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9 steps to get your programmer going in the fastest time.

1. Unpack programmer, programming module and leads.
2. Plug programming module into programmer.
3. Check voltage on label on back and connect mains.
4. Switch on programmer
5. Ignore message 'Please register'. Press key marked 'I/O'. Display should read

Remote control... LOCAL

6. Connect the D-type to D-type lead to the programmer socket marked PARALLEL and a PC parallel printer port.
7. Insert the CD and follow the instructions.
8. PROMDRIVER will now automatically register your new Programmer.
9. You are now free to run the programmer in remote mode or to press the LOCAL key and use it in stand-alone mode.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please take time to read Appendix I. This explains important facts about software support, and socket lifetime.



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1 Introduction

Overview

Thank you for buying this Programmer. We hope that it meets with your requirements and that it will go on serving you for many years to come. We have designed this equipment to be fast and reliable; in fact we believe that it programs 16 EPROMs faster than any other programmer currently on the market.

Programmers of this versatility are the subject of continuous technical review and the manufacturer reserves the right to change details of the specification for the purposes of product improvement.

This manual describes in detail the operation of the programmer system.

The keyboard arrangement is described in Section 2. Sections 3 to 13 explain the operation of the programmer in stand-alone mode.

Section 14 describes in detail how to operate the programmer in remote mode with our PROMDRIVER software package. It also explains how to use a PC to control pre-programmed production tasks, using Batch mode.

The Appendices include error messages hardware details and methods of adjusting the settings of the programmer to suit yourself.

The list of programmable devices can be found in PROMDRIVER's TYPE SELECTION menu.

Setting up your Programmer

Carefully remove the Programmer from its packaging. You will have been supplied with a programmer chassis with keyboard and display. The Ram module, if you have ordered one, will already be fitted (under the keyboard). There will also be one or more programming modules. Fit one of these into the recess in the main unit, gently pressing it until the connectors engage correctly.

Most programmers in the range automatically select the correct mains voltage (110V or 220/240V). However, check the label on the rear of the chassis to confirm that your local voltage meets the requirement. Using the lead provided, connect the programmer to the mains. The on-off switch is on the back of the programmer, at the left hand side.

Please read appendix D of this manual. It lists some DON'Ts when programming.

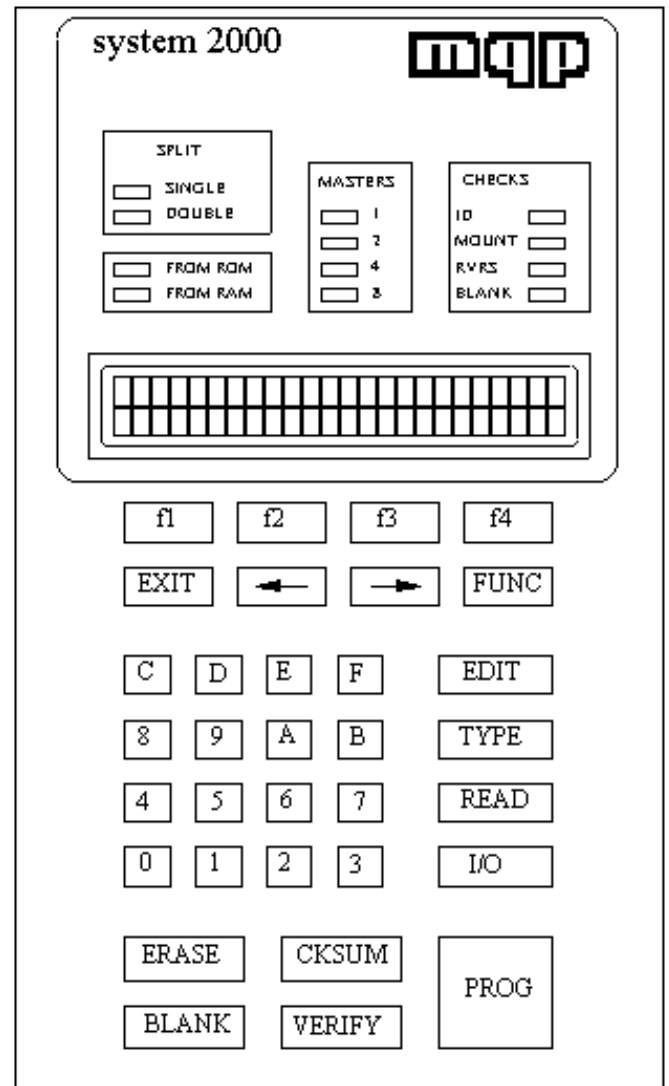
2. Keyboard Arrangement

The keyboard has been ergonomically designed to allow access to a wide range of functions in the smallest number of key presses. In most cases it should not be necessary to refer to a manual, as the use of the programmer should be intuitive.

The main programming commands are single key presses, and the associated keys are emphasised by being larger than the others, with the all-important PROGRAM key largest of all. This will enable untrained personnel to use the programmer with no difficulty in a production environment. A further aid to production is the ability to lock the settings, to prevent accidental changes to them during a production run.

The keyboard is a rubber keymat type with in-built tactile feedback. In addition an optional audible key-click is provided. This provides a positive feel combined with the ability to do fast and reliable numerical entry in EDIT mode.

All functions which are not single key functions are accessed by pressing the FUNC key, when the display will guide the user to the required function in a very small number of key presses.



A system of “soft keys” is used to access editing and settings functions; keys f1 to f4 take on the meaning indicated on the second line of the display. In many cases selections can be changed by means of two cursor keys ← and →. The display will indicate when these may be used. The EXIT key may always be used to exit a function without activating it.

Socket Leds

Next to each programming socket is a status LED. This is used to indicate the results of any operation on the devices in that socket. Each LED can represent a number of different states as follows:

OFF

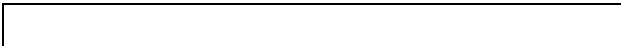
No operation has taken place.

ON WITH SHORT FLASHES OFF



Operation in progress.

ON



Operation was successful

SLOW FLASH



Operation failed.

FAST FLASH



Device or mount error

SHORT FLASH



Socket empty

DOUBLE FLASH



I D error

Sounder

High frequency

Key press and automatic key repeat after holding down the key for half a second (selective keys only)

Medium frequency

Success tone

Low frequency

Error tone

3. TYPE key

On pressing TYPE key

To cater for the differing requirements of users, four methods of device type selection are provided:

TYPE

- AUTO Select type by Silicon Signature
- NAME Select type by Manufacturer and Name
- CODE Select type by 4 digit Device code
- RECALL Select type by recalling stored type

Any of these methods can be accessed by a single key press, after pressing the TYPE key.

TYPE SELECTION			
AUTO	NAME	CODE	RECALL

Press the key under the method of type selection required.

On pressing AUTO

If AUTO is pressed, the programmer will attempt to identify the device in the occupied socket nearest A1. After attempting to identify the device, the socket LEDs will indicate the success or failure of the operation on each device.

- If the first device is identified the socket LED will show steady ON.
- Any other sockets containing identical types will also show steady ON.
- Any sockets containing different types that can be detected will show DOUBLE FLASH cadence.

- In the case of any type error, an error tone will sound to alert the operator, and the sockets with unsuccessful devices will be accompanied by a flashing LED.
- LEDs next to empty sockets will show a distinctive short flash.

The display will give a report, as follows. If all devices in the sockets are of identical types, the display will indicate the type:

NEC	27C8000	
REPORT		OK

On pressing OK (or removing all devices if 'Empty Socket Detect' is enabled) the display will revert to the initial one, and the LEDs are extinguished.

If there was a problem with the identification, an error message is given:

DEVICE OR MOUNT ERROR	OK
-----------------------	----

ID ERROR	OK
----------	----

REVERSE INSERTION ERROR	OK
-------------------------	----

MOUNT ERROR	OK
-------------	----

ADDRESS LINE ERROR	OK
--------------------	----

TYPE NOT RECOGNISED	OK
---------------------	----



ERROR: MIXTURE OF TYPES
OK

ALL SOCKETS EMPTY
OK

On pressing the key under OK, the display will revert to display the currently selected type and the LEDs will be extinguished. Please see appendix D for some special warnings concerning AUTO Typesetting.

On Pressing NAME

NS 27C010
MANU TYPE OK

If NAME is pressed the programmer will allow you to specify the device by manufacturer and type number. Pressing MANU or TYPE will allow the cursor keys to change manufacturer or type. Cursor symbols will flash next to the word MANU or TYPE to indicate which will be affected by the cursor keys. Pressing OK will select the currently displayed type.

On pressing CODE

ENTER 4 DIGIT CODE: 0000
-----:----- OK

Each device type has been assigned a Device code, for easy reference. Enter this code to select the device. The device type will be displayed for reference, or -----:----- if the code is not recognised. The device is the 4 digit hex code found under the ALG key when the device has been selected by one of the other means.

On pressing RECALL

RECALL SETTING FROM 0-F

KEY 0: TI 27C240
CLEAR OK

KEY 0: *NO TYPE*

No information has been stored under this key.

KEY 8: INCORRECT MODULE

The information stored under this key was for a device that can only be programmed using a different programming module, so it cannot be loaded with this module. Pressing any of the digit keys 0-F results in that key's stored setting being displayed. Press OK to accept, or another digit key. See STORE under the FUNC key how to save settings.

Device Notes

After a device has been selected, the top level display will show the type. If there is any special information to be mentioned when making this selection then an asterisk will appear next to the device name, and the F4 soft key will be labelled with the function *NOTE.

INTEL 27C513 *
REPORT *NOTE

Pressing this key will result in a display of the special note. Some examples follow:

OLDER WITH INCORRECT ID
OK



Sometimes a device has been manufactured with the incorrect silicon signature. Choosing this device selection will prevent checking of the signature, thus allowing it to be read or programmed.

OLDER SLOWER ALGORITHM

OK

The manufacturer has manufactured devices with the same name but different algorithms. Choosing this device selection by name gives access to the older (slower) algorithm on those occasions when it is necessary.

RAM MASTER ONLY ALLOWED

OK

Certain devices may not be programmed from devices in the copy socket but must be read into the RAM buffer from socket A1.

WARNING: 21V VPP

OK

This represents a device with the same name as other manufacturers devices having a lower programming voltage (e.g. 12.5V). It must therefore only be used with the correct device, otherwise device damage may result.

PIN CONVERTER REQUIRED

OK

Some device types are catered for on the programmer by using package converters. These devices are identified by this note.

4. EDIT key

On pressing EDIT key

You will be given the option of display (no changes allowed) or edit, on either the memory buffer (if fitted) or a device in one of the sockets. Editing a device directly is mostly appropriate to EEPROMs, Emulators and similar devices where a change is not irrevocable.

EDIT

—	EDIT BUFFER	Edit contents of RAM buffer
—	COPY	Copy a block of data
—	FILL	Fill a block of data
—	NEW	Clear a block of data
—	INVERT	Invert the polarity of a block of data
—	SEEK	Search for a sequence of bytes
—	INSERT	Put into insert mode
—	DELETE	Put into delete mode
—	KILL	Move data down
—	DISPLAY BUFFER	Examine contents of RAM buffer (can't be modified)
—	EDIT DEVICE	[Reserved for future function]
—	DISPLAY DEVICE	Examine contents of device (can't be modified)

--BUFFER---	---	---DEVICE----
DISP	EDIT	DISP EDIT

000000	FF	41	42	FF	.AB.
ADDR	DATA				ED fn

On pressing EDIT BUFFER

A check is made that a RAM module is fitted to the programmer; if not an error message is displayed:

No memory available	OK
---------------------	----

Otherwise the normal buffer editing display appears:

(ED fn means 'select special edit function')

Four bytes are displayed at a time, along with the ASCII equivalents.

The cursor will indicate either a data or an address character which can currently be changed by over-typing using the digit keys 0-F. Switching between changing address and data can be done by pressing the key under ADDR or DATA.

Moving the cursor beyond the end of the current row of data automatically

advances the address to the next row. Holding the cursor key down will result in the address changing at an increasing rate.

Advanced edit functions

More advanced edit functions are accessed by pressing the key under ED fn (edit function). Functions available are displayed four at a time:

←	SELECT EDIT FUNCTION	→
	COPY FILL NEW INVERT	

←	SELECT EDIT FUNCTION	→
	SEEK INSERT DELETE KILL	

Pressing a cursor key accesses a further 4 functions. Pressing the key under the function, selects it.

COPY

COPY:	000000-000000	
TO:	000000-000000	OK

This editing function allows a block of data to be copied from a range of addresses to another range. The cursor keys allow all the addresses concerned to be modified. Note that the 'from' and 'to' ranges will automatically be kept the same size by the programmer.

FILL

FILL:	000000-000000	
WITH:	00	OK

This editing function fills a range of memory addresses with a constant value. The cursor keys allow all the parameters involved to be changed.

NEW

NEW: ALL DATA WILL BE DELETED	OK
--------------------------------------	----

This editing function allows all data in the buffer to be set to the currently defined blank value.

INVERT

INVERT:	000000-000000	
		OK

The polarity of a block of data can be inverted by this editing function.

SEEK

This edit function allows a sequence of bytes to be located in the buffer. You may specify the range over which the search should take place and up to 4 bytes to be searched for. It is possible to specify the search string in ASCII by pressing the → key.

As the keyboard does not support the complete ASCII character set, the ASCII values are set using the DECR and INCR (f2 & f3) keys. After specifying the string press → to return to the hexadecimal display. Press OK to start the search. You will be given the address at which the string was found, or an error tone. Press OK again to search for the next occurrence of the string.

INSERT

Inserting involves moving data in all locations from the cursor upwards to an address one higher than before. This operation is done in the normal editing display, but as a safety



precaution, only after it has been enabled by selecting the INSERT mode to be ON.

INSERT: ON
CHANGE OK

INSERT: OFF
CHANGE OK

On returning to the main edit display the f3 key is now defined as INS (insert).

000000 FF FF FF FF
ADDR DATA INS ED fn

Pressing this key will cause all data in the buffer to move up, starting at the cursor address. This operation will take a second or so.

DELETE

DELETE: ON
CHANGE OK

This is the opposite of insert and accessed in a similar way. The currently defined blank value is written into the top location in memory.

000000 FF FF FF FF
ADDR DATA DEL ED fn

KILL

KILL: 000000-000000
OK

This is a similar operation to delete except that it operates on a block of data bytes. All data above the block is moved down to take its place. The currently defined blank value is written into the top locations in memory.

On pressing DISP BUFFER

Display buffer is similar to Edit buffer except that no changes can be made the buffer contents.

On pressing EDIT DEVICE

On pressing DISP DEVICE

Edit or display device are similar to edit or display buffer except that you must select the device in question.

SELECT THE SOCKET
A1 A2 A3 A4

Possible error messages are:

No type selected
OK

or:

DEVICE/SOCKET FAULTY
OK

5. I/O key

On pressing I/O key

The I/O key is used to allow input and output through the parallel and serial ports located on the back of the programmer.

If communications have been set up to HOST IS A PC (see COMMS, HOST under the FUNC key) then control will pass to the PROMDRIVER program running on a PC, and the following is displayed:

Remote control	LOCAL
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When it is possible to return control to the programmer, this can be achieved by pressing the LOCAL key.

If communications have been set up to HOST IS A NON-PC, you will be offered the choice of inputting or outputting data via the selected port.

I/O

INPUT	FORMAT Select Input file format
PARAMS	Select first RAM and file address
OUTPUT	FORMAT Select Output file format
PARAMS	Select RAM range and first file address

It is assumed that you have connected the appropriate port via a suitable lead to the communicating device, and set up the correct parameters for the transfer (under FUNC, COMMS). See Appendix H for connections details. The safest procedure is to enable the receiving end first and then the sending end, although if using hardware

handshaking it should be possible to start either end first.

SELECT I/O FUNCTION	
INPUT	OUTPUT

This display allows you to choose to input or output a file.

On pressing INPUT

INPUT A FILE	START
FORMAT PARAMS	

will be displayed. You may set up the file format and address range before starting.

Pressing FORMAT allows you to set the file format to one of:

INTHEX	Intel hexadecimal
INTHX*	Special Intel hexadecimal
MOTHEX	Motorola Hexadecimal

The special Intel Hex format includes a stream of nulls at the beginning and end of the file. Press OK when you have chosen the appropriate setting.

Pressing PARAMS allows you to choose the start RAM and file addresses.

ADDRS	000000	00000000	
CLEAR	RAM	FILE	OK

The File Address defines the default for the first address in the file that will be stored in RAM. The RAM Address is the first address at which this is stored. These addresses can be changed by using the hexadecimal keypad.

Pressing OK will return you to the INPUT A FILE screen. Press START to commence input.



On pressing OUTPUT

OUTPUT A FILE
FORMAT PARAMS START

The FORMAT choices are the same as for INPUT above.

Selecting PARAMS allows you choose the RAM range and the first File Address.

000000	000000	00000000
FROM	TO	F.ADDR OK

Pressing OK will return you to the OUTPUT A FILE screen. Press START to commence outputting the file. If the special Intel Hex format has been selected 50 nulls are added before and after the file.

While a file is being transferred, a changing number will indicate the current file address every 256 bytes.

6. Socket Checks

When any key is pressed which starts a read or write operation on the sockets, the sockets are first subjected to a series of checks to validate the devices present.

NO DEVICE TYPE SELECTED	OK
--------------------------------	-----------

COPY SOCKET EMPTY	OK
--------------------------	-----------

RAM MASTER ONLY ALLOWED	OK
--------------------------------	-----------

LAST OPERATION ABORTED	OK
-------------------------------	-----------

INSUFFICIENT RAM	OK
-------------------------	-----------

CANNOT READ - ROM MASTER	OK
---------------------------------	-----------

ADDRESS LINE ERROR	OK
---------------------------	-----------

ALL SOCKETS EMPTY	OK
--------------------------	-----------

PIN CONVERTER REQUIRED	OK
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Various checks are normally performed before each operation. Most of these checks can be disabled by the user, where found necessary.

The checks are done in the following order.

Verify pin count

If incorrect, the LEDs on all sockets indicate FAST FLASH, the ERROR tone sounds and the display shows:

DEVICE OR MOUNT ERROR	OK
------------------------------	-----------

and the operation is aborted. The LEDs go out when OK is pressed.

Verify ID all sockets (if not disabled)

If incorrect the LEDs on the sockets with wrong ID indicate DOUBLE FLASH, all others are OFF, the ERROR tone sounds and the display shows:

ID ERROR	OK
-----------------	-----------

and the operation is aborted. The LEDs go out when OK is pressed.

Reverse insertion check (if not disabled)

Checks for devices that have been inserted incorrectly, e.g. in the wrong part of the socket or upside down. If incorrect, the LEDs on all sockets indicate FAST FLASH, the ERROR tone sounds and the display shows:

REVERSE INSERTION ERROR	OK
--------------------------------	-----------

and the operation is aborted. The LEDs go out when OK is pressed.

Mount check (if not disabled)

Checks that the devices have been inserted correctly in the sockets. If incorrect the LEDs on sockets with errors indicate FAST FLASH, all others are OFF, the ERROR tone sounds and the display shows:

MOUNT ERROR

OK

and the operation is aborted. The LEDs go out when OK is pressed.

Caution

During any operation all socket LEDs will be ON with short flashes OFF. Devices should not be inserted or removed at this time or damage may result.

Notes On Disabling Checks

Reverse Insertion Check

The reverse check makes use of the property of the memory chip pins to detect reverse insertion without damaging the device. Some manufacturers' devices may give a false indication owing to their internal construction. If it is known that good devices falsely give reverse indication the detection should be disabled to allow normal operation to take place.

ID check

Devices that do not have IDs will automatically ID check disabled. Don't do Auto Type if there is no ID in the part.

Mount check

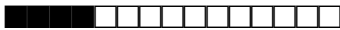
Disabling mount check is primarily available for servicing checks and should not normally be done.

7. READ key

On pressing READ key

Starting reading is a single key operation. The PROM or PROMs will be read and a visual indication of progress will be given on the display in the form of a thermometer-like bar. Reading is automatically preceded by the usual pre-operation checks.


READING MASTER...



A1 READ

cksum:FC00

OK

Displaying the checksum has been included as a helpful indication that the correct device has been read. It is only displayed when no splits and only one master have been selected. The word 'ALERT' and the  icon will be displayed if master checksum monitoring is currently enabled.

READING MASTER...



A1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8 READ

OK

NO DEVICES READ

OK

After reading, the socket LEDs show which sockets were read. LEDs next to sockets not required to be read will be turned off. Sockets not read (because they were not masters) will show a slow flash, and successfully read devices will show a steady ON

LED. Sockets not read because they were empty will show a short flash. If not enough RAM is fitted, all LEDs will FLASH, an error tone will sound and the display will show:

INSUFFICIENT RAM

OK

The display and LEDs will be cleared when OK is pressed.

8. PROG key

On pressing PROG key

```
PROGRAMMING . . .
██████████
```

Starting programming is a single key operation. The PROM or PROMs will be programmed and a visual indication of progress will be given on the display in the form of a thermometer-like bar. Programming is automatically preceded by the usual pre-operation checks, and a blank check, and followed by a verification (see below).

If master checksumming is enabled, this is checked against the checksum of the current master, either RAM or ROM. If different, the following error message is displayed:

```
MASTER CHECKSUM WRONG
OK
```

and programming is aborted. Otherwise a blank check is performed (if not disabled) and the display will show:

```
BLANKCHECK . . .
██████████
```

Any failures will be remembered and these sockets will not be programmed but programming on other sockets will proceed.


After programming and verifying, the socket LEDs will indicate the success or failure of the operation on each device. In the case of failure, an error tone will sound to alert the operator, and the sockets with unsuccessful devices will be

accompanied by a flashing LED. LEDs next to empty sockets will show a distinctive short flash, and successfully programmed devices will show a steady ON LED.

The display will give a report, as follows. If all devices in the sockets have been successfully programmed the display will show:

```
ALL PARTS PROGRAMMED OK
cksum:FCC0 OK
```

On pressing the key under OK, the display will revert to display the currently selected type and the LEDs will be extinguished.

Displaying the checksum has been included as a helpful indication that the correct device has been selected when copying from the copy socket, or that RAM has not been changed when programming from there. It is only displayed when no splits and only one master have been selected. The  icon will be displayed against the checksum if master checksum monitoring is enabled.

If there have been any failures a full report on each socket is given. Some typical displays are shown below. Notice the flashing cursor keys indicating that the cursor keys are active and allow backwards or forwards movement through the reports.

Pressing the NEXT key puts the next socket report on the display.

```
A1: VER+ FAIL @ 000000
NEXT
```

Indicates a verification failure on a raised Vcc level.



```
A1: VER- FAIL @ 000000
                        NEXT
```

Indicates a verification failure on a lowered Vcc level.

```
A1: VER  FAIL @ 000000
                        NEXT
```

Indicates a verification failure when just one Vcc level has been selected.

On the last report, pressing the OK key clears the LEDs and the display reports.

At any time, the report sequence can be terminated by pressing EXIT. This causes the LEDs and display to assume the quiescent state. Additionally the single key functions (such as PROG) will still work immediately when the display is showing a report, so single key press programming is always possible.

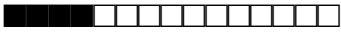


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10. BLANK key

On pressing BLANK key

BLANKCHECK...



Performing a BLANK check is a single key operation. This check will normally be done as part of the programming operation (unless disabled).

Before the operation the usual socket checks are performed. Assuming no errors are discovered, blank checking proceeds according to previously set verify VCC limits, with a bar indicating progress. On most devices, the blankcheck process is an extremely fast one owing to the special circuitry incorporated into the programmer.

After blank checking, the socket LEDs will indicate the success or failure of the operation on each device. In the case of failure (a non-blank device) an error tone will sound to alert the operator, and the sockets with non-blank devices will be accompanied by a flashing LED. LEDs next to empty sockets will show a distinctive short flash, and successfully programmed devices will show a steady ON LED.

The display will give a report, as follows. If all devices in the sockets have been successfully verified the display will show:

ALL PARTS ARE BLANK

OK

On pressing the key under OK, the display will revert to display the currently selected type and the LEDs will be extinguished.

If there have been any failures a full report on each socket is given. Some typical displays are shown below. Notice the flashing cursor keys indicating that the cursor keys are active and allow backwards or forwards movement through the reports.

A1: BLANK

NEXT

A1: B/C FAIL @ 000000

NEXT

Pressing the NEXT key puts the next socket report on the display.

On the last report, pressing the OK key clears the LEDs and the display reports.

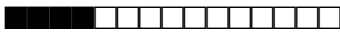
At any time, the report sequence can be terminated by pressing EXIT. This causes the LEDs and display to assume the quiescent state. Additionally the single key functions (such as BLANK CHECK) work immediately when the display is showing a report, so single key press operation is always possible.

Note on VCC used for blankcheck: Blankcheck is performed at a VCC which is most likely to reveal inadequate erasure. Typical EPROMs will be checked at -5% or the current negative verify level whichever is lower.

11. ERASE key

On pressing ERASE key

ERASING . . .



Only applies to electrically erasable devices.

Erasing a device is a single key operation. The PROM or PROMs will be erased and a visual indication of progress will be given on the display in the form of a thermometer-like bar. Erasure will automatically be followed by a verification to check success.

After erasing and verifying, the socket LEDs will indicate the success or failure of the operation on each device, in the usual way.

ALL PARTS ERASED

OK

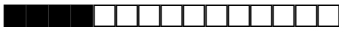
A1: ERASE FAILURE

OK

12. CKSUM key

On pressing CHECKSUM key

READING CHECKSUM...



This operation displays the checksum of the master ROM or RAM, and of each of the devices in the programming sockets.

Two checksum options are offered: 4 digit, and 8 digit checksums. 4 digit checksums are traditional but are not adequate checks of successful programming on larger devices. Their main use is for fast identification of programmed devices; the 4 digit checksum is often used on a label on the device. 8 digit checksums lose no bits to overflow during the calculation and are more useful as a programming check. However, please note that the verification of every byte in a device is as fast on this programmer as calculating a checksum, and has the additional benefit of being done at high and low Vcc levels.

Before the operation the usual socket checks are performed. Assuming no errors are discovered, checksum calculation proceeds, with a bar indicating progress. On most devices, checksum calculation is extremely fast owing to the special circuitry incorporated into the programmer.

After programming and verifying, the socket LEDs will indicate which sockets contain devices. LEDs next to empty sockets will show a

distinctive short flash, and detected devices will show a steady ON LED. The display will give a report, as follows.

8 Digit Checksums

A full report on each socket is given. Some typical displays are shown below. Notice the flashing cursor keys indicating that the cursor keys are active and allow backwards or forwards movement through the reports.

RAM M1: C/S=01234567

NEXT

SKT M1: C/S=01234567

NEXT

Pressing the NEXT key puts the next report on the display.

On the last report, pressing the OK key clears the LEDs and the display reports.

At any time, the report sequence can be terminated by pressing EXIT. This causes the LEDs and display to assume the quiescent state. Additionally the single key functions (such as CKSUM) will still work immediately when the display is showing a report, so single key press operation is always possible.



The sequence for the display of Master and Socket checksums is as follows (empty sockets will be omitted):

1 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8 B1
B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8

2 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 A2 A3 A4 B1 B2 B3 B4
M2 A5 A6 A7 A8 B5 B6 B7 B8

4 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 A2 B1 B2
M2 A3 A4 B3 B4
M3 A5 A6 B5 B6
M4 A7 A8 B7 B8

8 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 B1
M2 A2 B2
M3 A3 B3
M4 A4 B4
M5 A5 B5
M6 A6 B6
M7 A7 B7
M8 A8 B8

ROM master sequence:
C1 A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8

4 Digit Checksums

In this mode up to 5 checksums are displayed simultaneously. This is a typical display:

M1	A1	A2	A3	A4
5678	5678	5678	-----	5678

In this exceptional case the function key f4 is not labelled. However, it still works as a NEXT/OK key as usual. The cursor and EXIT keys also have their normal functions.

The correct checksum for the devices is always shown at the left of the display. Empty sockets are indicated with the symbol ----.

The sequence for the display of Master and Socket checksums is as follows:

1 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 A2 A3 A4
M1 A5 A6 A7 A8
M1 B1 B2 B3 B4
M1 B5 B6 B7 B8

2 master (RAM) sequence
M1 A1 A2 A3 A4
M1 B1 B2 B3 B4
M2 A5 A6 A7 A8
M2 B5 B6 B7 B8

4 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 A2 B1 B2
M2 A3 A4 B3 B4
M3 A5 A6 B5 B6
M4 A7 A8 B7 B8

8 master (RAM) sequence:
M1 A1 B1
M2 A2 B2
M3 A3 B3
M4 A4 B4
M5 A5 B5
M6 A6 B6
M7 A7 B7
M8 A8 B8

ROM master:
C1 A1 A2 A3 A4
C1 A5 A6 A7 A8

13. FUNC key

These functions are explained on the following pages.

FUNC

— STORE	Saves settings under a numeric key
— RECALL	Recalls settings under a numeric key
— RAM	
— SPLIT	Settings for 8 bit devices on 16 or 32 bit busses
— SETS	Settings for sets of different PROM patterns
— CKSUM	
— BITS	Set no. of digits displayed in checksums
— DIGITS	Set size of data summed
— MASTER	Set and enable master checksum
— CLR	Clear all RAM
— DISP	Set size of data displayed
— EMPTY	Set RAM empty fill value
— PATT(n)	Store either of two test patterns in all RAM
— DEVICE	
— ID	Enable/disable id check
— MOUNT	Enable/disable mount check
— REVERSE	Enable/disable reverse check
— BLANK	Enable/disable blank check and set blank value
— VERIFY	Set verification Vcc limits
— SPECL	
— AUTO	Enable lock functions etc. of devices
— MANUAL	Perform lock functions etc. of devices
— CKSUM	
— BITS	Set no. of digits displayed in checksums
— DIGITS	Set size of data summed
— MASTER	Set and enable master checksum
— Tacc	NORMAL or SLOW device access time
— ADDR	Set reduced address space
— COMMS	
— HOST	PC or non-PC host
— PORT	Serial port parameters (set by host in PC mode)
— PRINTER USED?	Use parallel port for comms or printer
— PRINTER PARAM	Set up printer (if enabled)
— INIT	Set up initialisation string
— TERM	Set up termination string
— PAGEL	Set up page length
— MASTER	
— ROM	Set ROM (COPY skt.) to program and verify from
— RAM	Set RAM to program and verify from
— INFO	Various useful programmer information displays
— SOUND	
— CLICKS	Enable/disable
— TONES	Enable/disable
— EETEST	Performs goods inwards test on re-programmable devs.
— MISC.	
— KEYBOARD LOCK	Locks/unlocks settings
— EMPTY SKT DETECT	Enable/disable
— START UP TESTS	Enable/disable
— START: CLR ALL RAM	Enable/disable
— ALG.	Prog. algorithm and info. of selected device
— PRINT	Print device list
— DEUTSCH ENGLISH	Change display to other language
— STAT	Enable/disable programming statistics



Functions accessed from the FUNC key

All functions not having a dedicated key are accessed by pressing the FUNC key. On pressing FUNC the main function categories are displayed. The cursor keys show other functions, four at a time.

SELECT FUNCTION
STORE RECALL RAM DEVICE

SELECT FUNCTION
COMMS MASTER INFO SOUND

SELECT FUNCTION
EETEST MISC. ALG. PRINT

SELECT FUNCTION
DEUTSCH STAT

Press the key under the required function. The organisation of functions can be seen from this overview chart.

STORE

SAVE SETTINGS UNDER 0-F

Current settings will be saved under the hexadecimal digit key required. These include the current type, split mode and number of masters, the RAM and DEVICE settings (including any master checksum) and the current language. On selecting a key, a check is made that this is where you want to store the current settings.

SAVE UNDER KEY 8? OK

Press OK to accept, or another digit key. Press EXIT to abort.

RECALL

RECALL SETTING FROM 0-F

Pressing any of the digit keys 0-F results in that key's stored setting being displayed. On selecting a key, the settings that were previously stored under that key are displayed as well as the appropriate LED settings. Press OK to accept, or another digit key.

KEY 8: INTEL 27C256
CLEAR OK

If these are the required settings, press OK. Alternatively, any of the single keys (e.g. PROG) can be used immediately and the new programmer settings will be used. If these are not the required settings, other numeric keys can be pressed until the correct settings are selected.

On pressing CLEAR, a check will be made to confirm that you want to delete the current key settings.

KEY 8: INTEL 27C256
delete? OK

Press OK to clear the settings, EXIT to abort.



RAM

This function controls the Buffer RAM settings

SPLIT MODE 8/16/32 bits
SETS 8/16 sets of 1
4/8 sets of 2
2/4 sets of 4
1/2 sets of 8

CLEAR all RAM

DATA DISP8, 16 or 32 bits

EMPTY FILL VALUE 00, FF or device default

CHECKSUM 8 bit or 16 bit, set master checksum

PATT(n) store either of two test patterns in all RAM

BUFFER RAM SETTINGS			
SPLIT	SETS	CKSUM	CLR

BUFFER RAM SETTINGS			
DISP	BLANK	PATT1	PATT2

Press the function key under the sub-function required.

SPLIT MODE Display

32 BIT (DOUBLE SPLIT)	
CHANGE	OK

16 BIT (SINGLE SPLIT)	
CHANGE	OK

8 BIT (NO SPLIT)	
CHANGE	OK

Press the key under CHANGE to switch data width between 8, 16 or 32 bit data. The number of sets will automatically be changed if necessary, as indicated on the

display LEDs. Press EXIT to restore settings as on entry.

N.B. The split settings can only be changed in systems with modules MP2 or MP4.

SET MODE Display

8 SETS OF 1 MASTER	
CHANGE	OK

1 SET OF 8 MASTERS	
CHANGE	OK

For module MP4, press the key under CHANGE to switch between 2 sets of 8 devices, 4 sets of 4 devices, 8 sets of 2 devices, or 16 sets of 1 device. If the SPLIT mode requires 2 or 4 devices then only valid choices will be offered.

For module MP2, press the key under CHANGE to switch between 1 set of 8 devices, 2 sets of 4 devices, 4 sets of 2 devices, or 8 sets of 1 device. If the SPLIT mode requires 2 or 4 devices then only valid choices will be offered.

Press EXIT to restore settings as on entry.

N.B. The number of sets can only be changed in systems with modules MP2 or MP4.

CLEAR all RAM

ALL RAM WILL BE ERASED	
	OK

Press OK to set all RAM to the currently selected erase value, EXIT to abort.



DATA DISPLAY

DISPLAY: AS DEVICE (8) CHANGE	OK
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DISPLAY: 8 CHANGE	OK
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DISPLAY: 16 CHANGE	OK
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DISPLAY: 32 CHANGE	OK
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This setting selects how the data will be shown when a device or the RAM buffer is displayed or edited.

Press the key under CHANGE to modify the selection. Press EXIT to restore setting as on entry.

EMPTY FILL Value Setting

FILL: AS DEVICE (FF) CHANGE	OK
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FILL: FF CHANGE	OK
--------------------	----

FILL: 00 CHANGE	OK
--------------------	----

This setting determines the value put into the RAM buffer on start up or when the CLR or NEW function is used. It may be set to 00, FF, or the default for the device currently selected.

Press the key under CHANGE to modify the selection. Press EXIT to restore setting as on entry.

CHECKSUM calculation

SELECT CHECKSUM VALUES			
BITS	DIGITS	MASTER	OK

This allows changes to made to three different settings. Press BITS to change the CHECKSUM width, press DIGITS to change the length of the calculated CHECKSUM or MASTER to input a MASTER CHECKSUM.

CHECKSUM WIDTH

CHECKSUM WIDTH 8 BITS CHANGE	OK
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This setting determines the checksum should be based on 8 or 16 bit calculation. It cannot be changed for 8 bit devices.

Press the key under CHANGE to modify the selection.

CHECKSUM LENGTH

CHECKSUM LENGTH 4 DIGITS CHANGE	OK
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This setting determines how the checksum will be displayed (see under the CKSUM single function key). Press the key under CHANGE to modify the selection. Press EXIT to restore setting as on entry.

MASTER CHECKSUM MONITORING

Enabling Master Checksum Monitoring, makes programming extremely secure. Once enabled, every time the PROG or VERIFY key is pressed, the checksum of the master RAM or ROM is checked against the master checksum and if different, an error message is displayed and the programmer will not allow programming or verifying to continue.



Checksum Monitoring is only permitted when a single master and no splits are set.

MASTER CKSUM: OFF
OFF AUTO ENTER OK

MASTER CKSUM: 1245
OFF AUTO ENTER OK

MASTER CKSUM: D6AB4E21
OFF AUTO ENTER OK

Press OFF to disable master checksum monitoring. Pressing AUTO will calculate the checksum of the current master, either RAM or ROM, store it as the master checksum and enable monitoring. Press ENTER to manually enter the master checksum and enable monitoring. Press OK when finished.

PATTERN - PATT1 or PATT2

ALL RAM WILL BE FILLED
OK

Press OK to fill all RAM with a test pattern, EXIT to abort.

The first pattern is essentially an incrementing pattern with numbers from 0 to FF hex stored on each page (256 bytes) of RAM, so that for example location xxxxE3 contains E3 hex where xxxx is any number. However, the first two bytes of each page contain the page number stored least significant byte first (little Endian) and the middle bytes of each page contain FF hex.

There is a choice of two patterns, the second one is the complement of the first.

DEVICE

This function controls the device function settings:

- ID CHECK
- Silicon Signature Check
- MOUNT CHECK
- Check for devices in sockets
- REV. CHECK
- Check for devices upside down
- BLANK CHECK
- Blank check performed before programming, and actual blank value
- VERIFY RANGE
- Sets VCC high and low levels for verification
- SPECIALS
- AUTO sets lock bits etc
- MANUAL manually blow lock bits
- CHECKSUM
- 8 bit or 16 bit, set master checksum
- Tacc
- Set normal/slow access time
- ADDR
- Change the address range of the device

DEVICE SETTINGS
ID MOUNT REVERSE BLANK

DEVICE SETTINGS
VERIFY SPECL CKSUM Tacc

DEVICE SETTINGS
ADDR

Press the key under the sub-function required.



ID-CHECK DISABLE

ID-CHECK ENABLED	
CHANGE	OK

ID-CHECK DISABLED	
CHANGE	OK

If enabled this function will check the silicon signature of every device operated on. If there is a mismatch, a warning will be given.

If the device is an older one without an ID, this message will be displayed:

NO ID IN DEVICE	
	OK

MOUNT CHECK DISABLE

MOUNT CHECK ENABLED	
CHANGE	OK

MOUNT CHECK DISABLED	
CHANGE	OK

This function does not stop a check for the presence of a device, but allows programming to be attempted even if a device is not detected as present.

REVERSE CHECK DISABLE

REVERSE CHECK ENABLED	
CHANGE	OK

REVERSE CHECK DISABLED	
CHANGE	OK

Reverse check checks for the orientation of a device before VCC and VPP are applied. Some device types may trigger this precaution even when correctly inserted, so this check may be disabled. The

presence of an incorrectly inserted device will still be detected, but not before an attempt has been made to program it.

BLANK CHECK SETTINGS

BLANK CHECK ENABLED	
CHANGE VALUE	OK

BLANK CHECK DISABLED	
CHANGE VALUE	OK

This function checks that all devices to be programmed are blank before programming. Disable if not required, e.g. for EPROM emulators. The blank value will be assumed the normal value for the current device. To change this press VALUE.

BLANK: AS DEVICE (FF)	
CHANGE	OK

Press CHANGE to set value to 00 or FF. The device manufacturer is shown as USER! if this setting is changed. Note that this change only lasts until the type is next set.

VERIFY RANGE

VERIFY Vcc 4.50 TO 5.50	
PERCENT DEFAULT	OK

Verification of programming may be performed at any two VCC levels between 2.75V and 6.75V or, by pressing PERCENT, at VCC +/- 0%, 5%, 10% and 20%. Press EXIT to restore setting as on entry.

SECURITY / SPECIAL FUNCTIONS DISPLAY

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS	
AUTO MANUAL	



Some special functions apply to certain devices, such as the security locking of the programmed memory. The AUTO setting allows a predetermined selection of security operations to be applied automatically to certain device types after programming and verification. This would save much time in production, by cutting out a whole set of operations on a device.

AUTO SPECIALS	S12--
LOCK1 LOCK2 LOCK3 ENCRY	

Special functions that will be automatically performed after programming are shown by a number against the S. a dash - indicates that the device has this function but that it is currently disabled. In the example shown above, the device has four special functions but only lock 1 and lock 2 will be programmed when the PROG key is pressed.

When the programmer is used manually in development the same operations may be required, after testing the device. The MANUAL selection allows the special function to be applied manually to the device. These operations vary depending on the device but a typical example involving locking microprocessor is shown below.

MANUAL SPECIALS	
LOCK1 LOCK2 LOCK3 ENCRY	

Press the key under the function you want to perform now.

SPECIAL FUNC. PERFORMED	OK
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A1: SPECIAL FUNC. FAILED	OK
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The module LEDs flash in the same way as they would for programming, see under the PROG single function key.

Devices that have special functions are described in more detail in appendix B.

CHECKSUM CALCULATION

This procedure is exactly the same as for CHECKSUM under the RAM key.

TACC SETTING

ACCESS TIME - NORMAL	
CHANGE	OK

When programming certain devices, it is necessary to slow down the access time in order to ensure correct programming. Press the key under CHANGE to enable this when told to do so by your supplier. It is often necessary to enable this function when a large and complicated package converter is being used.

ADDR SETTING

ADDRESS RANGE	
00000 - 00FFFF	OK

This allows different start and end addresses to be set for operations on the currently selected device. These are used to program microprocessors which almost program like EPROMs, but do not



have the complete address range fitted.

Use the f1 key to select the low address and the f3 key for the high address. Pressing the ← key decrements the address by 2K and pressing → key increments the address by 2K. Note, you cannot directly type these addresses using the hex keypad.

This change lasts until the type is next set. Until then the manufacturer is shown as USER!

COMMS

---PRINTER---			
HOST	PORT	USED?	PARAM

Press the key under the sub-function required.

HOST

HOST IS A PC	
CHANGE	OK

HOST IS A NON-PC	
CHANGE	OK

HOST - PC

If the PC setting is chosen it is assumed that the PROMDRIVER software is running on the PC. Uploads and downloads will be controlled from the PC, allowing advantage to be taken of the high speed transfer capabilities in PROMDRIVER. This is much faster than transferring, for example, Intel Hex files using a serial port. The parallel port selection will make use of the special hardware of the PC to provide (in conjunction with

PROMDRIVER) a high speed two way communications channel.

When the I/O single function key is pressed, the programmer goes automatically into remote control mode and it assumes that the HOST is a PC is being controlled by PROMDRIVER software.

HOST - NON-PC

This setting should be chosen to allow simple file transfers to and from the programmer. The serial port allows transfers in both directions while the parallel port is configured as a standard Centronics one-way printer interface (data flow towards the programmer).

When the I/O single function key is pressed the options of data input or output will be offered.

It should be apparent from the above that the PC HOST selection is the preferred method for high performance.

PORT

SERIAL: 38400b/s 7D+2S			
TYPE	SPEED	MODE	OK

This screen controls the selection of the non-PC protocol parameters. Pressing TYPE selects between SERIAL and PARALLEL. SPEED allows you to select the Baud rate if serial comms have been chosen. Similarly MODE allows the selection of the correct number of data bits and start/stop bits.

PRINTER USED?

PARALLEL DRIVES PRINTER	
CHANGE	OK



PARALLEL USED FOR COMMS CHANGE OK

This function allows switching the use of the parallel port between communications with the host PC or with a printer for printing the device list.

PRINTER Parameters

**PRINTER FUNCTIONS
INIT TERM PAGEL OK**

These functions allow the setting of the printer initialisation and termination strings as well as the printer page length.

Note: these functions are not yet implemented and cannot be changed.

MASTER

MASTER is ROM

MASTER is RAM buffer

**MASTER: FROM ROM
RAM ROM OK**

This function determines whether devices are programmed and verified from the RAM buffer or from a device in the ROM socket. An error message will be given if ROM master is selected with no copy socket in the programming module.

No copy socket on this module OK

It is permitted to select RAM master when the no RAM is fitted. An error warning will be given if an attempt is made to use the RAM when there is insufficient or none, see Socket Checks.

INFO

This function gives information about the hardware, firmware and installed options. The various items of information are accessed by pressing the MORE key.

- INFO Module firmware revision
- Memory size
- Programming module fitted
- Mother board hardware revision
- Module hardware revision
- Unit serial number
- Main board serial numbers
- Module serial numbers
- Socket usage
- Module service date
- Software support date

PROMWARE VERSION V03.75 MORE

BUFFER SIZE: 2048KByte MORE

BUFFER SIZE: None fitted MORE

MODULE FITTED: MP4 MORE

**MAIN BOARD REVISION
0002 MORE**

**MODULE REVISION
0001 MORE**

**UNIT SERIAL NUMBER
00000001 MORE**

**MAIN BOARD SERIAL NOS.
0001 0001 0001 MORE**



MODULE SERIAL NOs.
0001 0001 0001 MORE

SOCKET CYCLES:
879 MORE

MODULE SERVICED:
08/05/01 MORE

SUPPORT TILL:
28Mar2002 MORE

The programmer will stay in INFO mode until the EXIT key is pressed.

SOUND

This function controls the audible sounds emitted by the programmer. These comprise key-clicks and operation complete (success and failure) tones.

AUDIBLE FEEDBACK
CLICKS TONES OK

Press CLICKS to change key clicks

KEY CLICKS ARE ON
CHANGE OK

or TONES to change operation complete tones.

OPERATION TONES ARE OFF
CHANGE OK

EEPROM TEST

This function allows the testing of EEPROMs and certain other reprogrammable devices using a special test pattern which thoroughly tests both the data storage and the address line integrity. The devices will be left in the unprogrammed state after testing. The programmer will stay in the EEPROM TEST mode until the EXIT key is pressed.

EEPROM TEST START

TESTING...
██████████

Not applicable to this Device OK

MISC.

All the miscellaneous functions can be enabled under this key. They are displayed one after another - pressing the OK key moves on to the next function. The programmer will stay in MISC. mode until the EXIT key is pressed.

MISC.

- Lock
- Enable empty socket detect
- Start up tests
- Clear all RAM on start up

LOCK

KEYBOARD IS UNLOCKED
CHANGE OK

KEYBOARD IS LOCKED!
CHANGE OK

This function allows the settings to be locked. After locking, no setting may be changed, and no editing command is permitted to modify data, until the settings are unlocked again.

An audible tone will sound and a message will be displayed to indicate an illegal attempt to change a setting.



Enable Empty Socket Detect

EMPTY SKT. DETECT ON CHANGE	OK
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EMPTY SKT. DETECT OFF CHANGE	OK
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If this setting is set to on and reverse check is on, the report of the last operation will be cleared from the display when the last device is taken out of its socket. The default setting is off. This feature provides a useful check for the operator to determine whether or not the devices currently in the sockets have been programmed.

Start Up Tests

START UP TESTS: ON CHANGE	OK
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START UP TESTS: OFF CHANGE	OK
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Clearing RAM on start up

By default, on start up only a maximum of 8Mbits of RAM is cleared. However if a larger RAM module is fitted it must all be cleared use this function.

START:CLR ALL RAM: OFF CHANGE	OK
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START:CLR ALL RAM: ON CHANGE	OK
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ALG.

This function displays information about the currently selected device and its programming algorithm. The various items of information are accessed by pressing the MORE key.

ALGORITHM	CODE	
25/1000/3000N	C013	MORE

The three items separated by the / symbol are the maximum number of pulses, the length of each pulse in microseconds and the length of any overprogram pulse in microseconds. If an N is displayed with the third term it indicates that the overprogramming is multiplicative, otherwise it is additive.

The second term is the Device code for the current device.

Vpp	Vcp	SIZE	
12.75	6.25	020000	MORE

The programmer will stay in ALG. mode until the EXIT key is pressed.

PRINT

Press this key to get a complete device list for the currently installed programming module.

Printing...

No printer installed	OK
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DEUTSCH | ENGLISH

This function selects the language used on the programmer display. Please enquire whether the language of your choice is available.

**STAT**

This function enables programming statistics to be gathered and reset.

STATISTICS (COUNT 12000)			
OFF	RESET		OK

STATISTICS (OFF)			
OFF	RESET		OK

Press ON to enable statistics collection, OFF to suspend it or RESET to zero the count of programmed devices and enable collection.

When statistics are enabled, the top level display permits the display of accumulated statistics:

INTEL 27C202C			
REPORT	STAT	ALL	

By pressing STAT, the accumulated statistics are displayed, showing the total number of PROMs programmed, how many of them were successful, how many failed and the failure rate.

COUNT	GOOD	BAD	(1.0%)
100	99	1	OK

14. Remote Operation With Promdriver

The programmer can be driven remotely using the supplied PROMDRIVER software package. The I/O key must be pressed and the screen will show REMOTE

Either the serial or parallel port of your PC can be connected to the programmer with the lead provided. If using a serial port with a 9 pin connector you will need to use the extension 'tail' that is provided. (Note: Windows Promdriver only supports parallel communications.)

The communications ports on the programmer are located on the back and are labelled.

The same cable is used for either parallel or serial communications. It is turned round to use it in the opposite mode. Parallel communications will always be the faster method.

Promdriver Installation (DOS)

Firstly, install the files on the floppy disc provided on to your hard disc drive. Put the disc into your floppy drive and log on to that drive. Type:

INSTALL

The program will then ask you to enter a directory name on your hard disc to which it can copy the required files. It will not write anything to your disc without asking your permission first. We do not use any form of copy protection, create

any hidden files or modify your disc in any way.

Please feel free to circulate this disc to your colleagues and friends as a demonstration of our software. If you have any comments about our products or software we would like you hear from you.

Menu Mode

Type PD2 on your computer to execute PROMDRIVER software. The first time of operation our Initialisation program will be run automatically for you to select the method of communications and printer parameters (see information during INSTALL).

If you have added a PATH=\promdriver_directory to your AUTOEXEC.BAT FILE (see our INSTALL instructions and your MS-DOS manual) you will be able to execute PD from any directory on your disc.

To change the communications port or printer parameters at any time, type:

PD2 /I

and the initialisation program will be run again.

Normal mode of operation uses colour and pop up windows for all functions. Context sensitive HELP is available by pressing F1 and all the options available are indicated on the screen.



Promdriver Installation (Windows)

Follow the instructions supplied with the CD.

Promdriver Operation

This manual does not cover PROMDRIVER operation. Context sensitive help screens will provide all the information you need to make use of PROMDRIVER extremely easy.

Batch (Script) Mode

Introduction

PROMDRIVER has been enhanced to provide a comprehensive batch mode (DOS) or script mode (Windows) to streamline the use of the programmer in a production department.

This allows the user to write a script to automate programming jobs. For example, the file can be downloaded and the correct device type selected automatically. The operator can then be prompted to insert devices as required. A running total of Programmed devices, Failures and Quantity still required may be displayed. Other features include user defined messages, user defined menus, and remote setting of programmer functions.

This chapter defines the Batch Programming Language. Certain features have not yet been implemented and have been marked with a * symbol.

Screen elements of Batch mode presentation (DOS)

Heading

By default the programmer manufacturer's logo will appear at the top of the screen, occupying 6 lines (4 available for text). By using the HEADING command the user can customise or remove this heading.

Operator Instruction Area

This is a mandatory area of the screen capable of 3 lines of text display (this may be extended if necessary). It will be coloured in a manner to invite attention.

Menus or messages

The area occupied by the operator instruction window is also used for messages or menus. The message or menu will be another window opened over the top of the instruction area. It will have a minimum size of 3 lines of text, and a maximum length of 12 lines (i.e. down to the bottom of the screen).

'Failures', 'Programmed' and 'Required' boxes.

These boxes each have their own standard location at the bottom of the screen. On colour screens they each have an appropriate colour.

Failure - RED

Programmed - GREEN

Required - BLUE

Promdriver Enhanced Batch Mode Specification

Like most programming languages the PROMDRIVER Programming Language uses English words only, even on other language versions of the software. The user interface will still be in the required language, but the script language itself always uses English keywords.

All scripts will be held in non-document (plain ASCII) files generated by the user using his or her favourite word processor; e.g. SCRIPT.SCR. There is no special restriction of the filename (no extension is required).

In this case the batch file mode would be invoked by typing:

```
PD2 @SCRIPT.SCR
```

This tells PROMDRIVER to open the file SCRIPT.SCR and execute the instructions in it.

Syntax (DOS and Windows)

Commands normally appear in the file one per line. Some special commands spread over several lines. Comments are permitted; introduced by a semi-colon, and finishing at the end of the line.

Any keyword may include the underscore character (`_`) at any point in the word. This is ignored by the parser but may improve readability.

e.g. `BYTESELECT` and `BYTE_SELECT` will be interpreted the same.

The help key (F1) from the main screen in menu mode will give

further information about all valid batch instructions.

Control Flow – Labels

A label is always preceded by a colon in the first column, and is the only item on the line (apart from comments, if any). References to labels are not preceded by a colon. Labels are of any length with 16 significant characters. Upper and lower case are equivalent. Labels may contain alphanumerics and the underscore '`_`'.

Example:

```
START_AGAIN_12
```

```
GOTO START_AGAIN_12
```

(actually an example of an infinite loop)

Control Flow Commands

`GOTO <label>`

This instruction is self-explanatory but some restrictions are placed on its use to avoid the usual pit-falls of programming with GOTO's.

Conditionals

There are 2 structures for 'if' type conditions, one for statements including GOTO's, and one for other statements.

```
IF <condition> GOTO <label>
```

The GOTO on a condition must be on the same line as the IF as shown. No ENDIF or ELSE are required or allowed.

IF <condition>

<commands>

[ELSE

<commands>]

ENDIF

GOTO is not allowed within a conditional section.

Typical conditions are:

IF MENU_RESULT = <n> *

IF YES

IF NO

IF ESC

IF OTHER_REPLY

IF MORE_NEEDED

IF ERRORLEVEL = <n>

where <n> is a decimal integer.

Error handling

Each function having the possibility of an error (e.g. Programming, Append, Read etc) will set a (16 bit) variable called ERRORLEVEL. 0 will signify success, and other values will have fixed predetermined meanings (e.g. DEVICE NOT PRESENT, DEVICE NOT BLANK, USER ABORTED ETC). ERRORLEVEL can be tested after each operation using an IF construction (see above).

If a syntactical error is detected in a batch command, it is reported on the screen (with the erroneous line number) and processing is immediately aborted.

Command Description

TYPE <device_code>

TYPE AUTO

TYPE ?

TYPE AUTO is the same as AUTOKEY (see below).

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = type selected ok

1 = user aborted selection

2 = type not recognised

TYPENAME "<text_string>"

Once a device type has been selected, (see above), its name can be changed to whatever the user wants.

This can be useful when programming micro-processors that program like EPROMs. First the TYPE is set using the EPROM's Device code, then using TYPENAME, the text string in the status area can be corrected to display the micro-processor's actual name.

For other special commands for micro-processors that program like EPROMs see appendix F.



FORMAT <file_format>

where <file_format> is:

BINARY
INTHEX
MOTHEX
INTOBJ80
INTOBJ51
INTOBJ86
INTOBJ286
FREEHEX
FREEDEC
TEXTAG

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = set ok

FILEADDRESS <fileaddress>

where address is a hex number
between 0 and FFFFFFFh

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = set ok

POLARITY <polarity>

where <polarity> is TRUE or
INVERTED

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = set ok

BYTESELECT <byteselect>

where <byte_select> is:

NORMAL
REVERSED
ODD
EVEN

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = set ok

NOEXIT

NOEXIT ON *

NOEXIT OFF *

This command is available to prevent accidental exit from batch mode. Some actions cause an immediate exit from batch programming e.g. user presses ESC. This may not be desirable. In the case of an infinitely looping program. ALT/F10 will allow exit.

EXIT

Terminates batch file execution.

WAIT n

Delays for n seconds.

SPECIAL MANUAL <command>

[<hex_value> [<hex_value>]]

SPECIAL AUTO <command> ON

[<hex_value> [<hex_value>]

SPECIAL AUTO <command> OFF

Special functions such as 'Lock PROM' can be found for some devices in the DEVICE SPECIALS selection in menu mode. Most of these functions are also available in batch mode.

There are two ways of activating each special function, similar to menu mode and stand-alone mode. MANUAL activates the special function at the time it is encountered in the script file. An AUTO command activates the special function every time programming occurs.



The appropriate <command> is the item number to the left of the menu and it will depend on the device concerned. For example, with an 8751 the only function available is 1, which blows the security bit.

To find out which functions are available look at the menu mode SPECIALS with the appropriate device selected. The help screen (F1) will give further information.

Available parameters are indicated in square brackets []. These are either a hex value, e.g. in the case of a PIC micro-controller's ID, or the item number in a subsequent menu, e.g. for PIC oscillator setting of XT, the <hex_value> should be set to 3.

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = Set ok

1 = Function programming failure

MENU

"<menuline_1>" [GOTO <label> | TYPE <device_code> | NOOPTION]

"<menuline_2>" [GOTO <label> | TYPE <device_code> | NOOPTION]

...

"<menuline_n>" [GOTO <label> | TYPE <device_code> | NOOPTION]

MENUEND

Displays a menu with movable highlight bar. On selection of a line with an associated GOTO, goes to that line. On selection of any other line goes to next instruction in file after MENUEND.

If line text is followed by TYPE <device_code> then this is

MONITOR_CKSUM <setting>

where <setting> is:

OFF

ON

AUTO

MANUAL <checksum>

This allows the setting and disabling of the master checksum. If set, this will be used before programming and verification operations to ensure that the master (ROM or RAM) is still valid. If invalid the operation will be aborted.

AGAIN?

AGAIN? GOTO <label>

Displays message asking if a repeat is required. If reply is YES or ENTER, starts executing batch mode instructions from the start, or from the label.

processed as a normal TYPE setting command.

If a line is followed by NOOPTION it is only displayed but not offered as an option, so the cursor cannot be moved to such lines. This is a useful command for headers and other explanatory lines.



GOTO and TYPE may both appear on the same line but NOOPTION may not be accompanied by either. Window size depends on number of lines and length of lines in menu.

DELETE <filename>

Deletes the file specified without asking the user. No action if file does not exist.

RENAME <old_filename>
<new_filename>

Renames the file specified without asking the user. No action if file does not exist.

%REQUIRED
%PROGRAMMED
%FAILURES
%TYPENAME
%FORMAT
%FILEADDRESS
%POLARITY
%BYTESELECT
%SERNO
%FILECKSM *

String variables which substitute the value of the variable into a text string, i.e. inside a pair of quotes ("), of a heading, message or menu.

MASTERSPLIT <setting>
where <setting> is:

ROM
1_NONE
2_NONE
2_SINGLE
4_NONE
4_SINGLE
4_DOUBLE
8_NONE

8_SINGLE
8_DOUBLE

The number is the number of masters and NONE, SINGLE and DOUBLE indicate the split setting. The default is 1_NONE if the programmer has RAM fitted otherwise it is ROM.

BLANKCHECK ON
BLANKCHECK OFF
Defaults to ON

IDCHECK ON
IDCHECK OFF
Defaults to ON

MOUNTCHECK ON
MOUNTCHECK OFF
Defaults to ON

REVCHECK ON
REVCHECK OFF
Defaults to ON

STATUS ON
STATUS OFF
Enables, or disables, the display of current settings like file name, file type, byte select, polarity, file address, device type, adapter required, etc. Default is OFF.

HEADING
"<heading_line_1>"
["<heading_line_2>"
["<heading_line_3>"
["<heading_line_4>"]]]

HEADINGEND

If HEADING is not specified the batch window will show the default heading information block. Using



HEADING replaces this with user defined information, which may be null information, if there are no lines between HEADING and HEADINGEND. Any message lines after line 4 will be ignored. HEADING must be the first actual command in the response file, if the default heading is to be completely disabled. The heading may be changed, at any time in the script.

```
MESSAGE [GET_YES_NO]
"<message_line_1>"
["<<message_line_2>"
"<message_line_3>"
"<message_line_4>"] ] ]
MESSAGE_END
```

Messages will appear in the message area. This area will be

enlarged (by opening a window over the top) if the message height requires it. The maximum size is 12 lines, after which message lines will be truncated. The message is displayed until any key is pressed.

If GET_YES_NO is included on the MESSAGE line, the relevant parameters (YES, NO, ESC or OTHER_REPLY) are set when the key is pressed and these parameters can be later tested by the IF construction.



```
RUN <program_name> ["<argument>" [..."<argument>"]]
RUN_STDIO <program_name> ["<argument>" [..."<argument>"]]
```

Runs a user program with optional parameters. RUN will assume that the user program either does no screen I/O, or that it deals with restoring the screen itself. RUN_STDIO will open up a window (full screen) for user I/O, and then clear it away afterwards.

The user program may return a code which will be placed into ERRORLEVEL.

FAILURES 0

FAILURES OFF

FAILURES ON

This causes a failures box to be displayed (or removed) or resets the number of failures to the number shown if the box is already displayed. The number of failures is automatically incremented by any 'Failure to program' messages in Program, Append, Serial Number Append, or Special Program operations, but not those caused by 'device not present'.

PROGRAMMED 0

PROGRAMMED +

PROGRAMMED OFF

PROGRAMMED ON

This causes a programming success quantity box to be displayed (or removed) or resets the number of successes to the number shown if the box is already displayed.

The number of successes is incremented by a PROGRAMMED command, e.g.

```
PROGKEY
```

```
IF ERRORLEVEL = 0
```

```
    PROGRAMMED +
```

```
    REQUIRED -
```

```
ENDIF
```

```
REQUIRED 20
```

```
REQUIRED -
```

```
REQUIRED ?
```

```
REQUIRED OFF
```

```
REQUIRED ON
```

This causes a devices required quantity box to be displayed (or removed) or resets the number required to the number shown if the box is already displayed.

The number required is decremented by a REQUIRED - command. Note: the REQUIRED number can go negative if more devices are programmed than were requested.

```
VERIFYLEVEL <setting>
```

where <setting> is:

```
    +/-0%
```

```
    +/-5%
```

```
    +/-10%
```

```
    +/-20%
```

Verification of programming may be performed at VCC +/- 0%, 5%, 10% and 20%.

```
VERIFY_LOW <setting>
```

```
VERIFY_HIGH <setting>
```

where <setting> is a valid VCC value.

EMPTYFILL <setting>
where <setting> is:

0
FF
DEFAULT

This defines the hexadecimal value that will be used to fill parts of the buffer that are not defined in the file to be downloaded, displayed or printed. It will normally be set to the blank value for the currently selected device (DEFAULT), but you may want to force it to another value so that, for instance, the checksum is consistent with another manufacturer's programmer.

DOWNLOAD <buf_start_addr> <buf_end
addr> <file_name><file_start_addr>

Downloads defined part of file to defined part of buffer. If <file_name> is ? the operator will be prompted to enter the filename.

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = type selected ok
1 = no type set

UPLOAD <file_name>

Uploads buffer to file. If <file_name> is ? the operator will be prompted to enter the filename.

ERRORLEVEL codes set

0 = type selected ok
1 = no type set

ACCESSTIME <setting>

where <setting> is:

NORMAL

SLOW

By setting the access time to SLOW, this function allows you to increase the access time for reading, verifying

and checksumming the selected device. This is necessary for certain devices especially micro-processors that program like EPROMs but in different packages. If set to SLOW, the setting will be displayed in the status area.

The default setting is NORMAL.

ADDR_RANGE <low_address>
<high_address>

This function permits the programming of a microprocessor that programs like an EPROM but is smaller than the EPROM.

The programmer will adjust the input addresses to the nearest 2K byte boundary and the setting will be displayed in the status area.

SERNO FILE <file_name>

SERNO AUTO

SERNO OFF

SERNO CHANGE

These functions allow the serial numbering of programmable devices to be carried out automatically each time that they are programmed. SERNO FILE <file_name> must be processed in the script file before any of the other SERNO instructions can appear. <file_name> refers to the serial number filename (suffix .SNO) that has been set up in menu mode by typing N from the main menu.

SERNO AUTO and SERNO OFF are equivalent to auto and manual in menu mode. SERNO CHANGE allows changes to the next serial number to be programmed from



within batch mode.

CLEAR_RAM

Clears all RAM to the current erase value

NEW

Puts all settings as they were when batch mode first started.

PROGKEY

Same as pressing the PROG key on the standalone programmer.

READKEY

Same as pressing the READ key on the standalone programmer.

ERASEKEY

Same as pressing the ERASE key on the standalone programmer.

VERIFYKEY

Same as pressing the VERIFY key on the standalone programmer.

CKSUMKEY

CKSUMKEY <nnnn>

CKSUMKEY <nnnnnnnn>

Same as pressing the CKSUM key on the standalone programmer.

If a 4 or 8 digit hexadecimal number is included in the instruction, an error message will be displayed against any socket where the device check-sum does not equal this number.

BLANKKEY

Same as pressing the BLANK key on the standalone programmer.

AUTOKEY

Auto type select.

Example Script

This is a printout of an example of a user generated script file called:

SAMPLE1.BAT

Typically it would be invoked using an MS-DOS batch file such as the following (ACME.BAT):

```
rem run pd2 in batch mode with script to program 27010's
```

```
PD2 @SAMPLE1.SCR
```

As may be seen the effect of the user typing ACME is to load PD2 and cause it to run the script file SAMPLE1.SCR.

The actual script follows, and contains several comments to explain the use of commands. The total effect of the script is to produce a number of EPROMs for a particular job, allowing for a choice of EPROM type, either from a predetermined list or by auto-selection. The correct file will be automatically downloaded, and a count is maintained on screen of programmed devices and failures. The user is also asked to say how many he is required to blow, and the number still required is displayed. We suggest that you use a copy of this file to modify for your own purposes until you become familiar with the programming language.



Sample script 'SAMPLE.SCR'

; sample batch program to blow some 27C010s
; programming commands are shown in UPPER CASE for clarity although they
; may equally well be in lower case.

; if first command is HEADING then the default logo will not appear

HEADING

" ACME MANUFACTURING CORP."

" "

" Program to blow some 27C010s for the Mega-Cyclotron job"

HEADINGEND

; allow operator to pick one of the available parts
; lines with no_option cannot be selected

MENU

" As Acme Co. stores may provide different EPROM types please select the " NO_OPTION

" type available from the following menu" NO_OPTION

" " NO_OPTION ; example of a line which can't be chosen

" AMD 27C010" TYPE 99A9 ; example of a menu type setting

" Intel 27C010" TYPE EDE8

" ST 27C010" TYPE 8889

" NS 27C010" TYPE C013

" OTHER" GOTO AUTOSELECT ; example of a menu goto

" (use Cursor Up and Down, then press enter)" NO_OPTION

MENU_END

; wait command causes delay for a number of seconds

WAIT 1

GOTO DOJOB ; if we're here we must have selected a type

:AUTOSELECT ; label to goto if type wasn't in list
; tell operator to put in apart to identify

MESSAGE

" Place one of the devices in any socket of the programmer"

" in order to automatically determine its type "

"when ready press any key"

MESSAGE_END

; now do an auto select operation

TYPE AUTO



```
                ; demonstrate that we know the type now
MESSAGE
“ The type of device you wish to program is %type_name “
“      ....press any key “
MESSAGE_END
                ; in all cases we get here to blow the devices
:DOJOB
                ; first we download the file required
FORMAT BINARY
DOWNLOAD 0 1F000 SAMPLE1.SCR
                ; turn on the box showing how many successfully programmed
                ; devices we get
PROGRAMMED 0
                ; and a box showing failures
FAILURES 0
                ; ask the operator how many he needs to do
                ; and open up a box with this number
REQUIRED ?
                ; this label is where we'll loop back to,
                ; to program more parts
:LABEL
                ; tell operator to put some blank parts in
MESSAGE
“““
“      Put some blank %type_name parts in sockets and press any key”
“““
“      = (Press ESC to exit when done) =“
MESSAGE_END
                ; do some programming
PROG_KEY
                ; add successes to programmed message box
PROGRAMMED +
                ; decrement number required by appropriate quantity
REQUIRED -
                ; ...and loop
GOTO LABEL
                ; in this file operator decides when he's finished and exits by
                ; pressing ESC
```


Alphabetical Command List

ACCESSTIME	Slow down the read access time
ADDRRANGE	Change the address range of a device
AGAIN?	Repeat script from start if user answers "yes"
AGAIN? GOTO	Repeat script from label
AUTOKEY	Do remote auto type set
BLANKCHECK	Turn automatic blank check on or off
BLANKKEY	Do a remote blank check
BYTESELECT	Set which bytes are selected during download
CKSUMKEY	Do a remote checksum operation
CLEAR_RAM	Clear out all of RAM
DELETE	Delete an MS-DOS file
DOWNLOAD	Load a file into the programmer RAM
EMPTYFILL	Over-rides blank value of device if required
ERASEKEY	Do a remote erase operation
EXIT	Exit script
FAILURES	Turn on/off 'Failures' box
FILEADDRESS	Set default start address in files
FORMAT	Set file format
GOTO	Start executing from a label
HEADING,HEADINGEND	Define a screen heading
IDCHECK	Turn automatic id check on or off
IF,ELSE,ENDIF	Condition construction
MANUAL	Allow remote operation of certain keys
MASTERSPLIT	Define master split setting
MENU,MENUEND	Display a menu and get response
MESSAGE, MESSAGE_END	Display a message (optionally get a response)
MONITORCKSUM	Validates the checksum before programming
MOUNTCHECK	Turn automatic mount check on or off
NEW	Resets all parameters
NOEXIT	Prevent ESC key from exiting script
POLARITY	Set data polarity for file downloads
PROGKEY	Do a remote program operation
PROGRAMMED	Turn on/off 'Programmed' box
READKEY	Do a remote READ operation
RENAME	Renames the specified file
REQUIRED	Turn on/off 'Required' box
REVCHECK	Turn automatic reverse check on/off
RUN	Run a user program under MS-DOS



RUN_STUDIO	Run a user program requiring use of screen and keyboard under MS-DOS
SER_NO	Serial numbering
SPECIAL	Manually or automatically program specials
STATUS	Turn on/off on-screen status information
TYPE	Set device type
TYPENAME	Change device type name
UPLOAD	Read programmer buffer into a file
VERIFYKEY	Do a remote verify check
VERIFYLEVEL)
VERIFY_LOW) Change the verify voltage range
VERIFY_HIGH)
WAIT	Do nothing for a defined number of seconds

String variables

%BYTESELECT	expands to ODD, EVEN, ALL etc.
%FAILURES	expands to number of failures
%FILEADDRESS	expands to default file address
%FORMAT	expands to description of file format
%POLARITY	expands to TRUE or INVERTED
%PROGRAMMED	expands to number of successes
%REQUIRED	expands to number required
%SER_NO	expands to next serial number
%TYPENAME	expands to description of type set

Truth variables

ERRORLEVEL=<n>	ESC true if ESC key was pressed
MORE_NEEDED	true if required variable > 0
NO	true if reply was 'no'
OTHER_REPLY	true if reply was not 'yes', 'no', or ESC
YES	true if reply was 'yes'



Appendix A

A full device list can be provided by running the MQP Electronics program DEVSUP (Device Support) and pressing the Output S2000 list.

Appendix B - Special Functions

Special Functions on MP3

The programming module MP3 programs 16 bit devices (word wide) and other devices that are bigger than 8 bits wide. A function has been added to local mode to permit the programming of alternate words into the EPROMs when required.

The soft key f3 is used for this function. When in the quiescent state, the display will show the currently selected type and which words will be programmed:

INTEL 27C210	
REPORT	ALL

The word ALL above f3 indicates that all words will be programmed, the normal mode. Pressing f3 will cause the programmer to cycle round the valid settings of ODD, EVEN and ALL. By using this key, you can select ODD a blow a set of PROMs, then select EVEN and blow a set. Therefore if you have a file on a PC for a target system with a 32 bit wide bus, downloading it using PROMDRIVER and programming two sets of PROMs by the above method in local mode results in 32 bit wide programming.

PIC16C5X

When programming PICs on the MP3 module, in conjunction with PIC pin converters, the special functions required by PICs are enabled.

The programmer display shows how many functions are available while it is displaying the type selected. It does this in the top right of the display with a typical format:

MCHIP 16C54 *	S----
REPORT	*NOTE

The 'S' stands for 'specials' and the following - haracters indicate four functions which are currently switched off. The four functions for a Microchip 16C54 are:

1. Watchdog Disable
2. Code Protect
3. Oscillator Type
4. User ID

For example if watchdog disable and code protect were currently turned on for automatic activation after normal programming the display would show:

MCHIP 16C54 *	S12--
REPORT	*NOTE

Setting an automatic special function

Press the FUNC key, then the DEVICE key, then the cursor right key, then SPECL and the display will show:

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS			
AUTO MANUAL			

Pressing AUTO will result in a display for setting up automatic programming functions:

AUTO SPECIALS	S----		
WDOFF	LOCK	OSC	ID

Use the 4 function keys to set up the desired automatic functions and



then press EXIT until you reach the top level display again. When pressing OSC a further menu is offered:

OSC TYPE: XT	
CHANGE	OK

Pressing CHANGE allows the oscillator type to be altered or programming it to be disabled.

When pressing ID a further menu is offered:

ID: 1234 (OFF)	
ON	OK

Use the keys 0-F and the cursor keys to enter the user ID required.

Please note that the settings can be copied by reading a 'master' pic device. Only the code protect function will be unaffected by this, as a protected PIC cannot of course be used as a master device.

The code protect setting should be set as required, as described above.

Performing a manual special function

Press the FUNC key, then the DEVICE key, then the cursor right key, then SPECL and the display will show:

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS	
AUTO	MANUAL

Pressing MANUAL will result in a display for performing manual programming functions:

MANUAL SPECIALS			
WDOFF	LOCK	OSC	ID

Pressing one of the 4 function keys marked will immediately perform the labelled function on all the socketed devices (in the case of OSC and ID you will also be asked to specify a

value). Please refer to the manufacturers data sheet for the device concerned for any restrictions on the order in which special function may be used.

PIC16C6x/7x

MCHIP 16C61 *	S12-
REPORT	*NOTE

This is similar to the PIC16C5x except that the special functions have been modified. ID setting and Lock are the same but the other functions have all been arranged under one key called CONFIG for both MANUAL and AUTO specials.

Setting an automatic special function

Pressing AUTO will result in a display for performing programming functions:

AUTO SPECIALS	S12-
CONFIG ID LOCK	

On selecting CONFIG, a further menu is offered:

CONFIG IS OFF		
CHANGE	OPTIONS	OK

showing the current setting of the AUTO CONFIG option and offering the chance to change the current CONFIG state.

CONFIG OPTIONS			
WDTE	PWRTE	BODEN	FOSC

The meaning of these options is described in the Microchip data books.

Performing a manual special function

Pressing MANUAL will result in a warning:

Warning: RAM must have

correct data	OK
--------------	----

This reminds you that the correct locations in memory must be loaded before operating this function. These are described in full in the Microchip data books.

On pressing OK, the following display for performing manual programming functions will appear:

MANUAL SPECIALS
CONFIG ID LOCK

Press the relevant F key for the function that you want to program into all devices currently in the sockets.

AMD 29F400T & 29F400B

These devices have 2 special functions, unlock all sectors and lock selected sectors:

AUTO SPECIALS	S--
UNLOCK LOCK	

Pressing UNLOCK toggles the setting of special 1, pressing LOCK displays a further menu allowing you to select or deselect locking of each sector in turn.

SECTOR 00 @ 000000:LOCK	
CHANGE NEXT	OK

Pressing CHANGE toggles the setting (displayed on the top line) of the currently displayed sector, NEXT moves you on to the next sector. Note: the addresses of the sectors are different in the 29F400T and 29F400B, these features are described in further detail in the AMD data books.

Motorola 68HC705C8

This device has one special function - lock.

MOT 68HC705C8	S-
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AUTO SPECIALS	S-
LOCK	

Special Functions on MP5

Using the MP5 module it is possible to program the special lock and encryption functions either manually, or automatically during programming. The following notes describe how to achieve this.

The display shows how many functions are available while it is displaying the type selected. It does this in the top right of the display with a typical format:

SIG 87C51	S---
REPORT	

The 'S' stands for 'specials' and the following - characters indicate three functions which are currently switched off.

The three functions for a Signetics 87C51 are:

1. Lock Bit 1
2. Lock Bit 2
3. Encryption Table

For example if lock bit 1 and the encryption table were currently turned on for automatic activation after normal programming the display would show:

SIG 87C51	S1-3
REPORT	

Setting an automatic special function

Press the FUNC key, then the DEVICE key, then the cursor right key, then SPECL and the display will show:

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS
AUTO MANUAL

Pressing AUTO will result in a display for setting up automatic programming functions:

AUTO SPECIALS	S---
LOCK1 LOCK2 ENCRY	

Use the 3 function keys to set up the desired automatic functions and then press EXIT until you reach the top level display again.

Performing a manual special function

Press the FUNC key, then the DEVICE key, then the cursor right key, then SPECL and the display will show:

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS
AUTO MANUAL

Pressing MANUAL will result in a display for performing manual programming functions:

MANUAL SPECIALS
LOCK1 LOCK2 ENCRY

Pressing one of the 3 function keys marked will immediately perform the labelled function on all the socketed devices. Please refer to the manufacturers data sheet for the device concerned for any restrictions on the order in which special function may be used.

Special note on the encryption table in 87C51 family devices

The encryption table is a table of data up to 64 bytes long used to provide security on programmed devices. The programmer takes the data for this table from its RAM buffer at an address immediately following the last programmed code address. This data can be loaded into the RAM by manually editing it, or by downloading it from a PC using PROMDRIVER. The latter is the preferred method as it prevents errors. The size of file download will automatically default to a size which includes the size of the encryption table, and it is left to the system user to ensure that the encryption table is present and at the correct object file address.

For example in an 87C51 the encryption table must start at address 1000 hex and finish at address 101F hex.

Special note on the Signetics / Philips implementation of security functions

After lock bit 2 is programmed on such devices the silicon signature is no longer functional. This is not a fault of the programmer, rather a characteristic of the devices. Trying to read the device will result in an 'ID error'.



Special Functions on MP2/4

Atmel 29C040

Using the MP2 or MP4 module it is possible to protect parts of Flash devices etc. where appropriate.

ATMEL 29C040	S---
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The Atmel AT29C040 has 3 lock functions - data protection enable (LOCK) and lock out of the lower and upper boot blocks.

AUTO SPECIALS	S---
LOCK LK-LOW LK-UP	

Note: that data protection enable must be done at the same time as programming, so no equivalent manual function is available. To disable data protection, program the part with the correct data with the auto special function number 1 switched off.

Atmel 29C512 & 29C010

Using the MP2 or MP4 module it is possible to lock these Flash devices.

ATMEL 29C512	S-
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AUTO SPECIALS	S-
LOCK	

Note: that data protection enable must be done at the same time as programming, so no equivalent manual function is available. To disable data protection, program the part with the correct data with the auto special function switched off.

Atmel & Xicor 28C010, SST 28EE011 & 29EE010

These devices can be locked and unlocked on the MP2 or MP4 module.

ATMEL 28C010	S--
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AUTO SPECIALS	S12
UNLOCK LOCK	

When the AUTO settings are enabled, unlocking occurs before programming and locking occurs after programming. It is necessary to make the above selection if locked devices are being re-programmed as it is not possible to program a device when locked .

Special Functions on MP6

Microchip 24C65

MCHIP 24C65	S--
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The 24C65 has the capabilities of selecting a block to be high endurance (ENDUR), and of write-protecting a range of consecutive blocks (LOCK).

AUTO SPECIALS	S--
ENDUR LOCK	

Selecting ENDUR will allow you to select the number of the high endurance block. (Please note that this will NOT affect data already programmed into the device.)

High Endurance Block ON	
15	OFF OK

Selecting LOCK will allow you to set the number of the first block to be protected and the quantity of blocks.



Start	Qty	: ON	
15	00	OFF	OK

READING a master device will set the special function parameters automatically.

Xilinx 17000 Family

XILIN 17128D	S-
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The Xilinx range of serial EPROMs include parts which can have their RESET polarity programmed to an active low state.

AUTO SPECIALS	S-
RST-LOW	

Reading a master device will set the special function automatically.

Appendix C

Modules

The various modules for the programmer system that have been developed to date are:

TYPE	DEVICES	SOCKETS	MEMORY REQUIRED
MP2	BYTE WIDE EPROMS	8 + 1 DIL	OPTIONAL
MP3	WORD-WIDE DEVICES	8 OFF DIL	8/16 MBIT
MP4	BYTE WIDE EPROMS	16 OFF DIL	8/16 MBIT
MP5	8751/8748 FAMILIES	8 OFF DIL	8 MBIT
MP6	SERIAL E(E)PROMS	8 OFF DIL	8 MBIT
MP9	SIMMs, PCMCIA (see below)	see below	see below
SOCKET CARDS FOR MP9			
MP9-01	80 pin SIMMs	8	typ.128 MBIT (MM70)
MP9-02	72 pin SIMMs	8	typ.128 MBIT (MM70)
MP9-03	PCMCIA cards	8	typ.128 MBIT (MM70)
MP9-03 EJECT	PCMCIA cards	8 Eject Sockets	typ 128 MBIT (MM70)
MP9-04	72 pin DIMMs	8	typ 128 MBIT (MM70)

As the PIC family of microprocessors from Microchip Technology Inc. have 12, 13 or 14 bit busses they are programmed with the module MP3 with the appropriate MQP package converters.

Switch off the programmer before changing programming modules. Carefully lift out the installed module, and put the new module into the connectors in the module recess without bending pins.

Note: the current settings will be lost except for those under the RECALL key. Therefore certain hex keys can be used to STORE device types and associated settings for each programming module. This makes it

easier to set up a repeat job whenever the module is changed. (See STORE & RECALL keys under FUNC and TYPE).

The Display

The viewing angle of the display can be adjusted if it is difficult to read in the lighting conditions. Firstly switch off the programmer and switch on again with the hex digit 1 pressed down. The viewing angle can be changed using the two cursor keys ←and→. When the ideal setting has been selected press OK and the new value will be stored and used until it is changed again.

Volume Control

The key clicks and tones generated by the programmer can be controlled in two ways. Firstly they can be silenced completely by using the SOUND key under FUNC.

Secondly there is a volume control fitted under the programming module. To adjust this, turn the programmer off and carefully remove the module. Turn it back on (you will get a warning message but you can ignore this by pressing OK). You will see a small hole in the bottom left hand corner of the recess where the module usually sits. Under this hole there is a control that can be adjusted by turning clockwise (louder) or anti-clockwise (softer) until key presses and error bleeps are at the required volume. Switch off the programmer again before re-installing the module.

Software and Firmware Upgrades

The manufacturer is regularly upgrading the firmware of its products to keep pace with developments in the field. See Appendix I for further information about software support. Please contact your supplier.

Switch off the programmer before removing the programming module. Carefully lift out the module. You will see one or two EPROMs in the module recess. Carefully remove these with a PROM extractor tool. Put the new EPROM(s) in the socket(s) making sure that the notch indicating pin 1 is at that the top and that all the pins go into the sockets.

Note if two EPROMs have been supplied, EPROM number 1 must go into

the left hand socket. The programming module can then be carefully re-inserted.

Unfortunately changing the firmware version erases all settings that have been stored in the programmer, except for the viewing angle (see above).

Changing the RAM Module

A new RAM module may be required because the current one is not big enough for the larger devices or different split and set parameters that you want to use.

New or replacement modules can be obtained from your supplier. Switch off the programmer before removing the RAM module. Undo the screw at the top of the keyboard/display module. Slide this module up slightly and carefully lift up. Note that it is attached to the main unit with a length of ribbon cable. DO NOT PULL THIS TIGHT. The RAM module can then be gently removed and the new one fitted the same way round.

Re-fit the keyboard/display module by sliding it down until the tongue at the bottom fits inside the main unit. Replace the screw at the top and gently tighten it while pressing down on the back end of the keyboard/display module (DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN).

The size of the new RAM module can be displayed using the INFO key under FUNC (see chapter 13).



Physical Description

Length: 38 cm

Width: 23 cm

Height: 15 cm (MP2, MP4 at highest point)

Weight: 10 kg (including typical programming module)

Technical Specification

Power consumption: 70W max.

Voltage settings: 110 or 240V (self selecting)

Appendix D

WARNINGS

DO NOT remove devices from sockets while the socket led is showing operation in progress (LED on with short flashes off).

DO make sure that the programmer is switched off before removing or inserting a programming module or ram module.

It is not good practice to switch on or off the programmer with device(s) in the sockets. This can damage some devices.

Warning on AUTO Typesetting:

Automatic type setting depends on the device in question having been provided by the manufacturer with a so-called Silicon Signature. Not all devices can be identified in this way. Indeed some devices can even be damaged by the special voltages involved. In particular some microprocessors which are claimed by their manufacturer to program like a particular EPROM using a pin converter will probably never contain the silicon signature. NEVER use auto type selection if you know that the device does not contain a silicon signature.

If you ever need to transport the unit, please observe the following precautions:

- Switch off and disconnect from the mains
- Unplug the programming module
- **Pack the programming module and the chassis separately.** If you cannot find the original purpose made packaging, please ensure that each item is well padded.
- The mains lead should be packed separately to avoid damage to the equipment from plugs.

Appendix E

Error Messages

NO DEVICE TYPE SELECTED

OK

A device type must be selected before this operation (see TYPE single function key).

COPY SOCKET EMPTY

OK

ROM master has been chosen but the copy socket is empty or contains a faulty device.

RAM MASTER ONLY ALLOWED

OK

For certain devices it is not possible to program from the copy socket. You must program from RAM.

INSUFFICIENT RAM

OK

A larger RAM module is required to carry out this operation.

CANNOT READ - ROM MASTER

OK

It is not possible to READ from the copy socket, it must be done from socket A1 (see READ single function key).

ALL SOCKETS EMPTY

OK

A1: NO DEVICE

NEXT

Device absent from this socket.

A1: PROGRAMMED OK

NEXT

Device in this socket has been programmed and verified correctly.

A1: ID ERROR

NEXT

Device in this socket has the wrong silicon signature, i.e. it is the wrong type or faulty.

A1: MOUNT ERROR

NEXT

The device in this socket is inserted wrongly or is faulty.

A1: PROG FAIL @ 000000

NEXT

The device in this socket failed to programmed, probably due to a faulty device.

ADDRESS LINE ERROR

OK

A fault has been detected in a device.

RAM HAS NOT BEEN LOADED

CONTINUE

ABORT

An attempt has been made to program when the master RAM is all blank, i.e. after a restart or CLR operation. Press continue if you want to program all the devices with the blank value.

This feature not yet implemented

OK

Please contact your distributor to see when this feature will be implemented.

Not applicable to this device

OK

An attempt has been made to perform a function that is not allowed with the currently selected device, e.g. trying to ERASE a UV erasable PROM.

NO PROGRAMMING MODULE

OK



The programmer has been switched on without a programming module. No useful operations can be performed except adjusting the volume control (see appendix C).

**SOFTWARE VERSION ERROR -
REQUIRES AT LEAST VXX.XX**

The programmer has been switched on with the wrong firmware version for this programming module. Please contact your supplier.

PIN CONVERTER REQUIRED

OK

WRONG ADAPTER

OK

Certain devices need our adapters in the sockets to be able to program, verify or read them. Please contact your supplier if you are not sure which pin converter to use.

Appendix F

Common Questions and Answers.

Q. *After programming (or reading, blankchecking or checksumming) a set of EPROMs the report does not stay on the display. Why is this?*

A. You have the detect empty socket turned on and the devices you are using are not suitable for use with this function, as they cannot be detected by the method the programmer uses.

The solution is to turn off the detect empty socket function when programming this device type (press FUNC then MISC to locate this setting).

Q. *Although devices blank check OK, they always fail to program, usually with a failure at a low address.*

A. The devices are damaged or especially for devices like the 87C51 one or more of the lock bits have been blown.

Q. *I want to program a micro-processor or micro-controller that the manufacturer says programs exactly like an EPROM. How do I do program it?*

A. First, set the device type to the EPROM, note, you will not be able to use auto type select to do this. Then you may need to do any of the

following: if the address space of the micro is smaller than the EPROM use ADDR in the FUNC, DEVICE menu to change the lower and upper addresses. If large and complicated package converters are being used, you may have to reduce the access time for reading and checksumming the device. This can be found under the Tacc key in FUNC, DEVICE. Also you will need to turn ID Check off, also see under FUNC, DEVICE.

Q. *I get a different checksum with this programmer than another manufacturer's programmer.*

A. This programmer calculates the checksum by adding the contents of all bytes in the device. The bytes that are not defined in the downloaded file are filled with the blank value for the device, usually FF hex. Some other programmer manufacturers fill the unused parts of their devices, especially 8751s, with 00. To make the checksums the same, we have added a special feature to allow you to select 00 as the blank value when filling unused parts of devices. It can be found under the FUNC, RAM, EMPTY keys.

Q. *All the text is being displayed in German or another language.*

A. The language selected has been changed. Change it back to English by selecting ENGLISH in the FUNC menu; press FUNC, ← and f1. Note, the selected language is

stored along with device information under the numeric RECALL keys, so if the language keeps changing, check these, see RECALL in the FUNC menu.

Q. *When I put some devices into the socket, the warning buzz sounds continuously.*

A. Either you have put the device into the socket incorrectly, upside down or not in the bottom part of the socket, or you are using an older device that fails the reverse check. Old Intel 8751H (21V) cause the reverse detect to operate all the time. The way to stop this is to disable reverse check, see in the FUNC menu under DEVICE.

Q. *When I switch the programmer on, the display briefly shows the message:*

UNSUPPORTED

Why?

A This programmer has never been registered, and is by default supported up to 1st February 1996. So all devices added to the menu before that date are automatically supported. For support for devices added after that date registration is required (see appendix I).

Q. *When I use auto device selection of a certain device why do I see the message:*

CHECK SUPPORT CONTRACT

OK

A. This device was added to the menu after the expiry of software support for the programmer, so is not available without a new registration code (see appendix I).

Q. *How do I know which sectors are locked on AMD 29F400B or 29F400T devices?*

A. Select the correct device type and read the device into memory. The 11 word locations following the end address of the device (40000 hex onwards) will contain in ascending order the setting for each sector. If the least significant bit is 0 the sector is locked, if set to 1 the sector is not locked.

Q. *How can I find out which special features are enabled on Microchip PIC devices?*

A. Select the correct device type and read the device into memory. The special feature (configuration word, ID value and locked status are stored in memory at the addresses recommended by Microchip, Inc (see the relevant data books).

Q. *After certain operations (READ, VERIFY etc.) a  icon appears (and ALERT flashes) on the screen.*

A. This symbol appears against the checksum if master checksum monitoring is currently enabled (see under FUNC, DEVICE, CKSUM, MASTER).

Appendix G

Tree Structures of programmer functions

TYPE Key

TYPE

- AUTO Select type by Silicon Signature
- NAME Select type by Manufacturer and Name
- CODE Select type by 4 digit Device code
- RECALL Select type by recalling stored type

EDIT Key

EDIT

- EDIT BUFFER Edit contents of RAM buffer
 - COPY Copy a block of data
 - FILL Fill a block of data
 - NEW Clear a block of data
 - INVERT Invert the polarity of a block of data
 - SEEK Search for a sequence of bytes
 - INSERT Put into insert mode
 - DELETE Put into delete mode
 - KILL Move data down
- DISPLAY BUFFER Examine contents of RAM buffer (can't be modified)
- EDIT DEVICE [Reserved for future function]
- DISPLAY DEVICE Examine contents of device (can't be modified)

FUNC Key

FUNC

—STORE	Saves settings under a numeric key
—RECALL	Recalls settings under a numeric key
—RAM	
—SPLIT	Settings for 8 bit devices on 16 or 32 bit busses
—SETS	Settings for sets of different PROM patterns
—CKSUM	
—BITS	Set no. of digits displayed in checksums
—DIGITS	Set size of data summed
—MASTER	Set and enable master checksum
—CLR	Clear all RAM
—DISP	Set size of data displayed
—EMPTY	Set RAM empty fill value
—PATT(n)	Store either of two test patterns in all RAM
—DEVICE	
—ID	Enable/disable id check
—MOUNT	Enable/disable mount check
—REVERSE	Enable/disable reverse check
—BLANK	Enable/disable blank check and set blank value
—VERIFY	Set verification Vcc limits
—SPECL	
—AUTO	Enable lock functions etc. of devices
—MANUAL	Perform lock functions etc. of devices
—CKSUM	
—BITS	Set no. of digits displayed in checksums
—DIGITS	Set size of data summed
—MASTER	Set and enable master checksum
—Tacc	NORMAL or SLOW device access time
—ADDR	Set reduced address space
—COMMS	
—HOST	PC or non-PC host
—PORT	Serial port parameters (set by host in PC mode)
—PRINTER USED?	Use parallel port for comms or printer
—PRINTER PARAM	Set up printer (if enabled)
—INIT	Set up initialisation string
—TERM	Set up termination string
—PAGEL	Set up page length
—MASTER	
—ROM	Set ROM (COPY skt.) to program and verify from
—RAM	Set RAM to program and verify from
—INFO	Various useful programmer information displays
—SOUND	
—CLICKS	Enable/disable
—TONES	Enable/disable
—EETEST	Performs goods inwards test on re-programmable devts.
—MISC.	
—KEYBOARD LOCK	Locks/unlocks settings
—EMPTY SKT DETECT	Enable/disable
—START UP TESTS	Enable/disable
—START: CLR ALL RAM	Enable/disable
—ALG.	Prog. algorithm and info. of selected device
—PRINT	Print device list
—DEUTSCH ENGLISH	Change display to other language
—STAT	Enable/disable programming statistics

Appendix H

Serial and Parallel Port Connections (PC Host Mode)

When using a PC compatible in 'PC Host' mode (in other words using PROMDRIVER software), it is only necessary to use the 25 way D-type lead provided, with the possible addition of the 25 pin to 9 pin converter.

The 25 way D-type lead is a standard fully connected male to female type.

Use of the parallel port is preferred for reasons of speed, and immunity from interaction with other software. To transfer files to or from a device other than a PC compatible it is necessary to use 'Non-PC Host' mode, and to set up a suitable communication link between the programmer and the other device. Two methods are possible; serial (DOS only) and parallel.

Parallel (Non-PC Host)

The parallel port is one way only (into the programmer) and emulates exactly the port on a Centronics printer. This allows file transfers from any computer using a command to 'copy a file to a printer'. It has the advantage of speed and allows the use of standard existing operating system software.

The programmer parallel connector is a 25 pin plug (male) with the following pin connections:

Pin	Direction	Name	Description
1	INPUT	\STROBE	Mandatory.
2	INPUT	D0	Mandatory.

3	INPUT	D1	Mandatory.
4	INPUT	D2	Mandatory.
5	INPUT	D3	Mandatory.
6	INPUT	D4	Mandatory.
7	INPUT	D5	Mandatory.
8	INPUT	D6	Mandatory.
9	INPUT	D7	Mandatory.
10	OUTPUT	\ACK	Mandatory.
11	OUTPUT	BUSY	Mandatory.
12	OUTPUT	PE	Mandatory.
13	OUTPUT	SLCT	Mandatory.
14	INPUT	\AUTO FD XT	Optional.
15	OUTPUT	\ERROR	Mandatory.
16	INPUT	\INIT	Optional.
17	INPUT	\SLCT IN	Optional.
18-25	-	GND	Mandatory.

Such a lead should ideally not exceed 2m in length.

Serial (RS232C) (Non-PC Host - DOS only)

The Programmer is equipped with a female 25 way D type connector. Only pins 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 20 are connected. The pinout is designed so that connection to an IBM PC, XT or compatible may be achieved using an off-the-shelf male to female RS232C cable which connects at least pins 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 20.

PC Compatible Connection Chart.

IBM PC 25 pin male	IBM AT 9 pin male	PROGRAMMER. 25 pin female
1 GROUND		
2 TXD O/P	3 TXD O/P	2 TXD I/P
3 RXD I/P	2 RXD I/P	3 RXD O/P
4 RTS O/P	7 RTS O/P	
5 CTS I/P*	8 CTS I/P*	5 CTS O/P*
6 DSR I/P	6 DSR I/P	
7 GROUND	5 GROUND	7 GROUND
8 DCD I/P	1 DCD I/P	8 DCD O/P
20 DTR O/P*	4 DTR O/P*	20 DTR I/P*
22 (RI) I/P	9 (RI) I/P	

*flow control

If using the programmer with other host computers a lead may be made up quite simply using the following table of pin connection requirements. The use of pins and



connector by the Programmer is that of a DCE (Data Communications Equipment) or Modem.

WARNING: When used with PROMDRIVER under MS-DOS all connections are mandatory. The optional requirement referred to in this section refer to 'Non-PC Host' mode operation only.

Programmer Pin Descriptions for use with Devices other than PC Compatibles

Pin	Direction	Function	Name	Description
2	INPUT	TXD	Data to Programmer	Mandatory
3	OUTPUT	RXD	Data from Programmer	Mandatory
5	OUTPUT	CTS	Data Flow Control by Programmer	Optional output. Programmer turns this signal OFF if it is not prepared to accept a character at that time.
6	OUTPUT	DSR	Programmer On.	Optional output. This output is ON whenever the Programmer is powered.
7	-	GND	Signal Ground.	Mandatory.
8	OUTPUT	DCD	Programmer On.	Optional Output. This output is always ON when the Programmer is powered.
20	INPUT	DTR	Data Flow Control by Host.	If not used connect to pin 8 (IMPORTANT). If DTR is taken to OFF by the Host data transmission on pin 3 will cease after the character currently being transmitted, and will resume when DTR is taken to ON.

RS232 specifies that ON is a voltage greater than +6 and OFF is a voltage more negative than -6.

Flow Control

Three types of data flow control (or lack of it) are used by the Programmer.

RS232 control line.

The Programmer will stop transmitting if the RS232 line DTR is turned OFF, and will continue if it is turned ON. It will turn CTS to OFF if it wants the other end of the link to stop transmitting.

XON / XOFF.

The Programmer will stop transmitting if it receives an XOFF character (Control/S). It will resume if it receives an XON (Control/Q). It will send XOFF if turning CTS off did not stop the flow, and will send XON when ready for further characters.

None.

no flow control is implemented then successful communication depends on the devices in communication being able to process all input and output communication without character loss. This is unlikely at any usefully high data rate.

'PC-Host' mode protocol uses hardware handshaking, using DTR and CTS. If using 'Non-PC Host' mode, it is essential to provide a form of positive flow control when transmitting files to the Programmer. Hardware handshaking is strongly recommended.

Speed

It is possible that the host may not be capable of handling the full 38400 bits/second rate without losing characters. If you have problems on a particular computer



with data loss as evidenced by 'Format Error' messages or lock-ups then try running the serial link at a lower rate.

Interface Parameters

If using 'Non-PC Host' mode the serial port of the host computer should be set up with the same parameters as the programmer.

Mode:	Asynchronous.
Speed:	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200 or 38400 b/s. The higher the rate the faster the data transfers will take place.
Bits:	8 data + no parity bit + 1 stop bit. This is the recommended setting but any setting with at least 7 data bits will be OK for Intel and Motorola Hex data formats, provided both ends of the link are set the same.
Receive Parity:	Ignore.

Appendix I

Support Arrangements

- Software Support
- Socket Lifetime
- Repair Service Outside Warranty

Software Support

Software support includes support of new device types and the addition of new software features. The purchase of every system includes one year's free support. After this year the user may purchase support for a further year at a time, or take out a continuous support contract for which he will be invoiced at a reduced price at yearly intervals.

During a year of support the user will have access to updates, via our Web-page, at any time. Any user requiring extra upgrades and not having access will be asked to pay a handling charge.

The updates are available to any user at any time. Devices added after the registered support date cannot be selected, but they will be shown in the menus for information. On the standalone programmer display they will flash to show that they are not available. On the PROMDRIVER type selection screen they will be displayed in red (DOS) or have a red cross against them (Windows).

Registration of a new Programmer

A new programmer must be registered by the user. Without registration only limited device support is available. If the programmer is used with a PC registration is automatic. If no PC is available, a code from the supplier must be typed into the programmer keyboard. On request the distributor may pre-register the unit before sending it out.

Activation of further year's support.

To purchase a year's extra support the user must supply the serial number of the programmer. He will receive a new registration number in return. This number may be entered directly into the programmer, or into the PROMDRIVER registration screen. Full details of this operation are given below.

Support for new devices.

MQP will add support for any new device, provided that it is technically feasible, at the request of any customer purchasing a new system, or with current software support. This assumes that the device is not obsolete or obsolescent, and is subject to availability of data and samples.

This will be free of charge provided no hardware changes or additions are necessary. If further hardware is required an additional Development Charge may be required.

Web Page



See front page of this manual for the address.

WHAT TO DO

Automatic Support Registration Using Promdriver

The easiest way to register your new programmer is to connect it to a PC and run it in remote mode. The programmer will automatically be registered for one year's free software support.

To use this method of registration, follow the PROMDRIVER installation instructions. After the installation screen, you will see a window informing you that registration has completed. During registration a 12 character registration code is assigned to your programmer. This code is stored, for your record, along with the programmer serial number, in a file called REGIST.TXT. This is stored in the same directory as the PROMDRIVER application software. Further registrations of the same or other programmers will be added to the file.

Please do not edit or delete this file. It is your record of programmer registration information. The programmer itself stores the registration information, so any computer may be used in future to remotely run the programmer

Manual Support Registration

If the programmer is new then please try to use the automatic registration method described above, as it will save much time.

However there are a number of situations where it will be necessary to register the programmer in stand-alone mode. Examples are:

- The programmer is new but there is no PC available.
- The programmer is not new and needs to be registered or re-registered to allow it to work with the latest software version.

Manual support registration in stand-alone mode

The procedure is as follows:

Contact your supplier and obtain a 12 digit registration code. The supplier will need to know the programmer serial number (from the label on the back of the unit). The registration code will be provided free of charge provided that the programmer chassis, or a module for that chassis is still in warranty. Otherwise he will have to make a charge for software support.

- Switch on the programmer while holding down the '9' key on the programmer keypad. You will see the registration status.

If the unit is new and has never been registered the message will read:

<p>Please register (see manual)</p>	<p>OK</p>
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If you do not register, only a few sample devices will be available. Other device type names will flash and cannot be selected. Press OK and you will see the Registration



Screen (see below)

If the unit is not new it will show the date until which it is currently supported. Older units which have never been registered will display:

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Registered till 01Feb96
REGISTER                                OK
```

Units which have been registered previously will show a later date than this.

Press register to proceed to the Registration Screen.

Registration Screen

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S/No  REGISTRATION
351126 000000000000    OK
```

First check that the serial number shown is the one for which you obtained the registration code. **IMPORTANT: If they do not match, registration will fail.** (Note: The first two serial number digits may be shown as 00 on older units. You may correct this using the left arrow key. This is not mandatory, it is just for your own convenience.)

Type in the registration code exactly as shown. Then press OK. The new registration status will be shown. e.g.

```
Registered till 03Jul02
REGISTER                                OK
```

Press OK and the programmer will start normally.

Manual support registration using PROMDRIVER

This is similar in principle to stand-alone registration, but is accessed from the PROMDRIVER main menu. Press the F4 key to start the registration process. You will need the registration code from your supplier.

Information about support status

In stand-alone mode press the FUNC - INFO keys and look for the item:

SUPPORT TILL:

This shows the date to which software support is currently provided. Devices added after this date cannot be selected.

In remote PROMDRIVER mode press the F3 key from the main menu. The Info screen will give the unit serial number and the support date (from PROMDRIVER V8.94 onwards).

Socket Lifetime

One of the most critical components of a programmer is the ZIF socket. Although the sockets used on our programmers are hard-wearing, they still have a limited lifetime. Even under ideal conditions this will be around 25,000 cycles. When exposed to a non-clean environment this can be further reduced. For

example touching the pins of the devices being programmed can transfer contamination to the ZIF socket. Eating food in the vicinity of the programmer, leaving the programmer uncovered when not in use, or using in a dusty environment can all lead to socket contamination. The first signs of contamination will be hard to identify and are often just assumed to be caused by a programmer fault, as the number of programming failures rises.

Another source of socket failure is simply rough handling. The more modern device packages in particular require more delicate socket mechanisms, and many of these can easily be damaged by mishandling. For surface mount devices in particular, it is essential to use a proper vacuum pen handling tool.

As a result of these potential causes of socket damage, we have to exclude the sockets from our initial warranty and from any service contract, except where a failure is due to faulty manufacture of the socket. If sockets need cleaning or replacing during the guarantee period, we will have to charge accordingly.

Cycle Counter

All our programming modules have a cycle counter, which counts programming cycles. This count may be displayed at any time under INFO. When the maximum socket lifetime is reached, a message will appear on the programmer display when it is first switched on, saying

SOCKET LIFETIME EXCEEDED

Pressing OK will remove the message and operation may continue as normal.

To maintain reliability of programming it is important not to use the programmer beyond the lifetime of its sockets. On reaching the socket count limit we recommend that you arrange with your supplier to return the module for refurbishment. A charge will be made for parts and labour involved.

It is not cost effective to ignore this advice. For example the sockets used on MP4 can, if used in clean conditions, program 25000 x 16, or 400,000 devices before socket lifetime is exceeded. This represents several thousand pounds worth of devices. The loss, due to faulty programming caused by worn or dirty sockets, of even a small proportion of the next 400,000 parts will cost very much more than a timely refurbishment.

For a production department needing continuity of operation a

cost efficient solution is to purchase a second module to cover the time when a module is not available due to refurbishment.

Repair Service Outside Warranty

Repairs are carried out on a 'return to base' basis, normally within 2-3 days. The price will be available on request.

If a programmer returned for repair is found to have unreliable sockets, caused by contamination, or if the socket lifetime is exceeded, we will normally replace all sockets, making a charge for this, and reset the cycle counter.

Hardware Service Contract

An annual service contract is available. The contract covers repair of faulty units which have not reached their socket cycle limit.

Not covered are:

- faults caused by misuse
- replacement of sockets
- adapters
- carriage charges in either direction
- software upgrade support (see SoftwareSupport)

If a unit has reached its socket cycle limit, or has contaminated or damaged sockets, the normal charges for refurbishment will apply before the unit can be repaired

under the service contract.

Transporting the Programmer

- Please observe the following advice if you need to transport your programmer:
- If possible use the original purpose-made packaging.
- **Always unplug the programming module and pack it separately.**
- Pack any leads or other items returned separately.
- Remember that the programmer components are heavy and will undoubtedly receive rough handling in transit. Apply sufficient padding accordingly.
- Always obtain a returns number first if returning a unit to us.
- Always send the programmer prepaid, or it will not be accepted.