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PREFACE

This Software Release Description describes the function of a product that is released for use on all properly configured Series V75, V76, and V77 CPU'S.

This SRD is re-issued with each new release of the product which it describes.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PRODUCT NAME: VORTEX DISK FORMATTERS
VERSION: 5R2.0 TYPE NO.:
SOFTWARE CATEGORY: 1 PROPRIETARY: NO

2.0 PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This product is a composite release of all the VORTEX disc formatters on a single media. It includes formatters for the following disk types: 2822, 2823, 2824, 2825, 2826, 2842, 2843, 8433, F3064, F309x, F3359, 70-7510, 70-7530, and F3770-xx.

NEW FUNCTIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

- o FORMAT-H now zeroes out the disk pack following a surface analysis
- o Addition of FORMAT-G for the Model G.
- o FORMAT-J now supports double sided VORTEX and single sided IBM3740 formats.

4.0 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 SOFTWARE

No additional software is required to support this release. The formatter programs may be loaded using the MAINTAIN III EXEC which is included in this release.

4.2 HARDWARE

An operator console device is required at device address 01. Either a magnetic tape transport, a card reader, or a paper tape reader is required to input the formatter programs.

4.2.1 Memory

There are no specific memory constraints for this product release.

4.2.2 WCS/FPP Boards

WCS/FPP board configuration does not apply to this product release.

4.2.3 CPU Types

This product is not dependent on any particular CPU types; this product is also not restricted on any CPU.

4.2.4 Peripheral and Communications Equipment

Each formatter relates to its respective disk drive. A Model G disk controller must always be configured at an odd numbered address. This means that device address 16 should not be used for Model G disk controllers. The standard address for a Model G disk controller is octal 17.

4.2.5 Terminals

A teletype or CRT is required for operator console device.

4.3 FIRMWARE

There are no firmware requirements.

5.0 DOCUMENTATION

5.1 NEW USER GUIDES AND REFERENCE MANUALS

A user guide to the disk formatters is included as Appendix A to the VORTEX II SYSTEM GENERATION User Guide (UP-9083).

5.2 RELATED MANUALS

None

5.3 CHANGES TO EXISTING USER DOCUMENTATION

Additions and changes to the VORTEX II System Generation User Guide Programmer Reference, UP9083 Revision 2 follow:

1. The following changes should be made to Section A.5 of Appendix A:

The identification message for FORMAT-H on page A-6 is now the following:

THIS IS FORMAT-H VERSION 5R2 -- THE MODEL H DISK FORMATTER

The following should be added on page A-10 at the end of the section on Surface Analysis:

When FORMAT-H performs a surface analysis, an extra pass is now made in which zeroes are written onto the pack. This eliminates the need to reformat the pack after performing a surface analysis.

The following should be added on page A-14 at the end of the section on Disk Modification:

Only one sector can be modified per CHGDSK command. After the first sector has been modified, the subsequent sectors are dumped without the option of modifying them.

2. The following changes should be made to Section

A.7 of Appendix A:

The identification message for FORMAT-G on page A-22 should be the following:

```
"MODEL G DISC FORMATTER [REV. 1.0] ENTER [HELP]
OR [?] FOR ASSISTANCE"
```

Paragraph A.7.1 should be replaced by the following:

"A.7.1 HELP COMMAND

The HELP command provides the operator with a descriptive list of available executive level commands and error codes. The user can type 'HELP' or '?' on the console to receive the following message:

```
'TURN ON SENSE SWITCH 3 TO ABORT COMMAND
PROCESSING
AFTER FG** PROMPT, ENTER ONE OF THESE COMMANDS:
  FORMAT,[CONTROLLER],[BIC],[UNIT],[INTERLEAVE]
  CONTROLLER = CONTROLLER DEVICE ADDRESS
  BIC = BIC DEVICE ADDRESS
  UNIT = DISC UNIT NUMBER (0,1)
  INTERLEAVE = SECTOR INTERLEAVE VALUE
  (DEFAULT = 3)
  RECDMP,[CONTROLLER],[BIC],[UNIT],[CYLNUM],[TRKNUM],[SECNUM],
  [# RECORDS TO DUMP]
  CONTROLLER, BIC, AND UNIT SAME AS
  FORMAT
  CYLNUM = STARTING CYLINDER NUMBER
  TRKNUM = STARTING TRACK NUMBER
  CHGATA,[CONTROLLER],[BIC],[UNIT],[INTERLEAVE],[OAT],[NAT]
  CONTROLLER, BIC, AND UNIT SAME AS
  FORMAT
  OAT = ORIGINAL ALTERNATE TRACK NUMBER
  NAT = NEW ALTERNATE TRACK NUMBER
ENTER CARRIAGE-RETURN TO CONTINUE HELP FILE'
```

Since the HELP message can not fit on the screen at one time, it has been broken up into two messages. When the user hits the carriage return key, the remainder of the HELP message is printed as follows:

```
'MRYDMP,[FWA],[LWA]
      FWA = FIRST WORD ADDRESS OF MEMORY TO
      DUMP
      LWA = LAST WORD ADDRESS OF MEMORY TO
      DUMP
ERROR CODES:
      FG00 UNIT NOT READY OR WRITE PROTECTED
      FG01 COMMAND SYNTAX ERROR
      FG02 COMMAND PARAMETER ERROR
      FG03 HARDWARE MALFUNCTION
      FG04 READ/WRITE I/O ERROR
      FG05 DATA VERIFICATION ERROR DURING
      ANALYSIS' "
```

3. The following should replace Section A.7.2.7 I/O Request Errors on page A-26:

A.7.2.7 I/O Request Errors

If any I/O request to the disk fails for any reason, a message of one of the following types will appear on the console:

Error Message	Description
FG01	Command syntax error
FG02	Command parameter error
FG03,DUG,YYYYYY	Hardware malfunction reported by controller
FG04,cyl,trk,sect	Read/Write I/O Error

A.7.2.7.1 FG03 Error, Hardware Malfunction

An FG03 error message is an indication of a hardware malfunction reported by the controller. It has the following form:

```
FG03,DUG,YYYYYY
```

where:

D
is the symbol for a disk.

U
is the disk unit number.

G
is the disk model code.

YYYYYY
is the disk controller status word.

Disk Controller Status Word Format

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Non Fatal Errors						Disk Drive Size		Error Class		Error Number					

Bits	Description
15	Not used
14	Corrected data error
13	Header ECC error
12	Not used
11	Not used
10	Not used
9-8	Disk drive size - Bits 98 Capacity
	00 14 heads 112 MB
	01 10 heads 78 MB
7-4	Error class
	0 - not used
	1 - parameter and information errors
	2 - BIC and memory errors
	3 - disk drive errors
	4 - controller errors
	5 - loop back test errors
	6 - drive test errors
3-0	Error number within the class

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Error Class	Error Number	Octal Code	Description
1 Parameter & Information Errors	1	21	Invalid cylinder address
	2	22	Invalid head address
	3	23	Invalid sector address
	4	24	Invalid transfer count
2 BIC and Memory Errors	1	41	BIC not active
	2	42	DMA timeout
	3	43	Memory parity error
	4	44	DMA map error
3 Disk Drive Errors	1	61	Disk drive select failure
	2	62	Seek timeout
	3	63	Drive fault
	4	64	Seek error
	5	65	Dual port select timeout
	6	66	Drive not on cylinder
	7	67	Drive not ready
	8	70	Select failure at seek completion
	9	71	Write protect error
	10	72	Disk drive is sectored incorrectly
4 Controller Errors	1	101	End of track
	2	102	Programmatic command abort
	3	103	*Header compare error
	4	104	*Defective track
	5	105	Sector not found
	6	106	*Uncorrectable ECC error
	7	107	**Controller RAM parity error
5 Loop Back Test Errors	1	121	Word ready latch error
	2	122	ECC generator error
	3	123	Disk status signal error
	4	124	Bit counter error
	5	125	Data bus error
	6	126	Sync detect error
6 Drive Test	1	141	Drive test timeout error
	2	142	Drive test bad sector size

Notes: The following notes apply only to disk formatting.

* Recoverable error. Formatter program will assign an alternate sector.

** Unrecoverable error.

All other errors, if persistent, will require investigation by Sperry Univac Customer Engineering personnel.

A.7.2.7.2 FG04, Read/Write I/O Error

An FG04 error message is an indication of a read/write I/O error to a disk sector. It has the following form:

FG04,cyl,trk,sect

where:

cyl
is the cylinder number.

trk
is the track number.

sect
is the sector number.

5.4 LIST OF DOCUMENTATION SHIPPED WITH THE PRODUCT

The VORTEX II SYSTEM GENERATION User Guide is shipped with this product.

6.0 GUIDELINE AND LIMITATIONS

FORMAT-H no longer writes the boot program onto the disk as part of the format operation. The user must now request a boot write operation be performed after the disk has been formatted.

The following information is provided to clarify FORMAT-G. Only tracks with non-ECC correctable errors are listed on OC device. All tracks with bad spots, including ECC correctable errors, are listed on LO device. The track list output by SYSGEN only reflects bad tracks which occur in partitioned areas.

KNOWN PROBLEMS AND RESTRICTIONS

A. KNOWN PROBLEMS

1. When using the DSKDMP and CHGDSK commands in FORMAT-G, FORMAT-H, and FORMAT-J if the ending address is less than the starting address, the program will go into an infinite loop.
2. The CHGDSK command only allows the user to modify one sector per command entry.
3. When using the "F309x and F3359" disk formatter the prompt "IS THIS A 20 MB FIXED DISK?" should be interpreted to mean "IS THIS THE 15 MB PORTION OF A 20 MB DISK?".
4. FORMAT-J copy command does not work properly.
5. FORMAT-G decimal values do not work. Octal values must be specified instead.

8.0 ERROR REPORTING PROCEDURE

Users discovering errors or deficiencies in the performance of the software being released should communicate this information to the local Sperry Univac Branch office, using a Software User Report (SUR), Form UD1-745, to describe the problem encountered. SURs must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, such as system console printouts or legible notes. They should also include the release number, along with a clear description of the problem.

The local Sperry Univac personnel will verify that the errors in question are adequately documented and forward the SUR to:

Sperry Univac MCO

Field Support: SUR Coordinator 6275

2722 Michelson Drive

Irvine, CA 92713

9 CONTENTS OF RELEASE PACKAGE

9.1 GENERATION MEDIA

The VORTEX Disk Formatters release media consists of a single magnetic tape. The tape is a 9-track tape with a density of 800 bpi. The programs can also be ordered on a 9-track, 1600 bpi tape or a 7-track, 556 bpi tape. The programs can also be ordered on cards or on paper tape.

9.2 CONTENTS OF THE GENERATION MEDIA

The release tape contains eight files. The first file contains the object code for MAINTAIN III. The other seven files contain the object code for the disk formatter programs in MAINTAIN III format. The order of the files is as follows:

FILE	CONTENTS	DISK TYPES
1	MAINTAIN III EXEC.	
2	FORMAT-G	F3770-XX
3	FORMAT-H	2825,2826,2842,2843,8433
4	FORMAT-F	F309x,F3359
5	FORMAT-J	F3064
6	FORMAT-34	70-7510
7	FORMAT-35	2822
8	FORMAT-E	2823,2824,70-7530

9.3 DOCUMENTATION

The documentation to be shipped with the release tape consists solely of the Software Release Description.

10.0 INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

For program loading, the MAINTAIN III Executive, which is the first file of the release tape, is first loaded using the appropriate bootstrap routine. The operator then enters the following instructions:

Fm,n

and

Ln[,BIC].

where m is the number of files on the release tape preceding the file containing the appropriate formatter program, and n is the magnetic tape controller number. BIC is the even BIC device address for the magnetic tape drive and need only be included if a Bristol magnetic tape drive is being used.

NEW OR REPLACED MODULES

This new release adds the V\$FMTG module which is the MODEL G Formatter. Also included is an enhanced version of FORMAT-J which additionally supports single-sided IBM3742 format.

12.0 CLOSED SURS

None.