end{array}$ | 0 1 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 | 2 | 1 | Drum Rows | Drum Rows 1-16 | Drum Rows $17-32$ | Drum Rows 33-48 | Drum Rows 49-64 |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | Space | 0 | @ | P |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | ! | 1 | A | Q |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  | " | 2 | B | R |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  | \# | 3 | C | S |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  | \$ | 4 | D | T |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |  | \% | 5 | E | U |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  | \& | 6 | F | V |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 7 | G | W |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | ( | 8 | H | X |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  | ) | 9 | I | Y |  |  |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | PF | * | : | J | Z |  |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 |  | + | ; | K | [ |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | FF | , | $<$ | L | $\$  \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & & CR & - & $=$ | M | ] |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | - | $>$ | N | $\wedge$ |  |  |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | / | ? | 0 | $\perp$ |  |  |

2.1.1.2 Drum Gate - is hinged and contains the character drum, drum motor, print ribbon, top ribbon motor, ribbon guide, bottom ribbon motor, ribbon reversal switches, and paper tension bar. The gate swings out $180^{\circ}$, providing easy access to both the print ribbon and paper loading area.
2.1.1.3 Hammer Bank - consists of an upper and lower bank, each containing 40 impact hammers. The upper bank contains the even-numbered hammers, and the bottom bank contains the odd. The hammer bank also contains the backstop screws for time-of-flight adjustment.

### 2.1.2 Line Printer Power Supply

The Line Printer power supply provides $\pm 12,+5,+28,+65 \mathrm{Vdc}$ and 117 Vac for printer operation.

### 2.1.3 Main Control Panel

The control panel accommodates the functional indicators and switches. The controls enable the operator to place the Line Printer ON-LINE or OFF-LINE and control paper feed in the OFF-LINE state (see Table 2-2).

Table 2-2
Controls and Indicators

| Control and Indicator | Function |
| :--- | :--- |
| POWER indicator <br> READY indicator | Lights when ac power is applied to the Printer . <br> Lights when Printer power is up, interlocks are satisfied, <br> paper is loaded, drum is up to speed, and over temperature <br> condition does not exist in the paper drive motor . <br> Lights when Printer is in ON-LINE mode of operation. |
| ON LINE indicator <br> TOP OF FORM switch | Advances tractors to top-of-form position; disabled in <br> ON-LINE mode. |
| PAPER STEP switch <br> ON LINE/OFF LINE | Advances paper one line; disabled in ON-LINE mode. <br> Selects mode of operation for Printer . |

### 2.2 LP08 INTERFACE

The Line Printer Interface logic, associated module mounting frame, and power supply comprise a onepiece assembly which can be mounted in a 19 in . cabinet. See Figure 2-1.

a. Top View


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b. Front View

Figure 2-1 LP08 Interface Logic Mounting Frame and Power Supply

### 2.2.1 Interface Logic Modules

Table 2-3 lists the modules utilized in both the positive and negative Interface logic; for location of modules in the mounting frame, see Module Utilization Diagrams D-MU-LP08-P-03 and D-MU-LP08-N-03.

Table 2-3
Interface Logic Modules

| Quantity | Name | Positive <br> Interface | Negative <br> Interface |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Bus Data Interface | M101 | $M 100$ |
| 1 | Inverter | $M 111$ | $M 111$ |
| 1 | Terminator | $M 906$ | $M 906$ |
| 1 | Device Selector | M103 | $M 102$ |
| 1 | NAND Gate | $M 115$ | $M 115$ |

### 2.2.2 Logic Module Mounting Panel

This panel contains the logic modules and pluggable cable cards. See Figure 2-1.

### 2.2.3 Interface Power Supply

This power supply furnishes +5 Vdc and -15 Vdc for the Interface logic.

### 2.2.4 Interface Signals

The Interface signals are defined in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4
Interface Signals

| Signal | Signal <br> Source | Definition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| READY | Printer | Indicates to the user's system that the Printer is ready to be put ON-LINE by the operator. <br> When READY is true, the following conditions are true: <br> a. Power is on, <br> b. the Printer drum gate is closed, <br> c. paper has been loaded, <br> d. an overtemperature condition does not exist in the paper drive motor, and <br> e. drum motor is up to speed. |
| DEMAND | Printer | Synchronizes data transmission between the Printer and user's system. The DEMAND signal requests a character from the processor and this signal remains true until the STROBE signal is received. DEMAND is disabled while the character is stored in the printer memory and during the print operation. DEMAND can only come true if READY is true and the operator has placed the Printer ON-LINE. |
| STROBE | User | Indicates when Printer is to accept the information on data lines. Each time the STROBE signal occurs, the Printer samples the data lines and DEMAND goes false while the character is stored. |
| DATA | User | Coded information transmitted from the processor to the Printer on seven data lines. Each character of the USASCII-1968 character set is transmitted on the seven parallel data lines. |

## Chapter 3

## Installation and Checkout

Although installation and checkout of the LP08 Line Printer and Interface are not a customer function, this chapter contains brief descriptions of the various procedures involved, for informational purposes only.

## CAUTION

The LP08 Line Printer and Interface are installed on-site by DEC Field Service personnel. No attempt should be made by customer personnel to unpack, inspect, install, check out, or service the equipment.

### 3.1 SPACE REQUIREMENTS

In planning the installation facility to accommodate the Printer, sufficient space must be allowed for operating and maintenance personnel.

The physical size and shape of the Line Printer and the overall clearances required for opening the associated front and rear doors, drum gate, and cage are shown in Figure 3-1.

### 3.2 UNPACKING THE LINE PRINTER AND INTERFACE

First place the Line Printer/Interface in close proximity to the ac power source, then unpack them as follows:

Step
1 Cut the two steel straps that secure the telescoping cap and stitched sleeve to the shipping skid.

2 Remove the Tri-wall clips from all four sides of the stitched sleeve.
3 Remove the four bolts, washers, and nuts securing the Line Printer to the shipping skid, then remove the Printer from the skid and install in the site.

4
Unpack the three Flex-print I/O to Interface cables and the single twisted pair Interface to the Line Printer cable, and install them as indicated in the Interface Installation section of this chapter.


Figure 3-1 LP08 Line Printer Installation Diagram

### 3.3 INSPECTION

After removing the Printer and Interface packing material, inspect them and report any damage to the local DEC sales office. Inspection procedures are as follows:
Step

1 $\quad$| Inspect external surfaces of the Printer and Interface for surface, bezel, |
| :--- |
| switch, and light damage, etc. |

### 3.4 INTERFACE INSTALLATION

Before the Line Printer and Interface can be made operational, the logic mounting panel and associated LP08-P (for positive bus devices) or the LP08-N (for negative bus devices) logic must be installed in a cabinet rack and interconnected to the LPO8 and the user's computer I/O bus.

The cable, with the Flexprint card connector on one end and a conventional connector on the other end, must be connected between the logic mounting panel and the Line Printer. The card connector is inserted in logic mounting panel slot A8, and the other end is inserted in the connector on the rear of the Line Printer. Refer to Module Utilization Diagrams D-MU-LP08-P-03 and D-MU-LP08-N-03.

The I/O Flexprint cables with cable card connectors on both ends must be connected from logic mounting panel slots A1 (BAC bits and BIOP pulses), A2 (BMB bits), and A3 (BAC bits, interrupt bus, and skip bus) to any point on the user's computer I/O bus. See Table 3-1.

It is suggested that the Line Printer ac power cord be plugged into the receptacle on the rear of the LP08-P or LP08-N associated power supply so that both computer power and Line Printer Interface power will be shut down at the same time.

Table 3-1
I/O Cable Terminations

| Interface Logic Mounting Panel Module Slot | Computer Module Slot |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PDP-8 |  | PDP-8/I |  | PDP-8L |
| A1 |  | ME34 |  |  | D36 |
|  |  | MF34 |  |  |  |
| A2 |  | ME35 |  |  | D35 |
|  |  | MF35 |  |  |  |
| A3 |  |  |  |  | D34 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: (1) and (2) indicate the side of the connector block from which the signals originate.

### 3.5 CHECKOUT PROCEDURE

### 3.5.1 Testing

After the Line Printer and Interface have been unpacked and installed on-site, the following tests are performed by DEC Service personnel:

## Step Procedure

1 Turn the main power supply maintenance panel ac power circuit breaker switch to OFF.

2 Be certain that the Interface cable is securely connected to the rear of the Line Printer; then install the ribbon in the Printer .

3
Turn the static eliminator on.
4 Insert the one-part Moore Business Form paper in the Printer so that it covers the print hammers and the BOTTOM PAPER OUT switch S5, but not the TOP PAPER OUT switch S4.

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Turn the main ac power circuit breaker switch ON, and ascertain that the READY light does not illuminate but the PAPER FAULT light does.

6 Turn the power supply maintenance panel circuit breaker switch OFF and place the one-part Moore Business Form paper in the Printer so that it covers the print hammers and the TOP PAPER OUT switch 54 , but not the BOTTOM PAPER OUT switch S5.

Turn the ac power circuit breaker switch $O N$ and ascertain that the READY light does not illuminate but the PAPER FAULT light does.

15 Excluding Part one of Test one of the diagnostic program, run all other

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Open the drum gate and remove the paper. Activate the TOP OF FORM switch and place continuous-form paper in the Printer, with the paper perforations lined up to the arrows.
If necessary, adjust the right TRACTOR PAPER WIDTH AD JUS TMENT to obtain the correct width and the TRACTOR HORIZONTAL TENSION ADJUSTMENT to obtain the correct tension.

Close the drum gate and make certain that the READY light illuminates within 15 seconds. Check the TOP OF FORM and PAPER STEP switches for correct operation.
0 Turn the ON LINE/OFF LINE switch to the ON LINE position and check the TOP OF FORM and PAPER STEP switches to be certain they do not operate.

With the ON LINE/OFF LINE switch set in the ON LINE position, activate the power supply maintenance panel MASTER CLEAR switch. Check both the TOP OF FORM and PAPER STEP switches to be certain they operate.
Turn the ON LINE/OFF LINE switch to the ON LINE position and start running the MAINDEC-8/I-D2AA diagnostic program, starting at Part one of Step one. While the Program is running, adjust the vertical paper adjustment vernier.

Stop the running of the diagnostic program and depress the power supply maintenance panel PRINT INHIBIT switch and set the ON LINE/OFF LINE switch to ON LINE. Restart the diagnostic program from Part one of Test one.

The PRINT INHIBIT light should illuminate and the diagnostic program should continue to run as it did in Step 10. Continue running the program for one minute.

With the ON LINE/OFF LINE switch in the ON LINE position, set the PRINT INHIBIT switch to OFF. Check the Line Printer for printout errors. parts of the program for one hour, using single-part paper. The test should be run with the Printer operating from both a 117 Vac 60 -cycle source and a 220 Vac 50 -cycle source.
Check the right tractor for correct adjustment and make certain that the COPIES CONTROL switch is set to the 1-2 position. Inspect all Printer printouts for errors and compare them to the enclosed factory-printed samples.

### 3.5.2 Accompanying Documents

One LP08 Line Printer print set and one LP08 Line Printer MAINDEC-8/I-D2AA program are supplied with the LP08 equipment.

### 3.5.3 Test Equipment

Any one of the PDP-8 family of computers, one Teletype, Model 33 ASR, and one box of single-part paper (supplied with the Line Printer) comprise the checkout testing equipment.

## Chapter 4

## Programming the LP08

### 4.1 FUNCTION OF INTERFACE

The LP08 Line Printer/Interface is specifically designed to emulate the Teletype code structure; there is, therefore, a corresponding Line Printer command for each Teletype printer command. In addition, three other commands are available that allow the user to remove the Line Printer from the interrupt bus and detect Line Printer hardware errors. Thus, a user can easily alter a program that is Teleprinterbound to an output on the Line Printer. The Line Printer does not utilize a conventional vertical format unit to control paper motions, but rather responds to ASCII code in precisely the same manner as a Teleprinter.

The Line Printer print rate varies between 356 and $1110 \mathrm{lpm}(\mathrm{PBC})$, depending upon the printed line length. The Printer prints in segments of 20 characters. If the printed output is left-justified and is between 1 and 20 characters, the print rate will be 1110 lpm ; if the printed output is between 60 and 80 characters per line, the print rate will be 356 lpm . Speed ranges are shown in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1
Printing Speeds

|  | Number of Characters <br> in line | Print <br> Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 64-Character Drum | $1-20$ | 1110 |
|  | $21-40$ | 650 |
|  | $41-60$ | 460 |
| 96-Character Drum | $61-80$ | 356 |
|  | $1-20$ | 843 |
|  | $21-40$ | 478 |
|  | $41-60$ | 330 |
|  | $61-80$ | 253 |

Each printable character is selected from 64 available characters and 3 format control characters by a 7-bit code which is USASCII-1968. The characters are transferred from the computer processor, through the AC (bits 5 through 11), to the 20-character shift register in the Line Printer control.

After either the shift register is full or one of the three ASCII paper feed characters has been transferred, printing of that 20-character sector occurs. If printing occurs because of a full buffer, the Printer control column counter will increment so that the next characters will print on the same line. After 80 characters have been printed on one line, the column counter will automatically reset to column 1 and overprinting will occur if a paper feed command is not transmitted.

The Interface contains a character FLAG which aids the program transfer of printable characters to the Line Printer. When raised, the character FLAG indicates that the Printer is ready to receive another character. This flag is raised in less than two $\mu s$ after a load printer buffer command, for all characters except the twentieth, fortieth, sixtieth or eightieth character transfer. At these discrete times, printing will occur and the FLAG will return in approximately 35 ms .

The character FLAG is also delayed in returning after transmitting a carriage return, line feed, or form feed. The raising of the character FLAG causes a program interrupt to indicate a Printer done condition. The character FLAG will remain up until the next LPC or LCF command is issued. If the Printer detects an inoperative condition, i.e., paper out, paper torn, printer power off, or overheating of the Printer's motor, an interrupt will occur.

The Interface also contains software provision to remove or restore the Printer to the interrupt bus. This allows a user with many peripherals to service them as necessary, and not be interrupted by a low priority printer. When the processor is turned on, the Printer is initialized on the interrupt bus.

### 4.2 IOT PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMANDS

The IOT programming instructions and commands which command the Line Printer, are presented in Table 4-2 .

Table 4-2
IOT Programming Instructions and Commands

| Octal Code | Mnemonic | Function |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6661 | LSF | Skip on character FLAG. The content of the character FLAG is sensed; if it contains a binary 1 , the content of the PC is incremented by one so that the next sequential instruction is skipped. |
| 6662 | LCF | Clear character FLAG. The Line Printer character FLAG is cleared. |
| 6663 | LSR | Skip on error. The level of the ready line is sensed, and, if it is at binary 0 , indicating an error exists, the content of the PC is incremented by one so that the next sequential instruction is skipped. |
| 6664 | LLC | Load Printer buffer. A character is transferred to the Printer buffer from the content of bits 5 through 11 of the AC. |
| 6665 | LSP | Set PIE (program interrupt enable). The PIE flag is set to binary 1 , allowing the setting of the character FLAG or lack of Printer READY to cause an interrupt. |
| 6666 | LPC | Clear character FLAG and load Printer buffer. Microinstruction combination of LCF and LLC. |
| 6667 | LCP | Set Program interrupt disable. The PIE flag is set to binary 0 , disallowing the character FLAG and Printer READY to cause an interrupt. |

### 4.3 LINE PRINTER SUBROUTINE

Any Teletype subroutine presently used can be changed to output on the Printer by changing the device code from 04 to 66 . The only exception is a program that depends on the Printer flag not returning in less than 100 ms .

The following represents a typical Teletype subroutine rewritten for the LP08 Printer.

| PRINT | $\emptyset$ | /Store return address |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | LSF | /is Printer free |
|  | JMP . -1 | /No, inquire again |
|  | LPC | /Yes, output character |
|  | CLA | /Clear character from AC |
|  | JMP I PRINT | /Continue main program |

The above sequence is accessed by a JMS instruction each time a character is to be output. It is assumed that the character code is in the AC .

More efficient routines can be written to output if all the output information is known upon entering the routine. The following subroutine prints a string of 100 characters, starting in location 2000:

| PRINT | $\emptyset$ | /Store return address |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CLA | /Clear AC |
|  | TAD ADDR | /Load in character address |
|  | DCA TEMPI | /Store in auto-index register |
|  | TAD COUNT | /Load character counter |
|  | DCA TEMP2 | /Store counter |
| DOIT | LSF | /Is Printer free |
|  | JMP DOIT | /No, inquire again |
|  | TAD I TEMP1 | Yes, load character |
|  | LPC | / Output character |
|  | ISZ TEMP2 | /Is text string complete |
|  | JMP DOIT | /No, continue |
|  | JMP I PRINT | Yes, continue |
| ADDR, | 1777 | /Initial character address |
| TEMP 2, | -144 | $/$ Character counter $=1 \varnothing \varnothing$ decimal |
|  | $\emptyset$ | /Current character address |
|  | TEMP $1=1 \varnothing$ | /Auto-index register definition |

## Chapter 5 <br> Circuit Analysis

### 5.1 GENERAL

The following sections present a detailed descriptive analysis of the LP08 Interface logic. See Engineering Drawings LP08-P-01 and D-BS-LP08-N-01.

### 5.2 PRINTER TO INTERFACE SIGNALS

To identify the operational state of the Line Printer in use, the two signals READY and DEMAND are fed from the Line Printer to the Interface logic. The READY signal indicates that Line Printer ac power is on, the paper interlocks are closed, and the character drum motor is up to speed and is not overheating. When the Line Printer indicates it is able to accept another printable character, DEMAND then goes high. When DEMAND goes low after receipt of STROBE L, it remains in this state, accepting data from the seven input DATA lines, 05 through 11.

Eight input lines originate from the Interface logic and terminate in the Line Printer. Seven are DATA lines and the eighth is the STROBE line. When the STROBE signal goes high, the data on the seven DATA lines is parallel-transferred to the Line Printer, making DEMAND go low until the Printer logic shifts the printable character into its associated memory.

### 5.3 PROCESSOR TO INTERFACE

The Computer processor is interconnected to the Interface by the BAC05 through 11, BMB03 through 11, BIOP1, -2 , and -4 ; and the B INIT lines. BAC05 through BAC11 bits are brought into the Interface DATA lines, BMB bits 03 through 08 are brought in as the device selectors, BMB bits 09 through 11 are brought in to decode the three additional commands for the device code, the three IOP pulses are brought in to generate the IOT codes, and the B INIT is brought in as the initialize line.

### 5.4 INITIAL TURN-ON OF COMPUTER POWER

When computer power is initially turned on, or its associated KEY switch is activated, B INIT H is generated within the computer and fed to the Interface program interrupt enable flip-flop PIE, thus, setting it to the one state placing the Line Printer on the Interrupt bus. The PIE flip-flop can be either direct-cleared to its zero state or direct-set to its one state while under program control.

The character FLAG flip-flop is set to its one state when the DEMAND line from the Line Printer is high. The only way DEMAND can go high is when the Line Printer is ready for operation and has been manually placed ON-LINE. Therefore, the Printer is on the interrupt bus and the character FLAG is raised after it has been turned on and has been placed ON-LINE.

### 5.5 IOT COMMANDS

When an IOT command is being executed and memory buffer bits 03 through 08 define the 66 device code, the device selector network generates IOT 1, IOT 2, and IOT 4, which are not directly used but gated with memory buffer bits 09 through 11 to generate the $P$ SKF, $P$ CLF, $P$ SKE, $P S T B, P S I E$, and P CIE levels.

### 5.6 MEMORY BUFFER BITS

If the three low-order memory buffer bits MB09 through 11 form a binary two, P CLF is generated to clear the character FLAG flip-flop. If these kits form a binary three, PSKE is generated and gated with READY from the Line Printer. If READY is not true, it generates a high output pulse, which is connected to the computer skip bus through SKIP.

If the three low-order memory buffer bits form a binary four, P STB is generated and gated with a ground level raising STROBE, which is the Line Printer input strobe signal. STROBE is terminated by DEMAND, which returns to the true condition.

If the three low-order memory buffer bits form a binary five, P SIE is generated, resetting the program interrupt enable PIE flip-flop to its one state, thus, allowing program interrupt requests to be transmitted to the program interrupt bus.

If BMB bit 09 and 10 form a binary six, P SKF is generated and gated with FLAG such that, if FLAG is low, SKIP is generated and returned to the processor, causing the program counter to be incremented.

When the three memory buffer bits form a binary seven, P CIE is generated, direct-clearing the PIE flip-flop to its zero state, thus disallowing program interrupts to be transmitted to the interrupt bus of the processor.

### 5.7 OUTPUT DATA LINES

The output data lines from the M623 module have been terminated in the Printer controller 100 ohms to +5 Vdc to minimize ringing of the signals in the twisted pair $25-\mathrm{ft}$ cable connecting the Interface and the Line Printer.

## Chapter 6

## Maintenance

### 6.1 GENERAL

To ensure maximum life and operating efficiency in the Line Printer and Interface, a regular preventive maintenance schedule must be established. Unnecessary adjustments should not be made to the Printer; such adjustments can alter its performance and cause time-consuming maintenance.

## NOTE

For comprehensive maintenance information, refer to Section 5 in the Data Products Corporation Technical Manual.

Periodically inspect the Printer for any evidence of component overheating that would discolor resistors and wiring insulation, thereby causing breakage and erroneous operation. Replace any questionable component or module.

Keep the equipment as clean and dry as possible. An air blower or brush with long soft bristles makes an excellent dust remover. A high-pressure air hose is not recommended, as it can cause dust particles to scratch internal surfaces and components.

Before installing replacement parts, check the circuit to determine the cause of failure. When performing tests or alignment procedures on the Printer, the input signal conditions must also be checked, because waveform outputs are dependent on these signals.

The logic modules used in the Line Printer are shown in the following Module Schematics:

| C-CS-M100-0-1 | B-CS-M101-0-1 | B-CS-M111-0-1 | B-CS-M906-0-1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C-CS-M102-0-1 | B-CS-M103-0-1 | B-CS-M115-0-1 | B-CS-M216-0-1 |

For the Interface I/O interconnecting cables for positive and negative logic, see Engineering Drawings D-IC-LP08-P-02 and D-IC-LP08-N-02 .

### 6.2 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

The following preventive maintenance data will enable the user to maintain the Line Printer and Interface in peak operating condition and detect problems before they affect their operational characteristics.

At periodic intervals, not to exceed 90 days, the Printer/Interface electrical and mechanical components should be inspected for excessive buildup of dust and dirt, wear of mechanical components (such as the ribbon drive), loose wiring connections and hardware components, burnt contacts, and any other evident irregularities.

The operational characteristics of the Printer should be periodically checked by using the MAINDEC-8/I-D2AA diagnostic programs. Diagnostic programs, combined with pulse checking, is suggested for locating circuit problems. Logic modules and connections should be checked for proper seating in their connectors.

### 6.3 THRESHOLD ADJUSTMENT

The only adjustment which compensates for the inclusion of the Interface circuit is the mounting of Data Products Corporation Receiver Card AK-10 in their associated card location rack, slot 14 (see Figure 5-2, Data Products Corporation Technical Manual).

To maintain proper voltage, perform the following: Connect an oscilloscope probe to the Receiver Card AK-10 test point TP-M (REF VOLTAGE) and adjust the reference voltage generator Q1 control until the threshold level of the seven input data lines is $1 / 2$ of a logical one or is 2.5 V . TP-M is the common test point for all seven input data lines. (See Figures 6-13 and 6-19 in the Data Products Corporation Technical Manual.)

### 6.4 DRAWINGS

Module Schematics pertinent to the LP08 Line Printer Interface are listed in Table 6-1; engineering drawings in Table 6-2.

Table 6-1
LP08 Module Schematics

| Module Schematic No. | Title | Rev. | Page |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| B-CS-M101-0-1 | Bus Data Interface M101 | -- | $6-4$ |
| B-CS-M216-0-1 | Six Flip-Flops M216 | B | $6-4$ |
| B-CS-M103-0-1 | Device Selector M103 | A | $6-5$ |

Table 6-1 (Cont)
LP08 Module Schematics

| Module Schematic No. | Title | Rev. | Page |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| B-CS-M111-0-1 | Inverter M111 | A | $6-5$ |
| B-CS-M115-0-1 | 8 3-Input NAND Gates M115 | C | $6-6$ |
| B-CS-M906-0-1 | Cable Terminator M906 | B | $6-6$ |
| C-CS-M100-0-1 | Bus Data Interface M100 | -- | $6-7$ |
| C-CS-M102-0-1 | Device Selector M102 | -- | $6-8$ |

Table 6-2
LP08 Engineering Drawings

| Engineering Drawing No. | Title | Rev. | Page |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| D-IC-LP08-P-02 | I/O Connectors Positive Bus | -- | $6-9$ |
| D-IC-LPO8-N-02 | I/O Connectors Negative Bus | -- | $6-11$ |
| D-BS-LP08-P-01 | Positive Interface Logic | A | $6-13$ |
| D-BS-LP08-N-01 | Negative Interface Logic | C | $6-15$ |
| D-MU-LP08-P-03 | Module Utilization | A | $6-17$ |
| D-MU-LP08-N-03 | Module Utilization | -- | $6-19$ |


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NOTES:
PIN 7 ON EACH IC = OND
PIN 14 ON EACH IC $=+5 \mathrm{~V}$















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