

Commodore 64 standard KERNAL functions

Address	Function
\$FF81	SCINIT. Initialize VIC; restore default input/output to keyboard/screen; clear screen; set PAL/NTSC switch and interrupt timer. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X, Y. Real address: \$FF5B.
\$FF84	IOINIT. Initialize CIA's, SID volume; setup memory configuration; set and start interrupt timer. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X. Real address: \$FDA3.
\$FF87	RAMTAS. Clear memory addresses \$0002-\$0101 and \$0200-\$03FF; run memory test and set start and end address of BASIC work area accordingly; set screen memory to \$0400 and datasette buffer to \$033C. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X, Y. Real address: \$FD50.
\$FF8A	RESTOR. Fill vector table at memory addresses \$0314-\$0333 with default values. Input: – Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$FD15.
\$FF8D	VECTOR. Copy vector table at memory addresses \$0314-\$0333 from or into user table. Input: Carry: 0 = Copy user table into vector table, 1 = Copy vector table into user table; X/Y = Pointer to user table. Output: – Used registers: A, Y. Real address: \$FD1A.
\$FF90	SETMSG. Set system error display switch at memory address \$009D. Input: A = Switch value. Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$FE18.
\$FF93	LSTNSA. Send LISTEN secondary address to serial bus. (Must call LISTEN beforehands.) Input: A = Secondary address. Output: – Used registers: A. Real address: \$EDB9.
\$FF96	TALKSA. Send TALK secondary address to serial bus. (Must call TALK beforehands.) Input: A = Secondary address. Output: –

	Used registers: A. Real address: \$EDC7.
\$FF99	MEMTOP. Save or restore end address of BASIC work area. Input: Carry: 0 = Restore from input, 1 = Save to output; X/Y = Address (if Carry = 0). Output: X/Y = Address (if Carry = 1). Used registers: X, Y. Real address: \$FE25.
\$FF9C	MEMBOT. Save or restore start address of BASIC work area. Input: Carry: 0 = Restore from input, 1 = Save to output; X/Y = Address (if Carry = 0). Output: X/Y = Address (if Carry = 1). Used registers: X, Y. Real address: \$FE34.
\$FF9F	SCNKEY. Query keyboard; put current matrix code into memory address \$00CB, current status of shift keys into memory address \$028D and PETSCII code into keyboard buffer. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X, Y. Real address: \$EA87.
\$FFA2	SETTMO. Unknown. (Set serial bus timeout.) Input: A = Timeout value. Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$FE21.
\$FFA5	IECIN. Read byte from serial bus. (Must call TALK and TALKSA beforehands.) Input: – Output: A = Byte read. Used registers: A. Real address: \$EE13.
\$FFA8	IECOUT. Write byte to serial bus. (Must call LISTEN and LSTNSA beforehands.) Input: A = Byte to write. Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$EDDD.
\$FFAB	UNTALK. Send UNTALK command to serial bus. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A. Real address: \$EDEF.
\$FFAE	UNLSTN. Send UNLISTEN command to serial bus. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A. Real address: \$EDFE.
\$FFB1	LISTEN. Send LISTEN command to serial bus. Input: A = Device number. Output: –

	Used registers: A. Real address: \$ED0C.
\$FFB4	TALK. Send TALK command to serial bus. Input: A = Device number. Output: – Used registers: A. Real address: \$ED09.
\$FFB7	READST. Fetch status of current input/output device, value of ST variable. (For RS232, status is cleared.) Input: – Output: A = Device status. Used registers: A. Real address: \$FE07.
\$FFBA	SETLFS. Set file parameters. Input: A = Logical number; X = Device number; Y = Secondary address. Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$FE00.
\$FFBD	SETNAM. Set file name parameters. Input: A = File name length; X/Y = Pointer to file name. Output: – Used registers: – Real address: \$FDF9.
\$FFC0	OPEN. Open file. (Must call SETLFS and SETNAM beforehand.) Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X, Y. Real address: (\$031A), \$F34A.
\$FFC3	CLOSE. Close file. Input: A = Logical number. Output: – Used registers: A, X, Y. Real address: (\$031C), \$F291.
\$FFC6	CHKIN. Define file as default input. (Must call OPEN beforehand.) Input: X = Logical number. Output: – Used registers: A, X. Real address: (\$031E), \$F20E.
\$FFC9	CHKOUT. Define file as default output. (Must call OPEN beforehand.) Input: X = Logical number. Output: – Used registers: A, X. Real address: (\$0320), \$F250.
\$FFCC	CLRCHN. Close default input/output files (for serial bus, send UNTALK and/or UNLISTEN); restore default input/output to keyboard/screen. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X. Real address: (\$0322), \$F333.

\$FFCF	<p>CHRIN. Read byte from default input (for keyboard, read a line from the screen). (If not keyboard, must call OPEN and CHKIN beforehands.)</p> <p>Input: –</p> <p>Output: A = Byte read.</p> <p>Used registers: A, Y.</p> <p>Real address: (\$0324), \$F157.</p>
\$FFD2	<p>CHROUT. Write byte to default output. (If not screen, must call OPEN and CHKOUT beforehands.)</p> <p>Input: A = Byte to write.</p> <p>Output: –</p> <p>Used registers: –</p> <p>Real address: (\$0326), \$F1CA.</p>
\$FFD5	<p>LOAD. Load or verify file. (Must call SETLFS and SETNAM beforehands.)</p> <p>Input: A: 0 = Load, 1-255 = Verify; X/Y = Load address (if secondary address = 0).</p> <p>Output: Carry: 0 = No errors, 1 = Error; A = KERNAL error code (if Carry = 1); X/Y = Address of last byte loaded/verified (if Carry = 0).</p> <p>Used registers: A, X, Y.</p> <p>Real address: \$F49E.</p>
\$FFD8	<p>SAVE. Save file. (Must call SETLFS and SETNAM beforehands.)</p> <p>Input: A = Address of zero page register holding start address of memory area to save; X/Y = End address of memory area plus 1.</p> <p>Output: Carry: 0 = No errors, 1 = Error; A = KERNAL error code (if Carry = 1).</p> <p>Used registers: A, X, Y.</p> <p>Real address: \$F5DD.</p>
\$FFDB	<p>SETTIM. Set Time of Day, at memory address \$00A0-\$00A2.</p> <p>Input: A/X/Y = New TOD value.</p> <p>Output: –</p> <p>Used registers: –</p> <p>Real address: \$F6E4.</p>
\$FFDE	<p>RDTIM. read Time of Day, at memory address \$00A0-\$00A2.</p> <p>Input: –</p> <p>Output: A/X/Y = Current TOD value.</p> <p>Used registers: A, X, Y.</p> <p>Real address: \$F6DD.</p>
\$FFE1	<p>STOP. Query Stop key indicator, at memory address \$0091; if pressed, call CLRCHN and clear keyboard buffer.</p> <p>Input: –</p> <p>Output: Zero: 0 = Not pressed, 1 = Pressed; Carry: 1 = Pressed.</p> <p>Used registers: A, X.</p> <p>Real address: (\$0328), \$F6ED.</p>
\$FFE4	<p>GETIN. Read byte from default input. (If not keyboard, must call OPEN and CHKIN beforehands.)</p> <p>Input: –</p> <p>Output: A = Byte read.</p> <p>Used registers: A, X, Y.</p> <p>Real address: (\$032A), \$F13E.</p>
\$FFE7	<p>CLALL. Clear file table; call CLRCHN.</p> <p>Input: –</p> <p>Output: –</p>

	Used registers: A, X. Real address: (\$032C), \$F32F.
\$FFEA	UDTIM. Update Time of Day, at memory address \$00A0-\$00A2, and Stop key indicator, at memory address \$0091. Input: – Output: – Used registers: A, X. Real address: \$F69B.
\$FFED	SCREEN. Fetch number of screen rows and columns. Input: – Output: X = Number of columns (40); Y = Number of rows (25). Used registers: X, Y. Real address: \$E505.
\$FFF0	PLOT. Save or restore cursor position. Input: Carry: 0 = Restore from input, 1 = Save to output; X = Cursor column (if Carry = 0); Y = Cursor row (if Carry = 0). Output: X = Cursor column (if Carry = 1); Y = Cursor row (if Carry = 1). Used registers: X, Y. Real address: \$E50A.
\$FFF3	IOBASE. Fetch CIA #1 base address. Input: – Output: X/Y = CIA #1 base address (\$DC00). Used registers: X, Y. Real address: \$E500.