

System Monitor 1.0 RAM Allocation

The Aamber Pegasus System Monitor reserves 64 bytes of RAM starting at address \$BDC0, of which some may be of interest to the user. A detailed summary of system defined locations is given below:

\$BDC0 INBUFF

Single character input buffer for input coming from the keyboard. This location has a character in it when the RXREADY byte contains a non-zero number. (Bytes which are defined as flags or Booleans are deemed to be FALSE when they contain zero, and TRUE when non-zero.) As an example of its use, an input routine may be written thus:

INPUT	LDA	RXREADY	. Check the flag
	BEQ	INPUT	. Loop if FALSE
	LDA	INBUFF	. Else get character
	CLR	RXREADY	. Clear flag for next time
	RTS		. End of subroutine

\$BDC1 TICKS

This byte is incremented every 20 milliseconds, and varies from 0 to 49 to provide a one-second clock.

\$BDC2 TOCKS

This is similar to TICKS, but range from 0 to 255 in 20ms intervals.

\$BDC3 SECONDS

Incremented every second, range from 0 to 59.

This is part of the time that may be set using the monitor's T command.

\$BDC4 MINUTES

Incremented every minute, range 0..59.

\$BDC5 HOURS

Incremented every hour, range 0..11.

Whenever a SWI or NMI occurs, the machine state, which consists of the 6809 registers, will be saved in RAM. This feature is designed for use with the DEBUG Eeprom, and is useful when testing and debugging machine language programs. These pseudo-registers are defined below:

\$BDC6 CC-REG Condition code

\$BDC7 A-REG A accumulator

\$BDC8 B-REG B accumulator

\$BDC9 DP-REG Direct Page

\$BDCA X-REG X index

\$BDCC Y-REG Y index

\$BDCE PC-REG Program Counter

\$BDD0 S-REG System Stack Pointer

\$BDD2 U-REG User Stack Pointer

\$BDD4 INVERT

This byte defines the invert state of characters as they are output to the video screen. When this byte is zero, characters will appear dark on a light background; when this byte contains \$80, they will appear light on a dark background. Note that the action of the invert byte is modified by MSBINV, which is controlled by the blank key on the lower right side of the keyboard. INVERT is cleared by the control-A code, and is set by control-B. Note that its normal state is with INVERT set.

\$BDD5 CLOCK

This Boolean defines whether the clock is displayed or not. The clock will appear at the upper right of the display. The clock is turned on with control-P, and off with control-Q.

\$BDD6 CURSOFF

When TRUE, the cursor is turned off. It is preferred that the cursor be turned off using control-O, and on with the control-F code.

\$BDD7 Reserved

\$BDD8	PAUSING
	Suspends output when non-zero: this function is actuated with the ESC (escape) key, and is used for things like stopping listings.
\$BDD9	RAWMODE
	Prints a special character for control codes instead of executing the appropriate control function. Control-Y enables, control-Z disables this flag.
\$BDDA	RXREADY
	Flag that indicates when a character is ready for input from the keyboard. See INBUFF description for example of its use.
\$BDDB to \$BDDD	Reserved
\$BDDE	KEYLOCK
	Lock out keyboard - when this flag is TRUE, then the full ASCII keyboard will be disabled.
\$BDDF	CAPSLOCK
	Inverts the sense of the shift key for the letters A..Z on the keyboard. This flag is controlled by the CAPS LOCK key on the keyboard.
\$BDE0	Reserved
\$BDEL	MSBINV
	Inverts video for characters printed: this flag has priority over the INVERT flag, and is controlled by the blank key on the lower right of the keyboard.
\$BDE2	START
	Two bytes are reserved for storing the start address of files saved on cassette. When files are loaded from cassette, the starting address is placed here.
\$BDE4	FINISH
	Two bytes for cassette finish address.

\$BDE6	RELOC	Flag that specifies, when non-zero, that a file loading from cassette is to be relocated to the address stored in START.
\$BDE7 to \$BDE9	Reserved	
\$BDEA	IRQ_VEC	Interrupts are vectored to address stored here.
\$BDEC	SWI1_VEC	SWI1 vectored here.
\$BDEE	SWI2_VEC	SWI2 vectored here.
\$BDF0	SWI3_VEC	SWI3 vectored here.
\$BDF2	MEMBEG	Address of start of user memory stored here. This address is determined by a non-destructive memory test after a power-on RESET.
\$BDF4	MEMEND	Address of end of available user memory is stored here. This address is also where the stack starts.
\$BDF6	ABORT	When the BREAK key on the keyboard is depressed, the routine specified by the address stored here is called as a subroutine.
\$BDF8	LINES	This byte is very crucial - it controls the number of lines on the screen, and must always be in the range of 0..16. Due to the software scanned video, a reduction in the number of lines displayed will significantly reduce the processing time.
\$BDF9	XPOSIT	Horizontal cursor position. Always in the range of 0 to 31. It is preferred that any changes in this location be effected by executing the appropriate control codes, and not by writing directly into it.
\$BDFA	YPOSIT	Vertical cursor position, range always 0 to 15.

User Accessible Pegasus System Monitor Subroutines

The Aamber Pegasus System Monitor EPROM contains a number of machine language subroutines that may be found to be of use. Each routine is called via a table of addresses, using the 6809 indirect addressing mode. E.g. ECHO is called with AD 9F F8 00. Unless stated otherwise, assume that no registers are preserved.

ECHO	\$F800	ASCII character in A reg. is output to video display. All registers are preserved.
INPUT	\$F802	Waits for key to be typed, returns ASCII value 0..7F in A reg. Character is not echoed.
INKEY	\$F804	Scans keyboard for keystroke. If key found, it will be returned in A reg. with carry clear - if not found, then carry will be set and A will be undefined. Character not echoed.
PROMPT	\$F806	Re-entry point into machine language monitor.
CASSOUT	\$F808	Outputs data to cassette recorder with start and end addresses in locations START and FINISH. (See RAM allocation.) Record button on recorder must be going.
CASSIN	\$F80A	Reads the next file from cassette tape, assuming that the play button has been pushed.
TRIMCASE	\$F80C	Character in A reg. is converted from lower case to upper case. Also, '.' becomes ' ' and ',' becomes ' '.
EXOUT	\$F80E	Takes number in A reg., displays as two hex digits.
HEXDIG	\$F810	Takes digit 0..F in A reg, converts to ASCII '0'..'F'.
GETBYTE	\$F812	Reads two hex digits from keyboard, echoing if valid, returns 8 bit number in A reg. Carry set if not valid.
GETLINE	\$F814	Inputs line into buffer pointed to by X reg. on entry. Buffer size given by A reg. Line terminated with RETURN key (echoed as CR,LF pair). Characters are echoed as they are typed, and may be corrected with the BACK SPACE key. The control-U function will clear the buffer. On return, the A and X regs. are preserved, and B contains a byte count of characters typed. The RETURN will not be in buffer.
TEXTOUT	\$F816	Output string pointed to by X reg, terminated with nul (\$00). The X reg. is left pointing to after the message.

GRAFIX \$F818  
See discussion of Pegasus graphics capabilities.

GETDIG \$F81A  
Reads and echoes a decimal digit from keyboard, returning in A reg, carry set if non-numeric digit was typed.

GETNUM \$F81C  
Reads and echoes decimal number range 00 to 99 from keyboard, returns in A reg. Non-numeric means carry set.

CONVERT \$F81E  
Takes decimal number, range 00 to 99 in B reg, converts to two ASCII characters in the D reg. ( A and B regs.)

GETWORD \$F820  
Gets four hex digits from keyboard, echoing them. Returns number in X reg. Carry set if non-hex typed.

RETMENU \$F822  
Entry point back to Menu selection mode in Monitor.

HEXTEST \$F824  
Tests ASCII char. in A reg. for range '0' to 'F'. If not in range, returns with carry set, else digit returns in A.

NEWLINE \$F826  
Causes cursor to move to start of next line.

FORMFD \$F828  
Equivalent to control-L: clears the video screen.

DELINE \$F82A  
Clears line that cursor is on - same as control-U.

SPACER \$F82C  
Outputs one space to screen at current cursor position.

HOMEUP \$F82E  
Homes cursor to top left corner - same as control-T.

NUL \$F830  
Nul function - has no effect.

LINEOUT \$F832  
Similar to TEXTOUT, except that a NEWLINE is done first.

Using the Aamber Pegasus System Monitor

When your Pegasus is switched on and running, you will see a reassuring sign-on message and menu on your T.V. set.

AAMBER Pegasus 6809  
Technosys Research Labs

Assembler 1.1  
Disassembler 1.1  
Tiny 1.1  
Monitor 1.1

Select one of above:

The menu items appearing upon the screen will depend upon which EPROM based software you have purchased with your Pegasus. Any of the menu items may be selected by typing the first letter of the appropriate entry. For instance, Tiny BASIC may be selected by tapping the 'T' key for 'Tiny'.

The system monitor may be entered with 'M' for 'Monitor'. The prompt used for monitor commands is the greater-than symbol, '>'. A summary of monitor commands is given below:

G hhhh

GO function - machine language programs may be executed simply by typing the desired starting address. If you wish execution to occur, type the '.' key; any other key typed will abort back to the monitor.

L hhhh

LOAD function - the load operation will read data from the cassette interface into RAM. The data loaded will be a contiguous region of memory, and the load start and end addresses will be displayed, along with the filename that was used when saving the file. A new load start address may be specified to relocate the file on loading.

M hhhh

MODIFY function - a memory address is specified, and the byte found there will be displayed. You may proceed to the next byte with the '.' key, and move to the previous byte with the ',' key. A new address may be specified by typing the 'M' key. At any stage, the byte at a RAM location may be changed, simply by entering a new, two digit hex value. If the location was not changed, then the contents of the location are redisplayed.

T hh mm ss

The time may be set using the TIME function. The time is measured in hours, minutes, and seconds.

S hhhh hhhh

SAVE - a block of data between the given start and end addresses will be saved on cassette tape. A filename may be specified. The screen will blank for the duration of the SAVE operation.

### Special Keyboard Functions

#### ESCAPE

The ESCAPE key is used to suspend output to the video screen - tapping once will stop output, tapping the key again will restart it.

#### BREAK

The BREAK key is used to stop program execution. The effect of this key depends upon which program is running.

#### CAPS LOCK

The CAPS LOCK key inverts the sense of the shift key, so that upper or lower case letters may be typed in.

#### PANIC

The PANIC button is inside the Pegasus box, on the board itself. This key should be used rather than turning the power off - it will always jump to the menu.

Control Function Summary

The following table is a list of the control codes used by the Pegasus, these codes can be implemented by holding the CTRL key down and pressing the associated letter. E.G.: to obtain a horizontal tab hold the CTRL key down and press the I button down. Note that a horizontal tab could more easily have been obtained using the TAB key. Many of the control codes have separate keys which are equivalent to using the CTRL key.

Another method of outputting a control code is to output the associated value, e.g. in BASIC to output a form-feed one would type PRINT CHR(\$OC), or in FORTH: 12 EMIT , or in assembly language : LDA #0C  
JSR ECHO

Hexadecimal value	Decimal value	Control character	Separate key	Meaning
00	0	@	00	Null
01	1	B	A 01	Set inverse video mode
02	2	Y	B 02	Clear inverse video mode
03	3	S	C 03	no function
04	4	E	D 04	Move cursor right
05	5	{	E 05	Move cursor up
06	6	}	F 06	Turn cursor on
07	7	#	G 07	no function
08	8	C	H 08 BACK SPACE	Back space
09	9	K	I 09 TAB	Horizontal Tab
0A	10	L	J 0A LINE FEED	Line Feed
0B	11	M	K 0B	Set cursor position (Followed by X, and Y)
0C	12	N	L 0C	Form feed (clear Screen)
0D	13	O	M 0D RETURN	Return cursor to left margin
0E	14	P	N 0E	Scroll screen up
0F	15	R	O 0F	Turn cursor off

(Continued overleaf).

MEMORYShorthand

! = CHR(

# = HEX(

% = &gt;=

&gt; = &lt;=

; = &lt;&gt;

\ = INKEY

B = USR

C = FREE

- = RND

\* = MOD

^ = ABS

@ = @()

W = LET

e = PEEK(

d = NOT

z = RAW(

FFFF - MONITOR

FOOO - MONITOR

EFFF 1/O

E000 1/O

DFFF SKT 2

D000 "

CFFF SKT 1

COOO "

BFFF VDU RAM

(48640 - 49151)

B000 MONITOR SCRATCH PAD RAM

BDC0

BDBF

B000

1FFF 2 EPROM

1000

0FFF 1 EPROM

0000

(48640 - 49151) B000 = PAGE\$BXn, character

BDBF

B000

AF40 JSR RAM

## Control function summary contd.

Hexadecimal value	Decimal value	Control character	Separate key	Meaning
10	16	P	10	Turn on digital clock
11	17	Q	11	Turn off digital clock
12	18	R	12	no function
13	19	S	13	Move cursor left
14	20	T	14	Home cursor to top left
15	21	U	15	Clear line that cursor is on
16	22	V	16	Scroll screen down
17	23	W	17	no function
18	24	X	18	Move cursor down
19	25	Y	19	no function
1A	26	Z	1A	no function
1B	27	C	1B ESCAPE	Suspend output **
1C	28	\	1C	no function
1D	29	]	1D	no function
1E	30	^	1E	no function
1F	31	-	1F	no function

\*\* This code can only be implemented from the keyboard

## SCREEN

BE00	BE1F
BE20	
BE40	
BE60	
BE80	
BEAO	
BECO	
BEEO	
BF00	
BF20	
BF40	
BF60	
BF80	
BFA0	
BFC0	
BFE0	
	BFEE

GRAFIX SAVG RUN 2000

LOAD " 3000

## GFX XMAS

?chr\$(27); chr\$(n);

for x=0 to 15  
print chr\$(y);  
next x

ASCII CHARACTER TABLE

The members from 0 to 31 are reserved for special screen function controls.

CHARACTER	ASCII (decimal)	CHARACTER	ASCII (decimal)	CHARACTER	ASCII (decimal)
	HEX		HEX		HEX
Space	160 32 20	@	192 64 40	\	96 60
!	161 33 21	A	193 65 41	a	97 61
"	162 34 22	B	194 66 42	b	98 62
#	163 35 23	C	195 67 43	c	99 63
\$	164 36 24	D	196 68 44	d	100 64
%	165 37 25	E	197 69 45	e	101 65
&	166 38 26	F	198 70 46	f	102 66
,	167 39 27	G	199 71 47	g	103 67
(	168 40 28	H	200 72 48	h	104 68
)	169 41 29	I	201 73 49	i	105 69
*	170 42 2A	J	202 74 4A	j	106 6A
+	171 43 2B	K	203 75 4B	k	107 6B
,	172 44 2C	L	204 76 4C	l	108 6C
-	173 45 2D	M	205 77 4D	m	109 6D
,	174 46 2E	N	206 78 4E	n	110 6E
/	175 47 2F	O	207 79 4F	o	111 6F
0	176 48 30	P	208 80 50	p	112 70
1	177 49 31	Q	209 81 51	q	113 71
2	178 50 32	R	210 82 52	r	114 72
3	179 51 33	S	211 83 53	s	115 73
4	180 52 34	T	212 84 54	t	116 74
5	181 53 35	U	213 85 55	u	117 75
6	182 54 36	V	214 86 56	v	118 76
7	183 55 37	W	215 87 57	w	119 77
8	184 56 38	X	216 88 58	x	120 78
9	185 57 39	Y	217 89 59	y	121 79
:	186 58 3A	Z	218 90 5A	z	122 7A
;	187 59 3B	[	219 91 5B	{	123 7B
<	188 60 3C	\	220 92 5C		124 7C
=	189 61 3D	]	221 93 5D	}	125 7D
>	190 62 3E	^	222 94 5E	~	126 7E
?	191 63 3F	-	223 95 5F	■	127 7F

Note the difference between the digit 0 and the letter O