

REX

User's Manual

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CONGRATULATIONS on the purchase of your PT-68K2/K4. I have been selling and using Peripheral Technology products for the past 10 years and my customers and I are very happy with their products, service and support. Since 1978 I have been developing business oriented programs for the Motorola 6800 & 6809 and I am now converting them to the 68000. The following products are available from Palm Beach Software.

EDDI a screen editor and formatter. \$50.00

EDDI has 62 key commands to completely manage the text and screen display, and 22 formatting commands to control the printed output. It is also convenient for use as a program editor supporting line numbers, tab stops and macro keys. A spelling helper, synonym finder and other DOS utilities are available without exiting EDDI. Two banks of memory are supported so that you can edit two files and move data back and forth. DOCUMAKER (a boiler plate document creator) and MERGER (personalized name, text and address insertion) will be available in late 1992.

SPELLB a 160,000 word spelling checker. \$50.00

SPELLB has been around in the 6809 version for 11 years. It is still on version 1.0 and I have only fixed two misspellings.

ASMK a native code assembler. \$25.00

ASMK is a bare bones, native code, 68000 assembler. It does not have macros or conditional assembly and you must have enough memory to hold the complete source and object code. The syntax is similar to other 6800 and 6809 assemblers which were common to the SS-50 world. It is very fast.

SUBCAT a sub-directory manager. \$25.00

SUBCAT is a program that will allow multiple directories; setup in a tree structure on a disk. The disk directory is not altered and is still the primary source of information about each file. Each entry has a 36 byte message area where you can keep a description of the file and its contents. A long block of reverse video is moved to select an entry and now you can execute the following operations on the selected file. Assemble, copy, delete, edit, get or execute, help, kill, install, load, enter message, rename and view. Other operations; backup, execute DOS command, scan, update, zap and exit can be done from any position. Two other commands are user definable. In essence you can create a tree like catalog structure and then manipulate the files in these catalogs as an independent directory.

KRACKER a disassembler program. \$25.00

KRACKER will allow you to scan through a program to create a memory map of code, text, tables, etc. When the memory map is completed you can create a source code file to disk, printer, or terminal.

NAMES a Name and Address manager. \$25.00

NAMES allows you to make a Data base of names, addresses, phone numbers, and remarks. You can now print labels, telephone directors and address list, sorted on ID#, Name, Address, Zip code, Telephone # and Remarks

MOZART a music editor (requires special card) \$25.00

INTRODUCTION

REX is a single user disk operating system for the 680XX microcomputer. The syntax and overall look and feel is based on a disk operating system from Digital Equipment's PDP-11 series. Any resemblance to other operating systems is purely coincidental.

There are 3 divisions to REX, the Disk Operating System, the File Management System and the Utility Command Group. Each of these will be explained in its own section.

REX version 4 is for the PT-68-K2/K4 and version 5 is for the CD-020. The only differences between the two is the addresses of the printer drivers and the floppy disk drivers. The convention of REXK? will be used throughout this manual and you should use the version supplied on the system disk. Instructions for REXK4 which are different than for REXK5 will be in parentheses ().

Getting STARTED

The System disk which is supplied for the CD-020 is a HD disk prepared for either a 3.5" 1.4 meg drive or a 5.25" 1.2 meg drive. If you don't have that type of floppy drive you must make a special request for the proper disk. The drive must be addressed as Drive #0 and connected to the 37C65 disk controller. The System disk which is supplied with the PT-68-K2/K4 is a 720K disk in either 3.5" or 5.25" size. The drive must be addressed as Drive #0 and connected to the 1772 disc controller. Drive #0 is the end connection on the IBM type 34 pin cable, after the twist. The jumper on the drive must be in the second drive position.

When you turn the computer on you should have "MONK:" displayed on the screen, if you don't check the Monk manual. Insert the system disk in drive #0, be sure the write protect tab is in place, and press the "V" key to load REX. Unless your clock has been set you will be asked to enter today's date as Month, Day, Year; do so and you should have "REX:" displayed on the screen.

At this point a number of the Utility routines will work. You should try CAT, this will list all the programs on the system disk. Other routines that you might like to try are SETIME, DATE, YEAR, and ASN. The next task is to make a backup copy of your system disk; however, we must have two drives in order to make the COPY utility work. The easiest way to do this is to create a RAM disk.

Check to see if the memory end pointer is set to \$6FFFF(\$FFFF), type MEMEND and the current default value will be displayed. Type MEMEND,6FFFF(FFFF) to set it, then type MEMEND again to see if it changed. Next CAT,7 to see if the RAM disk has been installed, if not then type TURBO,7 to install it. Copy the System disk to the RAM disk with COPY 0,7. When this is finished you must now create a formatted disk. Put a brand new disk in drive #0 and type 7.FORMAT,0. Give the disk a name of SYSTEM and a number of 11, answer the question with a "Y". After the disk is formatted type

7.COPY 7,0. When the copy is complete type LINK 0.REXK?F3.COM for a 3.5" diskette or LINK 0.REXK?F5.COM for a 5.25" diskette. You should now have a working System Disk. It would be a good idea to make several more copies. The Utility routines which you have just used are explained in the Utility Command Section.

The Syntax of a REX command is:

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[Drive #<.>]<Filename>[<.>Extension][<,>Parameters]
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For example; 0.RENAME.COM,1.FILE1.TXT,1.FILE2.TXT

This is the equivalent; RENAME,FILE1,FILE2

The items enclosed in [] are optional while items enclosed in < > are essential. In the above example, if the Drive # is used the <.> must follow the number. If the drive # is not included then REX will use the System Drive # (usually drive #0). The Filename is necessary but the Extension is not, if an Extension is used, it must be preceded by the period. If an extension is not used then an extension of .COM is assumed for the first filename in a command. The first parameter filename of 1.FILE1.TXT can be shortened to FILE1. REX will use the working drive # if a drive # is not specified and the RENAME utility will default to a .TXT extension if it is missing. The second parameter works about the same. The Space is the same as the comma (,) in the file specification so you can use which ever is more convenient. e.g RENAME FILE1 FILE2.

The [Drive #<.>]<Filename>[<.>Extension] is called a File specification or filespec for short. Several filespecs will make a Command. Normally there is one Command on a Command Line, but 2 or more could be there if they are separated by the colon (:). See the EXEC utility for an example.

There are two memory resident commands in REX. The first is MON which will return control to MONK, the ROM resident monitor. The second is GET which will load a binary type file but will not run it. The Syntax for GET is: GET,<filespec>.

At this time you need to tell REX what types of Floppy or Hard drives you have connected to the Computer. This is done thru the Utility DRIVESET (please go read the instructions for DRIVESET 3 times.) REX can access up to 10 (0 to 9) Logical Drives. The information that describes these drives is kept in the Drive Info Table (DIT) at \$3B00. The amount of memory that you have in your system is a factor in setting the RAM disks as well as the Track buffers. I suggest that you read through the rest of this manual before you make your decisions.

After REX has booted up and displays or get the date it looks for a file called UPSTART.TXT. If it finds this file it will then execute the contents as though the input was from a keyboard. Assuming that you have got a DRIVE(X), a PRINT(XX) and a TURBO,X that you need to install each time you boot REX you need to put these in the UPSTART.TXT file. Now every time you boot REX these programs will be run and REX will be ready to go. A sample UPSTART.TXT would look like this:

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PRINTAB:DRIVEA:TURBO,7:WORK,1
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The UPSTART provided on your disk is:

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LOGO:SSBANER for REXK5  
MEMEND,FFFF:MEMEND:TURBO,7 for REXK4
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Since REX comes up with system and work drives set to drive #0, the Printer driver would load from drive #0. DRIVEA would also load from that drive. TURBO,7 and WORK,1 would load from what ever Drive #0 that you specified in DRIVEA. If you have a hard disk you might want to specify HIDE(HARD) as the first entry in UPSTART and then DRIVEH. If HO is now LO, the rest of the entries would load from the Hard drive a much faster process.

If you want to boot from the Hard drive you must prepare a version of REXDOS that loads the HIDE(HARD) along with REX. e.g APPEND,REXK?I.COM,HIDE.COM,REXDOS.SYS. Copy REXDOS to the Hard disk and link it. Make sure that the DRIVEH is on the hard disk and any other routines that you will put in UPSTART. Create an UPSTART.TXT with EDD, put it on the Hard disk, go to MONK (MON) and enter "W". Now that's a fast boot.

REX supports two printers #1 and #2. These can be either parallel at PORTA, PORTB, or Serial at COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4. Once the printer drivers are set to your hardware selection and the printer connected, you direct output to the printer by putting a "P" before the command. e.g. P,CAT would output the catalog of the working drive to printer #1. There are a number of "P" commands PS will print small (16 cpi) on #1 while PS2 will print small on #2.

THE DISK OPERATING SYSTEM

The DOS has a number of user accessible variables and subroutines. The addresses of these routines are in a file called REXEQU.TXT, which is supplied.

GLOBAL VARIABLES

\$2300	BSPCHR	Backspace character
\$2301	DELCHR	Delete character
\$2302	EOLCHR	End of line character
\$2303	DEPTH	Screen display line count
\$2304	WIDTH	Screen display max column count
\$2305	NULLS	Pad count for teletype terminal
\$2306	TABCHR	Tab character
\$2307	BSECHR	Backspace echo character
\$2308	EJECT	Page eject count
\$2309	PAUSE	Pause control count
\$230A	ESCCHR	Escape character
\$230B	SDRN	System drive number
\$230C	WDRN	Working drive number
\$230D	SYSFLG	Use system drive flag
\$230E	SYSMON	System month
\$230F	SYSDAY	System day
\$2310	SYSYER	System year
\$2311	LSTTRM	Last line terminator character
\$2312	USRCMD	User command table pointer
\$2316	LBPTR	Line buffer pointer
\$231A	ESCRET	Escape return pointer
\$231E	CURCHR	Current character
\$231F	PREVCH	Previous character
\$2320	CURLCT	Current line number
\$2321	XFRFLG	Transfer flag
\$2322	TFRADR	Transfer address
\$2326	OFFLAD	Loader offset address
\$232A	ERRTYP	Error type
\$232B	IOFLAG	Special I/O flag
\$232C	OUTSWT	Output switch
\$232D	INSWT	Input switch
\$2336	DOCMDF	Command flag
\$2337	CURCOL	Current output column
\$2338	MEMEND	Memory end pointer
\$233C	LODADR	Binary load address

USER CALLABLE DISK OPERATING SYSTEM ROUTINES

- \$2400 COLDS Cold start address.
- \$2404 WARMS Warm start address.
- \$2408 RENTER Re-enter main loop.
- \$240C INCH Input character. (user changeable)
- \$2410 INCH2 Input character.
- \$2414 OUTCH Output character. (user changeable)
- \$2418 OUTCH2 Output character.
- \$241C GETCHR Get character.
- \$2420 PUTCHR Put character.
- \$2424 INBUFF Input into buffer.
Input from the keyboard to the LINBUF. The delete character, backspace character, CR and LF are recognized, all other control codes are ignored. The cancel (CTL X) will prompt (???) and reenter INBUFF. The backspace will go back to the beginning of the buffer but not before it. The LF will echo the CR/LF to the terminal but only place a space in the buffer. The CR will terminate input and will be placed in the buffer. A maximum of 128 entries are allowed. On exit the LBPTR is pointing to the first character in the Line buffer.
- \$2428 PSTRNG Print string.
A1 points to the first character of string. A CR/LF is output and then the string is output until a \$04 is encountered. On exit the A1 register is pointing to the next character after the \$04, all other registers except D0 are preserved.
- \$242C CLASS Classify character.
The character in D0 is tested and if it is an alpha or numeric character the carry is cleared on return. Any other character and the carry is set. All registers are preserved.
- \$2430 PCRLF Output CR/LF.
- \$2434 NXTCH Get next character.
The character in CURCHR is moved to PREVCH and the character pointed by LBPTR is put in CURCHR and D0. More than one space is ignored and the LBPTR is advanced to point to the next character unless the last character was a CR or EOL. Exit is through CLASS and carry will be clear if character is alpha-numeric. All registers

are preserved except DO.

\$2438 RSTRIO Restore I/O vectors.

This routine will set a number of I/O vectors and pointers to their original values. OUTCH is reset to OUTCH2, INCH is reset to INCH2, PAUSE is set on, INSWT, OUTSWT, and IOFLAG are all set to zero.

\$243C GETFIL Get file specification.

A0 must point to the FCB and LBPTR must point to a file specification. The file spec is parsed and the drive #, filename and extension if any, are put in their proper places in the FCB. On exit the carry will be clear if no errors were discovered and LBPTR will be pointing to the first character beyond the separator unless the separator was a CR or EOL. All registers except DO & D7 are preserved.

\$2440 LOAD Load file.

\$2444 SETEXT Set default extension.

A0 should point to the FCB where you want to install the default extension. DO to contain the code character of the extension. If the file specification does not already have an extension, the extension code in DO will be installed. All registers are preserved. The following are legal extension codes, all others are ignored.

0 - BNY	6 - SRC	12 - RCM
1 - TXT	7 - DAT	13 - REL
2 - COM	8 - BAC	14 - MUS
3 - BAS	9 - DIR	15 - PIC
4 - SYS	10 - PRT	16 - GIF
5 - BAK	11 - OUT	

\$2448 OUTDEC Output decimal number.

Will output as a decimal number the binary number contained in DO. If D1 is = \$FF then the decimal number will be output without any leading zeros or spaces. If D1 = 0 then 9 digits will be output with leading zeros as spaces. If D1 = 1 thru 9 then 9-n digits will be output with leading zeros as spaces. The least significant digit will always be output. All registers except DO are preserved.

\$244C OUTHEX Output hexadecimal number.

Will output 2 hex digits from a single byte pointed to by the A1 register. On exit A1 will be pointing to the next byte, DO will contain the last character printed, and all other registers are preserved.

\$2450 RPTERR Report error. See the Error Number List.

- \$2454 GETHEX Get hexadecimal number.
Will read a hexadecimal number from the command line pointed to by LBPTR into D0. Reading will stop on the first non-hex character encountered. Return with NEG set indicates that no entry was made, carry will be set if any character, before the separator, was not a valid hex character. Carry will be clear if a valid hex number was found. All registers except D0 & D7 are preserved.
- \$2458 OUTADR Output address.
A1 points to a 4 byte address which will be output as 8 hex digits. On exit A1 points to the last byte plus one. All registers preserved except A1 & D0.
- \$245C INDEC Input decimal number.
Will read a decimal number from the command line, pointed to by LBPTR, into D0 as a binary number. Reading will stop on the first non-decimal digit encountered. Return with NEG set if no entry, carry will be set if any character, before the separator, was not a valid numeric character and LBPTR will be advanced to the next separator character, which will be in D0. Carry will be clear if a valid decimal number was found. All registers except D0 & D7 are preserved.
- \$2460 DOCMND Call REX as subroutine.
- \$2464 STAT Keyboard check.
The status of the keyboard is checked and if busy, not equal zero is returned. All registers except D7 are preserved.
- \$2468 INCHNE Input character w/o echo.
- \$246C PDATA Print string w/o CR/LF.

PRINTER ROUTINES

\$2F00 PINIT Initialize printer #1.
\$2F04 PCHEK Check if printer #1 busy.
\$2F08 POUT Output to printer #1.
\$2F0C PINIT2 Initialize printer #2.
\$2F10 PCHEK2 Check if printer #2 busy.
\$2F14 POUT2 Output to printer #2.

FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ROUTINES

The File Management System is the link between the DOS and the Disk. It takes care of all the housekeeping without any concern of the user. Access to the FMS is through the File Control Block (FCB). A FCB is a block of 320 bytes of memory and is addressed as follows:

Byte	Description
0	Function Code
1	Error code
2	Status
3	Drive number
4-11	File name
12-14	Extension
15-16	MSW of link pointer
17-16	Starting File address
19-20	Ending File address
21-22	File size
23	File Sector Map
24	Assigned drive #
25-27	File Creation Date
28-29	FCB link pointer
30-31	Current T&S
32-33	Current Record #
34	Data Index
35	Random Index
36-46	Name Buffer
47-49	Current Directory Address
50-52	First Deleted Directory Pointer
53-63	Scratch
59	Space Compression Flag
64-319	Sector Buffer

ENTRY POINTS TO FMS

\$3004 FMSCLS Close all files. Restore the I/O vectors and clear the SIR TABLE

\$3008 FMS Call FMS. A valid function code must be in Byte 0 of the FCB and A0 must be pointing to the FCB. The following Function Codes are valid.

FC	DESCRIPTION
0	Read or Write next byte
1	Open for Read
2	Open for Write
3	Open for Update
4	Close file
5	Rewind file
6	Open Directory
7	Get Information Record
8	Put Information Record
9	Read Single Sector
10	Write single Sector
11	Extend Directory
12	Delete File
13	Rename File
15	Next sequential sector
16	Open System Information Record
17	Get Random Byte from Sector
18	Put Random Byte in Sector
19	Open & Extend file
20	Find next drive
21	Position to Record N
22	Backup one Record

REGISTER USAGE

In any calls to FMS, A0 must be pointing to the FCB. A0 is preserved and if you don't need it for something else, you can set it once and forget it.

A1 is not preserved. It is the source register, it must be pointing to the data to be output etc. It will also be used to output error messages.

A2 thru A6 are always preserved in any calls to REXDOS.

D0 is used to pass data to and from REXDOS. It is not preserved.

D1 is used as a error flag and modifier, it is not preserved

D7 is scratch and not preserved. D2 thru D6 are preserved.

USER COMMAND TABLE

Memory-resident routines can be accessed thru the User Command Table. The command table address is put at USRCMD (\$2312).

The file spec in the user command table must be 8 bytes long, the 8th byte must be \$0. For example;

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DC.B 'REW',0,0,0,0,0
DC.L <VECTOR TO REW>
DC.B 'RENAME',0,0
DC.L RENAME
DC.B 0 Terminate table with $0
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UTILITY COMMAND GROUP

The following conventions will be used in describing the Utilities and the Syntax to use them.

< > Mandatory entry
 [] Optional entry
 () Do not enter, inserted only for clarity
 : necessary to separate 2 or more commands on a command line.
 X Any alpha or numeric character
 filename The name of a file or utility
 filespec The drive #, filename, and extension of a file or program
 drive The drive # to be used
 drive list A list of one or more drive # separated by comas
 match list A set of names or extensions which will limit the execution of the program to only those files which match the names in the match list
 command A collection of filespecs and other data to instruct REX to do something
 command line A list of one or more commands

Most Utilities will display a help message if the syntax is wrong of if a (?) is substituted for the filespec or drive #.

*****ACAT*****

Alphabetized LIST OF DIRECTORY 4 COLUMNS WIDE

Syntax:ACAT<,drive>

*****APPEND*****

CONCATENATE TWO OR MORE FILE TO MAKE ANOTHER FILE

Syntax:APPEND,<filespec>[,filespec],<filespec>

The last filespec is the output file and will contain all of the preceding files.

*****ASN*****

REPORT OR ASSIGN THE SYSTEM AND WORK DRIVES

Syntax:ASN[,W=<drive>][,S=<drive>]

Without any arguments ASN will report the system and work drive numbers. With either or both arguments it will assign new drive number to the work or system drive numbers. See SYSTEM & WORK.

*****BNY2S123*****

MAKE A MOTOROLA FORMAT FILE FROM A REX BINARY FILE

Syntax:BNY2S123,<filespec>

Depending upon the load address of the file. the S1, S2 or S3 format will be used. If a Transfer address is in the file then an S7, S8 or S9 record will terminate the file.

*****BORDERC*****

SET THE BORDER COLOR

Syntax:BORDERC,[color #]

The default color # is 0(no color). Other colors are 1=blue, 2=green, 3=light blue, 4=red, 5=magenta, 6=yellow and 7=white.

*****CASHON (REXK5 only)*****

TURN CACHE ON

Syntax:CASHON

The Cache will be turned on if available.

*****CASHOFF (REXK5 only)*****

TURN CACHE OFF

The Cache will be turned off.

*****CAT*****

LIST THE DIRECTORY OF SELECTED DRIVE

Syntax:CAT[,<drive list>][,<match list>]

The default drive is Work drive and if no match list is entered then all files on the drive will be listed. The match list will limit the listing to only the files which are matched. A number of options are available, if you enter CAT + a help message will be displayed and the options listed with the current settings. The options are:

- A Alphabetize the listing.
- D Display the creation date of file
- F Display the File number.
- M Display with F,S,D options.
- N Include non-existent file in listing

P Paging
R Repeat
S Display file size.

For example: CAT+ADF,1,.COM would display all the .COM files on drive #1 in alphabetical order along with the file number and the creation date.

*****CGS*****

CLEAR THE GRAPHICS SCREEN

Syntax:CGS,[color #]

The Graphics Screen will be cleared
The default color # is 1=blue. Other colors are 2=green, 3=light blue, 4=red, 5=magenta, 6=yellow and 7=white.

*****CHECK*****

CHECK TO SEE IF TWO FILES ARE IDENTICAL

Syntax:CHECK,<filespec>,<filespec>

The program will report that either the two files are identical or that they do not match.

*****CMPBNY*****

COMPARE TWO BINARY TYPE FILES

Syntax:CMPBNY,<filespec>,<filespec>

The two files will be compared and any differences will be reported on the screen.

*****CMPMEM*****

COMPARE A FILE AGAINST MEMORY

Syntax:CMPMEM,<filespec>

The file is checked against memory and any differences are reported on the screen.

*****COPY*****

COPY FILES FROM ONE DRIVE TO ANOTHER DRIVE


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Syntax: COPY[,X],<filespec>,<filespec>
        : COPY[,X],<filespec>,<drive>
        : COPY[,X],<drive>,<drive>[,matchlist]
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There are three different forms of the Copy utility and in addition there are a number of options which can be set. The options are:

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A Copy in alphabetical order
C Allow corrupt files to be copied
D Copy files with a newer date
E Delete the existing destination file
F Copy files by number
K Kill duplicate file on source
L List files without copying
N Copy files not on the destination drive
O Turn off the default options
P Prompt before copying
R Recover file from Track-Sector
S Make a second copy of file
U Use the current DOS date
W Wait for disk change
Z Zap source file after copying
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For example: COPY,DL,0,1,.SRC would list the files with a later date and a .SRC extension on drive #0, that are on drive #1.

*****CS*****

CLEAR THE SCREEN

Syntax:CS

*****CURSORC*****

CHANGE THE CURSOR COLOR

Syntax:CURSORC,[color #]

The default is 77=white. Other colors are 11=blue, 22=green, 33=light blue, 44=red, 55=magenta and 66=brown

*****DATE*****

DISPLAY OR CHANGE THE SYSTEM DATE

Syntax:DATE[,MM,DD,YY]

For example: DATE will display the current system date.
DATE,01,01,90 Will set the system date to Jan 1, 1990.

*****DELETE*****

DELETE FILE FROM DISK

Syntax:DELETE,<filespec>

There is no default extension you must include an extension in the filespec. The filespec will be displayed on the screen and you will be given the opportunity to abort.

*****DISKNAME*****

SERVICE THE DISK NAME, EXTENSION AND CREATION DATE

Syntax:DISKNAME,<drive>

The current name, extension and creation date of the disk in the selected drive will be displayed. You have the option to change it. If you answer "Y" you are asked for the new name, extension, and date. No entry (C/R) will keep the current entry.

*****DRIDE (REXK4 only)*****

Syntax:DRIDE

Combined Disk driver for both MFM and IDE drives.

*****DRIVESET*****

DRIVESET Will service the Drive Information Table (DIT).

Syntax:DRIVESET[,(X)]

If DRIVESET (no (X)) is entered, the DIT currently in REX will be loaded. If a character (0-9,A-Z) is entered after a comma (,) then DRIVESET will load a file DRIVE(X) from the Work Drive. If a (?) is entered then a Help message will be displayed.

DRIVESET will ask for a Logical Drive #. Enter the desired number and press the Return Key. A mask will be displayed on the screen, and depending upon the type of drive, will display the current drive info as normal bright characters. The low intensity characters will describe the data for the selected drive. A 5.25" high density drive will appear as follows:

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00:LOGICAL DRIVE #. ($FF = DESELECTED)
00:TYPE FLAG. (AO=HARD, 0=QUAD, 1=FAST, 2=RAM)
00:DRIVE # (0 - 1)
03:SRT STEP RATE (1 ms INCREMENTS)
01:HLT HEAD LOAD TIME IN 2 ms INCREMENTS (BIT #7 IS 3.5" FLAG)
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14:GPL GAP4B (WRITE GAP AFTER DATA)
 12:MAX SECTORS/TRACK FOR DOUBLE DENSITY
 1C:MAX SECTORS/TRACK FOR HIGH DENSITY

THE HI-LITED HEX BYTES ON THE LEFT ARE THE PARAMETERS FOR THE SELECTED DRIVE. YOU MAY CHANGE THEM BY MOVING THE CURSOR TO THE POSITION AND ENTERING THE NEW HEX DATA. THE NEW DATA WILL BE PLACED IN MEMORY. YOU MAY NOW SELECT OTHER DRIVES OR C/R WILL DISPLAY THE COMPLETE TABLE

If you press the RETURN key instead of selecting a drive, the display of all 10 drives will be put on the screen. Two other hex addresses are also displayed. The track buffer address for the 1772 disk controller and the track buffer address for the 37C65 disk controller. Both of these addresses are set just below 1/2 megabyte which is the minimum memory you can have. If you have more memory and want to move these buffers enter the new hex addresses and enter a control R.

Control X will return to REX without creating a DRIVE(X) file. Control S will ask for the character to name DRIVE and then save the new DRIVE(X) file on the Work drive. Assuming that you selected the character "A", if you type (#).DRIVEA, the new data will be put in the DIT. Control P will print a copy of the DIT if your printer is active.

If you have more than 10 drive devices (I have 16) you can use DRIVE(X) routines to move these drives on line or off line as you see fit. You might have a special disk which has a special DRIVE(X) routine to access a hidden partition on your hard drive that no one else knows about.

The DIT that is supplied with REXK5 is as follows:

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
00	00	00	03	81	10	12	22	3.5" HD DRIVE PHY #0, LOG #0
FF	00	01	03	01	14	12	1C	5.25" HD DRIVE PHY #1, LOG #1
FF	A0	22	88	01	98	00	00	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #0
FF	A0	22	88	00	88	00	32	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #50
FF	A0	22	88	00	88	00	82	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #130
FF	A0	22	88	00	88	00	D2	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #210
FF	A0	22	88	00	88	01	22	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #290
07	02	00	10	00	00	00	10	RAM DRIVE \$100000 - \$2FFFFFF
FF	A0	22	99	01	98	01	32	HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #306
FF	02	00	20	00	00	00	20	RAM DRIVE \$200000 - \$3FFFFFF

37C65 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$7BC00 17,408 BYTES

1772 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$00000 0 BYTES

The DIT that is supplied with REXK4 is as follows:

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
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00 00 00 03 01 14 12 1C 5.25" HD DRIVE PHY #0, LOG #0
FF 00 01 03 81 10 12 22 3.5" HD DRIVE PHY #1, LOG #1
FF 01 07 20 20 FF 0A 12 5.25/3.5" 720k DRIVE P0,L2
FF 80 22 88 00 88 00 00 HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #0
FF 80 22 88 00 88 00 64 HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #100
FF 80 22 88 00 88 01 0E HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #270
FF 80 22 88 00 88 01 B8 HARD DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #440
00 02 00 01 00 00 00 06 RAM DRIVE FROM $10000 - $6FFFFF
FF 01 07 21 21 FF 0A 12 5.25/3.5" 720K DRIVE P1,L8
FF 01 07 22 22 FF 0A 12 5.25/3.5" 720K DRIVE P2,L9

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37C65 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$7D800 10,240 BYTES

1772 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$7C000 6,144 BYTES

The detailed information about the Hard drive will be in the HFORMAT and IFORMAT Utilities and the RAM drive info will be in the TURBO utility.

*****DUMP*****

HEX AND ASCII DUMP OF A FILE

Syntax:DUMP<,filespec>

The default extension is .BNY. A display of each sector of the file will be displayed on the screen in lines of 16 hex characters and on the right their Ascii equivalents.

*****DUP*****

WILL LIST FILES IN FIRST DIRECTORY THAT ARE NOT IN SECOND DIRECTORY.

Syntax:DUP,<drive>,<drive>

*****ECHO*****

WILL ECHO A STRING TO THE OUTPUT DEVICE

Syntax:ECHO,<string>

String is a list of ascii character terminated by a c/r or EOL character. For example, ECHO,Hello World(c/r) would print on the screen "Hello World".

*****EDD*****

MINI EDITOR

Syntax:EDD,<filespec>[,<output filespec>]

The default extension is .TXT, the default drive is the working drive. EDD will display a message and then load the requested file, if that file does not exist EDD will create a new file with that name, clear the screen and display a c/r at the home position and then the cursor. The following commands are available:

CTL "I": Insert text at cursor to limit of buffer
 CTL INS: Insert one line of text
 CTL DEL: Delete line containing the cursor
 INS: Insert 1 space at cursor position
 DEL: Delete 1 character at cursor position
 CTL "E": Enter edit mode (Overlay)
 CTL "Q": Return to DOS saving the text
 "?": Display command instructions
 ESC: Stop and return to command mode
 CTL "X": Return to DOS without save
 LF ARROW: Will move cursor left 1 position
 DN ARROW: Will move cursor down 1 line
 RT ARROW: Will move cursor right 1 position
 UP ARROW: Will move cursor up 1 line

*****EJ*****

WILL EJECT THE PAPER ON PRINTER #1

Syntax:EJ

*****EPBURN*****

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM TO WORK THE BP MICROSYSTEMS EP-1 EPROM BURNER.

Syntax:EPBURN

The EP-1 must be connected to COM3.

*****EXAMINE*****

A FULL FEATURED DISK REPAIR UTILITY

Syntax:EXAMINE,<drive>

Examine will read the SIR and ask if the Track & Sector values are acceptable. The prompt "COMMAND" is issued and the following command are available:

R,<sector address> Read a Sector
 W,<sector address> Write a Sector

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D,<sector address>  Read & display a sector
C,<sector address>  Read & display to EOF
M,<byte number>    Modify sector buffer
F,<filespec>       Read first sector of a file
B,<filespec>       Build link table for a file
T,<addr>,<addr>,<count> move data in memory
S                  Return to REXDOS

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The sector address is in the form of TTSS where TT is the Track and SS is the sector in hexadecimal format. Several other modifiers are available to help trace files:

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+ Will get the next physical sector.
- Will get the previous physical sector
N Will get the next logical sector
P Will get the previous logical sector
= Will keep the current sector

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*****EXEC*****

PROCESS A LIST OF COMMANDS

Syntax:EXEC,<filespec>

The default extension is .TXT. Use EDD or EDDI to create a file containing several commands and EXEC will run the commands just as if you have typed them from the keyboard. For example:

Prepare a file named ALLCAT.TXT like this on the Work drive;

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ECHO,All cat
ACAT,0
ACAT,1
ACAT,7

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Enter EXEC,ALLCAT

The screen should print "All cat" and then list all the files in each drive separately in alphabetical order.

*****FORMAT*****

FORMAT A HD DISK, 1.2 OR 1.4 MEGABYTES

Syntax:FORMAT,<drive>

If the drive # is missing or is illegal (?) a help message will be displayed. You are asked for a "Disk Name", enter up to 8 characters. Next for a Volume number if you don't enter a Volume # a random number will be assigned. If a HD or Quad Disk is not installed at the logical drive # entered you will be informed. Now the Physical drive # will be displayed on the screen and you must

verify that it is correct.

The disk will be formatted with 80 tracks. Then it will be verified to see that all the data is correct. If any byte in a track is bad then that track is unlinked from the free chain of sectors and will not cause any trouble. The disk name extension will be .QDF

In order for a disk to be properly formatted, the correct information must be in the DIT. Correct entries for the HD disk are:

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
00	00	01	03	81	10	12	22	3.50" HD DRIVE PHY #0, LOG #0
01	00	00	03	01	14	12	1C	5.25" HD DRIVE PHY #1, LOG #1

*****FORMATDD (REXK4 only) *****

FORMAT A 720K DOUBLE DENSITY DISK IN A HD TYPE DRIVE

Syntax:FORMATDD,<drive>

If the drive # is missing or is illegal (?) a help message will be displayed. You are asked for a "Disk Name", enter up to 8 characters. Next for a Volume number if you don't enter a Volume # a random number will be assigned. If a HD drive is not installed at the logical drive # entered you will be informed. Now the Physical drive # will be displayed on the screen and you must verify that it is correct.

The disk will be formatted with 80 tracks, 720K, 18 sectors per track. Then it will be verified to see that all the data is correct. If any byte in a track is bad then that track is unlinked from the free chain of sectors and will not cause any trouble. The disk name extension will be .DDF

*****HARD (REXK4 only)*****

Disk driver for the ST-225,251 hard disk or similar drives. For systems that boot from a floppy disk, HARD must be installed before any access to the hard disk. For systems that boot from the hard disk, HARD must be appended to REXK4H.COM and the combined file linked on the hard disk at cylinder #0 and sector 1. Obviously the hard disk must be working from the floppy disk before you can prepare to boot from the hard disk. The hard disk must be formatted with HFORMAT before it can be used.

Example:APPEND 0.REXK4H.COM,0.HARD.COM,0.REXDOS.SYS

*****HFORMAT (REXK4 only)*****

Format a hard disk partition.

Syntax:HFORMAT,<drive #>

The partition on the hard disk will be formatted according to the contents of the DIT for the logical drive # specified. If the logical drive is not a hard drive the program will be aborted.

Setting up a hard disk is quite a problem. Rex can only address 16 megabytes of data so in order to use all of a hard drive you must partition the disk into 2 or more drives. A typical Hard drive (ST-225) has 34 sectors on each track and 4 tracks per cylinder (4 heads). The maximum number of cylinders that can be addressed is 255 which only allows about 8.8 megs per partition. You could increase the size of the partition by having more Logical Sectors per Track. This should be a multiple of 34 (\$22). The current value is 136 (\$88) and the max value could be 238 (\$EE).

You must decide how many partitions and how many cylinders you want for each partition. Since H0, the first partition, will be used for the boot and probably be the system drive it doesn't have to be very large. The setup included on the System disk sets H0 to 100 cylinders, H2 & H3 to 170 cylinders and H4 to the rest of the drive, 174 cylinders. The max cylinder number is 615.

You must now create a DRIVE(X), let's call it DRIVEH, to use when you are using the hard drive. I suggest that you use H0 as L0, Q1 as L1, Q0 as L2, H1 as L4, H2 as L5, H3 as L6 and RAM as L7. The others are not installed (\$FF). Type DRIVEH to install the new DIT and then enter 2.SYSTEM,2. This will make drive #2 the system drive and it will contain your system disk.

Go ahead and enter HFORMAT,0. It will take some time to do the low level formatting and then link and test all the sectors. If some sectors are bad don't get upset as most hard drives do have some bad sectors. REX will unlink the bad sectors and you will never know about them again. If you have not installed HARD do so at this time. Now you may CAT,0 and see how many sectors you have. You might also want to COPY 2,0 to get all the utilities over on the Hard drive. If you set SYSTEM,0 you will be surprised how much faster everything runs. If everything is successful go ahead and format the other Hard drives.

If you need to reserve space for another operating system on the Hard disk, such as OS-9, you will need to set up a dummy hard partition with the offset of the reserved area. HFORMAT will search the DIT for any offset greater than its starting cylinder and use the smallest offset as the partition limit. Of course do not format this dummy partition.

To boot the system put a system disk in L0 and enter "V". Now enter HARD and then DRIVEH. Now go read about UPSTART which

will do that for you.

*****HECHO*****

WILL ECHO TO THE OUTPUT DEVICE THE HEX CHARACTERS THAT FOLLOW

Syntax:HECHO,<hex string>

Hex string is a list of hexadecimal characters
For example, HECHO,D,A,48,65,6C,6C,6F,7
Would output the c/r and l/f then print "Hello" and ring the bell.
*****HIDE*****

Disk driver for the ST-3120 IDE hard disk or similar drives.
For systems that boot from a floppy disk, HIDE must be installed
before any access to the hard disk. For systems that boot from the
hard disk, HIDE must be appended to REXK?I.COM and the combined file
linked on the hard disk at cylinder #0 and sector 1. Obviously the
hard disk must be working from the floppy disk before you can prepare
to boot from the hard disk. The hard disk must be formatted with
IFORMAT before it can be used.

Example:APPEND 0.REXK?I.COM,0.HIDE.COM,0.REXDOS.SYS

To boot from a Hard drive at a partition other than cylinder #0,
or if the DIT parameters are different from the REXK?I DIT, the DIT
for REXDOS must be overlayed with the current table. Get the Hard
drive working from a floppy drive with all your partitions etc.
Now save a copy of the DIT with 'SAVE 1.DITI.BNY,\$3B00,\$3B60'. To
create the REXDOS for the Hard drive enter;

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'APPEND 1.REXK?I.COM,1.DITI.BNY,1.HIDE.COM,1.REXDOS.SYS'
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Copy REXDOS.SYS to drive 0, LINK it and then use LINKIDE to tell
the boot where to find it.

To boot the system from a floppy drive, put a system disk in L0
and enter "V". Now enter HIDE and then DRIVEI. Now go read about
UPSTART which will do that for you.

*****IFORMAT*****

Formatt an IDE hard disk partition.

Syntax:IFORMAT,<drive #>

The partition on the hard disk will be formatted according to the contents of the DIT for the logical drive # specified. If the logical drive is not a hard drive the program will be aborted.

Setting up a hard disk is quite a problem. Rex can only address 16 megabytes of data so in order to use all of a hard drive you must partition the disk into 2 or more drives. A typical IDE drive (ST-3120) has 34 sectors on each track and 12 tracks per cylinder (12 heads). This works out to be 408 Sectors per Cylinder (\$198). The maximum number of logical tracks that can be addressed is 255. You could increase the size of the partition by having more Logical Sectors per Track. This should be a multiple of 34 (\$22). A value of 136 (\$88) will give an 8.8 megabyte partition and the value of 238 (\$EE), about a 15 megabyte partition. The max value is 254 (\$FE), it must be even as IDE sectors are 512 bytes and ours are 256.

You must decide how many partitions and how many cylinders you want for each partition. Since H0, the first partition, will be used for the boot and probably be the system drive it doesn't have to be very large. Two sample DITs are shown below and included on the System disk as DRIVEJ and DRIVEK, they set H0 to 50 cylinders, about 5 megs. H1 thru H6 to 148 cylinders and H7 to the rest of the drive, 86 cylinders. The max cylinder number is 1024.

You now use DRIVESSET to create a DRIVE(X), let's call it DRIVEI, to use when you are using the hard drive. I suggest that you use H0 as L0, Q1 as L1, H1 as L2, H2 as L3, H3 as L4, H4 as L5, H5 as L6, RAM as L7, H6 as L8 & H7 as L9. The entries under TP(type) are A0 for Master Drive and B0 for Slave drive. Type DRIVEI to install the new DIT and then enter 1.SYSTEM,1. This will make drive #1 the system drive and it will contain your system disk.

Go ahead and enter IFORMAT,0. You will be asked for the Last cylinder #, the default is 1024, but you may limit the format to any cylinder. If you enter a C/R the last cylinder will be calculated from the DIT. The starting and ending cylinder numbers will now be displayed and you may abort if necessary. It will take some time to do the high level formatting and then link and test all the sectors. If some sectors are bad don't get upset as most hard drives do have some bad sectors. REX will unlink the bad sectors and you will never know about them again. If you have not installed HIDE do so at this time. Now you may CAT,0 and see how many sectors you have. You might also want to COPY 1,0 to get all the utilities over on the Hard drive. If you set SYSTEM,0 you will be surprised how much faster everything runs. If everything is successful go ahead and format the other Hard drive partitions.

To reserve space for another operating system on the Hard disk,

such as OS-9 or MSDOS, which uses cylinder #0. sectors 1 & 2 for its boot loader, start the REX partitions at a higher cylinder to leave space for the other operating systems. LINK REXDOS as usual on H0 and then use LINKIDE a program that will put the DIT of the selected drive # at location \$F4 of sector 2, Cylinder 0

SAMPLE DIT (DRIVEJ) with 3.5", 1.4 meg drive at physical #0

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
00	A0	22	88	01	98	00	00	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #0 H0
01	00	00	03	81	10	12	22	3.5" HD DRIVE PHY #0, Q0
02	A0	22	EE	01	98	00	32	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #50 H1
03	A0	22	EE	01	98	00	C6	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #198 H2
04	A0	22	EE	01	98	01	5A	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #346 H3
05	A0	22	EE	01	98	01	EE	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #494 H4
06	A0	22	EE	01	98	02	82	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #642 H5
07	02	00	08	00	00	00	08	RAM DRIVE FROM \$80000 - \$FFFFFF
08	A0	22	EE	01	98	03	16	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #790 H6
09	A0	22	88	01	98	03	AA	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #938 H7

37C65 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$7BC00 17,408 BYTES

1772 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$00000 0 BYTES

SAMPLE DIT (DRIVEK) with 5.25", 1.1 meg drive at physical #0

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
00	A0	22	88	01	98	00	00	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #0 H0
01	01	00	03	01	14	12	1C	5.25" HD DRIVE PHY #0, Q0
02	A0	22	EE	01	98	00	32	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #50 H1
03	A0	22	EE	01	98	00	C6	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #198 H2
04	A0	22	EE	01	98	01	5A	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #346 H3
05	A0	22	EE	01	98	01	EE	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #494 H4
06	A0	22	EE	01	98	02	82	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #642 H5
07	02	00	08	00	00	00	08	RAM DRIVE FROM \$80000 - \$FFFFFF
08	A0	22	EE	01	98	03	16	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #790 H6
09	A0	22	88	01	98	03	AA	IDE DRIVE STARTING @ CYL #938 H7

37C65 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$7BC00 17,408 BYTES

1772 TRACK BUFFER ADDRESS \$00000 0 BYTES

In case your IDE drive has more capacity than you can get in 1 DIT, you should split the partitions into 2 or more DITs. It is easy to have several DITs to use for different programing functions. There is no need to have access to your source code when you are doing business tasks. I would suggest that you keep the original DITs that were used to format the IDE drive in a safe place in case you have to reformat some time. Ron Anderson has a set of routines that let you change partitions just as you change directories in MSDOS (CD) and he will be writing about them soon.

*****KEYCHEK*****

WILL DISPLAY IN HEX AND ASCII THE ACTUAL CHARACTER RETURNED FROM A KEY PRESS.

Syntax:KEYCHEK

Control "C" is the exit character and as a result it can't be checked. It is an \$03. Don't Try the PAUSE or Control NUMLOCK on the PC keyboard or the Control Break on a terminal keyboard. If you are writing a program and want to use the Editing or Function keys, this routine will tell you what character will be returned in DO after a call to Trap #1.

*****KRACK*****

DISASSEMBLER FOR MEMORY OR KEYBOARD ENTRY

Syntax:KRACK

A menu will be displayed and you may choose your options.

*****LINK*****

LINK TRACK 0 SECTOR 1 TO THE FILE

Syntax:LINK,<filename>

In order to load the operating system (REXDOS), its address on the disk must be put in Track 0, sector 1, so the loader knows where to start. For example: LINK,0.REXDOS.COM. The default extension is .SYS. Any file can be linked so that other operating systems or programs can be loaded. The program to be loaded must be in REX binary format.

*****LINKHARD (REXK4 only)*****

Syntax:LINKHARD,<drive #>

This routine is used when the REX partition is not located at an offset of \$00. The offset to the REX partition is put at Cylinder #0, Sector #2, Byte \$F4.

*****LINKIDE*****

Syntax:LINKIDE,<drive #>

This routine is used when the REX partition is not located at an offset of \$00. The offset to the REX partition is put at Cylinder #0, Sector #2, Byte \$F4.

*****LIST*****

SEND A FILE TO THE OUTPUT DEVICE

Syntax:LIST,<filespec>

The default extension is .TXT. You may optionally enter a Title to be printed on each page.

*****MAP*****

LIST THE BEGINNING AND ENDING ADDRESSES OF EACH SEGMENT OF A BINARY TYPE FILE.

Syntax:MAP,<filespec>

The default extension is .BNY

*****MEMEND*****

SERVICE THE MEMORY END POINTER

Syntax:MEMEND[,<address>

Without any arguments MEMEND will display the current Memory End Address in REX. If you put a Hex Address after the comma that address will now become the last available address for REX or programs that run under REX. For example: MEMEND,3FFFF will permit REX to use 256K of memory, reserving the rest for other purposes.

*****MAKDISK (REXX4 only)*****

FORMAT A 720K DISK IN THE 1772 TYPE DISK CONTROLLER WITH 1:1 INTERLEAVE

Syntax:MAKDISK,<drive>

Enter the Disk name and then the preset options will be displayed you may accept them and continue, or reject them and enter your own parameters. A disk formatted this way will run slower on the K2 and older machines.

*****NEWDISK (REXX4 only)*****

FORMAT A FLOPPY DISK FOR THE K2 AND OLDER COMPUTERS, USING THE 1772 DC, WITH AN INTERLEAVE OF 3:1, AND OPTIONS FOR DENSITY, SIDES, AND TRACKS

Syntax:NEWDISK

Enter the Disk name and then the preset options will be displayed you may accept them and continue, or reject them and enter your own parameters. A disk formatted this way will run much slower on the K4.

*****OLOAD*****

OFFSET LOADER

Syntax:OLOAD,<filespec>[,<offset>]

The default extension is .BNY. If no offset address is entered then the program will load at its normal address. Offsets can be either negative or positive. For example: OLOAD,O.LIST.COM,1000 would put the LIST utility at \$6000.

*****P10*****

PRINT AT 10 CHARACTERS PER INCH USING EPSON COMMANDS

*****P12STAR*****

PRINT AT 12 CHARACTERS PER INCH USING STAR MICRONICS COMMANDS

*****PDEL*****

PROMPTING DELETE UTILITY

Syntax:PDEL,<drive>[,<match list>]

All file names that match will be displayed on the screen with the option to delete or continue.

*****PE2*****

PRINT 12 CHARACTERS PER INCH ON PRINTER #2

*****PN2*****

PRINT NEAR LETTER QUALITY ON PRINTER #2

*****PNLQ*****

PRINT NEAR LETTER QUALITY ON PRINTER #1

*****PRINT(PRDVR)*****

PRINTER DRIVERS

Syntax:PRINT(XX) (PRDVR(XX))

The (XX) are two characters which determine the ports that printer #1 and printer #2 will use. There are 2 parallel ports on the Computer, PORTA and PORTB, and 4 Serial ports, COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4. The addresses for these ports are in the memory map supplied with MONK. The printer driver that comes installed in REX is PRINTA2, meaning that printer #1 outputs on PORTA, a parallel interface, and printer #2 outputs on COM2, a serial interface. For example: PRINT43 would make printer #1 go to COM4 and printer #2 go to COM3.

*****PS*****

PRINT SMALL (16 CPI) ON PRINTER #1 (EPSON COMMANDS)

*****PS2*****

PRINT SMALL (16 CPI) ON PRINTER #2 (EPSON COMMANDS)

*****RAWKEY*****

DISPLAY PC KEYBOARD KEYPRESS DATA

Syntax:RAWKEY

DISPLAY ON A TERMINAL THE ACTUAL DATA RETURNED BY KEYPRESSES ON THE PC KEYBOARD.

*****REDATE*****

CHANGE FILE CREATION DATE

Syntax:REDATE,<filespec>[,MM,DD,YY]

If the date is omitted or bad then the current system date will be used.

*****RENAME*****

CHANGE THE NAME AND EXTENSION OF A FILE

Syntax:RENAME,<filespec>,<new filespec>

The default extension is .TXT and the default drive is work drive. If no extension is given for the new filespec the old

filespec extension will be used. A drive # in the new filespec is ignored.

*****REVERSE*****

SET REVERSE VIDEO COLOR

Syntax:REVERSE,[color #]

Default is 71 white/blue characters. 24=green/red, 42=red/green, 34=Blue/Red, 43=Red/Blue, 14=Blue/Red, 41=Red/Blue, other combinations are available.

*****SAVE*****

SAVE MEMORY AS A REX BINARY FILE OR AS A MEMORY IMAGE FILE

Syntax:SAVE,<filespec>,<beg addr>,<end addr>[,,+][tran addr]

The default extension is .BNY, unless the (+) option is selected, when an extension of .MEM is forced. The transfer address is ignored if the (+) option is selected and if it is not included in a binary save the file will be saved without a transfer address. If the filespec exists on the destination drive you will be asked if you want to delete it.

*****SAVETEXT*****

SAVE A TEXT FILE TO DISK

Syntax:SAVETEXT,<filespec>,<beg addr>,<end addr>

The data will be saved as a text file with space compression.

*****SCAN*****

A MINI SHELL PROGRAM FOR REX

Syntax:SCAN,<drive>

The default drive is the work drive. The disk directory is displayed in a mask and the following commands are active.

- C - Will copy the Entry under the Cursor from the Work Drive to the Designated Drive
- D - Will Delete the File under the Cursor and remove the Entry from the Catalog
- ESC Will Terminate Viewing and Return to the Catalog
- F - Will Execute a Rex Command.
- / Will enter the File under the Cursor in the command line

H - Will display these Messages
I - Will Install a Binary type File under the Cursor to the Designated Drive with a .COM extension
V - Will View the File under the Cursor
X - Will Exit to Rex

*****SET(XX)*****

INSTALL MODES TO THE VGA CONTROLLER CARD

Syntax:SETXX

The following routines were developed to test the VGA Mode selections of Trap #12.

SET1	- Set Video Mode 1	40x25 Text
SET3	- Set Video Mode 3	80x25 Text
SETE	- Set Video Mode E	640x200 Graphics
SET10	- Set Video Mode 10	640x350 Graphics
SET12	- Set Video Mode 12	640x480 Graphics
SET13	- Set Video Mode 13	320x200 Graphics
SET22	- Set Video Mode 22	132x44 Text
SET23	- Set Video Mode 23	132x25 Text
SET24	- Set Video Mode 24	132x28 Text
SET26	- Set Video Mode 26	80x60 Text
SET29	- Set Video Mode 29	800x600 Graphics
SET2A	- Set Video Mode 2A	100x40 Text
SET2D	- Set Video Mode 2D	640x350 Graphics
SET2E	- Set Video Mode 2E	640x480 Graphics
SET2F	- Set Video Mode 2F	640x400 Graphics
SET30	- Set Video Mode 30	800x600 Graphics
SET37	- Set Video Mode 37	1024x768 Graphics
SET38	- Set Video Mode 38	1024x768 Graphics
SET53	- Set Video Mode 53	80x50 Text

*****SETPC*****

PUT THE PC KEYBOARD AND VGA IN CONTROL

Syntax:SETPC

The Trap #1 and #2 vectors will now point to the PC keyboard and VGA screen routines.

*****SETTERM*****

PUT THE TERMINAL IN CONTROL

Syntax:SETTERM

The Trap #1 and #2 vectors will now point to the Terminal

routines.

*****SETIME*****

SET THE CLOCK AND CALENDAR CHIP

Syntax:SETIME

A menu to start or stop the clock oscillator is displayed. If you are going to store the computer for a while or not use it. Turning the oscillator off will extend the battery life. You will be requested to enter the minutes, hours, am or pm, day of the week, day of the month, month, and year. When you press a character to start the clock it will start with the seconds at 00. Next the correction factor will be displayed and the opportunity to change it. Each correction will change 5.35 seconds per month.

*****SLIDE*****

DISPLAY PICTURE FILES

Syntax:SLIDE,<Filespec>,[Filespec],.....[Filespec]

The default extension is .PIC. The Maximum number of files to be displayed is limited by the LINE BUFFER size of 128 bytes. The ESC character will return to DOS and any other character will display the next picture. Use EXEC to create a larger slide show.

*****SPOOLA*****

Syntax:SPOOLA

SPOOLA is a printer driver for parallel port A which stores the characters to be printed in memory and returns to REX. When the printer is ready to accept a character it interrupts the computer for a few microseconds to get a character to print. This process continues until the document is finished. If you go to MONK or any other program which sets the interrupt mask to level 3 or higher the printing will stop until the mask is cleared. The memory from \$80000 to \$FFFFFF is reserved for Spooling. The SPOOLA loads below \$5000. Multiple documents can be sent to the spooler; however, if the document doesn't do a form feed at the end you should do an EJ command between documents to start the next document at the top of a page. Caution, the RAM disk(TURBO) may conflict with SPOOLA.

*****SYSTEM*****

SET THE SYSTEM DRIVE #

Syntax:SYSTEM[,<drive>]

Without any arguments SYSTEM will display the current system drive #.

*****TCOPY*****

A FAST COPY ROUTINE

Syntax:TCOPY,<source drive>,<dest drive>[,matchlist]

*****TEXTC*****

CHANGE THE TEXT COLOR

Syntax:TEXTC,[color #]

The default is 0E=Black with Yellow characters. 1E=Blue/yellow, 1F=Blue/White, 4E=Red/Yellow, 0F=Black/White, 5F=Magenta/White, 6A=Brown/Green, 70=White/Black, 74=White/Red, other combinations are possible.

*****TFRATE*****

MEASURE THE TRANSFER RATE OF DISK READS

Syntax:TFRATE,<filespec>

The selected file will be read and the elapsed time, byte count, and transfer rate will be displayed.

*****TIME*****

DISPLAY THE TIME AND DATE

Syntax:TIME

The time and date will be displayed on the screen.

*****TIMER*****

MEASURE ELAPSED TIME

Syntax:TIMER

The ESC key will return to DOS. Any other key will start and stop the timer. The elapsed time will be displayed in Microseconds.

*****TURBO*****

INSTALL A RAM DISK

Syntax:TURBO,<drive #>

If a drive # is not entered then the default drive #7 will be installed. If the drive # specified is not a RAM drive you will be informed. If the RAM disk has already been installed you will be informed and the current contents will be retained.

Use DRIVESSET to define the location of a RAM disk. Byte #1 must be \$02 to be RAM drive. Bytes 2-5 are the Starting address of the RAM disk and bytes 6-7 are the number of 64K pages of memory to use.
e.g

LD	TP	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	REMARKS
07	02	00	01	00	00	00	06	390K AT \$10000 AS L7
08	02	00	10	00	00	01	00	1 MEG AT \$100000 AS L8

The max size of a RAM disk is 4 megabytes.

*****VIEW*****

VIEW A FILE

Syntax:VIEW,<filespec>

The default extension is .TXT, the default drive is the work drive. The selected file will be displayed on the screen. The down arrow will move forward one line and the up arrow will move the display backwards 1 line. The ESC will return to REX.

*****WORK*****

SET THE WORK DRIVE #

Syntax:WORK[,<drive>]

Without an argument WORK will display the current work drive #.

*****XTURBO*****

UNINSTALL A TURBO DRIVE

Syntax:XTURBO,<drive #>

The drive # must be included. You will be asked if you want to delete the selected drive, a no answer will return to DOS.

*****YEAR*****

DISPLAY OR CHANGE THE REX YEAR BYTE

Syntax:YEAR[,YY]

YEAR with out any parameters will display the current REX year byte. Followed by a hex number the REX year byte will be changed. For example YEAR,89 would set the year byte to 1989.

*****ZAP*****

DELETE ALL FILES ON DISK

Syntax:ZAP[,drive list][,match list]

For example, ZAP,1,.BAK would delete all files on drive #1 with a .BAK extension.

REX MEMORY MAP

0400	-	0FFF	HARD DISK DRIVER
1000	-	1640	USER FCB'S
1640	-	20FF	REX STACK
2100	-	2240	SYSTEM FCB
2280	-	22FF	LINE BUFFER
2400	-	4FFF	REXDOS
5000	-	5FFF	UTILITY COMMAND SPACE
6000	-	6FFFF	APPLICATION RAM
70000	-	7BBFF	SUBCAT OR OTHER SHELLS
7BC00	-	7FFFF	TRACK BUFFERS
80000	-	100000	SPOOLER RAM
100000	-	3FFFFFF	USER RAM

REX ERROR NUMBERS

ERROR #	Interpretation
1 - - - -	ILLEGAL FUNCTION CODE
2 - - - -	FILE IS IN USE
3 - - - -	FILE EXISTS
4 - - - -	FILE NOT FOUND
5 - - - -	DIRECTORY IS FULL
7 - - - -	ALL DISK SPACE HAS BEEN USED
8 - - - -	READ PAST END OF FILE
9 - - - -	DISK READ ERROR
10 - - - -	DISK WRITE ERROR
11 - - - -	DISK IS WRITE PROTECTED
13 - - - -	ILLEGAL FILE CONTROL BLOCK
14 - - - -	ILLEGAL DISK ADDRESS
15 - - - -	ILLEGAL DRIVE NUMBER
16 - - - -	DRIVE NOT READY
18 - - - -	SYSTEM FILE STATUS ERROR
21 - - - -	ILLEGAL FILE SPECIFICATION
22 - - - -	SYSTEM FILE CLOSE ERROR
26 - - - -	COMMAND SYNTAX ERROR
29 - - - -	SEEK ERROR