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GETTING | STARTED |

This guide covers the diagnostic program for the OmniDrive mass storage system when used with the Corvus Concept personal workstation. This program is used to detect and correct certain types of hardware and software problems that may develop.

Contact the Corvus Customer Service Department with problems beyond the scope of this guide. Back up the drive on a regular basis to avoid loss of valuable data. It is recommended that a backup is done before using some options in the diagnostic program.

The diagnostic program should be used only by the person responsible for maintaining the drive, the system manager. A password protection system is used to limit access to the diagnostic program. The system manager should read this guide completely before using the diagnostic program.

All regular users should avoid using the network when the diagnostics program is in use. Additionally, it is suggested that a single computer be connected directly to the OmniDrive using a convenience connector.

HOW THIS GUIDE IS ORGANIZED

Chapter 1 describes the diagnostic tools available, including indicator lights and diagnostic problems. The chapter also explains entering the diagnostic program from Constellation II or when using diskettes.

Chapter 2 explains how to check and update the firmware.

Chapter 3 describes how to exercise the heads and find media defects on the OmniDrive.

Chapter4 explains how to change the parameters, including the interleave factor, spared tracks, and the read-after-write option.

Chapter 5 explains how to format the OmniDrive.

Appendix A contains two forms for recording diagnostic changes and updates.

USAGE

Throughout this guide, type means to enter two or more characters on the Corvus Concept keyboard. Type all words, symbols, spaces and punctuation to the right of the word type exactly as shown. Do not add or leave out punctuation marks at the end of a statement.

Example:

Type /CCUTIL/FUTIL

Do not type the spaces between **type** and the first character to its right, a slash in the above example. Enter characters in either upper or lower case.

Throughout this guide, **press** means to enter a single character or symbol on the Corvus Concept keyboard. When a keytop symbol is used, press the key to which it refers. Do not type out each letter of the word in the keytop symbol.

Examples:

Press Y

Press [RETURN]

When the command press or type appears in a sentence or paragraph, type in the information indicated.

Example:

Type the filename and press [RETURN].

At the top of the Corvus Concept keyboard are 10 function keys, numbered F1 through F10. The function key labels display across the bottom of the Corvus Concept screen; when a function is not associated with a key, a blank

space replaces the label. The function key labels appear in instructions throughout this guide. Use the labels like keytop symbols.

The labels change with each program. Within a program, each function key represents up to four separate functions. To call a function, press a specific combination of keys; use the function, [SHIFT] and [COMMAND] keys.

When the [COMMAND] key is pressed, up to 20 new functions are displayed. The original function key labels on the screen disappear and are replaced by new labels.

To call the first of the four possible functions associated with a key, simply press the function key. For example, if the guide states, "Press [SetVol]," from the dispatcher level, press [F4].

To call the second function, hold down the [SHIFT] key and press the proper function key. For example, if the guide states, "Press [Exit]," from the file manager program, press [SHIFT] and [F10] at the same time.

To call the third function, hold down the [COMMAND] key and press the proper function key. For example, if the guide states, "Press [MountMgr]," from the dispatcher level, press [COMMAND] and [F9] at the same time.

To call the fourth function, hold down the [COMMAND] key and the [SHIFT] key and press the proper function key. For example, if the guide states, "Press [Reboot]," from the dispatcher level, press [COMMAND], [SHIFT] and [F10] at the same time.

For clarity, this guide always uses the function key labels rather than the key number. The instruction Press [ListVol], for example, clearly implies listing a volume; the instruction Press [F5], however, may be confused with the other functions called by pressing a combination of [F5] and other keys.

The variables x.xx on the screen display stand for software version numbers.

The convenience connector refers to the small plug used to connect two tap cables together. The connector was supplied with the OmniDrive.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The diagnostic program ODIAG and related files containing the firmware and the diagnostic data block file are found on one of the distribution diskettes. For 8-inch diskettes, these files are on the FDIAG diskette. For software on 5-1/4 inch diskettes, the files are on the FBOOT diskette.

ODIAG OmniDrive diagnostics program
FODRx.x.DATA Firmware update file
OD.DIAG.DATA Data file for diagnostics program

These files may also be found in the volume CCUTIL after the drive has been updated.

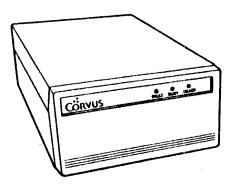
OVERVIEW OF | OMNIDRIVE DIAGNOSTICS | 1

This chapter briefly describes the diagnostic program, and is a helpful starting point for identifying and correcting problems. First the drive indicator lights are explained, then there is a table of problems and possible solutions. The chapter ends with the steps necessary to enter the diagnostic program from either the OmniDrive or the FDIAG diskette in case the drive is not accessable.

THE OMNIDRIVE INDICATOR LIGHTS

The OmniDrive has three indicator lights on the front panel to show the status of the drive. The left light is the fault indicator light; the center light is the busy light, and the right light is the ready light. When the drive is ready, only the right light should be on. During normal operation, the center and right lights flicker as data is transferred to and from the drive.

The illustration below shows these indicator lights:



OmniDrive Indicator Lights

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The OmniDrive takes approximately one minute to come ready after it is turned on. If the drive does not come ready, reset the drive by turning it off and after a moment turning it on again.

The table below shows common problems and their solutions.

Symptom	Possible Problem	Remedy
No indicator lights on disk	Power cord not properly connected	Properly connect power cord
Indicator lights	Drive error	Reset drive
function yet ready dight doesn't stay on	Improper firmware	Replace firmware (See firmware section below)
Ready light on but computer cannot	Improper hardware setup	Check hardware setup and Omninet address
communicate with drive	Problems in inter- leave factor	Properly set inter- leave factor (see section below)
Ready light on and computer can communicate with the drive but inter-	Media defects	Check for media defects (See section below)
mittent problems	Problems in inter- leave factor	Properly set interleave factor (See section below)
	Improper firmware	Replace firmware (see firmware section below)
Other problems		Call Corvus Customer Service
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ENTERING THE DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM

The system manager runs the diagnostic program using the computer connected to the OmniDrive. No other users should be using the network.

Before running the diagnostic program, the OmniDrive should be connected directly to one computer using the convenience connector to link the tap cables.

First, turn off all equipment. The computer can not be more than 30 feet from the OmniDrive, otherwise the tap cables for the two devices could not be connected.

Next, unplug the OmniDrive tap cable from its network tap box. The other end of the tap cable should remain connected to the OmniDrive. Insert the free end of the tap cable into one end of the convenience connector. For more information, refer to the OmniDrive Setup Instructions.

Unplug the tap cable from the network tap box of the computer that will run the diagnostic program. Insert the free end into the other end of the convenience connector. For more information, refer to the <u>Corvus Concept Personal Workstation Installation Guide</u>.

The drive must be backed up before certain diagnostic procedures are performed if you wish to save data on the drive. As a precaution, you should back up the drive before using the diagnostic program to perform any procedure.

The ODIAG program and the related data files must be in the current volume. If the program cannot find the data block file to access for information, an error message appears:

Unable to open Diag block file OD.DIAG.DATA

Pascal I/O error: 10
File not found.
Type <space> to continue...

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Before running this program be sure to set the current volume to CCUTIL if running ODIAG from a drive; FDIAG if running ODIAG from 8 inch diskette; FBOOT if running ODIAG from 5-1/4 inch diskette.

FROM DISKETTE

If the drive cannot be used, the diagnostic program must be run from diskette. Normally, the diagnostic program is run from the floppy diskette containing the diagnostic utilities. For 8-inch software, this is the FDIAG diskette. The 5-1/4-inch diskette is the FBOOT diskette. The OmniDrive should be connected directly to the computer using the convenience connector, as described above.

To enter the program, boot the computer using the FBOOT diskette.

From the 5-1/4 inch diskette, do this:

After the Corvus Concept dispatcher labels appear,

Type ODIAG

Press [RETURN]

From the 8 inch diskette, do this:

After the Corvus Concept dispatcher labels appear,

Type FDIAG

Press [SetVol]

Put the FDIAG diskette in the diskette drive.

Type ODIAG

Press [RETURN]

The ODIAG program begins. Skip to the section "Selecting the Drive."

FROM CONSTELLATION II

The diagnostic program can also be run from the Omnidrive, or another drive. The OmniDrive should be connected directly to the computer using the convenience connector, as described above.

Log on as the system manager.

Press [Const II]

The Constellation II main menu appears. It is described in the Corvus Concept System Manager's Guide.

Select the maintenance utilities.

Press [Maint]

The maintenance utilities menu appears.

Press [OdrvDiag]

The ODIAG program begins. Continue with the next section "Selecting the Drive."

SELECTING THE DRIVE

After	entering	the progr	am the	screen	display	is s	similar	to:
DIS	SK DIAGNOS	STIC [x.xx) s	lot: 5	5			
Sel	lect Drive	2	Serv	Cer: ()			
		orvus 8" f		nterfac	ce			
Ent€	er slot nu	umber :	0					

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The slot and server address for the drive are shown, if the drive responds. All active devices connected to the Corvus Concept are then listed.

In some cases, no devices may be shown. Check all hardware connections. The ODIAG program allows you to specify a non-responding slot location. The OmniDrive will be in slot 5, the Omninet slot, since it is a network device.

Press 5

Press [RETURN]

The prompt for the server number (the Omninet address) appears next:

Enter server number : 0

Enter the server number of the OmniDrive and press [RETURN].

If the address is wrong or the OmniDrive does not respond, you are prompted to press [SPACE]. The prompts for slot and server numbers appear again. Enter the correct slot and server numbers.

If the drive has not been initialized, the main menu of the diagnostic program appears next. If the OmniDrive was initialized, the server name and drive name appear with the prompt below.

Selected drive is server SERVERO ; drive DRIVEL Continue (Y/N)?

Press Y

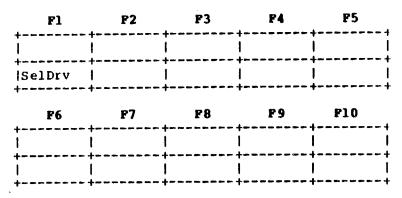
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DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx]	Slot:	5
Main Menu	Server:	0
V - Version check		
M - Modify Parameters		
X - Exercise Heads		
C - Check for Bad Tra	cks	
U - Update Firmware o	n Drive	
F - Format Corvus Driv	ve	
P - Park Heads for Sh	ipment	
S - Select Drive		
E - Exit		
ne command window displa	_	
Please select an option:	.	

ODIAG

F1	F2	F3	P4	P 5	. 4
			 		į
Vrsion	Param	Exrcis	Update		į
+	. +		- 4	•	•
F6	F7	F8	P9	P10	
F6	P7	F8	F9	P10	+
F6	F7	F8	P9	P10 Exit	+ 1 + 1

ODIAG with [COMMAND] held down



You can use the letter or the function key to select an option from the main menu.

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PIRMWARE | DIAGNOSTICS |

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This chapter presents the two diagnostic procedures for OmniDrive mass storage system firmware. The firmware acts as an interpreter for drive commands.

Corvus periodically issues new versions of drive controller code referred to as firmware. Corvus firmware version number FODR1.4 or later allows an OmniDrive to operate with a Corvus Concept personal workstation.

There are two ODIAG options that apply to the firmware: the version check, and firmware update. The Version option displays various drive information including the firmware version number, the version number of the firmware data block file, the drive's size, capacity, ROM version, the number of cylinders, tracks per cylinder, and sectors per track.

The Update option writes the firmware file onto the drive. This option is used when the current firmware version becomes damaged, or when updating the drive to contain a later firmware version.

VERSION CHECK

The version check should be performed before other diagnostic tests. Write down the results for future reference.

Press [Vrsion]

The screen below shows a typical version check:

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DISK DIAGNOSTIC [x.xx]

Slot: 5

Version Check

Server: 0

Drv P/V Capacity Size/Rev SPT TPC CPD
--- --- --- 1 P 32472 16MB/O 18 6 306

ROM DB Firmware

9 4 FODR1.4 -- CONST II - 01/84

Press <space> to continue.

Drv This is the drive number, which is always 1 for an OmniDrive.

P/V This shows if the drive is considered a physical or a virtual drive. An OmniDrive should always show P for physical.

Capacity The number shown for capacity is the number of 512-byte sectors available for data storage.

Size/Rev This is the nominal drive size and type of drive. The size shown is the rated size of the drive. The rev shown should always be O, for OmniDrive.

This shows the number of sectors per track.

The OmniDrive is divided into sections so that it can access information quickly. The drive is divided into cylinders, which are divided into tracks, which in turn are divided into sectors.

TPC This shows the number of tracks per cylinder. See SPT above.

CPD This shows the number of cylinders per drive. See SPT above.

ROM This shows the level of the ROM chips contained in the drive. These chips contain special code and should be changed only by authorized

service centers.

DB This shows the version of the ODIAG.DATA block used by the drive firmware. This data file contains information necessary for the drive to operate.

Pirmware This is the version of firmware found on the drive. The date shown is the release date for the firmware. The firmware version and release date should be written down for later use.

Write down the information shown in the version check for later use.

Press [SPACE]

The ODIAG main menu reappears.

UPDATING THE FIRMWARE

The Update option of the main menu of the diagnostic program is used to update the firmware on the drive. The firmware code is contained in the FODRx.x.DATA file, where the x.x represents the version number. This file is found on the same diskette as the diagnostic program.

To update the firmware,

Press [Update]

The system window displays:

DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx]	Slot:	5
Update Firmware	Server:	0
Change drive tables? N		

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						e spare and se		e, sets
	afte	r-wr	ite	to (should
Press	[RE	TURN	J					

The system window displays:

Enter firmware file name: FODRx.x

Accept the suggested file name.

Press [RETURN]

The system window displays:

Reading firmware from FODRx.x.DATA

Firmware written.

Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The ODIAG main menu reappears.

HARDWARE DIAGNOSTICS | 3

The diagnostic program has two options to check the drive hardware: exercising the heads, and checking the media surfaces for defects causing CRC errors. A third option allows parking the heads of the drive before shipment.

EXERCISING THE HEADS

Exercising the heads checks the movement of the read-write heads across the platters in the disk drive mechanism. The primary purpose of this test is to make sure the heads move freely. This test also performs a simple check for hard and soft data errors. A hard error in this test indicates that the head could not find the tracks on the platter surface. A soft error is a read-write error that is detected and corrected by the drive controller.

If hard errors are found, check for bad tracks and their locations using the CRCtst option of the diagnostic program. If a few, or no, soft errors appear then the drive is in operating condition. A large number of soft errors may indicate a problem with the firmware, or that the sector interleave factor is set incorrectly.

To exercise the heads,

Press [Exrcis]

The system window displays:

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DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx]	Slot:	5
Exercise Heads	Server:	0
Press <space> to stop te</space>	st.	
		• • • •
The exercise starts immedi screen as each pass is fin minute,	ately. Do ished. Af	ts appear on the ter approximately a
Press [SPACE]		
The system window displays	:	
Error Summary:		
Number of passes Number of soft erro Number of hard erro	rs: 0	
Press <space> to continue</space>	•	·
Press [SPACE]		

CHECKING POR BAD TRACKS

The ODIAG main menu reappears.

Select the CRCtst option to perform a cyclical redundancy check of the magnetic media on the drive platter surfaces to locate possible defects. Media defects can produce

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hard errors that cannot be corrected by the drive controller. These defects may cause bad tracks on the drive. This diagnostic is performed if hard errors appear in one of the other tests, if the drive has been subjected to sudden impact.

Check for bad tracks at least three consecutive times if any bad tracks are discovered in the first test. The program tries to correct the problem itself, and the track may not appear the second or third time. If a track appears to be bad again, then it probably is defective and should be corrected. Go to the section "Adding Spare Tracks" in Chapter 4 to correct bad tracks.

To check for bad tracks,

Press [CRCtst]

The system window displays:

The system window displays:		

DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx]	Slot:	5
Check For Bad Tracks	Server:	0
Check for bad tracks (Y/N		
Press Y		
The screen displays:		
This test takes from 1 to	6 minute	s.
Test in progress		

The test is performed automatically. If the test found no bad tracks, the system window displays:

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No blocks with CRC errors found

Press <space> to continue.

If bad tracks are found, the screen display is similar to:

3 block(s) with CRC errors

Head	Cylinder	Sector	Track
1	229	6	916
1	170	13	600
ī	280	7	1120

Press (space) to continue.

Write down the information displayed for each bad track.

Press [SPACE]

The ODIAG main menu reappears. Run the CRC check again as necessary, and then add spare tracks as needed.

PARKING THE HEADS

Parking the heads positions the heads over an area on the disk that contains no data. A sudden impact to the drive will not cause the heads to bounce against the media surface and damage areas with data. The heads should be parked before the drive is shipped or transported for extended distances.

When the heads are parked, the drive heads are deactivated and the indicator lights change from ready to busy. The drive must be reset by turning it off, then

on, before it can be used again. The heads are automatically activated when the drive is reset.
To park the heads,
Press [Park]
The system window displays:
DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx] Slot: 5
Park Heads Server: 0
Park Heads (Y/N)?
Press Y
The screen displays:
Heads parked.
Press <space> to continue.</space>
Press [SPACE]
The ODIAG main menu. Exit the diagnostic program and turn off the drive to prepare it for shipping or transportation.

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CHANGING OMNIDRIVE | PARAMETERS | 4

Three OmniDrive mass storage system parameters can be changed: the interleave factor, the spared track table, and the read-after-write option. These three parameters are stored in the drive tables in the firmware. The default settings are:

Interleave factor - 9
Spared Track Table - No Spared Tracks
Read After Write - OFF

WARNING: All data on the drive should be backed up before the interleave factor or the spared track table is modified or changed.

From the ODIAG main menu,

Press [Param]

The modify parameters menu appears:

DISK DIAGNOSTIC[x.xx] Slot: 5

Modify Parameters Server: 0

L - List Parameters

I - Interleave Factor

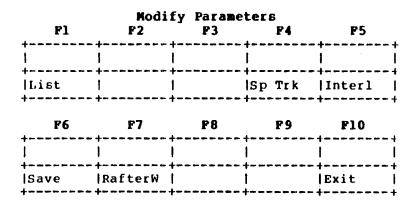
T - Spare Track Table

R - Read After Write

S - Save Changes

E - Exit

The function keys display:



LISTING THE PARAMETERS

First list the parameters to determine the current settings.

Press [List]

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The system window displays:

Modify Parameters Slot: 5

List Parameters Server: 0

Spared Tracks : 123 456 789

3 tracks are currently spared. 28 total tracks may be spared.

Interleave Factor: 9

Read After Write : OFF.

Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The modify parameters menu reappears.

CHANGING THE INTERLEAVE FACTOR

The interleave factor determines the frequency at which the drive controller attempts to read data from or write data to sectors on the drive platters. For example, an interleave factor of 9 means that every ninth sector is written, while an interleave factor of 6 means every sixth sector is written.

The default interleave setting of 9 is the optimum setting for the Corvus Concept. For other types of computers, an interleave factor of 7 or 6 may yield better performance. Do not change the interleave factor without first consulting the Corvus Customer Service Department.

The entire drive must be backed up before the interleave factor is changed. The data is restored to the drive

after the new interleave factor is set. If the drive is not backed up first, the diagnostic program should be run from the floppy diskette to restore the original sector interleaving.

To change the interleave factor,

Press [Interl]

The bell sounds and the system window displays:

Modify Parameters

Slot: 5

Interleave Factor Server: 0

The option you have selected may destroy data on the drive. Please make sure that you are talking to the proper drive.

Continue (Y/N)?

To change the interleaving factor,

Press Y

To exit, press N and [SPACE] to return to the modify parameters menu.

After pressing Y, the screen displays the current factor:

Enter interleaving: 9

Enter the value for the interleave factor designated by the Corvus Customer Service Department. For this example the interleave factor is set to 7.

Enter interleaving: 7

The interleave factor is 7

Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The modify parameters menu reappears.

ADDING SPARE TRACKS

The spare track table lists bad tracks that have been removed from use. Tracks containing media defects can be replaced with spare tracks. Each drive has a limited number of tracks that can be replaced. A written record of the spare track table should be kept for future use, in case the table is cleared accidentally or the drive is reformatted.

To select the spare track table option,

Press [Sp Trk]

The system window displays the spare track menu:

Modify Parameters	Slot:	5
Spare Track Table	Server:	0
A - Add A Track		
R - Remove A Track		
C - Clear Spare Track Ta	ble	
L - List Spare Track Tab	le	
E - Exit		
LISTING THE TABLE		
First list the spare track tracks that have been spare later use.		
Press [List]		
The screen display is simi	lar to:	
Spare Track Table	Slot:	
List Spare Track Table	Server:	
Spared Tracks : 123	456 789	
3 tracks are currently a 28 total tracks may be s		
Press <space> to continue</space>	e.	

Write down the information for future use.

Press [SPACE]

The spare track menu reappears.

ADDING TRACKS

Adding tracks to the spare track table replaces a bad track with a good one. Tracks should be added to this table only if they are known to be bad. Perform a CRC test to verify the condition of tracks.

If bad tracks are found a method you may want to use is to back up the entire drive to another media, format the drive and perform a CRC test. After the CRC test is finished, spare the bad tracks, update the software, and then restore the drive data.

To spare a bad track,

Press [Add]

The system window displays:

Spare Track Table Slot: 5

Add A Track

Server: 0

Enter track number to be added:

Enter the track to be added to the spare track table. For example,

Type 321

Press [RETURN]

The screen display is similar to:

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Spared Tracks : 123 321 456 789

4 tracks are currently spared. 28 total tracks may be spared.

Press A to add another track or Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The spare track menu reappears.

REMOVING TRACKS

The Remove option is used to remove tracks from the spared track table. Tracks removed from the table are then available for data storage use. Do not remove a track unless instructed to do so by the Corvus Customer Service Department.

To remove a track,

Press [Remove]

The system window displays:

Spare Track Table

Slot: 5

Remove A Track Server: 0

Enter track number to be removed:

Enter the number of the track to be removed from the spare track table. For example,

Type 321

Press [RETURN]

The screen display is similar to:

Spared Tracks : 123 456 789

3 tracks are currently spared. 28 total tracks may be spared.

Press R to remove another track or Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The spare track menu reappears.

CLEARING THE TABLE

The [Clear] option is used to clear all tracks from the spare track table. All spare tracks should be recorded before the spare track table is cleared. Do not clear the table unless instructed to do so by the Corvus Customer Service Department.

To clear the table,

Press [Clear]

The screen display is similar to:

Spare Track Table Slot: 5
Clear Spare Track Table Server: 0

Spared Tracks : 123 456 789
3 tracks are currently spared.
28 total tracks may be spared.
This option will clear all tracks from the table.
Continue? (Y/N)?

To clear the spare track table,
Press Y
The system window displays:

No tracks are spared.
Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The spare track menu reappears.

Press [Exit]

The modify parameters menu reappears.

READ-AFTER-WRITE

Read-after-write makes the drive read each sector after writing to it, to verify that the data was written correctly. This adds to data reliability, but slows down

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the drive.	Th e	drive	normally	has	the	read-after-write
option OFF.						

To change the current setting,

Press [RafterW]

The system window displays:

Modify Parameters

Slot: 5

Read After Write Server: 0

Read after WRITE (Y/N)?

Select the desired setting. For example, to turn the read-after-write ON:

Press Y

The system window displays:

Read After Write is ON.

Press <space> to continue.

Press [SPACE]

The modify parameters menu reappears.

SAVING CHANGES

Changes made to the interleaving, spare track table, or read-after-write option must be made permanent by saving them. If the diagnostic program is terminated without

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saving the changes, the char OmniDrive.	nges will	not	be	made	on	the
Press [Save]			÷			
The system window displays:						
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Modify Parameters	Slot:					
Save Changes	Server:					
You are about to destroy on the disk. Continue (Y/I	N)?					
To save the changes,						
Press Y						
To save the original setting parameters menu reappears.	gs <b>, press</b>	N.	The	e mod:	ify	
The system window displays:						
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Parameters Updated.						
Press <space> to continue</space>						
Press [SPACE]						
The modify parameters menu	reappears	•				
Press [Exit]						
The ODIAG main menu reappear	rs.					

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Formatting the drive clears all data from the drive, including the volume and file structure. After the drive has been formatted, the firmware must be updated. It is recommended that a CRC test be performed after formatting and updating the firmware, and the spare track table be updated, if necessary. Then restore the data after all the diagnostic procedures are completed.

WARNING: The Format option will completely destroy all data on the drive. Back up the drive before starting the Format procedure, and restore the drive data after the procedure is completed. There is no way to recover data destroyed during formatting.

If the drive does not come ready, but has the fault and busy lights on, it may need to be formatted. Run the diagnostic program from a floppy diskette. Then, select the Format option to format the drive. If only the busy light is lit, or if the lights flicker on and off, the drive is probably in sound mechanical condition, but needs new software.

After formatting, update the firmware, run a check for bad tracks, modify the parameters as needed, then exit the diagnostic program. When the drive is reset, it should come ready. If it does not, call the Corvus Customer Service Department or an authorized service center for assistance.

From the ODIAG main menu,

Press [Format]

The bell sounds, and the system window displays:

displays:

Format in progress. Format takes from 1 to 6 minutes.

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The busy light remains on during the format. When the formatting procedure is finished, the computer bell rings again, and the system window displays:

Format complete.

Enter firmware file name: FODRx.x

To enter the firmware filename,

Press [RETURN]

The firmware is written to the drive, and the system window displays:

Reading firmware from FODRx.x.DATA

Firmware written.

Press (space) to continue.

The Format procedure and firmware update is complete.

Press [SPACE]

The ODIAG main menu reappears, and the function keys return.

Now go to the section "Checking for Bad Tracks" in chapter 3 to find any bad tracks. Spare any bad tracks then proceed to the <u>Corvus Concept OmniDrive System Generation Guide</u> to initialize the drive. After the drive has been initialized update the operating system and software and restore drive data.

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# SYSTEM MANAGER'S DIAGNOSTIC RECORD

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# SPARE TRACK TABLE

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