

hardware manual

IMP

impact matrix printer for microcomputer systems

serial No. 9296

NM part number 103-300 issue 4 date 21·2·80 Copyright © 1980 Nascom Microcomputers Ltd., 92 Broad Street, Chesham, Buds. HP5 3ED 024-05-75155 tlx 837571 This manual instructs the user of the IMP printer is its setting up and operation. Information on maintenance and rectification of running problems is also provided.

It is essential that this menual be read in its entirety before the prieter is commissioned.

It is strongly recommended that this menual be read in conjunction with the menual(a) for the computer system with which the printer is to be operated; particular attention should be paid to the correct connection of the serial data link and to the programming of the serial I/O devices of the host system.

2. CAUTIONS

Coution: the printer mechanism operates at high speed and may trap losse objects ar fingers. No attempt at adjustment should be made while the printer is operating and care should be taken while examining the operation of the printer to evoid heir or losse jewellery being ingested by the mechanism.

Laction: the power supply unit is capable of maintaining 40V on the circuit board for a considerable time after the machine is switched off. This voltage is dangerous and may administer a harmful shock. If it is essential that the printer be serviced immediately after use, the main smoothing capacitor supported above the circuit board should be short-circuited with a 330R register. This method should not be used unless to it is necessary as it will shorten the capacitor's life.

Caution: under no circumstances should the print head be touched whilegthe printer is active; it becomes were during operation; and any arrest of its motion day cause its motors; to stall end overheat, resulting in demage.

3. SETTING UP

3.1 Mains connection

THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THIS SECTION HUST BE FOLLOWED EXACTLY IF OPERATION OF THE PRINTER IS TO BE SAFE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY THE PRINTER BE OPERATED WITHOUT AN EARTH.
CONNECTION: SUCH OPERATION COULD PRODUCE A SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD.

The printer is sumplied without a mains plug: the wear may melect the type of plug most suitable for the application. Any plug used-must conform to British Standard. For domestic use in the U.K. the printer must be fitted with a 43A plug to British Standard 1363 fitted with a 2A fuse. For industrial use in connection with filter equipment the use of IEC connectors is permissable provided that the circuit is individually fused CA or routed through a circuit breaker set at 2A.

13A plugs should be wired as follows:

GREEN/YELLOW EARTH (top-connection)

BROWN . LIVE (fused connection)

SLUE MEUTRAL

Host plugs are supplied with a diagram showing the exect airing method for that sprincular plug, if in any doubt at all consult a qualified electricism or the shop that sold the plug.

3.2 Paper selection

Two types of paper may be used, plain paper, either in sheets or rolls, with a maximum width of 8½ inches, or 'pinfeed' paper, whose edges are punched to engage with the tractor drive units, which may be bought in rolls or 'fenfold', which is a continuously folded stack of separable sheets. The maximum width of pinfeed paper is 5½ inches, of which is inch is occupied by the punched edges.

Most types of paper may be printed upon; the ideal is the thin, herd paper of the type; used by line printers, though telex machine rolls are quite acceptable and may be supported by the printer. Letterheaded sheets movieled be printed upon, though there is no means of feeding them automatically. It is recommended that the paper used should not expend

0.013" (8.33mm); paper is more commonly specified by its density, which should not assess 120 grams per square matre.

If the printer is required to support rolls of paper the two brackets supplied should be attached to the rear panel to support the paper roll spindle; the flanges by which the brackets are mounted face subserve from the roll area.

3.3 Pager setting

The printer may feed itself with paper either by tractor tension on the edges of pinfeed paper or by roller pressure on plain paper. The two should not be used simultaneously if pressure feed is selected while pinfeed paper is in use the tractors will probably tear the paper.

Tractor/pressure selection is made by the two small lavers located immediately benind the paper path on each side of the appring clip retaining the ribbon certridge, the right hand lever is provided with a locking seving. The levere lift the pressure roller eway from its drive bar: therefore, if pressure fund is AUT required the two slavers should be pulled forwards and the locking device moved to the right to engage the right hand lever. To return to pressure feed simply unlock this levers the pressure roller will spring back audibly.

The two tractor units may be moved along their rails by locating the small lawer that pivots on the uppermost rail, on the outside of each unit, and pulling it forwards and up through about 45 dagrees; the tractor will then be unlocked and may alide siong the rails. To lock the tractor return the lawer to its original position.

When plain paper is in use the tractors should be set so that they do not interfere with the paper's motion. To load pinfeed paper the two ears on the inside of each tractor wait should be lifted to expose the tractor selts; the fractor units should then he moved so that the holes in the paper align as exactly as possible with the pins on the tractor below no horizontal force should exist as the paper with their when desired unless is suns easily.

The tractors should then be looked and the paper medded.

3.4 Paper loading

Selicit state paper with the supported on the spinets provided, which result in the beschate boilted to the rear of the printer. Unroll shout to of paper and place the roll behind the printer. Look up the pressure feed levers as if setting up for tractor feed. Fush the paper gently into the large specture at the wear of the printer; it will appear would the transperent panel immediately below the print head. Continue to push and it will amorge from the mechanism. Pull about a foot through, make sure that the tractors are clear of the paper and that the paper is free to move. Put the spindle through the roll core and heng it on the brackets. Hold the roll and pull its ends this will ensure that no kinks are present. Unlock the pressure roller. The printer is now loaded.

Pinfeed paper must be facthrough the sparture in the base of the printer. Having but the tractor spacing, proceed as for plain paper until the paper energy from the secondism.

Lift the ears of the tractors and engage the paper as the tractor belts. Lawer the ears it is not possible to run the paper through to align it but any error will make least obvious within seconds of commencing aparetism. It but any error will make relead or adjust as necessary.

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- 3.5 Preferred operating conditions
 - 1 Temperature: 100 to 250
 - 2 Humidity: 5% to 80% (non-condensing)
 - 3 Support: adequate and level support should be provided for all four feet, if necessary with an aperture to allow fanfold paper to be fed from below the machine. Purpose-built printer tables with such an aperture are commercially available. The use of rollfeed paper does not require the provision of such a facility. Operation of the printer on a hollow and resonant surface may double its noise output.
 - 4 Precaution: nothing should be placed on top of the printer or in any position that would obstruct the paper path away from it. Care should be taken to ensure that paper is not allowed to re-enter the rollfess aperture and become caught in the feed rollers, damage could result from this occurrence.

3.6 Standard settings

The printer is set during manufacture as follows: it should be confirmed that these settings are acceptable to the host system before operation proceeds.

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N.B.: BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE AT MODIFICATION OF THIS OR DEMER SETTINGS THE SECTION.
OF THIS MANUAL DEALING WITH MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE READ.

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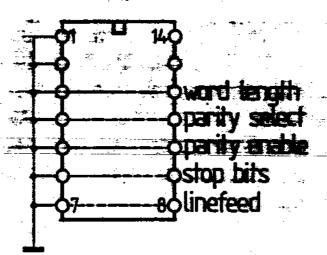
Mote: header plugs are best inserted into a separate socket before wiring as this ensures that the pins do not lose their elignment as a result of the soldering temperature. It is not recommended that any form of switch be fitted to the plug.

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OPERATION

Control penel

The printer control panel is fitted with four controls and three indicators. indicators are mounted in the control buttons, but are not in all cases related to the button in which they are mounted.

The top left-hend control is the power switch; pregsing its lever helf will switch them. printer on.

The top right hand apartual is the line feed button, which tanteins the power indicator. owery time It is present unless it is held down for more than eill coupe a single lime every time It is present unless it is held down for more than 648m5 (just over helf a second); if held, it will seems a continuous paper food that will example the most lime that becomes available ofter it is released.

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The poittom right-hand control is the reset button, containing the error instantes. Special on error in data transmission occur, it will be detected and will seuse the grief buffer to be besided with a 'rebout' character (). The error indicator will simultaneously be illuminated in red to inform the operator that such an error members of the mark on the paper enabling the exact location of the error to be determined. The cross light will also indicate a buffer overflow; in this condition incoming characters will be ignored until buffer space become evaleble. The error indicator may immencially an experience of the reset button, which will also areas the contents of the date buffer. The reset button should therefore not be operated will the printers and incoming the approximation of the error in the printers of the error in the printers are the contents of the error. It may be to went to contain the printing of presents instanced.

note that the operation of the line and button is well restricted to time at added the printer is at rest; it may be pressed during the printing of a line, whereupon it will be recognised at the end of the line and the next line will be printed after a line feed been performed. It held during printing it will cause the machine to manuface the line than feed paper until the button is subsected whereupon it will resume printing an the next available line.

.5.2 Automatic selection of unidirectional operation

As a safety feature the greater will, IT called upon to print lines containing more than 40 characters (not including spaces), someone printing in one direction only until such requirement ceases to be made, standard bidirectional printing will immediately be resumed.

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6 MAINTEMANCE

WARNING: SETURE REMOVING THE PRINTER'S COVER THE MINE SEUS BUST BE DISCONMEETED PROFESTS SOCKET. NO ENGUSTMENT OR REDIFICATION MUST SE MADE TO ME ECENIE MACHEME.

Andrew Academic Contraction appropriate

to the chassis. With a small standard screwdriver remove the single screw retaining the small metal housing over the base of each tractor real mount, fillowing the housings in the removed. Release the left hand side of the cover first by gnatly lifting it by about an inch to clear the mechanism, then move it to the right to release the right-hand side.

Swing the right-hand side of the cover so that the cause rests upside down to the left. The chassis. The coles connecting the control panel to the phaseis should be observed to ensure that they are not under tension. Each all magings, stream and other parts removed in a safe place. If a screw is least do and replace it with a larger one.

8.2 Fuse regimeent

The printer is fitted with a mains fuse which is located on the rear panel immediately above the mains cable entry point. The fuse holder unacrews to permit replacement of the fuse, which is a 750 milliamp 20mm type. Repeated and frequent fulfilure of this fuse is normally indicative of the existence of an electrical or electronic fault.

A fuse has also been fitted in the pircuit operating the print head. In the case of head overload this fuse will repture. It is incated on the circuit board to the right of the print head plug; it is merked FSI isse Fig. 11. In the unlikely event of this fuse's failure replace it with a 3 amp 20mm entisurge type. Repeated and frequent failure of this fuse will indicate a fault in the head or its driver devices and should be reported to Associa Riscommissions itd.

5.3 Ribbon replacement

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At the tentre of the ribbon certridge, between the two pressure roller levers, there is a spring clip setaining the ribbon certridge. Pull the clip forwards and lift the certridge up and tentwords, noting the position of the channel in which the ribbon remaind loose ribbon into the certridge by turning the small whits knob anti-clockwise. Fit a new certridge by allowing the ribbon into its channel and turning the white knob until the certridge drops into place against the force of the epring clip. Press the

mosts with position, lifting it slightly if necessary; (1). Wind the wester and until fails to assess the correct position, remove the cartridge and start again. Like most things designed to be easy it is after the first attempt. So not attempt to refull a west cartridge and so not rebain old certridges. Under no circumstances attempt to load the printer with anything except the Two-Day Corporation without cartridges evaluable. From Bescom Microcomputers distributors, typewriter partridges or ribbons will MST as.

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6.4 Lubrication

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Two types of labricant are needed; ISN GREASE NO. 22 or its equivalent, which may be purchased from bymawrites shops and those dealing with ISM office equipment generally and Singer sewing machine oil, which is normally tept by sawing machine shops.

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Appendix 7.3

ASCII wharacter set

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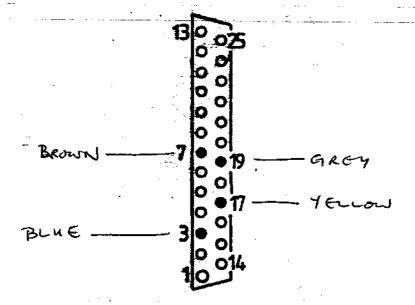
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Appendix 7.4

Connection to NASCOM-1

- to the older post 71, marked EXT SERIAL CLOCK
- 2. Connect the BUST signal from pin 19 of the 1825 connector to pin 8
- 3. Connect #5232 ground from win 7 of the DS25 connector to pain 8

Connector.



Appendix 7.5

Connection to NASCOM-2

- 1. Set LSW2/2 and /3 UP and the remaining switches as is appropriate. The MASCOM-2 will now run at the hand rate selected on the printer. Operation at over 300 hand will require the use of handshaking logic; to set this up connect pin 8 of PL2 to TP3 on the NASCOM-2 board.
 - 2. Wire the serial interferenceable supplied with NASCOM-2 as follows:

core 4: yellow IM25P pin 17
core 8: grey " 19
gers 5: blue " 3

Note that yellow, bles and beaut wires appear elsewhere in the wibbon; cores should be counted if there is any doubt in indentification.

- 3. If the system appears to be nonethically sensitive to noise a 0.luF
 - 4. Note that the MSY signal is active long.

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Appendix 7.5 35232 connections and signal levels

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Paper

There are many paper possiblities. Procurer feed and tractor feed are buth supported. Under the pressure feed option, paper us to 84 inches can be used, this includes 14. Using tractor feed the paper size can be up to 34 inches the includes as each attactor guides and movable and the gaper size was range from 2 to 94 inches.

Character Set

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Operation

The printer is controlled by a 280 CPU.

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Listing and circuit diagrams will be supplied with each printer.

Data transmission errors automatically print a send the Reset LEO will light.
Normal NASCOM operation under T4 or WAS SYS will produce a line feed after a carriage
return. However a link option is available for use with other systems without this facility.

* There is a maximum of 60 Characters par line.

Flexible Input/Output

The IMP can be set with any of the standard hand server between 110 and 9600.

A TTL output is available at in times the enlacted bond rate for operation of an external MART of the 6402 type. This blibus M1 and M2 users to synchronics their unit output to the printer clock allowing greater flexibility. In fact, he this facility is estimile at all times, a Mascon user could alter the band make of his LPU board to that set in the printer. and use this satisfie energie other peripherals.

Buffer

a "busy transit will be active when only 10 characters are needed to fill the 945 character buffer. The signal will be maintained until more buffer space is available.

Interfacing

The IMP is controlled via a V24/RS232 serial interface which is TTL level compatable.

It can operate at the following band rates, which are selected by changing a link on a BIL header. 1.0

110, 150, 200, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 1600, 4800, 7200, 9600.

The INP as supplied will be set at 300 Band

The following options can be selected by setting the memoriate commentions on a DTL beader plug:

- a) Seven or wight hits, whe IMP will ignore the eight hit if eight hit ingut is selected.
- 5) See or two stop bits.
 - e) Parity on/off.
 - d) Even or odd parity (parity must be on).
 - e) LF after CR, will automatically generate a LF in addition to a CR on saccipt of a CR.

The IMP will be delivered set up so as to be both N1 and N2 compatable.

The IMP is mounted on a cold formed aluminium base with an ABS cover. A standard DB25 socket is mounted on the rear panel for connection to the Bost system. to be significantly quanter than previous printers of the type. The IMP has proved

Appendix 7.8

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page 20: the diagram of the DB25S connector is shown laterally inverted; to illustrate the socket correctly the diagram should be viewed as its mirror image OR regarded as the aspect from the inside of the printer's case.

it is advisable to make the above corrections to your copy now and to keep this sheet.