



CR™ 1212 GRAPHICS TABLET USER'S GUIDE

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Chapter 1: What is the CR 1212 and How Does It Work?

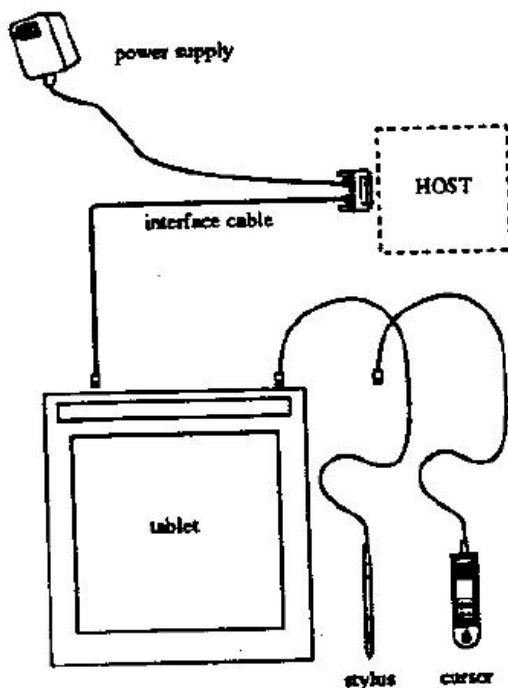
Section A: What is the CR 1212?

CR 1212 is a graphics tablet that acts as an input device. It allows for the translation of graphic information into digital, suitable for a digital device such as a computer.

- Steering a computer screen pointer
- Selecting locations on menus
- Drawing and tracing

The components required for a functional CR 1212 are:

- Tablet
- Stylus or cursor
- Interface cable
- Power source



The tablet is similar to a drawing board. The stylus and cursor are handheld devices that are used for pointing or drawing on the tablet. The interface cable connects the graphics tablet to the host (computer).



Section B: How the CR 1212 Works

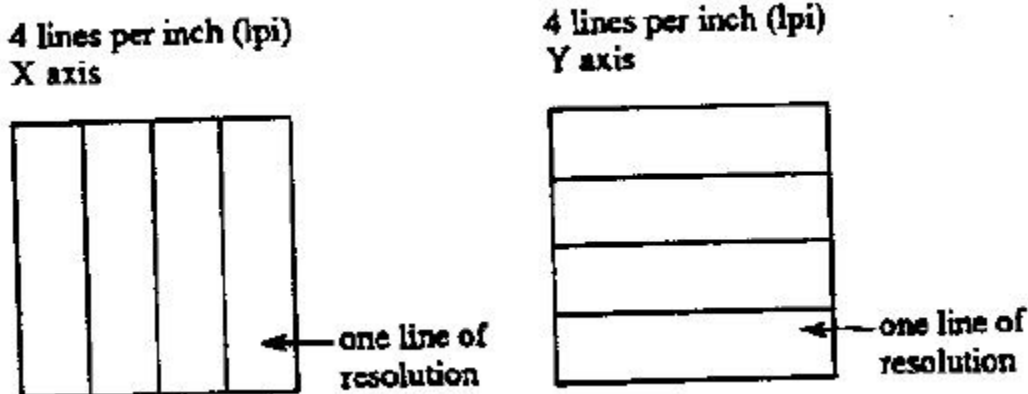
CR 1212 translates the stylus/cursor position on the tablet into digital information and communicates it to the host. The stylus/cursor position is expressed as an X, Y coordinate pair. One coordinate pair is a report.

Valid reports can only be collected when the stylus/cursor is in the tablet's active area and in proximity:

- Active area is a 12-inch square area inside the groove on the tablet surface.
- Proximity is the maximum distance above the active area that the stylus/cursor can be held and report a valid position. It's approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which means the stylus/cursor and tablet do not need to be in direct contact with each other to issue reports. There still can be up to a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of material (drawings, photos, etc.) between the tablet and stylus/cursor, allowing it to issue reports.

The active area and proximity, in effect, establish a three-dimensional volume within which the stylus/cursor can issue valid reports. Reports issued from outside of this volume are **out-of-prox** and, therefore, do not represent the current position of the stylus/cursor.

Reports are measured in counts of resolution. **Resolution** is the fineness of detail that the tablet can distinguish. It's expressed in lines per inch (lpi) or lines per millimeter (lpmm). This is slightly misleading, however. Resolution should be expressed in "bands per ..." or "lanes per ..." because these lines have perceivable width at lower resolution settings.

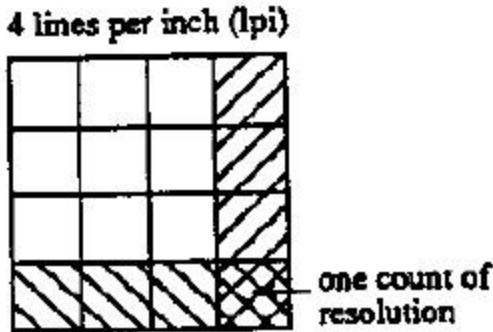


The higher the resolution, e.g. 100 lpi or 200 lpi, the narrower the bands of resolution become. Eventually, the bands become so narrow that they are easier to conceptualize as **lines** of no measurable width.

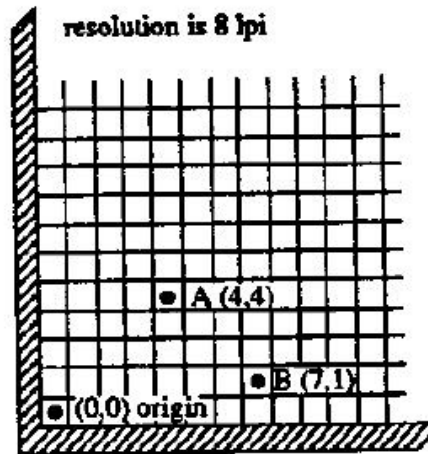
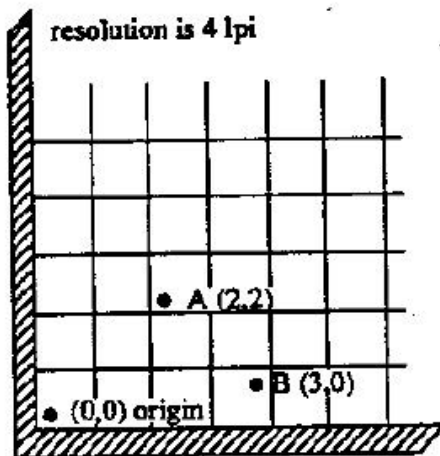


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As previously stated, reports are measured in counts of resolution. As shown below, each square is one count of resolution. The tablet reports the same coordinates for any point within the square.



With different resolution settings, you can receive different reports for the same tablet location. In the illustration below, points A and B are the same physical locations on the tablet, but their coordinates are different because of the resolution setting.



points	absolute coordinates	relative coordinates
A	(2,2)	
B	(3,0)	(1,-2)

points	absolute coordinates	relative coordinates
A	(4,4)	
B	(7,1)	(3,-3)



Reports are in absolute or relative coordinates. **Absolute coordinates** are coordinates measured from the tablet's origin (0, 0). **Relative coordinates** are measured relative to the last report location. In the illustration above, point B is issued after point A. Therefore, in relative coordinates, point B is measured relative to point A.

The tablet defaults to absolute coordinates. However, you can change to relative coordinates with the Relative Coordinates command, described in Chapter 4.

Section C - Commands: Controlling the Tablet's Operation

Control the CR 1212's operating characteristics, functions and diagnostics with commands from the host. This book represents the commands in ASCII. For convenience, an ASCII conversion chart appears in **Appendix B**.

The tablet accepts commands from the host at any rate, except as follows:

- After turning on the tablet, wait approximately 300 milliseconds before sending commands.
- Commands that require a tablet response: If you send a command to the tablet that requires a response, the tablet does so within two milliseconds. Wait until the host receives the entire response before issuing another command to the tablet.
- Definable Resolution (Set X, Y Scale): After issuing the Definable Resolution command, wait for at least 0.5 milliseconds before issuing another command to the tablet.

Section D: Alternative Configurations

CR 1212 comes in three operational configurations: Bit Pad One, Bit Pad Two and CR. The standard configuration is Bit Pad One. The other configurations are special orders.



Chapter 2: Assembly and Installation

The CR 1212 package should include the following:

- Tablet
- Stylus or cursor
- Interface cable
- CR 1212 Graphics Tablet User's Guide

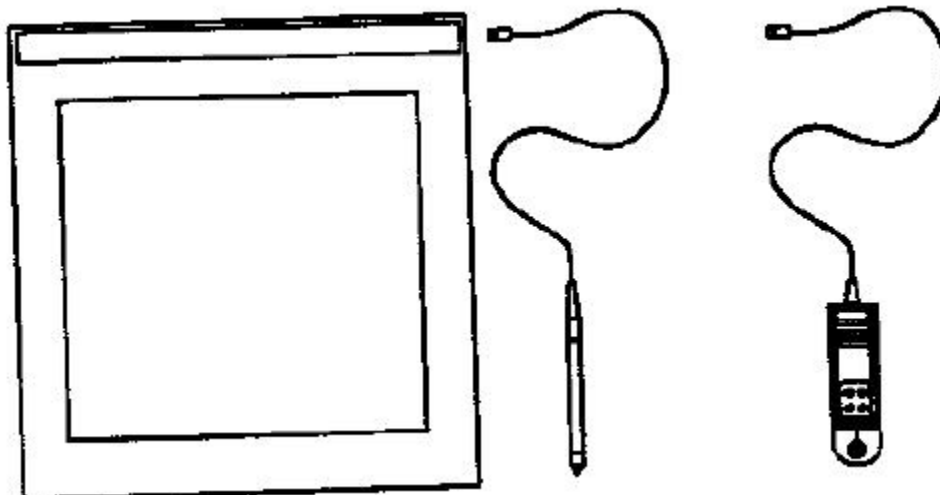
To assemble and install CR 1212:

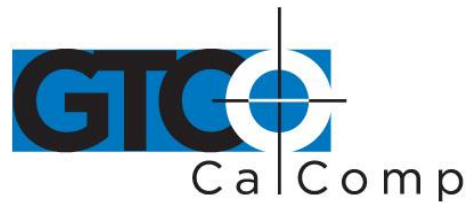
1. Connect the stylus/cursor to the tablet.
2. Attach the tablet to the host and power source.
3. Turn on the tablet.

NOTE: Always have the computer and tablet power off when attaching or detaching any part of the CR 1212. If the power is on, nothing serious happens to the CR 1212, but it could have the potential to corrupt the file being worked on or cause the computer to malfunction.

Installing CR 1212 Graphics Tablet

1. Plug the stylus/cursor into the phone socket on the right-hand edge of the tablet.

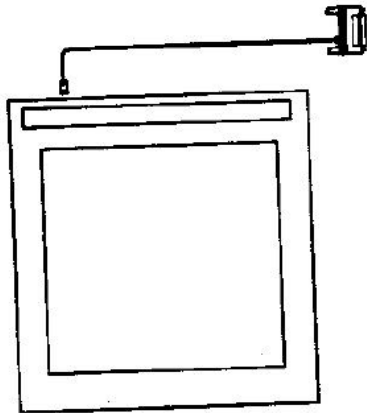




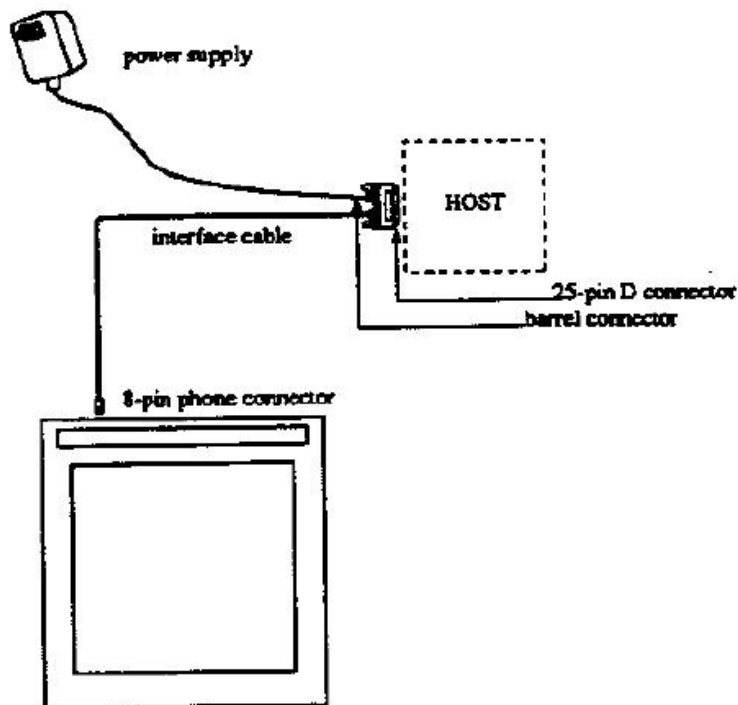
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The cursor and stylus are interchangeable. However, before changing from one to the other, turn off the tablet. (This allows the tablet's internal software to re-initialize for each device.)

2. Plug the 8-pin phone connector on the interface cable into the tablet.



3. Connect the 25-pin D connector of the interface cable into the host communications port.

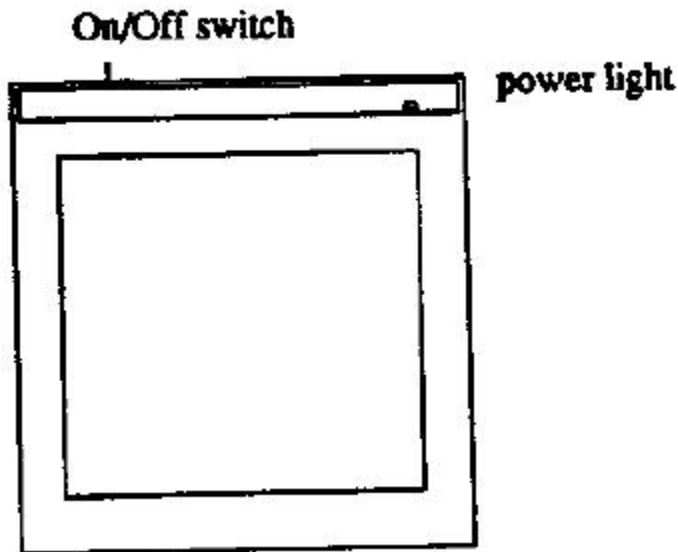




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4. Plug the power supply barrel connector into the interface cable's D connector.
5. Plug the power supply into a grounded electrical outlet. Use only a CR 1212 power supply. Substituting a different power supply could permanently damage the graphics tablet.
6. Turn the tablet on.

Turn the power (ON/OFF) switch on. The tablet calibrates itself. This takes approximately three seconds and once the calibration is complete, the tablet beeps.



The power light is lit when the tablet is on. It's also a proximity indicator that remains lit when the stylus/cursor is in-prox. It blinks when the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox. If the light blinks when the stylus/cursor is in-prox, then the tablet is malfunctioning. Turn it off for 10 or 20 seconds, and then turn it on again. If it fails again, have it serviced.



Chapter 3: Interfacing with the Host

For successful communication between the CR 1212 and its host, they must have the same hardware interface, baud rate, communications protocol and report format.

Section A: Hardware Interface

The hardware interface for the CR 1212 is an RS-232C with a 25-pin D connector. The pin assignments are listed below.

RS-232C Interface: 25-Pin D Connector Pin Assignments

Pin	Wire Name	Description
1 ---	shield	protective, frame ground
2	RXD	receives data from host
3	TXD	transmits data to host
4 ---	RTS	Request To Send
5 ---	CTS	Clear To Send
6 ---	DSR	Data Set Ready
7 ---	signal ground	return for data
20 ---	DTR	Data Terminal Ready

The computer must have an RS-232C communications port terminated with a 25-pin male D connector that is configured as DTE (Data Terminal Equipment).

NOTE: If the computer has a different connector, contact your GTCO CalComp by Turning Technologies representative for information about adapter cables.

The CR 1212 complies with standard signal levels for data transmission:



RS-232C Signal Levels

RS-232-C Interface	Interchange Voltage	
	-3V to -12V	+3V to +12V
Binary states	1	0
Signal condition	Mark	Space

NOTE: The source is the *EIA Standard RS-232C: Interface between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Communication Equipment Employing Serial Binary Data Interchange*, by the Engineering Department of the Electronics Industries Association (Washington, D.C.: EIA, 1969).

Section B: Baud Rate

The CR 1212 is available with 9600 baud or Autobaud. The standard setting is 9600 baud, unless Autobaud is specifically ordered.

Autobaud automatically matches the tablet baud rate to the host baud rate. The tablet supports 9600, 4800, 2400 and 1200 baud. With Autobaud, you must send an ASCII space (SP) to the tablet just after starting it. The tablet uses this character to identify the host baud rate. The tablet then sets its baud rate and issues an ASCII acknowledge (ACK) to the host.

Section C: Communication Protocols

The CR 1212 communication protocols are:

	CR Configuration	Bit Pad One or Bit Pad Two Configuration
Number of parity bits	1, odd	1, even
Number of start bits	1	1
Number of data bits	8	7
Number of stop bits	1	2



Section D: Report Formats

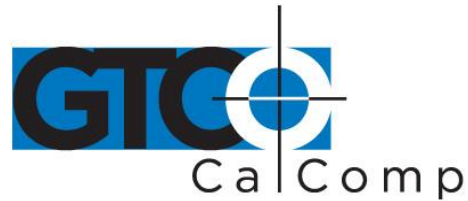
The CR 1212 has one of the following report formats:

- Bit Pad One-compatible format (default)
- Bit Pad Two-compatible format
- CR format (similar to MM packed binary format)
- Bit Pad One- or Two-compatible format for Relative Coordinates (Delta Mode)
- CR format for Relative Coordinates (similar to MM packed binary format for Delta Mode)

The report formats are in (packed) binary. The reports are in counts of resolution, not in inches or millimeters.

Bit Pad One-Compatible Report Format

MSB						LSB	Transmission Sequence
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
PH	F1	Fc	Fb	Fa	0	0	1st byte
0	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	2nd byte
0	X11	X10	X9	X8	X7	X6	3rd byte
0	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0	4th byte
0	Y11	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7	Y6	5th byte



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Bit Pad Two-Compatible Report Format

MSB						LSB	Transmission Sequence
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
PH	Fd	Fe	Fb	Fa	0	PR	1st byte
0	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	2nd byte
0	X11	X10	X9	X8	X7	X6	3rd byte
0	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0	4th byte
0	Y11	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7	Y6	5th byte

CR Report Format

MSB							LSB	Transmission Sequence
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
PH	PR	0	1	1	Fe	Fb	Fa	1st byte
0	X6	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	2nd byte
0	X13	X12	X11	X10	X9	X8	X7	3rd byte
0	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0	4th byte
0	Y13	Y12	Y11	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7	5th byte



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Bit Pad One- or Two-compatible format for Relative Coordinates

MSB						LSB	Transmission Sequence
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
PH	PR	Sx	Sy	Fc	Fb	Fa	1st byte
0	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	2nd byte
0	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0	3rd byte

CR Format for Relative Coordinates

MSB							LSB	Transmission Sequence
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
PH	PR	0	Sx	Sy	Fc	Fb	Fa	1st byte
0	X6	X5	X4	X3	X2	X1	X0	2nd byte
0	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Y0	3rd byte

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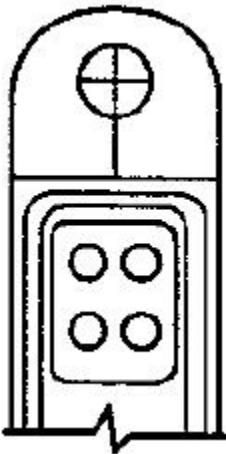
- LSB is the least significant bit. MSB is the most significant bit.
- Fa, Fb, Fc and Fd are the flag bits. They identify the status of the stylus tip and cursor buttons:



Stylus Tip	Cursor Buttons	Bit Pad/Absolute*				Bit Pad/Relative** or CR		
		Fd	Fc	Fb	Fa	Fc	Fb	Fa
unpressed	none pressed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
pressed	1 pressed	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	2 pressed	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
	3 pressed	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
	4 pressed	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

*Output for Bit Pad One or Two configurations using absolute coordinates.

**Output for Bit Pad One or Two configurations using relative coordinates.



- Sx and Sy are the X and Y coordinate signs. 1 is positive and 0 is negative.
- PR is the proximity bit. 0 is in-prox and 1 is out-of-prox.
- PH is the phasing bit, which is always 1.
- X0, X1, etc. and Y0, Y1, etc. are the X and Y coordinate bits.



Chapter 4: Operating Characteristics and Functions

The CR 1212 includes a variety of operating characteristics and functions that can be controlled with commands from the host. For example, define:

- Report flow
- Tablet resolution
- Tablet origin location

The tablet accepts commands from the host at any rate, except in a few situations. So that the CR 1212 is operable upon arrival at your facility, it is set to predefined default settings. The unit defaults to these settings each time you turn on the tablet or issue the Reset command. A summary of the defaults appear in the Reset command section and in **Appendix B**.

Section A: Controlling the Report Flow

The primary functions that control the report flow are Point, Remote Request, Stream and Switch Stream modes. The secondary functions are Report Rate and Increment Mode.

- Bit Pad One configurations: Each time the tablet is turned on or issues the Reset command, it defaults to Stream Mode.

CR and Bit Pad Two configurations: Each time the tablet is turned on or issues the Reset command, it defaults to Remote Request Mode.

- Bit Pad One reports have no proximity bit. CR and Bit Pad Two reports have a proximity bit.
- Each report has flag bits. These bits identify the stylus/cursor buttons that were activated when the report was issued.
- There is a distinction between **scanned** reports and **issued** reports. The tablet reads the stylus/cursor location 110 times each second. It stores the scanned reports in an internal buffer. Although the tablet scans continuously, it only issues reports to the host as dictated by the selected mode, such as Point Mode. The reports sent to the host are called **issue reports**.



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A report issued when the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox is always the last in-prox scanned report. Because the last scanned report may or may not be the last issued report, their values could be different. You may find this occurring when collecting reports at very slow rates.

Point Mode

ASCII command: B

In Point Mode, the graphics tablet issues one report when pressing a stylus/cursor button and another when releasing it. (The tip of the stylus is its "button".) If the stylus/cursor is moved between the time the button is pressed and time it's released, the reports will be different. If the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox, the tablet issues the last in-prox scanned report.

Remote Request Mode

ASCII mode command: D
ASCII trigger command: P

In Remote Request Mode, the tablet issues one report each time the host sends a trigger command. Issue the mode command once. Thereafter, send only a trigger command for each report. After initiating Remote Request Mode, the tablet issues the report resulting from the first trigger within two milliseconds. The tablet can issue subsequent reports up to 110 rps (reports per second).

When the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox, the tablet issues the last in-prox scanned report each time it receives a trigger.



Stream Mode

ASCII command: **@**

In Stream Mode, the graphics tablet issues reports continuously, whether a stylus/cursor button is pressed or not. The Report Rate, described below, controls the number of reports issued per second.

When moving the stylus/cursor out-of-prox, the tablet issues the last in-prox scanned report three or four times before it stops transmitting.

Switch Stream Mode

ASCII command: **A**

In Switch Stream Mode, the graphics tablet issues report continuously while pressing a stylus/cursor button. The Report Rate, described below, controls the number of reports issued per second. When releasing the button, the tablet issues an additional report. This report is the last scanned report, but its flag bit is 0 (zero).

If the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox when pressing a button, the last in-prox scanned report is issued continuously.



Report Rate

	ASCII command
Report Rate equal to:	
110 rps (reports per second)	Q
72 rps	R
36 rps	V
18 rps	S
9 rps	T

The Report Rate function is an adjunct to Stream and Switch Stream modes. Use Report Rate to define the number of reports the tablet issues each second. Each time the tablet is turned on or issues a Reset command, the report rate defaults to 110 or 72 rps, depending on the hardware configuration.

By their very nature, low baud rates limit the report rate. Therefore, follow these recommendations:

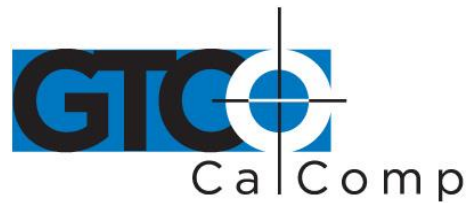
- No higher than 36 rps, when using 2400 baud
- No higher than 18 rps, when using 1200 baud

Increment Mode

Command Sequence: <mode command><increment value>

ASCII mode command	I
ASCII increment value	SP to z

Increment mode is an adjunct to Point, Remote Request, Stream and Switch Stream modes. (It is particularly useful for reducing data output.) In Increment Mode, the unit sends a report only when the stylus/cursor has traveled a minimum distance in the X or Y direction. This minimum distance is the increment. It applies to both axes and is measured in counts (of resolution).



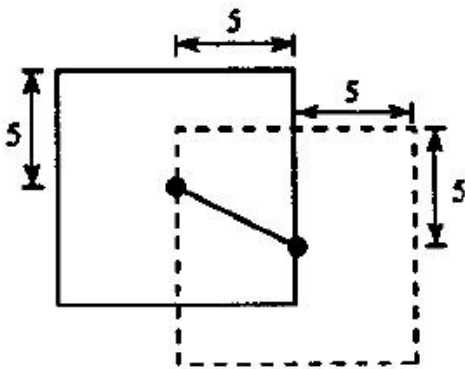
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NOTE: When using *Increment Mode*, it's recommended to use a resolution setting of 50 lpi or higher.

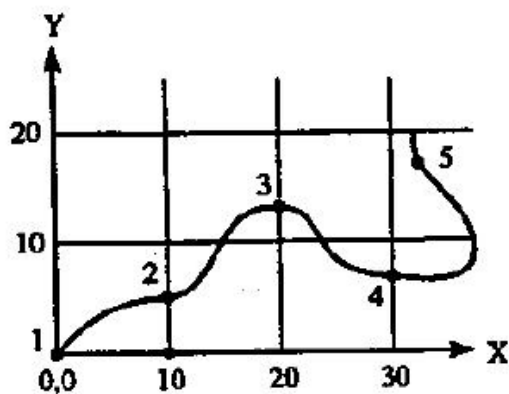
How Increment Mode Works

The last report issued becomes the center of an imaginary square. The square's sides measure twice the increment value. The stylus/cursor can move anywhere inside the imaginary square without the tablet issuing a report. When the stylus/cursor touches the square, the increment is met and the tablet transmits a report. This point becomes the center of a new imaginary square. The process repeats.

The following illustration shows the imaginary square created around a report point. The increment is five.



The following example shows the reports issued as the stylus/cursor travels across the tablet. The increment is ten. We have assumed that the first point collected is the origin (0, 0).





The points issued are:

Point	Report	Description
1	(0,0)	First point collected in Increment Mode.
2	(10,5)	The increment is met along the X axis. The tablet reports the actual Y location.
No point is transmitted between points 2 and 3 because the stylus/cursor did not move ten counts in either the X or Y direction.		
3	(20,13)	The increment is met along the X axis. The tablet reports the actual Y location.
4	(30,7)	The increment is met along the X axis. The tablet reports the actual Y location.
5	(32,17)	The increment is met along the Y axis. The tablet reports the actual X location.

How to Use Increment Mode

Send the mode command and then the increment value. The increment value is in counts (of resolution) and can be a decimal whole number from 0 to 90. (The default is zero.) Add 32 (decimal), a required offset, to the desired increment and then convert the sum into your preferred number base. For example, if the desired increment value is 10 (decimal),

<i>desired increment</i>	+32	= increment value in hexadecimal	= increment value in ASCII
10	+32	+ 2A hexadecimal	= ASCII

To disable Increment Mode, set the increment to zero with the ASCII space character (SP).

The length of a count can vary depending on the resolution and measurement system the tablet is using. Therefore, the increment length can vary:



Resolution	Measurement System	Increment Value (in Counts)	Length of One Count	Increment Length
50 lpi	U.S.	5	0.02 inches	0.1 inches
200 lpi	U.S.	5	0.005 inches	0.025 inches

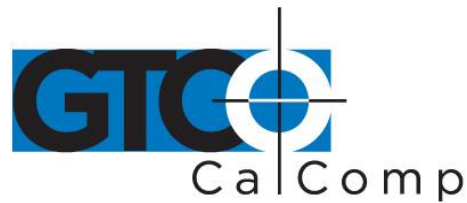
Combining Increment Mode with Other Modes

- **Point Mode** and **Increment Mode**: The stylus/cursor location, at the time Increment Mode is enabled, becomes the center of the initial imaginary square. The tablet issues one report when pressing a stylus/cursor button and another when releasing the button. However, reports are updated only when the increment is met.
- **Remote Request Mode** and **Increment Mode**: When the tablet receives a (Remote Request) trigger from the host, it issues a report. If the increment has not been met when the tablet receives this trigger, the tablet reissues the last report. If the increment has been met when the tablet receives this trigger, the tablet advises an updated report.
- **Stream Mode** and **Increment Mode**: The tablet issues a report only when the increment is met. It can issue reports up to the established Report Rate.
- **Switch Stream Mode** and **Increment Mode**: If the increment has not been met, the tablet issues one report when a button is pressed and another when it is released. If the increment has been met and a button is pressed, the tablet can issue reports up to the established Report Rate.

Section B: Setting the Resolution

Resolution is the fineness of detail that the tablet can distinguish. Resolution is expressed in lines per inch (lpi) or lines per millimeter (lpmm). (A detailed definition of resolution appears in Chapter 1.) Two resolution functions are available, Predefined Resolution and Definable Resolution.

Each time the tablet is turned on or issues the Reset command, the tablet defaults to a resolution of 200 lpi.



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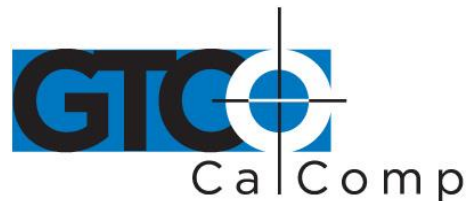
Bit Pad One and Two Configurations: The tablet can have a resolution of up to 508 lpi (6096 counts over a 12-inch axis). Bit Pad configurations are restricted to a maximum of 4095 counts. This, in effect, restricts the resolution to 341 lpi (13 lpmm) over a 12-inch axis. (4095 lpi + 12 inches = 341 lpi) Higher resolutions can be used; however, the active area shrinks accordingly. For example:

Resolution Setting	Maximum Axis Length
400 lpi	10.24 inches
500 lpi	8.19 inches
508 lpi	8.06 inches

The axis is measured from the active area origin (0, 0). Reports issued from beyond the axis are clamped to a value of 4095.

Resolution, Predefined

	ASCII command
Resolution setting of:	
25 lpi	u
50 lpi	s
100 lpi	d
200 lpi	e
10 lpmm (254 lpi)	f
400 lpi	g
500 lpi	h
508 lpi	i



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Use these commands to set the tablet to one of the predefined resolutions listed about. (Resolution is restricted in Bit Pad One and Two configurations. Refer to **Section B: Setting the Resolution**.)

Resolution, Definable (Set X, Y Scale)

Command Sequence: <command><X low byte><X high byte><Y low byte><Y high byte>

	ASCII	Hex
command	r	72
X axis resolution, low byte	—	00 to FF
X axis resolution, high byte	—	00 to 17
Y axis resolution, low byte	—	00 to FF
Y axis resolution, high byte	—	00 to 17

The purpose of the **Definable Resolution** function is to let you match the tablet resolution to the resolution of another two-dimensional device, e.g. a computer screen. With Definable Resolution:

- Define the resolution of each tablet axis, independent of one another.
- Specify the resolution to be any value from 10 lpi to 508 lpi. (Resolution is restricted in Bit Pad One and Two configurations. Refer to **Section B: Setting the Resolution**.)

After issuing the Definable Resolution command, wait at least 0.5 milliseconds before issuing another command to the tablet.

If Tablet is operating as a Bit Pad One or Bit Pad Two

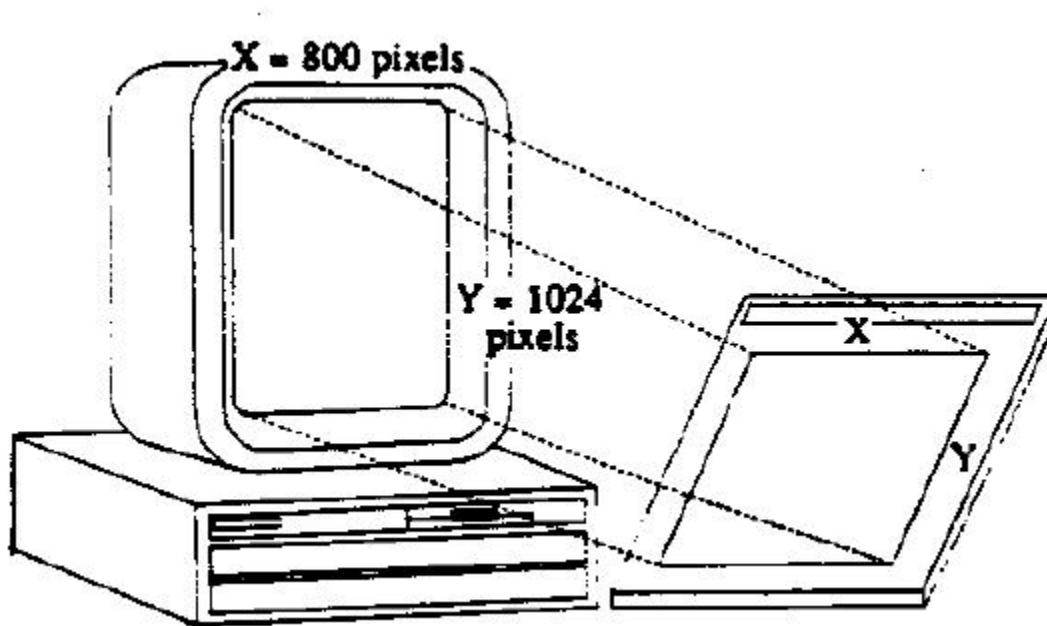
Here is how to use Definable Resolution:

1. Determine the resolution that's desired for the entire length of the (tablet) axis:
 - If the other device's resolution is expressed in "units per...", such as 37 lines per inch, multiply that number by the tablet axis length. Example: *other device's resolution x length of tablet axis = desired axis resolution*



37 lpi x 12 inches = 444 ... is the desired axis resolution

- The other device may have a resolution expressed as the overall axis values, such as 800 by 1024 pixels.



In this case, ensure the length of the corresponding tablet axis divides evenly into the other device's resolution. If it does not, the tablet truncates the resolution value to a whole number.

Example: Matching the CR 1212 to a vertical (portrait) screen with a resolution of 800 (X) by 1024 (Y) pixels:

Other Device's Resolution / Tablet Axis Length

800 pixels / 12 inches = 66.66 ... X axis

1024 pixels / 12 inches = 85.33 ... Y axis

The tablet would truncate these values to 66 and 85. Therefore, round them high to 67 and 86. (This ensures that the entire screen is addressable from the tablet.) Multiply the rounded values by the tablet axis length to derive the desired resolution for the overall axis.



67 x 12 inches = 804 ... is the desired X axis resolution

86 x 12 inches = 1032 ... is the desired Y axis resolution

- Convert the desired axis resolution to a hexadecimal number.

Example: 804 decimal = 324 hexadecimal
1032 decimal = 408 hexadecimal

If the number is less from four digits, pack the left side with zeros. For example, 324 becomes 0324; 408 becomes 0408.

Separate the hexadecimal number into two 2-digit parts, the most significant byte (high byte) and the least significant byte (low byte).

Example:

0324 = 03 high byte 24 low byte
0408 = 04 high byte 08 low byte

- You're now ready to send the Definable Resolution command sequence to the tablet. In the example of 800 by 1024 portrait screen, the command sequence is:

Command	X Low Byte	X High Byte	Y Low Byte	Y High Byte
72	24	03	08	04

NOTE: To change the resolution of only one axis, send zeros as the other axis's resolution.

- To verify the new resolution settings, use the Send Configuration command.



Section C: Other Functions

Bit Pad Configuration

ASCII command	
Configuration:	
Bit Pad Two	O (uppercase letter, not zero)
Bit Pad One	o (lowercase letter)

If the unit's hardware configuration is Bit Pad, you can adjust between Bit Pad One and Bit Pad Two using the commands. (Changing to or from the CR configuration requires a hardware modification.) Once the configuration is revised; to return to the default, either send the appropriate command or repower the tablet. The Reset command does not control the configuration setting.

Origin

ASCII command	
Origin location:	
Upper Left	b
Lower Left	c

Use the Origin command to define the location of the tablet's origin (0, 0). It can be the lower or upper left corner of the active area. The default is the lower left.

When the origin is in the upper left corner, Y coordinates are positive, not negative. This departure from the standard Cartesian coordinate system is to aid in the compatibility between the CR 1212 and terminals with a screen origin in the upper left corner.



Relative Coordinates (Delta Mode)

ASCII command: **E**

The tablet defaults to an absolute coordinate system. This command changes it to a relative coordinate system. Absolute coordinates are measured from the tablet's origin (0, 0). Relative coordinates are measured **relative to** the last report location. (Refer to Chapter 1 for details.)

In this operational mode, the active area origin is the lower left corner of the tablet. Stylus/cursor movement up and to the right is positive. Movement down and to the left is negative. (You can change the origin location to the upper left corner with the **Origin** command. Stylus/cursor movement down to the right is positive; up and to the left is negative.)

Reset (to Default Operating Characteristics)

ASCII command: **NUL**

Use **Reset** to return the CR 1212 to the default operating characteristics:

- Coordinate system: absolute
- Increment: 0, Increment Mode off
- Origin: lower left corner
- Report Mode: In the Bit Pad One configuration, the mode is **Stream**. In the Bit Pad Two or CR configuration, the mode is **Remote Request**.
- Report Rate: 110 or 72 rps (reports per second) depending on hardware configuration
- Resolution: 200 lpi
- Tablet Beep: enabled

If the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox when the tablet receives the Reset command, and if it is still out-of-prox when the tablet issues a report, the X and Y coordinate values are zero.



Send Configuration

ASCII command: a

Send Configuration issues a report to the host that identifies the resolution of each axis. The report format is one of the following:

Bit Pad One or Bit Pad Two Configuration - Report Format

MSB						LSB	Transmission Sequence
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Flag byte
0	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	X low byte
0	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	b6	X high byte
0	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Y low byte
0	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	b6	Y high byte

CR Configuration - Report Format

MSB							LSB	Transmission Sequence
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	Flag byte
0	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	X low byte
0	b13	b12	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	X high byte
0	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Y low byte
0	b13	b12	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	Y high byte



Key:

LSB Least significant bit
 MSB Most significant bit
 b0 Maximum X or Y value at set resolution

The configuration report does not express the resolution in lines per inch or lines per millimeter. Rather, the resolution is indicated as the total number of counts over the length of the axis.

Example: The tablet is the CR configuration. The resolution setting is 200 lpi. The X and Y axis are 12 inches long. Therefore, the resolution is 2400 for each axis. The Send Configuration report is:

MSB							LSB	Transmission
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	Sequence
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	Flag byte
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	X low byte
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	X high byte
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Y low byte
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Y high byte

Tablet Beep

ASCII command:	y
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Use this command if you want to disable the tablet beep. To enable it again, issue the Reset command or repower the tablet.



Transmission Control

	ASCII command
Stop Transmission (XOFF)	DC3
Resume Transmission (XON)	DC1

The **Stop Transmission** and **Resume Transmission** commands act as software gates, controlling data transmission from the CR 1212 to the host. These commands control the data flow, regardless of the report collection mode (stream, Point, etc.).

Stop Transmission and Resume Transmission are equivalents of the transmission protocols XOFF and XON.

Stop Transmission places the graphics tablet on standby. It is useful for systems that do not constantly use the graphics tablet. End the standby state by sending the Resume Transmission command.

NOTE: The Reset command does not cancel the Stop Transmission command.

While the tablet is on standby, it does not buffer reports for subsequent transmission. However, if you issue Stop Transmission while data is being transmitted, no data is lost. The CR 1212 severs the data transmission at the end of the report. When you issue the Resume Transmission command, the tablet continues operation.

While the CR 1212 is on standby, it accepts and executes commands from the host. During this state, however:

- Tablet does not execute the Echo command.
- Recommended to limit the number of status commands to one. **Status commands** are commands that issue a reply to the host, e.g. Send Configuration. The tablet issues the reply after it receives XON.

Section D: Reserved Commands

NOTE: Do not use the ASCII commands z, l, n or p or their equivalents. They're reserved for factory use. If a reserved command is issued by mistake, clear it by repowering the tablet or by assigning the Reset command.



Chapter 5: Guidelines for Writing a Device Driver

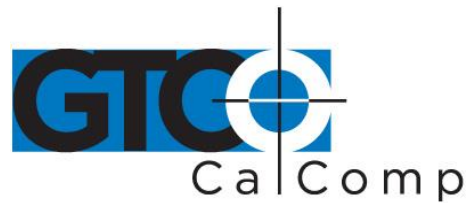
For the computer to make use of the data being sent to it from the tablet, the software (system or application) must contain a tablet device driver. The driver needs to be written for your specific CR 1212 configuration (Bit Pad One, Bit Pad Two or CR). The device driver is a program that collects and decodes the tablet data.

The driver usually sits between the application and serial interface. The driver should be able to:

- Receive reports and status information from the tablet via the serial interface
- Transmit data to the application
- Present high level commands from the application that control the tablet

A typical driver consists of four major parts:

- **Configure Host and Tablet**
 - Structure the host communications port (port address, baud rate, etc.)
 - Shape the tablet (resolution, report mode, etc.)
- **Report Collection – Interrupt Routines**
 - Assemble the report: collect the report's data bytes into an array
 - Check for errors
- **Process Reports from the Tablet**
 - Decode the report
 - Filter reports, if required by the application
 - Notify the application, if applicable, that a report is ready to be issued to the application
- **Process Errors**
 - Parity errors
 - Short report errors after time-out
 - Long report errors
 - Missing report errors after time-out
 - Host buffer full errors (automatic XON/XOFF support)

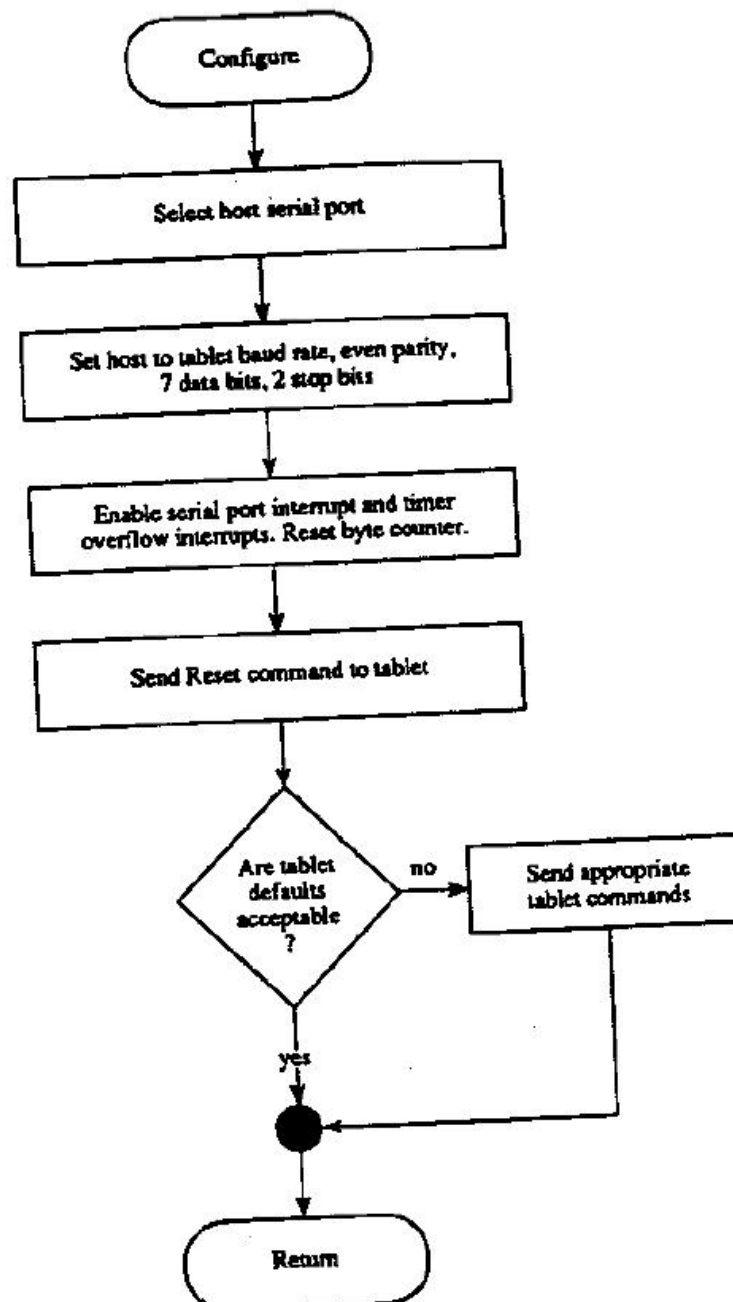


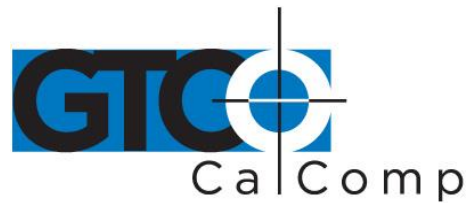
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The following flowcharts are for a CR 1212 in the Bit Pad One configuration.

Configure Host and Tablet

- Structure the host communications port (port address, baud rate, etc.)
- Shape the tablet (resolution, report mode, etc.)

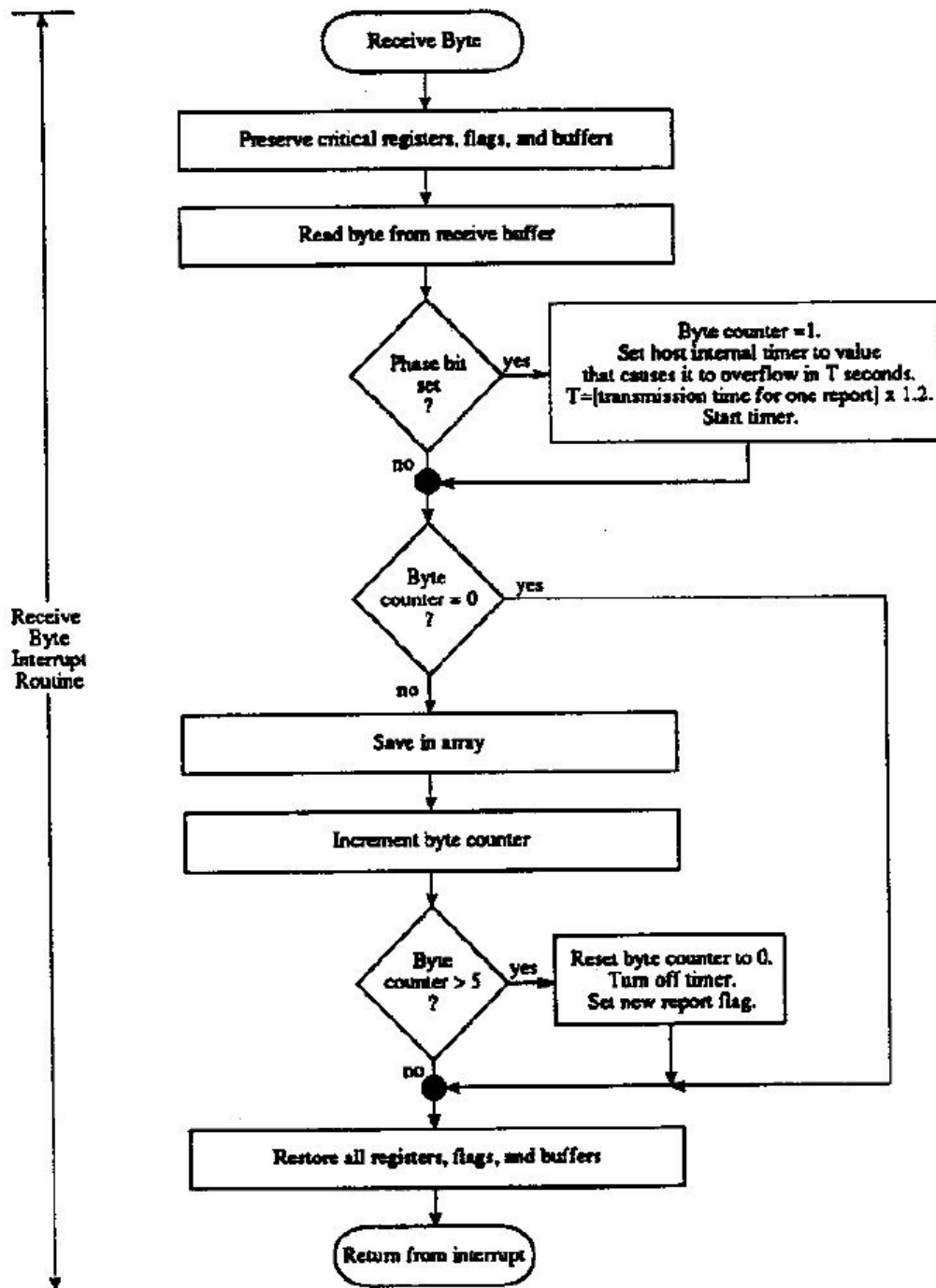




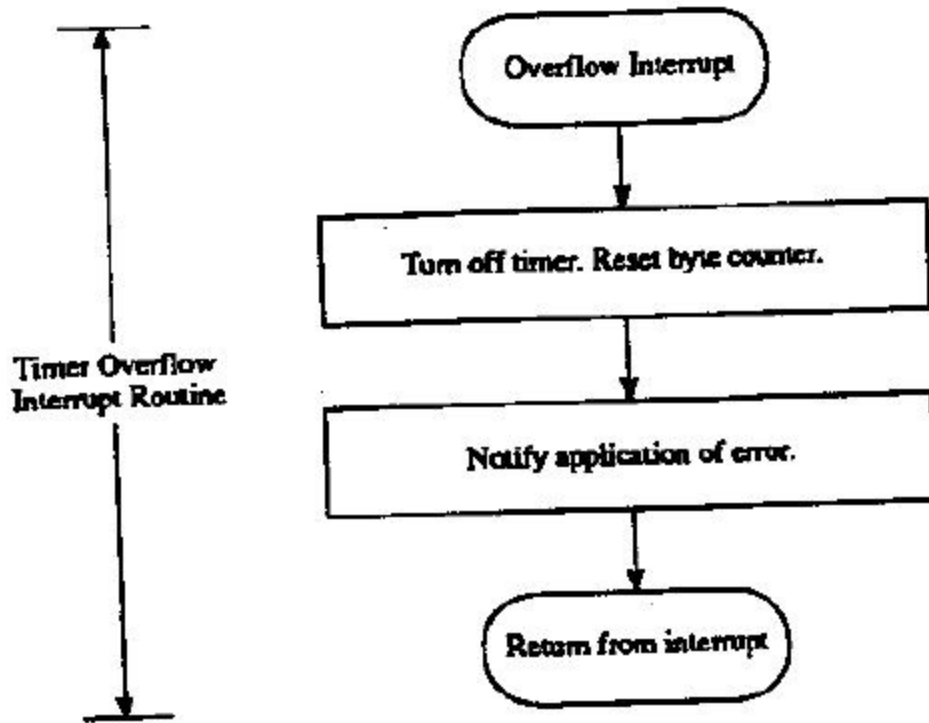
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Report Collection - Interrupt Routines

- Assemble the report: collect the report's data bytes into an array
- Check for errors



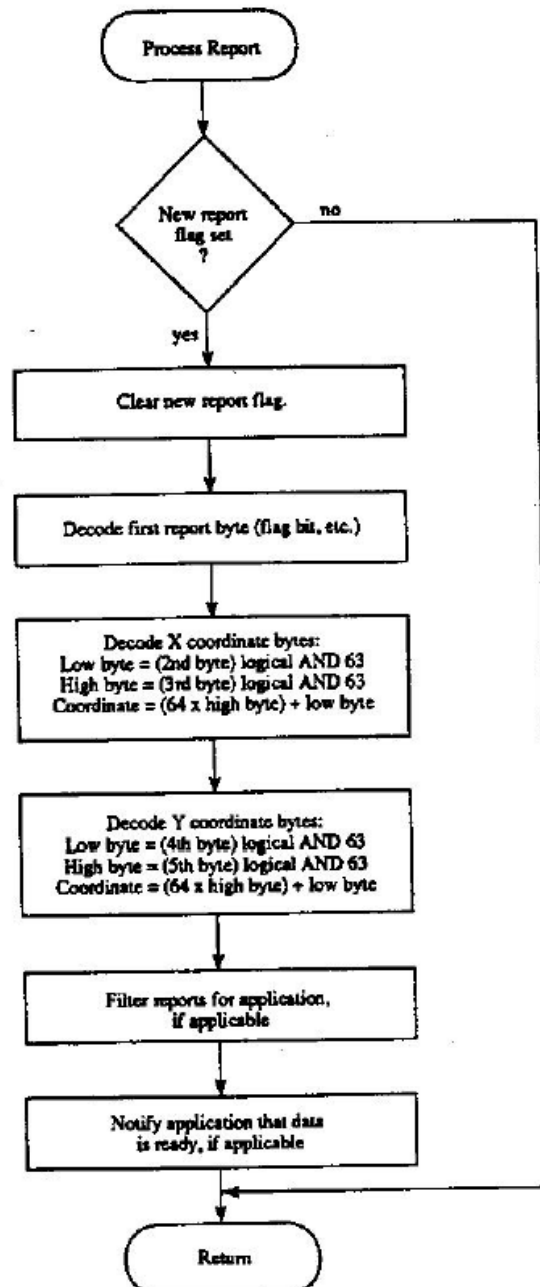
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Process Reports from the Tablet

- Decode the report
- Filter reports, if required by the application
- Notify the application, if applicable, that a report is ready to be issued to the application

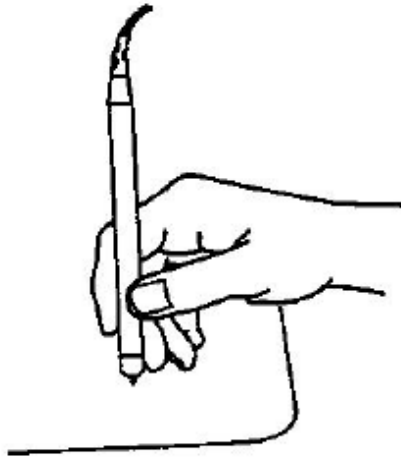




Chapter 6: Using the CR 1212

Follow these guidelines to maximize usage of the CR 1212.

- You can tape things down to the tablet, including pictures and drawings. Tape does not affect the tablet. You can even stack materials up to ½ inch high between the tablet and stylus/cursor.
- After turning on the tablet, wait until it stops calibrating before starting an application that uses it.
- Keep the stylus/cursor in the active area of the tablet and in proximity. Please note when the stylus/cursor is in proximity, the tablet power light is on. When the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox, the power light blinks.
- Stylus or cursor - which to use? For freehand drawing, the stylus tends to feel more natural. For tracing, the cursor provides the user with more control and precise sighting. Also, the cursor has multiple buttons, to which can assign specific functions in your device driver.
- The cursor and stylus are interchangeable. However, before changing from one to the other, turn off the tablet. (This allows the tablet's internal software to re-initialize for each device.)
- Stylus: The stylus has a switch inside the barrel. To activate the switch, press the stylus tip or button.
- Hold the stylus above the nose piece, away from the tip. The angle at which you hold the stylus affects the location reading, so it helps to hold the stylus at the same angle consistently. The stylus is most accurate when it is perpendicular to the tablet. However, it functions satisfactorily within 45 degrees of the perpendicular.



- Cursor is most accurate when held parallel with the tablet surface. To activate a cursor button, press it.
- The tablet beeps each time the stylus/cursor button is pressed.
- Remember to release the pressure on the stylus/cursor button when you're done performing a function.
- When you turn off the computer, turn off the tablet.
- The unit is affected by conductive materials. Do not trace through metal or metallized paper. Do not use metal objects, such as rulers, on the tablet. However, with the cursor, you can trace through some conductive materials, such as X-rays or drawings in pencil or conductive ink.



Chapter 7: Checking the Graphics Tablet

Section A: Tablet Calibration

The tablet calibrates each time it's turned on. The calibration takes less than three seconds and beeps once completed.

Section B: Power (and Proximity) Light

The power light on the tablet serves two purposes. First, it notifies when the tablet is on and receiving power. Second, it is a proximity indicator. The light remains lit when the stylus/cursor is in-prox. It blinks when the stylus/cursor is out-of-prox. If the light blinks when the stylus/cursor is in-prox, then the tablet is malfunctioning. Turn it off for an estimated 10-20 seconds and then turn it back on.

Section C: A Quick Functional Check

Here is a quick functional check that you can perform. Its purpose is to ensure that the interface is working and that all parts of the tablet active area are being read by the stylus/cursor.

1. Connect the tablet to a "dumb" terminal. The terminal must be set up to communicate in full duplex at 9600 baud. If the unit is a Bit Pad One or Two configurations, the terminal's data protocol must be an 8-bit frame: even parity and seven data bits. If the unit is a CR configuration, the terminal's data protocol must be a 9-bit frame: odd parity and eight data bits.
2. On the terminal, enter the command string: **zA@**. The tablet is now in **Stream Mode** sending reports in an ASCII format.
3. Starting at the lower left corner of the tablet, run the stylus/cursor across the tablet's active area. You should see reports on the terminal in the following ASCII format: **F,XXXX,YYYY,P**



where,

F = stylus/cursor flag:

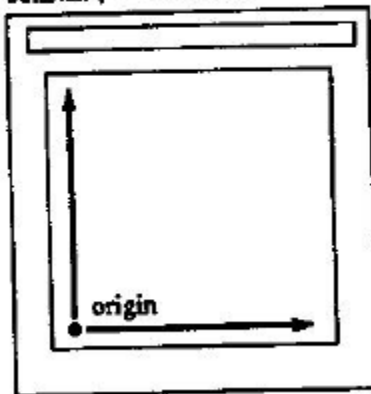
Stylus Tip	Cursor Button	F
not pressed	none pressed	0
pressed	1 pressed	1
	2 pressed	2
	3 pressed	3
	4 pressed	4

XXXX,YYYY = X,Y coordinates

P = proximity flag. 0 is in-prox. 1 is out-of-prox.

The X and Y coordinates should increase as you slide the stylus/cursor up and right, as shown below.

When stylus/cursor moves vertically, X is constant, Y increases.



When stylus/cursor moves horizontally, Y is constant, X increases.



Section D: Diagnostic Functions

Echo

ASCII command: k

Use Echo to ensure that the interface between the tablet and host is operating correctly. The tablet echoes (retransmits) characters back to the host that were sent from the host. The tablet echoes the characters, one by one, as it receives them. If the interface is working properly, the sent character matches the echoed character.

Note that character sequences are passed through, not acted upon by the tablet. Therefore, remote commands issued while Echo is in effect are ignored by the tablet. To abort the Echo function, issue the Reset command or repower the tablet.

Self-Test

ASCII command: w

The Self-Test function tests certain parts of the unit and transmits the results to the host. The results are transmitted as one byte in one of the following formats:

Bit Pad One and Two Configurations: Self-Test Report

MSB							LSB
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0	0	CA	PR	D	1	A	



CR Configuration: Self-Test Report

MSB								LSB
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
T	0	0	CA	PR	D	1	A	

- A** Analog circuitry test; pass = 1, fail = 0
- D** Digital circuitry test; pass = 1, fail = 0
- PR** Stylus/cursor proximity; stylus/cursor in-prox = 1, stylus/cursor out-of-prox = 0
- CA** Tablet calibration; pass = 1, fail = 0
- T** Total test result (based on A, D and CA); pass = 1, fail = 0

Bit Pad One and Two configurations: If the test result is a Hex 17 or 1F, or equivalent, the tablet passed the tests. Any other result means that the tablet failed.

CR configuration: If the test result is a Hex 9F or 97, or equivalent, the tablet passed the tests. Any other result means that the tablet failed.



Chapter 8: Operating Environment, Care and Service

Section A: Operating Environment

Operate the CR 1212 within these temperature and humidity ranges:

+45 degrees to +110 degrees Fahrenheit
+7 degrees to +43 degrees Celsius
8% to 80% relative humidity, non-condensing

Acceptable non-operating conditions are:

-45 degrees to +145 degrees Fahrenheit
-43 degrees to +63 degrees Celsius
8% to 80% relative humidity, non-condensing

Extremes in environment can cause degradation of operation. Be careful as extreme temperatures can occur in some rather surprising places – atop a TV set, in direct sunlight or in a car on a hot or cold day.

Section B: Service

You should have no problems with the CR 1212. However, if a problem arises, try one or more of the following:

- Check the hardware connections.
- Ensure that the computer is working.
- If possible, perform the tests described in Chapter 7.
- If applicable, check that the device driver is installed in your system or application software.
- Turn off the computer and tablet. Then turn them on again.

If the tablet continues to malfunction, contact our Customer Service Department at:

GTCO CalComp by Turning Technologies
14557 N. 82nd Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Toll-Free Number: 1.866.746.3015



When contacting Customer Service, please have ready the unit serial number. The serial number is located on the bottom of the tablet. If it is necessary to return the unit, Customer Service will give you a Return Authorization Number. Write this number on the outside of the package and on all accompanying paperwork.

NOTE: Please do not ship equipment to GTCO CalComp by Turning Technologies without obtaining instructions and a Return Authorization Number from the Customer Service Department.

Section C: Care and Cleaning

The CR 1212 requires minimal care and cleaning. However, the following guidelines are important:

- Disconnect the unit from its power source before cleaning.
- Using a soft, damp (not wet), lint-free cloth, wipe the case clean with a mild detergent solution.
- Never disassemble any part of the CR 1212, except to change the stylus refill.
- Never immerse in liquid.
- Never bang it around or drop it.
- Never scratch or mar the tablet.
- Cursor: The transparent part of the cursor that encases the cross hair is called the paddle. The top surface of the paddle is covered by a special film. It is important to protect the paddle and film. Do not scratch, mar or separate. To clean the paddle, wipe with a lint-free cloth dampened with water. Do not use spray cleaner or any other type of cleaner or solvent.

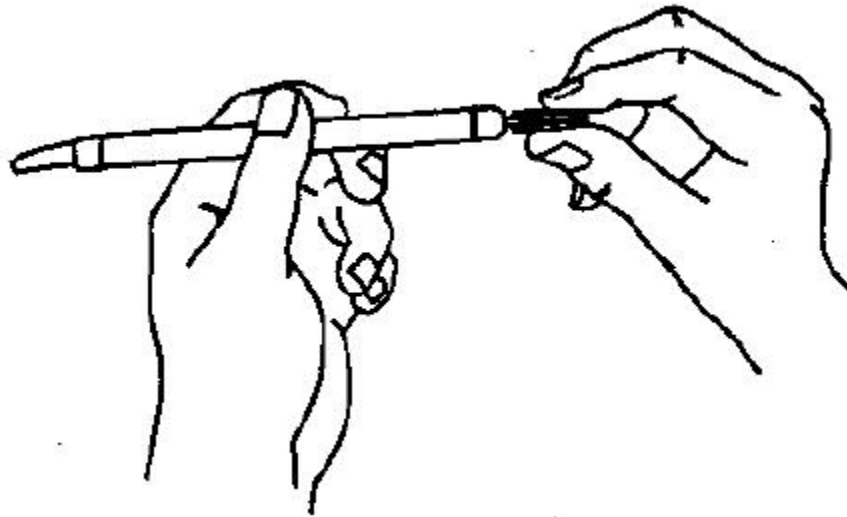
NOTE: Do not plug CR 1212 connectors into foreign objects. Do not plug foreign objects into the CR 1212. Doing so would produce unpredictable results and could destroy the tablet.



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Section D: Changing the Stylus Refill

To change the stylus refill, grasp the refill by the tip and pull straight out. Since the tip is small and slippery, you will probably not be able to pull it out with your bare fingers. We recommend using needle nose pliers or two coins.



Insert the new refill until it is firmly seated.



Appendix A Specifications

Physical Description

Approximate physical dimensions:

Width	16 inches (406 mm)
Length	17 inches (432 mm)
Maximum Height	1.3 inches (33 mm)
Weight	7 lbs. (3.2 kg) maximum

Power Supply Specifications

The CR 1212 power supply for the RS-232C configuration is specified as:

- Input: 120 VAC +7%, -13%, 58 to 62 Hz
- Output: 5 VDC at 225 mA, less than 50 mV ripple, +/-5% regulation, rise time less than 100 milliseconds

Operating Specifications

Standard Accuracy: +/-0.050 inches (1.27 mm) or better

Accuracy is how closely a point's actual location is determined.

Active Area: 12 inches by 12 inches (305 mm by 305 mm) approximately

The area of the tablet that senses the stylus/cursor location and where valid reports are obtained.

Jitter: Stylus or cursor: +/-1 count of resolution

Jitter is the different in values collected by the graphics tablet for the same point (for example, 200, 201 and 202). Jitter can be caused by electrical noise from environmental sources or from the tablet's analog-to-digital conversion circuitry. Noise affects the signal that identifies a point. Jitter is measured as one unit of the resolution.

Proximity: 0.5 inches (12.7 mm) approximately

Proximity is the maximum distance the stylus/cursor can be held above the active area and report a valid position.

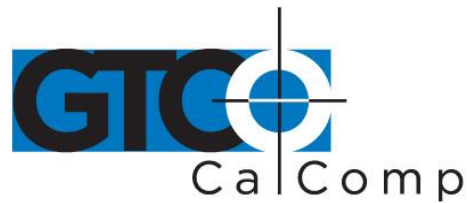
Resolution: Up to 508 lpi (lines per inch)

Resolution is the "fineness" of detail that the tablet can distinguish. Resolution is expressed in lines per inch (lpi) or lines per millimeter (lpmm).



Appendix B ASCII Conversion Chart

Decimal	Binary 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	Octal	Hex	ASCII Character	Control Function or Character Description
0	00000000	000	00	NUL	Null
1	00000001	001	01	SOH	Start of Heading
2	00000010	002	02	STX	Start of Text
3	00000011	003	03	ETX	End of Text
4	00000100	004	04	EOT	End of Transmission
5	00000101	005	05	ENQ	Enquiry
6	00000110	006	06	ACK	Acknowledge
7	00000111	007	07	BEL	Bell
8	00001000	010	08	BS	Backspace
9	00001001	011	09	HT	Horizontal Tab
10	00001010	012	0A	LF or NL	Line Feed or New Line
11	00001011	013	0B	VT	Vertical Tab
12	00001100	014	0C	FF	Form Feed
13	00001101	015	0D	CR or RT	Carriage Return
14	00001110	016	0E	SO	Shift Out
15	00001111	017	0F	SI	Shift In
16	00010000	020	10	DLE	Data Link Escape
17	00010001	021	11	DC1	Device Control 1
18	00010010	022	12	DC2	Device Control 2
19	00010011	023	13	DC3	Device Control 3
20	00010100	024	14	DC4	Device Control 4
21	00010101	025	15	NAK	Negative Acknowledge
22	00010110	026	16	SYN	Synchronous Idle
23	00010111	027	17	ETB	End Transmission Block
24	00011000	030	18	CAN	Cancel
25	00011001	031	19	EM	End of Medium
26	00011010	032	1A	SUB	Substitute
27	00011011	033	1B	ESC	Escape
28	00011100	034	1C	FS	File Separator
29	00011101	035	1D	GS	Group Separator
30	00011110	036	1E	RS	Record Separator
31	00011111	037	1F	US	Unit Separator
32	00100000	040	20	SP	Space
33	00100001	041	21	!	Exclamation Point
34	00100010	042	22	"	Double Quote
35	00100011	043	23	#	Number or Pound
36	00100100	044	24	\$	Dollar
37	00100101	045	25	%	Percent
38	00100110	046	26	&	Ampersand
39	00100111	047	27	'	Apostrophe
40	00101000	050	28	(Left Parenthesis
41	00101001	051	29)	Right Parenthesis
42	00101010	052	2A	*	Asterisk
43	00101011	053	2B	+	Plus or Addition



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	Binary 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	Octal	Hex	ASCII Character	Control Function or Character Description	Decimal
44	00101100	054	2C	,	Comma	
45	00101101	055	2D	-	Hyphen	
46	00101110	056	2E	.	Period	
47	00101111	057	2F	/	Slash	
48	00110000	060	30	0		
49	00110001	061	31	1		
50	00110010	062	32	2		
51	00110011	063	33	3		
52	00110100	064	34	4		
53	00110101	065	35	5		
54	00110110	066	36	6		
55	00110111	067	37	7		
56	00111000	070	38	8		
57	00111001	071	39	9		
58	00111010	072	3A	:	Colon	
59	00111011	073	3B	;	Semicolon	
60	00111100	074	3C	<	Less Than	
61	00111101	075	3D	=	Equals	
62	00111110	076	3E	>	Greater Than	
63	00111111	077	3F	?	Question Mark	
64	01000000	100	40	@	Commercial At	
65	01000001	101	41	A		
66	01000010	102	42	B		
67	01000011	103	43	C		
68	01000100	104	44	D		
69	01000101	105	45	E		
70	01000110	106	46	F		
71	01000111	107	47	G		
72	01001000	110	48	H		
73	01001001	111	49	I		
74	01001010	112	4A	J		
75	01001011	113	4B	K		
76	01001100	114	4C	L		
77	01001101	115	4D	M		
78	01001110	116	4E	N		
79	01001111	117	4F	O		
80	01010000	120	50	P		
81	01010001	121	51	Q		
82	01010010	122	52	R		
83	01010011	123	53	S		
84	01010100	124	54	T		
85	01010101	125	55	U		
86	01010110	126	56	V		
87	01010111	127	57	W		
88	01011000	130	58	X		
89	01011001	131	59	Y		



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	Binary	Octal	Hex	ASCII	Control Function or	Decimal
	7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0			Character	Character Description	
90	01011010	132	5A	Z		
91	01011011	133	5B	[Left Square Bracket	
92	01011100	134	5C	\	Back Slash	
93	01011101	135	5D]	Right Square Bracket	
94	01011110	136	5E	^	Circumflex	
95	01011111	137	5F	_	Underscore	
96	01100000	140	60	"	Left Single Quote	
97	01100001	141	61	a		
98	01100010	142	62	b		
99	01100011	143	63	c		
100	01100100	144	64	d		
101	01100101	145	65	e		
102	01100110	146	66	f		
103	01100111	147	67	g		
104	01101000	150	68	h		
105	01101001	151	69	i		
106	01101010	152	6A	j		
107	01101011	153	6B	k		
108	01101100	154	6C	l		
109	01101101	155	6D	m		
110	01101110	156	6E	n		
111	01101111	157	6F	o		
112	01110000	160	70	p		
113	01110001	161	71	q		
114	01110010	162	72	r		
115	01110011	163	73	s		
116	01110100	164	74	t		
117	01110101	165	75	u		
118	01110110	166	76	v		
119	01110111	167	77	w		
120	01111000	170	78	x		
121	01111001	171	79	y		
122	01111010	172	7A	z		
123	01111011	173	7B	{	Left Curved Bracket	
124	01111100	174	7C		Vertical Line	
125	01111101	175	7D	}	Right Curved Bracket	
126	01111110	176	7E	~	Tilde	
127	01111111	177	7F	DEL	Delete (rubout)	



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