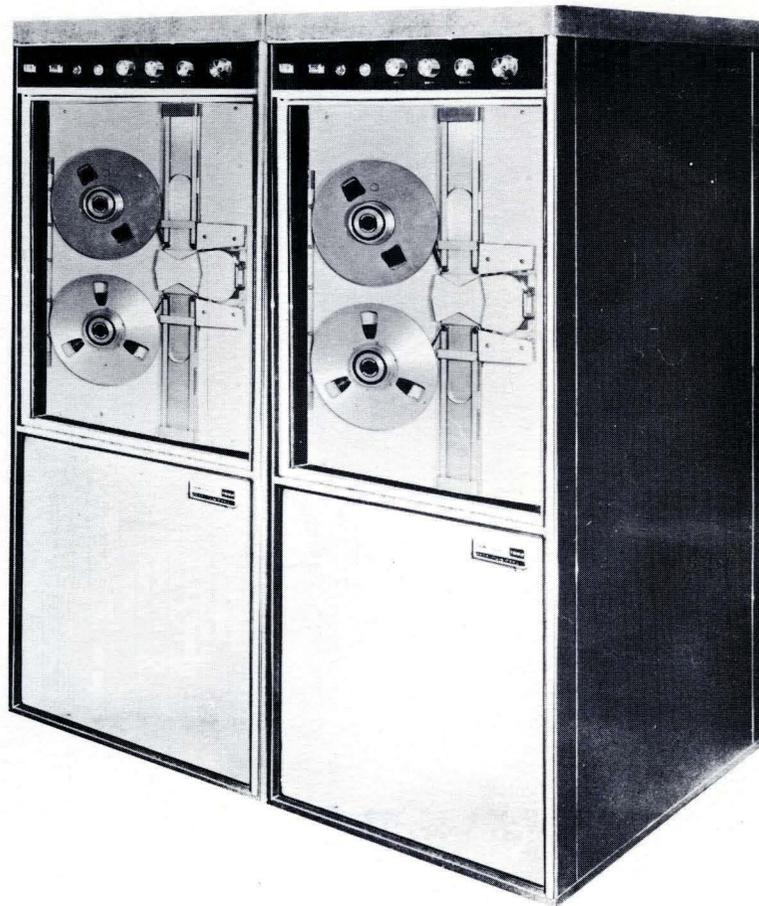


# GENERAL DESCRIPTION



**UNIVAC® 1004 III**  
MAGNETIC TAPE SYSTEM

The Magnetic Tape Unit for the UNIVAC 1004 III is provided as either a Single Magnetic Tape Unit or a Dual Magnetic Tape Unit. The Dual Magnetic Tape Unit is two adjacent Magnetic Tape Units in one housing. In this case, one of the two units is equipped with the internal controls for both units.

The maximum number of Magnetic Tape Units that may operate with one UNIVAC 1004 III Card Processor is two; this is provided by one Dual Magnetic Tape Unit.

The programmed instructions for a Magnetic Tape Unit include; read forward, write forward, backspace one block, erase before write and rewind. For the protection of recorded data, a Write Ring can be inserted in the tape reel before data will be accepted by that tape.

The Magnetic Tape Unit can be programmed to read or write in 6-data bit magnetic tape code with a seventh, parity bit. This would be those codes written or read in non-return-to-zero 1 mode. Among these codes would be the XS-3, 90-Column and binary coded decimal. This programming versatility also includes handling either odd or even parity. The outer of the seven tracks is designated as the parity track.

The control panel on the front of a Magnetic Tape Unit provides the operator with full manual control over the tape movement when necessary. In addition, this panel contains indicators necessary to inform the operator of the various conditions within the unit.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Dimensions:

Single Magnetic Tape Unit -- Height - 68", Width - 27-1/8", Depth - 31-1/2".

Dual Magnetic Tape Unit -- Height - 68", Width - 54-1/4", Depth - 31-1/2".

### Weight:

Single Magnetic Tape Unit -- 470 pounds.

Dual Magnetic Tape Unit -- 920 pounds.

### Recommended Working Area:

Single Magnetic Tape Unit -- 6' x 10'

Dual Magnetic Tape Unit -- 11' x 10'

Inter-Unit Cable Length:- 20' external length between connection points; Processor and Magnetic Tape Unit.

Power Requirements:- 115 Volts, 60 Cycle, Single-Phase.

### Power Consumption:

Single Magnetic Tape Unit - 1375 Watts maximum, 1175 Watts average.

Dual Magnetic Tape Unit - - 1900 Watts maximum, 1600 Watts average.

Heat Dissipation:

Single Magnetic Tape Unit - 4700 BTU/Hr.  
 Dual Magnetic Tape Unit - 5220 BTU/Hr.

Speed of Tape Movement:

Forward -- 42.7 inches per second, read or write.  
 Rewind -- Variable. A 2400' reel can be rewound in less than 3 minutes.

Instantaneous Data Transfer Rate:

|         |                             |                       |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 200 PPI | 8540 characters per second  | .117 ms per character |
| 556 PPI | 23741 characters per second | .042 ms per character |
| 800 PPI | 34160 characters per second | .029 ms per character |

Start & Stop Times:

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Read Start                 | 13.0 ms |
| Read Start after Backspace | 9.0 ms  |
| Read Stop                  | 7.5 ms  |
| Write Start                | 12.0 ms |
| Write Check                | 7.0 ms  |
| Write Stop                 | 6.0 ms  |
| Backspace Start            | 9.0 ms  |
| Backspace Stop             | 7.5 ms  |

Transport Select Time:- 4 ms

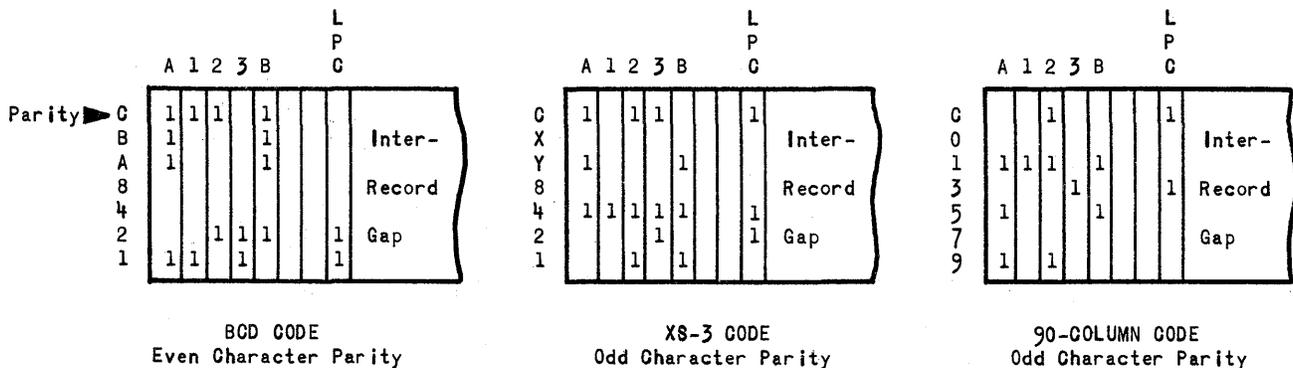
File Protection:- Through the use of a write enable ring in the tape reel, writing on that tape can take place. When this ring is not present, no tape erase or write operation can take place.

Simultaneity:- Tape reading or writing may occur simultaneously with the operation of any one of the following: Card Punch (card punching), Read-Punch Unit (card reading and punching) Paper Tape Punch (paper tape punching).

TAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Dimensions:- 1/2" plastic base, 2400' reel. Reel hubs capable of accepting UNIVAC Compatible with IBM, IBM, and IBM Compatible tape reels.

Data Format:- Variable records separated by 3/4" minimum inter-record gap.



Mode of Recording:- Non-Return to Zero 1.

Densities:- 200, 556, or 800 PPI.

Channels:- 7 channels; 6 data and 1 parity.

Load Point Mark:- A Load-Point Mark placed at least 10' from the physical beginning of the tape can be sensed. This is a light-reflective, aluminum strip measuring 1" x 3/16".

End-of-Tape Warning Mark:- An End-of-Tape Warning Mark placed at least 14' from the physical end of the tape can be sensed. This is a light-reflective, aluminum strip measuring 1" x 3/16".

#### CHECKING CHARACTERISTICS

Write Checking:- A Write Check operation during tape writing provides an automatic check of each character as it is recorded. As each character is written, it is checked for parity as it passes the read head.

Bad Spot Detection:- The detection of bad spots in the tape is accomplished by the Write Check operation.

A programmed Erase-before-Write instruction may then be used to bypass the defective tape area.

Parity Check:- A parity bit included as the seventh or outer tracks of the tape code provides for odd or even parity checking. When a parity error is detected, a pulse is issued so that the program can be routed into an error subroutine.

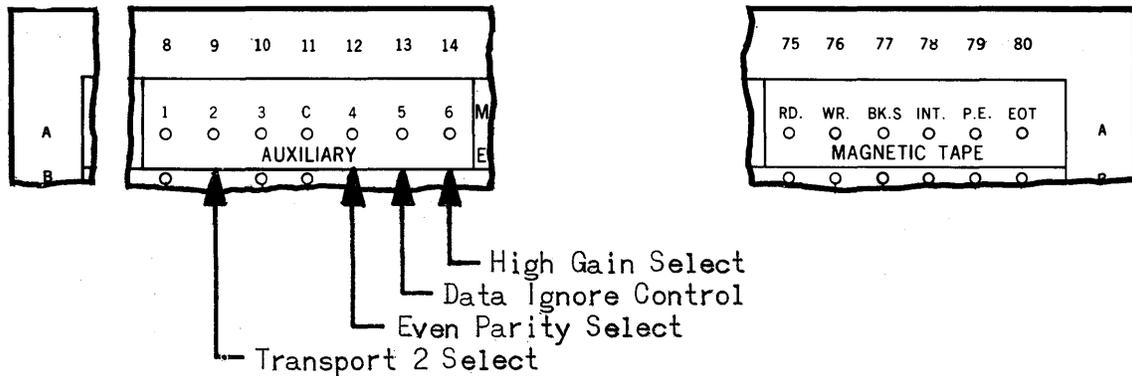
Longitudinal Parity Check:- After the last character of a block has been recorded, the write operation will automatically record a one-bit count of each of the seven channels in which the sum of bits in the related channel is odd to make the count even. This becomes a record checking character when reading.

Normal/High Gain Read:- The program can select whether the reading will be at normal or high gain.

## CONNECTION PANEL FUNCTIONS AND HUB ASSIGNMENTS

The UNIVAC 1004 III tape processing abilities have added some new hubs to the UNIVAC 1004 Connection Panel as well as modifying the use of some existing ones.

The connection panel hubs shown here are of prime importance in magnetic tape programming.



The following explanation of these hubs and their functioning includes the added features and modifications mentioned above.

### 1. Read Magnetic Tape (A,75)

Is activated from the Process hub of the step on which the tape read order is to be initiated. Information from tape will be stored in memory beginning with the first location specified by the Operand 2 of the tape read step.

Tape reading continues until the inter-record gap is sensed.

### 2. Write Magnetic Tape (A,76)

Is activated from the Process Hub of the step on which the order is to be initiated. Information specified by the OPI of this step will be written as a tape record.

### 3. Backspace (A,77)

This hub is impulsed to initiate the backspace of one tape record.

### 4. Tape Interlock (A,78)

During a tape operation's program step the INT hub functions to control the advance of the operand addresses, keeping them in step with the relatively slower speed of the magnetic tape unit.

The wiring of the INT hub to the Insert Transfer and Compress Start uses the Operand One and Operand Two address control abilities of the two features to govern the transfer of the data characters between the Magnetic Tape Unit and Core Storage.

5. End of Tape (A,80)

The End of Tape Hub will emit an A-Pulse whenever the reflective strip located at the end of the magnetic tape is detected by a photocell in the magnetic tape transport. This signal can be stored in a program select and be used to cause program modification.

After emission from the EOT hub there is room to write one more tape record.

6. Parity Error (A,79)

The Parity Error hub emits an A-Pulse on a tape read or write step if there is a character parity or longitudinal parity error sensed.

In a tape write step the hub emits when an error is sensed by the write-check circuits.

This signal can be used to set program selects, halt, or step sequence change.

7. Transport 2 Select  
(Auxiliary 2) (A,9)

The Transport Select Hub is used to determine which Transport is to be used. An A-Pulse to this hub will select Transport 2. The absence of an A-Pulse at this hub will select Transport 1.

This hub should be controlled by a Program Select. When it is necessary to switch transports, the transport selection may be made prior to giving the operation. The transport selection must be present until the tape operation has been initiated.

8. Data Ignore Control  
(Auxiliary 5) (A,13)

The Data Ignore Control Hub is used to ignore data being read from tape. Whenever an A-Pulse is received at this hub, data will not be transferred from tape into memory.

9. High Gain Select  
(Auxiliary 6) (A,14)

An A-Pulse wired to this hub will cause reading and write-check reading of a tape on high gain.

10. 90/80A (ff,69)

Wiring the character generator hub, 90/80A, from step output completes the wiring requirements of the Insert operation for address control.

11. CMPS END (ff,49)

The wiring of Compress End from Step Output allows the advance of the Operand Two address except when prevented by the impulsing of Compress Start by an A-Pulse from the INT hub.

12. Even Parity Select  
(Auxiliary 4) (A,12)

When wired causes the character parity checking mode to change from odd to even.

If this hub is wired while a write operation is in progress even parity will be written on the output tape.

The following information is a more detailed explanation of several tape processing steps.

It should be noted that no two tape operations may take place on consecutive steps.

MAGNETIC TAPE READ

The purpose of this step is to cause the Magnetic Tape Unit to read one tape record and to control the entry of the characters being read into the memory of the UNIVAC 1004 III.

This step must include the following connection panel wiring:

The wiring of its Step Output Hub to:

S.I. (Superimpose) Descending  
RD (A,75) Magnetic Tape Read  
CMPS (Compress) END  
90/80 Δ

The wiring of the INT (A,78) Tape Interlock hub to:

INS (Insert) Descending  
CMPS ST (Compress Start)

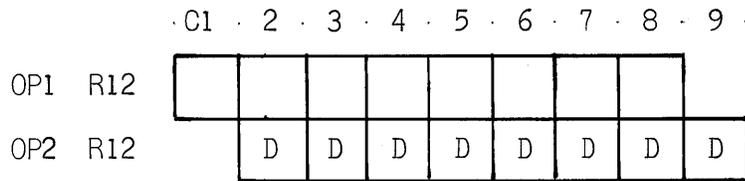
Operands:

- a) To read tape, an operand of one character should be specified by OP1 and OP2. The OP2 starting location specifies the location for storing the first character of a record. The remainder of the record will go into adjacent memory locations regardless of the record length. The step will be released after the longitudinal parity character has been stored in memory.

The same effect would take place if OP2 was greater than one character but smaller than the tape record.

- b) If it is necessary to examine the characters as they are being read, then overlapping operands must be specified with OP1 off-set one location to the left of OP2.

For example:



- c) When reading variable length records, it is necessary to allocate enough read storage locations in memory to accommodate the longest expected record.

It may be desirable in this case to clear that portion of read storage unused by shorter records.

This may be accomplished by designating OP2 as the largest expected record.

This will result in filling the unused portion of read storage with spaces.

- d) If the possibility exists that a record may exceed the maximum length allocated for read storage, the location immediately following the read storage area should be wired to initiate Data Ignore, thereby preventing excess tape characters from entering and destroying other portions of memory.

#### MAGNETIC TAPE WRITE

The purpose of this step is to control the issuance of characters from UNIVAC 1004 III memory to the Magnetic Tape Unit and write them on tape.

This step must include the following connection panel wiring:

The wiring of its step output PRO hub to:

TRF Descending  
WR (A,76) Magnetic Tape Write  
CMPS (Compress) END  
90/80 Δ

The wiring of the INT (Tape Interlock hub) is to:

INS (Insert) Descending  
CMPS ST (Compress Start)

Operand 1 of the tape write instruction consists of consecutive storage locations containing the data to be written followed by two (2) spaces.

Operand 2 of the tape write instruction consists of the number of locations to be written followed by five (5) spaces. (The Operands may be the same or different locations and may be anywhere in memory.)



## MAGNETIC TAPE REWIND ORDER

The purpose of this step is to cause tape to rewind.

The step output PRO hub is wired to:

RD (Magnetic Tape Read)  
WR (Magnetic Tape Write)  
TRF Descending  
90/80 Δ  
CMPS (Compress) END

INT (Tape Interlock) wired to:

INS D (Insert Descending)  
CMPS ST (Compress Start)

Operands:

An operand of one location should be wired to OP1 and OP2.  
The same location is used for both operands. The contents of the location is not altered.

## DATA IGNORE

The Data Ignore is a useful, powerful tape instruction. "A" power to the D.I. hub during a Tape Read instruction inhibits the transfer of data from tape to memory while allowing the Address Counters to continue to advance.

Among the uses of the Data Ignore instruction are the following:

Prevent the transfer of unwanted data to memory. For example, in a particular program only the first 50 characters of a 200 character tape record contain information required by the program. The D.I. can be used to prevent entry into storage of the 150 characters that are not required by the program; thus conserving memory capacity.

Accommodate tape records larger than the available memory capacity by entering segments of the record into memory. An illustration of this use follows.

An example of how a 1500 character record can be read and processed is explained below. In actual practice, the segments would be tailored to fit the data involved. In this example, the record is read in three 500 character segments.

Once the tape read order is given the tape unit will proceed to read the entire 1500 character record.

Wired from a program select power controlled by address combines, the Data Ignore Control regulates the transfer of these characters to memory.

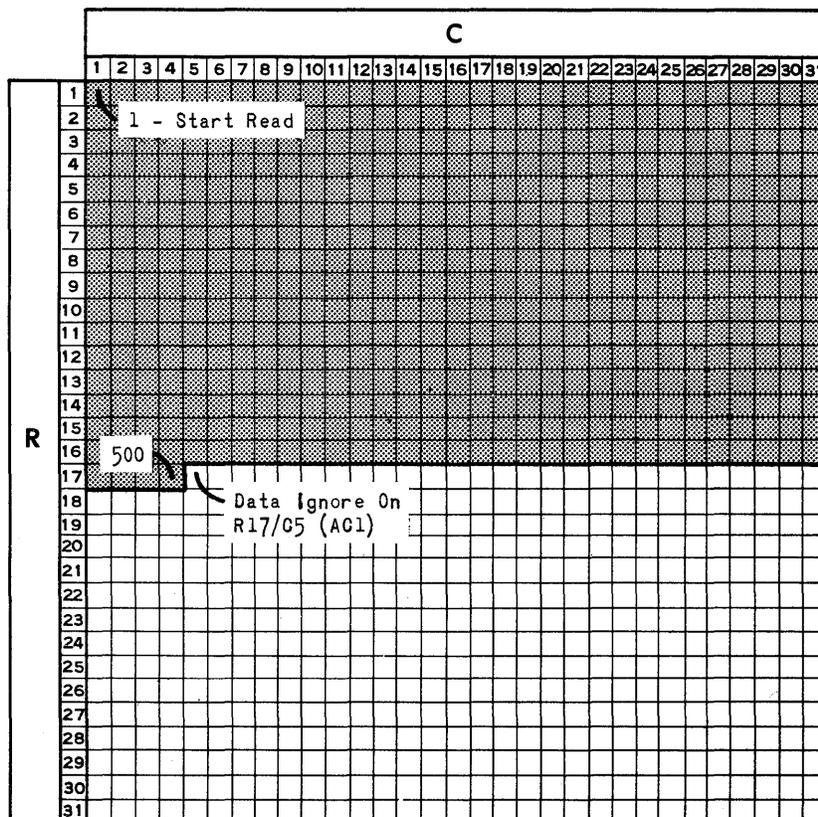
Since the address combines controlling the pick up of the program select play such an important part in these steps, their input is shown below.

| A/C Address | Use   | Step Used On | Inhibited By    |
|-------------|---|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. R17/C5   | Turn on PS1 to start data ignore  | 1, 2, 3.     |                 |
| 2. R31/C31  | Turn off PS1 to allow data to enter memory  | 2, 3         | Step 1, PSC2 On |
| 3. R10/C1   | Turn on PS2 to inhibit turn off of PS1 (Data Ignore Control) as last characters are read. | 2,           | Step 1, 3       |
| 4. R10/C1   | Turn off PS2 to allow PS1 (Data Ignore Control) to turn off at AC2 time.                  | 3            | Step 1, 2       |

A. First Read

OP2 R1/C1 - R1/C1

The OP2 MSL address specifies the location where the first character read from tape will be stored.

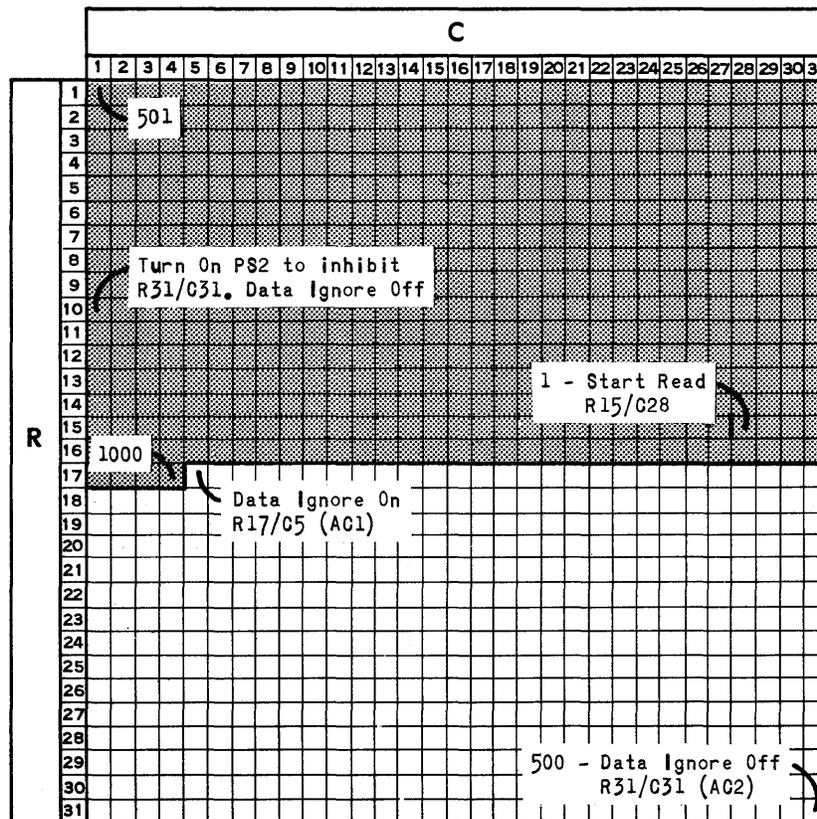


The first 500 characters are read and stored. The 501st memory location R17/C5 (AC1) is wired to turn on Program Select 1. The Program Select Power is wired to the Data Ignore hub. All characters read from tape starting with the 501st will be prevented from entering storage. The Storage Address will continue to advance until the end of the tape record is reached at which time the read step will terminate.

The first 500 characters of the tape record have now been read and stored in memory for processing.

B. Second Read

OP2 R15/C28 - R15/C28



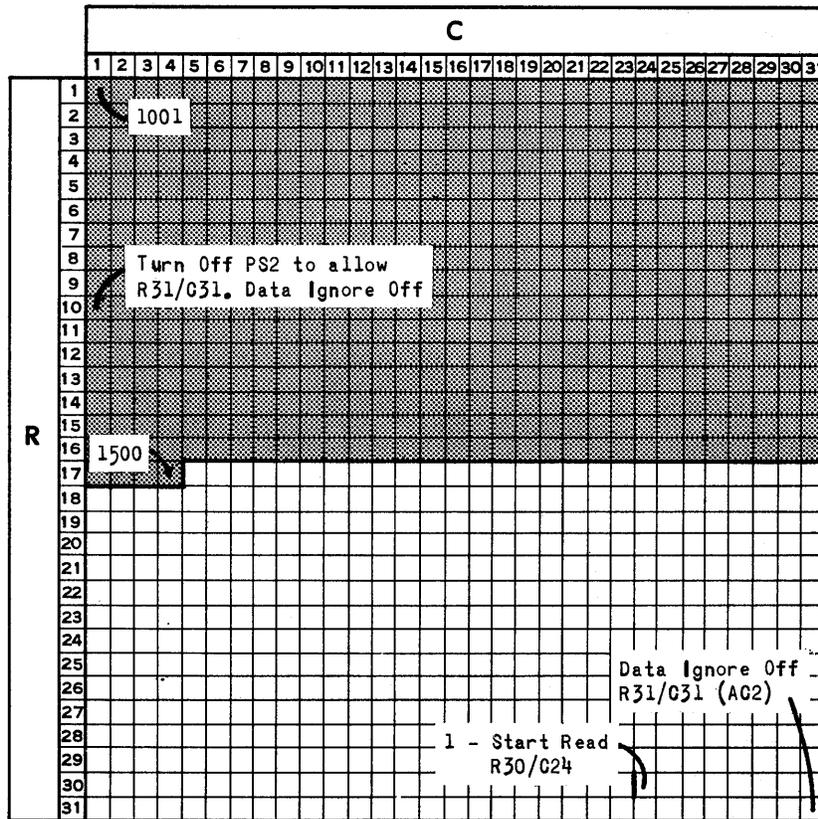
Data Ignore is on from the previous read step. Reading starts at R15/C28 and the first 500 characters are read but not stored. The memory address is now at R31/C31 (AC2) and Data Ignore is turned off.

Characters 501 to 1000 are then stored in locations R1/C1 to R17/C4. At location R17/C5 (AC1) Data Ignore is once more turned on. Characters 1001 to 1500 are then read but not stored. When location R10/C1 (AC3) was passed, while reading characters 501 to 1000, PS2 was turned on. This prevented Data Ignore being turned off at location R31/C31 (AC2) when it was passed the second time during the reading of the last 500 characters.

The second 500 characters have now been read and stored in memory for processing.

C. Third Read

OP2 R30/C24 - R30/C24



Data Ignore is on from the previous Read step.

PS2 is still on inhibiting R31/C31 (AC2) from turning off Data Ignore. Reading starts at R30/C24 and the first 1000 characters are read but are not stored. During this time, memory addressing has circulated completely through memory and is now at R31/C31. When R10/C1 (AC4) was passed PS2 was turned off, therefore at R31/C31 (AC2) Data Ignore will be turned off.

Reading continues and characters 1001 through 1500 are read and stored in the first 500 memory locations.

The third and last 500 characters are now stored in memory for processing.

NOTE:- The contents of the memory location at which a change in the status of Data Ignore takes place cannot be guaranteed, and should be considered indeterminate. For example, the contents of location R17/C5 during the first read described above may be altered or destroyed.

## TAPE TIMING

The various elements of timing in the operation of a Magnetic Tape Unit are given below. These include; Read Start and Stop, Write Start and Stop plus the Data Transfer. When both units of a Dual Magnetic Tape Unit are to be used on one application, an additional timing element, Transport Select, must be considered.

NOTE: With a Dual Magnetic Tape Unit, but one of the two units can be reading, writing, or backspacing; the other unit can be used when the operation being performed on the active unit is completed.

The basic time components of tape operation are as follows:

Start Time - The time required for the tape unit to accelerate to operating speed and advance to the first character location of the record.

Stop Time - The time required for the tape unit to decelerate and stop following the last character in the record.

Write-Check Time - The time required to check the last character. During this interval, the last character written advances from the Write Head to the Read Head for checking.

Transport Select Time - The time required to switch from one Magnetic Tape Unit to the other.

C (Character Rate) - The time required to read or write a character based on the Tape Density Switch setting.

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 200 PPI | .117 ms per character |
| 556 PPI | .042 ms per character |
| 800 PPI | .029 ms per character |

CN - The time required to read or write the record data (number of characters in record multiplied by the character rate).

Processor Interlock - During this time (see charts below), processing or other input-output operations cannot take place with the exception of card punching, read-punching by the Read-Punch Unit, paper tape punching, and magnetic tape rewind.

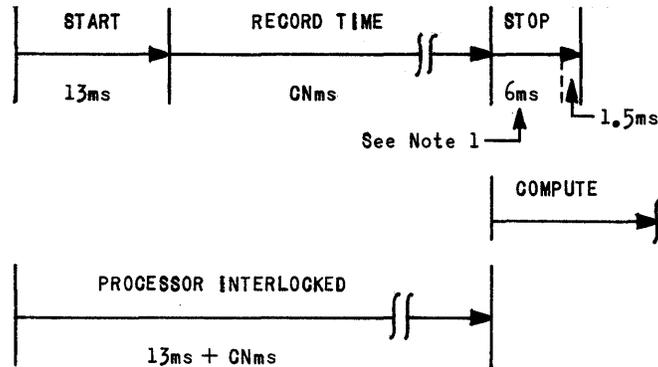
### READ OPERATION TIMING

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Read Start | 13.0 ms |
| Read Stop  | 7.5 ms  |

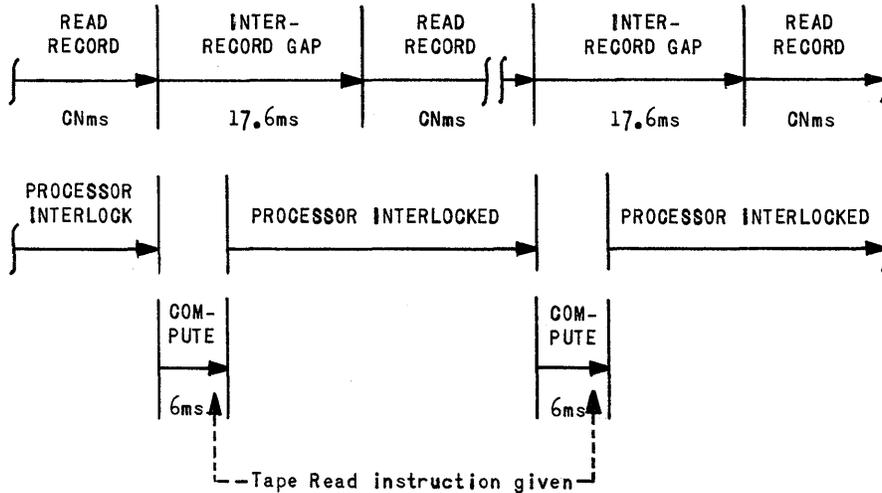
The start time for the first read operation following a backspace is of a shorter duration:

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Read Start After Backspace | 9.0 ms |
|----------------------------|--------|

During a read operation, the processor is interlocked during read start and read record times. The processor interlock is released at the end of the read record time.



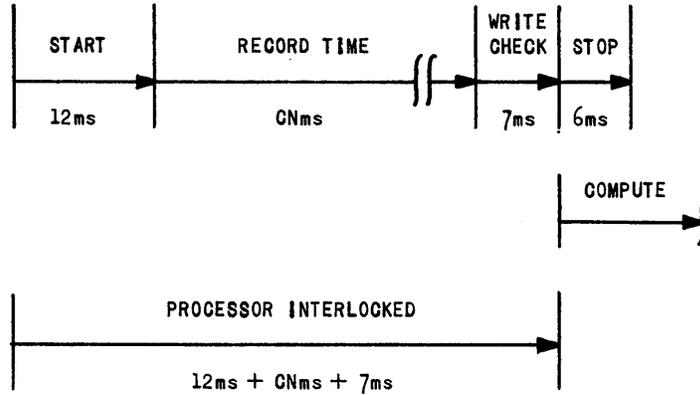
NOTE 1: If another read instruction is given to the same tape unit within 6 ms after processor interlock is released, the tape unit does not stop and the tape travels over the inter-record gap at maximum speed. This time is 17.6 ms. The following diagram illustrates this sequence of events.



WRITE OPERATION TIMING

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Write Start | 12.0 ms |
| Write-Check | 7.0 ms  |
| Write Stop  | 6.0 ms  |

The processor is interlocked during write start, write record and write-check times. The processor interlock is released at the end of write-check time.

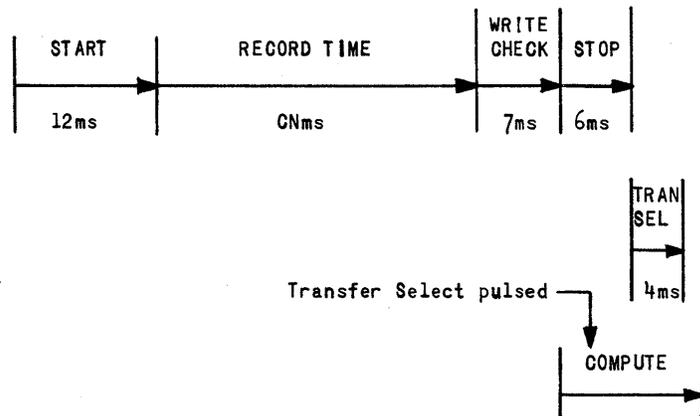


TRANSPORT SELECT TIMING

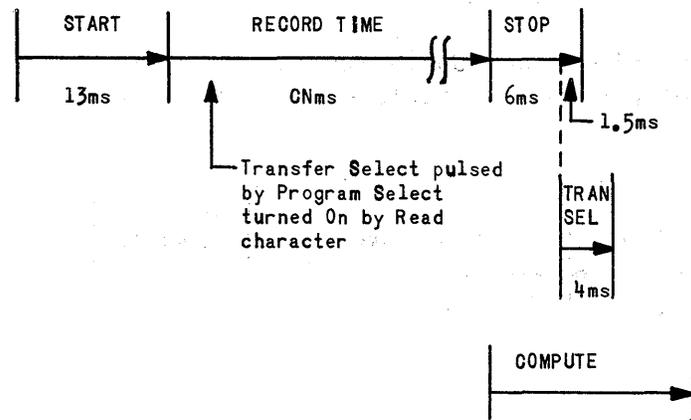
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|-----------------------|--------|
| Transport Select Time | 4.0 ms |
|-----------------------|--------|

The 4 ms required to switch tape units may be overlapped with processing or input-output operations since it is possible to initiate tape selection prior to the tape operation for which it is to be effective. If less than 4 ms have elapsed between beginning of tape selection and the initiation of a tape operation, the tape operation will not begin until tape selection is completed.

If transport selection is pulsed during or immediately after a write tape operation, tape selection will not begin until after write stop has been completed.

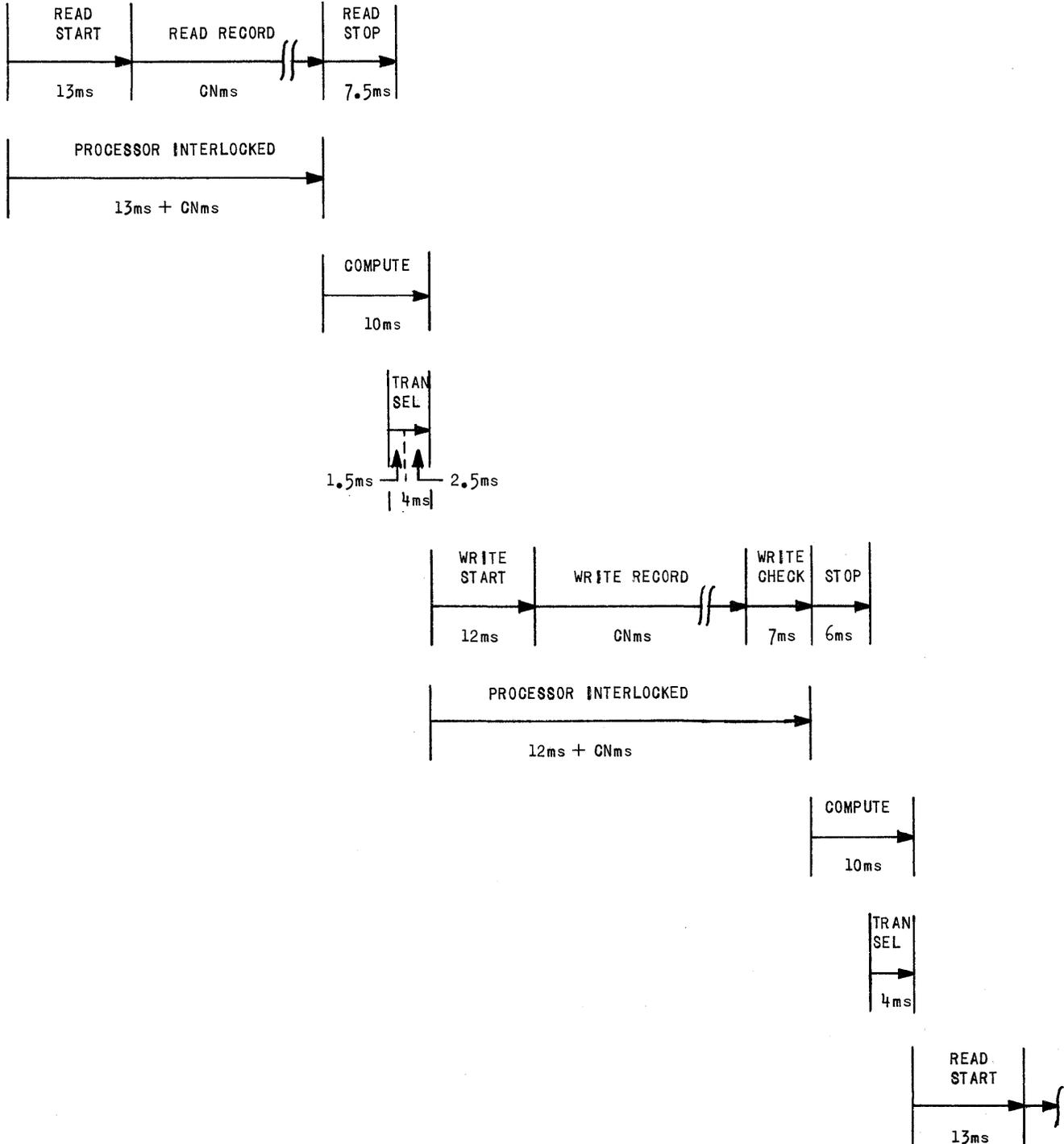


If transport selection is pulsed during or immediately after a read tape operation, the tape selection operation will begin after 6 ms of read stop time have elapsed.



## TAPE READ AND WRITE

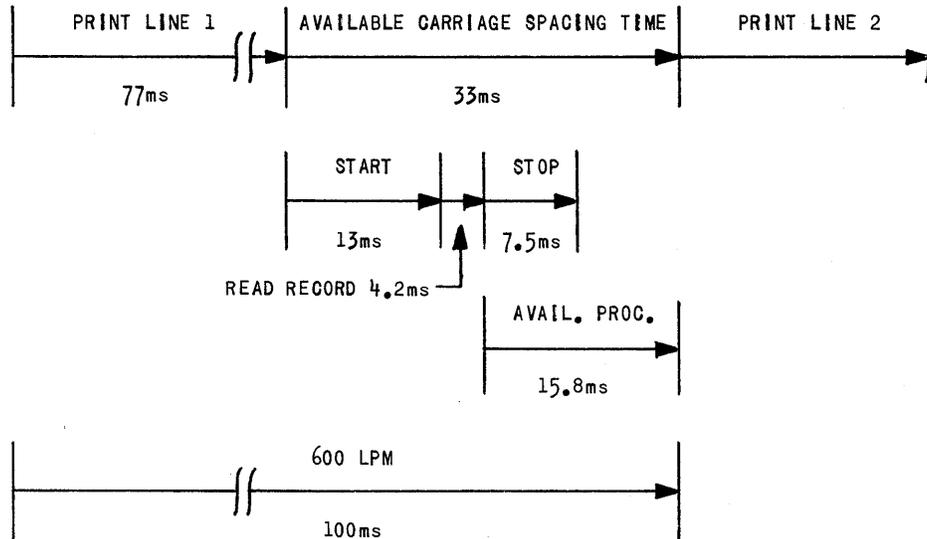
The following diagram illustrates the time required to read from one tape followed by a write on another tape.



This shows the computing time available when tape unit switching is performed in minimum possible time. If the application requires additional computing time, the overall time would be increased by that amount.

## TAPE TO PRINT OPERATION

The following diagram illustrates the time required to read 100 character records from tape at a density of 556 ppi and to print one line for each tape record. The character font being printed consists of 48 adjacent characters including the numerals 0-9, letters A-Z and 12 special characters.



## BACKSPACE

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Backspace Start | 9.0 ms |
| Backspace Stop  | 7.5 ms |

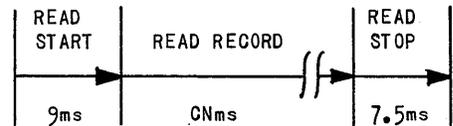
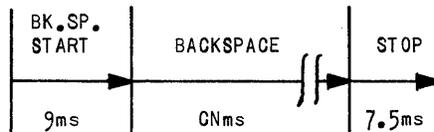
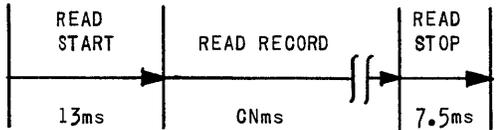
The Backspace instruction causes the tape unit to backspace over one tape record.

The processor is interlocked during backspace start and record times. The processor interlock is released at the end of the record time.

## BACKSPACE AFTER READ

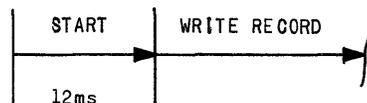
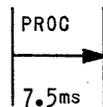
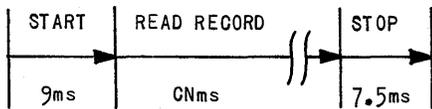
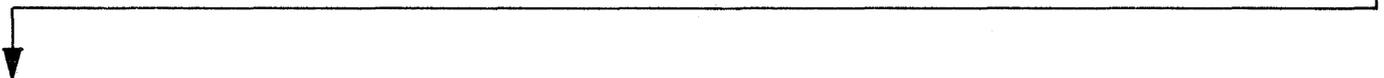
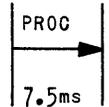
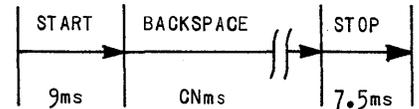
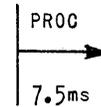
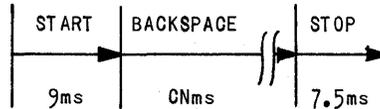
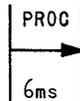
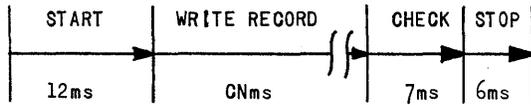
The following diagram shows the time required to read a record, backspace, and re-read the record.

Note that the start time of the first read operation after a backspace is 9 ms.



## BACKSPACE AFTER WRITE

To rewrite a record, signaled as incorrectly written by the write-check, it is necessary to perform the following operations; two successive backspaces, a read operation to position the incorrect record in front of the write head, and a write operation to re-write the tape record. The following diagram indicates this sequence of operations.



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