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Barometric Pressure Measurement Using Semiconductor Pressure Sensors

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ABSTRACT

The most recent advances in silicon micromachining technology have given rise to a variety of low-cost pressure sensor applications and solutions. Certain applications had previously been hindered by the high-cost, large size, and overall reliability limitations of electromechanical pressure sensing devices. Furthermore, the integration of on-chip temperature compensation and calibration has allowed a significant improvement in the accuracy and temperature stability of the sensor output signal. This technology allows for

the development of both analog and microcomputer-based systems that can accurately resolve the small pressure changes encountered in many applications. One particular application of interest is the combination of a silicon pressure sensor and a microcontroller interface in the design of a digital barometer. The focus of the following documentation is to present a low-cost, simple approach to designing a digital barometer system.

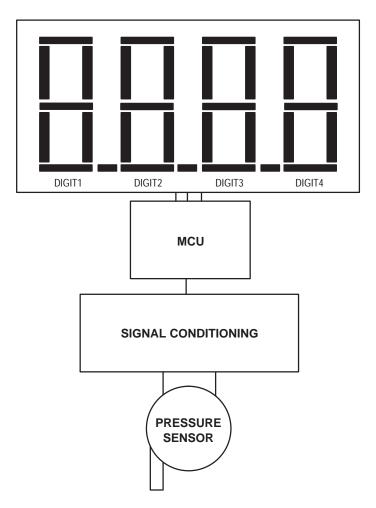


Figure 1. Barometer System

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INTRODUCTION

Figure 1 shows the overall system architecture chosen for this application. This system serves as a building block, from which more advanced systems can be developed. Enhanced accuracy, resolution, and additional features can be integrated in a more complex design.

There are some preliminary concerns regarding the measurement of barometric pressure which directly affect the design considerations for this system. Barometric pressure refers to the air pressure existing at any point within the earth's atmosphere. This pressure can be measured as an absolute pressure, (with reference to absolute vacuum) or can be referenced to some other value or scale. The meteorology and avionics industries traditionally measure the absolute pressure, and then reference it to a sea level pressure value. This complicated process is used in generating maps of weather systems. The atmospheric pressure at any altitude varies due to changing weather conditions over time. Therefore, it can be difficult to determine the significance of a particular pressure measurement without additional information. However, once the pressure at a particular location and elevation is determined, the pressure can be calculated at any other altitude. Mathematically, atmospheric pressure is exponentially related to altitude. This particular system is designed to track variations in barometric pressure once it is calibrated to a known pressure reference at a given altitude.

For simplification, the standard atmospheric pressure at sea level is assumed to be 29.9 in—Hg. "Standard" barometric pressure is measured at particular altitude at the average weather conditions for that altitude over time. The system described in this text is specified to accurately measure barometric pressure variations up to altitudes of 15,000 ft. This altitude corresponds to a standard pressure of approximately 15.0 in—Hg. As a result of changing weather conditions, the standard pressure at a given altitude can fluctuate approximately ±1 in—Hg. in either direction. Table 1 indicates standard barometric pressures at several altitudes of interest.

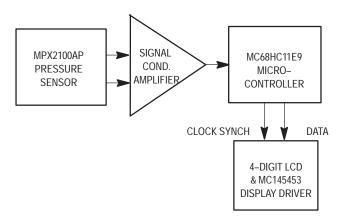


Figure 2. Barometer System Block Diagram

Table 1. Altitude versus Pressure Data

Altitude (Ft.)	Pressure (in-Hg)		
0	29.92		
500	29.38		
1,000	28.85		
6,000	23.97		
10,000	20.57		
15,000	16.86		

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

In order to measure and display the correct barometric pressure, this system must perform several tasks. The measurement strategy is outlined below in Figure 2. First, pressure is applied to the sensor. This produces a proportional differential output voltage in the millivolt range. This signal must then be amplified and level–shifted to a single–ended, microcontroller (MCU) compatible level (0.5 – 4.5 V) by a signal conditioning circuit. The MCU will then sample the voltage at the analog–to–digital converter (A/D) channel input, convert the digital measurement value to inches of mercury, and then display the correct pressure via the LCD interface. This process is repeated continuously.

There are several significant performance features implemented into this system design. First, the system will digitally display barometric pressure in inches of mercury, with a resolution of approximately one—tenth of an inch of mercury. In order to allow for operation over a wide altitude range (0 – 15,000 ft.), the system is designed to display barometric pressures ranging from 30.5 in–Hg. to a minimum of 15.0 in–Hg. The display will read "lo" if the pressure measured is below 30.5 in–Hg. These pressures allow for the system to operate with the desired resolution in the range from sea—level to approximately 15,000 ft. An overview of these features is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. System Features Overview

Display Units	in–Hg		
Resolution	0.1 in–Hg.		
System Range	15.0 – 30.5 in–Hg.		
Altitude Range	0 – 15,000 ft.		

DESIGN OVERVIEW

The following sections are included to detail the system design. The overall system will be described by considering the subsystems depicted in the system block diagram, Figure 2. The design of each subsystem and its function in the overall system will be presented.

Characteristic	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Max	Unit
Pressure Range	POP	0		100	kPa
Supply Voltage	VS		10	16	Vdc
Full Scale Span	V _{FSS}	38.5	40	41.5	mV
Zero Pressure Offset	Voff			±1.0	mV
Sensitivity	S		0.4		mv/kPa
Linearity			0.05		%FSS
Temperature Effect on Span			0.5		%FSS
Temperature Effect on Offset			0.2		%FSS

Table 3. MPX2100AP Electrical Characteristics

Pressure Sensor

The first and most important subsystem is the pressure transducer. This device converts the applied pressure into a proportional, differential voltage signal. This output signal will vary linearly with pressure. Since the applied pressure in this application will approach a maximum level of 30.5 in–Hg. (100 kPa) at sea level, the sensor output must have a linear output response over this pressure range. Also, the applied pressure must be measured with respect to a known reference pressure, preferably absolute zero pressure (vacuum). The device should also produce a stable output over the entire operating temperature range.

The desired sensor for this application is a temperature compensated and calibrated, semiconductor pressure transducer, such as the Motorola MPX2100A series sensor family. The MPX2000 series sensors are available in full–scale pressure ranges from 10 kPa (1.5 psi) to 200 kPa (30 psi). Furthermore, they are available in a variety of pressure configurations (gauge, differential, and absolute) and porting options. Because of the pressure ranges involved with barometric pressure measurement, this system will employ an MPX2100AP (absolute with single port). This device will produce a linear voltage output in the pressure range of 0 to 100 kPa. The ambient pressure applied to the single port will be measured with respect to an evacuated cavity (vacuum reference). The electrical characteristics for this device are summarized in Table 3.

As indicated in Table 3, the sensor can be operated at different supply voltages. The full–scale output of the sensor, which is specified at 40 mV nominally for a supply voltage of 10 Vdc, changes linearly with supply voltage. All non–digital circuitry is operated at a regulated supply voltage of 8 Vdc. Therefore, the full–scale sensor output (also the output of the sensor at sea level) will be approximately 32 mV.

$$\left(\frac{8}{10} \times 40 \text{ mV}\right)$$

The sensor output voltage at the systems minimum range (15 in–Hg.) is approximately 16.2 mV. Thus, the sensor output over the intended range of operations is expected to vary from 32 to 16.2 mV. These values can vary slightly for each sensor as the offset voltage and full–scale span tolerances indicate.

Signal Conditioning Circuitry

In order to convert the small—signal differential output signal of the sensor to MCU compatible levels, the next subsystem includes signal conditioning circuitry. The operational amplifier circuit is designed to amplify, level—shift, and ground reference the output signal. The signal is converted to a single—ended, 0.5 – 4.5 Vdc range. The schematic for this amplifier is shown in Figure 3.

This particular circuit is based on classic instrumentation amplifier design criteria. The differential output signal of the sensor is inverted, amplified, and then level—shifted by an adjustable offset voltage (through Roffset1). The offset voltage is adjusted to produce 0.5 volts at the maximum barometric pressure (30.5 in–Hg.). The output voltage will increase for decreasing pressure. If the output exceeds 5.1 V, a zener protection diode will clamp the output. This feature is included to protect the A/D channel input of the MCU. Using the transfer function for this circuit, the offset voltage and gain can be determined to provide 0.1 in–Hg of system resolution and the desired output voltage level. The calculation of these parameters is illustrated below.

In determining the amplifier gain and range of the trimmable offset voltage, it is necessary to calculate the number of steps used in the A/D conversion process to resolve 0.1 in–Hg.

$$(30.5 - 15.0)$$
in-Hg * 10 $\frac{\text{steps}}{\text{Hg}} = 155 \text{ steps}$

The span voltage can now be determined. The resolution provided by an 8-bit A/D converter with low and high voltage references of zero and five volts, respectively, will detect 19.5 mV of change per step.

$$V_{RH} = 5 V, V_{RL} = 0 V$$

Sensor Output at 30.5 in–Hg = 32.44 mV Sensor Output at 15.0 in–Hg = 16.26 mV Δ Sensor Output = Δ SO = 16.18 mV

$$Gain = \frac{3.04 \text{ V}}{\Delta SO} = 187$$

Note: 30.5 in–Hg and 15.0 in–Hg are the assumed maximum and minimum absolute pressures, respectively.

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This gain is then used to determine the appropriate resistor values and offset voltage for the amplifier circuit defined by the transfer function shown below.

$$V_{out} = -\left[\frac{R_2}{R_1} + 1 \right]_* \Delta V + V_{off}$$

 ΔV is the differential output of the sensor.

The gain of 187 can be implemented with:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 \approx R_3 &= 121 \ \Omega \\ R_2 \approx R_4 &= 22.6 \ k \ \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing Roffset1 to be 1 k Ω and Roffset2 to be 2.5 k Ω , Vout is 0.5 V at the presumed maximum barometric pressure of 30.5 in–Hg. The maximum pressure output voltage can be trimmed to a value other than 0.5 V, if desired via Roffset1. In addition, the trimmable offset resistor is incorporated to provide offset calibration if significant offset drift results from large weather fluctuations.

The circuit shown in Figure 3 employs an MC33272 (low-cost, low-drift) dual operational amplifier IC. In order to control large supply voltage fluctuations, an 8 Vdc regulator, MC78L08ACP, is used. This design permits use of a battery for excitation.

Microcontroller Interface

The low cost of MCU devices has allowed for their use as a signal processing tool in many applications. The MCU used in this application, the MC68HC11, demonstrates the power of incorporating intelligence into such systems. The on–chip resources of the MC68HC11 include: an 8 channel, 8–bit A/D,

a 16-bit timer, an SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface – synchronous), and SCI (Serial Communications Interface – asynchronous), and a maximum of 40 I/O lines. This device is available in several package configurations and product variations which include additional RAM, EEPROM, and/or I/O capability. The software used in this application was developed using the MC68HC11 EVB development system.

The following software algorithm outlines the steps used to perform the desired digital processing. This system will convert the voltage at the A/D input into a digital value, convert this measurement into inches of mercury, and output this data serially to an LCD display interface (through the on–board SPI). This process is outlined in greater detail below:

- 1. Set up and enable A/D converter and SPI interface.
- 2. Initialize memory locations, initialize variables.
- 3. Make A/D conversion, store result.
- 4. Convert digital value to inches of mercury.
- 5. Determine if conversion is in system range.
- 6a. Convert pressure into decimal display digits.
- 6b. Otherwise, display range error message.
- 7. Output result via SPI to LCD driver device.

The signal conditioned sensor output signal is connected to pin PE5 (Port E–A/D Input pin). The MCU communicates to the LCD display interface via the SPI protocol. A listing of the assembly language source code to implement these tasks is included in the appendix. In addition, the software can be downloaded directly from the Motorola MCU Freeware Bulletin Board (in the MCU directory). Further information is included at the beginning of the appendix.

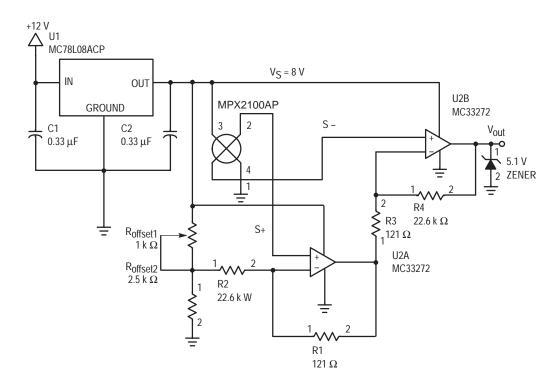


Figure 3. Signal Conditioning Circuit

LCD Interface

In order to digitally display the barometric pressure conversion, a serial LCD interface was developed to communicate with the MCU. This system includes an MC145453 CMOS serial interface/LCD driver, and a 4–digit, non–multiplexed LCD. In order for the MCU to communicate correctly with the interface, it must serially transmit six bytes for each conversion. This includes a start byte, a byte for each

of the four decimal display digits, and a stop byte. For formatting purposes, decimal points and blank digits can be displayed through appropriate bit patterns. The control of display digits and data transmission is executed in the source code through subroutines BCDCONV, LOOKUP, SP12LCD, and TRANSFER. A block diagram of this interface is included below.

CONCLUSION

This digital barometer system described herein is an excellent example of a sensing system using solid state components and software to accurately measure barometric pressure. This system serves as a foundation from which more complex systems can be developed. The MPX2100A

series pressure sensors provide the calibration and temperature compensation necessary to achieve the desired accuracy and interface simplicity for barometric pressure sensing applications.

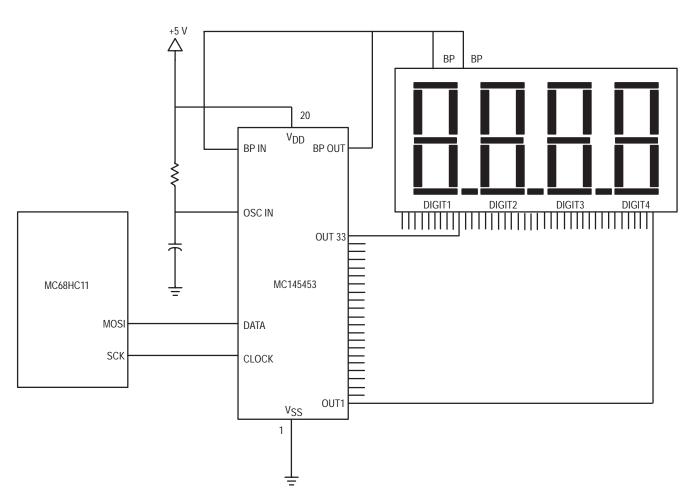


Figure 4. LCD Display Interface Diagram

APPENDIX

MC68HC11 Barometer Software Available on:

Motorola Electronic Bulletin Board MCU Freeware Line

8-bit, no parity, 1 stop bit 1200/300 baud (512) 891-FREE (3733)

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* BAROMETER APPLICATIONS PROJECT - Chris Winkler
* Developed: October 1st, 1992
                                  - Motorola Discrete Applications
* This code will be used to implement an MC68HC11 Micro-Controller
\mbox{\scriptsize \star} as a processing unit for a simple barometer system.
* The HC11 will interface with an MPX2100AP to monitor, store
 and display measured Barometric pressure via the 8-bit\ A/D channel
* The sensor output (32mv max) will be amplified to .5 - 2.5 V dc
* The processor will interface with a 4-digit LCD (FE202) via
* a Motorola LCD driver (MC145453) to display the pressure
  within +/- one tenth of an inch of mercury.
* The systems range is 15.0 - 30.5 in-Hg
        A/D & CPU Register Assignment
        This code will use index addressing to access the
        important control registers. All addressing will be
        indexed off of REGBASE, the base address for these registers.
REGBASE EOU
                 $1000
                                   * register base of control register
                                           * offset of A/D control register
ADCTL
                          $30
                 EOU
                                           \star offset of A/D results register
ADR2
                 EOU
                          $32
                                            * offset for A/D option register location
ADOPT
                 EOU
                          $39
                                           * Location of PORTB used for conversion
PORTB
                          $04
                 EOU
                                           * PORTD Data Register Index
PORTD
                 EOU
                          $08
                                           * offset of Data Direction Reg.
DDRD
                 EOU
                          $09
                                           * offset of SPI Control Reg.
SPCR
                 EOU
                          $28
SPSR
                          $29
                                           * offset of SPI Status Reg.
                 EQU
SPDR
                 EQU
                          $2A
                                           * offset of SPI Data Reg.
        User Variables
        The following locations are used to store important measurements
        and calculations used in determining the altitude. They
        are located in the lower 256 bytes of user RAM
DIGIT1 EOU
                 $0001
                                   * BCD blank digit (not used)
DIGIT2
        EOU
                 $0002
                                  * BCD tens digit for pressure
DIGIT3
                 $0003
                                  * BCD tenths digit for pressure
                 $0004
DIGIT4
        EQU
                                  * BCD ones digit for pressure
COUNTER EQU
                                  * Variable to send 5 dummy bytes
                 $0005
POFFSET EQU
                 $0010
                                  * Storage Location for max pressure offset
SENSOUT EQU
                 $0012
                                  * Storage location for previous conversion
RESULT
                 $0014
                                  * Storage of Pressure(in Hg) in hex format
        EOU
FLAG
                          $0016
                                            * Determines if measurement is within range
                 EQU
        MAIN PROGRAM
        The conversion process involves the following steps:
                                           Set-Up SPI device-
                                                                               SPI CNFG
                          2.
                                           Set-Up A/D, Constants
                                                                               SET UP
                          3.
                                           Read A/D, store sample
                                                                               ADCONV
                          4.
                                           Convert into in-Hg
                                                                               IN HG
                          5
                                           Determine FLAG condition IN_HG
                                           Display error
                                                                               ERROR
                                           Continue Conversion
                                                                               INRANGE
                          6.
                                           Convert hex to BCD format BCDCONV
                          7.
                                           Convert LCD display digits
                                                                               LOOKUP
                                           Output via SPI to LCD
                                                                               SPI2LCD
        This process is continually repeated as the loop CONVERT
        runs unconditionally through BRA (the BRANCH ALWAYS statement)
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Repeats to step 3 indefinitely.

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ORG
                          $C000
                                                    * DESIGNATES START OF MEMORY MAP FOR USER CODE
                 LDX
                          #REGBASE
                                           * Location of base register for indirect adr
                                           * Set-up SPI Module for data X-mit to LCD
                 BSR
                          SPI_CNFG
                                           * Power-Up A/D, initialize constants
                 BSR
                          SET_UP
                                  * Calls subroutine to make an A/D conversion
CONVERT BSR
                 ADCONV
                 BSR
                                                    * Delay routine to prevent LCD flickering
                          IN HG
                                                    * Converts hex format to in of Hg
                 BSR
        The value of FLAG passed from IN_HG is used to determine
        If a range error has occurred. The following logical
        statements are used to either allow further conversion or jump
        to a routine to display a range error message.
                                                    * Determines if an range Error has ocurred
                 LDAB
                          FLAG
                                                    * If No Error detected (FLAG=\$80) then
                 CMPB
                          #$80
                 BEO
                          INRANGE
                                               system will continue conversion process
                 BSR
                          ERROR
                                                    * If error occurs (FLAG<>80), branch to ERROR
                 BRA
                          OUTPUT
                                           * Branches to output ERROR code to display
        No Error Detected, Conversion Process Continues
                 BCDCONV
                                  * Converts Hex Result to BCD
INRANGE JSR
                         LOOKUP
                 JSR
                                           * Uses Look-Up Table for BCD-Decimal
OUTPUT
                 SPI2LCD
       JSR
                                  * Output transmission to LCD
                          CONVERT
                                          * Continually converts using Branch Always
                 BRA
        Subroutine SPI_CNFG
                 Purpose is to initialize SPI for transmission
                 and clear the display before conversion.
SPI_CNFG BSFT
                 PORTD,X #$20
                                  \mbox{*} Set SPI SS Line High to prevent glitch
                 LDAA
                          #$38
                                                    * Initializing Data Direction for Port D
                 STAA
                          DDRD,X
                                           * Selecting SS, MOSI, SCK as outputs only
                 TIDAA
                          #$5D
                                                    * Initialize SPI-Control Register
                 STAA
                          SPCR.X
                                           * selecting SPE,MSTR,CPOL,CPHA,CPRO
                 LDAA
                          #$5
                                                    * sets counter to X-mit 5 blank bytes
                          COUNTER
                 STAA
                 TIDAA
                          SPSR X
                                           * Must read SPSR to clear SPIF Flag
                 CLRA
                                                    * Transmission of Blank Bytes to LCD
ERASELCD JSR
                 TRANSFER
                                   * Calls subroutine to transmit
                          COUNTER
                 DEC
                 BNE
                          ERASELCD
        Subroutine SET UP
                 Purpose is to initialize constants and to power-up \mbox{A/D}
                 and to initialize POFFSET used in conversion purposes.
SET UP
        LDAA
                 #$90
                                           * selects ADPU bit in OPTION register
                          ADOPT.X
                                           * Power-Up of A/D complete
                 STAA
                          #$0131+$001A
                                           * Initialize POFFSET
                 LDD
                                           * POFFSET = 305 - 25 in hex
                          POFFSET
                 STD
                                                    * or Pmax + offset voltage (5 V)
                 TIDAA
                          #$00
                 RTS
        Subroutine DELAY
                 Purpose is to delay the conversion process
                 to minimize LCD flickering.
                                                   * Loop for delay of display
DELAY
                 LDA
                          #$FF
OUTLOOP LDB
                 #$FF
                                           * Delay = clk/255*255
TNLOOP DECR
                 BNE
                          INLOOP
                 DECA
                 BNE
                          OUTLOOP
                 RTS
        Subroutine ADCONV
                 Purpose is to read the A/D input, store the conversion into
                 SENSOUT. For conversion purposes later.
ADCONV
        LDX
                 #REGBASE
                                  * loads base register for indirect addressing
                 LDAA
                          #$25
                          ADCTL,X
                                           * initializes A/D cont. register SCAN=1,MULT=0
                 STAA
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WTCONV BRCLR
                 ADCTL,X #$80 WTCONV
                                            * Wait for completion of conversion flag
                 LDAB
                          ADR2,X
                                            * Loads conversion result into Accumulator
                 CLRA
                 STD
                          SENSOUT
                                            * Stores conversion as SENSOUT
        Subroutine IN_HG
                 Purpose is to convert the measured pressure SENSOUT, into
                 units of in-Hg, represented by a hex value of 305-150
                 This represents the range 30.5 - 15.0 in-Hg
                          POFFSET
                                            * Loads maximum offset for subtraction
IN HG
                 LDD
                                            * RESULT = POFFSET-SENSOUT in hex format
                 SUBD
                          SENSOUT
                          RESULT
                                            * Stores hex result for P, in Hg
                 STD
                 CMPD
                          #305
                 BHI
                          TOHIGH
                 CMPD
                          #150
                 BLO
                          TOLOW
                 LDAB
                          #$80
                 STAB
                 BRA
                          END_CONV
TOHIGH LDAB
                 #$FF
                 STAB
                          FLAG
                 BRA
                          END_CONV
TOLOW
                 LDAR
                          #$00
                          FLAG
                 STAB
END_CONV RTS
         Subroutine ERROR
                          This subroutine sets the display digits to output
                          an error message having detected an out of range
                          measurement in the main program from FLAG
ERROR
                 LDAB
                          #$00
                                                     * Initialize digits 1,4 to blanks
                          DIGIT1
                 STAB
                          DIGIT4
                                                     * FLAG is used to determine
                 LDAB
                 CMPB
                                                     * if above or below range.
                                            * If above range GOTO SET_HI
                 BNE
                          SET_HI
                 LDAB
                          #$0E
                                                     * ELSE display LO on display
                          DIGIT2
                                            * Set DIGIT2=L,DIGIT3=0
                 STAB
                 LDAB
                          #$7E
                 STAB
                          DIGIT3
                 BRA
                          END_ERR
                                            * GOTO exit of subroutine
SET_HI LDAB
                 #$37
                                            * Set DIGIT2=H, DIGIT3=1
                          DIGIT2
                 STAB
                 LDAB
                          #$30
                          DIGIT3
                 STAB
END_ERR RTS
         Subroutine BCDCONV
                          Purpose is to convert ALTITUDE from hex to BCD
                          uses standard HEX-BCD conversion scheme
                          Divide HEX/10 store Remainder, swap Q & R, repeat
                          process until remainder = 0.
BCDCONV LDAA
                 #$00
                                            * Default Digits 2,3,4 to 0
                          DIGIT2
                 STAA
                 STAA
                          DIGIT3
                 STAA
                          DIGIT4
                                            * Conversion starts with lowest digit
                 LDY
                          #DIGIT4
                 LDD
                                              Load voltage to be converted
                          RESULT
                                            * Divide hex digit by 10
CONVLP
       LDX
                 #$A
                 TDTV
                                                     * Quotient in X, Remainder in D
                                                     * stores 8 LSB's of remainder as BCD digit
                 STAB
                          0,Y
                 DEY
                 CPX
                          #$0
                                                     * Determines if last digit stored
                 XGDX
                                                     * Exchanges remainder & quotient
                 BNE
                          CONVLP
                 LDX
                          #REGBASE
                                            * Reloads BASE into main program
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Purpose is to implement a Look-Up conversion
                          The BCD is used to index off of TABLE
                          where the appropriate hex code to display
                          that decimal digit is contained.
                          DIGIT4,3,2 are converted only.
                 #DIGIT1+4
LOOKUP
                                           * Counter starts at 5
TABLOOP DEX
                                           * Start with Digit4
                 LDY
                          #TABLE
                                            * Loads table base into Y-pointer
                 LDAB
                          0.X
                                                     * Loads current digit into B
                 ABY
                                                    * Adds to base to index off TABLE
                                                     * Stores HEX segment result in A
                 LDAA
                          0.Y
                 STAA
                          0,X
                                            * Loop condition complete, DIGIT2 Converted
                          #DIGIT2
                 CPX
                 BNE
                          TABLOOP
                 RTS
        Subroutine SPI2LCD
                          Purpose is to output digits to LCD via SPI
                          The format for this is to send a start byte,
                          four digits, and a stop byte. This system
                          will have 3 significant digits: blank digit
                          and three decimal digits.
                                                    Sending LCD Start Byte
SPI2LCD LDX
                 #REGBASE
                 LDAA
                          SPSR,X
                                            * Reads to clear SPIF flag
                                                    * Byte, no colon, start bit
                 LDAA
                          #$02
                                            * Transmit byte
                 BSR
                          TRANSFER
                                                    Initializing decimal point & blank digit
                 LDAA
                          DIGIT3
                                            * Sets MSB for decimal pt.
                          #$80
                 ORA
                                                    * after digit 3
                          DIGITS
                 STAA
                          #$00
                 LDAA
                                                     * Set 1st digit as blank
                 STAA
                          DIGIT1
                                                    Sending four decimal digits
                 LDY
                          #DIGIT1
                                            * Pointer set to send 4 bytes
                                                     * Loads digit to be x-mitted
DLOOP
                 LDAA
                 BSR
                          TRANSFER
                                            * Transmit byte
                 INY
                                                    * Branch until both bytes sent
                          #DTGTT4+1
                 CPY
                 BNE
                          DLOOP
                                                    Sending LCD Stop Byte
                                                    * end byte requires all 0's
                 LDAA
                          #$00
                          TRANSFER
                                            * Transmit byte
                 BSR
                 RTS
        Subroutine TRANSFER
                 Purpose is to send data bits to SPI
                 and wait for conversion complete flag bit to be set.
TRANSFER LDX
                 #REGBASE
                 BCLR
                          PORTD,X #$20
                                           * Assert SS Line to start X-misssion
                                           * Load Data into Data Reg.,X-mit
                          SPDR,X
                 STAA
                          SPSR,X #$80 XMIT* Wait for flag
XMIT
                 BRCLR
                          PORTD,X #$20
                                           * DISASSERT SS Line
                 BSET
                                            * Read to Clear SPI Flag
                 LDAB
                          SPSR.X
                 RTS
        Location for FCB memory for look-up table
        There are 11 possible digits: blank, 0-9
TABLE
                          $7E,$30,$6D,$79,$33,$5B,$5F,$70,$7F,$73,$00
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