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Introduction

The IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter has two functions. The first is to provide an interface to the IBM Monochrome Display. The second is to provide a parallel interface for the IBM Printers. We will discuss this adapter by function.

Monochrome Display Adapter Function

Description

The IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter is designed around the Motorola 6845 CRT Controller module. There are 4K bytes of RAM on the adapter that are used for the display buffer. This buffer has two ports to which the system unit's microprocessor has direct access. No parity is provided on the display buffer.

Two bytes are fetched from the display buffer in 553 ns, providing a data rate of 1.8M bytes/second.

The adapter supports 256 different character codes. An 8K-byte character generator contains the fonts for the character codes. The characters, values, and screen characteristics are given in "Of Characters, Keystrokes, and Colors" in your *Technical Reference* system manual.

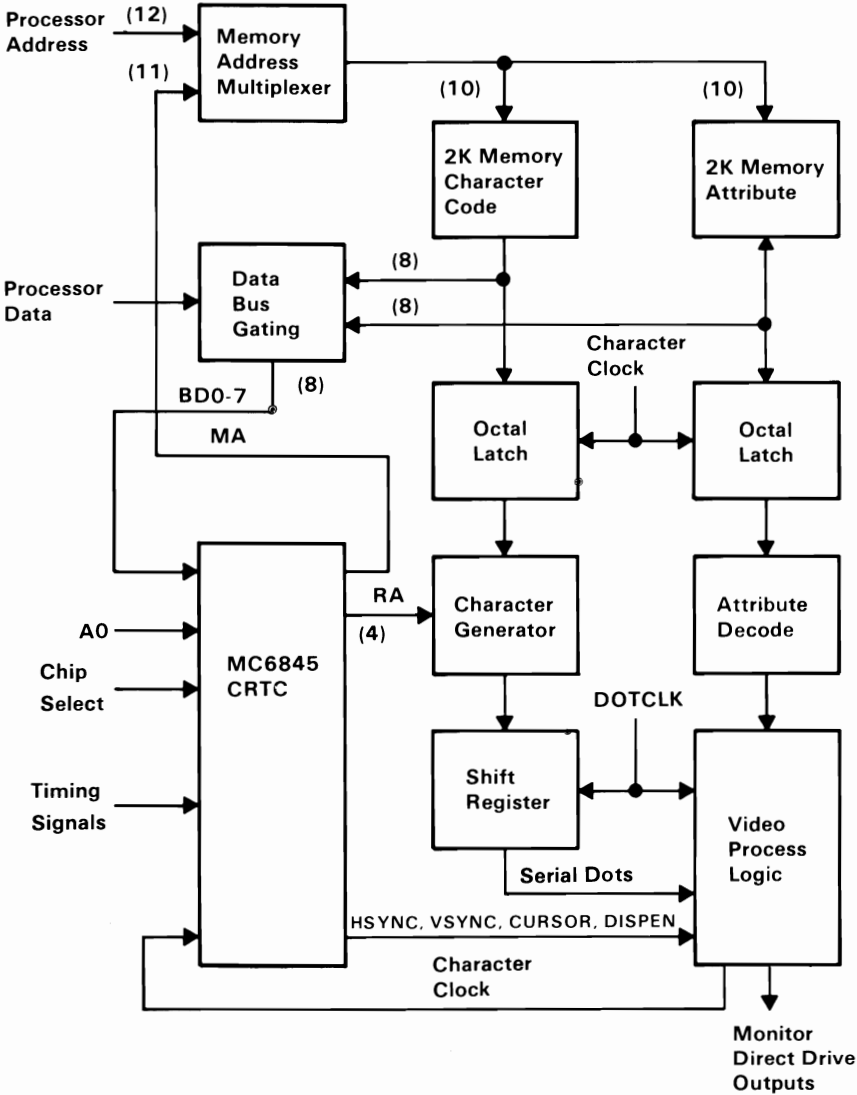
This adapter, when used with a display containing P39 phosphor, does not support a light pen.

Where possible, only one low-power Schottky (LS) load is present on any I/O slot. Some of the address bus lines have two LS loads. No signal has more than two LS loads.

Characteristics of the adapter are:

- Supports 80-character by 25-line screen
- Has direct-drive output
- Supports 9-PEL by 14-PEL character box
- Supports 7-PEL by 9-PEL character
- Has 18-kHz monitor
- Has character attributes

The following is a block diagram of the monochrome display adapter portion of the IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter.



IBM Monochrome Display Adapter Block Diagram

Programming Considerations

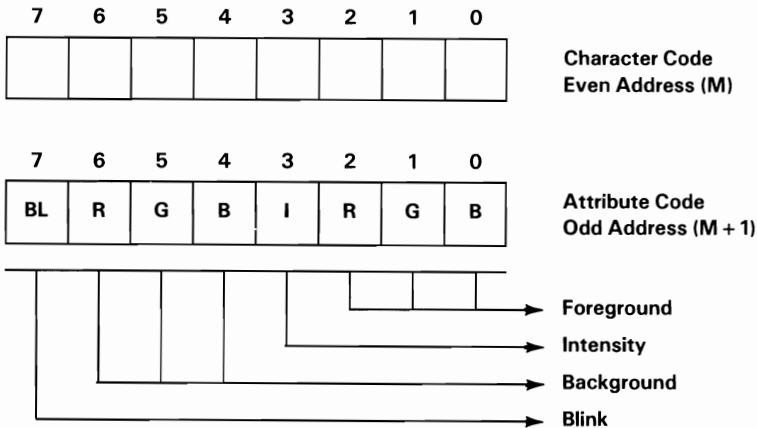
The following table summarizes the 6845 controller module's internal data registers, their functions, and their parameters. For the IBM Monochrome Display, the values must be programmed into the 6845 to ensure proper initialization of the display.

Register Number	Register File	Program Unit	IBM Monochrome Display (Address in hex)
R0	Horizontal Total	Characters	61
R1	Horizontal Displayed	Characters	50
R2	Horizontal Sync Position	Characters	52
R3	Horizontal Sync Width	Characters	F
R4	Vertical Total	Character Rows	19
R5	Vertical Total Adjust	Scan Line	6
R6	Vertical Displayed	Character Row	19
R7	Vertical Sync Position	Character Row	19
R8	Interlace Mode	-----	02
R9	Maximum Scan Line Address	Scan Line	D
R10	Cursor Start	Scan Line	B
R11	Cursor End	Scan Line	C
R12	Start Address (H)	-----	00
R13	Start Address (L)	-----	00
R14	Cursor (H)	-----	00
R15	Cursor (L)	-----	00
R16	Reserved	-----	--
R17	Reserved	-----	--

To ensure proper initialization, the first command issued to the IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter must be sent to the CRT control port 1 (hex 3B8), and must be a hex 01, to set the high-resolution mode. If this bit is not set, the system unit's microprocessor's access to the adapter must never occur. If the high-resolution bit is not set, the system unit's microprocessor will stop running.

System configurations that have both an IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter, and an IBM Color/Graphics Monitor Adapter, must ensure that both adapters are properly initialized after a power-on reset. Damage to either display may occur if not properly initialized.

The IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter supports 256 different character codes. In the character set are alphanumerics and block graphics. Each character in the display buffer has a corresponding character attribute. The character code must be an even address, and the attribute code must be an odd address in the display buffer.



The adapter decodes the character attribute byte as defined above. The blink and intensity bits may be combined with the foreground and background bits to further enhance the character attribute functions listed below:

Background R G B	Foreground R G B	Function
0 0 0	0 0 0	Non-Display
0 0 0	0 0 1	Underline
0 0 0	1 1 1	White Character/Black Background
1 1 1	0 0 0	Reverse Video

The 4K display buffer supports one screen of the 25 rows of 80 characters, plus a character attribute for each display character. The starting address of the buffer is hex B0000. The display buffer can be read using direct memory access (DMA); however, at least one wait state will be inserted by the system unit's microprocessor. The duration of the wait state will vary, because the microprocessor/monitor access is synchronized with the character clock on this adapter.

Interrupt level 7 is used on the parallel interface. Interrupts can be enabled or disabled through the printer control port. The interrupt is a high-level active signal.

The following table breaks down the functions of the I/O address decode for the adapter. The I/O address decode is from hex 3B0 through hex 3BF. The bit assignment for each I/O address follows:

I/O Register Address	Function
3B0	Not Used
3B1	Not Used
3B2	Not Used
3B3	Not Used
3B4	6845 Index Register
3B5	6845 Data Register
3B6	Not Used
3B7	Not Used
3B8	CRT Control Port 1
3B9	Reserved
3BA	CRT Status Port
3BB	Reserved
3BC	Parallel Data Port
3BD	Printer Status Port
3BE	Printer Control Port
3BF	Not Used

I/O Address and Bit Map

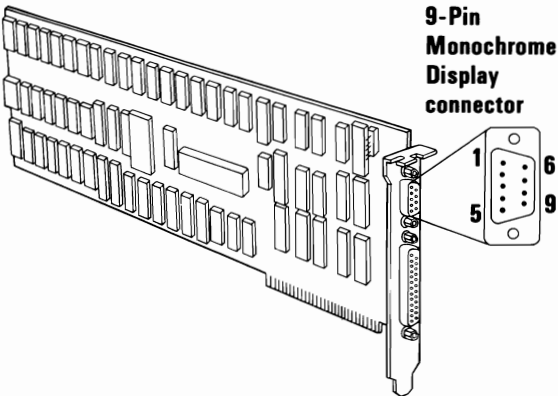
Bit Number	Function
0	+ High Resolution Mode
1	Not Used
2	Not Used
3	+ Video Enable
4	Not Used
5	+ Enable Blink
6,7	Not Used

6845 CRT Control Port 1 (Hex 3B8)

Bit Number	Function
0	+ Horizontal Drive
1	Reserved
2	Reserved
3	+ Black/White Video

6845 CRT Status Port (Hex 3BA)

Specifications



At Standard TTL Levels

IBM Monochrome Display	Ground	1	IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter
	Ground	2	
	Not Used	3	
	Not Used	4	
	Not Used	5	
	+ Intensity	6	
	+ Video	7	
	+ Horizontal	8	
	- Vertical	9	

Note: Signal voltages are 0.0 to 0.6 Vdc at down level and + 2.4 to 3.5 Vdc at high level.

Connector Specifications

Printer Adapter Function

Description

The printer adapter portion of the IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter is specifically designed to attach printers with a parallel-port interface, but it can be used as a general input/output port for any device or application that matches its input/output capabilities. It has 12 TTL-buffer output points, which are latched and can be written and read under program control using the microprocessor In or Out instruction. The adapter also has five steady-state input points that may be read using the microprocessor's In instructions.

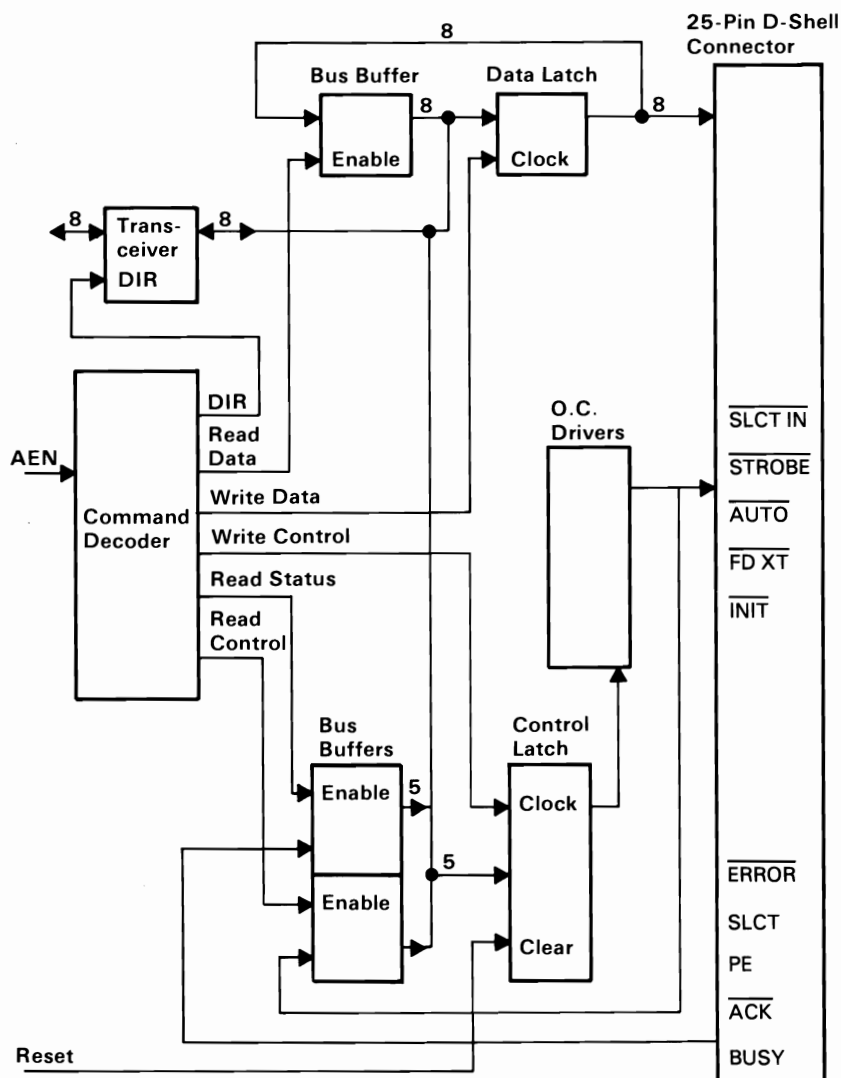
In addition, one input can also be used to create a microprocessor interrupt. This interrupt can be enabled and disabled under program control. A reset from the power-on circuit is also ORed with a program output point, allowing a device to receive a 'power-on reset' when the system unit's microprocessor is reset.

The input/output signals are made available at the back of the adapter through a right-angle, printed-circuit-board-mounted, 25-pin, D-shell connector. This connector protrudes through the rear panel of the system unit or expansion unit, where a cable may be attached.

When this adapter is used to attach a printer, data or printer commands are loaded into an 8-bit, latched, output port, and the strobe line is activated, writing data to the printer. The program then may read the input ports for printer status indicating when the next character can be written, or it may use the interrupt line to indicate "not busy" to the software.

The output ports may also be read at the card's interface for diagnostic loop functions. This allows faults to be isolated to the adapter or the attaching device.

The following is a block diagram of the printer adapter portion of the Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter.



Printer Adapter Block Diagram

Programming Considerations

The printer adapter portion of the IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter responds to five I/O instructions: two output and three input. The output instructions transfer data into 2 latches whose outputs are presented on pins of a 25-pin D-shell connector.

Two of the three input instructions allow the system unit's microprocessor to read back the contents of the two latches. The third allows the system unit's microprocessor to read the real-time status from a group of pins on the connector.

A description of each instruction follows.

IBM Monochrome Display & Printer Adapter			
Output to address hex 3BC			
Bit 7 Pin 9	Bit 6 Pin 8	Bit 5 Pin 7	Bit 4 Pin 6

The instruction captures data from the data bus and is present on the respective pins. Each of these pins is capable of sourcing 2.6 mA and sinking 24 mA.

It is essential that the external device does not try to pull these lines to ground.

IBM Monochrome Display & Printer Adapter	
Output to address hex 3BE	
	Bit 4 IRQ Enable

This instruction causes the latch to capture the five least significant bits of the data bus. The four least significant bits present their outputs, or inverted versions of their outputs, to the

respective pins as shown in the previous figure. If bit 4 is written as a 1, the card will interrupt the system unit's microprocessor on the condition that pin 10 changes from high to low.

These pins are driven by open-collector drivers pulled to +5 Vdc through 4.7 kΩ resistors. They can each sink approximately 7 mA and maintain 0.8 volts down-level.

IBM Monochrome Display & Printer Adapter
Input from address hex 3BC

This instruction presents the system unit's microprocessor with data present on the pins associated with the output to hex 3BC. This should normally reflect the exact value that was last written to hex 3BC. If an external device should be driving data on these pins at the time of an input (in violation of usage ground rules), this data will be ORed with the latch contents.

IBM Monochrome Display & Printer Adapter
Input from address hex 3BD

This instruction presents the real-time status to the system unit's microprocessor from the pins as follows.

Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
Pin 11	Pin 10	Pin 12	Pin 13	Pin 15	—	—	—

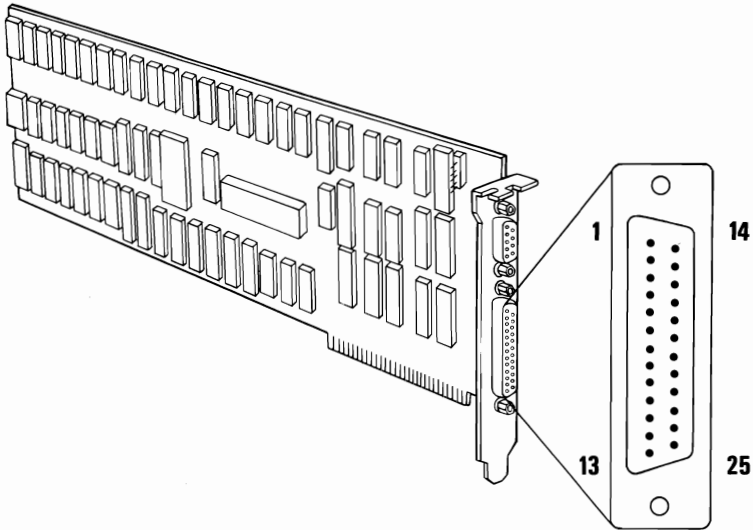
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Input from address hex 3BE

This instruction causes the data present on pins 1, 14, 16, 17, and the IRQ bit to be read by the system unit's microprocessor. In the absence of external drive applied to these pins, data read by the system unit's microprocessor will match data last written to hex 3BE in the same bit positions. Notice that data bits 0–2 are not included. If external drivers are dotted to these pins, that data will be ORed with data applied to the pins by the hex 3BE latch.

Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
			IRQ Enable	$\overline{\text{Pin 17}}$	Pin 16	$\overline{\text{Pin 14}}$	$\overline{\text{Pin 1}}$
			Por = 0	Por = 1	Por = 0	Por = 1	Por = 1

These pins assume the states shown after a reset from the system unit's microprocessor.

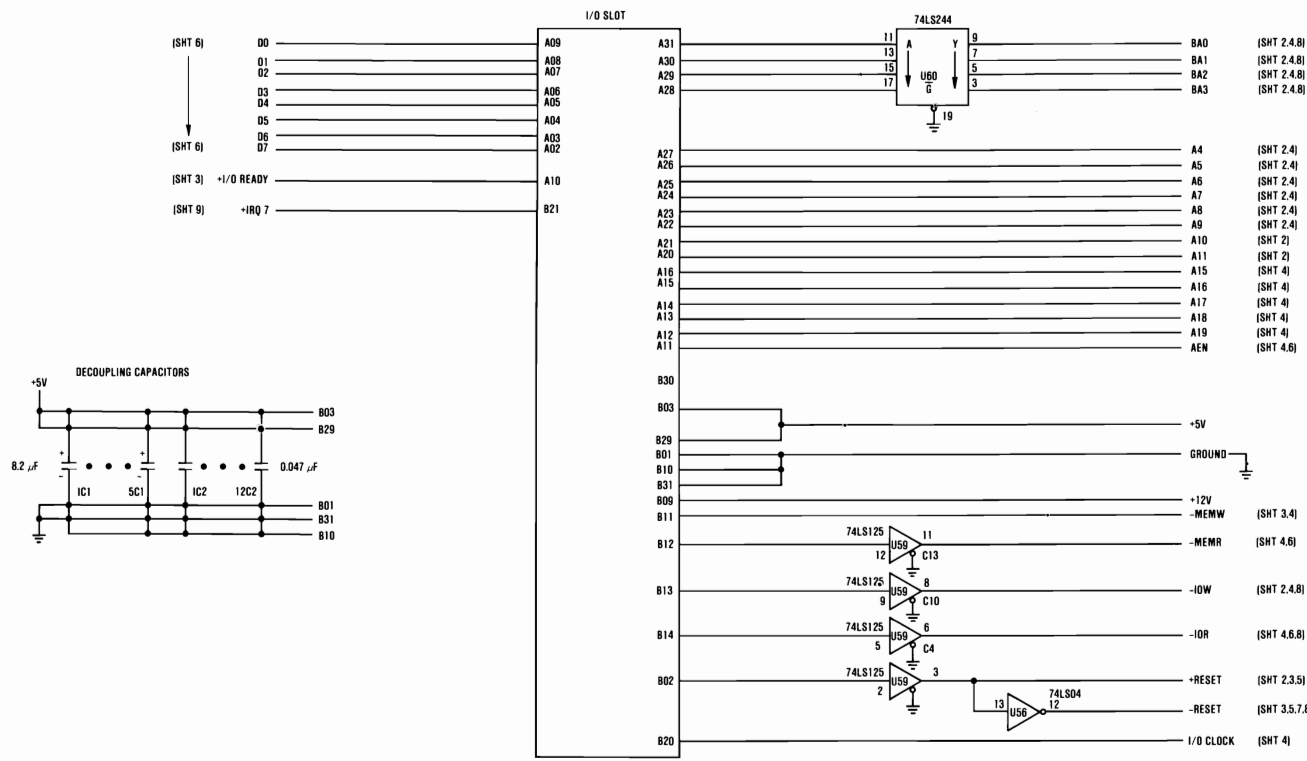
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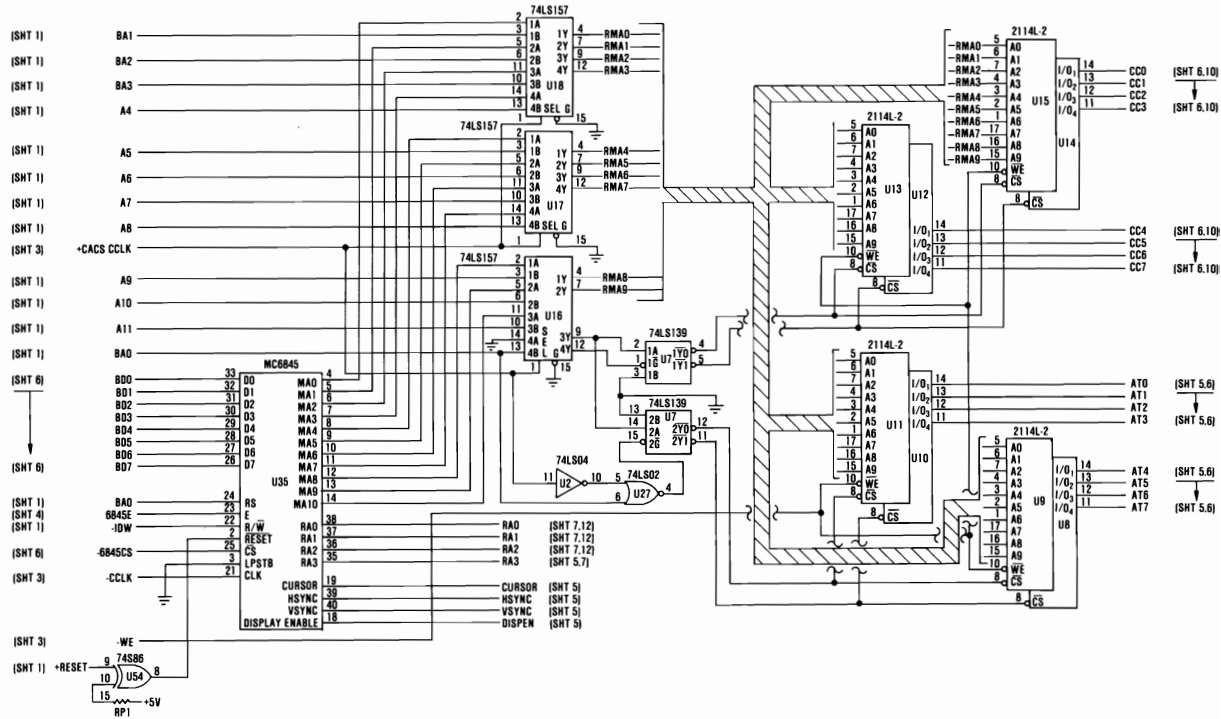
At Standard TTL Levels

Signal Name		Adapter Pin Number	
Printer	- Strobe	1	
	+ Data Bit 0	2	
	+ Data Bit 1	3	
	+ Data Bit 2	4	
	+ Data Bit 3	5	
	+ Data Bit 4	6	
	+ Data Bit 5	7	
	+ Data Bit 6	8	
	+ Data Bit 7	9	
	- Acknowledge	10	
	+ Busy	11	
	+ P. End (out of paper)	12	
	+ Select	13	
	- Auto Feed	14	
	- Error	15	
	- Initialize Printer	16	
	- Select Input	17	
	Ground	18-25	
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Connector Specifications

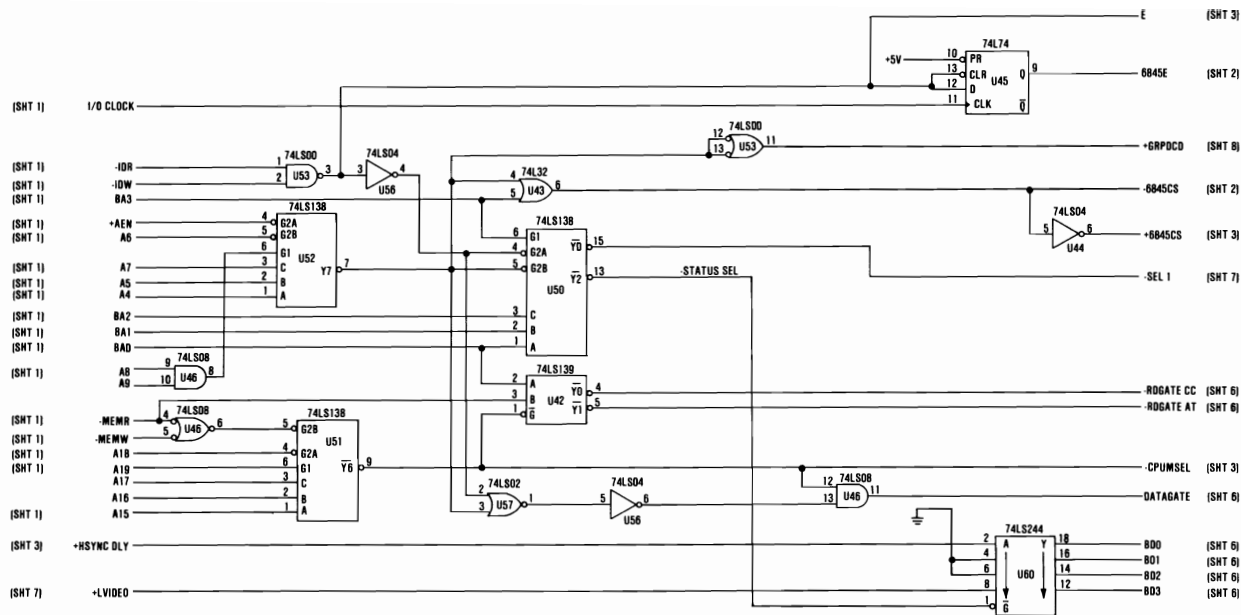


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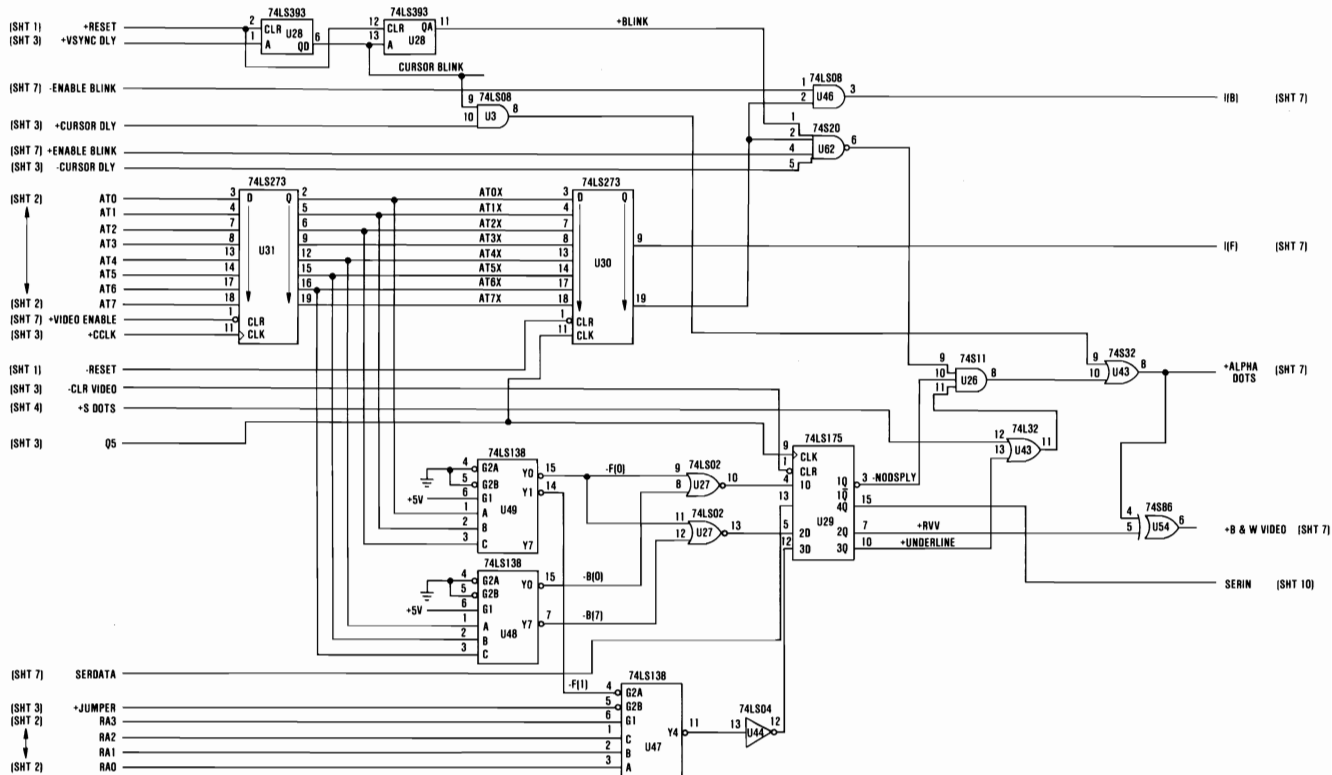


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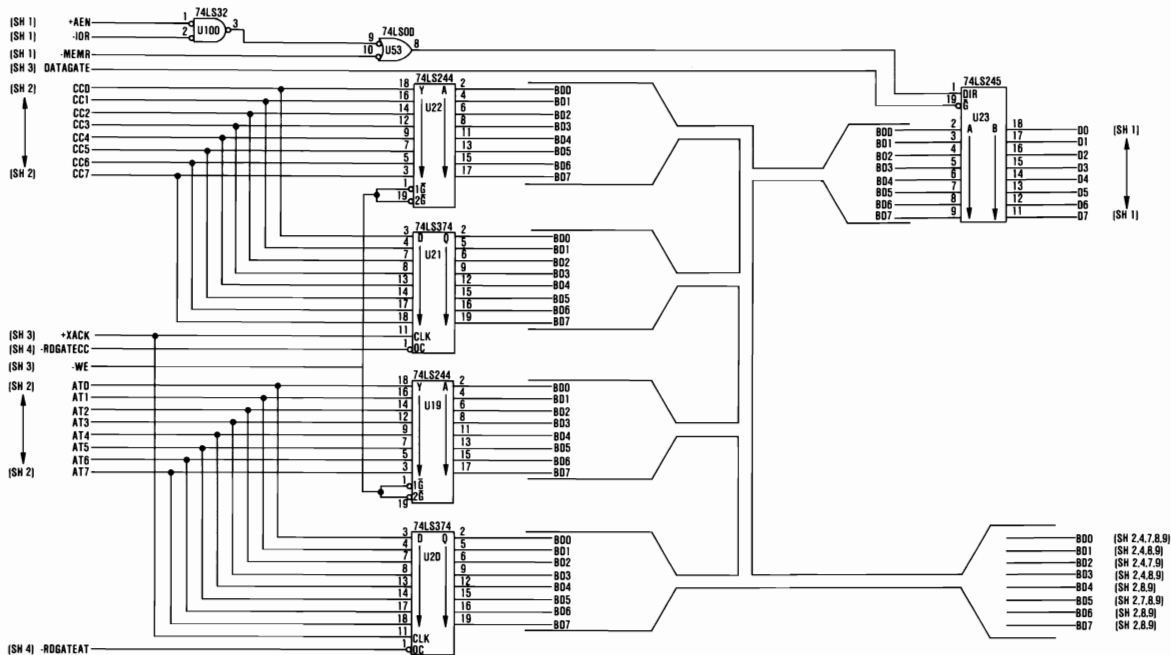




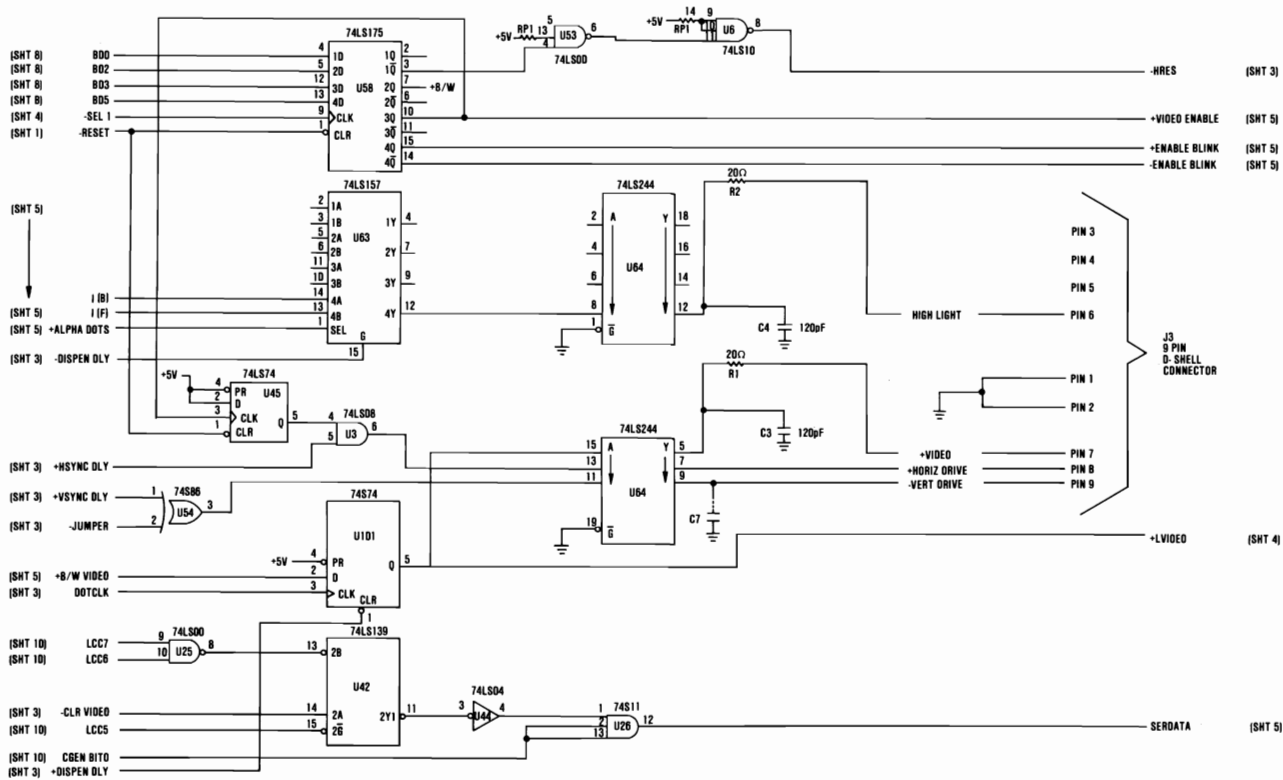
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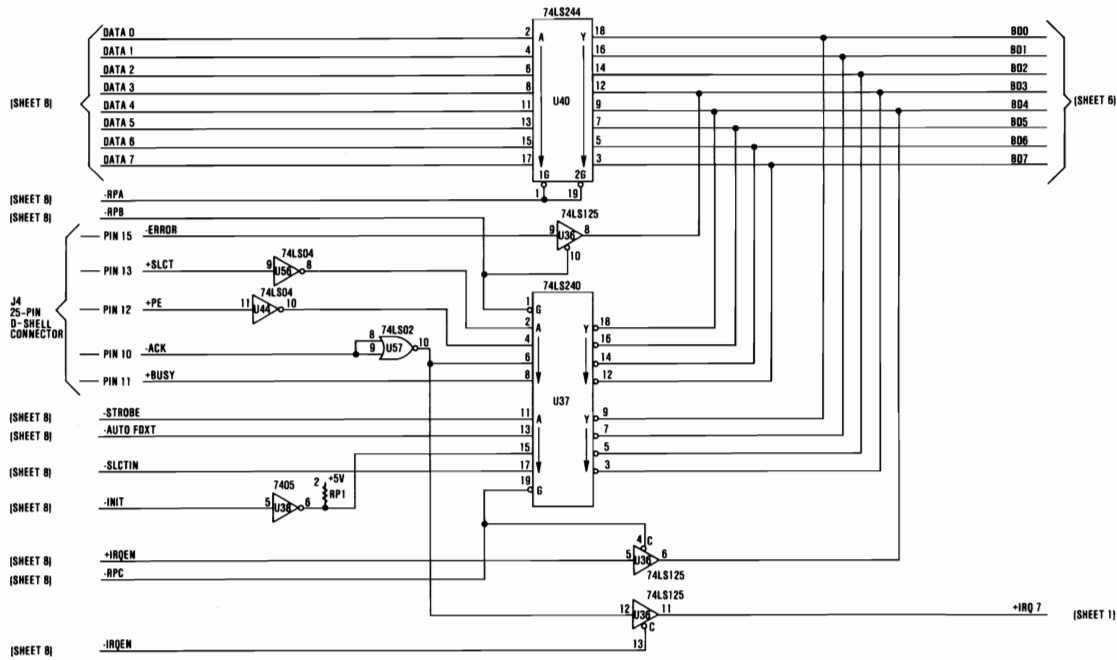


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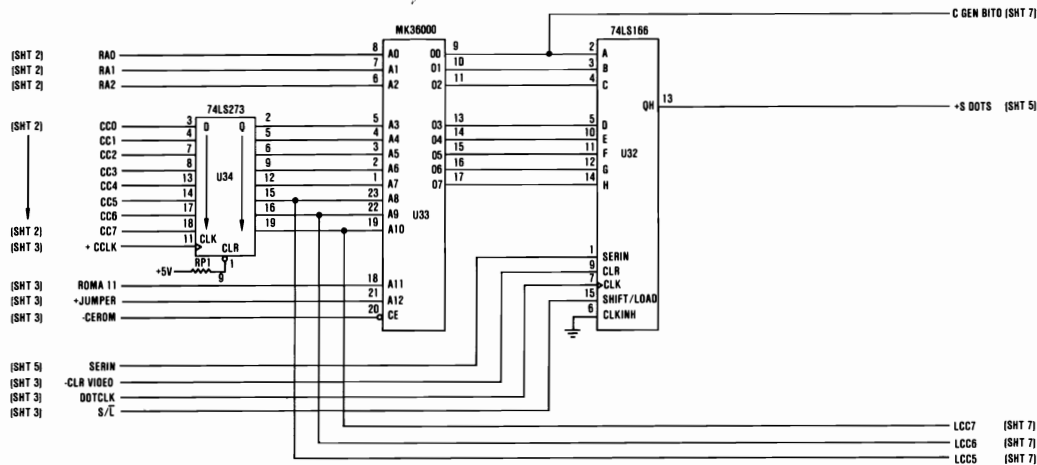


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