

the 128 ASCII character set (and the 4 bytes each of the 4 x 8 grid).

Mode Two Commands

- Key (C) 1 Select Mode One (Design). See Mode One Commands for getting back into Mode Two.
- Key (C) E/A Erase the character set from memory. This can be used to clear garbage from the memory space on power-up or when beginning the design of a new set of characters. As soon as you press Key E in this sequence, a warning tone will sound, and the program waits for further instruction. After the warning, press Key A to erase the set and automatically return to Mode One. If any key other than Key A is pressed after the warning note has sounded, you automatically escape the erase sequence and are returned to Mode One.

OPERATION NOTES

Try to use standard ASCII references (41 for "A", etc.), so your program will be compatible with other programs written using the Designer. In later programs in this book, we'll use the characters to display messages in CHIP-8 programs.

Bit patterns for each 4 x 8 grid are stored in memory in packed form, with each grid occupying 4 bytes of memory. In other words, each byte stores two lines of each character.

After designing your characters, record two pages, starting at 0600. This will store the set on tape separately from the designer, and will be used in this form later.

I have included my version of a character set, using 3 x 5