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SPECIFICATIONS

PRINT METHOD CHARACTER MATRIX CHARACTERS

GRAPHICS

CHARACTER CODES CHARACTER SIZE

PRINT SPEED MAXIMUM COLUMNS CHARACTER SPACING LINE FEED SPACING

LINE FEED SPEED

PAPER FEED PAPER WIDTH

MULTIPLE COPIES COMPUTERS

POWER REQUIREMENTS POWER CONSUMPTION

- Uni-directional impact dot matrix
- 6 X 7 Dot matrix
- Upper & lower case letter, numerals and symbols
- All PET graphic characters
- 7 vertical dots-480 columns maximum
- Dot addressable
- CBM ASCII code
- Height: 7 dots (0.111 inch)
- Width: 6 dots (0.099 inch)
- 50 CPS left to right uni-directional
- 80 Columns
- 10 Characters/inch
- 6 Lines/inch in character mode
- 9 Lines/inch in graphic mode
- 5 Lines/sec in character mode
- 7.5 Lines/sec in graphics mode
- Pin feed
- 4.5 to 10" width (including tractor feed holes)
- 8.5" Width (after tractor holes)
- Original plus maximum of 2 copies
- C 64, SX 64, PLUS/4, C-16 (not compatible with VIC 20)
- 120 Volts AC, 60 Hz
- 25 Watts maximum



FLOWCHARTS

1. Main flowchart



2. Hammer drive (pin drive) flowchart



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1/144 inch is the smallest unit of movement and occurs when the LF stepping motor is driven one step. 24 pulses of the DRIVE TIMING perform a line feed of 24 X 1/144=1/6 inch.

PRINTING METHOD

This printer is based on the *uni-hammer* printing system which is quite different from other impact dot printing systems. In this system one dot is printed when the hammer strikes a raised ridge on a platen.



The timing for the hammer depends upon the dot signals generated by the revolution of the rotation detector which is attached to the motor shaft. The hammer motion, the left to right movement of the hammer, and the revolution of the platen are precisely synchronized.

As the platen rotates, for each ridge, seven dot signals are sent to the CPU. The CPU then selects whether or not to activate the print head hammer for the given dot according to the character pattern being printed. The hammer can be activated seven separate times as one ridge passes by the hammer-head. The hammer head is slanted to compensate for the constant left to right motion of the hammer. Each pass of a ridge causes one dot column to be printed.



THEORY OF OPERATION

1. Initialization Sequence

When power is applied or RES signal is input, the printer executes the following initialization:

- 1. Resets the control circuit.
- 2. Generates and stores a print start timing value by moving the print head twice.
- 3. Brings the print head back to the home position.

When power is applied, P 5/4 (Pin 4 of the CPU chip located at P 5) receives the $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ signal. The CPU is reset as long as this signal is LOW. The CPU is activated as soon as the $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ signal rises from LOW to HIGH.

First, in order to align the phase of the LF stepping motor, the LFI (P3/4) and LF2 (P3/3) signals are both raised to HIGH and the LF3 (P3/6) and LF4 (P3/5) signals are brought LOW. The drivers (P3/13, 14) go LOW (ON) and the drivers (P3/11, 12) go HIGH (OFF). Then lowering the LFPW signal (P5/28) makes the driver (P3/15) go LOW and turns the GP-DR-2/3 ON so that LFPW rises to + 20V from the standby voltage (2.5V ~ 3.0V). The LFPW signal (P5/28) is brought HIGH approximately 10 ms later. Thus the driver (P3/15) goes HIGH to return the LFPW to the standby voltage (2.5 ~ 3.0V).

Next, the CPU sets the MOT signal (P5/30) and HC signal (5/29) LOW which turns the driver (GP-DR-2/7) ON (LOW). When it is ON, the H solenoid is activated, which allows the recovery spring to return the print head to the home position. The HOME signal (TEST PIN), which is shaped from the output of the home sensor, is HIGH when the print head is at the home position, and LOW when it is away from the home position. After the CPU sets the HC signal LOW, it checks the HOME signal to see whether it is HIGH or LOW. If it is HIGH, the CPU will go to the next routine after about 110ms; if it is LOW, the CPU waits until it becomes HIGH and then, about 110ms later, the CPU will go to the next routine. The next routine is to move the print head twice from the home position to approximately the 15th character column and back to the home position. During both movements, the PIN signal and the LFPW signal remain inactive. During the second movement, the CPU checks and stores the timing of the falling-edge of the HOME signal relative to the DOT signal (TEST PIN). This timing is used by the CPU to decide when to start printing.

The initialization sequence explained so far will also be executed when a **RESET** signal input is received.



Dotted lines show the case when the print head is away from the home position.

2. Start of the Printing Operation

When printing starts, the CPU sets the MOT signal (P5/30) and the HC signal (P5/29) LOW. When the MOT signal goes LOW, the driver GP-DR-2/10 goes LOW (ON) causing the motor to rotate. Since the HC signal is LOW, the H solenoid is activated, which disengages the motor shaft from the print head carrier so that the motor can reach a constant speed before any movement of the print head occurs. After approximately 160 ms, the HC signal is set HIGH, which causes the motor shaft and the print head carrier to engage, and allows the print head to be driven to the right. Next, the CPU waits to see if the print head leaves the home position by sampling the HOME signal. After confirming that the HOME signal has gone LOW, which means the print head carrier has moved out of the home position, the CPU checks the DOT signal in order to decide when to start printing. The DOT signal is a shaped output signal from the dot sensor and, as shown in the figure below, it comes in groups of 34 sequential pulses. When the HOME signal stays HIGH for approximately 0.9ms. The CPU then compares this number with the number stored during initialization in order to decide when to start printing.



3. Printing Operation

The CPU synchronizes the $\overline{\text{PIN}}$ signal (P5/27) to the $\overline{\text{DOT}}$ signal. The $\overline{\text{PIN}}$ signal is for driving the print hammer; when it goes LOW, the driver (GP-DR-2/1) goes LOW (ON) to activate a print hammer to print a dot.



The diagram above shows what happens when character 'A' is printed. Dot pulses $1 \sim 7$, $10 \sim 16$, $19 \sim 25$ and $28 \sim 34$ are synchronized to activate the PIN signal.

4. Carrier Return Operation

After printing a line, the CPU sets the $\overline{\text{MOT}}$ signal (P5/30) HIGH and the $\overline{\text{HC}}$ signal (P5/29) LOW. The motor then stops and the print head begins to return to the home position because it is pulled by the recovery spring. If a carrier return operation includes a line feed, the CPU sets the LFPW signal (P5/28) LOW and drives the stepping motor about 10ms later. Refer to the linefeed flowchart.

After performing a line feed, the CPU waits until the HOME signal goes HIGH, which means the print head has returned to the home position.

When the HOME signal becomes HIGH, the CPU sets the \overline{HC} signal HIGH, about 160ms later, ending the carrier return operation.



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SERVICE PRECAUTIONS

- 1. Be sure to unplug the power cord from the outlet before removing the upper case.
- Do not try to move or apply undue force to the print head and carrier unit. They can be moved manually by removing the ribbon cassette and pressing the top of the head solenoid to free the clutch. See page 27.
- 3. Since the enclosure material is plastic, it is recommended that the 6 screws which hold the upper and lower cases together not be overtightened.
- 4. Do not use lubricate other than the designated ones.
- 5. To detach the parallel cable from the PCB, lift the connector housing and pull up on the cable. The cable is secured by lifting the connector housing, inserting the cable, and then pressing the housing down until it clicks into position. make sure the connection is good by pulling up on the cable slightly.
- 6. The smooth side of an E-ring should face a rotating gear.

SELF TEST

This unit has a pre-programmed self-checking capability. The program may be used to test the print head operation, print quality and printer mechanism (ribbon feed function, linefeed, etc.). The self-test function is initiated by selecting "T" on the device selector switch.

NOTE: While in the self-test mode, communication with other devices is not possible. Do not operate self-test without paper in the printer. The test will continue until the unit is turned off.



DEVICE SELECTOR SWITCH

Position ''4'' selects operation as device #4 Position ''5'' selects operation as device #5

CLEANING

Due to its material, each part has its own proper cleaning liquid and method. It should be noted that if an improper cleaning liquid is used or the cleaning method is incorrect, parts may be damaged or may not function properly. Follow the instructions in Table 1 to clean.

PARTS	CLEANING METHOD	CLEANING OIL	REMARKS
Metal parts	Brush washing	Benzine	
Plastic parts of the Mechanisms	Brush washing	Benzine	 Do not use any liquid other than the one designated. Wash quickly, wipe with a cloth and dry rapidly. Use good quality clean liquids.
Plastic parts of the enclosure	_	_	Wipe off dirt.
Rubber parts	_	_	Wipe off dirt.
Electrical parts	Do not wash		Wipe off dirt with a cloth dampened with benzine or alcohol.

CAUTION: CLEANING FLUIDS ARE FLAMMABLE. Keep away from heat. Air dry ONLY, prior to re-installation.

LUBRICATION

NOTE – Be sure that all points requiring lubrication are thoroughly cleaned before beginning.

Lubricate out of warranty units when service is required using a light spray oil. CRC or WD40 will do fine but be careful not to use a product that will attract and hold dust and dirt.

SEE SECTION 2 and 5 of MECHANICAL ASSEMBLIES (pages 27 and 29) for LUBRICATION POINTS.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	Fuse is blown (F1).	Replace only with a fuse of the same rating
2.	Power switch is broken.	Replace it
3.	Transformer is bad.	Remove ribbon cable from CN6 and CAREFULLY check the secondary output of the transformer. With a meter set on 200 VAC, you should read approximately: 25 VAC between pins 2 and 3 10 VAC between pins 4 and 5 16 VAC between pins 1 and 6

SYMPTOM 1. The POWER lamp does not light.

SYMPTOM 2. The carrier unit does not move or movement is too slow or too fast.

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	Recovery spring is broken.	Replace it.
2.	H solenoid is defective.	To check H solenoid, remove cable at connector CN 4. Take an ohmmeter reading between pins 1 and 2. Approx- imately 63 ohms resistance should be present.
3.	Timing belt is broken.	Replace it.
4.	Motor does not revolve.	To check carriage motor, remove cable at connector CN 4. Take an ohmmeter reading between pins 2 and 3. Approx- imately 28 ohms resistance should be present. If motor resistance is good, check control PCB.
5.	Guide pillar B is not oiled.	Lubricate with the designated oil.
6.	The position of the idler pulley is not correct.	The idler pulley sits just above the recovery spring and can be adjusted (see Section 5 of Mechanical Assembly).
7.	The print head position is too near to the platen.	Readjust the position.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE (Continued)

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	The print head is defective.	With meter set at 200 ohm range, a reading of about 3.5 to 4 ohms of resistance should be measured between pins 1 and 2. Replace print head if defective.
2.	Control PCB is defective.	Check the output of PIN. Repair it.

SYMPTOM 3. The carrier unit moves, but there is no printing.

SYMPTOM 4. Some part of a printed character is missing.

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	Part of the platen ridge is broken.	Replace the platen.
2.	Control PCB is defective.	Repair it.
3.	The position of the dot sensor is not correct.	Adjust it.

SYMPTOM 5. Printing is too light.

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	Ribbon clutch spring is broken. (Ribbon shaft does not revolve to re-ink the ribbon.)	Replace it.
2.	Inker in the ribbon cassette is not correctly installed.	Reinstall or replace the inker.
3.	Print head is defective.	Replace it.



TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE (Continued)

STIVIPIONI 6. Improper paper feed	ling.
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	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	LF motor is defective.	To check LF motor, remove cable at con- nector CN 4. Using pin 4 as a reference point, take an ohmmeter reading at pins 5 through 8. Approximately 80 ohms resistance should be present at each pin.
2.	Control PCB is defective.	Check signals LF1~LF4 and repair.

SYMPTOM 7. Self test does not work.

	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTIONS
1.	Dot sensor is bad.	Replace it or repair control PCB.
2.	Home sensor is bad.	Replace it or repair control PCB.
3.	Connections to PCB are defective or loose.	Replace or repair connections.

NOTE: It is good practice to check motors and solenoid before replacing PCB. This procedure will avoid damaging a good board.

WIRING DIAGRAM





CONNECTOR NOTES

CAUTION:

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• The terminal of the dot sensor is inserted into CN8 of the control PCB, NOT into test pins of HOME and DOT signals. You may make mis-connection since they are the same style receptacle.

Interface Connector



Pin No.	Signal
1	SERIAL SRQ
2	GND
3	SERIAL ATN
4	SERIAL CLK
5	SERIAL DATA
6	RES

• The No. 1 terminal of the lamp PCB unit must be connected to pin 1 of CN7 (connector 7 of the control PCB). The wire of the lamp harness is marked with white to indicate pin 1.



• The No. 13 terminal of the transformer PCB is connected to pin 1 of CN6 of the control PCB.



• Take extreme care when removing and installing flat cables. Unless noted above, the white line indicates the opposite of pin 1 of the housing.



PART LIST TRANSFORMER PCB ASSEMBLY

		SIEKOSHA PART #	COMMODORE PART #
Power Switch	WK2A44 (KAUTT and BUX)	84802-5155	ALL PARTS
AC Cord Set	SVT AWG18	84802-5351U	INCLUDED
F1	Fuse MT4 630 mA 250V	84802-5301	BOTTOM
L1	Toroidal Coil SC-02101,2A	8409-30200	ASSEMBLY #
C1	Ceramic Cap 10000 pF 125V (MURATA)	8409-02043	
C2	Ceramic Cap 4700 pF 125V (MURATA)	8409-02042	
C3	Ceramic Cap 4700 pF 125V (MURATA)	8409-02042	
Τ1	Transformer GPT02A (MINEBEA-DENSHI)	84802-5201	

TRANSFORMER PCB SCHEMATIC



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PARTS LIST PCB ASSEMBLY #314556-01

PLEASE NOTE:

Commodore part numbers are provided for reference only and do not indicate the availability of parts from Commodore. Industry standard parts (Resistors, Capacitors, Connectors) should be secured locally. Approved cross-references for TTL chips, Transistors, etc. will be available in manual form through the Service Department in November of 1984. Unique or non-standard parts will be stocked by Commodore and are indicated on the parts list by a "C". Vendor Name and part number have been provided for your convenience in ordering custom or unique parts.

		SIEKOSHA PART #	COMMODORE PART #
INTEGRA	TED CIRCUITS		
P1	74LS74	8409-08074	901521-06
P2	74LS04	8409-08004	901521-02
Р3	ULN2003 Driver 7 Channel CMOS, TTL Inputs SIGNETICS, T.I.	8409-10002	
P4	7406	8409-10000	901522-06
P5	MBL8039H, CPU 128 X 8, NEC, FUJITSU, INTEL SIGNETICS	8409-10112	
P6	74LS74	8409-08074	901521-06
P7	74LS373	8409-08373	901521-29
P8	ROM	8409-10400	5JW-2
GP-DR-2	CUSTOM PART	8409-10007	
TRANSIS	TORS		
01	Small Signal 2SC458C (Hitachi)	8409-07201	
02	2SD1276	8409-07300	
03	Voltage Reg µA 7805VC	8409-14000	901527-02
DIODES			
D1	152076 (Hitachi)	8409-11102	
D2	152076 (Hitachi)	8409-11102	
D3	152076 (Hitachi)	8409-11102	
D4	21V Zener HZ22-1 (Hitachi)	8409-12124	
D51	Rectifier S2VB10 (Sindegen, Sanvo)	8409-11210	251026-02
D6	Zener HZ6C2 (Hitachi)	8409-12044	
D7	Rectifier S2VB10	8409-11210	251026-02
RESISTO	RS		
R1	Carbon 1/4W, 1K	8409-03072	901550-01
R2	Carbon 1/4W, 100K	8409-03048	901550-49
R3	Carbon 1/4W, 2.2K	8409-03080	901550-18
R4	Carbon 1/4W, 150K	8409-03052	901550-89
R5	Carbon 1/4W, 150K	8409-03052	901550-89
R6	Carbon 1/4W, 1K	8409-03272	901550-01
R7	Carbon 1/4W, 1K	8409-03072	901550-01
R8	Carbon 1/4W, 1K	8409-03072	901550-01
RQ	Carbon 1/4W/ 1K	8409-03072	901550.01

		SIEKOSHA PART #	COMMODORE PART #
RESIST	DRS (Continued)		
R10 R11 R12 R13 R14 R15 R16 R17 R18 R19 RA1	Metal Oxide Film 510Ω, 1W Metal Oxide Film 510Ω, 1W 3K 10K 2.2K 1K 1K 4.7K 1K Metal Oxide Film 150Ω, 2W Carbon Array 1KΩ, 1/8W	8409-04241 8409-03083 8409-03096 8409-03080 8409-03072 8409-03072 8409-03072 8409-03072 8409-03072 8409-03072 8409-04328 8409-06306	901550-33 901550-20 901550-18 901550-01 901550-01 901550-19 901550-01
CAPACI	TORS		
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10 C11 C12 C13 C14 C15 C16 C17 C18 C19 C20 C21	Ceramic $.001\mu$ F, $25V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $25V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $25V$ Ceramic $30p$ F, $50V$ Ceramic $.001\mu$ F, $25V$ Al Electrolytic 4.7μ F, $25V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $5V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $50V$ Al Electrolytic 470μ F, $50V$ Al Electrolytic 1μ F, $50V$ Al Electrolytic 2200μ F, $16V$ Al Electrolytic 220μ F, $6.3V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $25V$ Ceramic $.022\mu$ F, $25V$	8409-01250 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01250 8409-01250 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01266 8409-01320 8409-01320 8409-01048 8409-01048 8409-01029 8409-01029 8409-01266 8409-01266	900100-11 900108-50
MISCEL	ANEOUS		
X1 F1, F2 SW1 CN1, 2 CN3, 4 CN5 CN6 CN7	Ceramic Oscillator 10 MHz, CSA 10.00 MT Fuse 1.6A, 125V Slide Switch SSP2X3MB5.8X9 Connector TCS4460-01-1011 Connector 8P-RVQ Connector 3P-RVQ Connector 6P-RVQ Connector 3P-RVQ	8409-13001 8409-18229 8409-24001 8409-21603 8409-21205 8409-21200 8409-21203 8409-21203	

MAIN LOGIC PCB SCHEMATIC



MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS

Guide pillar B installation: (Refer to Section 2, NOTE 2C, on page 27.)

(1) Insert the damper, the carrier spacer, and the carrier unit onto guide pillar B. Insert guide pillar B into the ground plate R and L assemblies along with the bearing on both ends. Guide pillar should be placed so that part A , which protrudes the most as shown in the figure below, is at the top position.



(2) Insert the head adjustment lever into the left end of guide pillar B and tighten the flange nut (C) so that the foot of the lever is set in click hole ③, as shown in the figure below, when part 函 of guide pillar B is facing up. When tightening the flange nut, it is O.K. to grasp the leftmost end of guide pillar B with pliers, since it is covered with the damper.



NOTE: Be sure that after tightening the flange nut, part \boxed{A} of guide pillar B (the part which protrudes the most), is at the top position when the foot of the lever is set in click hole $\boxed{3}$.

MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS (Continued)

Print head position adjustment:

- (1) Place the print head unit on top of the carrier so that both ends of spring \bigcirc appear.
- (2) Loosely tighten the two screws (A) . Insert an adjusting screw to hole (B) .
- (3) Adjust the printed character quality with screw (B) when the foot of the head adjustment lever is at position (3), as shown on page 22 (Guide Pillar Adj.).
- (4) Firmly tighten up the two screws \triangle and make sure that smudging does not appear when the foot of the lever is at the position 1.
- (5) Remove the screw B which is a tool for adjusting print head position.



NOTE: Screw (B) is not included with printer. We suggest that you secure a suitable screw from a local hardware store.

MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS (Continued)

Dot Sensor Unit Adjustment:

With ribbon cassette and paper installed, run the self test. (See page 10) Check the upper and lower portion of the characters for proper printing. If a portion of the characters is missing, adjust the position of the dot sensor unit as follows:



- (a) Normal
- (b) The uppermost part is missing. The hammer starts printing too early when a platen ridge has not yet reached the correct position.

To correct: Move the dot sensor unit counter-clockwise.

(c) The lower portion is missing. The hammer starts printing too late.

To correct: Move the dot sensor unit clockwise.



See Rotation Detector Adjustment - NEXT PAGE.

MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS (Continued)

Rotation Detector Adjustment:

If adjustment of the dot sensor unit does not produce satisfactory results, the rotation detector must be adjusted. To adjust the rotation detector, remove the BE-50S ring and dot sensor unit. Move the rotation detector 4 holes, clockwise in the case of (b), OR counterclockwise in the case of (c). When replacing the rotation detector, be careful that the two bosses are engaged with the gears of the head motor.



Rotate the platen gear so that one of the holes of it matches hole H in the ground plate. Keep holding the platen gear while setting the rotation detector.

Set the rotation detector so that part S, where there is no hole, is facing hole G of the ground plate. Setting up by this method insures that it is possible to eliminate the missing upper or lower part of a character by only adjusting the position of the dot sensor unit.

CASEWORK – MECHANICAL ASSEMBLIES

SECTION 1. CASEWORK/POWER SUPPLY



SECTION 2. Print Head/Ribbon Feed/Carriage



- **NOTE 2A:** The carrier unit with print head can be manually moved when the head solenoid is pressed as indicated by the black arrow
- NOTE 2B: When installing the print head on the carrier, refer to "Print head position adjustment."







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SECTION 5. Gears/Sensors/Motors



REF. NO.				
5-1	C 31456201	801 GEAR REPLACEMENT KIT 1-All Plastic Gear Parts		
		3-Recovery Spring		
5-2	C 31456301	801 SENSOR ASSEMBLY		
		2-Dot Sensor w/PCB		
		3-Wiring Harness w/PCB		
		4-Cable Connector w/PCB		
5-3	C 31456401	801 CARRIAGE DRIVE BELT		
5-4	C 31456501	801 HEAD SOLENOID		
		1-Head Solenoid w/Mounting Plate		



- **NOTE 5A:** Be careful not to cut your finger when detaching the recovery spring of 5-1 from the carrier. It is very strong.
- **NOTE 5B:** The longer side of the spring step should face top and the shorter side, indicated by hand (A) should go into the hole which is pointed to by hand (B).



NOTE 5C: When inserting (C) into the platen shaft, be sure to reach the utmost end by rotating (C) while inserting.

NOTE 5D: To attach (D), refer to "Dot sensor unit adjustment."



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