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INT 1eH: Diskette Parameter Pointer

This vector (0:0078) is a pointer to a table of diskette parameters that BIOS the diskette service INT 13H uses for a variety of diskette operations.

This table includes values such as "head-settle time" and "step rate time" which have a tremendous effect on the speed of diskette I/O.

It is possible to change some facets of diskette operation by creating a RAM-resident version of this table and modify selected parameters.   DOS creates a modified version of this table to improve diskette performance. Oddly, DOS restores the normal (typically slower) values when it restores control to the application program.

See Diskette Parameter Table for a layout of the table.

See Also: BIOS Data Area

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