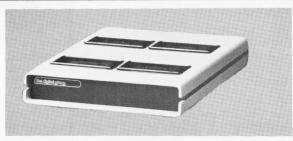
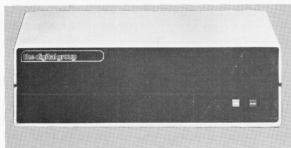


# the digital group flyer

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THIS FLYER IS INTENDED TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTS WE NOW HAVE AVAILABLE. WE ALSO HOPE TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT WE CONSIDER IMPORTANT IN DESIGNING EFFECTIVE COMPUTER SYSTEMS.

WE'VE BROKEN THIS FLYER INTO SEPARATE SECTIONS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. HOPEFULLY, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WADE THROUGH PARTS IN WHICH YOU HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN ORDER TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU'RE AFTER.

THIS FLYER CONTAINS ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM FLYERS 1 THROUGH 9. YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW FLYERS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

THE DIGITAL GROUP

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# philosophy

## SYSTEM PHILOSOPHY

or - Why we are doing what we're doing

We feel that the Digital Group Systems represent by far and away the most significant systems for computer hobbyists available today. We would like to discuss why our systems offer major advantages to the serious hobbyist.

#### **CHANGE**

If there is one constant that is already evident in this field, it is constant change. You are about to invest (or have already invested) a significant amount of money in a microcomputer system. That system should be able to easily adapt itself to new microprocessors by different manufacturerers and take advantage of new technologies with levels of integration. Otherwise, no sooner do you make your investment than another faster, cheaper, better, or enhanced micro chip comes out and you have to start over — or live locked-in to an obsolete design. That can be very frustrating.

The Digital Group Systems are designed specifically to easily adapt to change. The designs are also tailored for maximum flexibility in user support. We hope to demonstrate by specific area why the Digital Group Systems are the best choice for the hobbyist with the following discussions.

#### INVESTMENT

Most manufacturers continually emphasize their CPU's cost and features. However, the major portion of your investment is not spent on the CPU and CPU support circuitry. The major portion of investment is spent on memory, interfaces, software, and peripherals. This ratio will continue to swing even more heavily away from the CPU as CPU chip prices continue their rapid decline.

What does that mean? If you purchase a CPU that quickly becomes obsolete (as they all will) and you fully invest in memory and peripherals specifically tailored only for that CPU, you risk having your entire investment become totally obsolete.

The Digital Group Systems are designed to be independent of the manufacturer's CPU chip design. Complete system compatibility is maintained at the CPU card level. All memory, input/output, and peripherals are completely independent of the CPU selected. With the Digital Group Systems, you may now select different CPU architectures from four manufacturers. We are offering:

Zilog/Mostek Z80 Intel/AMD 8080A Motorola 6800 MOS Technology 6501/6502

With the Digital Group Systems, you can change from a Z80 to a 6800 by literally unplugging the Z80 card and plugging in the 6800 card. Switch on power, read in the 6800 operating system cassette and you have changed your system to a 6800. The same is also true for the MOS Technology 6502 or 8080. Your major investment in memory and peripherals has been protected at a minimal additional cost and effort.

Each of the CPU's is completely interchangeable at the CPU

card level with any other. Other CPU's will be made available from us as the technology advances. Each CPU chip has specific strengths and weaknesses. Your selection of a CPU will, of course, depend upon your application's requirements. As your requirements change, alternative CPU's may prove more attractive. The beauty of the Digital Group Systems is that you can change your mind.

As an added bonus, the user is also able to take advantage of nifty applications written on another manufactuter's machine with minimal software conversion (mostly I/O device reassignments). Total software conversion can be avoided. This approach will continue to become attractive as CPU costs drop.

#### SYSTEM ORIENTATION

Another fact that has surfaced in this field is that there is a phenominal variety of OEM's, businessmen and hobbyists out there with vastly different abilities and resources available to them. Having a single option of being allowed only to purchase an assembled system or an empty box with a single power supply does not fully address many users' needs.

The Digital Group has always believed that, as an option, the purchaser should be able to purchase only the parts of a system he needs. This allows the advanced experimenter, engineer, or end-user to take advantage of:

- Using what he already has on hand. Allowing conversion from other CPU systems without repurchasing every component.
- Getting use out of a manufacturer's evaluation chip set.
- 3. Unbundling the power supply and cabinet for custom designs.
- 4. Different TV screen sizes and keyboard layouts.
- 5. Different cabinet preferences.

Many partial system prices are available in our price list or on request by letter or over the phone. We are not able to offer completely bare board systems but are usually more than willing to meet you halfway. Naturally, any item announced as a bare board (I/O, Memory) will continue to be available as a bare board for those that desire it.

#### QUALITY

Why is quality so important? The Digital Group insists on the highest quality in all of its products. Manufacturers will shave corners to keep costs down. With the average electronics kit product, that approach is usually acceptable to the purchaser. However, we feel that the corner shaving approach is totally unacceptable for the Microcomputer system user. What you are building is a real honest-to-God computer system. There are literally thousands of parts and interconnections in the system — any single failure can bring the system down. If quality shortcuts have been made, reliability is reduced. The experimenter may end up spending most of his time debugging and fixing his computer rather than using it to develop and run applications.



The Digital Group's level of quality is reflected in what we supply in all our products:

PC BOARDS -

FR-4 heat-resistant epoxy base material (superior to G-10)

Double-sided boards with plated through holes

Gold plated connector fingers

All circuits solder-fused (a special plating process which enhances solderability and reliability)

CONNECTORS -

Wire-wrap only - gold plated

INTEGRATED CIRCUITS -

Distributor or Factory prime IC's

PARTS -

Resistors are 5% or better Capacitors are 10% or better Bypass capacitors are distributor/factory prime Trimpots are sealed type

SOCKETS -

Every IC is socketed

#### MAINTENANCE

Every cómputer system will eventually go down. It is at that point that the maintenance design features become very important. The Digital Group Systems are specifically designed for ease of maintenance.

PLUGGABLE BOARDS: Every Digital Group System board is a plug-in board. The board plugs into a connector on one side. Bolt-together boards are very inconvenient to maintain. Ribbon cables and dip plugs going every whichway from all sides of each PC board also contribute to maintenance problems.

IC SOCKETS: Every Digital Group kit contains a socket for each IC — not just the expensive ones. Even though the socket may be almost as expensive as the IC, when you need to replace a 7400 gate you don't want to risk destroying a double-sided PC board trying to unsolder the IC.

STANDARD PARTS: Standard parts and common IC's are used throughout. Custom IC's "selected" IC's, or single-source parts have been avoided wherever possible to avoid part replacement availability problems and to maintain compatibility.

# herdwere

## HARDWARE APPROACHES

The way we view it.

#### **CPU VARIATIONS**

Each microprocessor CPU that the Digital Group offers has various strengths and weaknesses. All can accomplish any given application. However, there is no single microprocessor that is "best" for everything. The differences occur in the amount of storage used, the time required to produce a given result, and various system features. Proper CPU selection is solely dependent on application requirements.

**Z-80:** The Z-80 is the newest and, in our opinion, the most powerful microprocessor available today. The Z-80 offers all the major advantages of the 6500, 6800 and 8080. It excels at input/output, direct bit manipulations and memory manipulation. The Z-80 is software compatible with the 8080 and, therefore, can utilize the largest application support base that is available for microprocessors today.

**8080A:** The 8080A is a register-oriented general purpose microprocessor. It is the most popular microprocessor on the market today and, therefore, enjoys the highest level of currently available support. If the application can be processed mostly within its internal registers, it is very fast.

**6800:** The 6800 is a memory-oriented general purpose microprocessor. Almost all operations involve transfers to and from memory. It has a sophisticated bus-oriented architecture. The instruction set is very comprehensive — similar to a PDP-11. Support from many sources is available. It is difficult to interface a full-function front panel.

**6502:** The 6502 from MOS Technology has an architecture very similar to the 6800 with a slightly smaller instruction set. The 6500 excels at data handling applications. It uses the 6800's bus structure and adds a front panel capability for single-stepping.

Obviously, the foregoing comments are only intended to give the briefest highlights. For further comparisons, we

would recommend the series on Microprocessor Benchmarking in EDN magazine which began in the April 20, 1975 issue. EDN is usually available at large public libraries or college engineering libraries and has carried an extensive series of articles on microprocessors.

#### SYSTEM BASE COMPARISONS

There have been a number of approaches to microprocessor system design. Each has something to recommend it. We are presenting our analysis of four basic system bases.

There are, of course, variations among systems, but we still feel the comments are valid.

Toggle Switches and LED Bit Lamps: The first microprocessor system designs were based on toggle switch input and LED bit lamp readouts. Programs were small or took hours to enter and were lost when power was switched off.

Numeric Keyboard and 7-Segment Readout: This system base represents the first level of improvement. Each byte entered requires 2-3 key depressions rather than 8 toggle switch flips. The 7-segment readout eliminates the requirement for the user to interpret pure binary. However, only one character and address at a time is displayed — the coding interrelationships are available only byte-by-byte. Operator effort for analysis is proportionally high.

Teletype: Teletype based systems represent the next level of improvement and offer some significant advantages. They usually have some form of monitor in ROM (ex-Motorola MIKBUG, etc.) which allows the operator to type in code and helps isolate him from errors. The total program is printed out in hard copy. In addition, paper tape is usually available to provide an economical media for program storage and exchange.

There are some trade-offs, however. New teletypes cost \$1000 and up. Teletypes are electro-mechanical devices which require significant maintenance — used surplus teletypes are the worst offenders. The input/output speed is

usually around 10 characters per second — a dump of 1K bytes in octal can take almost 7 minutes. And creates a great deal of irritating noise. In addition, paper tape is a damage-prone and bulky media.

Video and Cassette: The latest improvement has been the movement to using a TV set as an output display, a full alphanumeric keyboard for input, and an audio cassette for program storage and exchange. Video-based systems provide full user to system interaction at minimal cost. The speed of system response is practically instantaneous. Operations may be performed in almost complete silence. Reliability is enhanced as electro-mechanical mechanisms are limited to the keyboard and cassette recorder. Data media storage density is much higher — you can store over 2000 feet of paper tape on one side of a single C-90 audio cassette.

The cost/performance trade-offs with The Digital Group's video-based systems represent what we feel is the best performance at the most reasonable cost. Even a commercial system with a new commercial monitor, high quality cassette recorder, and a new keyboard could be assembled for less than \$400 in additional cost. If the purchaser supplies a modified TV set as the monitor (ref BYTE No. 2), a moderate quality cassette recorder, and a like-new surplus keyboard, he should be able to get going for around \$150 in additional cost. All interfaces and operating system software are supplied as standard with each Digital Group system.

#### **FRONT PANELS**

Front panels have offered three major features to users — allowed forced loading or changing of memory to get going, limited display of information, and the ability to single step through instructions.

The Digital Group System does not require a front panel. All instructions needed to "get going" are contained in an EROM Bootstrap loader. Loading or changing of memory is supported by two major TV-oriented functions — Keyboard Program and Storage Dump. Each may be accessed or called from the other interactively. Addresses may be set or reset to allow operations or visibility at any time. Instructions are keyed in through the keyboard with the preceding 10 addresses and contents visible in a pushup stack. Storage Dump displays 96 bytes of storage and addresses in Octal or Hexadecimal (system dependent) on the screen at a time. Pages are directly selectable or may be advanced serially by depressing the space bar on the keyboard. A full screen update occurs in less than 1/30th of a second.

In addition, a storage dump trap may be inserted in the instructions to catch and display all registers, flags, and storage contents at any specific point in a program's execution. This has proven to be a very powerful debugging tool for software development.

However, the bus structure of the Digital Group Systems will support a plug-in front panel as an option for those who feel that their needs require one. A schematic for a basic front panel which will plug into any available memory space is included in the Digital Group's system manual.

#### DIGITAL GROUP VIDEO-BASED SYSTEM OPERATION

Initiating operation on a basic Digital Group System consists of four steps:

- 1. Place a system cassette or saved program cassette in the audio cassette recorder and depress play.
- 2. Turn system power on.

- 3. After the cassette is read in, select an application code from the list displayed on the TV monitor.
- 4. Enter the code on the keyboard and the application begins operation.

#### DIGITAL GROUP VIDEO-BASED OPERATING SYSTEM

Each Digital Group System is supplied with a standard operating system on cassette for video-based operations. The functions supplied are:

- 1. Read Cassette
- 2. Write Cassette
- 3. Program from Keyboard\*
- 4. Dump Storage\*
- 5. TV Monitor Functional Support Routines

\*These functions may be supplied in either Octal/Hexidecimal or both depending on system selected.

The storage requirement for the Operating System is 1.5K.

In addition, system maintenance routines will be included or made available. The first of these is a memory checker routine which will test all possible single bit patterns and display any failing memory IC's board location on the monitor. This routine is designed to keep running until interrupted. After all the possible single bit combinations have been tested without error, an alpha symbol is displayed and execution continues. Therefore, memory may be tested for extended periods of time and the number of successful tests is indicated by the number of alphas on the monitor.

## **INDIVIDUAL CARDS**

#### **CENTRAL PROCESSING UNITS**

(CPU's the computer part of your computer).

We are currently offering 4 CPU's but we're a little biased at the moment. The Digital Group considers the Z-80 to be the major microprocessor and it outsells all others and has become the leader...

We have never before been able to recommend any of our processors (6500, 6800, 8080A) without some qualifications as to their suitability for certain applications. The Z-80 has ended that.

Why? The Z-80 offers all the major advantages of the 6500, 6800, 8080 and even IBM 360-like instructions. Zilog added 80 new major instructions to the 8080's instruction set which increases the power of the system dramatically.

Control operations are vastly simplified with direct bit manipulation. Data handling has also been significantly improved with block memory moves and block I/O.

But the final touch is that the Z-80 is completely software compatible with the 8080A. Excluding timing loops, all of our 8080-based software runs without change! That means you can take advantage of the Z-80 and immediately utilize all the 8080 support that is already out there.

What else? Plenty. With a Digital Group System's videobased operation, software approach, and the Z-80 you are quickly at the state of the art with a full system. As always,



the Z-80 CPU card is completely system compatible and merely requires exchanging CPU cards to change processors. But the best part of all is that you can get a Digital Group System with a Z-80 processor for only \$50 more than our already reasonable price.

#### **Z-80 FEATURES**

Complete compatibility with 8080 object code 80 new instructions for a total of 158 696 Op codes

Extensive 16-bit arithmetic

3 Interrupt modes (incl. 8080), mode 2 provides 128 interrupt vectors

Built-in automatic dynamic memory refresh

Eleven addressing modes including:

**Immediate** 

Immediate extended

Page zero

Relative

Extended

Indexed

Register

**Implied** 

Register indirect

Bit

Combination of above

New Instructions (highlights):

Block move up to 64K bytes memory to memory Block I/O up to 256 bytes to/from memory directly

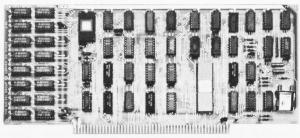
Input/Output from any register

String Search

Direct bit manipulation

22 Registers - 16 general purpose

1, 4, 8 and 16 bit operations



Z-80 CPU CARD

#### **DIGITAL GROUP Z-80 CPU CARD**

2K bytes 500ns static RAM 256 bytes EPROM bootstrap loader (1702A) 2 Direct Memory Access (DMA) channels

Hardware Interrupt controller

Supports all 3 modes of interrupt Mode 2 supports 128 interrupt vectors

Data and Address bus lines drive 30 TTL loads

Z-80 runs at maximum rated speed — 400 ns cycle

Single step or single instruction step

EPROM de-selectable for full 64K RAM availability (programs may start at location 0)

Complete interchange with Digital Group 8080A, 6800, and 6500 CPU's

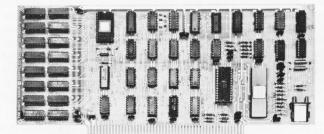
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#### 8080A CPU

(intel, AMD and Others)

The 8080A CPU Board features: 2K of RAM onboard

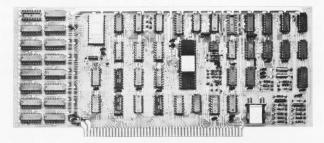
Single stepping
1702A EPROM programmed for bootstrap load
DMA capability
8-level hardware vectored interrupt
Data bus lines drive 30 TTL loads
Crystal controlled clock (2 MHz)



8080A CPU CARD

Order Code = 8080-CPU

#### 6502 CPU CARD



#### 6502 CPU

(MOS Technology)

The 6502 CPU Board features:

2K of RAM onboard

Single stepping

1702A EPROM programmed for bootstrap load

DMA capability

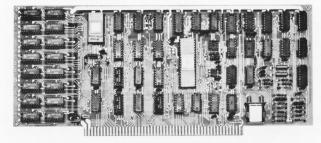
11-level software vectored interrupt

Data bus lines drive 30 TTL loads

Crystal controlled clock (1 MHz)

Order Code = 6502-CPU

#### 6800 CPU CARD



#### 6800 CPU

(Motorola/AMI)

The 6800 CPU Board features:

2K of RAM onboard

Single stepping

1702A EPROM programmed for bootstrap load

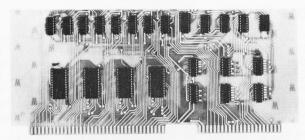
DMA capability

11-level software vectored interrupt

Data bus lines drive 30 TTL loads

Crystal controlled clock (1 MHz)

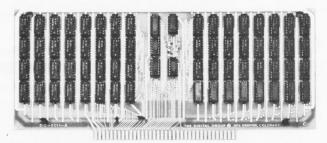
Order Code = 6800-CPU



INPUT/OUTPUT

#### INPUT/OUTPUT

Four 8-bit Input Ports
Four 8-bit latching Output Ports
Full 16-bit port addressing — supports memory oriented
I/O structures (68/6500) and Z80/8080 approaches
Signals are standard TTL level
Order Code = IO-F



**8K MEMORY** 

#### **8K STATIC RAM MEMORY**

500ns 21-2's

No wait states required for any Digital Group CPU Static RAM used for ease of maintenance Buffered address lines Applies only 1/20 TTL load to bus lines Address decoding covers full 64K range in 8K boundaries Power consumption = 1.6A of 5V per 8K Order Code = MEM-8

## 8K FAST, LOW-POWER STATIC RAM MEMORY

250ns 2102LHPC
Same features as MEM-8
Power consumption: 1.2A Amp per 8 K
Uses 250ns 2102LHPC chips for best combination of speed
and power consumption
Order Code = MEM-8C

## TV READOUT & AUDIO CASSETTE INTERFACE

TV Readout — Cursor under software control
512 characters
16 lines by 32 characters
7 x 9 character matrix — shifted (effective 7 by 12)
Full 128 character ASCII
Upper and Lower case alphabet
Math Symbols
Special Symbols
Greek Alphabet
Direct Video Output to standard monitor or modified
TV set
Single 8-bit parallel port interfaces

Cassette Interface — Uses standard unmodified audio cassette recorder

Extremely reliable FSK recording

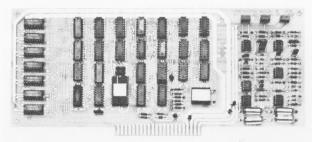
Standard wide-shift teletype frequencies 2125 HZ and 2975 HZ

Operates at 1100 baud or 100 characters per second – 1K loads in 11 seconds

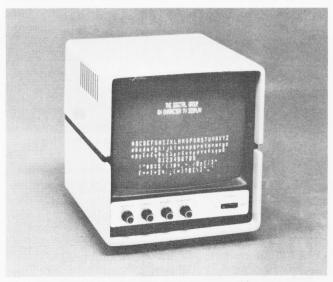
Single bit TTL interface (1 in and 1 out)

Uses crystal-controlled software UART for serialization/deserialization

Order Code = TVC-F



TV READOUT and AUDIO CASSETTE INTERFACE



DIGITAL GROUP 64 CHARACTER TV DISPLAY

We are pleased to announce our new TV readout with a 64-character line. It will give your system a great deal more capability.

Here are the specifics on the Digital Group TV Readout and Audio Cassette Interface:

1024 Character TV Readout

64 characters horizontal by 16 lines

7x9 character matrix (effectively 7x12 due to character shifting)

1K on-board RAM for buffer storage — requires no main memory — completely independent

128 character ASCII

Upper case alpha

Lower case alpha with base line extenders (g, j, p, y)

Numbers and extended math symbols

Greek alphabet

Software driven cursor - forward and backward



Compatible with most microprocessors; Interfaces with one 8-bit parallel output port

Timebase may be driven with an external timebase (may be synchronized to TV camera, TV set, etc.)

Readout timebase available at connector (can be used for graphic driver, etc.)

White characters on black, and/or black on white; software selectable

Plugs into standard dual 22-pin TVC connector on Digital Group Systems

#### Improved Audio Cassette Interface:

Reliable FSK recording technique

Uses standard unmodified audio cassette rocorder

Write cassette system uses a digitally synthesized frequency shift system, derived from TV system's master crystal oscillator

Read cassette system easily aligned using the write system as an alignment aid

Runs at 1100 baud (100 characters/second) — loads 16K in 3 minutes

#### General Information:

Power: +5 volts, + 12 volts

Size: 5" high by 12" wide (not incl. connector)

Kit includes:

52 IC's and low-profile sockets

Capacitors, resistors, potentionmeters and diodes

11.980 MHz crystal and socket

Dual 22-pin wire-wrap connector

PC board — FR-4 (heat-resistant) epoxy, double sided, plated through holes, gold-plated fingers, fused solder plating

Documentation: Theory of operation, construction, and debugging aids

#### Compatability:

1024 character TVC plugs into same socket as 512 character version

Existing 512 character TVC software will drive the 1024 TVC, but will require line width constant modifications

1024 character TVC version software packages available from DGSS as well as some conversion services

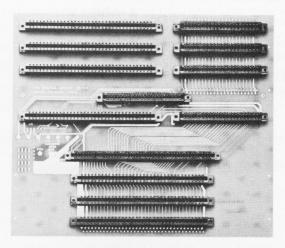


Photo above is of a Standard Mother Board with connectors installed in every available slot. Mother boards come without connectors. Each system board you buy has the connectors it requires to plug into the mother board. The Standard Mother will support up to 26K of memory and 16 input ports and 16 output ports. In addition, it will support a TVC and a CPU of your choice (Z80, 8080, 6500, 6800.)

#### 512 TVC TO 1024 TVC UPGRADE KIT

As always, when the Digital Group extends the capabilities of our systems, it doesn't mean obsolescence for any products. We are offering an upgrade kit for present Digital Group system owners who wish to go to the longer line length. This kit uses most of the IC's from our TVC-F readout. No unsoldering is required; all new sockets, capacitors, resistors, PC board and other necessary parts are supplied.

PLEASE NOTE: The new 64-character TV Readout requires higher bandwidth than is normally available with a converted home TV set as a monitor. Though they will be legible, the characters will appear smaller and fuzzier than what you may have become accustomed to with our 32-character TV Readout. For this reason we will continue to offer and support our 32 by 16 TVC. Our 9" Javelin monitors handle the 64-character readout nicely.

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Order code Description Kit Assemble	ed		
TVC-64 Full 64-character TV Readout and Audio			
Cassette Interface 140.00 205.00	)		
TVC-64UPG Upgrade kit ffrom TVC-F 65.00 na			
We are also making a new system option available for those who are purchasing full systems from us and wish to have			
the 64-character line.	ve		

Substitute 64-character

#### **MOTHER BOARDS**

SYSOPT-64

Standard Mother — Each standard mother provides space for:

1 CPU card with 2K RAM

1 TV Readout and Cassette Interface

TV Readout

4 Input/Output cards or Peripheral Interfaces

3 Memory cards or 2 Memory cards and 1 Front Panel (24K additional RAM)

Size: 10-3/8" deep by 12" wide

Power: A fully populated Standard Mother will require about 10-1/2 Amps from the +5V supply with standard devices. Other currents are minimal. Total current requirements will depend on peripheral interface requirements.

Order Code = MB-2

#### MINI-MOTHER

Each Mini-Mother provides space for:

1 CPU card with 2K RAM

1 Input/Output Card

1 TV Readout and Cassette Interface

18K RAM Board

Size: 5-3/8" deep by 12" wide

Power: A fully populated Mini-Mother (w/10K) will require about 4.5 Amps from the +5V supply with standard devices. Other currents are minimal.

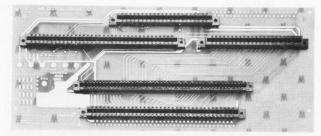
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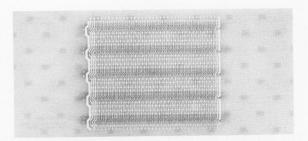
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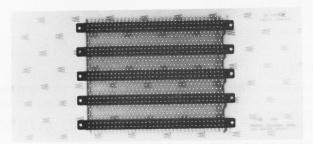
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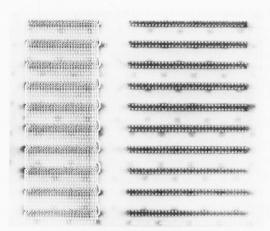
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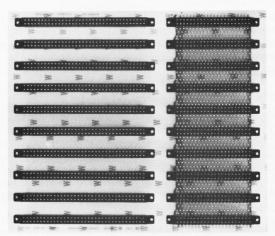
MEMORY EXPANSION WITH CONNECTORS

#### **MEMORY EXPANSION MOTHER BOARD**

The Memory Expansion card attaches to either the Mini-Mother or the Standard Mother. It provides space for 5 more Memory cards (40K RAM) or 4 more Memory cards (32K RAM) and a front panel. 5-1/2" deep by 12" wide. Order Code = MB-3



INPUT/OUTPUT EXPANSION WITHOUT CONNECTORS



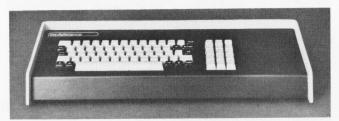
INPUT/OUTPUT EXPANSION WITH CONNECTORS

## INPUT/OUTPUT EXPANSION MOTHER BOARD

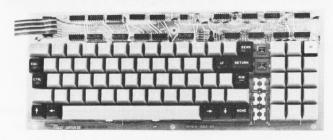
The Input/output Expansion card attaches to either the Mini-Mother or the Standard Mother. It provides space for 10 more Input/Output or Peripheral Interface cards. 10-3/8" deep by 12" wide.

Order Code = MB-4

## **PERIPHERALS**



DIGITAL GROUP KEYBOARD



#### **DIGITAL GROUP KEYBOARD**

Features:

128 character ASCII

Numeric Pad

76 Keys

Cursor controls

Lighted Upper-Case Key

Good Tactile Feedback (2 level)

Specifications:

Technology: Capacitance (solid state)

Power: +5V only

Output level: Fully TTL compatible

Rollover: 2 Key

Keyforce: 2 oz. nominal Pre-Travel: .100 inch Total-travel: .165 inch Over-travel: .065 inch

Keyswitch life: In excess of 100 million operations

Oder Code = KEY 1

#### CASSETTE STORAGE SYSTEM

The Digital Group Cassette Storage System gives you total magnetic tape data storage and retrieval for your microprocessor, capable of operating 1 to 4 computer-controlled Phi-Deck cassette transports. Within seconds (20 at most), your system zips to any of over one-quarter million 8-bit bytes per drive. And that really puts it all on-line!



The Digital Group Cassette Storage System is ideal for:

Large data files — names, accounts, etc. Indexed computer-controlled program files

Sorts

Inexpensive mass storage

Work files

Indexed random retrieval

Multi-pass compilers

System residence

In addition, with a Digital Group System and a Phi-Deck transport, your total load procedure is reduced to a single action — turning on power. Everything else is automatic! Your Digital Group System is completely ready for use in a very few seconds. And you avoid a large investment in single-use PROM memory.

#### MAJOR STORAGE SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- Controlling and Formatting Interface single card for 1 to 4 drives
- 2. Software Operating System
- 3. Computer-controlled Cassette Drive(s)

Selected Specifications:

Data Rate: 800 bytes per second, 8K loads in 10 seconds

Media: High-quality standard audio cassettes

Search Speed: 100 inches per second Tape Speed: 5 inches per second

Power Requirements: +12V to +20V at.7A peak and

+5V at 1A plus 60ma per drive

Port Requirements: One 8-bit parallel input port plus

two 8-bit parallel output ports

Cassette Drive is an enhanced Phi-Deck with a digital head, cast head bar, stronger capstan, and four-footing cabling.

#### SOFTWARE OPERATING SYSTEM

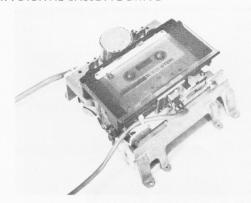
Z80/8080 Based 650 bytes

Error Detection: CRC Retries after soft errors

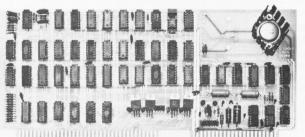
Automatically bypasses hard errors

Block size = 1 to 256 bytes or multiple of 256 bytes

#### PHI-I DIGITAL CASSETTE DRIVE



PHI-F INTERFACE



#### Software Functions supplied:

Record multiple blocks

Record 1 block

Read 1 block

CRC check

Fast forward

Search for block

#### THE DIGITAL GROUP CASSETTE STORAGE SYSTEM

Recording Density: 1600 FCPI (Flux Changes per Inch)

Interblock gap: 1/8"

Error Rate: Virtually zero when using software package supplied with deck and high-quality cassettes.

#### POWER REQUIREMENTS:

 $\pm 12 \text{V}$  to  $\pm 20 \text{V}$  at .4 Amps average, .7 Amps peak and  $\pm 5 \text{V}$  regulated at 1 Amp plus 60 ma per drive attached for capstan motor.

#### DATA CAPACITY

8-bit bytes

No. of		Media	
Drives	C-30	C-60	C-90
1	254,000	508,000	762,000
2	508,000	1,016,000	1,524,000
3	762,000	1,524,000	2,286,000
4	1,016,000	2,032,000	3,048,000

#### INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS (PHI-F)

A complete interface for up to 4 drives on a single card suplies the following:

Data formatting and serializing

Control signals

All power for 4 drives

Status conditions

Jam sensing

Manual stop switch (switch not supplied)

#### PORT REQUIREMENTS (up to 4 drives)

Either of two options (both supplied):

OPTION 1 — One 8-bit parallel Input port plus two parallel Output ports

OPTION 2 — Bi-directional I/O data bus plus four strobe

Ports are TTL-level signals.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Card size = 5" high by 12" wide

Connectors are dual 22-pin and dual 36-pin along 12" edge on .156" centers. Connectors are supplied in kit with w/w posts (.025).

Order Code = PHI-F

#### CASSETTE DRIVE SPECIFICATIONS

Digital Group Phi-Deck — Included Enhancements:

High speed – 5 ips

Digital Head - Enhanced cassette interchangeability

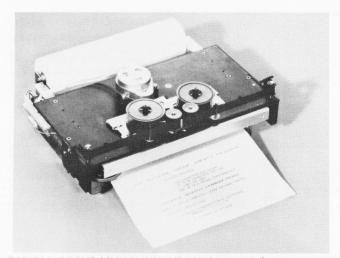
Cast Head Bar – better tape alignments

Stronger Capstan shaft

4-foot cables with Molex connectors for easy connecting Motor power lines have been reoriented for best control

Order Code = PHI-1

NOTE: A complete storage system includes 1 interface kit and 1 to 4 drives.



DIGITAL GROUP 96-COLUMN IMPACT PRINTER (without cabinet)



**DIGITAL GROUP IMPACT PRINTER CABINET** 

#### **DIGITAL GROUP 96-COLUMN IMPACT PRINTER**

Now, that small computer system you own or have been considering for personal or business use suddenly becomes a lot more usable — with the addition of a full-size impact printer from the Digital Group. A printer designed for small computers that need big output (like yours).

With the Digital Group printer, you can print your heart out . . . and it won't cost an arm and a leg. The Digital Group printer is available for less than \$500. That's right — \$500.

Just look at these specifications:

Fast - 120 characters per second

96 characters per line

12 characters per inch horizontal

6 lines per inch

Makes up to 4 copies simultaneously

Character set and pitch variable under software

control - double width characters, etc.

5 x 7 character matrix

Ribbon has built-in re-inkers for a life of 10,000,000 characters

Paper can be either an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch roll, fanfold or cut page

Interfaces to 8-bit parallel ports

INTERFACE — Using Molex connectors, the interface card may be connected to existing I/O ports (1 parallel, 8 bit, 5v TTL data port in and 1 out). Interface is independent of any given bus structure.

POWER SUPPLY — Transformer and filter cap mount exterior to the card. Everything else is on the interface card, thereby requiring no power from the host system. A +40v supply runs the printer head while the 5v supply powers the card.

\*Power supply circuit is on interface card.

SOFTWARE SUPPORT — The printer is software driven. All interface software located in RAM of the CPU. Lower case ASCII converted to upper case letters under software control, therefore enabling use of upper case only. Printer uses a 5 x 7 character matrix. Character fonts located in RAM. It is possible to change character set if desired.

PAPER ADVANCE — Advancing paper is accomplished through the use of an independently controlled solenoid.

LINE OPERATION — As the Printer's character set is completely under software control, it is possible to select output either with the top line printing first (which appears to be coming out of the printer upside-down) or bottom line first (which appears to be coming out of the printer right-side up) by re-loading the print-character buffer.

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#### 96-COL PRINTER INTERFACE BOARD

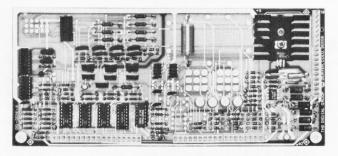
Mounts in optional cabinet Includes all parts, connectors and wire

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Order Code	Description		ces Assembled
PT96	96 column printer and interface		
PT96-PS	96 colum printer	495.00	595.00
CB-PT96	power supply Cabinet – 96 column printe	30.00 r 75.00	na 85.00
PT96-COMP	96 column printer, power su and cabinet	ipply 595.00	675.00



PRINTER OUTPUT SAMPLES (actual size)

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96-COLUMN PRINTER INTERFACE BOARD

#### **JAVELIN B&W 9" MONITOR**

The Digital Group has tested a significant number of monitors of many different sizes (5" through 19") from Sony, Sanyo, Panasonic, Javelin, Conrac and JVC. We feel that this monitor represents the best value. The display is very crisp with no "hot spots" in the letters. The DC Restoration is excellent. Viewing size is large enough to be easily seen while the monitor itself is of a size and weight that is truly portable. It was obviously designed as a high-resolution professional monitor — not an adapted TV set from the manufacturer's consumer line. We are obviously pretty fond of the little beasts. We think you'll like them too.

Order Code = MON-9J

9-INCH JAVELIN MONITOR



## SYSTEMS WITHOUT CABINETS

The Digital group has always believed in offering a wide range of purchase options for its products. In order to provide a low-cost entry, we offer our systems without requiring the purchaser to buy our cabinets or power supply. This approach increases flexibility for custom mounting as well as keeping your total investment to a minimum. As can be seen in the pictures, each system is free-standing and requires only four long bolts or feet for bottom clearance.

#### 3-BOARD SYSTEM

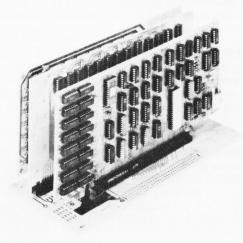
(with Mini-Mother)

The Digital Group System's basic configuration for any CPU consists of:

- 1 CPU card with 2K RAM
- 1 Input/Output card with 4 ports in and 4 ports out
- 1 TV Readout and Cassette Interface
- 1 Mini-Mother card

This is referred to as the 3-board System. The Mini-Mother has one additional space which can hold an additional 8K Memory card or a Front Panel. NOTE: The TV Readout requires an outport port, a keyboard will require an input port, and the Cassette Interface requires the Least Significant Bit on an input and an output port. This leaves 2-7/8 input and output ports uncommitted. No interconnecting wiring is required for the TV Readout or Cassette Interface.

MINI-MOTHER WITH Z-80 CPU

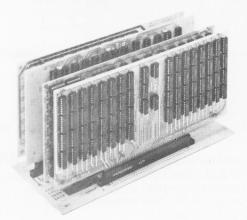


The front card in this photo is a Z-80 CPU card. Behind it is an I/O board and behind the I/O board is a TVC card. This particular configuration is a 3-board system.

#### 4-BOARD SYSTEM

(with Mini-Mother)

The 3-Board configuration may also be supplied with the additional 8K Memory (for a total of 10K of RAM) which is referred to as the 4-Board System.



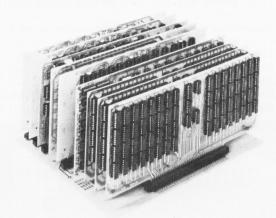
4-BOARD SYSTEM FULLY POPULATED

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

To make a Digital Group System fully operational, you need only add the following items:

1. Power supply (+5V, -5V, +12V, -12V recommended)

- 2. ASCII Keyboard (full 128 character ASCII recommended)
- 3. Audio Cassette Recorder
- 4. Video Monitor or modified TV set
- 5. Miscellaneous hardware and cables



STANDARD MOTHER FULLY POPULATED

The picture above is of a fully populated Standard Mother. Note: For a \$15 charge the Standard Mother may be substituted in any system package. Order code = MB2-SVB



## SYSTEM CABINETS

Many of you have already had a chance to look over the Digital Group cabinets at various conventions, and we're delighted to report that your reactions have been very enthusiastic to our approach. We also listened to all your suggestions for improvements — most of which have been incorporated.

As is our policy when we enter an area, we like to give you the reasoning behind what we're doing. And so  $-\ \,$ 

## DIGITAL GROUP CABINET DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

1. Separate components for maximum flexibility. If your computer system is in a single box it is difficult

- to upgrade or make additions without starting over.
- 2. Unified system appearance. Ideally, all components in your system should look like they belong together rather than cabled together at random.
- 3. Highest quality
- 4. Custom design at pre-built prices.
- 5. Ease of construction and use have high priority.

We believe your system should look like a system rather than an assortment of products. You should be proud to display the results of your investments in labor and money. And, as always, that investment should be as adaptable as possible against the inevitable onslaught of technological change.

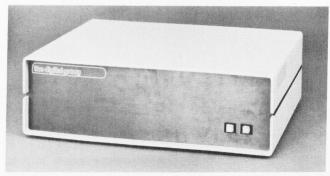
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We feel our current system line embodies our philosophy quite well. We hope that you will agree.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All cabinets have the following characteristics:

- 1. Heavy-duty aluminum is used throughout
- Front panels and side rails are dark brown anodized aluminum
- 3; Heavy-duty commercial quality textured paint is used on all covers color is tan
- 4. Logo is in white
- 5. Non-marring feet are supplied with each cabinet
- 6. All assembly hardware is included
- 7. Cabinets are prepunched for standard Digital Group products unless otherwise specified



STANDARD CPU CABINET

#### STANDARD CPU CABINET

The CPU cabinet is designed to contain a standard mother-board based Digital Group System plus power supply. It is pre-punched to accept all necessary hardware as detailed below.

#### POWER SUPPLY

The power supply mounting plate is set up for the 6-Amp PWR-6 or 12-Amp PWR-12 with PWR-Ø supplies. The 18-Amp PWR-18 and PWR-Ø can also be supported internally, if desired (option No. PWR-18SUB).

#### **EXPANSION CAPABILITY**

Ther is expansion capability for about 5 additional cards (beyond the standard motherboard) depending on the size and placement of the power supply. If the power supply is mounted externally, there is space for an additional 10 cards or 24 total. The card rack runs the entire length of the cabinet.

In addition, various mixes of power supplies, I/O, and memory may be used by varying positions of supplies, mother-boards, and expansion cards. We have tried to maintain as much flexibility as possible. A few possible configurations are listed

MB Position	Maximum Memory	Maximum I/O in and out
with 12A P/S in C	Cabinet:	
1	26K	36 ports
2	42K	32 ports
3	66K	16 ports
with 18A P/S in c	abinet:	
1	26K	24 ports
2	42K	20 ports
3	not possible	e w/18A
with Power Suppl	ies out of cabinet	
1	26K	68 ports
2	82K	44 ports
3	130K	16 ports

Note: to obtain maximum numbers shown, it may be necessary for customer to drill a few small holes and trim excess materials off MB-2 and expansion cards.

#### **BACK PANEL CONNECTORS**

Back panel connection is provided via optional industry standard 22-pin dual readout edge connectors (.156" spacing) and mating paddle cards. We believe this approach to be very reliable, economical, and readily available.

#### ITEMS INCLUDED WITH CPU CABINET (CB-CPU)

Qty. Description

- 1 Standard 5" box fan (quiet type)
- 1 Lighted power switch red w/legend
- 1 Lighted reset switch blue w/legend
- 1 Card rack for standard motherboard (rails extend entire length of cabinet)

#### Back-panel hardware:

- 1 SO-239 Video connector
- 1 Fan on-off switch
- 1 Grounded HD 3-wire power cord
- 1 Fan finger guard
- 1 Power cord strain relief
- 2 Miniature audio jacks
- 1 Fuseholder
- 1 Slo-blo fuse
- 1 Set assembly hardware misc. screws, bolts, grommets, etc.
- 4 Rubber feet
- 1 Wiring harness for hardware and power
- 1 22-pin dual readout w/w conn. (44 lines)
- 1 22-pin dual-sided paddle card (44 lines)
- Digital Group 3-ring Systems binder

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Height = 7.5''

Width = 24"

Depth = 16.75''

Weight = approximately 15 pounds with hardware, w/o power supply or system

Order code Description

CB-CPU Standard CPU cabinet

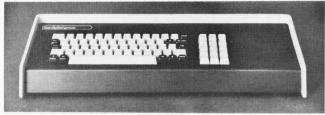
CB-CPU-OP1 Subst. 18A P/S mounting plate

#### **KEYBOARD CABINET**

Keyboard cabinets are supplied in a similar design theme as the rest of the system. There are 2 options:

Option 1 - Insert punched for KEY1

Option 2 - Blank insert for custom keyboard mounting

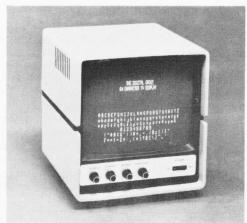


#### SPECIFICATIONS

#### KEYBOARD CABINET WITH KEY1

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Insert:		Overall	
Height (fro	nt) = 1.85''	Height	= 4.275"
Height (real	= 3.25''	Width	= 21"
Width	= 20.8"	Depth	= 7.843''
Depth	= 7.25''		

Order Code Description
CB-KEY1 Cabinet for KEY1
CB-KEYØ Cabinet w/blank insert



9-INCH MONITOR CABINET

#### 9" MONITOR CABINET

The monitor cabinet is designed to contain our 9" Javelin or Sanyo monitor. It replaces the original cabinet and is strictly a very nice dress option.

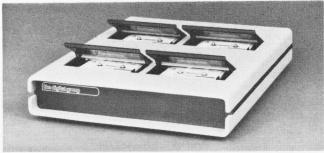
#### 9" MONITOR CABINET SPECIFICATIONS

Height = 10" Width = 9" Depth = 10.25"

Order Code = CB-MON9



CB-CAS2



CB-CAS4

#### CASSETTE STORAGE SYSTEM CABINETS

The CB-CAS2 cabinet for the cassette drives is designed to contain 2 drives and, optionally, the PHI-F interface card. The CB-CAS4 cabinet for the cassette drives is designed to contain 4 drives only.

As you can see, the difference is the cabinet tops. Cabinet tops will also be available separately should your requirements change.

#### **DIGITAL GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

CB-CAS2 cabinet is suitable for:

Any 2-drive system with or without interface card mounted inside.

"Non-DG" systems (4-drive "non-DG" configuration will require 2 cabinets or external interfacing.)

CB-CAS4 cabinet (4-drive is suitable primarily for Digital Group systems which can accommodate the PHI-F card on the motherboard.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Height = 2.5" Width = 13.5" Depth = 16"

Order Code Description

CB-CAS2 Cabinet for 2 drives CB-CAS4 Cabinet for 4 drives CB-CAB-T2 2-drive spare top CB-CAB-T4 4-drive spare top

## SYSTEM COMBINATIONS

We couldn't resist packaging up various combinations of our equipment in standard configurations and giving you a better price as an incentive to buy the whole system at once.

#### SYSTEM 1

The System 1 is a complete 4-board Z80 System in a cabinet which includes the following items:

Z80 CPU with 2K memory (Z80-CPU)

Input/Output card (IO-F)

TV Readout and Audio Cassette Interface (TVC-F)

Additional 8K Memory (Mem-8)

Standard Motherboard (MB-2)

12 Amp power supply (PWR-12)

Standard CPU Cabinet (CB-CPU)

Order Code = Z80-SYS1

#### SYSTEM 2

The System 2 is a complete System 1 with an additional 8K Memory (MEM-8) for a total of 18K.

Order Code = Z80-SYS2

#### SYSTEM 3

The System 3 is a complete System 2 with 18K plus the following peripherals:

Keyboard and Cabinet (KEY&CB)

9" Monitor and Cabinet (MON9&CB)

Cassette Drive Interface (PHI-F)

4 Digital Cassette Drives and Cabinet (CAS&CB4)

Plus all interconnecting cables

Order Code = Z80-SYS3

#### SYSTEM 4

With the addition of our new 96-column printer to our line, we can now offer a complete system package including high-speed impact hardcopy. Our new System 4 is a System 3 with the addition of PT-96-COMP, and an additional I/O card. The resulting configuration contains:

Z80 CPU

32 Character TV Readout and Audio Cassette Interface (TVC-F)

2 Input/Output Card (2-IO-F)

18K 500ns Static RAM (2-MEM-8 + 2K on CPU)



Cassette Drive Interface (PHI-F)
Standard Motherboard (MB-2)
12 Amp Power Supply (PWR-12)
Standard CPU Cabinet (CB-CPU)
9" Monitor and Cabinet (MON9 + CB)
4 Digital Cassette Drives and Cabinet (CAS + CB4)
Capacitance Keyboard and Cabinet (KEY1 + CB)
96-Column Printer and Cabinet (PT96-COMP)
Plus all interconnecting cables

Order Code = Z80-SYS4

#### SYSTEM NOTE:

Please note that there are several options for more memory, 64-character tV Readouts, different CPU's, etc. contained in the System Options section of the price list.

## **ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT**

#### 1702A EPROM MEMORY BOARD

#### Features:

Holds 4K of 1702A's

ROM and a portion of RAM may overlap with ROM taking precedence.

Jumperable to any 4K boundary

#### Parts List:

16 - 1702A 1 - LM320/5

2 - 74125 3 - 7430

 $1 - 74154 \quad 1 - 7502$ 

2 - 7408 1 - 7404

Misc. bypass caps, IC socket, 36-pin dual connector

Order Code = 1702-F Full kit with 4K 1702A's (unprog.) 1702-Ø Full kit without 1702A's 1702-PCC PC Board and Connector

## 4096 PICTURE-ELEMENT COLOR GRAPHICS

64x64 Picture Element Display

Three 4K Dynamic memories (for red, blue, green) result in 8 different hues at each of the 4K points.

Computer main memory is not required for picture refresh – full on-board buffering

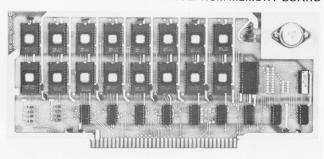
Crystal-controlled time base generator provides all read logic, as well as composite video

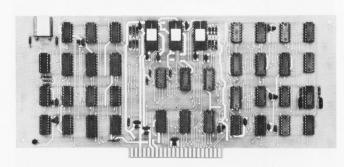
Driven by two 8-bit parallel TTL ports from most micro-processors or minicomputers.

Ideal for low-cost simultaneous graphical analysis or microprocessor controlled games or displays

Z-80 assembler listings for typical graphic software drivers for Z-80 or 8080 included. Software listing for the 6502 available.

1702A EPROM MEMORY BOARD





#### **4096 PICTURE ELEMENT**

Plugs into a standard dual 22-pin connector.

#### General Information:

Power: +5 volts, +12 volts

Size: 5" high by 12" wide (not including connector)

Kit includes: 40 IC's and low-profile sockets, all capacitors, resistors, potentionmeters, and diodes, 11.232 MHz crystal and socket, PC board, 22-pin connector, etc.

Documentation: Theory of Operation, Construction, and Debugging aids

Sample Z80 color graphics software for erasing, setting screen hue, drawing colored dots and lines.

Interfacing to a color TV set:

This kit was designed as a minimum cost system - connection to a home color set requires internal modification to the tv set itself. The composite Sync system from the 4K color graphics board is directly attached to the sets sync separator. The output from the three color memories is then attached to the 3 color gun drivers in the tv set. These modifications should be done only by someone familiar with color tv systems. Also note: The board cannot be plugged directly into the DG motherboard, but requires an externally mounted dual 22-pin connector (supplied).

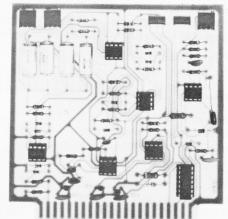
Order Code Description Kit Assembled GRAPH-64 64 by 64 color

graphics interface 175.00 225.00

#### **STANDALONE AUDIO CASSETTE INTERFACE**

We are now offering a slightly improved standalone version of the audio cassette interface that we include on our TV Readout (TVC). This is Dr. Suding's latest audio cassette interface as described in the July '76 issue of BYTE. It is designed to operate with any audio cassette recorder of some quality (\$50 and up).

The kit consists of all parts, a small single-sided PC Board  $(4.75^{\prime\prime}\ \text{by}\ 4.825^{\prime\prime})$  which plugs into a 22-pin connector. The connector supplied is single readout with solder eyelets. This interface is not plug-in compatible with any bus structure we know of (including ours). Therefore, you will be required to hook up 3 power lines and 4 data lines - 2 to ports. Driving software is included with the kit and in the BYTE article.



STANDALONE AUDIO CASSETTE INTERFACE

In addition to its primary function as an audio cassette interface at 1100 baud, this cassette interface will also support the proposed BYTE "Kansas City" 300 baud standard, amateur radio radioteletype, standalone radioteletype terminal, and audio frequency shift keying unit in general. Various component value changes to support these applications are covered in the BYTE article but are not supplied with the kit.

#### **Basic Specifications:**

Date Rate: 1100 baud (100 characters/second) Power: +5V, +12V all with nominal current regs.

Recording method: FSK with full-wave active filters, standard wide-shift RTTY frequencies.

Order Code = CAS-STD

#### **POWER SUPPLIES**

Digital Group System Power supplies are modular 4-voltage supplies contained in two units. You may select either 6, 12, or 18 amps on the +5V line and the 3-line voltage supply. Should your system outgrow its power supply, increasing its capability is usually a matter of upgrading the +5V supply only, not purchasing a whole new 4-voltage supply. The +5V supplies are available as assembled units only.

#### 3-VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY (PWR-0)

Provides: +12V at 1 Amp -12V at 1 Amp

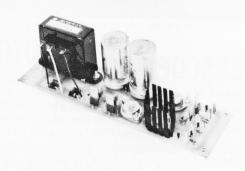
All over-voltage, over-current and over-temperature protec-

- 5V at 1 Amp ted.

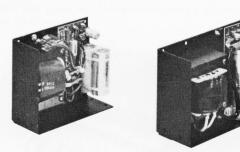
#### Power Supply Ordering Information

Order Code Consists of: PWR-6 5V 6A and PWR-Ø **PWR-12** 5V 12A and PWR-0 PWR-18 5V 18A and PWR-0

PWR-0 -5V @ 1A, -12V @ 1A, +12V @ 1A

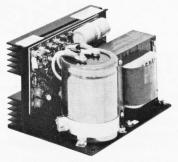


3-VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY



+5V - 6 AMP

+5V - 12 AMP



+5V - 18 AMP

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A number of our customers may have been interested in an appropriately featured cassette recorder. The following device represents what The Digital Group feels is the best value in today's market.

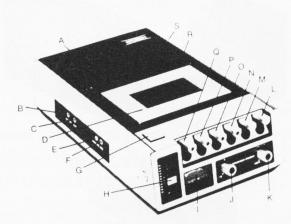


SUPERSCOPE C-104 CASSETTE RECORDER

## SUPERSCOPE C-104 CASSETTE RECORDER

WITH VARI-SPEED

For the musician, businessperson, or anyone who expects maximum performance we proudly introduce the Superscope C-104. It has features never before found on a portable recorder to provide more versatility for your recording needs...which set this recorder apart from all others. The C-104 is backed by a one-year warranty on parts and labor.



- A. 3-Digit Tape Counter with Reset
- B. External Speaker Jack
- C. Cassette Compartment
- E. Remote Stop/Start Jack
- F. External Microphone Jack
- G. Built-in Electret Condenser Microphone
- H. Straight-Line Playback Volume Control
- I. Record Level Battery Strength Indicator
- J. Playback Tone Control
- K. Vari-Speed Pitch Control
- L. Locking Pause Control M. Stop/Eject Button

- N. Cue/Fast Forward Button
- O. Play Button
- P. Review/Rewind Button
- Q. Record Button
- R. AC Input Jack
- S. 6V DC Input Jack

#### Additional Features

- 1. Automatic Record Level
- 2. Dual Flywheel Mechanism
- 3. Automatic Total Mechanism Shut-off (TMS)
- 4. Built-in Recharging Circuitry
- 5. Optional Ni-Cad Battery Pack
- 6. Unique Lever Action Controls
- 7. Vari-Speed Pitch Control (for adjusting speed plus or minus 20%)

#### Specifications:

#### Power Requirements:

AC 120 Volts AC, 6 Watts 50/60 Hz

DC 6 Volts

Battery size and quantity: 4

Size "C" batteries

Battery life: 6 hrs. continuous

#### Tape Speed:

#### Rewind and Fast Forward Time:

1-7/8

100 seconds/C-60

Reel Size: Cassette Frequency Response: Standard Tape:

Recording System:

60 Hz to 10kHz @ 1-7/8 ips

Half-track Mono

Signal-to-noise Ratio: Low Noise Tape: 48dB

#### Inputs:

1 Auxiliary: (one)

1 Microphone: (one) Plug type: mini

Plug type: Mini

Impedance: Low

Impedance: 100 K Ohms Input Sensitivity: 100 mV

Input sensitivity: -72 mV

#### **Speaker Complement:**

Built-in speaker, 3¾"

#### Bias Frequency:

65 kHz

#### Type of Level Indication:

Record Level Battery Strength Meter

#### Power Output:

1.4 Watts Max. @ 1 kHz

#### **Head Configuration:**

1 half track erase

1 half track record/playback

#### Wow and Flutter:

NAB 0.25% RMS @ 1-7/8 ips

#### Number and Type of Motor:

1 DC Servo - Vari-Speed ±20%

#### Number of Semi-conductors:

10 Transistors

1 Field Effect Transistors (FET)

6 Diodes

#### Outputs:

1 Extension speakers: (one)

Plug type: Mini

Impedance: 8 Ohms

Unit Dimensions: 6" W x 21/2" H x 11" D

Unit Weight: 3 lbs., 0 ozs.

## FEATURES THAT WE CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT REGARDING THE CASSETTE RECORDER

- Variable speed (Vari-Speed) for matching cassettes which may have been recorded off-speed. Varies ± 20%
- Index Counter
- Cue/Fast Forward control and Rewind control: Aid in audibly searching tape for selecting program.

In addition, it's a pretty nifty general purpose cassette recorder.

Each C-104 we provide will have been checked by The Digital Group for speed accuracy. In addition, we will modify the recorder by partially defeating the monitor jack cutoff switch so that you can hear the data (at reduced volume) while cable-connected to your computer. This modification consists of a single resistor and does not invalidate the warranty in any way.

Order Code = CAS-1



**EXTENDER CARDS** 

## **EXTENDER CARD SET**

Each 3-Card Extender Card set provides the following:

- 1-22-pin extender card and connector on .156 $^{\prime\prime}$  centers
- 1-36-pin extender card and connector on .156 $^{\prime\prime}$  centers
- 1-50-pin extender card and connector on .156 $^{\prime\prime}$  centers

All cards are double-sided dual position extenders. Each card is also available separately. Overall card height with connector mounted is 7-1/8". Fingers are gold plated.

Order Code = EXT-3

## MANUAL BINDER



For those of you who wish to keep your system documentation together in a three-ring binder, we now offer an attractive 1-1/2 -inch binder in dark brown with 2-page lifters which is identical to the one provided with each of our cabineted systems.

Order Code = Sys-Bind

## **MANUALS**

Digital Group now provides separate availability for most of our system manuals. These manuals are available on a standalone basis only. A credit will not be allowed towards later product purchase.

Order Code

Description

DOC-Z80CPU

Complete Z80 CPU Documentation including bus structure and OP System.

DOC-ZILOG DOC-Z80SYS

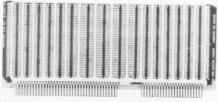
Zilog's Z80 technical manual.

Complete Z80 System documentation
(Z80CPU, Zilog, TVC, I/O, MEM, PWRØ)

DOC-I/O DOC-MEM DOC-TVC

DOC-PWRØ DOC-CASSTD DOC-PHI Input/Output documentation 8K Memory documentation TV Readout and Audio Cassette documentation

3 Voltage Power Supply documentation Standalone Cassette Documentation Cassette Storage System Documentation



I/O w/w PROTOTYPING



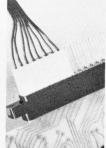
MEMORY w/w PROTOTYPING

## **PROTOTYPING**

Two types of wire-wrap prototyping cards are available. The first is designed for custom input/output/peripheral devices. It contains space for up to sixty-five 14-or 16-pin dips plus twelve 22-24 pin or eight 40-pin IC's plus some discretes. The second is for custom memory/front panel devices and may contain up to sixty 14-or 16-pin devices or thirty-six 22-pin (.4" width) devices plus an additional 3 columns for IC's of .4" through .6" width devices — nine 24-pin or six 40-pin. Power and ground planes are provided and are connected to IC sockets via w/w or stick-on jumpers.

Order Code = CAB-1





CAB-1 CABLING KIT

**EXAMPLE OF MOLEX USE** 

## **MOLEX INTERCONNECTION KIT**

Each Molex interconnection kit contains the following:

10 each of the following female bodies: 2, 4, 8, 10, 12 position

400 Crimp-on type pins

10 feet flexible heavy-duty flat cable (stranded wire) -62 wires wide

Molex crimp tool

Order Code = Cab-1

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## **DATA CASSETTES**



For those of you who wish greater reliability in a cassette, certified data cassettes from Maxell and others. Certified at 800 BPI.

Order Code	Description	Price
C-DATA	Certified Data Cassette	7.00
C-DATA5	5 Certified Data Cassettes	32.50/5
C-DATA10	10 Certified Data Cassettes	60.00/10





TTL LOGIC DETECTOR

TTL LOGIC INJECTOR

## **LOGIC PROBES**

A pair of logic probes to help those among you who like to experiment with (or debug) hardware.

#### THE TTL LOGIC DETECTOR

Can detect 4 states which it displays on its internal 7-segment readout.

 $\dot{H}$  = Logic High ("1") O = Open or invalid level L = Logic Low ("0") P = Pulse

The TTL LOGIC INJECTOR (shown outside case) can inject highs, lows, or pulse trains.

When used together, these 2 probes provide a very powerful testing combination at a reasonable price.

Order Code	Description	Kit	Assm.
PROBE-DET	TTL Logic Detector Probe	18.95	24.95
PROBE-INJ	TTL Logic Injector Probe	18.95	24.95
PROBE-PAIR	Both Injector		
	and Detector Probes	37.00	49.00

## **PADDLE CARDS**

Paddle cards and cables are used to provide interconnection between system components.

This initial release of 4 basic types of paddle cards can extend the capabilities of your system as well as making interconnection more convenient.

# PAD-STD

#### STANDARD PADDLE CARD:

The basic paddle card — double-sided with 2 holes/finger for wire termination. Large holes provide strain relief.

#### **DIP PROTOTYPING PADDLE CARD:**

Similar to the standard but with a dip-type prototyping area.

#### 20 MA CURRENT LOOP PADDLE CARD:

A special paddle card which allows a parallel port to communicate to a 20MA current loop device.

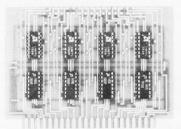
#### **RS-232 PADDLE CARD:**

Another special paddle card which allows your system to communicate with RS-232 type interfaces. Available with up to 32 (16 input, 16 output) RS-232 lines.

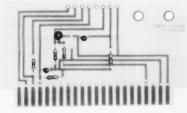
#### CONNECTORS WITH PADDLE CARDS:

In addition to individual paddle cards we are offering a combination of 5 22-pin w/w connectors plus 3 PAD-STD's and 2 PAD-PROT's as a complimentary kit for your CPU cabinet.

	Order Code	Description	Kit Price
	PAD-STD	Paddle card — Standard	5.95
	PAD-PROT	Paddle card — Dip Proto	5.95
	PAD-20MA	Paddle card — 20MA	
	~	Current Loop (w/parts)	7.95
I	PAD-232-1	Paddle card w/8RS-232 Lines	30.00
	PAD-232-4	Paddle card w/32 RS-232 Lines	75.00
_	CONN-22-5	5 22-pin Dual,	
		3 PAD-STD's, 2 PAD-PROT	45.00



PAD-RS232



PAD-20MA

## **CABLES**

Several pre-assembled cables are now available as options for those who do not wish to build their own. (Note: these cables are included in a system 3 or 4).

Description	Assm. Price
4' Video Cable	
w/UHF connector at each end	6.95
6' Phi-Deck Cable for up to 4	
drives. 22-pin paddle card, 36-pin	n
dual w/w connector and hardwar	e 29.95
6' Printer Cable – 22-pin paddle	
cards at each end	24.95
	4' Video Cable w/UHF connector at each end 6' Phi-Deck Cable for up to 4 drives. 22-pin paddle card, 36-pin dual w/w connector and hardwar 6' Printer Cable — 22-pin paddle

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Digital Group Software Systems was created as a separate corporation for the development and distribution of software for Digital Group Systems. They have also been providing support for the software side of the operation. DGSS is headed up by Chuck and Dianne Howerton.

What is DGSS Software? - DGSS Software is specifically tailored to execute on a Digital Group System unless otherwise specified. Most packages are provided on audio cassette (Suding Format - 1100 baud) with directions-for-use documentation. Source listings are not provided. (Tiny Basic programs are self-listing.) If you purchase our packages for any machine other than The Digital Group's, you are on your own (good luck!). This is not meant to prohibit use on other equipment, just a statement that DGSS cannot support your efforts at this time.

## **MAXI-BASIC**

The Digital Group is delighted to announce the availability of the first version of Digital Group Maxi-Basic for Z80 and 8080 based Digital Group systems. This BASIC is a powerful extended BASIC with many features not contained in standard BASICs.

Major Features:

Fast BCD Floating Point Arithmetic Formatted Output Multiple Statements per line Multiple Line Functions — User Defined with multiple

Available Memory Size Determined Automatically Statement Renumbering String Manipulation

N-Dimensioned Arrays

Most Source Statements are stored as single bytes

Due to the high interest in this product, we've decided to include as much information as possible on the statements and commands. While this approach will probably be a little dryer than normal, it should help provide many of the answers to your questions about Maxi-BASIC's capabilities.

First, some notes on abbreviations:

1. () = optional

2. LN = line number

3. exp = expression

#### **GENERAL**

Line number range = 0 through 65,535 Multiple statement per line separator = colon Blanks are ignored anywhere in statements Control-C = halts execution whenever entered

#### COMMANDS

RUN (LN) LIST (LN), (LN) SCR = Scratch program REN (beg LN) (increment) = Renumber CLEAR = Clear all variables CONT = Continue

#### CONSTANT RANGE

.6E-63 through .99999999 E+63

#### **OPERATORS**

+'\*'/'-'+

#### RELATIONAL

=,<,>,<>,>=,=>,<=,=<

#### **BOOLEAN**

AND, OR, NOT

#### **STATEMENTS**

#### COMMENTS

LET (optional)

IF . . . THEN . . . ELSE . . .

FOR . . . STEP multiply nested

**NEXT GOTO** 

ON...GOTO

**EXIT** same as GOTO, but terminates active FOR loops

STOP **END** REM READ DATA

RESTORE (LN)

LN specifies the line the READ pointer is to be

restored to.

INPUT ("literal prompt")

INPUTL

Same as INPUT but inhibits

Carriage Return at end of

user input

**GOSUB** RETURN PRINT

FILL

OUT

Fill a byte in memory with an expression value

Executes a Z80/8080 OUT instruction. Ex: OUT 5.3 will perform an OUT 5

instruction with 3 in the Accumulator

#### **ARRAYS**

Any number of dimensions Any size, to the limits of memory

#### **STRINGS**

A string of 8-bit characters may be dimensioned to any size, limited only by available memory. Exs: 100 DIMZ\$(1), Z1\$(10000)

Substrings A\$(N,M) = substring of characters Nthrough M Concatenation: The string concatenation character is a plus sign

#### **USER DEFINED FUNCTIONS**

Either String or Numeric type Any number of numeric arguments

Single line Multiple line



#### MACHINE LANGUAGE SUBROUTINE INTERFACING

CALL (expl, optional exp2)

expl = address of machine language subroutine exp2 = value passed to machine language subroutine

#### **FUNCTIONS**

FREE (0) Number of bytes remaining in free storage ABS (exp) Absolute value of expression SGN (exp) Determines the sign of expression INT (exp) Interger value of the expression Returns the length of the string LEN (str name) Returns a string with the specific character CHR\$ (expr) Returns the numeric value of the string VAL (str exp) STR\$ (str exp) Returns a string with the specified numeric value Returns ASCII code of first character in ASC (str name) string SINE of expression SIN (exp) COS (exp) COSINE of expression Returns a random number between 0 and 1 RND (exp) LOG (exp) Returns natural log of expression Returns the value of e raised to the EXP (exp) specified power SORT (exp) Returns the positive square root of expression CALL (exp, opt. exp) See Machine Language Interfacing EXAM (exp) Returns the contents of addressed

#### **FORMATTED OUTPUT**

PRINT %\$10F3,J

Digital Group Maxi-BASIC uses Format Strings anywhere in the PRINT statement. A Format String consists of optional format characters followed optionally by a format specification.

memory byte

The Format characters are:

- C = place commas to the left of decimal point as needed
- \$ = place a dollar sign to the left of value
- Z = suppress trailing zeroes
  - make this format string the default specification

Format Specifications (similar to FORTRAN) are:

nFm = Value printed in n-char field, right justified, m digits to right of decimal

nl = Value printed in n-char field, right justified

nEm = Value printed in scientific notation

All printed values are rounded if necessary.

TAB (N) = Advances printer to a specified output position

#### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Maxi-BASIC V.1.O. requires 8K and loads from 4K through 12K. The minimum Digital Group recommended configuration is 18K.

Distribution Package includes:

User Documentation — Knowledge of BASIC in general is presumed Object code on Suding audio cassette (1100 baud)

#### Price: \$15.00

## MAXI-BASIC GAMES

(see following note)

Each MAXI-BASIC Game Set Tape comes with a listing of each program on the tape as well as operating instructions. The cost of each MAXI-BASIC Game Set Tape is \$7.50.

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 1 — \$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

MAGIC-SQUARE: Computer vs. human in an attempt to complete a MAGIC-SQUARE while block the opponent.

**DEPTH-CHARGE:** Sink the submarine before he sinks you; a three-dimensional search game.

**REVERSE:** A MAXI version of this popular solitaire game of number manipulation.

**BAGELS:** Try to guess the computer's number based on clues such as PICO FERMI and BAGELS.

**BIRTHDAY:** Learn some interesting and important facts about what has transpired since your natal day.

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 2 — (\$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

"WORD": A word guessing game which includes 102 five-letter words.

**GUNNERY:** A really challenging artillery game which includes windage and shot variations.

**WOMBAT:** A grid-search game to find the WOMBAT. You get ten tries and then . . . .

**SUNSIGN:** Given certain factors which are different for every individual, this program produces unique designs.

**COMPOUND-INTEREST:** Let's see . . . If I put \$10 out of each paycheck in the bank at 6%, how much would I have in 10 years?

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 3 — (\$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

**AWARI:** An ancient African game of skill and strategy ... you against the computer.

**TARGET:** Space war in three dimensions using circular coordinants.

**BULCOW:** A number guessing game with clues as to the relationship of your guess to the number.

**LOAN-PAYMENTS:** This program computes the payment schedule for a loan.

**BUTTON:** A guessing game where you try to guess which one of 7 "people" has the button; they give you clues.

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 4 — (\$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

**HURKLE:** Find the shy Hurkle in the grid using computer supplied clues.

ICBM: You are the controller for an anti-missile base . . . qet the ICBM before it gets you.

**CHANGE:** Computes change in bills and coins given the price and amount tendered.

**RADIZ ARITH:** In the DODECIMAL (Base 12), how much is 3A+B7??

**LETTER:** Guess a letter given clues relative to your last guess.

**NUMBER:** Find the secret number in the minimum number of tries.

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 5 — (\$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

**FIPFOP:** Change a row of X's to O's with a new set of rules for each game.

**NIM:** An ancient Chinese game . . . you against the computer . . . either goes first . . . just don't take the LAST!!

**HANGMAN:** Beautiful graphics make this word guessing game great fun to play.

**TAXMAN:** Learn factoring while trying to outfox the Taxman.

**CHECKBOOK:** This program can help you to balance your checkbook!!

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 6 — (\$7.50 @ cassette tape with cource listings and instructions).

**LUNAR LANDING:** A somewhat out-of-the-ordinary LUNAR LANDER which can be beaten.

**23 MATCHES:** Develop a strategy so that you don't have to take the last match!!

**RADIX CONV:** Converts any number up to 262143 Decimal to Octal and vice-versa.

**PIZZA:** A "Screwball" game where you have to figure out where the pizzas go!!

**BIORYTHM:** A very comprehensive version of BIORYTHM which flags "critical" days and computes the composite.

 MAXI-BASIC Game Set 7 — \$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and instructions).

**BRIDGE-DEALER:** Generates and deals bridge hands all sorted and arranged.

"WAR"-Cards: This popular card game pits you against the computer for control of the deck.

**ACEY-DUCY:** A game designed to drive sane people nuts when they match the pot on a King-Three!!

**HORSERACE:** They're off and running at 'Wherever Racetrack' . . . good odds, several horses and unlimited bets.

**BLACKJACK:** A casino-level version of this game; plays by Vegas rules for a dealer.

MAXI-BASIC Games \*\*\*SPECIAL\*\*\* = \$50.00!!
 Obtain all seven MAXI-BASIC Game Set Tapes for \$50.00 . . . a savings of \$2.50. Includes all source listings and operating instructions for each game on each tape.

### **PHIMON**

PHIMON is the long awaited Digital Group Cassette Storage Operating System . . . Available NOW!!!

The PHIMON EXECUTIVE Program requires only 2K of memory for its resident routines and the system overlay area. The DIRECTORY requires an additional 1K area at

the high end of lower memory (7 to 8K in a 10K system or 23 to 24K in a 26K system) and an additional 1K for the Debugging tools (Octal and Hexadecimal supplied) when they are in use.

PHIMON is easy to implement and easy to use. A jumper-wire change to the CPU board is required to move the 2K of memory on the CPU board to addresses 56K to 58K (340000/ to 347377 Octal or E000 to E7FF Hexidecimal). The PHIMON EXECUTIVE Program resides in this memory space well out of the way of user programs. Then, replace the CPU board EROM with the one provided with PHIMON, insert the PHIMON cassette in cassette storage deck No. 0 and turn on the power.

When PHIMON begins execution after being bootstrapped in, the first thing you will see will be the HELP list which shows all of the commands available. Read the accompanying documentaiton and you are in business.

#### PHIMON SYSTEM COMMAND SUMMARY

The following commands are available when PHIMON is in the command mode. Only the first two letters of the command are required (which is why they are shown here as caps), the remaining ones are optional.

Command	Description
HEIp	Displays systems command on monitor.
Directory	Displays the names, types, and size of all files catalogued on a specified device.
LOad	Loads a specified program file into memory.
RUn	Loads a specified program into memory and starts it executing.
SAve	Saves a specified program file onto cassette storage and catalogues it in the DIRECTORY.
STart	Starts a program, which is in memory,
	executing.
ZEro	Zeroes the DIRECTORY of either a systems cassette or a nonsystem cassette.
DElete	Deletes specified files from the DIRECTORY.
DTO	Loads the Debugging Tool Octal into memory and turns execution control over to it.
DTH	Loads the Debugging Tool Hexadecimal into memory and turns execution control over to it.
ALter	Causes a specified system overlay to be loaded into memory so that it can be altered using DTO or DTH.
INsert	Writes a specified overlay onto the system cassette.

In addition, PHIMON permits user programs to use any of its DIRECTORY handling and cassette storage handling routines, providing easy access to files and file creation. Among these routines are LOOKUP (searches DIRECTORY for file name), ENTER (searches DIRECTORY for available space), and CLOSE (adds a user program's file to the DIRECTORY). Also available are all of the standard cassette storage system control routines (READ, WRITE, REWIND, STOP, etc.)

overlays onto another cassette.

memory.

from memory.

Copys the PHIMON operating system and its

Reads in a SUDING format audio cassette into

Writes out a SUDING format audio cassette

BUild

REad

WRite

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<sup>\*\*</sup>NOTE: All MAXI-BASIC Games are read in after bootstrapping MAXI-BASIC into the system. Games are read in one at a time. List will come up with Options 1 through 7. Type 7. Type RUN(cr) and you're in business!!

The PHIMON Cassette Storage Operating System Release Package contains the following:

- A Cassette Storage System mode recorded version of PHIMON.
- An audio cassette recorded version of PHIMON recorded at the Digital Group standard of 1100 BAUD in Suding format.
- A replacement ROM for use with PHIMON which contains a Load-and-Go Bootstrap-loader and the basic TV routines.
- 4. Approximately 100 pages of documentation, including:
  - A complete PHIMON users guide describing the operation of PHIMON and all supplied system overlays; and
  - b. A source listing of the PHIMON EXECUTIVE program and all system overlays.

PRICE: \$30.00 per package.

Z-80 is the new format of TV Storage Dump and Keyboard Program with new wording at Options 3 and 4. This new OP/Sys is currently utilized in the Z-80 Assembler, DisAssembler, Text/Editor and MAXI-BASIC programs. Complete with source listing and one-page of operating instructions.

#### SUPER CLOCK

Written by Charles Howerton. This Z-80 program allows you to turn your Digital Group, Inc., micro-computer into the world's most expensive digital clock! Can be set as a 24-hour or 12-hour clock. Gives hours, minutes and seconds. Includes source listing and operating instructions.

COST: THREE-PART MEMORY CHECK FOR Z-80 SYSTEM, NEW DIGITAL GROUP OP/SYSTEM WITH CURSOR FOR Z-80 and SUPER CLOCK (All on 1 tape) = \$7.50 @ cassette tape with source listings and operating instructions.

## OTHER SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

#### Z-80/8080 MINI-BASIC

An adaptation of DGSS TINY BASIC. Copyrighted by Dr. Mark Yoseloff, E. Brunswick, New Jersey. Incorporates String Manipulation and Handling. Provides all command level inputs within the BASIC itself. MINI-BASIC is self-adapting to memory size and will run in any 6K or larger Z-80/8080 Digital Group system. It will execute any previous TINY BASIC program/game. Available only in TV-output form.

#### MINI-BASIC GAMES Set 1

A comprehensive set of "Casino Games" including BLACK-JACK, CRAPS, ROULETTE and SLOT-MACHINE. The screen graphics must be seen to be believed!!

**COST:** MINI-BASIC and MINI-BASIC GAMES Set 1 = \$10.00 including 2 cassettes and 23 pages of documentation.

#### **CODE PRACTICE PROGRAM**

Written by Alex Vdolek of Seattle, WA. Permits using The Digital Group, Inc. (DGI) micro-processor for CW code practice. Allows user to select speed of 256 randomly generated CW characters. System will either display each character on TV screen as it is sent or will display all 256 CW characters after last character has been sent. Runs in less than 2K of memory.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### THREE-PART MEMORY TEST ROUTINES

Written by Dr. Robert Suding. This memory test routines tape allows the user to initially or periodically test memory chips in his system. First routine checks system memory printing out extent of contiguous groups of memory. Second routine generates randomized pattern throughout memory and reads back, comparing for identical data to test for bad IC's, unsoldered pins and shorted address lines. Third routine checks for slow memory by writing a short subroutine through memory and then executing the subroutine. Excellent preventative maintenance tool.

## NEW DIGITAL GROUP OP/SYSTEM WITH CURSOR FOR Z-80 SYSTEM

Written by Dr. Robert Suding. This cursor Op/System for

TINY BASIC EXTENDED-TV CASSETTE OPERATED SYSTEM (TBX TVCOS), Version 2

Created by Dick Whipple and John Arnold of Tyler, Texas — Based upon design criterial published in September 1975 issue of PCC and interfaced for The Digital Group, Inc. (DGI) 8080/Z-80 microcomputer by Dr. Robert Suding. A superset of TINY BASIC as originally proposed. A limited/modified subset of full BASIC language. Has 26 possible simple/dimensioned variables; 4 immediate commands; contains RN (Random Number) generator. TBX, Version 2, is self-adapting to memory size and will run in any DGI 8080/ Z-80 system which is larger than 6K. In addition, TBX, Version 2, comes complete (in cassette format) in a TV only version, Baudot teletype version and ASCII teletype version.

COST: \$7.50 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 1

Contains games of CHOMP, CHECKERS, TIC-TAC-TOE, DIGIGUESS and BRAINTEASER.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

NOTE: ALL TINY BASIC GAMES are read in after bootstrapping TBX-TVCOS into the system. The games are read in one at a time. List will come up with Options 1 through 6. Type 6. Type RUN(cr) and you're in business!

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 2

Contains games of ARTILLERY, DR. THERAPY, REVERSE, BIORYTHM and GOLF.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 3

Contains games of TAXMAN, SNARK, TRAP, NUMBER, SQUARE ROOT and CLOCK.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 4

Contains games of HAMURABI, STARS, 23-MATCHES, 20-QUESTIONS, BLACKJACK, FACTOR and BATUM.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 5

Contains games of BOMBER, LUNAR LANDER, SPACE BATTLE, MATADOR and DICE.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 6

Contains educational programs of CHIEF, MR. QUIZZER, ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, and MULTIPLICATION.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### KINGDOM-LIFE 1 & 2 (For 8080 or Z-80)

KINGDOM lets you be "King" of land/bushels/acres and population of your "KINGDOM". Object is to accumulate 1 million acres and/or bushels which can only be done by buying and selling land. A great test of your abilities.

LIFE 1 is standard LIFE which takes a pattern and with simple LIFE rules, iterates until a stable situation is reached.

LIFE 2 is bi-symetrical pattern generator but without a stable situation ever reached. Will continue to run and never repeat pattern for approximately 10<sup>31</sup> years!

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

"GALAXY" - Copyright SCELBI Computer Consulting, Inc., 1976 (For 8080 or Z-80)

A true "Star Trek" game complete in every respect. Your mission: to destroy some number of Klingons in a specified number of star dates. Seven commands permit 3 levels of scanning, movement in 16 different directions at 64 different speeds. Phasors and Photon Torpedoes as weapons and energy transfers to the shields in battle. Star Bases are available for reprovisioning between battles.

COST: \$7.50 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### AMATEUR RADIO HAM CASSETTE (For 8080 or Z-80)

Amateur Radio (CW) Send and Receive. RTTY (Baudot) Send and Receive. CW Receive adjusts automatically to any CW speed sen. CW Send has eight 100-character memories that may be called individually. CW Send features 256 character software FIFO buffer.

RTTY Receive can select 60, 66 and 100 WPM with upper or lower case output to TV. RTTY SEND can do so at 60, 66 or 100 WPM.

COST: \$5.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### **EDUCATOR 8080**

Designed to assist micro-computer user in understanding effect that execution of various instructions has on status and operation of 8080 computer. Version 2 as appeared in July 1976 BYTE Magazine.

COST: \$10.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions and 8080 instruction set.

#### **EDUCATOR Z-80**

A completely new EDUCATOR for the Z-80 micro-computer system which implements over 400 of the Z-80 commands and variants. Displays seven working registers and the flags. A great help in understanding the effect that execution of various instructions has on status and operations of the Z-80 computer.

COST: \$10.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions and Z-80 reference card.

#### ASSEMBLER\* (Z-80 only)

\*See following footnote.

A two-pass memory-resident symbolic assembler with the capacity for over 96 symbolic tags which stores all source code in a space-compressed form; thus, facilitating maximum utilization of available memory. Requires 12K plus working storage - Minimum recommended system = 18K.

COST: \$15.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### DISASSEMBLER (For Z-80\* or 8080\*\*)

See footnote following this section.

The disassembler will take any program and alternately display it in nmemonic/OP code form (Z-80 nmemonics in the Z-80 version/ 8080 nmemonics in the 8080 version) or dump form in either hex or octal or in ASCII character form. This tool is extremely useful for documenting your hand-coded machine language programs.

COST: \$10.00 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

#### TEXT-EDITOR (For Z-80\* or 8080\*\*)

The Text-Editor is a DGSS implementation of the "Classy Text-Editor" by Fred Greeg, Denver, CO, as published in DR. DOBB'S JOURNAL . . . et al, August, 1976. A very versatile piece of software for minipulation of textual material.

COST: \$7.50 @ cassette tape with operating instructions.

- The Z-80 Assembler, DisAssembler, Text Editor and MAXI-BA-SIC come with three frontend processors: 1) 60/WPM Baudot TTY; 2) 110 Baud ASCII TTY; and 3) IBM Selectric for Itel 1051 model.
- \*\* The 8080 DisAssembler, Text Editor and MAXI-BASIC come with two front-end processors: 1) 60/WPM Baudot TTY; and 2) 110 Baud ASCII TTY.

## ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF **JUDGE**

#### **JOINT USERS OF DIGITAL GROUP EQUIPMENT**

JUDGE is an organization designed to promote the interests of Digital Group Micro-computer owners and users. Under the co-sponsorship of The Digital Group, Inc. (DGI) and Digital Group Software Systems, Inc. (DGSS), JUDGE will, hopefully, become the vehicle for communications between users and between the users and the companies.

The media of exchange will be a newsletter to be published monthly beginning in May, 1977. The newsletter will contain helpful hints in both the hardware and software areas, software bug "fixes", and short programs of general interest. In addition, there will be a problems column wherein users with specific problems will be able to solicit assistance from other users. There will be, additionall, a column where users who have interfaced non-product-line hardware and/or software to their systems can share their efforts with others. Also, there will be a "Want Ads" section for those who wish to buy. sell or trade their goodies.

Until such time as the JUDGE membership directs otherwise, Dianne W. Howerton, VP, Operations, DGSS, Inc., will be acting secretary for JUDGE and acting Editor of the newsletter. Once things get rolling along well and the membership in JUDGE grows to the point where it becomes representative of the true-user population, there will be a general election of officers; once they take office, whatever functions they wish to assume will be turned over to them.

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Debugging a computer and/or its peripherals and components is a time-consuming task — expecially if you are unfamiliar with the circuit. The kit supplier should be much more familiar with the circuit and be able to debug it much more effectively.

However, before we detail our limited warranties, a few terms should be defined:

Service Charge: Fix-it fee usually established at announcement. Covers all labor involved tracking down problems and correcting them. Applies to out-of-warranty kits. Also applies to units if the unit goes down and the purchaser wishes us to fix the problem. Service charges (fix-it-fee) should be sent with the kit for repair.

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SYSTEMS		Kit	713301115100
3-board system with Z80-CPU, I0-F, TVC-F and MB-1 (2K total memory)	Z80-3BD	\$475.00	\$695.00
4-board system with Z80-CPU, I0-F, TVC-F, MEM-8 and MB-1 (10K total memory) .	Z80-4BD	\$675.00	\$945.00
SYSTEM OPTIONS			
Substitute 8080 CPU — deduct	8080-SUB	(50.00)	(50.00)
Substitute 6800 CPU – deduct	6800-SUB	(50.00)	(50.00)
Substitute 6502 CPU — deduct	6500-SUB	(100.00)	(100.00)
Substitute Standard Motherboard	MB2-SUB	15.00	45.00
SYSTEM PACKAGES			
Complete 4-board Z-80 system including: 10K memory, 12 Amp power supply (PWR-and Standard CPLI Cobinet (CPLIC)	12), Standard	Motherboard	I (MB-2),
and Standard Cro Cabinet (CB-CPO)	Z80-SYS1	\$895.00	\$1295.00
Complete 380-SVS2 plus Koy 18-CR Mar 08-CR CASS CR.	Z80-SYS2	\$1095.00	\$1545.00
Complete Z80-SYS2 plus Key 1&CB, Mon9&CB, CAS&CB4 and all cables Complete Z80-SYS2 plus 1 additional I/O Card, Key1&CB, MON9&CB, PHI-F,	Z80-SYS3	\$2045.00	\$2545.00
CAS&CB4, PT-96-COMP and all cables	Z80-SYS4	\$2675.00	\$3255.00
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Additional 8K Memory boards when purchased with SYS1, 2, 3 or 4 — each			
Additional 8K 300ns low-power Memory boards when purchased	SYS-MEM8	\$200.00	\$270.00
with either SYS1, 2, 3 or 4.  Substitute 300ns low-power memory in SYS1.	SYS-MEM8C		\$320.00
Substitute 300ns low-power memory in SYS2, 3,or 4	91 L02C-10S		\$62.50
Substitute 18 Amp power supply (includes CB-CPU-OP1)	91L02C-18S PWR-18SUB		\$112.50
Substitute 64-character TV Readout.	SYSOPT-64	\$40.00 \$10.00	\$40.00
Delete 2 PHI-I's from SYS3 or SYS4	SYS-PHI2	(200.00)	\$10.00 (200.00)
Note: also any other of our CPU's may be supplied in place of the Z80 by selecting 80 the System Options and deducting the appropriate amount.	80-SUB, 6800-	SUB, or 650	
INDIVIDUAL ITEMS			
MEMORIES			
8K 500 nanosecond 2102-1's	MEM-8	\$225.00	\$295.00
8K 300 nanosecond low-power 2102LHPC	MEM-8C	\$275.00	\$345.00
8K memory board as above without memory IC's	MEM-Ø	\$50.00	na
1702A 4K EPROM board with 4K 1702A's (unprog'd)	1702-F	\$299.00	\$345.00
1702A 4K EPROM board without 1702A's	1702-Ø	\$75.00	\$105.00
1702A PC board & Connector	1702-PCC	\$35.00	na
PERIPHERALS			
Complete I/O card — Four 8-bit Input ports and four 8-bit Output ports	IO-F	\$65.00	\$95.00
TV Readout and Audio Cassette Interface	TVC-F	\$130.00	\$195.00
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Upgrade Kit from TVC-F	TVC-64UPG	\$65.00	na
64 by 64 Color Graphics Interface	GRAPH-64	\$175.00	\$225.00
Digital Cassette Storage Interface for 4 drives	PHI-F	\$135.00	\$195.00
Digital Cassette Storage Drive	PHI-I	na	\$115.00
2 Digital Cassette Storage Drives and cabinet	CAS&CB2	\$270.00	\$295.00
4 Digital Cassette Storage Drives and cabinet	CAS&CB4	\$480.00	\$505.00
each transfer with numeric pau and cursor control keys and interface cable.	KEY1	na	\$150.00
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Description	Order Code	Kit	Assembled
Capacitance Keyboard as above and cabinet	KEY1&CB	\$180.00	\$205.00
9" Javelin monitor	MON-9J	na	\$175.00
9" Javelin monitor with Digital Group cabinet	MON9&CB	\$199.50	\$215.00
96-Column Printer and Interface	PT-96	\$495.00	\$595.00*
Power Supply for 96-Column Printer	PT96-PS	\$30.00	na
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96-Column Printer, Power Supply, Cabinet and Cable	PT96-COMP	\$595.00	\$675.00
		*Includes	Power Supply
POWER SUPPLIES	PWR-6	\$95.00	\$125.00
5V at 6 Amps and PWR-Ø	PWR-12	\$135.00	\$165.00
5V at 12 Amps and PWR-Ø	PWR-18	\$175.00	\$205.00
5V at 18 Amps and PWR-Ø	PWR-Ø	\$45.00	\$60.00
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CABINETS	on only	Φ1.4F.00	20
Standard CPU cabinet w/6/12 Amp power supply plate	CB-CPU	\$145.00	na
Substitute 18 Amp power supply mounting plate	CB-CPU-OP1	N/C	na
9" monitor cabinet	CB-MON9	\$35.00	na
Dual Cassette Storage System cabinet	CB-CAS2	\$45.00	na
Quad Cassette Storage System cabinet	CB-CAS4	\$45.00	na
Dual drive — spare top	.CB-CAB-T2	\$20.00	na
Quad drive — spare top	CB-CAB-T4	\$20.00	na
Keyboard cabinet for Key 1	CB-KEY1	\$35.00	na
Keyboard cabinet w/blank insert	CB-KEYØ	\$35.00	na
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Superscope C-104 Audio Cassette Recorder	CAS-1	na	\$119.50
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DOCUMENTATION	DOC 790CBI		\$7.50
Complete Z80 CPU doc. Incl. bus structure and Operating System	DOC-Z80CPU		\$7.50
Zilog's Z80 technical manual	DOC-ZILOG		Ψ7.30
Complete Z80 System Documentation (DOC-Z80CPU, DOC-ZILOG, DOC-TVC,	DOC-Z80SYS	5 -	\$15.00
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1702A EPROM Memory	DOC-1702A		Ψ1.00
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#### **CHARGE ORDERS**

Minimum charge order is \$50.00

The Digital Group accepts both Mastercharge and BankAmericard, either by phone or mail. Charge orders are treated exactly the same as prepaid orders. Upon receipt of the order, the charge is authorized with the charge card company. Our sequential delivery number is assigned and the charge is submitted to the charge card company. If the charge is rejected by the charge card company, the sequential order number is not assigned until authorization occurs.

#### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Purchase orders will usually be accepted from the following only:

- 1. Governmental Institutions
- 2. Educational Institutions

All other orders will require payment with order or be COD. Purchase Order terms: 5% 10 net 30

#### **SOFTWARE ORDERS**

For quickest handling, all software orders should be sent directly to:
Digital Group Software Systems
P.O. Box 1086
Arvada, Colorado 80001
(303) 422-4566

Any software orders submitted to the Digital Group will be acknowledged and transmitted to DGSS.

#### **ORDER POLICY**

Sequential order delivery will be maintained at all times - including orders from dealers.

#### **FOREIGN ORDERS**

All foreign orders must be prepaid. The air freight charges incurred will be shipped collect.

