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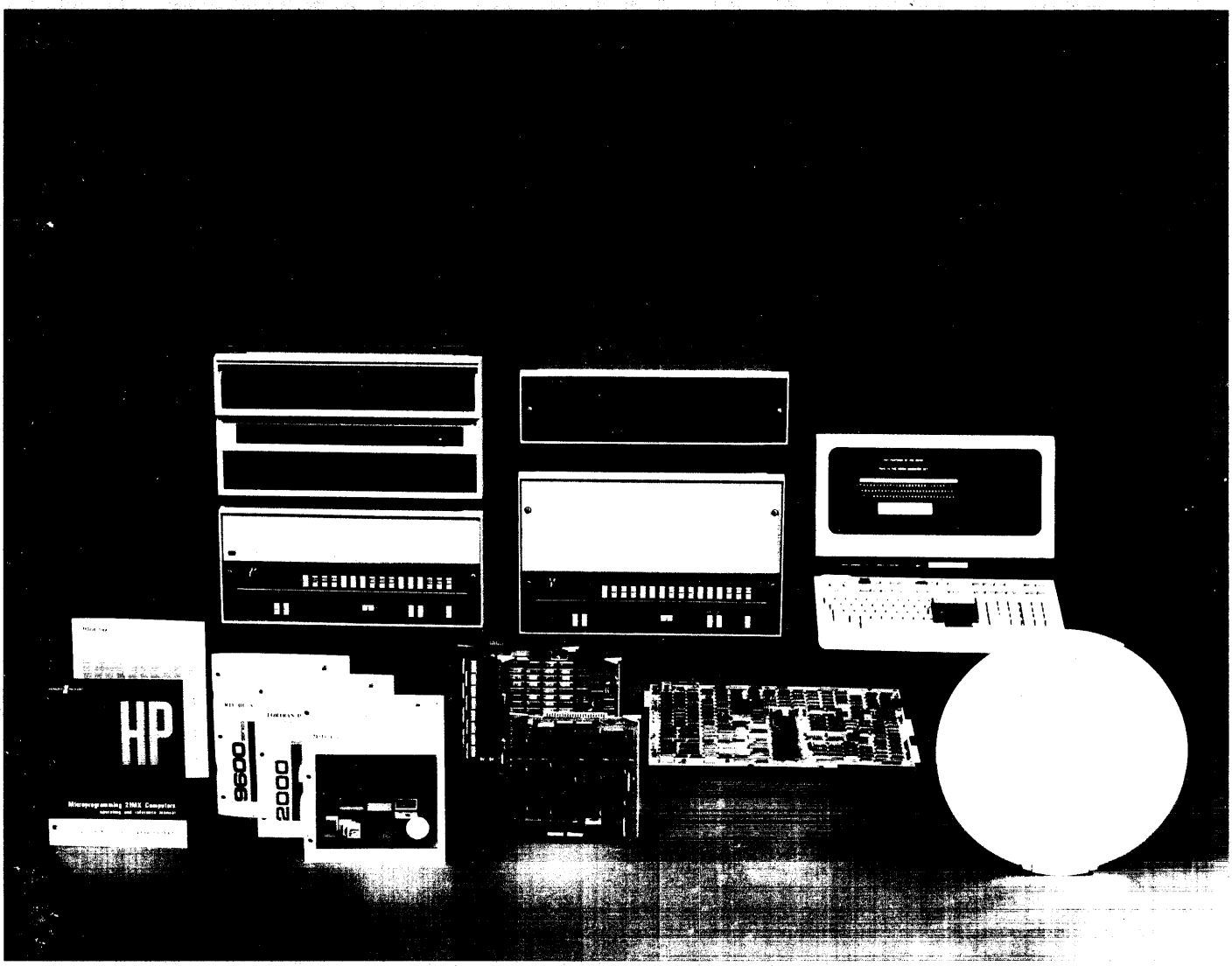

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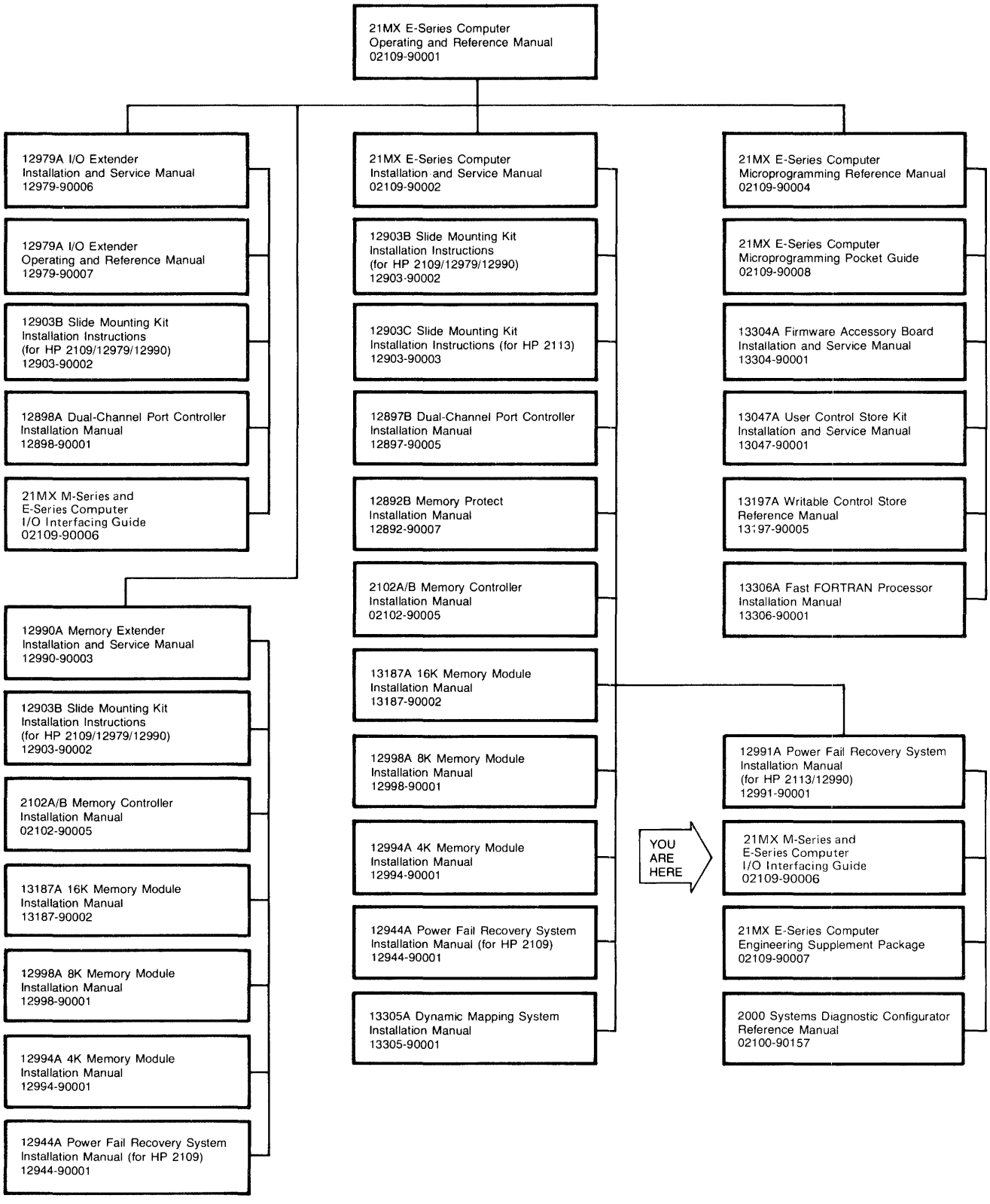

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INTRODUCTION

This manual is provided as an aid for design engineers and programmers to design and program special-purpose interfaces for the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers. The content of this manual is presented as a supplement to the *HP 21MX Computer Series Reference Manual* and to the *HP 21MX E-Series Computer Operating and Reference Manual* and the user should therefore have a thorough understanding of the applicable reference manual contents prior to reading this manual. It is also suggested that the user read this manual in its entirety and become completely acquainted with its contents before attempting to use the information presented in any one particular section.

1-1. INTRODUCTION TO INTERFACING

Interfacing a peripheral device with HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers involves both hardware and software. Except for the Microprogrammable Processor Port (MPP) interfacing discussed in Section VI, the hardware interface is accomplished by inserting one or more interface printed-circuit assemblies (PCA's) into easily accessible input/output (I/O) slots in the computer and connecting a cable between the interface PCA(s) and the peripheral device. As discussed in Section III, the computer provides a unique channel identification and service priority interrupt for every I/O channel used. Priority levels for the peripheral devices connected to the computer can be reassigned by simply changing the position of the interface PCA's in the computer I/O slots. (Specifications for I/O-type interface PCA's are discussed in Section V.) The software interface is accomplished by updating the existing computer I/O software system which may necessitate creating a new peripheral device driver.

1-2. HP 21MX M-SERIES AND E-SERIES BASIC FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES

The HP 21MX M-Series and E-Series are microprogrammable, high-performance computers. The HP 21MX E-Series Computers (HP 2109 and HP 2113) are enhanced versions of the HP 21MX M-Series Computers (HP 2105, HP 2108, and HP 2112) featuring faster system cycle and instruction execution times, faster I/O transfer rates, and increased microprogram routine efficiency. Pertinent interfacing specifications for the computers are contained in table 1-1. For more detailed specifications, refer to the applicable reference manuals listed in paragraph 1-5. A discussion of control processor and I/O section timing for the computers is contained in Section IV.

The I/O systems for the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers are generally compatible with each other. Individual differences between the I/O systems are discussed throughout this manual. The computer I/O system features a multilevel, vectored priority interrupt structure. There are 60 distinct interrupt levels, each of which has a unique priority assignment. Any I/O device can be selectively enabled or disabled, or the entire interrupt system (except for power fail and parity error interrupts) can be enabled or disabled under program control. (Refer to Section III.) The HP 2105 computer has four I/O channels in its mainframe; the HP 2108 and HP 2109 computers have nine; and the HP 2112 and HP 2113 have 14. The number of available I/O channels for the HP 21MX M-Series computer can be increased by adding one or two HP 12979 I/O Extenders that provide 16 additional I/O channels each. All I/O channels are fully powered, buffered, and bidirectional.

Data transfers between HP 21MX M- or E-Series Computers and I/O devices can take place under program control or, for faster transfer rates, under Dual- Channel Port Controller (DCPC) control. The DCPC provides two direct links between computer memory and I/O devices and is program assignable to any two devices. DCPC data transfers occur on an I/O cycle-stealing basis and are independent of the I/O priority structure. For applications where even faster transfer rates are desirable, the HP 21MX E-Series Computers have special microprogrammed I/O capabilities that are discussed in Section VI.

1-3. USER INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

This manual assumes that the user wishes to interface a device which is not a standard peripheral supplied by Hewlett-Packard along with its software I/O driver subroutine. Therefore, two objectives must be accomplished: some sort of general-purpose or special I/O interface PCA must be selected to plug into the computer and accept the device interface cable, and I/O software must be configured so that the computer can control the device. There are several possible methods of accomplishing these objectives. For hardware, the methods range from using available HP general-purpose interface PCA's to designing and building special interface PCA's from the drawingboard level. For software, writing a short assembly-language subroutine may suffice, or full Basic Control System (BCS), Real-Time Executive (RTE) system, or Disc Operating System (DOS) drivers may have to be written. For software development information, refer to the applicable software system documentation listed in table 1-2.

Table 1-1. HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers Interface Specifications

FEATURE	CAPABILITY	
	HP 21MX M-SERIES	HP 21MX E-SERIES
MAX. MAINFRAME MEMORY SIZE: (Optional HP 12990A Memory Extender adds space and power for additional 144K.)	HP 2105 to 32K HP 2108 to 80K HP 2112 to 160K	HP 2109 to 80K HP 2113 to 160K
WORD SIZE:	16 bits	16 bits
SYSTEM CYCLE TIME (nS):	650	560
INPUT/OUTPUT INSTRUCTION GROUP EXECUTION TIME (μS): (Depends on which I/O time period the instruction begins; T2, T3, T4, T5, or T6.)	2.59 to 3.89	1.58 to 2.66
*** INTERRUPT LATENCY (μS):**	85 (max.)	45 (max.)
DUAL-CHANNEL PORT CONTROLLER		
Number of Channels:	2	2
Word Size:	16 bits	16 bits
Maximum Block Size:	32,768 words	32,768 words
Maximum Input Transfer Rate (Words/Second):	616,666	1,000,000
Maximum Output Transfer Rate (Words/Second):	616,666	Without DMS: 890,000 With DMS: 860,000
**** DCPC LATENCY (Channel 1)**		
Input Latency Time (μS):	Worst Case: 2.93 Typical: 2.22	Worst Case with DMS: 3.22 Typical with DMS: 1.78 Worst Case without DMS: 3.05 Typical without DMS: 1.68
Output Latency Time (μS):	Worst Case: 3.25 Typical: 2.54	Worst Case with DMS: 3.395 Typical without DMS: 1.855 Worst Case without DMS: 3.225 Typical with DMS: 1.960
MICROPROGRAMMABLE BLOCK I/O TRANSFERS (HP 21MX E-Series Only)		
Input (256 words or less):	1.59M words/sec (maximum)	
Output (256 words or less):	1.36M words/sec (maximum)	
MICROPROGRAMMABLE PROCESSOR PORT (MPP) I/O TRANSFERS (HP 21MX E-Series Only)		
Burst (16 words or less):	5.7M words/sec (maximum)	
Continuous:	1.59M words/sec (maximum)	

Table 1-1. HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers Interface Specifications (Continued)

MAXIMUM CURRENT AVAILABLE FOR MEMORY, ACCESSORIES, AND I/O CARDS

SUPPLY VOLTAGE	2105A	2108A	2109A	2112A	2113A
+5V	12.8A	24.8A	24.6A	38.2A	38.0A
−2V	1.5A	4.5A	4.5A	9.5	9.5
+12V	1.0A	1.5A	1.5A	3.0A	3.0A
−12V	1.0A	1.5A	1.5A	3.0A	3.0A

NOTES: * Interrupt latency is defined as the time interval between the generation of an Interrupt Request (IRQ) signal by an I/O device and entry into the service routine.
** DCPC latency is defined as the time interval between the generation of a Service Request (SRQ) signal by an I/O device through the initiation of a DCPC channel 1 cycle to the actual completion of the I/O data transfer to or from the I/O interface PCA.

1-4. LEVELS OF HARDWARE INTERFACING

For purposes of this manual, the approaches to interfacing break down into three levels: Level 1 — Using HP General-Purpose Interface PCA's, Level 2 — Party-Line I/O, and Level 3 — Fabricating Interface PCA's.

Level 1 assumes that the specifications of off-the-shelf HP general-purpose interface PCA's are satisfactory to operate your device. These interface PCA's cover a wide range of applicability: receiving or transmitting signals with characteristics suitable for microcircuits, transistors, or relays. Appendix A of this manual contains a condensed, general description of the general-purpose interface kits available from Hewlett-Packard as of this printing. A data sheet providing the features, specifications, and a list of product support documentation and software either supplied with or available for the applicable interface kit is available at your nearest Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service Office. (A list of Sales and Service Offices is provided at the back of this manual). Economics in design and manufacture can frequently be achieved by using these general-purpose interfaces. If a large number of devices, or devices of a special type are required to be serviced by the computer, or if exceptionally fast transfer rates are desired, Level 2 or Level 3 may have to be considered.

Level 2 provides a party-line method of servicing a large number of I/O devices. The number of devices serviceable by party-line I/O is dependent on the addressing word format you choose. Assuming seven bits are used for command and status information, eight bits would be left to address 256 devices. (One bit must be reserved for indirect addressing.) This is a typical example, but the quantity limit can vary by factors of the powers of two (128, 256, 512, etc.). A detailed discussion of party-line I/O is contained in Section VI.

Level 3 is the most basic level; designing and building an interface PCA that will permit the computer to service special-type devices or, for the HP 21MX E-Series Computers only, an interface that permits the faster microprogrammed I/O capabilities. Hewlett-Packard can furnish a breadboard interface PCA with the Flag and Control logic required by the computer's I/O section to facilitate these procedures. Refer to Sections V and VI for more detailed information. It should be noted that the HP 21MX E-Series Computer has provisions for two types of microprogrammed I/O data transfers: transfers via a block I/O interface PCA connected to the I/O Section and transfers via an interface PCA connected to the Microprogrammable Processor Port (MPP). As an aid toward determining whether block I/O or MPP transfers are best for your particular application, the following features and limitations should be considered. Generally, MPP transfers are easier to microprogram and provide faster data transfer rates. Block I/O transfers are more difficult to microprogram because the microcode must be written to simulate I/O instructions and the data transfer rates are slower because the I/O control instructions must be synchronized to I/O Section timing. The MPP is totally independent of the I/O Section and, therefore, does not require

the use of an I/O Section connector slot or select code. Also, since MPP transfers are affected through bus drivers and receivers, the MPP has the capability of driving cables up to six feet (1.83 meters) in length. Conversely, block I/O transfers do require the use of an I/O Section connector slot and do require a select code. Therefore, block I/O transfers can be used to combine the speed of microprogrammed I/O transfers with the capabilities of the interrupt system discussed in Section III. The MPP has no interrupt capability. Therefore, the computer must determine when the I/O device requires service by polling the device in the microprogram and then initiating the required data transfer. Refer to Section VI for more detailed information.

At all levels, the user should keep in mind that Hewlett-Packard warranties and responsibilities apply only to those items produced and quality controlled by Hewlett-Packard. This manual is intended as a guide only, and the effectiveness of devices or programs created according to the recommendations outlined herein are purely the responsibility of the user.

1-5. AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION

Supporting hardware documentation is provided with each Hewlett-Packard computer shipped to a customer. Hardware documentation is also supplied for optional and accessory add-ons as well as for off-the-shelf I/O interface PCA's. Basic hardware manuals for the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers are listed in table 1-2. Hardware manuals are also available for the I/O interface PCA's described in Appendix A of this manual. Consult your local Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service Office for additional hardware documentation related to the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers. If your computer was supplied as part of an HP computer system, a complete list of related hardware documentation is contained in the *Manual and Software Record* supplied with the system.

All software supplied with any HP computer system is supported by complete user documentation. General types of software manuals include language manuals, operating system manuals, software operating procedures, user manuals, applications manuals, and small program manuals. The *Manual and Software Record* supplied with each system lists all software furnished with the original equipment and provides an index to the software documentation. Software and software documentation supplied with standard HP I/O interface PCA's are listed in the individual data sheets. Reference manuals that contain basic information for writing system software drivers are listed in table 1-2. Consult your local Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service Office for additional software documentation related to the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers.

A complete list of microprogramming manuals available for the 21MX M- and E-Series Computers is contained in table 1-2.

Table 1-2. I/O Interface Related Reference Manuals

TITLE	HP PART NUMBER
HARDWARE	
HP 21MX Computer Series Reference Manual	02108-90002
HP 21MX Computer Series Operator's Manual	02108-90004
HP 21MX Computer Series Installation and Service Manual	02108-90006
HP 21MX E-Series Computer Operating and Reference Manual	02109-90001
HP 21MX E-Series Computer Installation and Service Manual	02109-90002
MICROPROGRAMMING	
HP 21MX M-Series Computer BCS and DOS Microprogramming Reference Manual	02108-90008
HP 21MX M-Series Computer RTE Microprogramming Reference Manual	02108-90032
HP 21MX E-Series Computer Microprogramming Reference Manual	02109-90004
SOFTWARE	
Basic Control System	02116-9017
DOS-III Data Communications Drivers Reference Manual	24307-90012
DOS-III Standard Drivers Reference Manual	24307-90073
HP 24307B/C DOS-III Disc Operating System Reference Manual	24307-90006
Real-Time Executive Operating System Drivers and Device Subroutines	*92200-93005*
RTE-II Programming and Operating Manual	92001-93001
RTE-III Programming and Operating Manual	92060-90004

COMPUTER CHARACTERISTICS

SECTION II

As an aid toward more successful I/O interface design, this section contains a general discussion of the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computer's operation and architecture. Unless otherwise specified, the contents of this section apply equally to the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E- Series Computers.

2-1. COMPUTER OVERVIEW

As shown in figure 2-1, the computer functionally consists of four major sections: a Control Processor Section, Main Memory Section, I/O Section, and Arithmetic/Logic Section. These four sections and the computer's Operator Panel are interconnected by a network of signal paths. Data processing programs and data are stored in the Main Memory Section. Parameters, status, commands, and computer results (data) are exchanged with external peripherals via the I/O Section. Mathematical functions such as add, subtract, and multiply and logical functions such as "and", "or", and shift are performed by the Arithmetic/Logic Section. The Operator Panel registers and switches provide direct operator communication. Each section operates under direction of the Control Processor Section by means of a microprogram. The Control Processor Section interprets the user's program stored in the Main Memory Section and directs the appropriate hardware in each of the other sections to perform the required operations. Control commands (or microinstructions) spell out which signal paths the data is to follow and what modifications or tests are to be performed.

Control and data paths between the computer's major sections and add-on accessories are provided by a bus system. The structure of the bus system is shown in figure 2-2 which illustrates the main communication paths between major computer sections and accessories. The S-bus is a 16-bit, tri-state, TTL-compatible bus and is the major data transfer bus in the computer. The T-bus is a 16-bit, bi-state, TTL-compatible bus. The T- bus is a resultant data bus and is completely internal to the Arithmetic/Logic Section. The M-bus is a 16-bit, tri-state, TTL-compatible bus. The M-bus holds the address to be referenced by memory and is driven by either the Arithmetic/Logic Section M-register or the DCPC address registers. The ME-bus is a 10-bit, tri-state, TTL-compatible bus. The ME-bus holds the upper-ten bits of the expanded memory address and is driven by the Memory Expansion Module. For interfacing, the select code bus, interrupt address bus, and I/O bus are of prime importance. The select code bus is a 6-bit, CTL-compatible, control bus. The select code bus holds the select code for the I/O device being referenced by either the I/O Section or DCPC. The interrupt address bus is a 6-bit, open-collector, TTL-compatible control bus. The interrupt address bus holds the select code of any interrupt-requesting I/O interface PCA. The I/O bus is a 16-bit, bi-directional, CTL-compatible, data communication bus for the I/O Section. All plug-in I/O interface PCA's transmit and receive data via the I/O bus. A more detailed discussion of the three I/O-related buses is contained in Sections III and IV of this manual. Block diagrams of the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers are contained in figures 2-3 and 2-4, respectively at the end of this section.

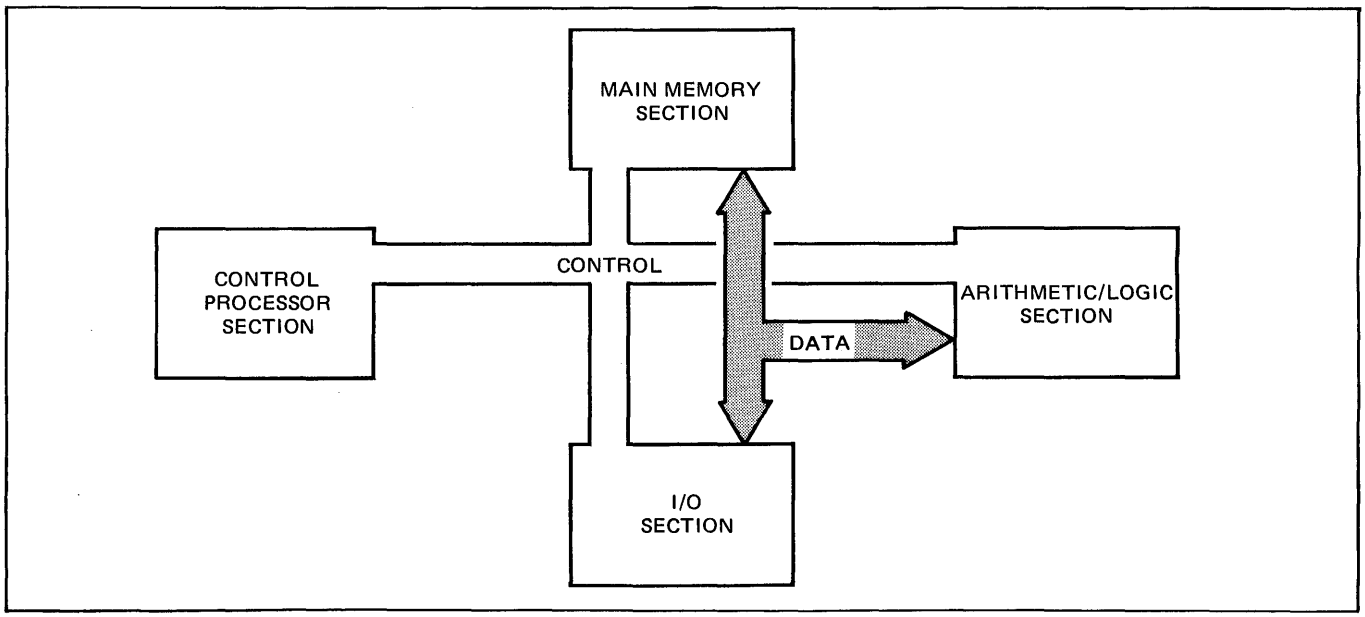

Figure 2-1. Computer Functional Sections

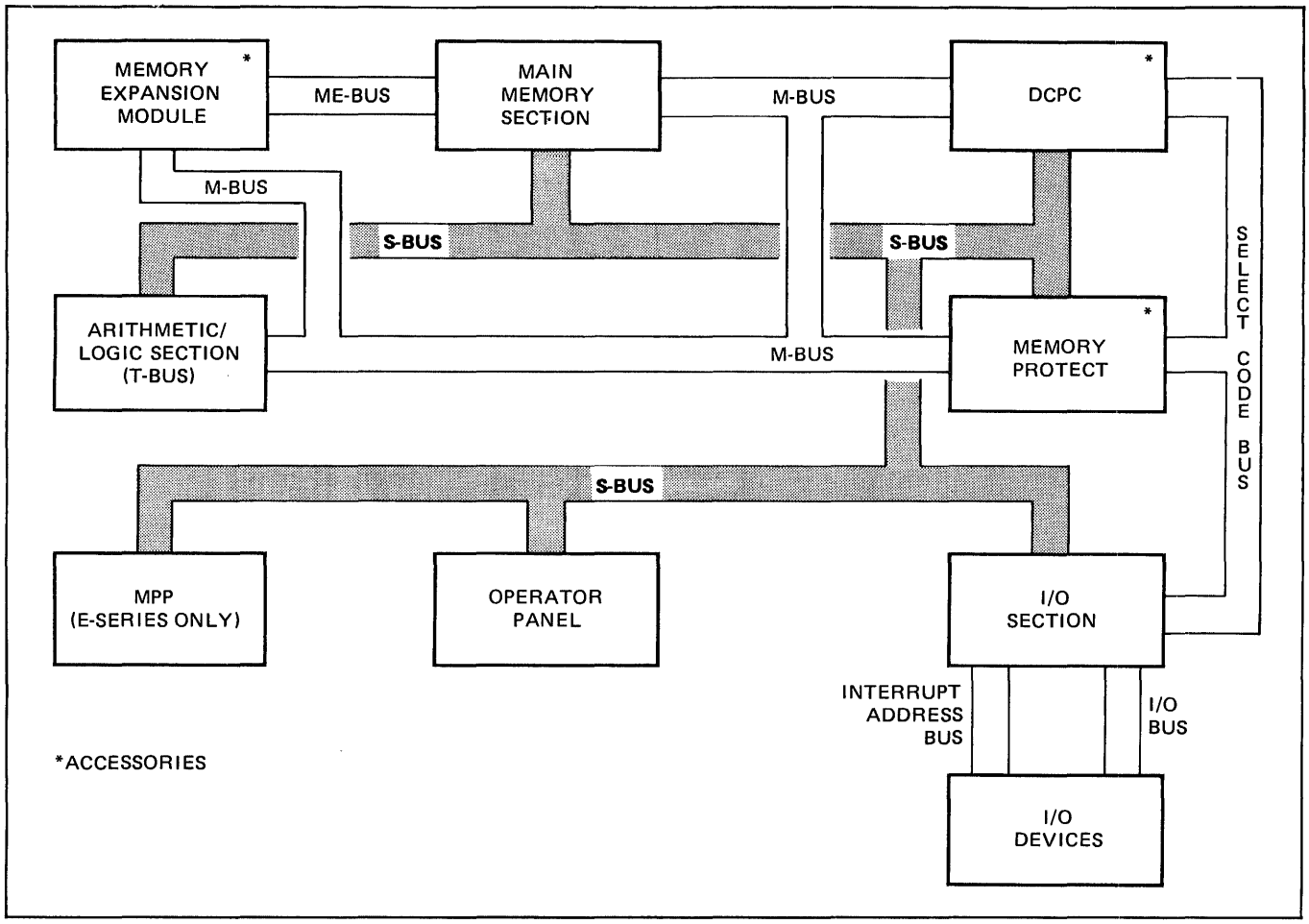

Figure 2-2. Computer Functional Block Diagram

2-2. CONTROL PROCESSOR SECTION

The Control Processor Section is the heart of the computer and contains the registers, control logic, control memory, and timing logic required to execute microprograms and fetch and execute programs stored in the Main Memory Section. This section initializes and controls, either directly or indirectly, the other computer sections. The primary tasks of the Control Processor Section are as follows:

a. Control the execution sequence of computer microprograms.

b. Decode microinstruction fields.

c. Control the computer data manipulations.

d. Initiate I/O signal sequences.

e. Control the Operator Panel.

f. Communicate with Memory Protect.

g. Provide system timing for all other computer sections.

h. Provide control processor synchronization with memory and I/O timing as required.

i. Provide effective execution of computer instructions.

2-3. ARITHMETIC/LOGIC SECTION

The Arithmetic/Logic Section contains all the computer's working registers and the necessary logic to perform arithmetic and logical operations on data. Resultant data is transferred between elements in this section via the T-bus. Data is transferred between this section and the rest of the computer via the S-bus. The primary tasks of the Arithmetic/Logic Section are as follows:

a. Provide temporary register storage of memory data.

b. Perform arithmetic and logical operations on data received from other computer registers and to modify and manipulate this data as instructed by the computer program.

c. Provide status indications of computed results as an operations aid (overflow, extend, and special flags).

2-4. MAIN MEMORY SECTION

The Main Memory Section consists of a memory controller and one or more memory module boards with which the controller is designed to operate. The memory module boards contain semiconductor memory arrays that are switch selectable to various address spaces. The memory controller is the interface to and from the Main Memory Section and responds to read/write requests, generates proper timing and enabling signals for the memory modules, and controls memory refresh timing and addressing. The primary tasks of the Main Memory Section are as follows:

a. Sustain memory data. Since dynamic semiconductor memory is used, the memory module boards must be refreshed to retain stored data. The memory controller initiates and controls the refresh cycles to fit around read/write requests and Dual-Channel Port Controller (DCPC) cycles.

b. Respond to read and write requests. The memory controller generates the proper timing and enabling signals to perform read or write data transfers. The memory address is obtained from the M-bus and the addressed data is transferred on the S-bus.

c. Inhibit memory cycles upon receipt of violation flags from the Memory Protect. (Memory cycles received from the DCPC are not inhibited.)

2-5. I/O SECTION

Except for the MPP (E-Series computers only), the I/O Section provides the hardware link for communication between the computer and all peripheral devices. (The MPP provides direct interfacing under microprogrammed control and is discussed in more detail in Section VI of this manual.) The I/O Section contains the I/O control and select code addressing logic, I/O bus control logic, interrupt control logic, and I/O interface PCA slots required to carry out computer initiated transfer operations and I/O device interrupting transfer operations. (Refer to Section III.) The primary tasks of the I/O Section are as follows:

a. Generate control signals for the I/O interface PCA's.

b. Provide data and status paths for the I/O interface PCA's.

c. Determine select codes of interrupting peripheral devices.

d. Resolve interrupt request priority conflicts.

e. Generate pending interrupt signals for the Control Section.

f. Provide control interface signals for special computer accessories such as the DCPC, Memory Protect, etc.

g. Provide communication lines for I/O extenders.

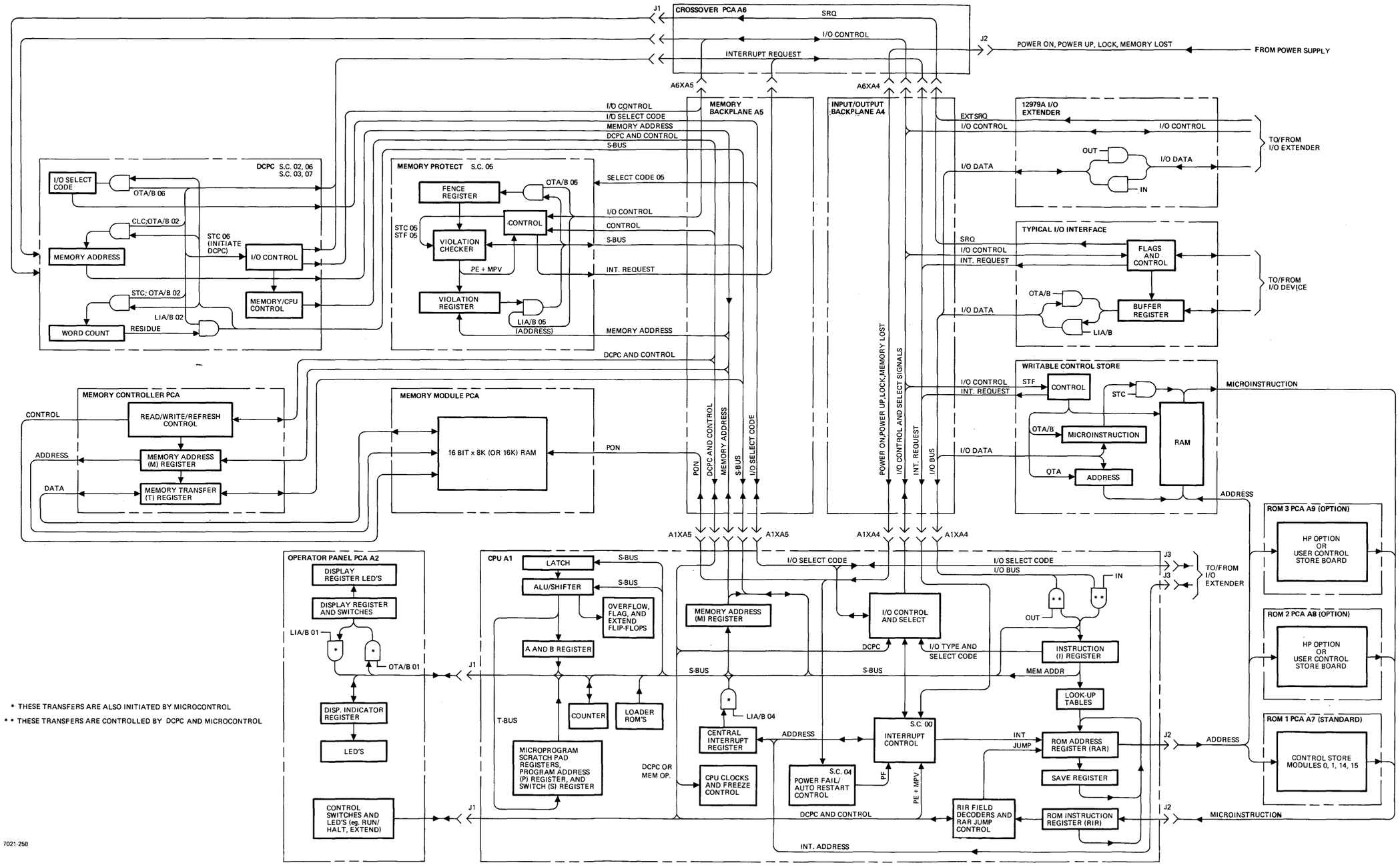

Figure 2-3. HP 21MX M-Series Computer Block Diagram

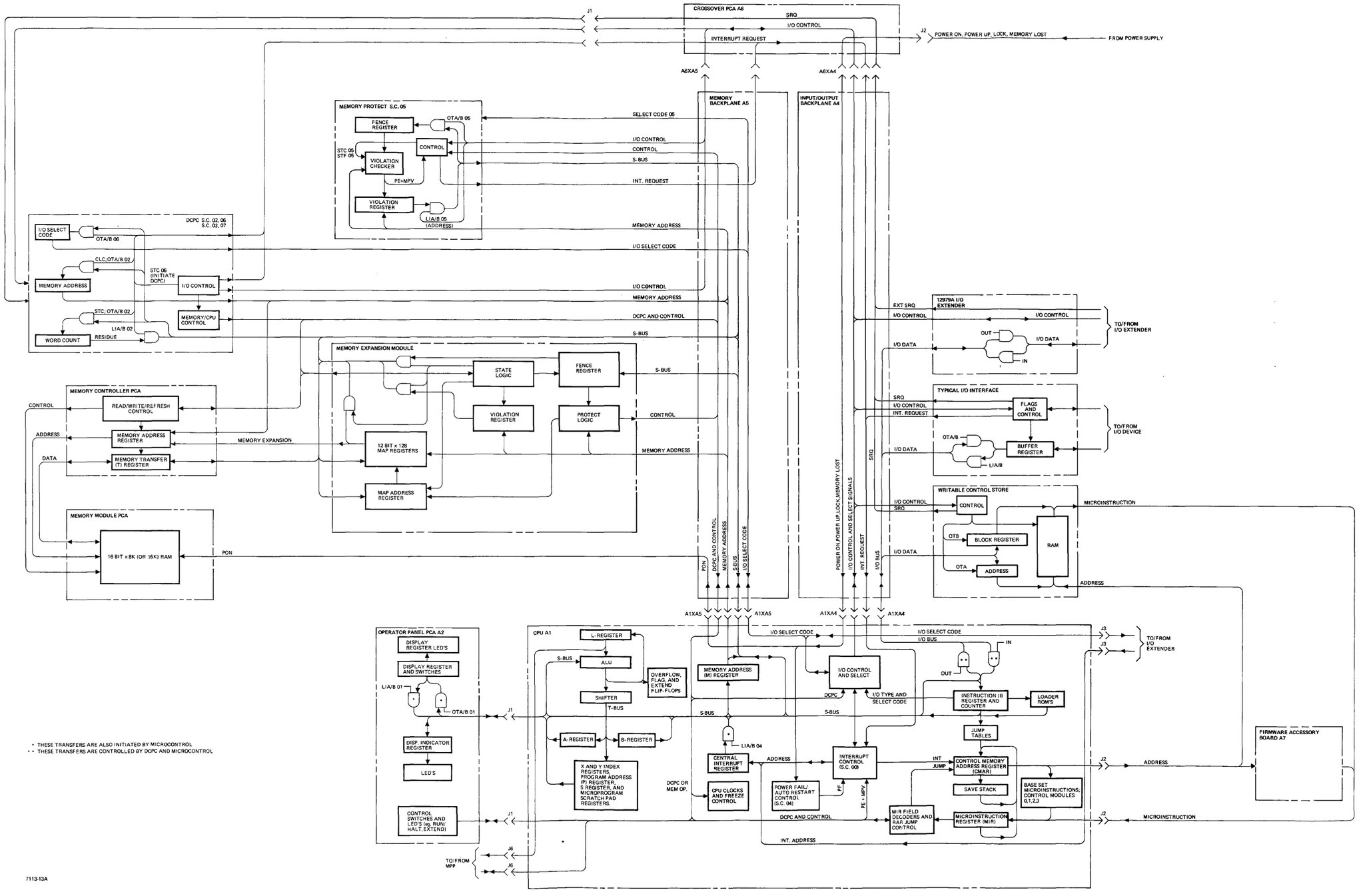

Figure 2-4. HP 21MX E-Series Computer Block Diagram

I/O SYSTEM FUNDAMENTALS

SECTION III

This section contains a general discussion of the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computer I/O system. Unless otherwise specified, the contents of this section apply equally to the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers.

3-1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the I/O system is to transfer data between the computer and external peripheral devices. As shown in figure 3-1, data is normally transferred through the A- or B-register. An input transfer of this type occurs in three distinct steps: (1) between the external device and its interface PCA in the computer, (2) between the interface PCA and the A- or B-register via the I/O bus and CPU, and (3) between the A- or B-register and memory via the S-bus and memory controller. This three-step process also applies to an output transfer except in reverse order. This type of transfer, which is executed under machine instruction program control, allows the computer logic to manipulate the data during the transfer process.

As shown in figure 3-1, data may also be transferred automatically under control of the Dual-Channel Port Controller (DCPC). Once the DCPC has been initialized, no programming is involved and the transfer is reduced to a two-step process: (1) between the external device and its interface PCA in the computer and (2) between the interface PCA and memory via the I/O bus, S-bus, and memory controller. The two DCPC channels are program assignable to operate with any two device interface PCA's. Since a DCPC transfer eliminates programmed loading and storing via the accumulators, the time involved is very short. Also, since DCPC operates on a cycle-stealing basis, instruction execution can occur concurrently with DCPC operation. Therefore, the DCPC is normally used with high-speed external devices capable of transferring data at the rates specified in table 1-1. Additional information on DCPC I/O transfers is contained in paragraph 3-25.

Also shown in figure 3-1, data may be transferred under microprogram control in the HP 21MX E-Series Computers. Two types of data transfer are available under microprogram control: transfer via a user-designed block I/O PCA connected to the I/O bus or via a user-designed interface PCA connected to the Microprogrammable Processor Port (MPP). Design of the MPP permits external devices to be connected directly to the CPU and interfaced under microprogrammed control. For microprogrammed block I/O operations, an input transfer occurs in two steps: (1) between the external device and its interface PCA in the computer, and (2) between the interface PCA and memory via the I/O bus, S-bus, and memory controller. This two-step process also applies to an output transfer except in reverse order. For MPP I/O operations, an input transfer also occurs in two steps: (1) between the external device and its interface PCA and (2) between the interface PCA and memory via the MPP, S- bus, and memory controller. This two step process also applies to an output transfer except in reverse order. Microprogrammed I/O operations can be used with exceptionally fast external devices capable of transferring data at the rates specified in table 1-1. Additional information on microprogrammed I/O transfers is contained in Section VI.

3-2. I/O SECTION CONTROL

3-3. GENERAL

Functionally, the I/O Section allows the computer to select and communicate with each of the I/O device's associated interface PCA(s) through I/O control and address logic and through direct bus wiring. The structure of the I/O Section also provides a means by which I/O devices can interrupt the computer program in order to be serviced by the computer. When more than one I/O device requests an interrupt, the computer processes the requests on a priority basis. Figure 3-1 illustrates the main sections of the computer concerned with the control of I/O operations All sections shown are contained in the computer mainframe except for the I/O devices. Although the S-bus is represented as a single line, it actually consists of 16 individual hardwired lines.

3-4. I/O CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS

I/O instructions generate signals that are translated into appropriate control, flag, and select code signals. The control signals are used to enable the I/O interface PCA and the flag signals are used to monitor the status of the associated I/O device. The control and flag signals are routed to the various I/O interface PCA's as determined by the select code signals. The control and flag signals are used to set or clear the Control and Flag flip-flops on the interface PCA's and to test the flip-flop's set or clear states. Each I/O slot is permanently assigned to an individual select code through the computer's hardware design. This allows the select code logic to individually address each I/O interface PCA and its associated I/O device on a priority basis.

3-5. I/O DATA TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Data transfer instructions initiate either an input or output data transfer between the computer and an I/O device

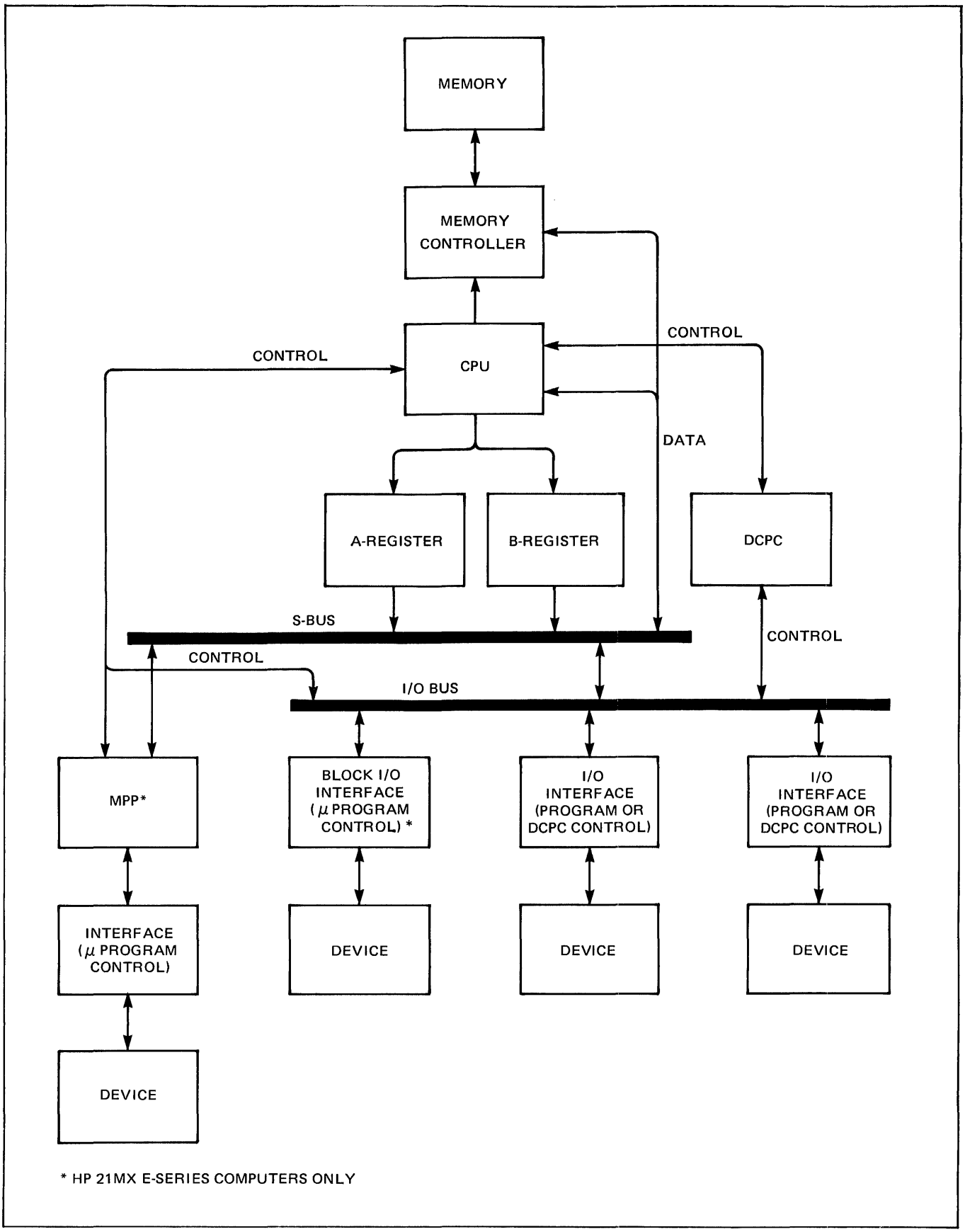

Figure 3-1. Input/Output System

by generating either an I/O Input (IOI) signal or an I/O Output (IOO) signal. The IOI signal strobes all interface PCA's for input data as a result of a Load Into A (LIA), Load Into B (LIB), Merge Into A (MIA), or Merge Into B (MIB) instruction. Only the data from the interface PCA addressed by the select code is enabled. The data is strobed by IOI into either the A- or B-register via the I/O bus and S-bus. The IOO signal is applied to the interface PCA's as a result of an Output From A (OTA) or Output From B (OTB) instruction. This signal, when combined with the appropriate select code signal, strobes data from either the A- or B-register into the addressed interface PCA via the S-bus and I/O bus.

3-6. INTERRUPT REQUESTS

If a specific instruction (STF 00) has previously enabled the interrupt system, an external I/O device can request an interrupt to the computer program at any time. (Refer to paragraph 3-10.) To request an interrupt, the I/O device applies an Interrupt Request (IRQ) signal to the computer via its interface PCA. The I/O Section determines the address of the interrupting device and causes an interrupt to the main computer program. The computer services the interrupt by setting the M-register to the memory location corresponding to the address or select code of the interrupting device. (Memory locations corresponding to interrupt addresses are commonly referred to as "trap cells".) Generally, the trap cell will contain a Jump to Subroutine Indirect (JSB,I) instruction to be executed. The subroutine accepts and/or prepares input data from the I/O device or applies output data from the computer to the I/O device. Upon completion of the service request, the subroutine causes a return to the proper location in the main computer program.

3-7. INTERFACE PCA'S

The interface PCA's provide data transfer channels between the computer and the external I/O devices, and provide control (via computer commands) of the I/O device's operation. The interface PCA's usually contain flag and interrupt logic circuits and registers for temporary storage of data being transferred to or from the computer. Requirements for the use of the flag and interrupt logic circuits and the number of storage registers designed into the interface PCA depend on the type of I/O device to which it is connected. (Refer to Section V for a detailed discussion of interface PCA design.)

3-8. I/O TIMING

An I/O cycle is the time required to generate all I/O signals necessary to execute an I/O instruction. Each I/O cycle is divided into five T-periods designated T2, T3, T4, T5, and T6. The control processor provides the required gating signals for the I/O signals resulting from decoded I/O instructions and interrupt requests. Timing of the I/O signals in relation to the I/O time periods is discussed in Section IV. Two I/O time period signals, Enable Flag (ENF) and Set Interrupt Request (SIR), are buffered to provide control signals for interrupt processing. I/O time period T2 is buffered to form the ENF signal which is routed to all computer I/O slots. The ENF signal is used during I/O operations to time the setting of the interface PCA's Flag flip-flop. I/O time period T5 is buffered to form the SIR signal which is routed to all computer I/O slots. The SIR signal is used during interrupt processing to time the setting of the interface PCA's Interrupt Request (IRQ) flip-flop.

3-9. I/O ADDRESSING

Communication between the interface PCA's and the computer is accomplished by specific I/O addresses called select codes. The select codes specify one of 64 possible I/O devices or functions. Select code signals are transferred to the I/O slot of the selected I/O device to permit program control of the device. Table 3-1 lists the select codes and their assignments, and indicates the corresponding interrupt location (i.e., the memory location containing the instruction to be executed when an interrupt occurs). Figure 3-2 illustrates the I/O slots in the computer for the associated interface PCA's. Each I/O slot is assigned two select codes in order to service I/O devices that contain both input and output logic circuits. The input section and output section of an interface PCA may require separate select codes. When a single interface PCA contains both addressable input and output logic circuits, its I/O slot must provide both select codes. The second interface PCA maintains priority continuity. Since I/O slot wiring determines the select codes for the slot, and interface PCA's can be inserted into any I/O slot, the interface PCA assumes the select codes of the I/O slot into which it is inserted.

The Select Code Most Significant Digit (SCM) and Select Code Least Significant Digit (SCL) signal combination determines the I/O slot to which the instruction portion of the I/O instruction word is to be directed. As previously discussed, each I/O slot and therefore each interface PCA contains two octal select codes. Figure 3-3 illustrates the SCM and SCL signal paths to the I/O slot connectors. Note that the SCM(1) signal is applied to most-significant-digit input pins on the I/O slot connectors with select codes of 10 through 17 and that the SCM(2) signal is applied to the I/O slot connectors with select codes of 20 through 25. The SCM(0) and SCL(0) through SCL(7) signals are used to form select code address signals SC0 through SC7. The functions of these select codes are contained in table 3-2. It should be noted that the SCM and SCL signals are applied to the same numbered pins on all I/O slot connectors as follows:

a. Pin 14 lower select code, most significant digit.

b. Pin 16 lower select code, least significant digit.

c. Pin 37 higher select code, most significant digit.

d. Pin 34 higher select code, least significant digit.

Table 3-1. Select Code Assignments

SELECT CODE (OCTAL)	INTERRUPT MEMORY LOCATION (OCTAL)	ASSIGNMENT
00	None	Interrupt System Enable/Disable
01	None	Display Register or Overflow
02	None	DCPC Initialization Channel 1
03	None	DCPC Initialization Channel 2
04	00004	Power Fail Interrupt/Central Interrupt Register
05	00005	Parity Error Interrupt/Memory Protect Interrupt/Dynamic Mapping System Interrupt
06	00006	DCPC Channel 1 Completion Interrupt
07	00007	DCPC Channel 2 Completion Interrupt
10 thru 77	00010 thru 00077	I/O Devices

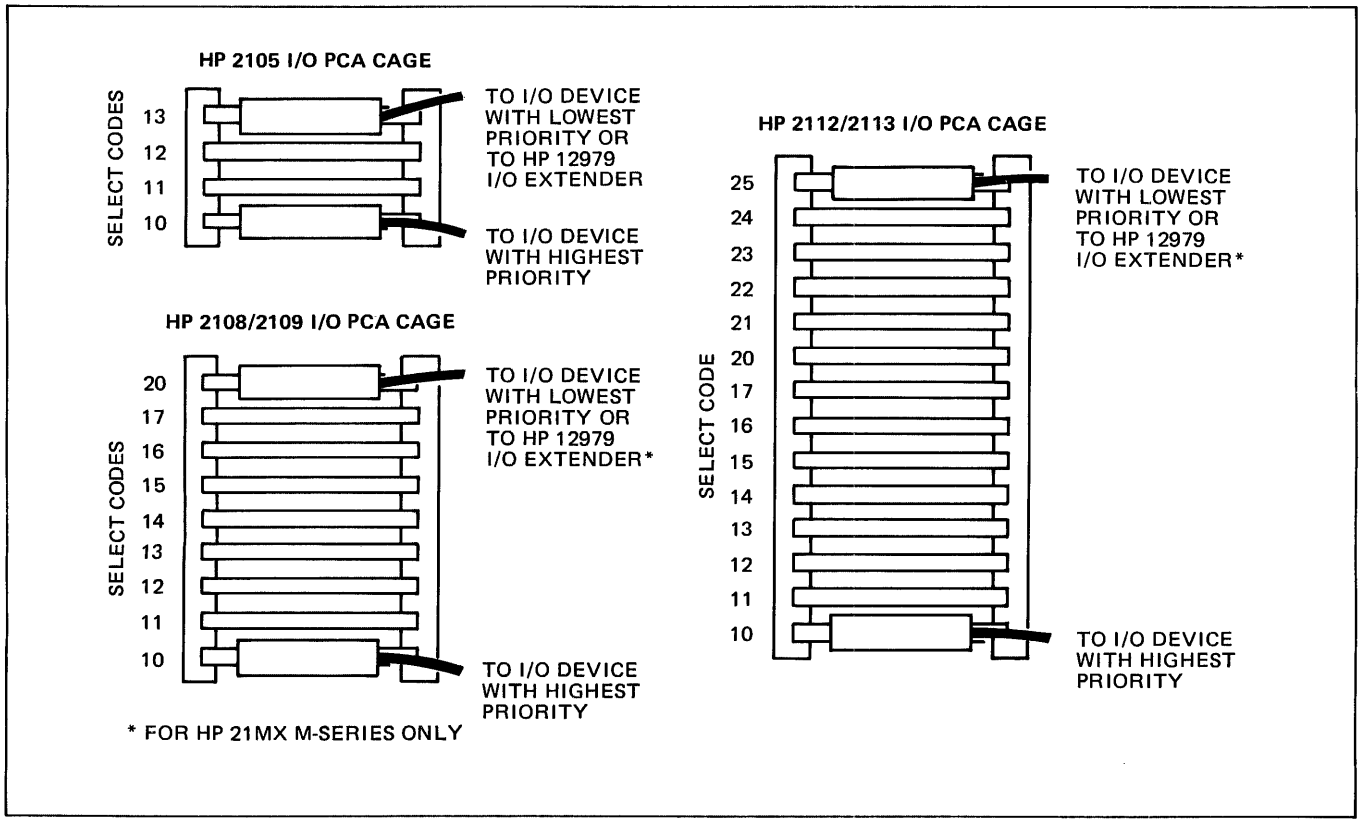

Figure 3-2. I/O Address Assignments

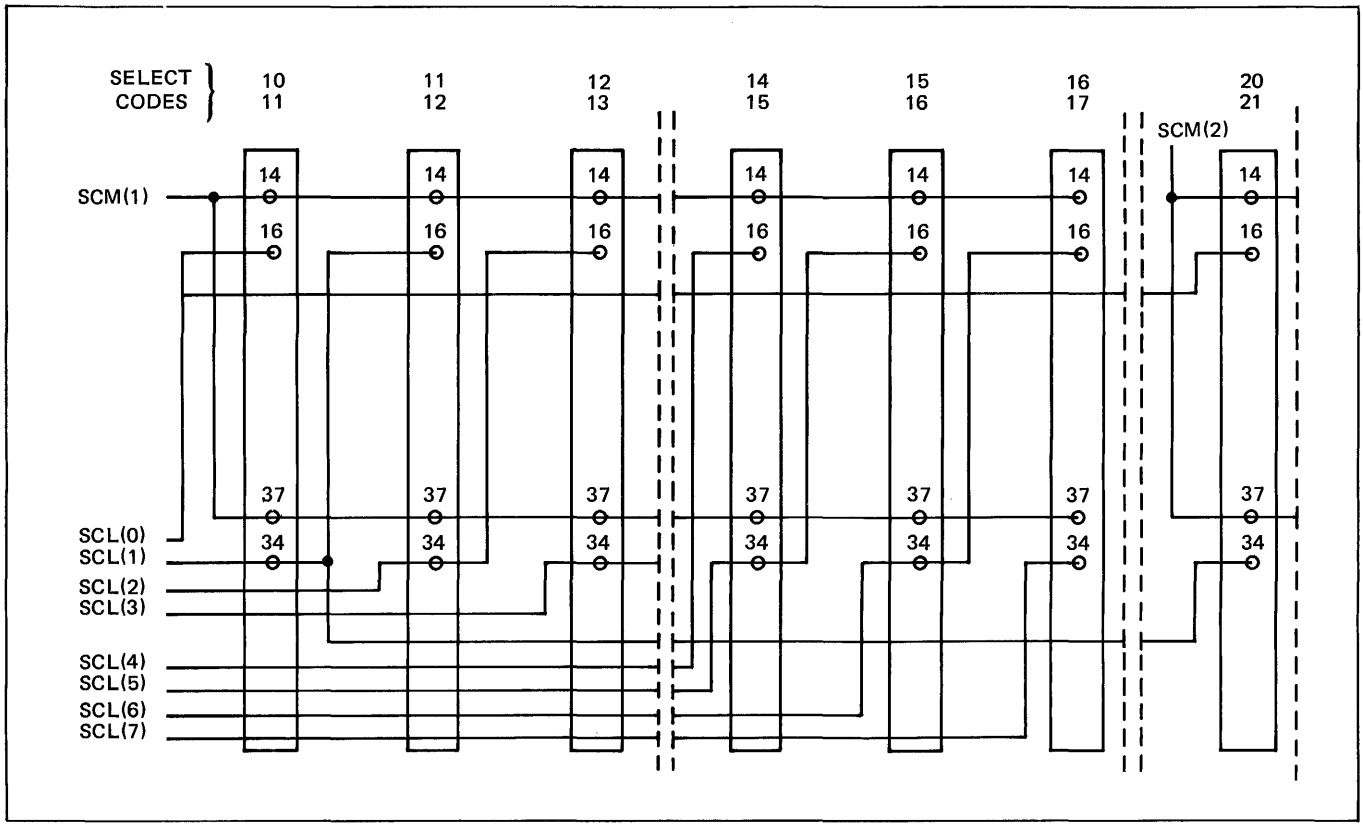

Figure 3-3. I/O Slot Connector Select Code Wiring

3-10. INTERRUPT SYSTEM

The interrupt system provides the means for an external I/O device to interrupt the program in progress when data is available for input or when additional output data can be accepted. An interrupt request from an I/O device occurs when the following conditions are met:

a. The interrupt system is enabled.

b. The specific I/O device's interface PCA Flag flip-flop is set.

c. The specific I/O device's interface PCA Control flip-flop is set.

d. No instruction that affects priority (STF, CLF, STC, or CLC) is in progress.

e. The priority network is not disabled by gaps between interface PCA's as discussed in paragraph 3-13.

f. No higher priority I/O devices have met the conditions stated in a through d above.

The computer program determines if interrupt requests from the external I/O devices will be recognized by enabling or disabling the interrupt system. A Set Flag (STF) instruction with a select code of 00 (octal) enables the interrupt system. A Clear Flag (CLF) instruction with a select code of 00 (octal) disables the interrupt system. When power is initially applied to the computer, the interrupt system is disabled. Initial power application also clears all I/O interface PCA's Control flip-flops and sets all Flag Buffer and Flag flip-flops. Therefore, to operate any I/O device under interrupt system control, it is first necessary to clear the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag Buffer and Flag flip-flops and to set the Control flip-flop.

3-11. INTERRUPT PRIORITY

The interrupt system contains a priority network that establishes an orderly sequence of granting interrupt requests. The following paragraphs contain discussions of priority assignments, network operation, continuity, and instructions.

3-12. PRIORITY ASSIGNMENTS. A priority circuit on the I/O interface PCA's allows only one I/O device to interrupt the computer program regardless of the number of I/O devices requesting an interrupt. The priority network assigns the highest priority to select code 04 (octal) which is reserved for power fail interrupt and decreasing priority to select codes 05 through 77 (octal) as listed in table 3-1. Each I/O interface PCA connector in the computer is assigned two interrupt priorities corresponding to the two select codes assigned each connector. This

provides an interrupt priority for both the input and output circuits of an I/O interface PCA in case they are to be separately addressable. The interrupt priority assignments for each I/O interface PCA connector are fixed but, since any I/O interface PCA can be inserted into any connector slot, the interrupt priority of any I/O device can be easily changed simply by inserting the device's associated I/O interface PCA into another connector slot.

3-13. PRIORITY NETWORK OPERATION. As shown in figure 3-4, priority is established by a hardwired priority network on both the individual I/O interface PCA's and on each I/O connector slot. The true/false logic levels for an I/O interface PCA that is not requesting an interrupt are indicated by parenthesis (T) or (F) on the first I/O interface PCA (select code 11) illustrated in figure 3-4. Figure 3-4 also indicates that the interrupt system is enabled (i.e., IEN input signal is true). Also, figure 3-4 indicates that an I/O device with a higher priority is not requesting an interrupt (i.e., PRH input signal from select code 10 is true). In this case, the priority chain is not broken and a true PRL signal is applied to the next I/O interface PCA (select code 12) as a true PRH signal.

If an I/O interface PCA contains both input and output logic circuits, each circuit may have a separate select code and corresponding interrupt priority with the priority chain connected internally on the PCA. Usually, for I/O interface PCA's that contain both input and output logic circuits, the output logic circuit is assigned a higher priority than the input logic circuit. Since the I/O interface PCA uses both select codes assigned to its connector, the second I/O interface PCA (if required) must provide continuity for the priority network. There can be no gaps in the priority network if it is to function properly. If only one I/O interface PCA which operates from two select codes is required for an I/O device, a priority jumper PCA must be installed to maintain priority continuity for the lower priority I/O devices.

If the output logic circuit of the I/O interface PCA (figure 3-4) requests an interrupt, the PRL signal to the input logic circuit of the PCA goes false and the priority chain is broken, preventing any I/O interface PCA with a lower priority from interrupting the computer program. A service subroutine can now be entered to process the interrupt requested by the output logic circuit. A service subroutine for any I/O device can be interrupted by any I/O device(s) with a higher priority. Then, after the I/O device(s) with a higher priority has been serviced, the subroutine for the I/O device with the lower priority can continue. Therefore, several service subroutines can be in an interrupted state at one time. Each subroutine will continue from its interrupted point when the next higher priority subroutine is completed.

Interrupt priority can also be program controlled. Since an interrupt cannot occur unless the I/O interface PCA's Control flip-flop is set, all Control flip-flops on I/O interface PCA's with a higher priority than the one desired can be cleared by a CLC instruction. This prevents the higher priority I/O interface PCA's from requesting an interrupt and establishes the desired I/O interface PCA as the highest priority device. However, the I/O interface PCA's disabled by the CLC instruction must now be monitored for service by testing the state of their Flag flip-flops or by resetting the Control flip-flops with an STC instruction. (Refer to paragraph 3-19.)

3-14. PRIORITY CONTINUITY. When an I/O interface PCA requests an interrupt, the PRL signal applied to the next lower priority I/O interface PCA as PRH goes false which prevents that I/O interface PCA from requesting an interrupt. This sequence continues from PCA to PCA until the last (lowest priority) I/O interface PCA receives a false PRH signal.

3-15. INSTRUCTIONS AFFECTING PRIORITY. Four instructions (STC, CLC, STF, and CLF) affect the I/O interface PCA's priority network. Whether an I/O device can or cannot request an interrupt depends on whether its I/O interface PCA's Control flip-flop is set (STC) or cleared (CLC) and whether its Flag flip-flop is set (STF) or cleared(CLF). If an I/O device cannot request an interrupt, all succeeding lower priority devices assume a priority of one higher in the priority network. The four instructions also inhibit all interrupts during the computer cycle in which they occur. This prevents interrupts from occuring during entry and exit from subroutines. Also, a combination of two of the four instructions is normally the next-to-last instruction in a service subroutine processing an interrupt. (The last instruction is a JMP,I instruction to return to the main program or to an address of another subroutine.) If another I/O device could interrupt the subroutine immediately after the combination of the two instructions and before the JMP,I instruction, the possibility would exist that the first I/O device could interrupt a second time before the JMP,I instruction. In this case, the first main program address or the other service subroutine address would be destroyed, preventing a return to the main program or to the other service subroutine.

3-16. INTERRUPT GENERATION

A detailed discussion of the sequence of events that take place during an interrupt request is contained in paragraphs 4-4 through 4-8 and paragraph 5-4 of this manual.

3-17. INTERRUPT PROCESSING

Initially, during an interrupt, the computer decrements the P-register to ensure that the proper location in the main program will be returned to after the interrupt is processed. Also, the computer places the service request address (always equal to the select code of the interrupting I/O device) into the M-register. This addresses the memory location having the same number as the service request address (select code). This location in memory is referred to as the "trap cell" and is reserved for one particular I/O device. For example, an I/O device specified by select code 10 (octal) will interrupt to (i.e., cause execution of the

Table 3-2. Interrupt and I/O Control Summary

INST	S.C. 00	S.C. 01	S.C. 02	S.C. 03	S.C. 04	S.C. 05	S.C. 06	S.C. 07	S.C. 10–77
STC	NOP	NOP	Prepares DCPC channel 1 to receive and store the block length in 2's complement form.	Prepares DCPC channel 2 to receive and store the block length in 2's complement form.	Re-initializes power-fail logic and restores interrupt capability to lower priority functions.	Turns on memory protect.	Sets Control FF on DCPC channel 1 (activates DMA).	Sets Control FF on DCPC channel 2 (activates DMA).	Sets PCA Control FF and turns on device on channel specified by S.C.
CLC	Clears all Control FF's from S.C. 06 and up; effectively turns off all I/O devices.	NOP	Prepares DCPC channel 1 to receive and store the direction of data flow and the starting memory address.	Prepares DCPC channel 2 to receive and store the direction of data flow and the starting memory address.	Re-initialize power-fail logic and restores interrupt capability to lower priority functions.	NOP	Clears Control FF on DCPC channel 1 (reestablishes priority with STF; does not turn off DCPC).	Clears Control FF on DCPC channel 2 (reestablishes priority with STF; does not turn off DCPC).	Clears PCA Control FF and turns off device.
STF	Turns on interrupt system.	STO sets overflow bit.	NOP	NOP	Flag FF sets automatically when power comes up. (No program control possible.)	Turns on parity error interrupt capability.	Aborts DCPC channel 1 data transfer.	Aborts DCPC channel 2 data transfer.	Sets PCA Flag FF.
CLF	Turns off interrupt system except power fail (S.C. 04) and parity error (S.C. 05).	CLO clears overflow bit.	NOP	NOP	Flag FF clears automatically when power fail occurs. (No program control possible.)	Turns off parity error interrupt capability and clears violation register bit 15.	Clears Flag FF on DCPC channel 1.	Clears Flag FF on DCPC channel 2.	Clears PCA Flag FF.
SFS	Skip if interrupt system is on.	SOS	NOP	NOP	NOP	Skip if Dynamic Mapping System (DMS) interrupt.	Tests if DCPC channel 1 data transfer is complete.	Skip if DCPC channel 2 data transfer is complete.	Skip if I/O channel Flag FF is set.
SFC	Skip if interrupt system is off.	SOC	NOP	NOP	Skip if power fail has occurred.	Skip if memory protect interrupt.	Tests if DCPC channel 1 data transfer is still in progress.	Skip if DCPC channel 2 data transfer is still in progress.	Skip if I/O channel Flag FF is clear.
LIA/B	Loads A/B register with all zeros. (Equivalent to CLA/B instruction.)	Loads display register contents into A/B register.	Loads present contents of DCPC channel 1 word count register into A/B register.	Loads present contents of DCPC channel 2 word count register into A/B register.	Loads contents of central interrupt register (S.C. of last interrupting device) into least-significant bits of A/B register.	Loads contents of violation register into A/B register: Bit 15 = 1 = PE Bit 15 = 0 = MPV	Loads A/B register with all ones. (Equivalent to CCA/CCB instruction.)	Loads A/B register with all ones. (Equivalent to CCA/CCB instruction.)	Loads contents of PCA data buffer into A/B register.
MIA/B	Equivalent to a NOP.	Merges display register contents into A/B register.	Merges present contents of DCPC channel 1 word count register into A/B register.	Merges present contents of DCPC channel 2 word count register into A/B register.	Merges contents of central interrupt register into least-significant bits of A/B register.	Merges contents of violation register into A/B register.	Same as LIA/B 06 above.	Same as LIA/B 07 above.	Merges contents of PCA data buffer into A/B register.
OTA/B	NOP	Outputs A/B register contents into display register.	1. Outputs to DCPC channel 1 the block length in 2's complement form (previously prepared by an STC 02 instruction). 2. Outputs to DCPC channel 1 the direction of data flow and the starting memory address (previously prepared by a CLC 02 instruction).	1. Outputs to DCPC channel 2 the block length in 2's complement form (previously prepared by an STC 03 instruction). 2. Outputs to DCPC channel 2 the direction of data flow and the starting memory address (previously prepared by a CLC 03 instruction).	NOP	Outputs first address of unprotected memory to fence register.	Outputs to DCPC channel 1 the S.C. of I/O channel. Specify STC after each word; CLC after block.	Outputs to DCPC channel 2 the S.C. of I/O channel. Specify STC after each word; CLC after block.	Outputs data from A/B register into PCA data buffer.

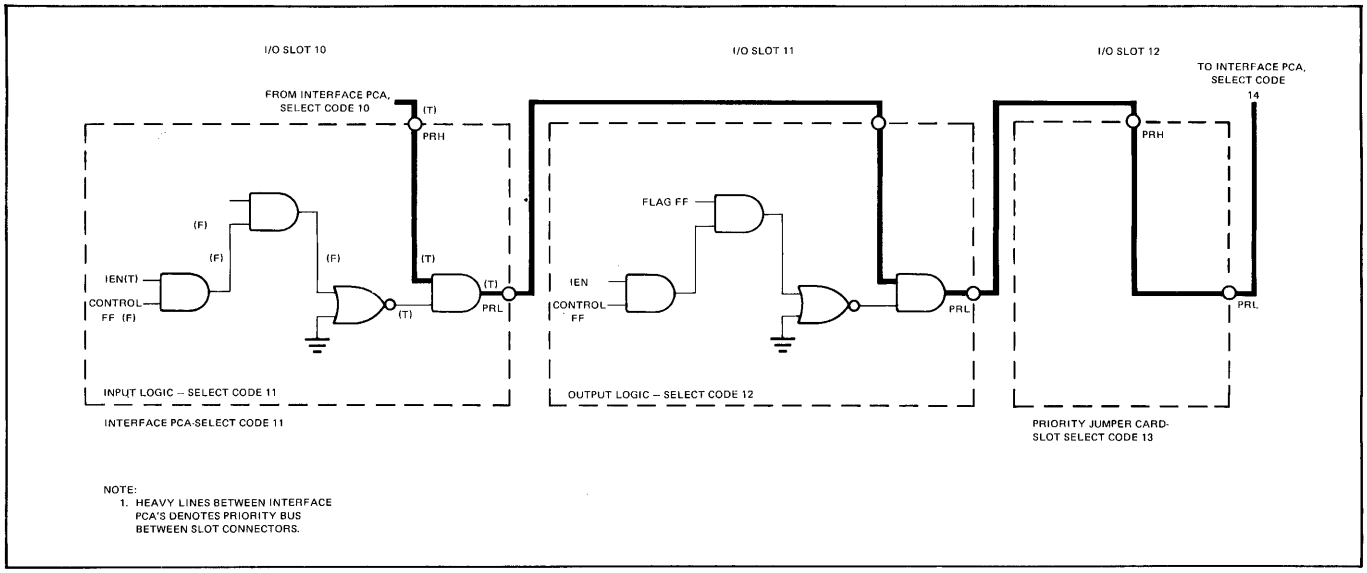

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Figure 3-4. Interrupt Priority Network

contents of) memory location 00010. The computer fetches the instruction in the trap cell which is usually a jump to a subroutine (JSB,I) instruction. (Any legal instruction can be placed in the trap cell.) The contents of the P-register plus one are then stored in the first location (X) of the subroutine. (Since the previous contents of the first memory location are destroyed when P+1 is stored, the first instruction of the subroutine should always be a no-operation (NOP) instruction or equivalent.) Next, the location of the subroutine (X+1) is placed in the P- and M-registers and the computer resumes operation in the subroutine. Thus, the instruction stored in location X+1 is the first instruction of the subroutine to be executed. It should be noted that the contents of the working registers that were in use in the main program should be stored when entering the subroutine and restored before exiting from the subroutine. Exit from the subroutine is accomplished with a JMP,I instruction to location X. This places the address of the interrupted program instruction in the P- and M-registers and allows normal program operation to resume.

3-18. I/O DATA TRANSFERS

The following paragraphs describe how data is transferred between memory and I/O devices. A summary of I/O group instructions pertinent to the computer's interrupt and control functions is contained in table 3-2. The sequences presented for noninterrupt and interrupt methods of data transfer are highly simplified in order to present an overall view without the involvement of software operating systems and device drivers. For additional information, refer to Sections IV through VI of this manual and to the documentation supplied with the appropriate software system or I/O subsystem.

3-19. NONINTERRUPT TRANSFERS

It is possible to transfer data without using the interrupt system. This involves a "wait-for-flag" method in which the computer commands the device to operate and then waits for the completion response. In using this method to transfer data, it is assumed that the computer time is relatively unimportant. The programming is very simple, consisting of only four words of in-line coding as shown in table 3-3. Each of these routines will transfer one word or character of data. It is also assumed that the interrupt system is disabled (STF 00 not previously given).

Table 3-3. Noninterrupt Transfer Routines

INSTRUCTIONS	COMMENTS
INPUT ROUTINE	
STC 12,C	Start device.
SFS 12	Is input ready?
JMP *–1	No, repeat previous instruction.
LIA 12	Yes, load input into A-register.
OUTPUT ROUTINE	
OTA 13	Output A-register to buffer.
STC 13,C	Start device.
SFS 13	Has device accepted the data?
JMP *–1	No, repeat previous instruction.
NOP	Yes, proceed.

3-20. INPUT DATA. The operation begins with a programmed STC 12,C instruction which sets the Control flip-flop and clears the Flag flip-flop on the interface PCA. The computer then goes into a waiting loop, repeatedly checking the status of the PCA Flag flip-flop. Setting the Control flip-flop causes the PCA to output a Start signal to the I/O device. The Start signal causes the device to output a data character and then a Done signal to the PCA which sets the PCA Flag flip-flop. (A more detailed discussion of interface PCA operations is contained in Sections IV and V.) If the Flag flip-flop is not set, the JMP *−1 instruction causes a jump back to the SFS instruction. (The *−1 operand is assembler notation for "this location minus one".) When the Flag flip-flop is set, the skip condition for SFS is met and the JMP instruction is skipped. The computer then exits from the waiting loop and the LIA 12 instruction loads the device input data into the A-register.

3-21. OUTPUT DATA. The first step, which is to transfer the data to the interface PCA buffer, is the OTA 13 instruction. Then STC 13,C commands the device to operate and accept the data. The computer then goes into a waiting loop as discussed in the preceding paragraph. When the Flag flip-flop becomes set, indicating that the device has accepted the output data, the computer exits from the loop. (The final NOP is for illustration purposes only.)

3-22. INTERRUPT TRANSFERS

3-23. INPUT DATA. Figure 3-5 illustrates the sequence of events required to input data using the interrupt method. Note that some operations are under control of the computer program (programmer's responsibility) and some of the operations are automatic. Note also that the interface PCA (device controller) is installed in the slot assigned to select code 12. The operation begins (1) with the programmed instruction STC 12,C which sets the Control flip-flop and clears the Flag flip-flop on the interface PCA. Since the next few operations are under control of the hardware, the computer program may continue the execution of other instructions. Setting the Control flip-flop causes the PCA to output a Start signal (2) to the device which reads out a data character and asserts the Done signal (3). (A more detailed discussion of the interface PCA operations is contained in Sections IV and V.)

The device Done signal sets the PCA Flag flip-flop which in turn generates an interrupt (4) assuming that the interrupt conditions are met; i.e., the interrupt system must be on (STF 00 previously given), no higher priority interrupt is pending, and the Control flip-flop is set (accomplished in step 1).

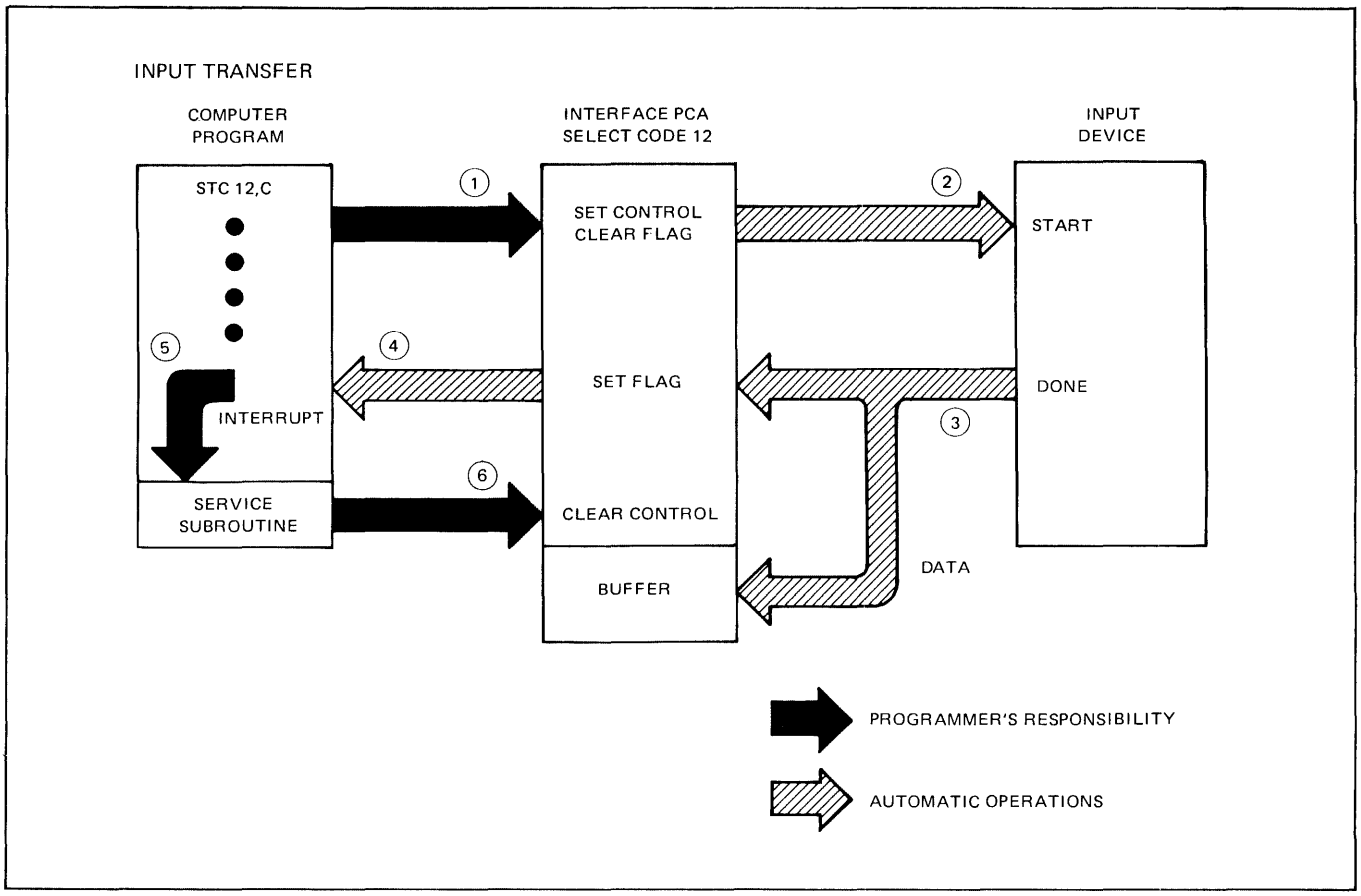

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Figure 3-5. Input Data Transfer (Interrupt Method)

The interrupt causes the current computer program to be suspended and control is transferred to a service subroutine (5). It is the programmer's responsibility to provide the linkage (JSB,I) between the interrupt location (00012 in this case) and the service subroutine. It is also the programmer's responsibility to include in his service subroutine the instructions for processing the data (loading into an accumulator, manipulating if necessary, and storing into memory).

The subroutine may then issue further STC 12,C commands to transfer additional data characters. One of the final instructions in the service subroutine must be CLC or CLF 12. This step (6) restores the interrupt capability to lower priority devices and returns the interface PCA to its static "ready" condition (Control clear and Flag set). This condition is initially established by the computer at power turn-on and it is the programmer's responsibility to return the interface PCA to the same condition at the completion of each data transfer operation. At the end of the subroutine, control is returned to the interrupted program via previously established linkages.

3-24. OUTPUT DATA. Figure 3-6 illustrates the sequence of events required to output data using the interrupt method. Again, note the distinction between programmed instructions and automatic operations. It is assumed that the data to be transferred has been loaded from memory into the A-register and is in a form suitable for output. The interface PCA in this example is assumed to be in the I/O slot assigned to select code 13.

The output operation begins with a programmed instruction (OTA 13) to transfer the contents of the A-register to the interface PCA buffer (1). This is followed (2) by the instruction STC 13,C which sets the Control flip-flop and clears the Flag flip-flop on the interface PCA. Since the next few operations are under control of the hardware, the computer program may continue the execution of other instructions. Setting the Control flip-flop causes the interface PCA to output the buffered data and a Start signal (3) to the device which writes (e.g., punches, stores, etc.) the data character and asserts the Done signal (4).

The device Done signal sets the PCA Flag flip-flop which in turn, generates an interrupt (5) provided that the interrupt system is on, priority is high, and the Control flip-flop is set (accomplished in step 2). The interrupt causes the current computer program to be suspended and control is transferred to a service subroutine (6). It is the programmer's responsibility to provide the linkage (JSB,I) between the interrupt location (00013 in this case) and the service subroutine. The detailed contents of the subroutine are also the programmer's responsibility and the contents will vary with the type of device.

The subroutine can then output further data to the interface PCA and reissue the STC 13,C command for additional data character transfers. One of the final instructions in the service subroutine must be a clear control or clear flag. This step (7) allows lower priority devices to interrupt and restores the channel to its static "ready" condition (Control clear and Flag set). At the end of the subroutine, control is returned to the interrupted program via previously established linkage.

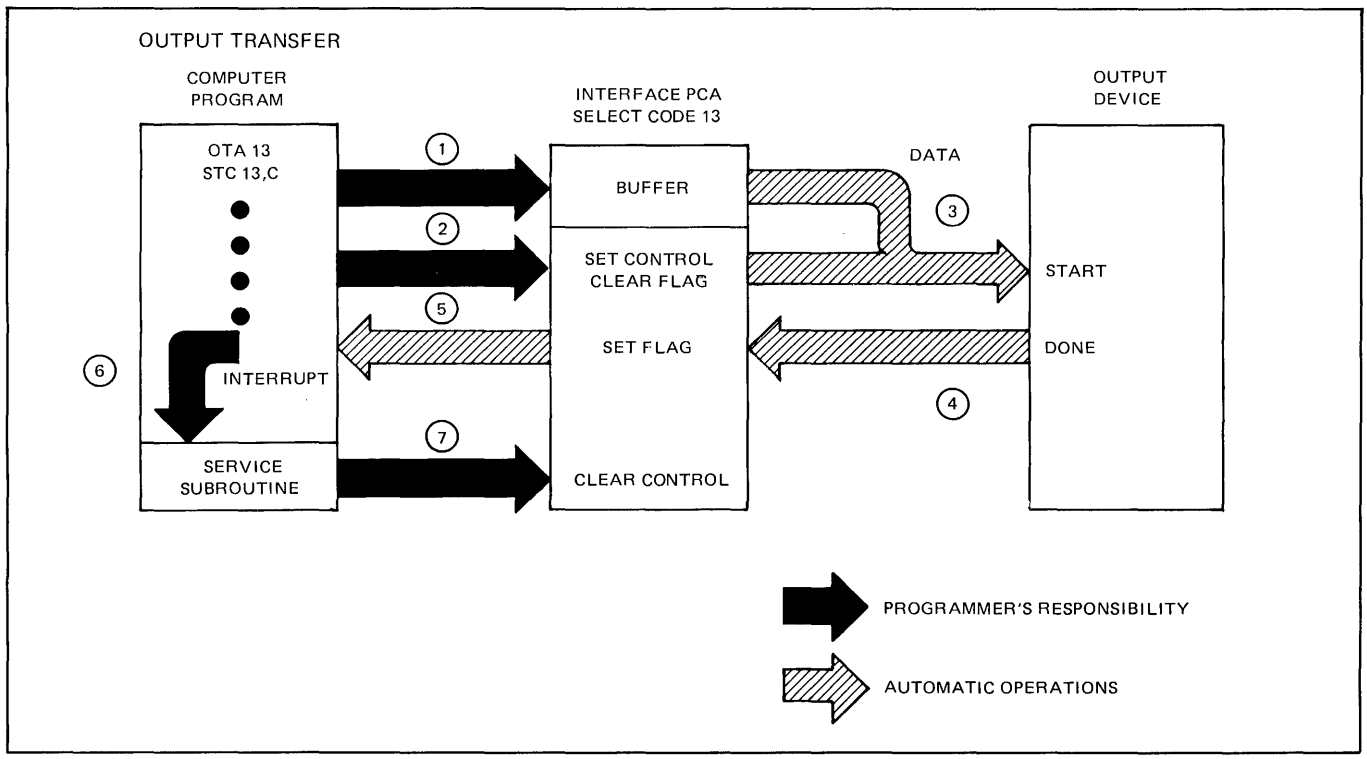

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Figure 3-6. Output Data Transfer (Interrupt Method)

3-25. DUAL-CHANNEL PORT CONTROLLER

The Dual-Channel Port Controller (DCPC) accessory provides a direct data path, software assignable, between memory and a high-speed peripheral device. The DCPC accomplishes this by stealing an I/O cycle instead of interrupting to a service subroutine. The DCPC logic is capable of stealing every consecutive I/O cycle and can transfer data at the rates specified in table 1-1.

There are two DCPC channels, each of which may be separately assigned to operate with any I/O interface PCA. When both DCPC channels are operating simultaneously, channel 1 has priority over channel 2. For HP 21MX M-Series Computers, the combined maximum transfer rate for both channels operating simultaneously is 616,666 words per second; the rate available on channel 2 is therefore the rate difference between 616,666 and the actual operating rate of channel 1. For HP 21MX E-Series Computers, the combined maximum transfer rate for both channels operating simultaneously is as specified in table 1-1 only if the channels are transferring data in the same direction. Channels transferring data in opposite directions will achieve an effective transfer rate between the specified input and output rates. Since the memory cycle rate is somewhat faster than the I/O cycle rate, it is possible for the CPU to interleave memory cycles while the DCPC is operating.

Transfers via the DCPC are on a full-word basis; hardware packing and unpacking of bytes is not provided. The word count register is a full 16 bits in length and data transfers are accomplished in blocks. The transfer is initiated by an initialization routine and from then on the operation is under automatic control of the hardware. The initialization routine specifies the direction of the data transfer (in or out), where in memory to read or write, which I/O channel to use, and how much data to transfer. Completion of the block transfer is signaled by an interrupt to location 00006 (for channel 1) or to location 00007 (for channel 2) if the interrupt system is enabled. It is also possible to check for completion by testing the status of the flag for select code 06 or 07, or by interrogating the word count register with an LIA/B instruction to select code 02 (for channel 1) or to select code 03 (for channel 2). A block transfer in process can be aborted with an STF 06 or 07 instruction.

3-26. DCPC OPERATION. Figure 3-7 illustrates the sequence of operations for a DCPC input data transfer. A comparison with the conventional interrupt method (figure 3-5) shows that much more of the DCPC operation is automatic. Remember that the operation illustrated in figure 3-5 must be repeated for each word or character. The automatic DCPC operation illustrated in figure 3-7 will transfer a block of data of any size up to 32K words limited only by the available memory space. The sequence of events is as follows. (An input data transfer is illustrated; minor differences for an output transfer are explained in text.)

The initialization routine sets up the control registers on the DCPC (1) and issues the first start command (STC 12,C) directly to the interface PCA. (If the operation is an output, the interface PCA buffer is also loaded at this time.) The DCPC logic is now enabled and the computer program continues with other instructions.

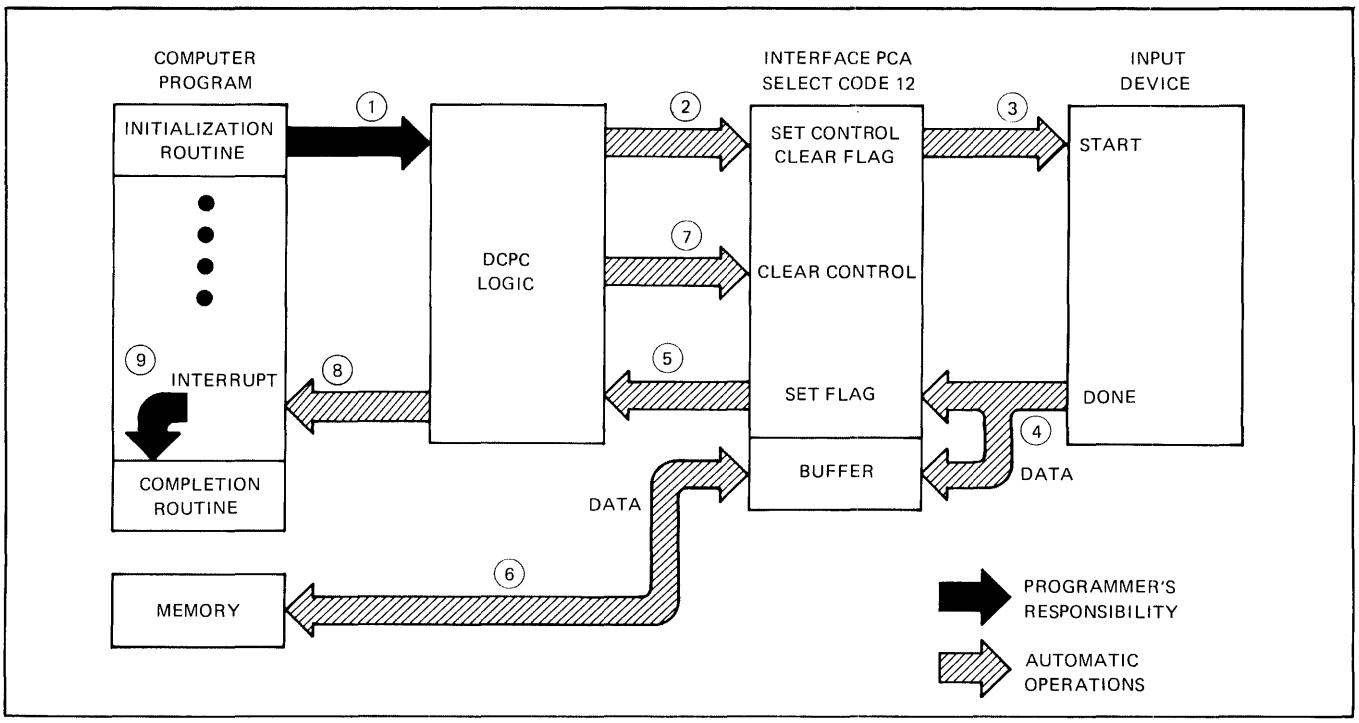

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Figure 3-7. DCPC Input Data Transfer

Setting the Control and clearing the Flag flip-flops (2) causes the interface PCA to send a Start signal (with a data word if it is an output transfer) to the external device (3). The device goes through a read or write cycle and returns a Done signal (with a data word if it is an input transfer). The Done signal (4) sets the PCA Flag flip-flop which, regardless of priority, immediately requests the DCPC logic to steal an I/O cycle (5) and transfers a word into (or out of) memory. The process now repeats back to the beginning of this paragraph (setting Control and clearing Flag flip-flops) to transfer the next word.

After the specified number of words (up to 32K) have been transferred (6), the interface PCA Control flip-flop is cleared (7) and the DCPC logic generates a completion interrupt (8). The program control is now forced to a completion routine (9), the contents of which is the programmer's responsibility.

3-27. DCPC INITIALIZATION. The information required to initialize the DCPC (transfer direction, memory allocation, I/O channel assignment, and block length) is given by three control words. These three words must be addressed specifically to the DCPC. Figure 3-8 illustrates the format of the three control words. Control word 1 (CW1) identifies the I/O channel to be used and provides two options selectable by the programmer:

Bit 15

1 = give STC (in addition to CLF) to I/O channel at end of each DCPC cycle (except on last cycle, if input)

0 = no STC

Bit 13

1 = give CLC to I/O channel at end of block transfer

0 = no CLC

Control word 2 (CW2) gives the starting memory address for the block transfer and bit 15 determines whether data is to go into memory (logic 1) or out of memory (logic 0). Control word 3 (CW3) is the two's complement of the number of words to be transferred into or out of memory (i.e., the block length). This number can be from 1 to 32,768 although it is limited in the practical case by available memory.

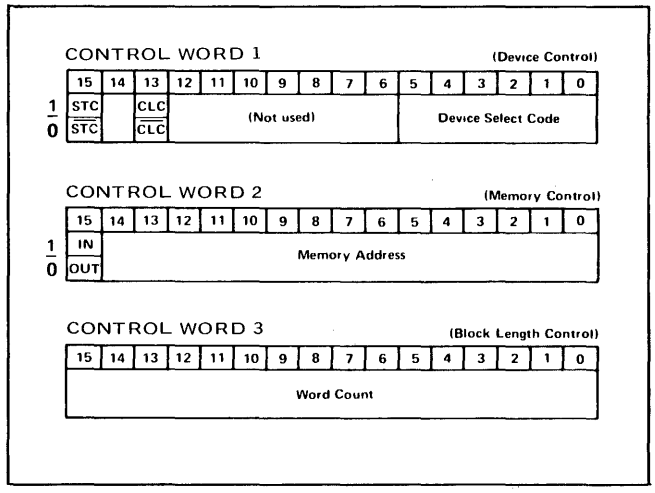

Figure 3-8. DCPC Control Word Formats

Table 3-4 contains the basic program sequence for outputting the control words to the DCPC. As shown in table 3-4, CLC 2 and STC 2 perform switching functions to prepare the logic for either CW2 or CW3. The device is assumed to be in I/O slot channel 10 and it is also assumed that its start command is STC 10B,C. The sample values of CW1, CW2, and CW3 will read a block of 50 words and store these words in locations 200 through 261 (octal). The STC 06B,C instruction starts the DCPC operation. A flag-status method of detecting the end-of-transfer is used in this example; an interrupt to location 00006 could be substituted for this test. The program in table 3-4 could easily be changed to operate on channel 2 by changing select codes 2 to 3 and 6 to 7. One important difference should be noted when doing a DCPC input operation from a disc or a drum. Due to the synchronous nature of disc or drum memories and the design of the interface PCA, the order of starting must be reversed from the order given; i.e., start the DCPC first and then start the disc or drum.

Table 3-4. DCPC Initialization Program

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
ASGN1	LDA	CW1	Fetches control word 1 (CW1) from memory and loads it in A-register.
	OTA	6B	Outputs CW1 to DCPC Channel 1.
MAR1	CLC	2B	Prepares Memory Address Register to receive control word 2 (CW2).
	LDA	CW2	Fetches CW2 from memory and loads it in A-register.
	OTA	2B	Outputs CW2 to DCPC Channel 1.
WCR1	STC	2B	Prepares Word Count Register to receive control word 3 (CW3).
	LDA	CW3	Fetches CW3 from memory and loads it in A-register.
	OTA	2B	Outputs CW3 to DCPC Channel 1.
STRT1	STC	10B,C	Start input device.
	STC	6B,C	Activate DCPC Channel 1.
	SFS JMP	6B *−1	Wait while data transfer takes place or, if interrupt processing is used, continue program.
. . .	. . .	. . .	
	HLT		Halt
CW1	OCT	120010	Assignment for DCPC Channel 1 (ASGN1); specifies I/O channel select code address (10_8), STC after each word is transferred, and CLC after final word is transferred.
CW2	OCT	100200	Memory Address Register control. DCPC Channel 1 (MAR1); specifies memory input operation and starting memory address (200_8).
CW3	DEC	−50	Word Count Register control. DCPC Channel 1 (WCR1); specifies the 2's complement of the number of character words in the block of data to be transferred (50_{10}).

COMPUTER TIMING

SECTION IV

This section contains a general discussion of the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computer's timing schemes. Different timing schemes are employed by the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers and will, therefore, be discussed separately in the following paragraphs. Since timing for all computers is derived from a crystal-controlled oscillator in the control processor, a basic knowledge of control processor timing is required to fully understand I/O Section timing. Timing cycles for the control processor are different from the timing cycles for other computer sections and these sections operate asynchronously until they must communicate with each other. Then, the control processor will inhibit (freeze) its operations until it is synchronized with the applicable computer section.

4-1. CONTROL PROCESSOR TIMING (21MX M-SERIES)

A timing configuration diagram for the HP 21MX M-Series Computer is contained in figure 4-1. As shown, control processor timing is derived from an 18.5-MHz crystal-controlled oscillator that clocks a three-stage ring counter approximately every 54 nanoseconds. The counter consists of a PA flip-flop (PA FF), PB flip-flop (PB FF), and PC flip-flop (PC FF) whose states are decoded to provide six 54-nanosecond periods designated P0, P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5 as shown in figure 4-2. These six P-periods comprise one control processor cycle (one microcycle) and represent the time duration (325 nanoseconds) required by the computer to execute one microinstruction. Some decoded timing signals are continuous-running and others can be frozen by the control processor Freeze flip-flop. (The timing signals that can be frozen are designated in figure 4-2.) If the execution of a microinstruction is dependent on synchronization between the control processor and some other computer section, the control processor will freeze certain clock signals to prevent execution of the microinstruction until the required synchronization has been completed. A freeze inhibits designated clock signals from the end of one P2 period to the end of the next P2 period. (Only one freeze signal can be issued per microcycle.) A freeze signal performs the following functions:

a. Prevents alteration of Arithmetic/Logic Section registers.

b. Prevents alteration of Read-Only-Memory (ROM) Instruction Register or ROM Address Register.

c. Prevents loading of Central Interrupt Register.

d. Prevents alteration of Overflow, Extend, and Flag flip-flops.

e. Isolates the control processor from the S-Bus.

f. Prevents the control processor from sending Read or Write signals to the Memory Section.

g. Prevents obtaining of data from the Memory Section.

h. Prevents initiation of an I/O cycle.

Although there are various conditions that determine if a freeze is required, only those conditions that affect the I/O Section will be discussed. There are two conditions when synchronous operation between the I/O Section and the control processor is required: (1) to clock the select code of the interrupting device into the Central Interrupt Register in order to issue an Interrupt Acknowledge (IAK) signal to the I/O interface PCA and (2) when the computer is ready to execute an I/O instruction. To issue an IAK signal, an internal Central Interrupt Register Enable (CIREN) signal is generated which initiates the freeze condition, clocks the Central Interrupt Register, and causes the generation of the IAK signal. The trailing edge of T6 from the I/O Section removes the freeze condition and terminates the IAK signal. Prior to the execution of an I/O instruction, an internal I/O Group Special (IOGSP) signal is generated which initiates the freeze condition. The trailing edge of T2 from the I/O Section terminates this freeze condition. Figure 4-2 illustrates the effect of a freeze condition on control processor clock generation.

4-2. CONTROL PROCESSOR TIMING (21MX E-SERIES)

A timing configuration diagram for the HP 21MX E-Series Computer is shown in figure 4-3. As shown, control processor timing is derived from a 28.5-MHz crystal-controlled oscillator that clocks a three-stage gray counter every 35 nanoseconds. The counter is decoded from a PA FF, PB FF, and PC FF to provide either five or eight 35-nanosecond periods designated P1, P2, P3, E1, E2, E3, P4, and P5 as shown in figure 4-4. These periods comprise one microcycle and represent the time duration (175 or 280 nanoseconds) required by the computer to execute one microinstruction. The HP 21MX E-Series Computer makes use of variable-length microcycles and, because the I/O Section T-periods are also variable between non-IOG cycles, no attempt should be made to use I/O Section backplane signals as basic clocks.

The shortest time duration required to execute a microinstruction is 175 nanoseconds and is termed a short microcycle. (The short microcycle is the time duration for which the Arithmetic/Logic Section is designed to operate.) When the $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal (figure 4-3) is low, the three-stage gray code counter and decoder generates five 35-nanosecond periods designated P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5.

Since the HP 21MX E-Series Computer is user microprogrammable and since certain I/O interface PCA's may not be able to function properly with a control processor cycle time of less than 190 nanoseconds, during the execution of an I/O instruction, the control processor cycle time is extended to a duration of 280 nanoseconds which is termed a long microcycle. Control memory has an access time of approximately 140 nanoseconds worst case and the Control Section's Memory Address register is loaded only at the control processor cycle time period P3. Therefore, if a branch microinstruction is to be executed, only two control processor cycle time periods (P4 and P5) would remain to access memory during a short microcycle which is an insufficient amount of time. Hence, whenever a branch microinstruction is to be executed, an internal MICRO-BRANCH signal (figure 4-3) is generated which in turn, at time P3, generates a high $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal. When the $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal is high, the three-stage gray counter and decoder generates eight 35-nanosecond periods. The 35-nanosecond extend periods are designated E1, E2, and E3. Once the branch microinstruction is executed, the MICRO-BRANCH signal is terminated, the $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal goes low, and the control processor cycle returns to the five-period cycle of P1 through P5. To ensure that all I/O interface PCA's have sufficient time to function properly, a high I/O Group Enable flip-flop (IOGEN FF) signal is generated during I/O operations to set the $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal high which, in turn, causes the three-stage gray counter and decoder to divide by eight and produce a long microcycle of 280 nanoseconds (P1, P2, P3, E1, E2, E3, P4, and P5).

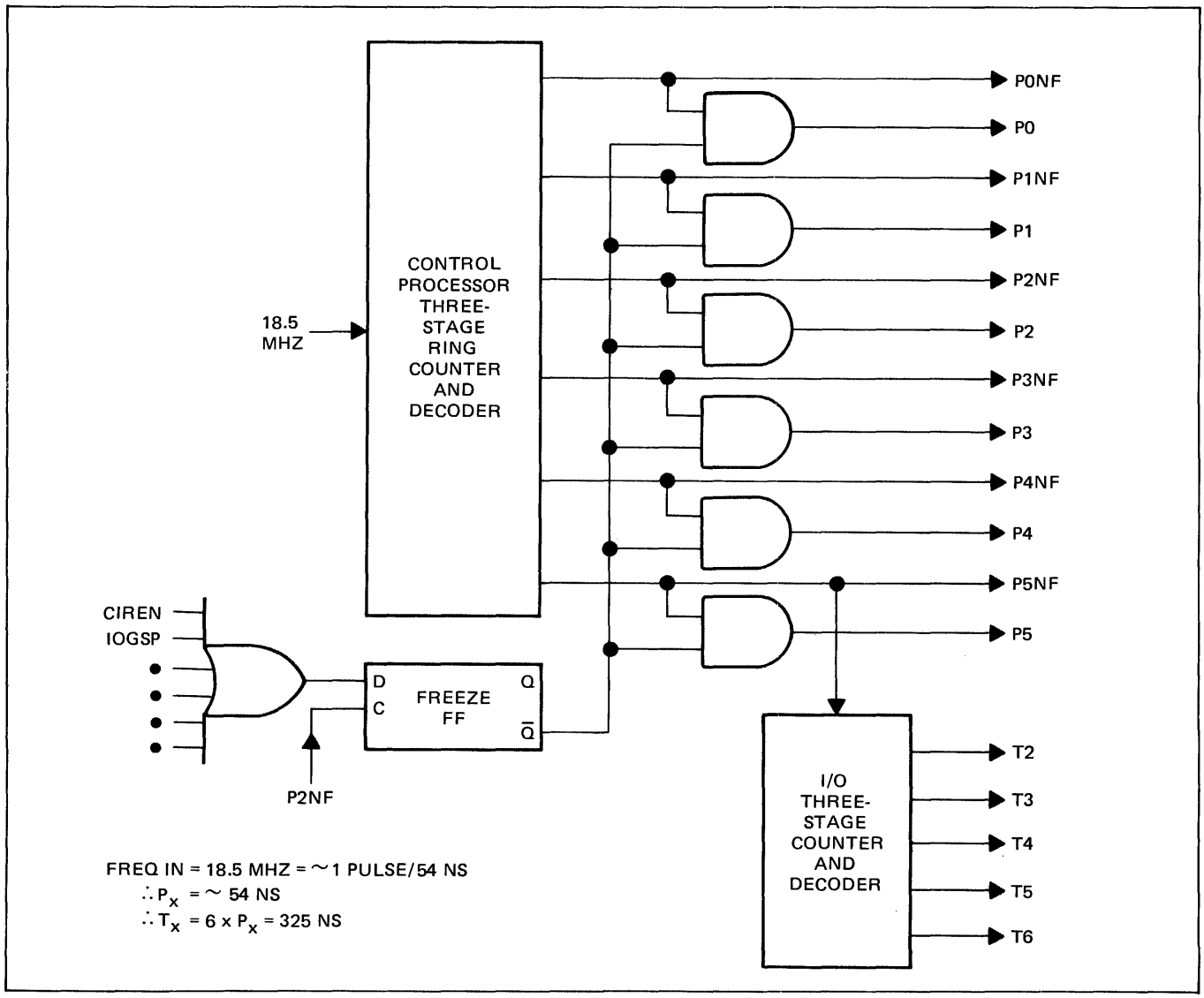

Figure 4-1. HP 21MX M-Series Computer Timing Configuration

Like the HP 21MX M-Series Computers, the HP 21MX E-Series Computer control processor will freeze certain clock signals to prevent execution of a microinstruction until the required synchronization between the control processor and the applicable computer section has been accomplished. A freeze inhibits designated clock signals from the end of one P1 period to the end of the next P1 period. Figure 4-4 illustrates the effect of a freeze condition on control processor clock generation. Only one freeze condition can be issued per microcycle. A freeze signal performs the functions listed in paragraph 4-1(a) through 4-1(h). Although various conditions determine if a freeze is required, only those conditions that affect the I/O Section will be discussed. There are two conditions when synchronous operation between the control processor and the I/O Section is required: (1) to clock the Central Interrupt Register in order to issue an IAK signal to an I/O interface PCA and (2) when the computer is ready to execute an I/O instruction. To issue an IAK signal, an internal Interrupt Acknowledge Special (IAKSP) signal is generated which initiates the freeze condition (figure 4-3), clocks the Central Interrupt Register, and causes the generation of the IAK signal. The trailing edge of T6 from the I/O Section removes the freeze condition and terminates the IAK signal. Prior to the execution of an I/O instruction, an internal IOGSP signal is generated which initiates the freeze condition. The trailing edge of T2 from the I/O Section terminates this freeze condition.

In addition to the freeze condition, the HP 21MX E-Series Computers also employ a "pause" feature to suspend control processor timing. This feature permits asynchronous interface operations with memory. When the $\overline{\text{PAUSE}}$ signal (figure 4-3) is high, the three-stage gray counter and decoder operates as previously discussed. Whenever the $\overline{\text{PAUSE}}$ signal is low, however, a pause condition occurs and the microcycle is suspended at P3 period until the $\overline{\text{PAUSE}}$ signal again goes high. For example, if memory is busy (MBUSY signal high) and either the CPU or DCPC

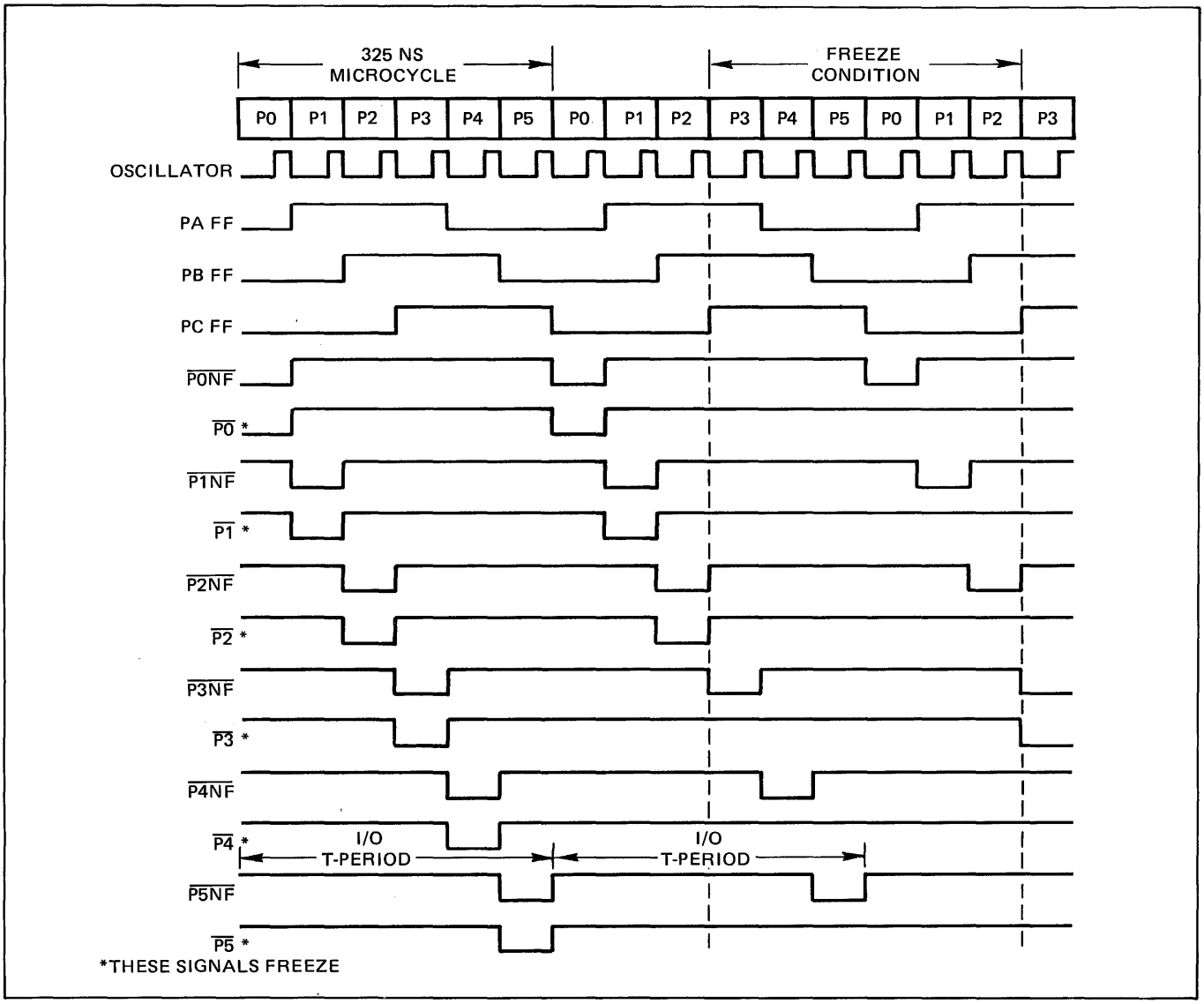

Figure 4-2. HP 21MX M-Series Control Processor Timing Diagram

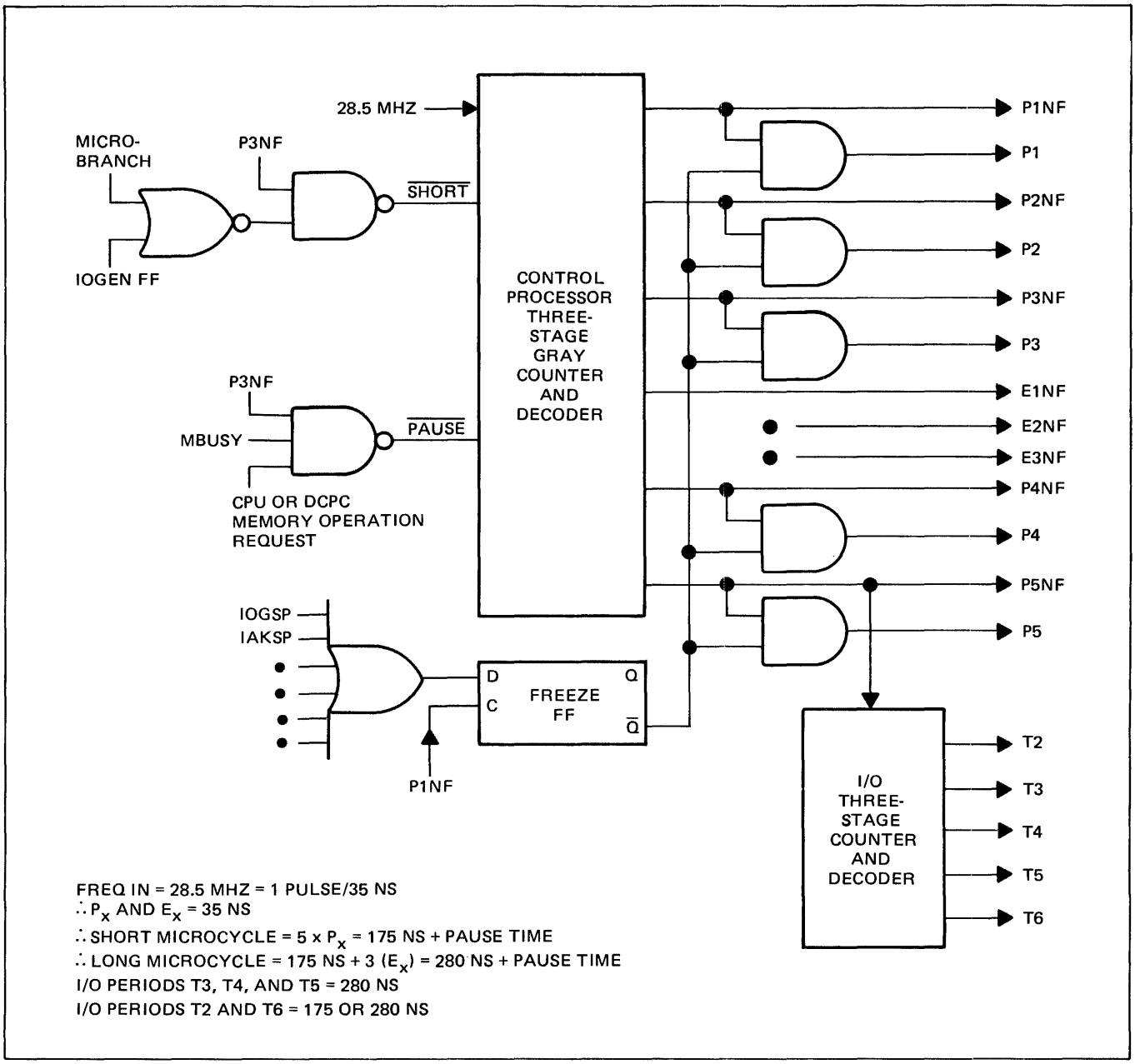

Figure 4-3. HP 21MX E-Series Computer Timing Configuration

requests another memory operation, the $\overline{\text{PAUSE}}$ signal will go low at the next P3 period and the microcycle will be suspended at P3 until the memory is no longer busy and the MBUSY signal goes low. When MBUSY goes low, the PAUSE signal goes high and the microcycle will advance to either P4 or E1 period depending on the logic level of the $\overline{\text{SHORT}}$ signal as previously discussed. Therefore, as shown in figure 4-4, a long microcycle duration can randomly vary from 280 to 630 nanoseconds and cannot be predicted unless the precise state of the computer is known (i.e., memory cycle time, memory operation, etc.). (It should be noted that during the execution of an I/O instruction, internal computer design guarantees a long microcycle duration of 280 nanoseconds for I/O periods T3, T4, and T5.)

4-3. I/O SECTION TIMING

As shown in figures 4-1 through 4-4, I/O Section timing is derived from the control processor basic clock P5 non-freezable period (P5NF) that clocks the I/O three-stage counter and decoder. The counter is decoded from a TA flip-flop (TA FF), TB flip-flop (TB FF), and TC flip-flop (TC FF) to provide five T-periods designated T2, T3, T4, T5 and T6. These five T-periods comprise one I/O cycle and represent the required time to generate all the I/O signals that are required to execute an I/O instruction. For HP 21MX M-Series Computers, all T-periods are 325 nanoseconds and therefore, the duration of one I/O cycle is always 1.625 microseconds. For HP 21MX E-Series Computers,

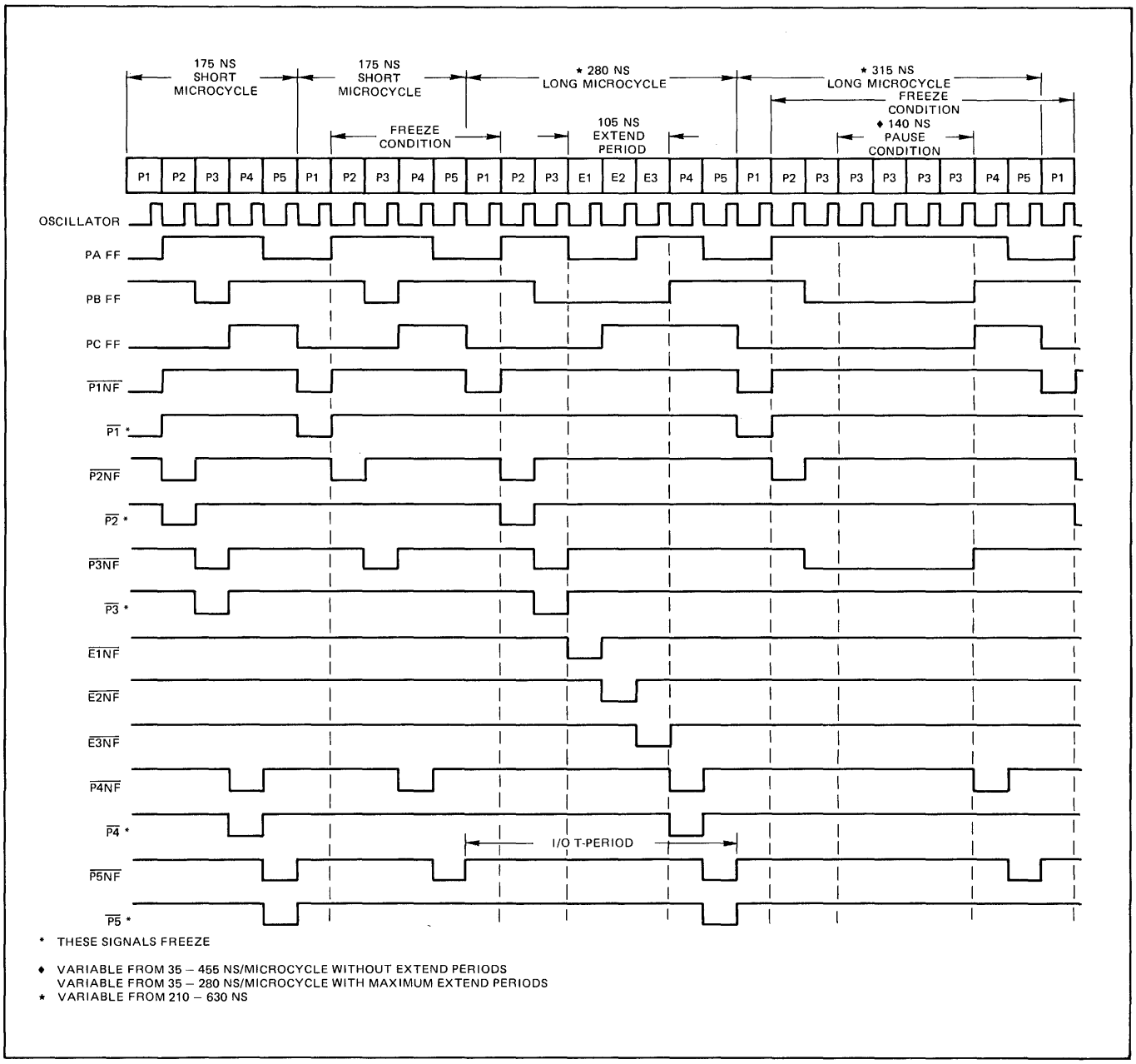

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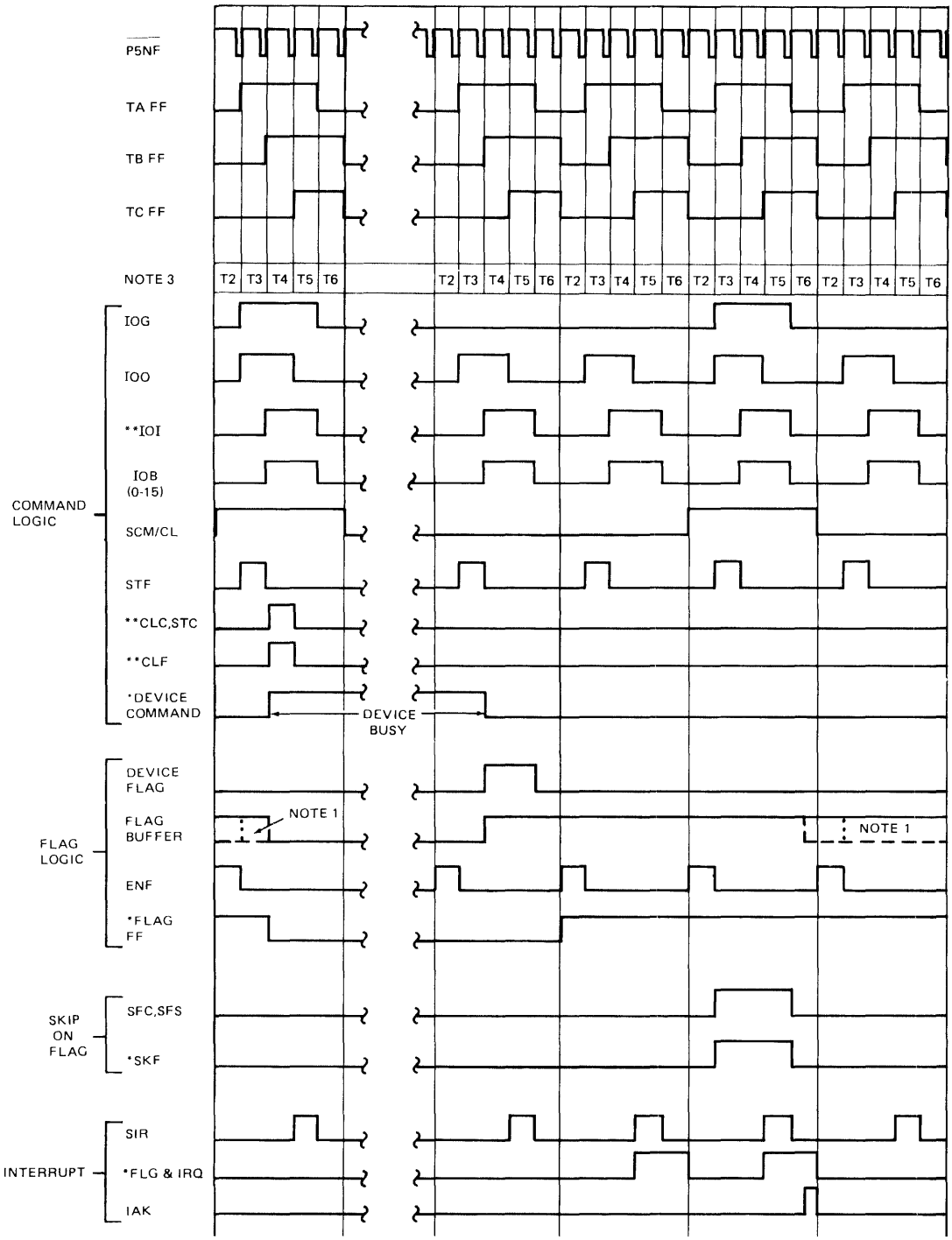
Figure 4-4. HP 21MX E-Series Control Processor Timing Diagram

T-periods T3 through T5 are 280 nanoseconds each and T2 and T6 are either 175 or 280 nanoseconds. Therefore the duration of one E-Series I/O cycle is from 1.19 to 1.40 microseconds. Since all computer I/O cycles begin with T2 and end with T6, and since no I/O commands are generated at time T6 except Interrupt Acknowledge (IAK), the different I/O cycle time durations do not affect I/O compatibility between the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers or with existing HP 2100 Series interfaces. When an I/O cycle occurs, the various I/O signals are generated at the T-period times illustrated in figure 4-5. Table 4-1 briefly defines all I/O signal mnemonics and identifies I/O connector pin number assignments for each signal. A more detailed description of the I/O signals is contained in Appendix B of this manual.

(It should be noted that any individual interface PCA may not necessarily use all the signals listed in table 4-1.) Interface PCA designers should also note that three T-periods (T2, T3, and T5) are buffered directly onto the I/O backplane and are unconditionally generated on backplane connector pin numbers 46, 11, and 32 respectively, once every I/O cycle. Period T2, renamed Enable Flag (ENF), is used to set interface PCA Flag flip-flops synchronously to begin interrupt priority resolution which ensures that no flag is set in the middle of some other I/O operation. Flags are to be set only during period T2 prior to generating I/O control signals. Period T5, renamed Set Interrupt Request (SIR), is used to set the Interrupt Request flip-flop on the interface PCA with the highest priority that is ready to interrupt.



NOTES:

1. BROKEN LINE FOR INTERRUPT OPERATION, SOLID LINE SKIP-ON-FLAG, AND DOTTED LINE FOR DCPC.
2. * INDICATES SIGNALS GENERATED BY INTERFACE PCA.
3. M-SERIES T-PERIODS=325 NS EACH; 21MX E-SERIES T3 THRU T5=280 NS EACH, T2 AND T6=175 OR 280 NS.
4. ** INDICATES DIFFERENT T-PERIODS FOR DCPC. SEE FIGURE 4-8.

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Figure 4-5. I/O Section Timing Diagram

Table 4-1. I/O Signal Definitions and Connector Pin Assignments

PIN NO.	SIGNAL MNEMONIC AND DEFINITION		PIN NO.	SIGNAL MNEMONIC AND DEFINITION	
1	GND:	Ground	2	GND:	Ground
3	PRL:	Priority Low	4	FLGL:	Flag signal, Lower Select Code
5	SFC:	Skip if Flag is Clear	6	IRQL:	Interrupt Request, Lower Select Code
7	CLF:	Clear (reset) Flag flip-flop	8	IEN:	Interrupt Enable
9	STF:	Set Flag flip-flop	10	IAK:	Interrupt Acknowledge
11	T3:	I/O time period T3	12	SKF:	Skip on Flag
13	CRS:	Control Reset	14	SCM:	Select Code Most Significant Digit (Lower Address)
15	IOG:	I/O Group	16	SCL:	Select Code Least Significant Digit (Lower Address)
17	POPIO:	Power On Preset to I/O	18	IOB16:	I/O Bus input, bit 16 (21MX M-Series only)
			18	$\overline{\text{BIOS}}$:	"Not" Block I/O Strobe (21MX E-Series only)
19	SRQ:	Service Request	20	IOO:	I/O data Output signal
21	CLC:	Clear (reset) Control flip-flop	22	STC:	Set Control flip-flop
23	PRH:	Priority High	24	IOI:	I/O data Input signal
25	SFS:	Skip if Flag is Set	26	IOB0:	I/O Bus input, bit 0
27	IOB8:	I/O Bus input, bit 8	28	IOB9:	I/O Bus input, bit 9
29	IOB1:	I/O Bus input, bit 1	30	IOB2:	I/O Bus input, bit 2
31	IOB10:	I/O Bus input, bit 10	32	SIR:	Set Interrupt Request
33	IRQH:	Interrupt Request, Higher Select Code	34	SCL:	Select Code Least Significant Digit (Higher Address)
35	IOB0:	I/O Bus output, bit 0	36	+28V	
37	SCM:	Select Code Most Significant Digit (Higher Address)	38	IOB1:	I/O Bus output, bit 1
39	+5V		40	+5V	
41	IOB2:	I/O Bus output, bit 2	42	IOB4:	I/O Bus output, bit 4
43	+12V		44	+12V	
45	IOB3:	I/O Bus output, bit 3	46	ENF:	Enable Flag
47	−2V		48	−2V	
49	FLGH:	Flag signal, Higher Select Code	50	RUN:	Run
51	IOB5:	I/O Bus output, bit 5	52	IOB7:	I/O Bus output, bit 7
53	IOB6:	I/O Bus output, bit 6	54	IOB8:	I/O Bus output, bit 8
55	IOB11:	I/O Bus output, bit 11	56	IOB9:	I/O Bus output, bit 9
57	IOB12:	I/O Bus output, bit 12	58	IOB10:	I/O Bus output, bit 10
59	Not Used		60	IOB11:	I/O Bus output, bit 11
61	IOB13:	I/O Bus output, bit 13	62	EDT:	End Data Transfer (DCPC)
63	Not Used		64	IOB3:	I/O Bus input, bit 3
65	IOB14:	I/O Bus output, bit 14	66	PON:	Power On Normal
67	Not Used	(21MX M-Series only)	68	Not Used	
67	$\overline{\text{BIOI}}$:	"Not" Block I/O Input (21MX E-Series only)			
69	−12V		70	−12V	
71	Not Used		72	Not Used	
73	SFSB:	Skip if Flag is Set Buffered (21MX M-Series only)	74	IOB15:	I/O Bus output, bit 15
73	$\overline{\text{BIOO}}$:	"Not" Block I/O Output (21MX E-Series only)			

Table 4-1. I/O Signal Definitions and Connector Pin Assignments (Continued)

PIN NO.	SIGNAL MNEMONIC AND DEFINITION	PIN NO.	SIGNAL MNEMONIC AND DEFINITION
75	Not Used	76	Not Used
77	IOB4: I/O Bus input, bit 4	78	IOB12: I/O Bus input, bit 12
79	IOB13: I/O Bus input, bit 13	80	IOB5: I/O Bus input, bit 5
81	IOB6: I/O Bus input, bit 6	82	IOB14: I/O Bus input, bit 14
83	IOB15: I/O Bus input, bit 15	84	IOB7: I/O Bus input, bit 7
85	GND: Ground	86	GND: Ground

Notes:
1. The following pins are connected together in pairs on each I/O backplane connector: 1 and 2; 39 and 40; 43 and 44; 47 and 48; 69 and 70; and 85 and 86.
2. Corresponding IOB bit lines are connected together on each I/O backplane connector (i.e., pins 26 and 35 are connected together, pins 29 and 38 are connected together, etc.).
3. Refer to Section VI of this manual for additional information on the block I/O signals on connector pins 18, 67, and 73.
4. Refer to Appendix B of this manual for more detailed signal descriptions.

4-4. TYPICAL APPLICATION

As an aid toward a better understanding of how the I/O Section timing scheme works, a typical application using the HP 12597A 8-Bit Duplex Register Interface PCA will be discussed in the following paragraphs. (A more detailed discussion of interface PCA basic element requirements and how to design your own interface PCA is contained in Section V.) As shown in figure 4-6, the 8-bit duplex register interface PCA contains both input and output buffer storage for up to eight bits of control information, command information, or data. It also contains control logic to provide start and/or stop commands to the I/O device and flag logic to signal the computer when the I/O device is ready to perform its function.

4-5. SAMPLE PROGRAMS

Tables 4-2 and 4-3 contain sample programs that illustrate methods of programming the interface PCA using assembly language subroutines. (To satisfy the addressing requirements discussed in Section III, the interface PCA is arbitrarily assigned the select code of 15 octal.) The sample programs are designed only to exercise the interface PCA functions and do not apply to any specific I/O device. Table 4-2 provides sample programs for input and output operations. Table 4-3 provides a sample program for a combined input and output operation. (The use of a control word to the device and a status word from the device in table 4-3 is for example purposes only. Data can be substituted in place of the control and/or status words without changing the programming technique.)

4-6. FUNCTIONAL OPERATION

A flowchart illustrating the functional operation of the interface PCA during a typical I/O operation is contained in figure 4-7. The programmed instructions shown on the flowchart are basically the same as those used in the combined I/O sample program contained in table 4-3. The sequence of events illustrated in figure 4-7 is as follows:

a. Data or control information is transferred from the computer's A-register to the interface PCA's output data register.

b. The I/O device is commanded to accept the data or control information and perform its function.

c. The computer waits for the I/O device to complete its operation.

d. The I/O device transfers a status word or data to the interface PCA's input data register and signals that its operation is complete.

e. The status word or data is transferred from the interface PCA's input data register to the computer's B-register.

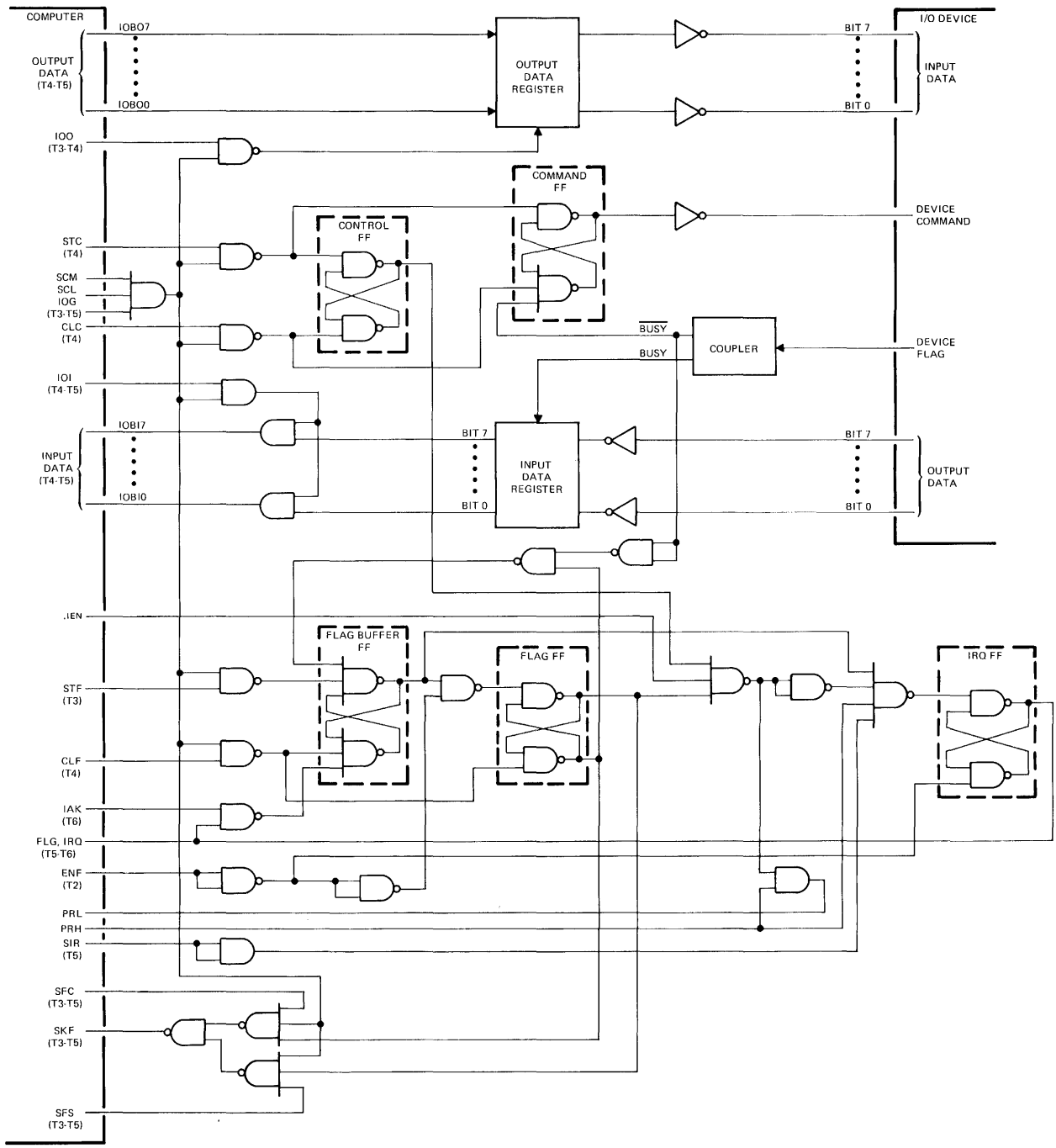

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Figure 4-6. Duplex Register Interface PCA Simplified Logic Diagram

Table 4-2. Sample Input and Output Programs

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0001                ASMB,A,B,L,T
0002*
0003  00100                ORG 100B
0004  00100 000000  START NOP
0005*
0006*  THE FOLLOWING ROUTINES ARE SAMPLES TO SHOW THE OPERATION OF THE
0007*  8-BIT DUPLEX REGISTER GENERAL PURPOSE INTERFACE.  THE INTERFACE
0008*  HAS BEEN ARBITRARILY ASSIGNED A SELECT CODE OF 15 OCTAL.
0009*
0010*       INPUT ROUTINE   THIS ROUTINE WILL START THE DEVICE, WAIT
0011*                       FOR THE DEVICE TO SUPPLY ONE 8-BIT WORD,
0012*                       AND PUT THAT WORD INTO THE COMPUTER'S
0013*                       A-REGISTER.
0014*
0015  00101 000000  INPT  NOP          ENTRY POINT.
0016  00102 103715       STC 15B,C    START DEVICE AND ENABLE FLAG LOGIC.
0017  00103 102315       SFS 15B      HAS DEVICE SUPPLIED A WORD?
0018  00104 024103       JMP *-1      NO. WAIT.
0019  00105 102515       LIA 15B      YES. PUT WORD IN A-REGISTER.
0020  00106 124101       JMP INPT,I   EXIT.
0021*
0022*
0023*       OUTPUT ROUTINE  THIS ROUTINE WILL WAIT FOR THE DEVICE TO
0024*                       SIGNAL THAT IT IS NOT BUSY, TRANSFER AN
0025*                       8-BIT WORD FROM THE A-REGISTER TO THE
0026*                       DEVICE, AND START THE DEVICE.
0027*
0028  00107 000000  OUTPT NOP          ENTRY POINT.
0029  00110 102315       SFS 15B      IS DEVICE READY?
0030  00111 024110       JMP *-1      NO. WAIT.
0031  00112 102615       OTA 15B      YES. PUT WORD IN OUTPUT REGISTER.
0032  00113 103715       STC 15B,C    START DEVICE AND ENABLE FLAG LOGIC.
0033  00114 124107       JMP OUTPT,I EXIT.
0034*
0035*
0036                     END START
**  NO ERRORS*
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Table 4-3. Sample Combined I/O Programs

```
0001                ASMB,A,B,L,T
0002*
0003  00100                ORG 100B
0004  00100 000000  START NOP
0005*
0006*  THE FOLLOWING ROUTINE IS A SAMPLE TO SHOW COMBINED INPUT/OUTPUT
0007*  CAPABILITIES OF THE 8-BIT DUPLEX REGISTER INTERFACE.  THE
0008*  INTERFACE HAS BEEN ARBITRARILY ASSIGNED A SELECT CODE OF 15 OCTAL.
0009*
0010*       THIS ROUTINE WILL TRANSFER AN 8-BIT CONTROL WORD FROM THE
0011*       A-REGISTER TO THE DEVICE, START THE DEVICE, AND TRANSFER AN
0012*       8-BIT STATUS WORD FROM THE DEVICE TO THE B-REGISTER WHEN
0013*       THE DEVICE OPERATION IS COMPLETE.
0014*
0015*
0016  00101 000000  I/O   NOP          ENTRY POINT.
0017  00102 102615       OTA 15B      PUT CONTROL WORD IN OUTPUT REGISTER.
0018  00103 103715       STC 15B,C    START DEVICE AND ENABLE FLAG LOGIC.
0019  00104 102315       SFS 15B      IS DEVICE OPERATION COMPLETE?
0020  00105 024104       JMP *-1      NO. WAIT.
0021  00106 106515       LIB 15B      YES. PUT STATUS WORD IN B-REGISTER.
0022  00107 124101       JMP I/O,I    EXIT.
0023*
0024*
0025                     END START
**  NO ERRORS*
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4-7. INPUT OPERATIONS. A combined STC and CLF instruction (STC XX,C) from the computer addressed to the select code of the interface PCA initiates the input of an 8-bit data or status word from the I/O device. As a result of this instruction, the interface PCA receives the IOG, SCM, SCL, STC, and CLF signals at the times specified in figures 4-5 and 4-6. As shown in figure 4-6, the STC signal sets the Command flip-flop which applies a Device Command (start) signal to the I/O device to initiate its input operation. Simultaneously, the CLF signal resets the Flag flip-flop to prevent an interrupt signal from being sent to the computer before the I/O device has transferred data to the interface PCA. (A detailed discussion of required flag and interrupt circuits is contained in Section V.)

When the I/O device is ready to transfer data to the interface PCA, it generates a Device Flag (done) signal which resets the Command flip-flop, sets the Flag flip-flop, and latches the eight bits of Output Data into the input data register. The timing of the flag logic at this point is dependent on the timing of the I/O device and is not related to the computer's I/O Section timing. The ENF signal generated by the computer every I/O cycle at time T2 is combined with an output signal from the interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flop to set the Flag flip-flop. This action synchronizes the effect of the Device Flag signal by allowing the Flag flip-flop to be set only at time T2. When the Flag flip-flop is set, the interface PCA flag logic generates the SKF signal that indicates to the computer that the I/O device has completed its operation and that the Output Data is in the input data register waiting to be transferred into the computer.

If the computer is programmed to wait for the Flag flip-flop to be set (e.g., an SFS instruction followed by a JMP*−1 instruction), the resulting SFS signal gated with the set output of the Flag flip-flop generates the SKF signal as shown in figure 4-6. It should be noted that the SKF signal can also be generated when the Flag flip-flop is reset by programming an SFC instruction. Either way, the state of the Flag flip-flop is monitored and the computer must be programmed accordingly.

If the computer interrupt system has been enabled by a programmed STF 00 instruction as listed in table 4-4, the computer can be doing work in the program rather than waiting for the Flag flip-flop to be set. Then, when the I/O device completes its operation (Flag flip-flop set), the IEN signal is true, the Control flip-flop is set, and no device with a higher priority has requested an interrupt (the PRH signal is true), the interface PCA's IRQ flip-flop will be set at the following T5 time (SIR) which generates the FLG and IRQ signals. These signals are used by the computer to generate an interrupt request signal. After the interrupt is initiated, the next T2 time (ENF) resets the IRQ flip-flop and, if the PRH signal is still true, the following T5 time (SIR) sets it again. This time the resulting FLG and IRQ signals are used by the computer to encode the interrupt address. The next I/O cycle is controlled by the instruction stored at the interrupt location in computer memory. During this cycle, an IAK signal resets the interface PCA Flag Buffer flip-flop and the ENF signal resets the IRQ flip-flop. The Flag flip-flop remains set to inhibit lower priority interrupts by providing a false PRL signal. A CLF instruction must be programmed to reset the Flag flip-flop and enable lower priority interrupts just before leaving the interrupt subroutine.

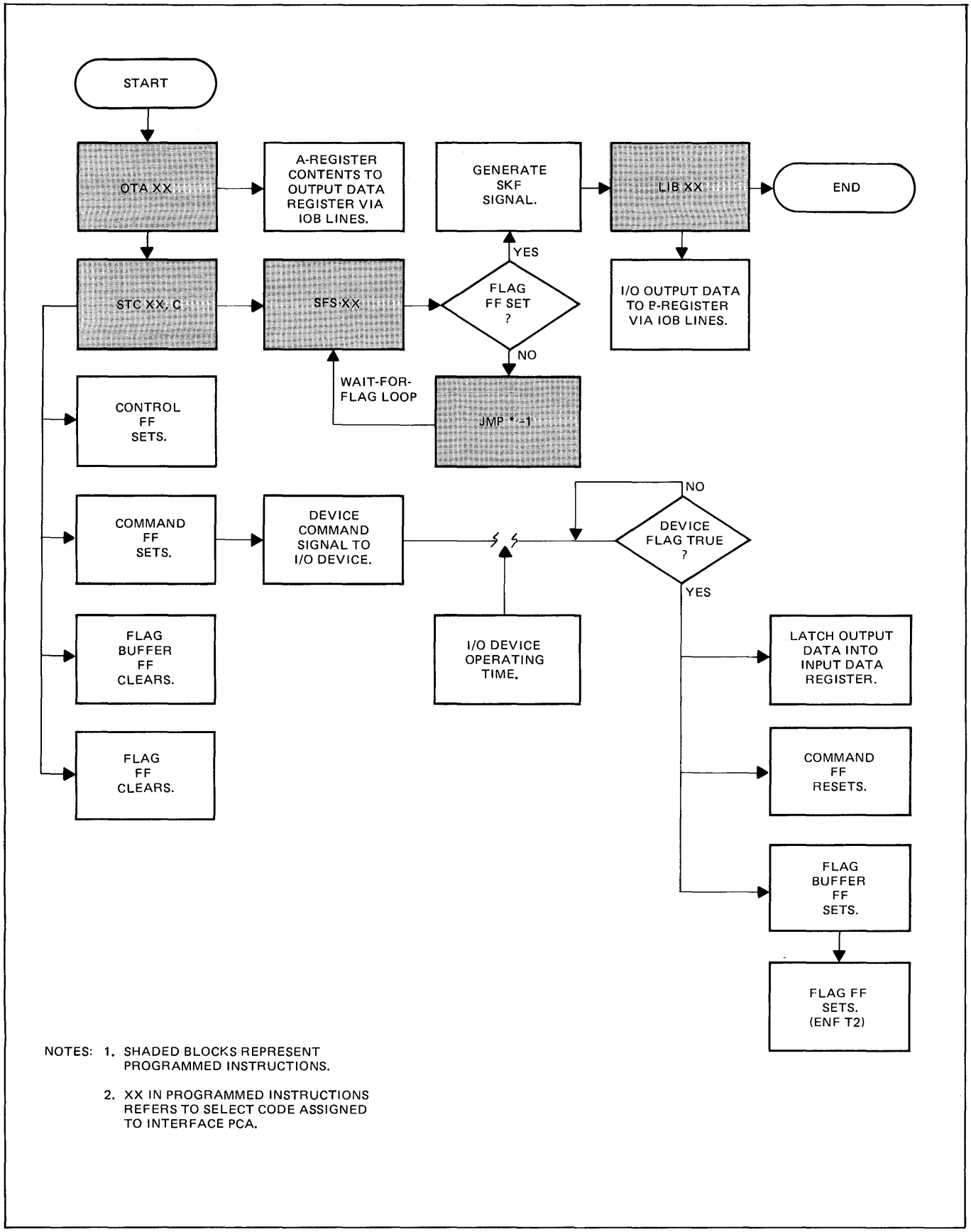
As previously discussed, the Device Flag signal latches the Output Data from the I/O device into the input data register and the interface PCA logic generates the required signals to indicate to the computer that the information is waiting to be transferred. The computer will now accept the data from the input data register by outputting a programmed LIA, LIB, MIA, or MIB instruction addressed to the select code of the interface PCA. As a result of any one of these instructions, the IOG, SCM, and SCL signals are again applied to the interface PCA along with the IOI signal. The IOI signal gates the contents of the input data register onto data lines IOB0 through IOB7 and into the computer via the I/O bus. This completes one input operation with the 8-bit data or status word supplied by the I/O device now stored in the A- or B-register.

Table 4-4. Interrupt-Method Input Routine

INSTRUCTION	FUNCTION
STF 00	Enables interrupt system.
STC SC,C	Clears interface PCA's Flag flip-flop and starts I/O device operation.
JMP	Initiates jump to a different subroutine or program.
When a program interrupt occurs, a JSB,I instruction in the trap cell produces a program jump to the remainder of the I/O subroutine listed below.	
NOP	Entry point.
LIA SC	Transfers data from interface PCA into A-register.
STA XX	Transfers data from A-register into memory. (XX denotes assigned memory storage location.)

4-8. OUTPUT OPERATIONS. Output operations are essentially the same as input operations as far as the interface PCA is concerned. The primary differences are in the sequence of events and the use of the output data register instead of the input data register. Output operations require that the Flag flip-flop first be checked to ensure that the I/O device is not busy from some previous operation. The Flag flip-flop can be monitored by the SKF signal (interrupt system not enabled), or by the FLG and IRQ signals (interrupt system enabled) in the same manner as during input operations. If the I/O device is busy, the output operation must wait until the I/O device finishes and sets the Flag flip-flop as previously discussed.

After the computer has determined that the I/O device is not busy, the output operation can be initiated by either a programmed OTA or OTB instruction addressed to the select code of the interface PCA. As a result of either of these instructions, the IOG, SCM, and SCL signals are applied to the interface PCA along with the IOO signal which latches the 8-bit data or control word from data lines IOB0 through IOB7 into the output data register. The computer program must now issue a combined STC, CLF instruction (STC XX,C) to the interface PCA. The STC instruction sets the Command flip-flop which applies the Device Command signal to the I/O device indicating that data is available for transfer. The STC instruction also sets the Control flip-flop which provides the enabling signal for the interrupt control logic. The CLF instruction resets the Flag flip-flop to prevent an interrupt signal from being sent to the computer before the I/O device has accepted the data from the output data register and performed its operations. When the I/O device finishes, it returns the Device Flag signal to the interface PCA and sets the Flag flip- flop; the interface PCA then initiates an interrupt signal to the computer indicating that the I/O device is ready to accept additional information as previously discussed. This completes the output operation.



NOTES: 1. SHADED BLOCKS REPRESENT PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTIONS.

2. XX IN PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTIONS REFERS TO SELECT CODE ASSIGNED TO INTERFACE PCA.

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Figure 4-7. Interface PCA Functional Operation Flowchart

4-9. DUAL-CHANNEL PORT CONTROLLER (DCPC) TIMING

As discussed in Section III, the DCPC allows the user to initiate high-speed block word transfers between selected I/O devices and memory. The DCPC then controls the I/O device during the transfers, stealing memory and I/O cycles from the CPU, but not requiring CPU intervention until completion of the transfer. The DCPC is capable of stealing every consecutive I/O cycle. When the DCPC is operating, it takes priority over the CPU for both memory accesses and control of the I/O Section by generating all appropriate I/O signals. The CPU may not access memory or initiate an I/O cycle during a DCPC cycle. The DCPC data transfers are initiated by an initialization routine and then hardware controls the transfers automatically. No additional programming other than that discussed in Section III is required. Although the DCPC is designed to operate with I/O devices capable of handling high-speed data transmissions, it should be noted that it can be used with slower-speed devices if it is desirable to free these devices from program control. (Refer to paragraph 6-14.)

DCPC timing is derived from the control processor crystal-controlled oscillator and is decoded into five T-periods designated T2, T3, T4, T5, and T6. These five T-periods comprise one DCPC cycle as shown in figure 4-8. (For HP 21MX M-Series Computers, the duration of one DCPC cycle is 1.625 microseconds. For HP 21MX E-Series Computers, the duration of one DCPC cycle is typically from 1.00 to 1.16 microseconds.) Figure 4-8 provides a timing diagram for the DCPC during a DCPC cycle. The timing diagram shows both input and output control signals, but it should be noted that the operations require separate initialization routines as discussed in section III. It should also be noted that some of the DCPC generated I/O instruction T-period times differ from standard I/O instruction times. (See figure 4-5.) In addition to I/O instruction signals, figure 4-8 also shows DCPC generated signals that prevent interference by the CPU and that help control data transfers when the DCPC is stealing I/O cycles. The definition and purpose of these signals are as follows:

SRQ: "Service Request". Used to notify computer that the I/O device is ready for a data transfer. Initiates DCPC cycle and prevents any further processing of programmed instructions by the computer until the DCPC cycle is complete.

$\overline{\text{DMAIOI}}$: "Direct Memory Access I/O Input". Used to gate data on the I/O bus onto the S-bus during a DCPC input transfer.

IOI: "I/O Data Input". Used to gate data from the interface PCA onto the I/O bus during a DCPC input transfer.

$\overline{\text{DMALCH}}$: "Direct Memory Access Latch". Used to hold data on the I/O bus through the completion of a DCPC output transfer. Latches the I/O bus onto itself.

$\overline{\text{DMAIOO}}$: "Direct Memory Access I/O Output". Used to gate data on the S-bus onto the I/O bus during a DCPC output transfer.

IOO: "I/O Data Output". Used to gate data from the I/O bus to the interface PCA during a DCPC output transfer.

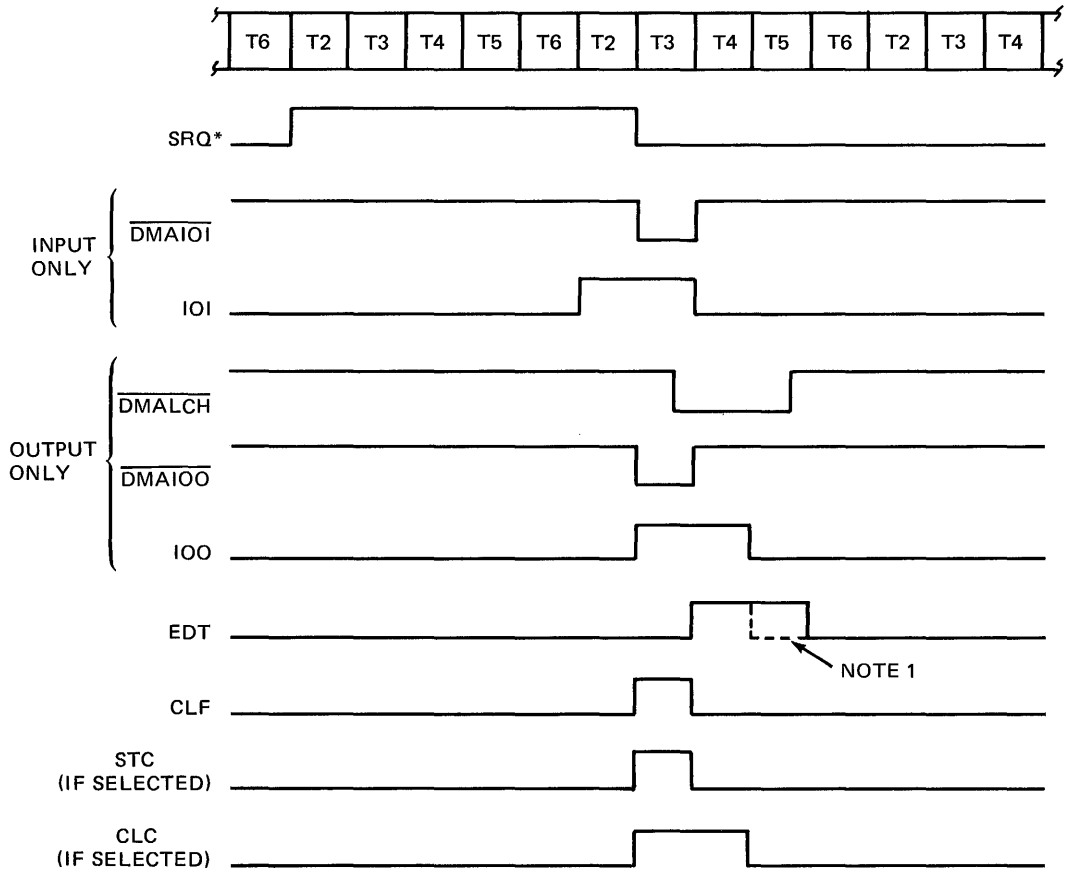
EDT: "End Data Transfer". Used to notify the I/O device that the number of words specified in the programmmed block length have been transferred. Signifies the end of a DCPC transfer.

CLF: "Clear Flag". Used to clear (reset) interface PCA Flag flip-flop.

STC: "Set Control". Used to set interface PCA Control flip-flop.

CLC: "Clear Control". Used to clear (reset) interface PCA Control flip-flop.

The DCPC cycle is initiated when the selected I/O device signals that it is ready for a data transfer with an SRQ signal (figure 4-8) from its interface PCA at time T2. During input transfers, the IOI signal gates input data from the interface PCA onto the I/O bus and the $\overline{\text{DMAIOI}}$ signal transfers the data from the I/O bus onto the S-bus and into memory. At time T3, the CLF signal causes the SRQ signal to go false and the STC signal, if selected during initialization, restarts the I/O device for the next data transfer. The CLC signal, if selected during initialization, disables the I/O device at the end of the data block transfer. This completes the input DCPC cycle for the transfer of one block of data. During output transfers, the SRQ signal performs the same function previously discussed for input transfers. At time T3 during the DCPC cycle, the $\overline{\text{DMAIOO}}$ signal gates the data read from memory from the S-bus to the I/O bus. The $\overline{\text{DMALCH}}$ signal holds the data on the I/O bus until it is transferred to the interface PCA output data register by IOO. The CLF signal again causes the SRQ signal to go false and the STC signal, if selected during initialization, causes the I/O device to accept the data from the interface PCA. (Depending on I/O device characteristics and its associated interface PCA, the STC signal may or may not be required.) This completes the output DCPC cycle for one data word transfer. As previously discussed, the DCPC Word Count Register is incremented every DCPC cycle thereby effectively counting the number of words transferred into or out of memory. When the counted number of transferred words equal the number of words specified in the programmed block length, the Word Count Register generates a carry signal that initiates the DCPC interrupt logic which includes the generation of the EDT signal for the I/O device.



NOTES:

1. BROKEN LINE FOR HP 12897B DCPC. SOLID LINE FOR HP 12897A DCPC
2. *SIGNAL GENERATED BY INTERFACE PCA

Figure 4-8. DCPC Timing Diagram

DESIGNING INTERFACE PCA'S

SECTION V

This section contains information for designing special purpose I/O interface PCA's. Unless otherwise specified, the contents of this section apply equally to the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers.

5-1. INTRODUCTION

An I/O interface PCA must provide the circuits through which data can be transferred between the computer and an external I/O device. It must also provide the circuits required to control the I/O device from commands received from the computer. A typical interface PCA may contain as many as 16 buffers for temporary storage of data both to and from the I/O device. The number of buffers contained on a particular interface PCA depends on its associated I/O device. Some I/O devices require the capability of interrupting the computer program while for others, this capability is not necessary. Some I/O devices require control signals for the movement of tape, etc., and some require special timing signals. Some I/O devices require more than one interface PCA. There are many special cases in which unique types of controls or other criteria dictate the need to design and fabricate a special I/O interface PCA. Due to the very nature of special purpose interfacing, no detailed step-by-step procedures for the best design can be given. Only a study of the computer and I/O device mutual requirements can produce the ultimate design. Therefore, the information presented in this section should be used as guidelines around which to base your own interface design.

5-2. I/O SECTION INTERFACING

5-3. I/O INTERFACE PCA SPECIFICATIONS

The required dimension specifications for I/O interface PCA's are illustrated in figure 5-1. The PCA shown in figure 5-1 is a typical Hewlett- Packard interface PCA and is illustrated from the component side of the PCA. Unless otherwise specified, the dimensions shown in figure 5-1 are symmetrical. The PCA thickness must be 0.059 $\pm$0.006 inch (1.50 $\pm$0.15 millimeters) although the computer's I/O backplane assembly connectors can accept a thickness up to 0.071 inch (1.80 millimeters). The center-to-center spacing of connector pins is 0.156 inch (3.96 millimeters).

One end of the interface PCA has 86 printed-circuit paths, 43 on each side of the PCA. This end of the PCA (usually designated P1) connects into the computer's I/O backplane assembly connector to transfer signals to and from the computer. The circuit path pin numbers on P1 correspond to the pin numbers on each of the I/O backplane assembly connectors. Odd-numbered pins 1 through 85 are on the component side of the PCA and even-numbered pins 2 through 86 are on the other side of the PCA. Consecutively-numbered pins are directly opposite each other on the PCA; e.g., pins 1 and 2 are on opposite sides of the PCA. Pin number assignments on this end of the PCA are identical for all I/O interface PCA's to permit the placement of any I/O interface PCA in any of the I/O backplane assembly connectors. A complete list of the signals assigned to the pin numbers on this end of the PCA is contained in table 4-1. It should be noted that table 4-1 lists all available pin assignments and that an individual interface PCA may not necessarily use all the signals listed.

The other end of the PCA shown in figure 5-1 is usually designated J1 and typically has 48 printed-circuit paths, 24 on each side of the PCA. (The number of circuit paths for connector J1 is determined by the number of signal lines required for the I/O device.) The hood connector of the interconnecting cable between the interface PCA and its associated I/O device connects onto this end of the PCA. The circuit-path pin number positions on J1 correspond to the pin number positions on all standard HP interface cable hood connectors. Pins 1 through 24 are on the component side of the PCA and consecutively-lettered pins A through BB (letters G, I, O, and Q are omitted) are on the other side of the PCA. Pins 1 and A are on opposite sides of the PCA and pins 24 and BB are on opposite sides of the PCA. Pin assignments and signals between this end of the PCA and its I/O device are completely open to the discretion of the PCA's designer.

5-4. HP BREADBOARD INTERFACE KIT

To facilitate I/O interface PCA design, Hewlett-Packard can furnish a breadboard interface kit that includes a breadboard-type I/O interface PCA equipped with the TTL flag and interrupt circuits required to interface unique I/O devices with the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers. The breadboard interface kit also includes a connector kit for fabricating the I/O device interface cable. The supplied interface PCA provides space for sixty 14-pin or 16-pin integrated circuit components, 11 of which are occupied by the flag and interrupt circuit components. The PCA also contains 12 test points (TP1 through TP12) to monitor the operation of the flag and interrupt circuits. The test points are defined in table 5-1. The PCA circuit path pin numbers are compatible with the computer I/O backplane connector pin numbers listed in table 4-1. (For additional information refer to the *HP 12620A Breadboard Interface Kit Operating and Service Manual,* part no. 12620-90001.)

A logic diagram of flag and interrupt circuits supplied on the HP 12620A Breadboard Interface Kit's interface PCA is contained in figure 5-2. This diagram should be used as a guide when designing any interface PCA for an I/O device that requires flag and interrupt circuits. All integrated circuit components shown in figure 5-2 are identified by reference designators (e.g., U25). Hewlett-Packard part numbers for these components and corresponding commercially available versions are listed in table 5-2.

The following discussion describes the operational relationship between the flag and interrupt circuits illustrated in figure 5-2 and the computer's I/O Section timing discussed in Section IV. The Flag Buffer flip-flop is set whenever a Device Flag signal from the I/O device is received at TP1 indicating that the device requires service. When set, the Flag Buffer flip-flop sets the Flag flip-flop when the ENF signal is received at time T2. With the Control flip-flop set by the STC signal from the computer program and the Flag flip-flop set, the Flag flip-flop disables the PRL signal to the lower priority (higher select code) devices at time T2. This prevents an interrupt by a lower priority I/O device. If a higher priority device has not disabled the interrupt circuit with the PRH signal, the outputs of the Flag Buffer flip-flop and Flag flip-flop set the Interrupt Request (IRQ) flip-flop when the SIR signal is received at time T5. When set, the IRQ flip-flop enables the FLG and IRQ signals that initiate an interrupt.

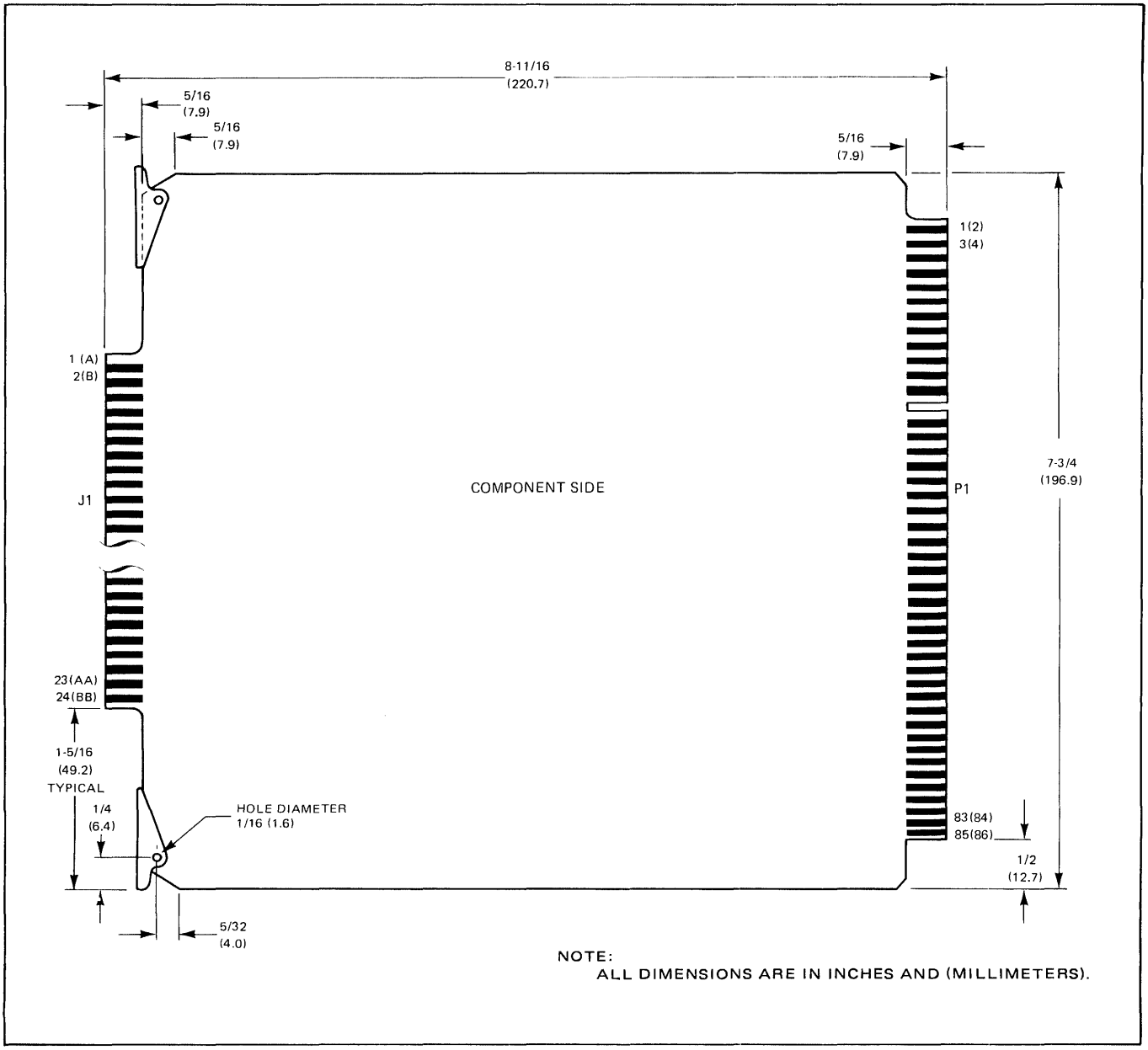


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Figure 5-1. I/O Interface PCA Dimensions.

Table 5-1. Flag and Interrupt Circuit Test Point Definitions

TEST POINT	FUNCTION
TP1	Device Flag signal. Input signal is ground true. A ground sets the Flag Buffer flip-flop. Signal must remain true for at least 0.20 microsecond and must not exceed 2.5 microseconds.
TP2	ENF signal. Signal is positive true during time T2 and is used to gate Flag Buffer flip-flop output into Flag flip-flop.
TP3	SIR signal. Signal is positive true during time T5 and is used to enable inputs into IRQ flip-flop.
TP4	STC signal. Signal is ground true during a Set Control instruction addressed to the select code of the PCA.
TP5	CLC signal. Signal is ground true during a Clear Control instruction addressed to the select code of the PCA.
TP6	CRS signal. Signal is ground true at power turn-on, when computer front panel PRESET switch is pressed, or when a CLC 00 instruction is executed.
TP7	Flag Flip-Flop Set signal. Signal is positive true when Flag flip-flop is set.
TP8	Flag Flip-Flop Reset signal. Signal is positive true when Flag flip-flop is reset (clear).
TP9	Decoded Address signal. Signal is positive true when I/O instruction selects the PCA.
TP10 thru TP12	Signal ground for oscilloscope ground probe.

At time T2 of the next I/O cycle, the ENF signal resets the IRQ flip-flop and the following SIR signal sets the IRQ flip-flop again at time T5. This time, the output signal from the Flag flip-flop generates the SRQ signal for the DCPC cycle. During the first I/O cycle of an interrupt, the output of the IRQ flip-flop and the IAK signal reset the Flag Buffer flip-flop. At time T2 of the interrupt, the ENF signal resets the IRQ flip-flop and the computer interrupts its program and services the interface PCA by addressing the trap cell corresponding to the PCA's address. Clearing the Flag Buffer flip-flop prevents the IRQ flip-flop from setting during the next time T5 which prevents the generation of another IRQ signal from the same Device Flag signal.

5-5. I/O INTERFACE PCA DESIGN

5-6. INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS. The first step in designing an interface PCA is to draw a logic diagram of the PCA. Therefore, what is needed first is a list of the functions that must be present on the PCA. To make up this list, a careful study of all interface requirements is necessary. Consider questions such as the following:

a. What kind of data registers are required? Will the register be used for output only (to I/O device), input only (from I/O device), or will two or more registers be required to handle both output and input operations? How many flip-flops will be required to store all bits? Are any registers required at all? This may be the case if, for example, the I/O device has its own storage facilities. In this case, only a row of gates with a strobe input for IOI and/or IOO may be required. In most cases, however, interface PCA storage capability is recommended for greater system flexibility.

b. What commands are required? The flag and control logic set and clear states normally provide for a command sequence as follows: start device (Control flip-flop set), device busy (Flag flip-flop clear), device operation complete (Flag flip-flop set), and stop device (Control flip-flop clear). Is this sequence adequate? Are other commands such as tape rewind, upper/lower-case shift, mode switching, etc., required? If so, a command register may be required to accept command words from the computer. The reverse situation of the computer being slaved to or commanded by the I/O device is also possible. In this case, an input command register may be required. Perhaps no control lines at all are required for the I/O device. On input, for example, a computer program may simply require the current value of a count-accumulating I/O device. The computer need not command the I/O device to read, and the I/O device need not have to inform the

computer that data is ready for transfer. Conversely, on output, data may simply be presented to the I/O device without any accompanying commands. For example, this would be possible if the I/O device was a display unit or a device interlocked with some other program-synchronized device (e.g., a scanner-voltmeter relationship). In most cases, the recommended approach is to have the computer and I/O device completely interlocked so that each knows exactly what the other is doing.

c. Are multiple interface PCA's required? More than one interface PCA may be required if the involved logic is complex or if more than one address is required. It should be noted that one interface PCA can use two addresses, but to do so, the next higher I/O slot must be occupied by a priority jumper PCA.

d. How much work should be required of the interface PCA? Perhaps it may be more efficient to use the interface PCA merely to transmit data and command information to an intermediary device for the translation of complex operations that otherwise could not be physically designed into the interface PCA.

e. What type of logic is to be used? TTL integrated circuits are recommended for the logic design of the interface. Although the driving signals to the I/O bus require CTL characteristics they should be designed with TTL integrated circuits that exhibit CTL characteristics.

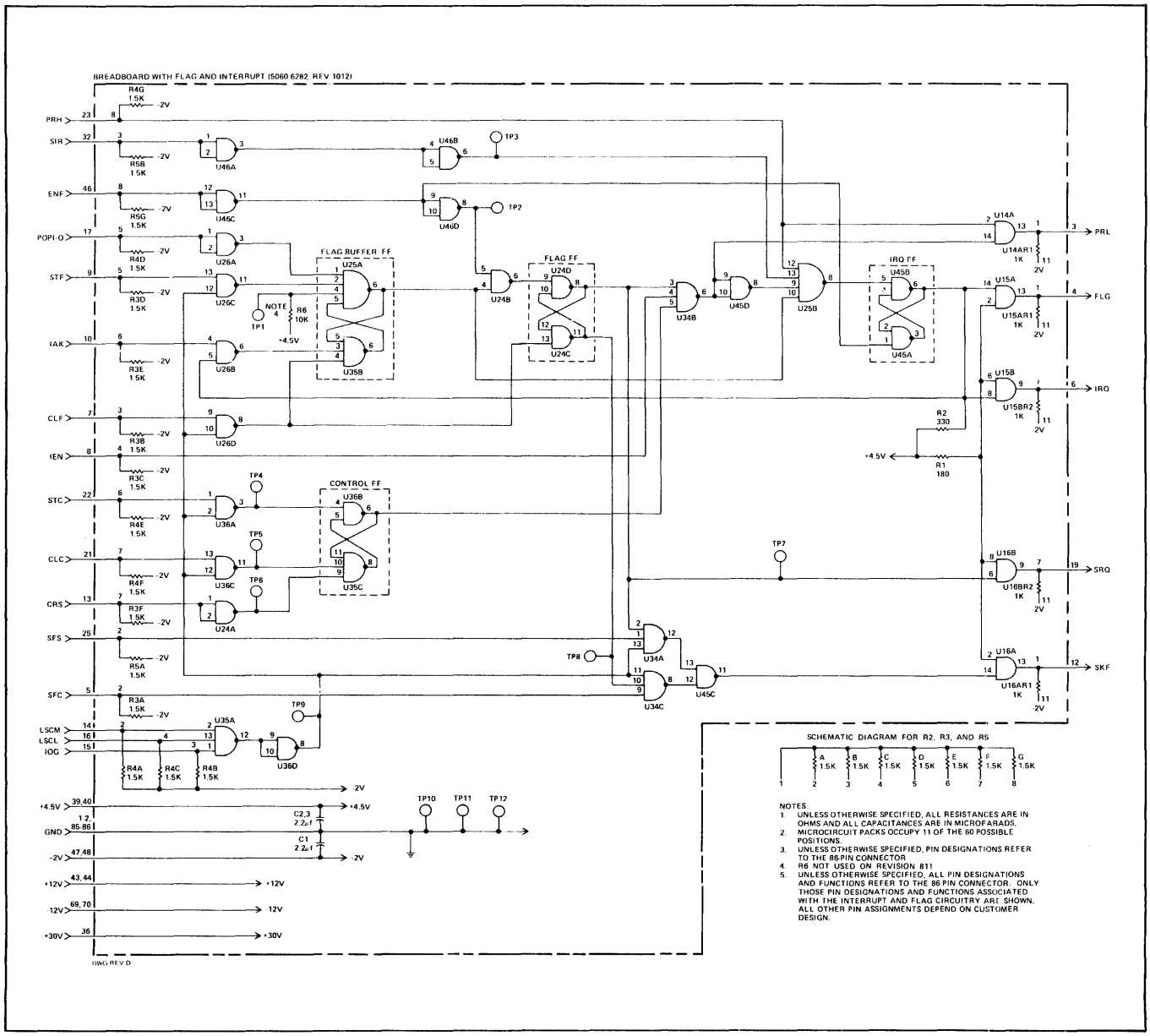


Figure 5-2. Flag and Interrupt Circuits Logic Diagram

Table 5-2. Flag and Interrupt Logic Component Identification

REFERENCE DESIGNATOR	HP PART NO.	COMMERCIAL EQUIVALENT
U14 thru U16	1820-0956	Fairchild SL3459
U24,26,36,45,46	1820-0054	Texas Instruments SN4342
U25	1820-0069	Sprague Electric USN7420A
U34,35	1820-0068	Texas Instruments SN7410N

5-7. COMPUTER BACKPLANE ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS. The following paragraphs contain logic component selection rules and recommendations for designing interface PCA's.

5-8. Interface PCA Signal Receiving. All I/O signals from the computer backplane assembly are emitter-follower driven. A high signal state is indicated when the signal source drives current along the signal line. A low signal state is indicated when no current is driven.

A review of available TTL logic families will indicate that the receiving gate cannot be a high-speed (H) or high-speed Schottky clamped (S) design because of the imposed low-value R restriction. Standard TTL receiving gates have been used for earlier I/O interface PCA designs and are still valid. However, for new designs, low-power Schottky (LS) components are recommended. These components require less power than standard TTL and are somewhat faster. Low-power Schottky Schmitt trigger gates are also recommended for backplane buffering and greater noise immunity. An accompanying R value of 4.7K ohms will place less demand on the backplane assembly drivers and reduce backplane switching current.

A valid interface PCA receiving circuit is either a TTL 74XX or 9XXX series gate. When receiving into TTL, a resistor pull to $-2V$ is required to prevent input low current (I_{IL}) from the receiver from draining back onto the signal line and lifting it to a marginal logic level. (See figure 5-3.) Compute the largest resistance value required to keep the signal line at a low potential as follows: $R = 2V/I_{IL}$ (I_{IL} obtained from manufacturers specifications). If an interface PCA is designed with multiple receiving devices in parallel, or using individual gates that have a large I_{IL}, a small value of R is required. Like earlier HP computers, the backplane assembly drivers can only source a finite guaranteeable current; therefore, the value of R must be restricted to a value of not less than 1.5K ohms. (When receiving into CTL, the pulldown resistor associated with the computer's backplane assembly driver is adequate to keep the signal line at a low potential.)

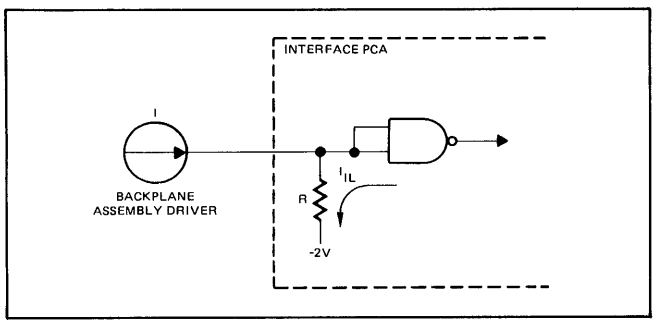


Figure 5-3. Valid Interface PCA TTL Receiver

5-9. Interface PCA Signal Driving. Signals generated on the interface PCA for the computer must be capable of sourcing current through a resistive load to a $-2V$ supply and must deliver an input high current (I_{IH}) adequate to turn on computer high-impedance input stage drivers to a logical "1" level as shown in figure 5-4. These signals are typically emitter-follower and OR-tieable, but the required current and characteristics of the line are dependent on the signal itself. Worst-case current loading in the computers and associated extenders signal lines are listed below. Signals marked by an asterisk need not be OR-tieable.

Signal Mnemonic	Current Load
IOBI	60 mA
IRQ	15 mA
FLG	15 mA
SRQ*	10 mA
SKF	10 mA
PRL*	6 mA

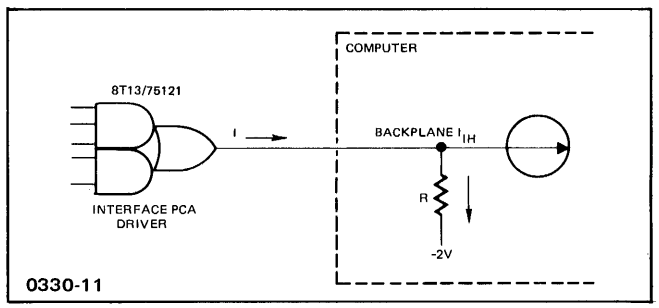


Figure 5-4. Valid Interface PCA Driver Circuit

CTL components (956 and 856 gates) should be avoided as drivers since these devices require high supply current (up to 70 mA per package) and have low switching thresholds (1.0V). A better component for signal driving is the 8T13 or 75121 (Signetics Corp.) line driver (HP part no. 1820-1080). Special applications such as the SRQ and PRL lines that need not be OR-tieable can be inexpensively designed by using the circuits illustrated in figure 5-5.

5-10. I/O Run Signal. For HP 21MX M-Series Computers, the I/O backplane assembly Run signal (connector pin 50) is an emitter-follower image of the state of the computer's Run flip-flop. The signal is high when the computer is running and low when halted. For HP 21MX E-Series Computers, the Run signal line is a two-way communication link that can be used for remote control of an unattended or inaccessible computer. This feature is called "remote program load" and is discussed in the *HP 21MX E-Series Computer Operating and Reference Manual,* part no. 02109-90001. With this capability, an

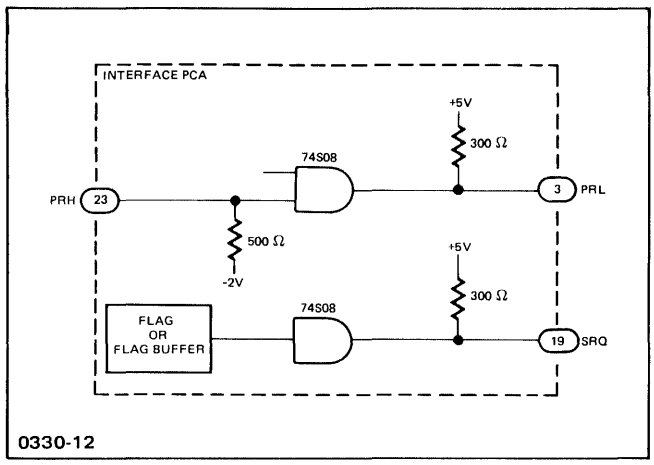


Figure 5-5. Valid Interface PCA PRL and SRQ Line Drivers

I/O device can pull down on the high Run line, reset the computer's Run flip-flop, and return the computer to its halt microroutines. To achieve this hardware capability inexpensively, a circuit similar to that shown in figure 5-6 can be designed into the interface PCA. When the transistor's base is driven, its collector must sink up to 250 mA while it is in conflict with the 8T13 driving the Run line. The computer detects this conflict and clears its Run flip-flop.

5-11. I/O Microprogram Signals. For HP 21MX E-Series Computers only, the I/O backplane assembly has three microprogram control signal lines available on connector pin numbers 18, 67, and 73. These lines are for use in microprogrammed I/O data transfer schemes discussed in Section VI. All three lines are ground-true and TTL-compatible.

5-12. POWER CONSIDERATIONS. Power available for I/O interfacing is listed in table 1-1. Care should be taken when using custom-designed interface PCA's with high current drains not to exceed specified current limits. It should be remembered that the actual current available for I/O interfacing is the maximum current listed in table 1-1 reduced by the current drain of any options or accessories installed in the computer.

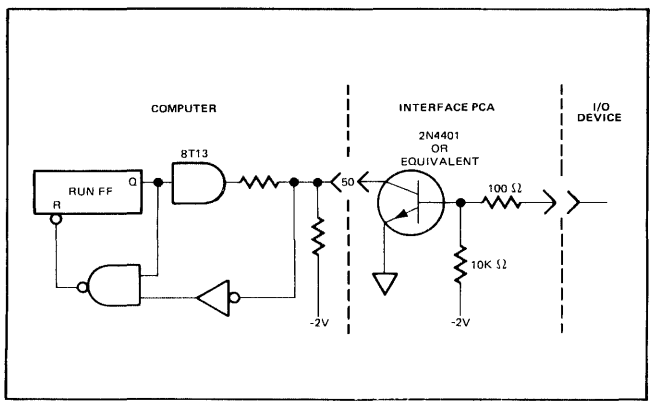


Figure 5-6. Remote Computer Halt Drive Circuit

When using voltages where two pins are provided, use both pins for contact. This decreases contact resistance and increases the current capacity of the connection. Due to contact capacity, the maximum current that can be used on any one interface PCA is 5.0A at +5.0V. When measuring current, always use an extender PCA and a clip-on ammeter.

When using certain combinations of I/O devices that have high current requirements, the computer's power supply may not be adequate. If additional power is required, the HP 12979 I/O Extender must be used. The HP 12979 I/O Extender is a self-contained unit with a regulated power supply independent of the computer's power supply. Table 5-3 lists the additional current supplied by the HP 12979 I/O Extender.

Table 5-3. I/O Current Availability From I/O Extender

SUPPLY VOLTAGE	CURRENT
+5V	33.0A
−2V	5.0A
+12V	3.5A*
−12V	3.5A*
+28V	0.1A

* 1.75A available to both front and rear I/O backplanes.

5-13. DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST. The following paragraphs outline the sequence of steps that should be followed when developing an I/O interface PCA.

5-14. Draw Initial Logic Diagram. If flag and interrupt circuits are to be included on the interface PCA, use figure 5-2 as a guide. If required, add an encoding flip-flop. For data and/or command word storage, add input receivers and storage registers and/or output storage registers and drivers. Refer to paragraphs 5-7 through 5-9 for receiver and driver selection information. For input and/or output storage register selection, the following type devices are recommended:

74LS374	Octal D-Type Register
74S374	Octal D-Type Register
74LS373	Octal D-Type Latch
74S373	Octal D-Type Latch
74LS175	Quad D-Type Register
74S175	Quad D-Type Register
74LS174	Hex D-Type Register
74S174	Hex D-Type Register

The exact logic configuration to be used of course will be determined by the associated I/O device's characteristics. To complete the logic diagram, add all required control lines and timing circuits.

5-15. Fabricate Working Model. Depending on the number of interface PCA's to be produced, the working model will be either the final product or a prototype. In either case, there are some basic considerations for layout that must be observed. Whether using a breadboard or creating original printed-circuit artwork, always keep signal paths as short as possible. Rework the layout as often as required to achive optimum signal path lengths. Etch a ground bus around the perimeter of the PCA. Lay out the +5V power bus in a grid pattern so that each integrated circuit receives power via the shortest possible direct path from connector pin numbers 39 and 40. Use 0.01 uF ceramic bypass capacitors liberally on the +5V and −2V power busses. No more than three integrated circuit packages should be served by one capacitor and no length of unbypassed power bus should exceed 3.0 inches (76.2 mm).

5-16. Test Working Model. Initially, test the interface PCA circuit paths for shorts with an ohmmeter. Next, connect the interface PCA into any available computer I/O slot with an extender PCA, connect the associated I/O device to the interface PCA, and energize both the computer and I/O device. Using table 5-4 as a guide, write a simple noninterrupt program to operate the device and signal check the interface PCA with a logic probe. Note that the program listed in table 5-4 assumes that the interface PCA is installed in the I/O slot assigned to select code 12 and that the XYZ device is an input device. This program will read one value from the XYZ device and then halt. The value read will be in the A-register for observation. Each time the computer's RUN switch is pressed, the XYZ device will complete a cycle and then halt.

If the XYZ device and interface PCA work properly in the noninterrupt data transfer mode, the next step is to check for proper operation in the interupt mode. Using table 5-5 as a guide, write a program that checks the interrupt capabilities of the interface PCA. When writing this type of program, the programmer must ensure that a known good instuction is stored in the device interrupt location. Any instruction can be placed in the interrupt location with the exception of JMP. The program listed in table 5-5 uses JSB,I to illustrate an interrupt initiated transfer of control off the base page. The program uses bit 15 of the S-register as the controlling on/off switch and the remaining bits to control the number of cycles the XYZ device will make. After bit 15 is checked, a counter is set in the interrupt processing subroutine and the device cycle is initiated. When the XYZ device cycle is complete, an interrupt will occur and the computer will execute the JSB LINK,I instruction stored in the interrupt location. This instruction transfers control to the subroutine located on page 1 and loads the address of the interrupted instruction in the subroutine. The subroutine reads the data from the interface PCA into the A-register. Next, a small delay is programmed into the subroutine to allow S-register bit changes. If bit 15 is set, the operation is terminated and the computer halts at the completion of the next interrupt. If bit 15 is not set, interrupts will be processed until the counter reaches zero at which time the simulated I/O request is satisfied. Before attempting to transfer data using the interrupt method, review the following information.

Table 5-4. Interface PCA Test Program

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	ORG	2000B	Page 1 origin.
XYZ	EQU	12B	Select code of XYZ device.
	CLF	00	Disable interrupt system.
LOOP	STC	XYZ,C	Start input device.
	SFS	XYZ	Is device busy?
	JMP	*−1	Yes, repeat previous instruction.
	LIA	XYZ	No, load input data into A-register.
	HLT		Halt.
	JMP	LOOP	Start program again.
	END		

a. The interrupt system is enabled with an STF 00 instruction.

b. The interrupt priority linkage cannot be broken. All I/O channels with higher priority than the device being tested must be occupied or a special jumper PCA installed in place of any missing interface PCA.

c. No device with higher priority can be left with its interface PCA Control flip-flop set. This can create a problem similar to a missing interface PCA in the priority linkage. To eliminate this possibility, execute a CLC 00 instruction or manually press the computer's front panel PRESET switch.

d. When the computer is in the halt mode, the interrupt system is disabled. Therefore, the computer cannot be single-cycled through I/O operations that use the interrupt mode.

After using programs similar to those contained in tables 5-4 and 5-5 to test the interface PCA, write a complete diagnostic program that will exercise every function of the interface PCA and associated I/O device. This program should test whether each function occured as commanded and report to the operator via coded halts or printed error messages whenever a function fails to occur.

5-17. Final Test And Production. Perform final checkout of the working model under all environmental conditions and, if required, update the logic diagram and layout drawing. If additional PCA's are to be produced from the working model, make final printed-circuit artwork and load new PCA's in accordance with the layout drawing. Using the diagnostic programs developed in paragraph 5-16, test each PCA with the computer and I/O device. Completely check each PCA for marginal signals and traces.

Table 5-5. Interrupt Test Program

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	ORG	12B	Set origin to 12B for JSB,I in the
	JSB	LINK,I	interrupt location.
LINK	DEF	SUBR	Interrupt subroutine address.
	ORG	2000B	Page 1 origin.
XYZ	EQU	12B	Select code of XYZ device.
START	STF	00	Enable interrupt system.
	LIB	1	Set S-register.
	SSB		Is S-register bit 15 set?
	RSS		
	JMP	*−3	No, stay in loop.
	ELB,		Yes, clear bit 15.
	CLE,		
	ERB		
	CMB,		Get count negative.
	INB		
	STB	CNTR	
	STC	XYZ,C	Start input device.
	INB		Simulated program in progress. Wait
	JMP	*−1	for interrupt.
	.		
	.		Subroutine to process interrupts.
	.		
	.		
SUBR	NOP		Subroutine entry.
	LIA	XYZ	Load input character into A-register.
	CLB		Time delay.
	ISZ	1	
	JMP	*−1	
	ISZ	CNTR	Increment counter. Finished?
	LIB	1	Get S-register.
	SSB		Is bit 15 set?
	JMP	*+5	Yes, go to exit.
	CLC	XYZ	No, clear device.
	HLT		Halt on interrupt.
	JMP	START	Get another request.
	STC	XYZ,C	Start input device again.
	JMP	SUBR,I	Return to interrupted point.

ADVANCED INTERFACING TECHNIQUES

SECTION VI

This section contains a general discussion of multiplexed and microprogrammed I/O techniques for the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers. The method of multiplexing described in this section: is party-line I/O. Two methods of microprogrammed I/O are also discussed: block I/O transfers and Microprogrammable Processor Port transfers. The discussions for party-line I/O pertain to both the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers. The discussions for microprogrammed I/O pertain only to the HP 21MX E-Series Computer. In addition, this section contains a discussion of special considerations required to achieve high-speed DCPC transfers for both the HP 21MX M-Series and HP 21MX E-Series Computers.

6-1. PARTY-LINE I/O

If a large number of comparatively simple I/O devices are to be interfaced with the computer, it may be economically impractical to provide a separate interface PCA for each I/O device. In this case, party-line I/O provides a means of multiplexing (switching) each I/O device in turn to the computer using only those I/O signal lines normally assigned to a single I/O device. The I/O signal lines from the computer are bused to all I/O devices on the party line so that the I/O devices appear as a single device to the computer. Since the I/O signal lines are bused and identically available to all I/O devices on the party line, each I/O device must have its own controller. The controller must decode I/O device address and command information from the computer, send status information to the computer, and maintain overall control of its associated I/O device.

6-2. GENERAL INFORMATION

The party-line I/O described in the following paragraphs provides computer control for up to 256 I/O devices using only two interface PCA's. Each I/O device is connected party-line style to the interface PCA's through a user-designed controller. The number of devices that can be controlled is strictly a function of control word format. The two interface PCA's used in this technique are HP Microcircuit Interface PCA's, part no. 12566-60024. The two PCA's are identical and one each is supplied as part of an HP 12566B-001 Microcircuit Interface Kit. The 16-bit registers on the PCA's permit complete bidirectional data transfer. The I/O components on the PCA's permit the use of voltage levels in the 0 to +5V range for better noise margin and more desirable controller design by the user.

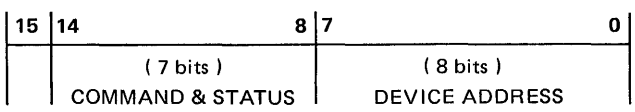
The two party-line interface PCA's plug into any two adjacent I/O slots in the computer and the remaining I/O slots can be used to interface standard I/O devices. The I/O slot positions occupied by the two PCA's establish the priority of the party line in relation to other I/O devices interfaced with the computer. Thus, the user can establish a party-line priority which is either higher or lower than the standard I/O devices connected to the computer. Party-line operations are performed at slower rates than operations using the standard I/O channels of the computer. Transfer rates of 40 kHz are possible under a noninterrupt mode, while rates are limited to 10 to 12 kHz under the interrupt mode. The latter rates are reduced mainly by software overhead time used in decoding party-line addresses.

6-3. PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

As a guide toward implementing party-line I/O, the following paragraphs describe a typical party line with the addressing capability for 256 devices. This is a completely valid example, but it should be noted that this is only one of many ways that a party line can be implemented using two microcircuit interface PCA's. Another possible configuration would be the use of only one PCA, with possibly eight bits for data and eight bits for control.

In this discussion of party-line implementation, one of the two interface PCA's will be designated as the Control PCA and the remaining PCA as the Data PCA. It is assumed that the two PCA's are mounted in two adjacent I/O slots of the computer and that an interconnecting cable is connected between each of the PCA's and all I/O devices using the party line.

6-4. CONTROL PCA FUNCTIONS. The Control PCA contains a 16-bit input register and a 16-bit output register. For party-line applications, the register's input and output lines are connected together (bit 0 line of the input register connected to bit 0 line of the output register, etc.) with the interconnecting cable's 24-pin hood connector that mates with the PCA. Thus, both the input and output registers have access to a 16-line control bus. These lines are electrically designed to permit an "or-tie" to ground by any I/O device. Thus, any I/O device to which this bus is routed can place its signal on the bus by grounding the appropriate wires. These lines must be undergrounded except during actual control information transmission. The control word format of the 16-line control bus is as shown below.



The 16-line bus from the Control PCA is available to each I/O device controller on the party line. Each controller must be capable of decoding I/O device addresses and

commands received from the Control PCA and of sending status information back to the computer. The eight bits used for the device address permit an addressing capability of up to 256 I/O devices. The command and status bits are used as indicated in table 6-1.

In addition to the 16 control bus lines, the Control PCA provides the user with an Encode line which is used to alert party-line I/O devices that an action is to be taken. A Device Flag line is also provided to permit party-line I/O devices to signal the computer that an action has been taken. A typical sequence of events to obtain status information from a party-line I/O device is as follows:

a. Load the computer A-register with a bit pattern specifying a party-line I/O device address and with bit 14 set to "1" to command the addressed I/O device to send status information back to the computer. (The I/O device address is determined by the user when the I/O device controller's address decoder is designed.)

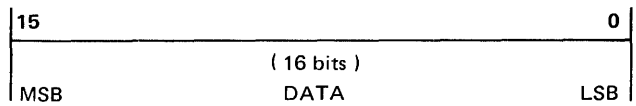
b. Output the contents of the A-register to the Control PCA. The bit pattern is now in the Control PCA's output register waiting to be placed on the control bus.

c. Execute an STC XX (XX is the select code of the Control PCA). This instruction gates the bit pattern stored in the output register onto the control bus. It also initiates the Encode signal which alerts the addressed party-line I/O device to take action.

d. The addressed I/O device's controller must now place the status of the device (bits 8 through 11) on the control bus and return the Device Flag signal to the Control PCA. The returned Device Flag signal causes the removal of the Encode signal and the address and command bits from the control bus. The Device Flag signal also causes the status bits to be gated into the Control PCA's input register.

e. Execute an LIA XX. This instruction loads the contents of the Control PCA's input register into the computer A-register to be checked by the user program. (The status code bit patterns are also determined by the user so that the bits from the I/O device's controller correspond to that which the user program expects to receive.

6-5. DATA PCA FUNCTIONS. Data PCA, like the Control PCA, also contains two 16-bit registers: one for input data and one for output data. The input and output lines from these registers are also connected together by the interconecting cable's hood connector in the same manner as those on the Control PCA. Thus, both the input register and output register have access to a 16-line data bus. The entire 16 bits on the data bus are used for data transmission in the format shown below:



Two other lines are provided by the Data PCA: (1) an Encode (send/accept data) signal which is sent to the party line and (2) a Device Flag line which receives the data ready/taken signal from the party line. An STC instruction for the Data PCA causes a Data Enable signal to gate data from the Data PCA's output register onto the data bus. During this time, the Encode signal is initiated by the Data PCA which signals all I/O devices on the party line that data is available on the data bus. The I/O device that has been addressed by the computer can now accept the data. These signals keep data from the Data PCA off the data bus except when a data transfer is actually taking place under program control. Simultaneous placement of data onto the data bus by more than one I/O device is prevented since the party-line I/O devices can place data on the data bus only when commanded to do so by bit 12 from the Control PCA. The Flag signal received by the

Table 6-1. Command and Status Bit Assignments

BIT	ASSIGNMENT
8-11	Return status information from the I/O device to the computer.
12	If set to "1", the addressed I/O device is commanded to output data to the computer.
13	If set to "1", the addressed I/O device is commanded to accept data from the computer.
14	If set to "1", the addressed I/O device is commanded to output status to the computer.
15	Set to "1" under program control to indicate that the I/O device address will be used as an indirect address. (Used only during interrupt mode. The I/O device is not affected.)

Data PCA gates data from the data bus into the Data PCA's input register during input operations. Thus, a party-line I/O device must send a Flag signal at the same time that it places data on the data bus for the computer.

6-6. PARTY-LINE OPERATION DURING INTERRUPT MODE. Party-line I/O devices can be run using the computer interrupt system. One interrupt channel is provided for the party line and its associated I/O devices. The interrupt system of the party-line I/O devices must be established by the user. Each I/O device on the party-line has access to the Control PCA's Flag flip-flop via its Flag signal which initiates a computer interrupt request. The user must implement a priority chain through the I/O device controllers attached to the party-line so that only the highest priority I/O device of those devices requesting an interrupt has access to the control bus. After the higher priority I/O device is serviced, the next highest priority device is serviced, and so on. No more than one I/O device can request an interrupt at one time or the interrupt (I/O device) address will be erroneous.

At the same time that the I/O device returns its Flag signal requesting an interrupt, it must also place its identifying address on the designated control bus lines. An interrupt routine then reads this address and transfers control to the appropriate party-line I/O device interrupt routine. (The I/O device's controller must be designed to ensure that it does not place its identifying address on the control bus simultaneously with a computer address output.)

To ensure that the Data PCA does not interrupt the computer when data is gated in with the Flag signal from the I/O device, the PCA's Control flip-flop must be reset with a CLC instruction at all times other than during an output operation when the Data Enable and Encode signals are required. This inhibits the Data PCA from initiating an interrupt request.

6-7. CONTROLLER HARDWARE DESIGN

A logic diagram of a typical controller for an I/O device capable of both input and output operations is shown in figure 6-1. This controller contains the maximum number of I/O lines available from the computer: eight address lines, 16 data lines, four command lines, and four status lines. The controller provides overall control of the party-line I/O device upon receipt of command information from the computer. It also provides device status information for the computer, alerts the computer when the commanded action has been completed, and properly maintains its position in the priority chain among all other party-line I/O devices.

As shown in figure 6-1, an I/O operation with a party-line I/O device is initiated by a Command signal, the I/O device address, and Encode signals from both the Data and Control PCA's to the device controller. The Command Decoder informs the Function/Status Control of the action request, which then instructs the I/O device to perform its input/output function. The controller's Data Register provides buffer storage of data from or to the party-line data bus. The Command Decoder, in conjunction with the two Encode signals, determines whether data is to be applied to the I/O device or gated out of the computer. When the Function/Status Control has determined that the I/O device has completed its function, it sends a Flag signal to the Control PCA and simultaneously activates the Address Generator if the Control PCA's Encode signal has dropped. The Flag signal initiates an interupt request to inform the computer that the I/O device function has been performed and that the device is ready to receive another command. The Address Generator identifies the requesting I/O device by placing its address on the lower eight lines of the control bus to the computer. Note that gates "A" and "B" in figure 6-1 require that the Encode signal be removed before the Flag signal or device address is returned to the computer. This ensures that the I/O device address from the controller and the I/O device address from the computer are not placed simultaneously on the control bus.

During a computer input operation, the Command Decoder initiates the Flag signal and applies the controller's Data Register contents to the Data PCA. The Flag signal gates the data from the controller into the Data PCA's input register where it is available for the computer. The data bus Flag signal is not used during computer output operations. I/O device status information is obtained from the controller in the same manner as input data except that status information is sent to the Control PCA instead of the Data PCA. A Flag signal is returned to the Control PCA when status becomes available; a Flag signal is not returned to the Data PCA.

The Priority In and Priority Out lines form a simple chain running through all party-line I/O devices to establish priority when operating in the interrupt mode. When any I/O device interrupts the computer, the chain is broken and all lower priority devices are inhibited from interrupting until the original device has been serviced. Priority can be established in any manner the user desires to design the controllers, but a logical choice would be to have the highest priority devices be those requiring the highest data transfer rates.

6-8. INPUT PROGRAMMING USING NONINTERRUPT MODE

Programming a party-line I/O device noninterrupt input operation is similar to programming a noninterrupt input operation for a standard I/O device as previously discussed in Section III of this manual. A general noninterrupt input operation can be programmed as shown in table 6-2. It should be noted that the program in table 6-2 assumes that the I/O device is assigned a party-line address of 60 octal and that the Control and Data PCA's are installed in computer I/O slots assigned to select codes 10 and 11, respectively. To perform a looping operation (i.e., load several consecutive inputs into the computer), it is not necessary to repeat the first three instructions contained in table 6-2 each time through the loop since these instructions are for initialization only.

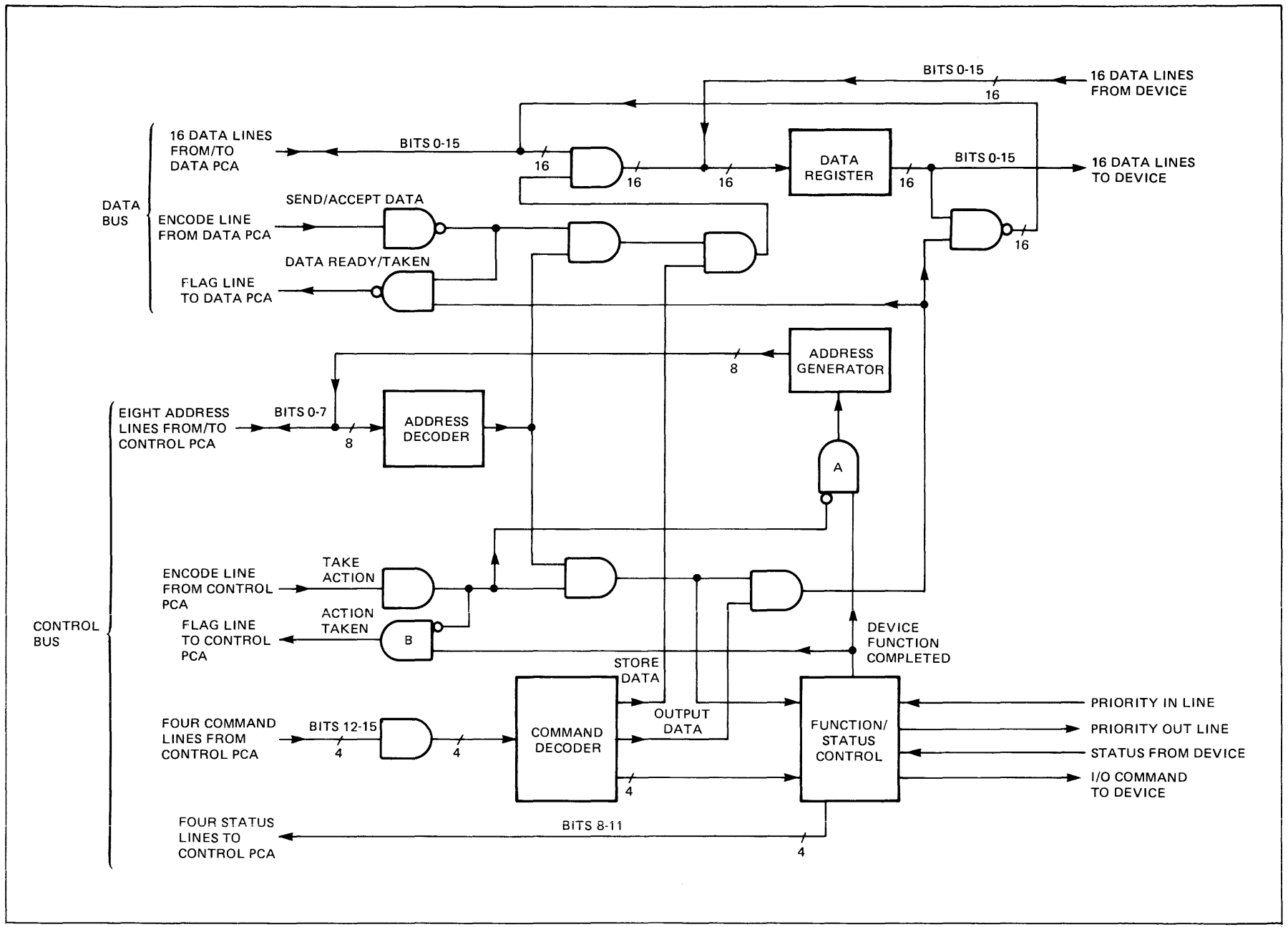


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Figure 6-1. Typical I/O Device Controller Simplified Logic Diagram

6-9. OUTPUT PROGRAMMING USING NONINTERRUPT MODE

A general noninterrupt output operation can be programmed as shown in table 6-3. The program in table 6-3 assumes the same I/O device party-line address and interface PCA select codes as in the input program discussed in paragraph 6-8.

6-10. I/O PROGRAMMING USING INTERRUPT MODE

When programming party-line I/O devices using the interrupt mode, each I/O device's controller must be capable of sending an identifying address to the computer since several devices may be running simultaneously on the party line. These I/O device addresses must then be decoded by a user program to determine which specific interrupt routine should be entered. It should be noted that the necessary software overhead time spent in decoding these addresses causes data transfer rates to be slower than when operating in the noninterrupt mode. Actual transfer rate is dependent on the length of the interrupt routine, the time required to recognize an interrupt, and the time required to decode the address and process the data.

6-11. INTERRUPT PROCESSING. To initiate an interrupt request, the party-line I/O device controller sends a Flag signal to the Control PCA. It also places the requesting I/O device's address on the lower eight lines of the control bus. When the computer recognizes the interrupt request, it executes the instruction in the memory location corresponding to the Control PCA's I/O slot select code. This instruction is always a jump subroutine to a master interrupt subroutine designed to service party-line interrupts. The master interrupt subroutine causes a jump subroutine to the memory address corresponding to the address of the interrupting party-line I/O device. This memory address contains another indirect address that specifies the particular interrupt routine to service the requesting device.

6-12. SAMPLE PROGRAM. As shown in table 6-4, only five instructions are required to initially program a party-line I/O device to input data to the computer using the interrupt mode. The program in table 6-4 assumes the same I/O device party-line address and interface PCA select codes as in the noninterrupt input program discussed in paragraph 6-8. The program will continue until the I/O device is ready to input data. The I/O device then interrupts the computer by setting the Control PCA's Flag and IRQ flip-flops and placing its device address on the lower eight lines of the control bus. The computer executes the instruction in the memory location having an address corresponding to the Control PCA's I/O slot select code. This instruction is normally a jump subroutine indirect to a master interrupt subroutine designed to service all party-line interrupts. A sample master interrupt subroutine is contained in table 6-5. It should be noted that the indirect address used in the JSB instruction of the program is actually the party-line address (60 octal) of the requesting I/O device. Thus, computer control will transfer to the address stored in memory location 60 octal. This is the actual starting place of the specific interrupt routine to service this particular I/O device. A sample specific interrupt routine for an input device is contained in table 6-6.

Table 6-2. Party-Line NonInterrupt Input Routine

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	CLF	00	Disable interrupt system.
	LDB	IADR	Load device address in lower eight bits of B-register and set bit 12 to "1" to command input operation (010060B).
	OTB	CNTL	Output B-register contents to Control PCA.
	STC	CNTL,C	Set Control PCA Control flip-flop to initiate Encode (take action) signal. Clear Flag flip-flop in preparation for recognition of Flag (action taken) signal from device.
	SFS	CNTL	Is Control PCA Flag flip-flop set (input ready)?
	JMP	*−1	No, repeat previous instruction.
	LIA	DATA	Yes, load Data PCA input register into A-register.
IADR	OCT	010060	Set IADR equal to device party-line address.
CNTL	EQU	10B	Set CNTL equal to Control PCA I/O slot select code.
DATA	EQU	11B	Set DATA equal to Data PCA I/O slot select code.

Table 6-3. Party-Line NonInterrupt Output Routine

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	CLF	00	Disable interrupt system.
	LDB	OADR	Load device party-line address in lower eight bits of B-register and set bit 13 to "1" to command an output operation.
	OTB	CNTL	Output B-register contents to Control PCA.
	STC	CNTL,C	Set Control PCA Control flip-flop to initiate Encode (take action) signal. Clear Flag flip-flop in preparation for recognition of Flag (action taken) signal from device.
	LDA	BUFF,I	Load output data word into A-register.
	OTA	DATA	Output A-register contents to Data PCA.
	STC	DATA,C	Set Data PCA Control flip-flop to gate output data onto data bus and to initiate an Encode signal.
	SFS	CNTL	Is Control PCA Flag flip-flop set (data received by device)?
	JMP	*−1	No, repeat previous instruction. Yes, continue program.
	⋮		
OADR	OCT	020060	Set OADR equal to device party-line address.
BUFF	DEF	BADDR	Define storage location of data word.
CNTL	EQU	10B	Set CNTL equal to Control PCA I/O slot select code.
DATA	EQU	11B	Set DATA equal to Data PCA I/O slot select code.

Table 6-4. Party-Line Interrupt Input Routine

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
	STF	00	Enable interrupt system.
	CLC	DATA	Clear Data PCA Control flip-flop to inhibit interrupt requests from Data PCA.
	LDB	IADR	Load device party-line address in lower eight bits of B-register and set bit 12 to "1" to command an input operation.
	OTB	CNTL	Output B-register contents to Control PCA.
	STC	CNTL,C	Set Control PCA Control flip-flop to initiate input operation.
IADR	OCT	010060	Set IADR equal to device party-line address.
CNTL	EQU	10B	Set CNTL equal to Control PCA I/O slot select code.
DATA	EQU	11B	Set DATA equal to Data PCA I/O slot select code.

Table 6-5. Master Interrupt Subroutine

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
MAST	NOP		Subroutine entry point. The return to the interrupted program is stored here by the jump subroutine instruction.
	STA	T1	Store contents of A-register in memory location T1.
	LDA STA	MAST T2	Load address to which program must return after interrupt request has been received into A-register.
	LIA	CNTL	Load device party-line address from Control PCA into A-register.
	IOR	B15	Set A-register bit 15 to "1" to allow device address to be used as an indirect address.
	JSB	A,I	Jump subroutine to specific device interrupt service subroutine using address contained in A-register.
T1	OCT	0	Storage location for A-register contents.
T2	OCT	0	Storage location for return address.
B15	OCT	100000	Mask to set bit 15 to "1".
A	EQU	0	Set A equal to memory location 0 (A-register).

Table 6-6. Specific Device Interrupt Subroutine

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
ENTR	NOP		Subroutine entry point. The address (location T1) for return to the master interrupt subroutine is stored here by the jump (JSB) instruction in the previous program (table 6-5).
	STA	ADDR	Store device address (presently in A-register) in location ADDR.
	LDA STA	ENTR,I T1	Use address stored in ENTR to load and store original A-register contents previously stored in master interrupt subroutine.
	ISZ	ENTR	Increment address stored in ENTR, use it to load original return address from master interrupt subroutine, and store it as this routine's return address.
	LDA STA	ENTR,I ENTR	Gather necessary addresses and original register contents from master interrupt subroutine. (Frees master interrupt subroutine for processing other interrupt requests from party-line devices.)
	LIA	DATA	Load data from Data PCA into A-register.
	STC • • • •	CNTL,C	Set Control PCA Control flip-flop to re-enable party-line interrupt requests. (Causes new operation by addressed party-line device.) (Routine to process data received from party-line device.)
	LDA JMP	T1 ENTR,I	Interrupt process complete. Restore original A-register contents and jump back to interrupted main program.

Table 6-6. Specific Device Interrupt Subroutine (Continued)

LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
ADDR	OCT	0	Storage location.
T1	OCT	0	Storage location.
CNTL	EQU	10B	Set CNTL equal to Control PCA I/O slot select code.
DATA	EQU	11B	Set DATA equal to Data PCA I/O slot select code.

6-13. DCPC TRANSFERS

As previously discussed in Sections III and IV, high-speed data transfer rates are achived by effecting DCPC cycle steals; i.e., the DCPC channel receives a Service Request (SRQ) signal from the I/O interface PCA to request more data before the computer timing has advanced past the time period when a new DCPC cycle begins. Therefore, the time delay between the issuance of the I/O device's Flag (start) signal and the receipt of the SRQ signal by the computer is critical to effect successive I/O cycle steals. When designing an interface PCA or when selecting an HP general-purpose interface PCA for DCPC applications, particular attention must be paid to the timing of the interface PCA's flag and interrupt circuit SRQ signal (initiate DCPC cycle) and to when the I/O device's Flag signal is received.

For applications where transfer rates of less than half of the DCPC bandwidth width (approximately 308,333 words/second for HP 21MX M-Series Computers and 430,000 words/second for HP 21MX E-Series Computers) are sufficient, the flag and interrupt circuit (partially illustrated in figure 6-2A) will fulfill SRQ signal generation timing requirements. As shown in figure 6-2A, this circuit generates the SRQ signal at the first time T2 following the receipt of the Device Flag signal and, as such,

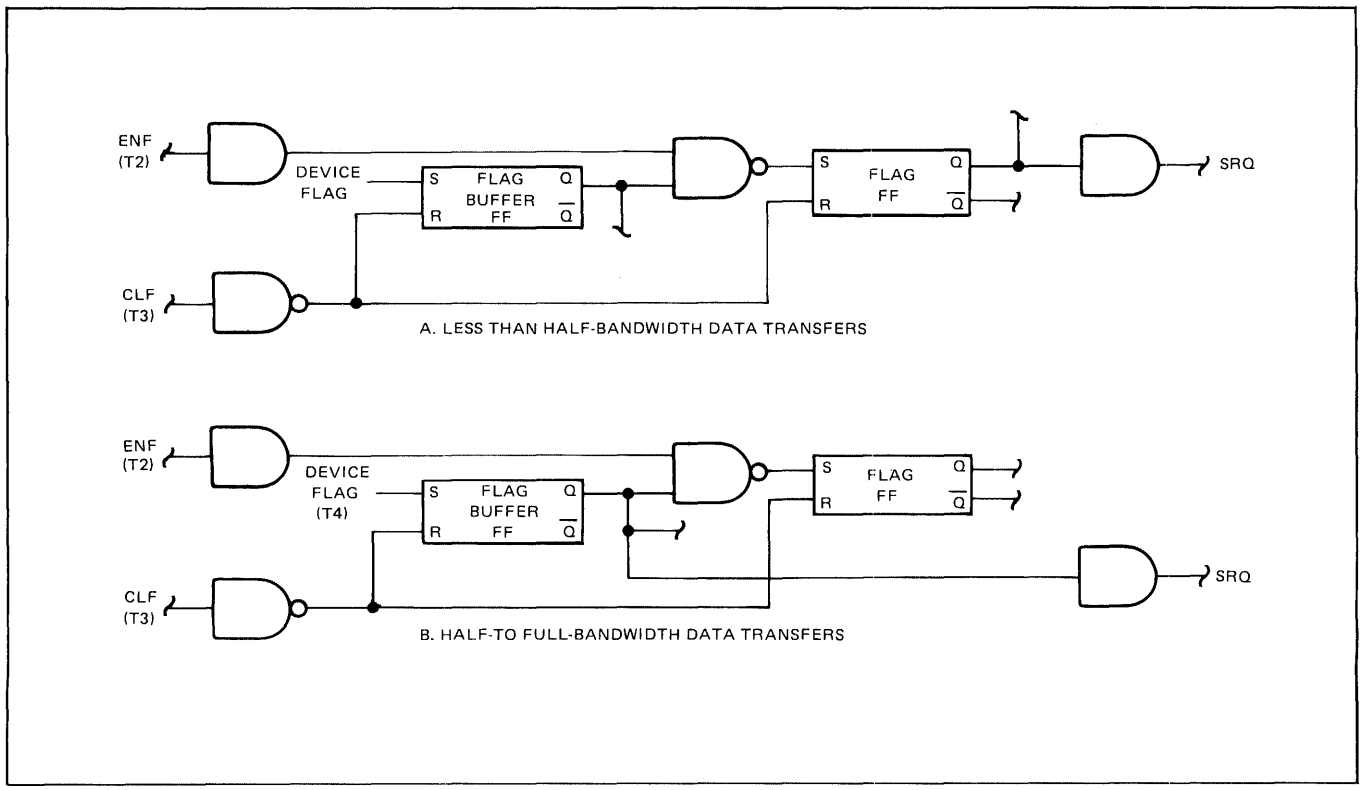

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Figure 6-2. Critical DCPC Interface Design

can only initiate data transfers at a maximum rate of every other I/O cycle (half DCPC bandwidth). For applications where transfer rates greater than half DCPC bandwidth are required, the flag and and interrupt circuit must be either designed or modified similar to that shown in figure 6-2B. This circuit generates the SRQ signal immediately upon receipt of the Device Flag signal, is not dependent on time T2 and, as such, can initiate data transfers at a maximum rate up to every successive I/O cycle (full DCPC bandwidth) assumming the I/O device can generate a Device Flag signal every successive I/O cycle time T4. Since the SRQ signal is actually sampled by the computer during the later part of time T4, the I/O device must be capable of generating the Device Flag signal at the beginning of time T4. Most HP general-purpose interface PCA's use the circuit shown in figure 6-2A. Other HP high-speed interface PCA's such as the HP 12930A Universal Interface PCA use the circuit shown in figure 6-2B and are, therefore, capable of transferring data at full DCPC bandwidth.

6-14. MICROPROGRAMMED I/O

The HP 21MX E-Series Computers have a user-microprogrammable control processor which allows the user to expand the computer's instruction set so that the computer can perform specific functions more efficiently. Through the use of microprogramming, computer execution time of often-used routines can be greatly reduced. An introduction to Hewlett-Packard's microprogramming techniques and development is contained in the *HP 21MX E-Series Computer Operating and Reference Manual,* part no. 02109-90001. Complete information on how to prepare, load, and execute microprograms is contained in the *HP 21MX E-Series Computer Microprogramming Reference Manual,* part no. 02109-90004. A thorough understanding of the contents of these two manuals must be obtained prior to attempting any microprogrammed I/O operations. Specifically, this manual contains information for microprogrammed block I/O transfers via the computer's I/O Section and a general discussion on how to use the computer's Microprogrammable Processor Port (MPP) for I/O applications.

6-15. MICROPROGRAMMED BLOCK I/O TRANSFERS

Microprogrammed block I/O transfers via the I/O Section provide the capability of high-speed data transfers between the computer and a peripheral device in an asynchronous manner (with respect to T-periods) at rates up to 1.59 million words per second as specified in table 1-1. This capability provides a higher bandwidth than DCPC for some applications and, in addition, provides for special-purpose I/O operations such as byte packing, etc.

Figure 6-3 illustrates the sequence of operations for a microprogrammed block I/O input transfer. The sequence of events are as follows. The input device outputs a Data Ready signal (1) and a Data Word (2) to the interface PCA. The Data Ready signal sets the interface PCA flag and clocks the data word through the input buffer. The computer recognizes the Set Flag signal (3) generated by the interface PCA, writes the first data word (4) into the memory starting address specified in the microprogram, and immediately sends a Data Received signal (5) to the interface PCA. The interface PCA outputs the data received signal which is recognized by the input device as a Start signal (6). The process now repeats back to the beginning of this paragraph to transfer the next word. After the specified number of words (up to 256) have been transferred into memory, the microprogram (7) returns control to the next instruction.

As an aid toward a better understanding of how microprogrammed block I/O transfers can be accomplished, some typical transfer schemes will be discussed in the following paragraphs. Each of the discussed I/O transfers will use the standard I/O backplane connector signals and the three special microprgrammed block I/O signals ($\overline{\text{BIOI}}$, $\overline{\text{BIOO}}$, and $\overline{\text{BIOS}}$) also available on each I/O backplane connector. (I/O backplane connector pin number assignments for all I/O signals are listed in table 4-1.) Figure 6-4 is a flow diagram for microprogrammed block I/O transfers that illustrates which microinstructions generate the required I/O transfer signals and a typical I/O interface PCA that can be designed to use these signals to transfer data. It should be noted that the flag and interrupt circuit design discussed in Section V must be modified as shown in figure 6-5 for microprogrammed block I/O transfers. For reference purposes, a listing of how to form and execute microprogrammed I/O instructions is contained in table 6-7. It should be noted that table 6-7 is provided for example purposes only to illustrate which microinstructions perform required I/O functions. Actual microprogrammed block I/O transfers require additional microinstructions and different formats as discussed in the following paragraphs.

For example purposes, asssume that a block of data from the memory of a "master" computer is to be transferred into the memory of a "slave" computer under microprogram control. First, a driver circuit similar to that shown in figure 6-6A must be designed on an HP Breadboard Interface PCA and the PCA inserted into the "master" computer's I/O slot. Second, a receiver circuit similar to that shown in figure 6-6B must be designed on another HP Breadboard Interface PCA and this PCA inserted into the "slave" computer's I/O slot. Third, the two interface PCA's J1 connectors must be interconnected with a cable assembly. Fourth, a microprogrammed block I/O output routine similar to that contained in table 6-8 must be developed for the "master" computer and a microprogrammed block I/O input routine similar to that contained in table 6-9 must be developed for the "slave" computer.

In order for the driver microprogram listed in table 6-8 to work properly, the fabricated I/O interface PCA must be inserted in the "master" computers I/O slot corresponding

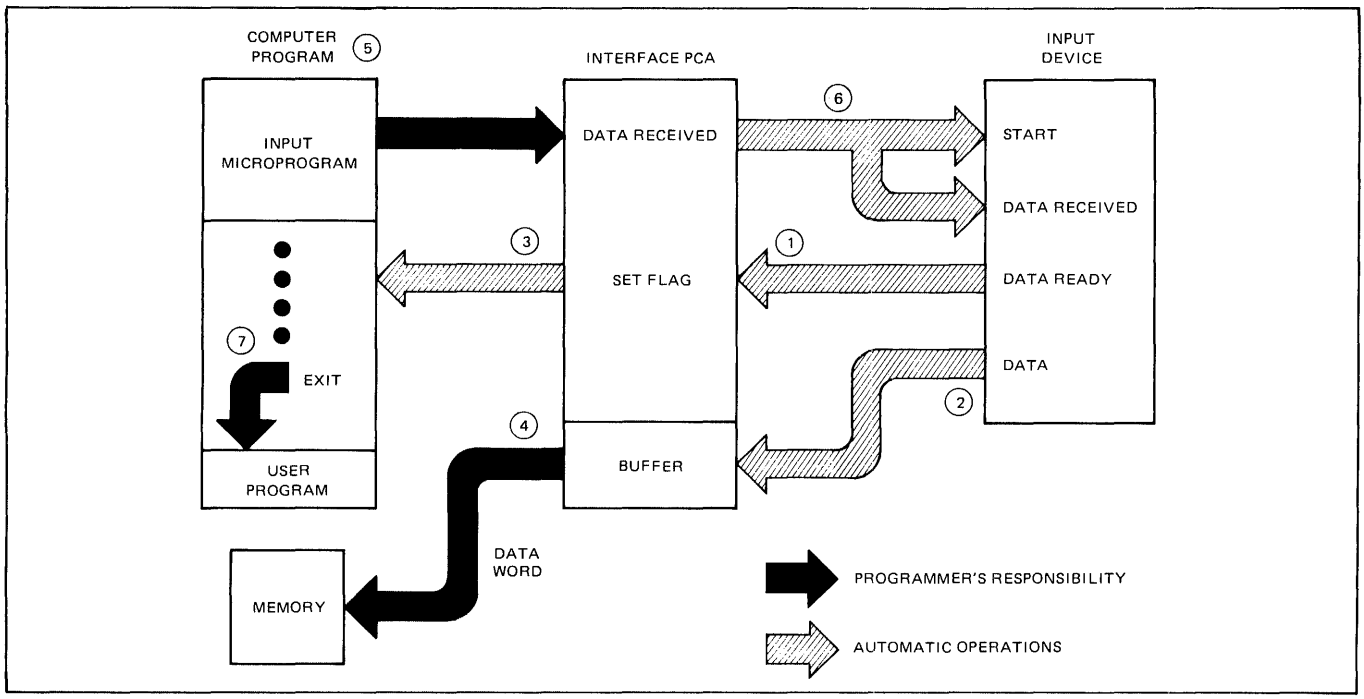

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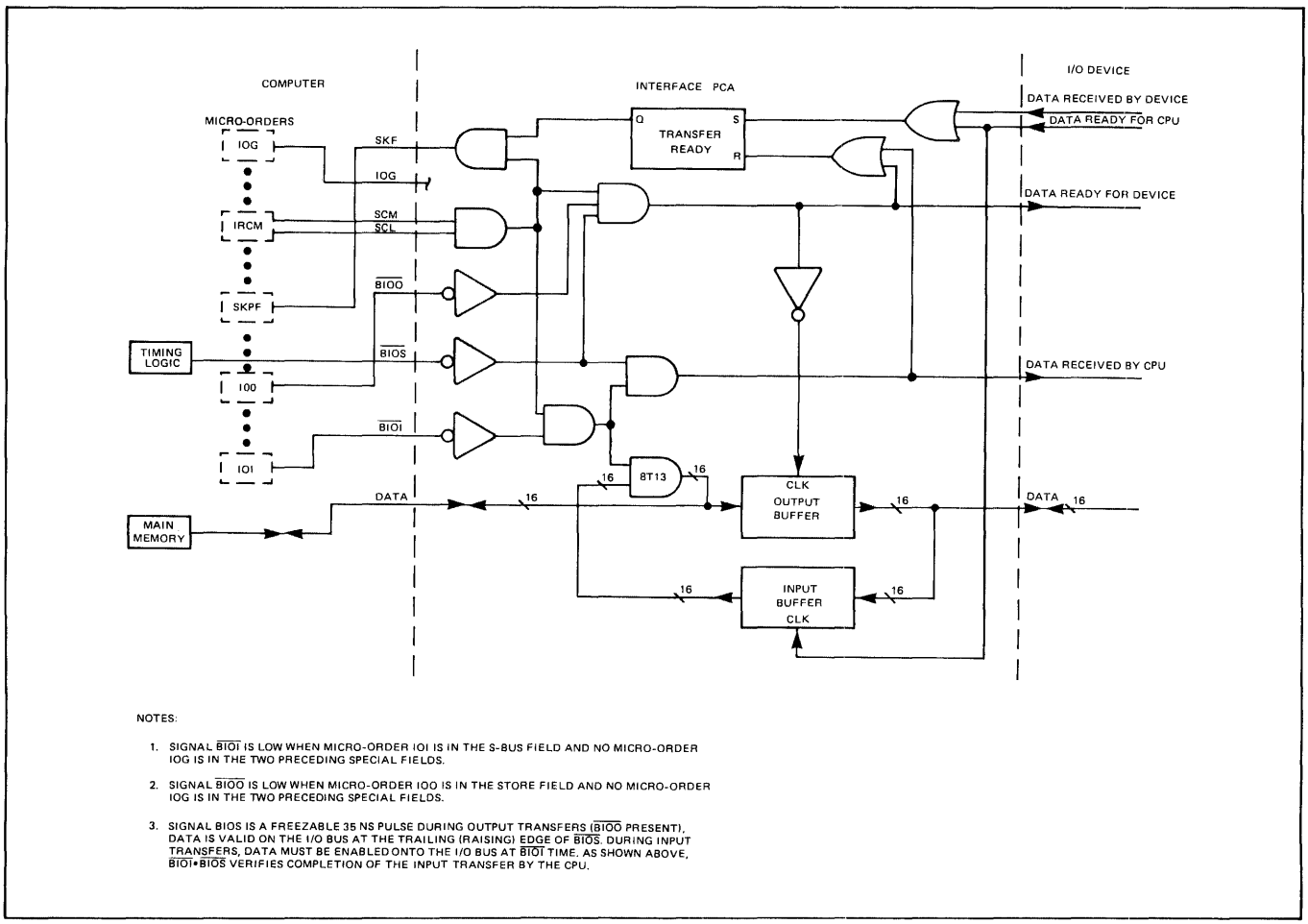
Figure 6-3. Microprogrammed Block I/O Input Data Transfer



NOTES:

1. SIGNAL $\overline{BIOI}$ IS LOW WHEN MICRO-ORDER IOI IS IN THE S-BUS FIELD AND NO MICRO-ORDER IOG IS IN THE TWO PRECEDING SPECIAL FIELDS.
2. SIGNAL $\overline{BIOO}$ IS LOW WHEN MICRO-ORDER IOO IS IN THE STORE FIELD AND NO MICRO-ORDER IOG IS IN THE TWO PRECEDING SPECIAL FIELDS.
3. SIGNAL BIOS IS A FREEZABLE 35 NS PULSE DURING OUTPUT TRANSFERS ($\overline{BIOO}$ PRESENT), DATA IS VALID ON THE I/O BUS AT THE TRAILING (RAISING) EDGE OF $\overline{BIOS}$. DURING INPUT TRANSFERS, DATA MUST BE ENABLED ONTO THE I/O BUS AT $\overline{BIOI}$ TIME. AS SHOWN ABOVE, $\overline{BIOI} \cdot \overline{BIOS}$ VERIFIES COMPLETION OF THE INPUT TRANSFER BY THE CPU.

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Figure 6-4. Microprogrammed Block I/O Flow Diagram

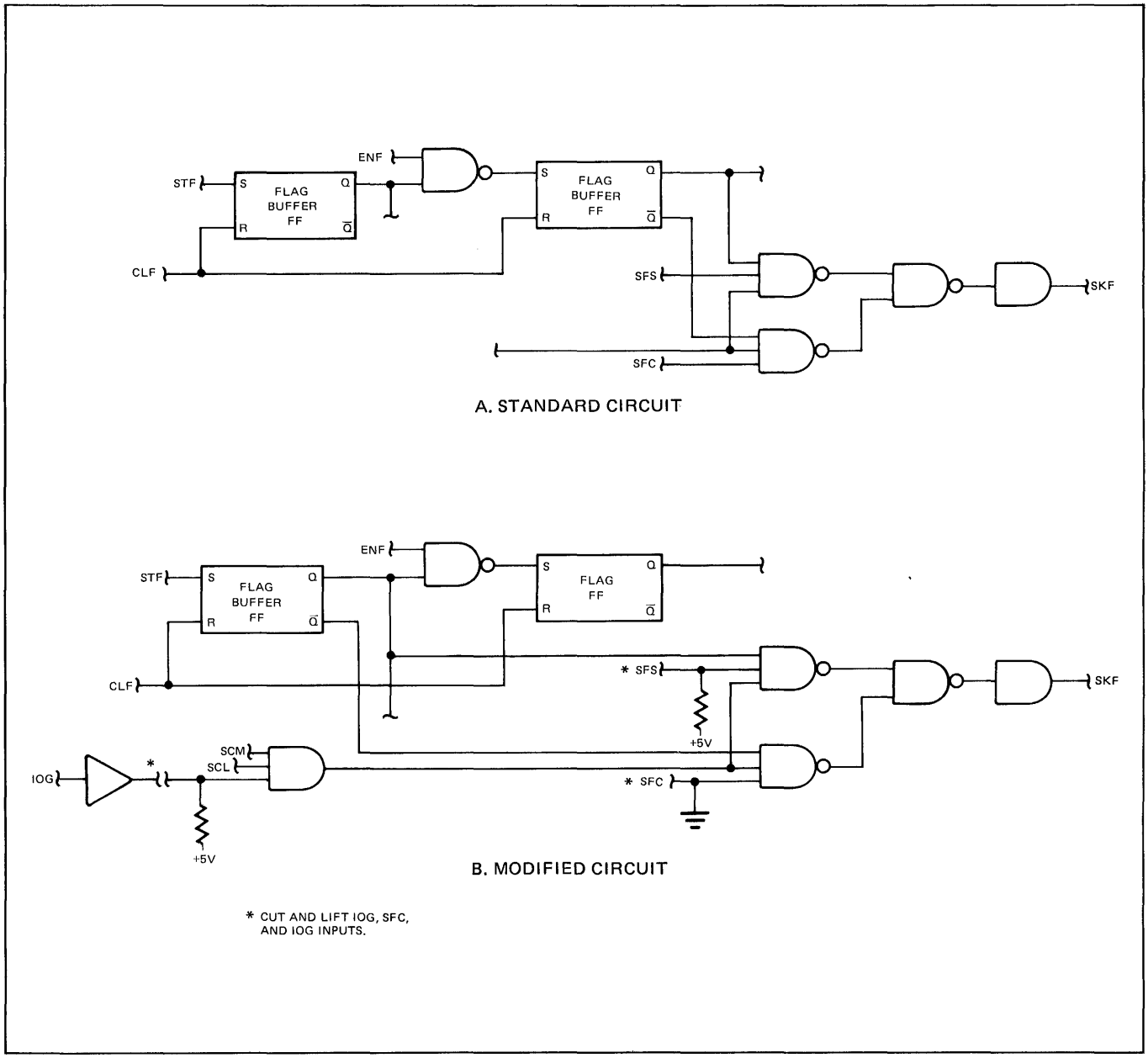

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Figure 6-5. Interface PCA Flag and Interrupt Circuit Modifications Required for Microprogrammed I/O Transfers

to select code 12. The listed microprogram is interruptible by emergency interrupts (i.e., power fail, parity error, DMS, and memory protect) only and normal I/O interrupts will not be recognized or serviced until the end of the data transfer. The microprogram listed in table 6-8 assumes that the two's complement (positive nonzero integer) of the block length (number of words to be transferred out of memory) has been previously entered into the B-register and the buffer address (starting address of memory where the block of words is stored) previously entered into the A-register. It should be noted that it is the programmer's responsibility to precede this microprogram with the required main memory/control memory linkage.

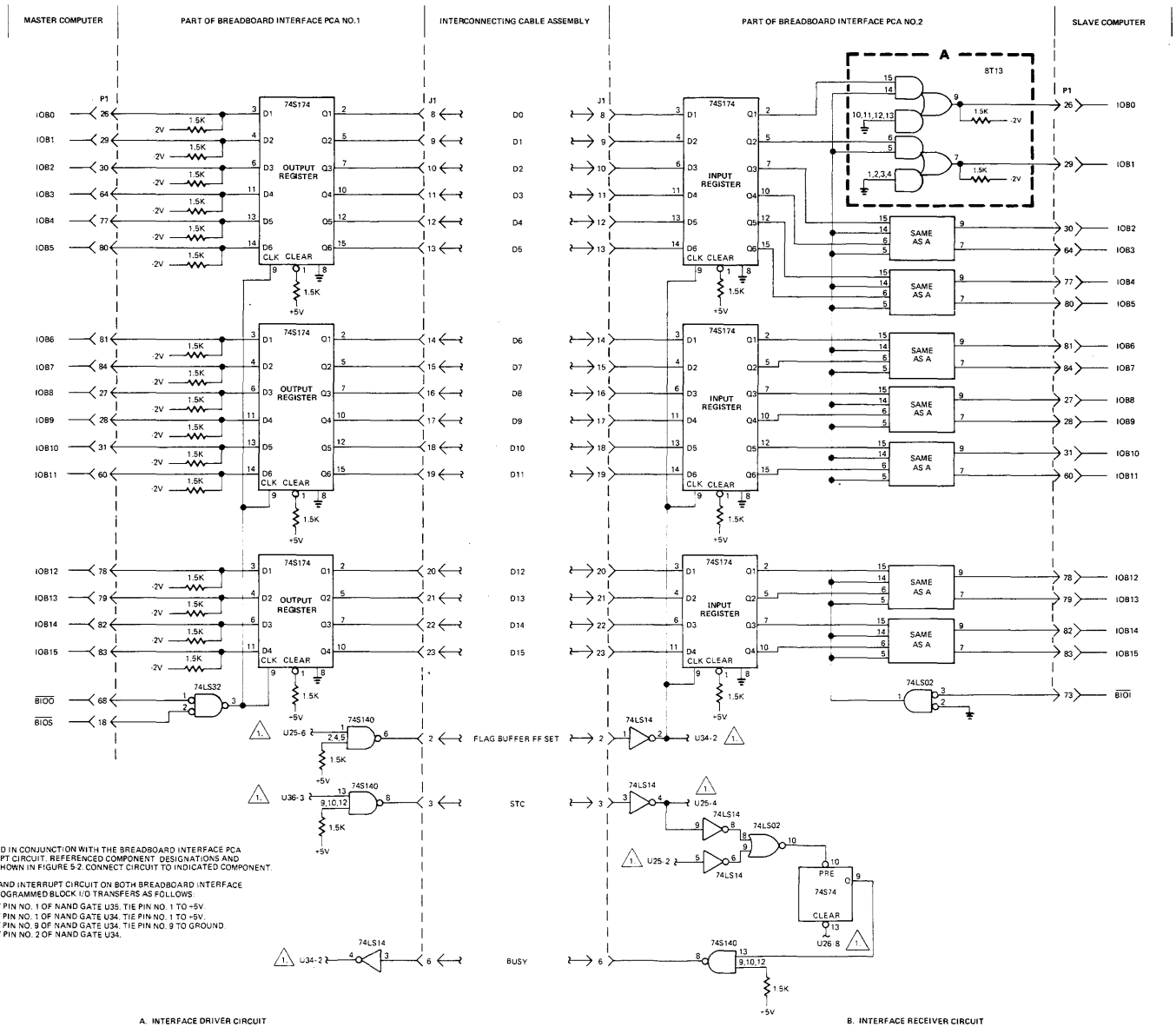
In order for the receiver microprogram listed in table 6-9 to work properly, the fabricated I/O interface PCA must be inserted in the "slave" computer's I/O slot corresponding to select code 12, the computer's interrupt system must be enabled (i.e., STF 00 previously given), and an STC 12,C previously given to set the interface PCA's Control flip-flip and to clear the Flag flip-flop. Once enabled, the listed microprogram is interruptible by emergency interrupts only and normal I/O interrupts will not be recognized or serviced until the end of the data transfer. It should be noted that it is the programmer's responsibility to precede this microprogram with the required main memory linkage from trap cell 12.

Table 6-7. Forming and Executing Microprogrammed I/O Instructions

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
CIR				L	CIR	Places the select code of the I/O device stored in the Central Interrupt Register into the L-register via the S-bus.
STC	IMM	L4	CMLO	S8	303B	Generates the binary number required to form an STC 0,C and combines the STC 0,C with the select code stored in the L-register to form an STC SC,C. The CPU is frozen until the next I/O Section T2 time period and the STC SC,C is executed at the following T4 time period.
			IOR	S8	S8	
(T2)		IOG		IRCM	S8	
(T3)		NOP				
(T4)		NOP				
(T5)		NOP				
(Refer to Note 1.)						
LIA/B	IMM		CMHI	S4	376B	Generates the binary number required to form an LIA/B 0 and combines the LIA/B 0 with the select code stored in the L-register to form an LIA/B SC. The CPU is frozen until the next I/O Section T2 time period, the LIA/B is executed, and data from the selected I/O device is gated from the I/O bus into Scratch Register S5 at the following T5 time period.
			IOR	S4	S4	
(T2)		IOG		IRCM	S4	
(T3)		NOP				
(T4)		NOP				
(T5)				S5	IOI	
OTA/B	IMM	L1	CMLO	S9	77B	Generates the binary number required to form an OTA/B 0 and combines the OTA/B 0 with the select code stored in the L-register to form an OTA/B SC. The CPU is frozen until the next I/O Section T2 time period, the OTA/B is executed, and the data from Scratch Register S5 is gated from the S-bus to the selected I/O device at the following T4-T5 time periods. (Refer to Note 2.)
			IOR	S9	S9	
(T2)		IOG		IRCM	S9	
(T3)		NOP			S5	
(T4)		NOP		IOO	S5	
(T5)				IOO	S5	
IAK		IAK				Freezes the CPU until the next I/O Section T6 time period, loads the select code of the interrupting I/O device into the Central Interrupt Register, and generates an IAK signal for the I/O device.

OP = Operation Field
BRCH = Branch Field
SPCL = Special Field
MOD = Modifier Field
COND = Condition Field
STR = Store Field
OPRD = Operand Field

NOTES:
1. Parenthetical T-periods listed in the LABEL column are for reference purposes only to illustrate the use of NOP micro-orders to synchronize the microprogram with I/O Section timing. Any non-freezable micro-order can be used in place of the NOP.
2. Micro-order IOO is not the same as the I/O Section IOO signal. In order for an output transfer to be accomplished properly, micro-order IOO must be issued at I/O Section T4-T5 time period and the IOO signal must be present at T3-T4 time period.



NOTES:

1. THIS CIRCUIT IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BREADBOARD INTERFACE PCA FLAG AND INTERRUPT CIRCUIT. REFERENCED COMPONENT DESIGNATIONS AND PIN NUMBERS ARE SHOWN IN FIGURE 5-2. CONNECT CIRCUIT TO INDICATED COMPONENT.

2. MODIFY THE FLAG AND INTERRUPT CIRCUIT ON BOTH BREADBOARD INTERFACE PCA'S FOR MICROPROGRAMMED BLOCK I/O TRANSFERS AS FOLLOWS:
   A. CUT AND LIFT PIN NO. 1 OF NAND GATE U35. TIE PIN NO. 1 TO +5V.
   B. CUT AND LIFT PIN NO. 1 OF NAND GATE U34. TIE PIN NO. 1 TO +5V.
   C. CUT AND LIFT PIN NO. 9 OF NAND GATE U34. TIE PIN NO. 9 TO GROUND.
   D. CUT AND LIFT PIN NO. 2 OF NAND GATE U34.

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Figure 6-6. Typical Microprogrammed Block I/O Interface Circuits

Table 6-8. Block I/O Output Microprogram

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
			• • •			
FETCH	EQU				0B	Psuedo-microinstruction.
		IOFF				Disable interrupt system.
			PASS	S11	M	Save return address.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to clear interface PCA's Flag and Flag Buffer flip-flops.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				IRSTC	Jump to IRSTC subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to set interface PCA's Control and Command flip-flops.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	READ		PASS	M	S11	Start read for conditional (CNDX) return.
			PASS	A	A	Set status of starting address.
	RTN	CNDX	AL15			Return if address is negative.
			PASS	IOO	A	Output starting address to interface PCA.
	JSB				WAIT1	Jump to WAIT1 subroutine. Waits for receiver ready signal from interface PCA.
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to set interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flop.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT2	Jump to WAIT2 subroutine. Wait for acknowledge signal from interface PCA.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Same as previous IRCLF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	READ		PASS	M	S11	Restore return address.
			PASS	B	B	Set status of word count.
	RTN	CNDX	AL15			Return if word count is negative.
			PASS	IOO	B	Output word count to I/O device.

Table 6-8. Block I/O Output Microprogram (Continued)

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
	JSB				WAIT1	Jump to WAIT1 subroutine. Same as previous WAIT1 micro-order.
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Same as previous IRSTF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT2	Jump to WAIT2 subroutine. Same as previous WAIT2 micro-order.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Same as previous IRCLF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
LOOP1	READ		PASS	M	A	Read data word from memory address pointed to by A-register.
			INC	A	A	Increment data address.
			PASS	IOO	TAB	Output data word to interface PCA.
	JSB				WAIT1	Jump to WAIT1 subroutine. Same as previous WAIT1 micro-order.
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Same as previous IRSTF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT2	Jump to WAIT2 subroutine. Same as previous WAIT2 micro-order.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Same as previous IRCLF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
			DEC	B	B	Decrement word count.
	JMP	CNDX	ALZ	RJS	LOOP1	Word count zero? No; jump to LOOP1. Yes; continue.
DONE	JSB				IRCLC	Jump to IRCLC subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to clear interface PCA's Control and Command flip-flops.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	READ	RTN	PASS	M	S11	Restore return address, start read, and return.
IRSTC	IMM		CMLO	S1	065B	Load Instruction Register with STC 12 and return to calling microprogram.
	IMM		CMHI	L	170B	
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	

Table 6-8. Block I/O Output Microprogram (Continued)

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
IRSTF	IMM		CMLO	S1	265B	Load Instruction Register with STF 12 and return to calling microprogram.
	IMM		CMHI	L	173B	
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	
IRCLF	IMM		CMLO	S1	265B	Load Instruction Register with CLF 12 and return to calling microprogram.
	IMM		CMHI	L	171B	
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	
IRCLC	IMM		CMLO	S1	065B	Load Instruction Register with CLC 12 and return to calling microprogram.
	IMM		CMHI	L	162B	
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	
IOEX		IOG				(T2) Synchronize microprogram with I/O Section
			PASS	NOP	NOP	(T3) timing by simulating an I/O instruction and
			PASS	NOP	NOP	(T4) return to calling microprogram.
	RTN		PASS	NOP	NOP	
WAIT1	RTN	CNDX	SKPF	RJS		Interface PCA's flag set? Yes; return to calling micro-
	READ		PASS	M	S11	program. No; test for emergency interrupts and, if
	JMP	CNDX	HOI	RJS	WAIT1	none exist, loop on WAIT1. If emergency interrupt is
	JMP				FETCH	pending, jump to FETCH.
WAIT2	RTN	CNDX	SKPF			Interface PCA's flag clear? Yes; return to calling micro-
	READ		PASS	M	S11	program. No; test for emergency interrupts and, if
	JMP	CNDX	HOI	RJS	WAIT2	none exist, loop on WAIT2. If emergency interrupt is
	JMP				FETCH	pending, jump to FETCH.

Table 6-9. Block I/O Input Microprogram

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
			• • •			
FETCH	EQU				0B	Psuedo-microinstruction.
		IOFF				Disable interrupt system.
			PASS	S11	M	Save return address.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to clear interface PCA's Flag and Flag Buffer flip-flop.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT	Jump to WAIT subroutine. Waits for start signal from interface PCA.

Table 6-9. Block I/O Input Microprogram (Continued)

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to set interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flop.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
			PASS	A	IOI	Input starting address from interface PCA.
	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Same as previous IRCLF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT	Jump to WAIT subroutine. Same as previous WAIT micro-order.
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Same as previous IRSTF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
			PASS	B	IOI	Input word count from interface PCA.
LOOP	JSB				IRCLF	Jump to IRCLF subroutine. Same as previous IRCLF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	JSB				WAIT	Jump to WAIT subroutine. Same as previous WAIT micro-order.
	JSB				IRSTF	Jump to IRSTF subroutine. Same as previous IRSTF micro-order.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
			PASS	M	A	Pass data address to M-register.
	WRTE			TAB	IOI	Input data from interface PCA into memory address specified by M-register.
			INC	A	A	Increment data address.
			DEC	B	B	Decrement word count.
	JMP	CNDX	ALZ	RJS	LOOP	Word count zero? No; jump to LOOP. Yes; continue.
DONE	JSB				IRCLC	Jump to IRCLC subroutine. Used with IOEX subroutine to clear interface PCA's Control and Command flip-flops.
	JSB				IOEX	Jump to IOEX subroutine.
	READ	RTN	PASS	M	S11	Restore return address, start read, and return.

Table 6-9. Block I/O Input Microprogram (Continued)

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
WAIT	RTN	CNDX	SKPF			Interface PCA's flag set? Yes; return to calling micro-
	READ		PASS	M	S11	program. No; test for emergency interrupts and, if
	JMP	CNDX	HOI	RJS	WAIT	none exist, loop on WAIT. If emergency interrupt is
	JMP				FETCH	pending, jump to FETCH.
IRCLF	IMM		CMLO	S1	265B	Load Instruction Register with CLF 12 and return to
	IMM		CMHI	L	171B	calling microprogram.
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	
IRCLC	IMM		CMLO	S1	065B	Load Instruction Register with CLC 12 and return to
	IMM		CMHI	L	162B	calling microprogram.
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	
IOEX		IOG				(T2) Synchronize microprogram with I/O Section
			PASS	NOP	NOP	(T3) timing by simulating an I/O instruction and
			PASS	NOP	NOP	(T4) return to calling microprogram.
	RTN		PASS	NOP	NOP	
IRSTF	IMM		CMLO	S1	265B	Load Instruction Register with STF 12 and return to
	IMM		CMHI	L	173B	calling microprogram.
			IOR	S1	S1	
	RTN		PASS	IRCM	S1	

6-16. MICROPROGRAMMABLE PROCESSOR PORT INTERFACING

Although it is not part of the computer's I/O Section, the Microprogrammable Processor Port (MPP) permits external hardware to be connected directly to the CPU and interfaced under fast and direct microprogrammed control. Some typical applications with the MPP include computer-to-computer commuication, adaptation of specialized performance hardware (e.g., floating point hardware), and a low-cost, high-speed or special I/O channel. Access to the computer is accomplished by fabricating an interconnecting cable assembly consisting of standard flat cable and mating connectors. This cable assembly connects between the external device or interface PCA and the computer's MPP connector J3 located behind the computer's operator panel on Operator Panel PCA A2 as shown in figure 6-7. (Maximum interconnecting cable assembly length is restricted to 6.0 feet (1.8 meters.) It should be noted that the MPP employs tri-state logic and that compatible devices must be used for interface design. Some recommended devices are as follows:

74S240	Octal Inverter
74S241	Octal Buffer
74S373	Octal Latch
74S374	Octal Flip-Flop

Signal definitions and connector pin assignments for MPP connector J3 are contained in table 6-10. A timing diagram for the MPP signals is contained in figure 6-8. It should be noted that the actual use of the MPP signals must be determined by the user. When a use for a particular signal is stated in table 6-11, it is a suggested use only and is not restrictive. As previously stated, it is imperative that the user be completely acquainted with the contents of the *HP 21MX E-Series Computer Microprogramming Reference Manual,* part no. 02109-90004 before attempting to use the MPP.

For reference purposes, a listing illustrating how to form and execute a microprogrammed MPP I/O transfer is contained in table 6-11. It should be noted that table 6-11 is provided for example purposes only and that actual transfer instruction formats will vary depending on the external I/O device's specifications and the user's application.

The microprogram listed in table 6-11 inputs data words in a burst manner via the MPP and stores the data in main memory. The listed microprogram is interruptible before the word burst begins, but is not interruptible during the burst. Any interrupts that occur during the word burst transfer will be serviced at the end of the microprogram. The listed microprogram has a maximum transfer rate of approximately 500 kilowords/second in a typical DCPC environment and of approximately 1500 kilowords/second in a non-DCPC environment. The microprogram listed in table 6-11 assumes that the external device contains a data buffer large enough to hold the specified word burst and that the positive word count (number of words to be transferred) has been previously entered into the A-register. (In order to obtain the transfer rates specified above, the listed microprogram is limited to 256 words. Word bursts greater than 256 can be transferred; however, this requires a second word counter which requires additional microinstructions. This in turn decreases the data transfer rate.) The listed microprogram also assumes that the buffer address (starting address of memory where data is to be stored) has been previously entered into the B-register. It should be noted that it is the programmer's responsibility to precede the microprogram listed in table 6-11 with the required main memory/control memory linkage.

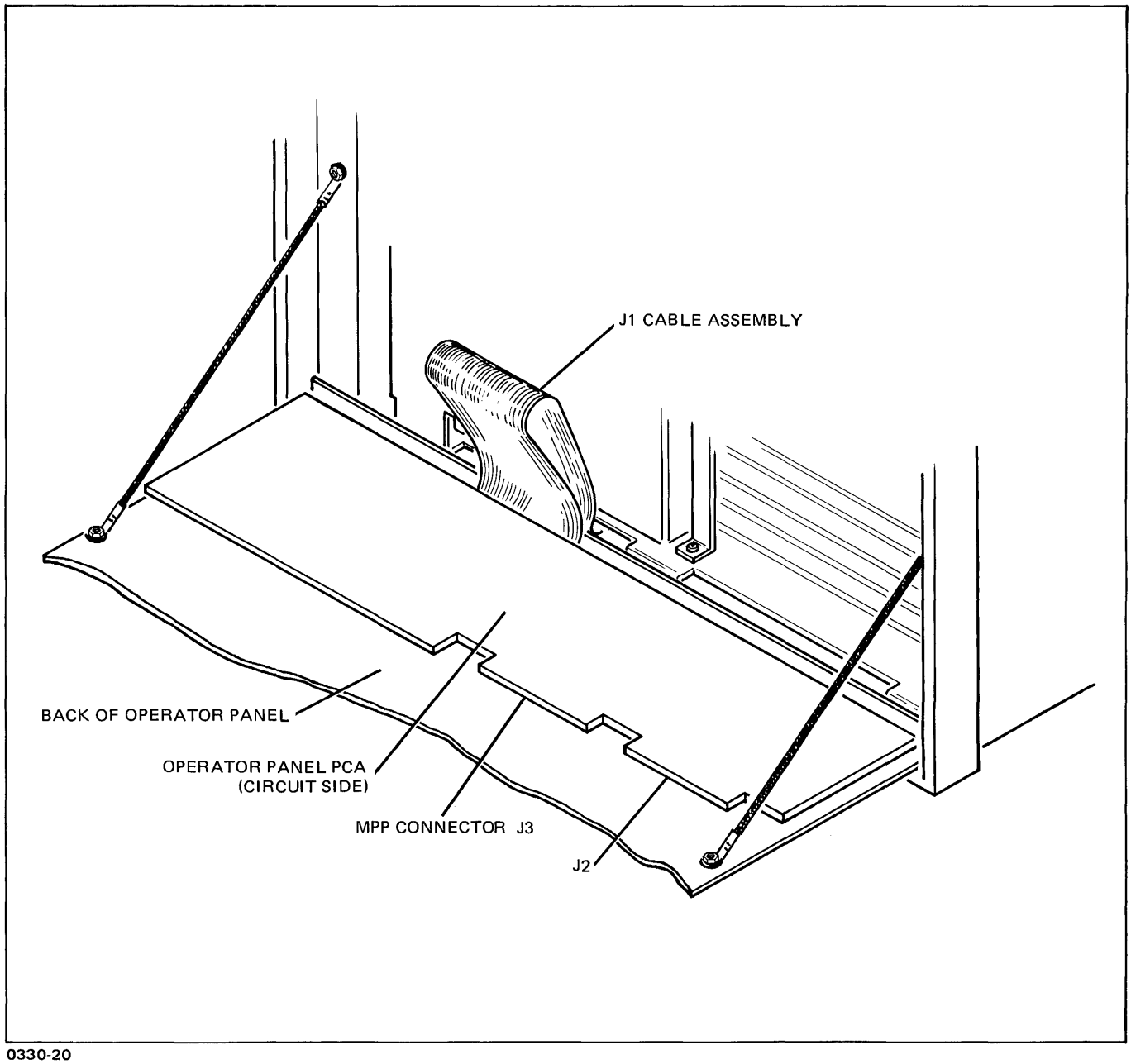

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Figure 6-7. MPP Connector Location

Table 6-10. MPP Connector J3 Signal Definitions and Connector Pin Assignments

PIN NO.	SIGNAL MNEMONIC AND DEFINITION
1**	$\overline{\text{STOV}}$: "Not" Set Overflow. This is a ground-true signal used to set the control processor's Overflow flip-flop. Processor loading is 14.0 mA.
3*	PP5: Processor Port P5. This is a positive-true signal derived from CPU freezeable P5 (figure 4-4) used to synchronize data flow between the computer and the external device.
5	MPPIO11: Buffered S-bus bit 11. (Refer to Note 1.)
7*	PP2SP: Processor Port "2" Special. This is a user-defined, positive-true signal that goes high when micro-order MPP2 is in the Special Field of a microinstruction. Permitted load is 6.0 mA.
9**	$\overline{\text{MPP}}$: "Not" Microprogrammable Processor Port. This is a user-defined, ground-true signal that can be sensed by the control processor when micro-order MPP is in the Condition Field of a micro-instruction. This signal must be asserted throughout the microinstruction cycle. Processor loading is 2.0 mA.
11*	$\overline{\text{PP1SP}}$: "Not" Processor Port "1" Special. This is a user-defined, ground-true signal that goes low when micro-order MPP1 is in the Special Field of a microinstruction. Permitted load is 6.0 mA.
13	MPPIO12: Buffered S-bus bit 12
15	MPPIO13: Buffered S-bus bit 13
17	MPPIO14: Buffered S-bus bit 14
19	MPPIO15: Buffered S-bus bit 15
21	MPPIO08: Buffered S-bus bit 8
23	MPPIO09: Buffered S-bus bit 9
25	MPPIO07: Buffered S-bus bit 7
	Refer to Note 1.
27*	MPBST: Microprogrammable Processor Port "B" Store. This is a positive-true signal that goes high when micro-order MPPB is in the Store Field of a microinstruction. Can be used to strobe data on the S-bus into the external device. Permitted load is 6.0 mA.
29*	$\overline{\text{PLR0}}$: "Not" Processor Port L-Register Bit 0. This is a ground-true signal that can be used as an address line to the external device. Permitted load is 6.0 mA. The buffered signal is true whenever LR0 (least significant bit of L-register) is true and either of the next three least significant bits of the L-register (LR1, LR2, LR3) are true.
31*	PIRST: Processor Port Instruction Register Store. This is positive-true signal that goes high when micro-order IRCM is in the Store Field of a microinstruction. Can be used by external device for recognition of special instructions. Permitted load is 6.0 mA.
33	MPPIO06: Buffered S-bus bit 6
35	MPPIO05: Buffered S-bus bit 5
37	MPPIO04: Buffered S-bus bit 4
39	MPPIO03: Buffered S-bus bit 3
	Refer to Note 1.
41*	MPBEN: Microprogrammable Processor Port "B" Enable. This is a positive-true signal that goes high when micro-order MPPB is in the S-Bus Field of a microinstruction. Can be used to load data from the external device. Permitted load is 6.0 mA.
43	MPPIO02: Buffered S-bus bit 2
45	MPPIO01: Buffered S-bus bit 1
47	MPPIO00: Buffered S-bus bit 0
49	MPPIO10: Buffered S-bus bit 10
	Refer to Note 1.

NOTES:
1. All S-bus signals are bidirectional.
2. All even-numbered pins (2 through 50) are connected to ground.
* Signal generated by computer for external device.
** Signal generated by external device for computer.

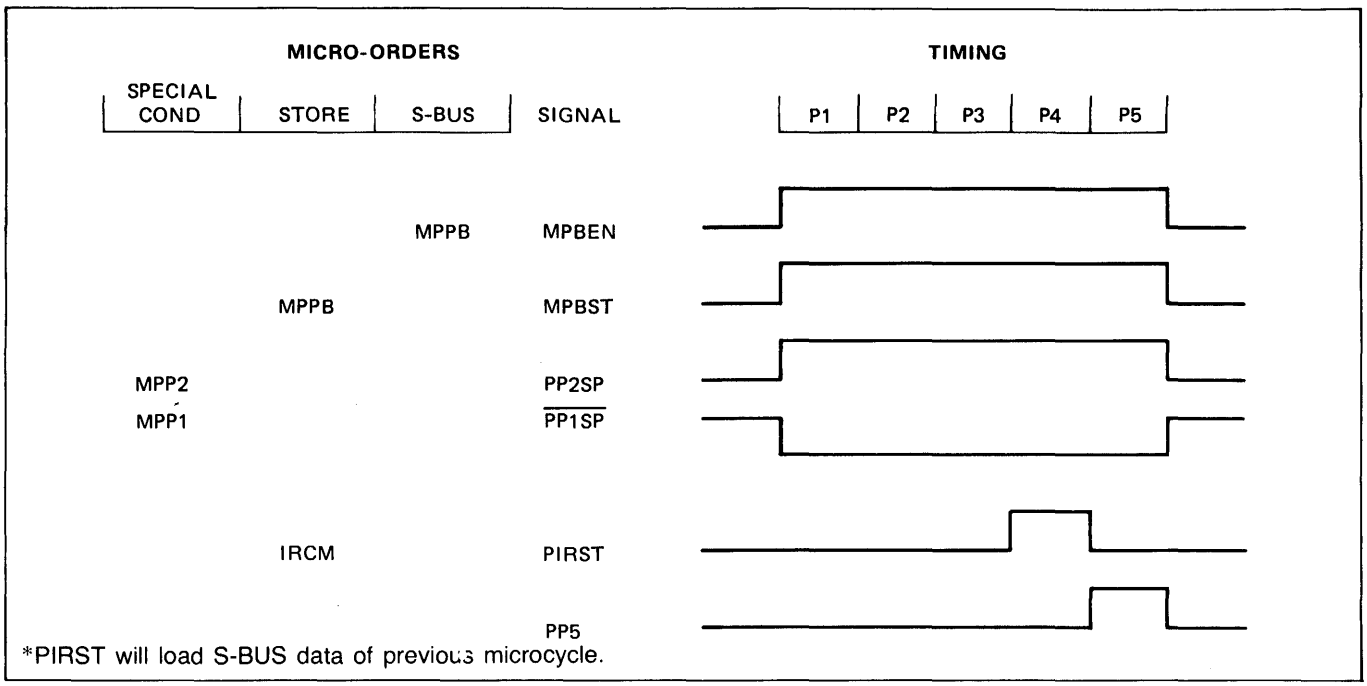


Figure 6-8. MPP Timing Diagram

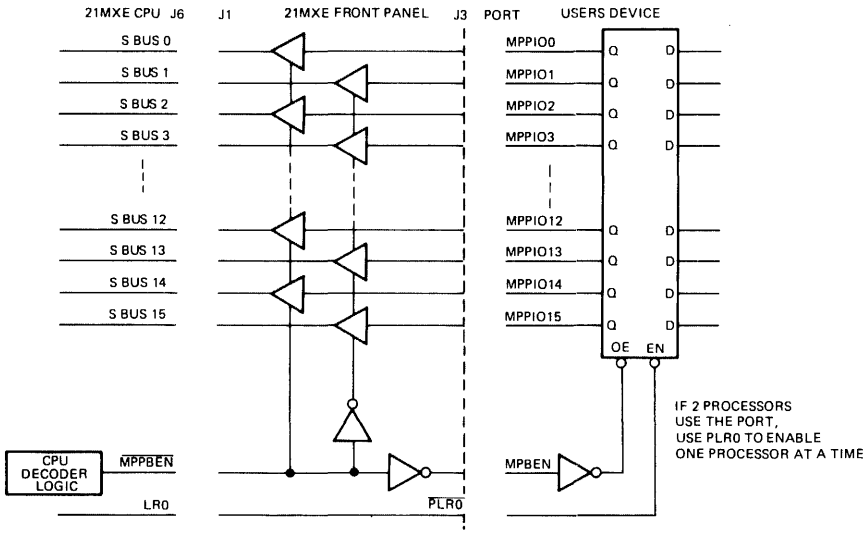
Table 6-11. MPP Word Burst Input Microprogram

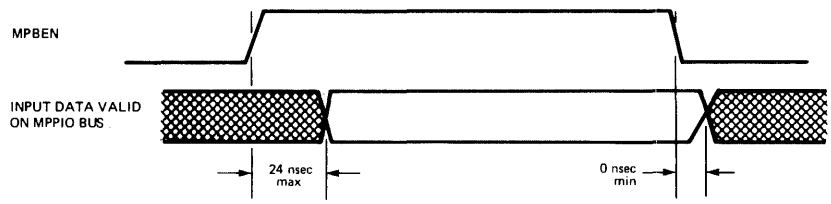
LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
			• • •			
BURSTIN			DEC	S3	P	Stores contents of P-register in Scratch Register S3 for reentry point.
				CNTR	A	Stores the positive word count in the Instruction Register.
WAIT	JMP	CNDX	HOI		INTRPT	Any interrupts pending? Yes; jump to interrupt micro-routine. No; continue.
	JMP	NOP CNDX	MPP	RJS	WAIT	I/O device's data ready (i.e., $\overline{\text{MPP}}$ signal true)? No; repeat previous instruction. Yes; continue.
			INC	PNM	B	Loads starting buffer address in M-register and loads next buffer address in P-register.
BURST	WRTE	MPCK		TAB	MPPB	Performs memory protect check of M-register address for memory protect fence or DMS violation. Strobes data from the I/O device onto the S-bus (MPBEN signal true) and writes the data into main memory address specified by contents of M-register.
		DCNT	INC	PNM	P	Decrements the Instruction Register (word count), loads next buffer address from P-register into M-register and increments the P-register.
	JMP	CNDX	CNT8	RJS	BURST	Word count zero? No; jump to BURST. Yes; continue.

Table 6-11. MPP Word Burst Input Microprogram (Continued)

LABEL	OP/ BRCH	SPCL	ALU/ MOD/ COND	STR	S-BUS/ OPRD/ ADDRESS	COMMENTS
DONE	READ	RTN	INC	B PNM A	P S3 CNTR	Begins exit routine by reading next instruction from main memory address specified in M-register (original P-register contents). B-register contains last buffer address. A-register contains all zeros indicating that the word burst is complete.
INTRPT	JMP		PASS • • •	P	S3 6	Store microprogram reentry address into P-register and exit to Halt-Or-Interrupt Microroutine.

A. MPP INPUT TIMING CONSIDERATIONS





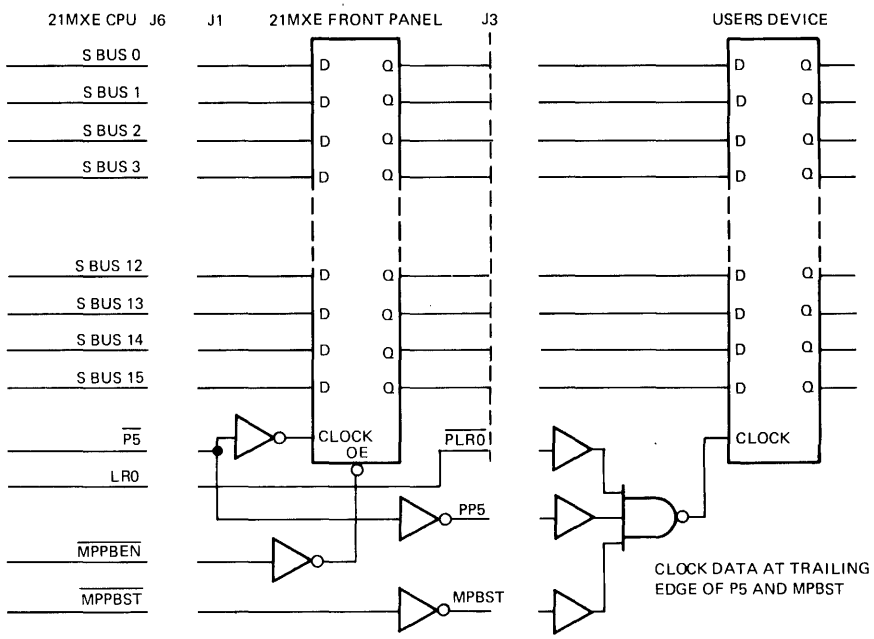
NOTE:
THE MPBEN LINE CAN BE ACTIVE IN WORD TYPE 3 OR 4 MICROINSTRUCTIONS WHERE THE MPPB MICRO-ORDER DOES NOT APPEAR. THIS IS BECAUSE THE JUMP TARGET ADDRESS FIELD BIT PATTERN IN WORD TYPE 3 AND 4 CORRESPONDS TO THE S-BUS FIELD OF WORD TYPE 1. IF THE ADDRESS BIT PATTERN CORRESPONDS TO THE BIT PATTERN FOR MPBEN, THE LINE WILL BECOME ACTIVE THUS THE MPBEN SIGNAL SHOULD BE USED AS A DATA BUFFER ENABLE ONLY.

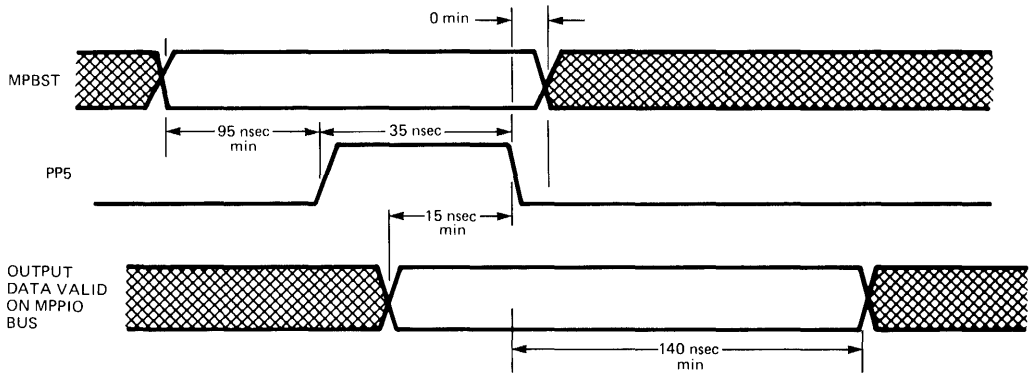
NOTES: 1. DEFINITIONS VALID AT CONNECTOR J3. ANY DELAYS SUCH AS CABLE DELAYS AND DELAYS IN THE USER DEVICE MUST ALSO BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN MEETING THESE SPECIFICATIONS.

2. CHANGE MAXIMUM CABLE LENGTH SPECIFICATION TO 4 FEET.

Figure 6-9. MPP Timing Considerations (Sheet 1 of 4)

B. MPP OUTPUT TIMING CONSIDERATIONS





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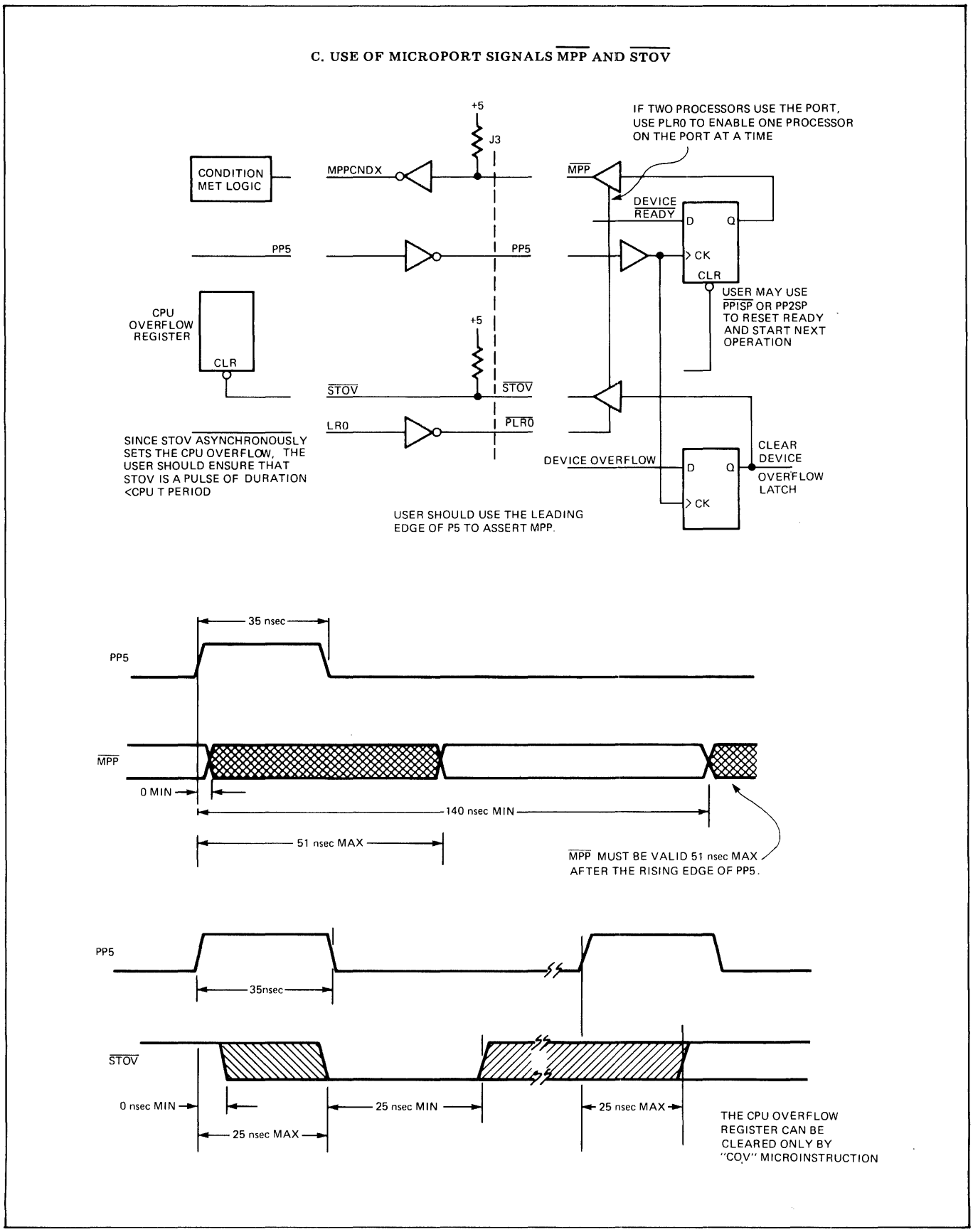
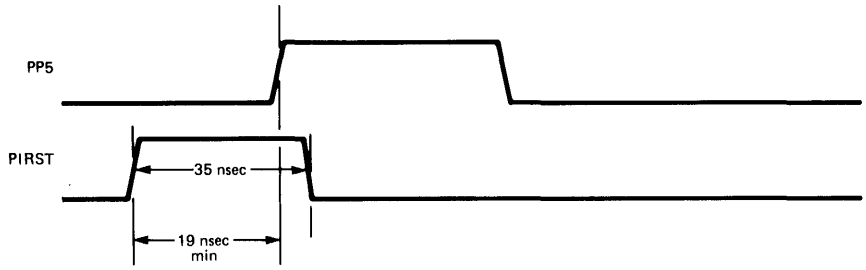
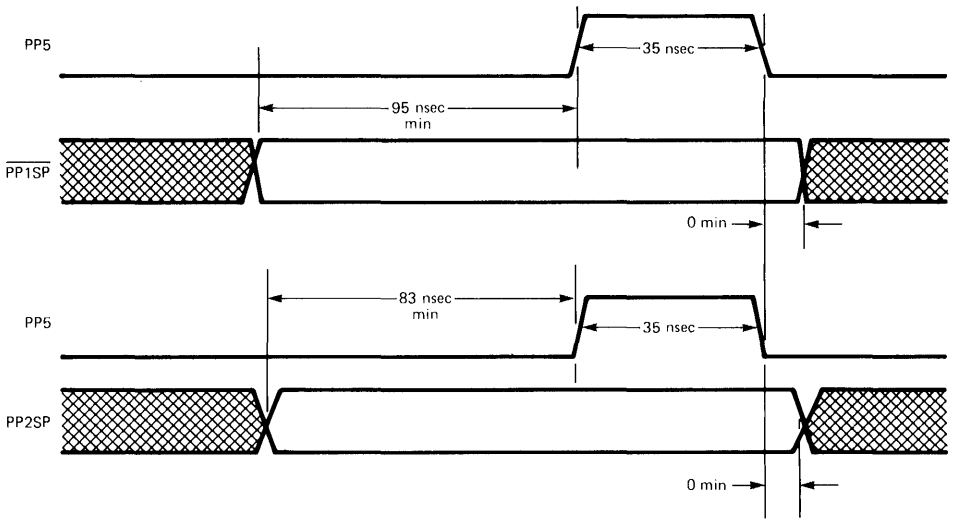


Figure 6-9. MPP Timing Considerations (Sheet 3 of 4)

D. PIRST TIMING



E. $\overline{\text{PP1SP}}$ AND PP2SP TIMING



NOTE:
THERE IS A DECODER SETTLING TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY MICROCYCLE DURING WHICH TIME $\overline{\text{PP1SP}}$ AND PP2SP ARE INDETERMINATE. THE SETUP TIME INDICATES THE START OF THE STABLE PERIOD. IF THE INDETERMINATE PERIOD POSES DIFFICULTY, $\overline{\text{MPP1SP}}$ AND PP2SP CAN BE QUALIFIED WITH PP5.

Figure 6-9. MPP Timing Considerations (Sheet 4 of 4)

HP INTERFACE KITS

APPENDIX A

This appendix contains condensed general descriptions of general-purpose interface kits currently available from Hewlett-Packard. Unless otherwise specified, the interface kits listed are compatible with both the HP 21MX M-Series and E-Series Computers. Additional information for these interface kits is available at any of the Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service Offices listed at the back of this manual.

A-1. HP 12531C BUFFERED TELEPRINTER INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12531C interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to HP 2752A and HP 2754B Teleprinters using current loop signals. Optional features permit interfacing to a variety of EIA compatible devices, including Bell 103 Type data sets or equivalent (manual mode only). Five jumper-selectable data transfer rates (110, 220, 440, 880, and 1760 bits per second) are available. A second jumper permits control of the data transfer rate up to a maximum of 2400 bits per second by an external clock from the associated I/O device.

A-2. HP 12531D TERMINAL INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12531D interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a variety of terminal devices. The standard interface permits interfacing with I/O devices using current loop signals. Optional features permit interfacing to a variety of EIA compatible devices, including Bell 103 Type data sets or equivalent (manual mode only), HP 2640A Interactive Display Terminals, and HP 2644A Mini Data Stations. Five jumper-selectable data transfer rates (150, 300, 600, 1200, and 2400 bits per second) are available. A second jumper permits control of the data transfer rate up to a maximum of 9600 bits per second by an external clock from the associated I/O device.

A-3. HP 12551B RELAY REGISTER INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12551B interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to external devices that require floating contact closures. The standard interface provides 16 floating contact closures that can be used to control one device or, subdivided in any combination, to control several devices. The opening and closing of each set of relay contacts is under computer program control and the voltages switched through the relay contacts can differ from each other and from computer ground by as much as 100V peak. The relay contacts can be connected in series, parallel, or series-parallel, with or without diode isolation. An optional feature permits data to be read back into the computer from the interface's storage register.

A-4. HP 12554A 16-BIT DUPLEX REGISTER INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12554A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a variety of digital I/O devices. The interface permits 16-bit input, output, or combined input/output operations between a computer and its associated I/O device by providing a 16-bit input storage register, a 16-bit output storage register, and all required control and interrupt logic.

A-5. HP 12555B DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER INTERFACE KIT (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12555B interfaces HP 21MX M-Series Computers to a variety of external I/O analog devices. The interface receives 16-bit binary words from the computer, divides each 16-bit word into two 8-bit bytes, and stores these words in two 8-bit registers. Outputs from the two 8-bit registers are scaled to provide two analog output voltages that are used as the X- and Y-axis input signals to the external analog device. The magnitude of each analog output voltage is given by 10N/255, where N is the decimal value represented by the combination of bits in each group of eight bits from the computer. For conventional oscilloscopes, the analog output signals are regenerated every 20 milliseconds to refresh the display. For storage type I/O devices, an Erase signal is generated to remove a previously generated display. Positive or negative blanking signals are also generated that can be connected to the Z-axis input of the device to provide the display after the interface circuits have stabilized. The interface also accepts a Device Flag signal from the external device that indicates when the device is ready to receive new data.

A-6. HP 12556B 40-BIT OUTPUT REGISTER INTERFACE KIT (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12556B interfaces with HP 21MX M-Series Computers and has a 40-bit output capacity. Its capabilities include driving digital recorders such as the HP 5055A and HP 5050B or equivalent, driving program input lines of stimulus or measuring instruments, and driving control

panel indicators or control lines. The interface's 40-bit output register offers two jumper-selectable output modes; ASCII and binary. In ASCII mode, the register assembles the BCD portion of ASCII characters from six words in computer memory. In binary mode, the register assembles the output from three words in computer memory.

A-7. HP 12560A DIGITAL PLOTTER INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12560A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to the California Computer Products (CALCOMP) Model 565 or 563 Digital Incremental Plotter. The interface provides control, interrupt, and output logic circuits for computer program control of the plotter. When properly programmed, the interface accepts any combination of parallel six bits from the computer and applies these six bits to the plotter for control of the drum, pen, and pen carriage assemblies. Drive capability for either the Model 565 or 563 is jumper selectable.

A-8. HP 12566B MICROCIRCUIT INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12566B interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a variety of digital measurement devices with DTL/TTL output voltage levels. The interface permits 16-bit input and output information flow between the computer and its associated I/O device at data speeds much greater than can be achieved with discrete components.

A-9. HP 12587B ASYNCHRONOUS DATA SET INTERFACE KIT (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12587B interfaces HP 21MX M-Series Computers to common carrier data transmission equipment or, as an optional feature, to a computer terminal. During transmit operations, the interface converts parallel data output from the computer into serial data that is compatible with a data set or computer terminal. During receive operations, the interface converts serial data output from a data set or computer terminal into parallel data for computer input. The interface can provide asynchronous communications at speeds up to 3110 bits per second. The data rates are jumper-selectable and programmable functions include character size, parity generation, parity checking, and the selection of one or two stop bits.

A-10. HP 12589A AUTOMATIC DIALER INTERFACE KIT (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12589A interfaces the HP 21MX M-Series Computers to a Bell Auxiliary Data Set 801 Automatic Calling Unit. The automatic calling unit permits the computer to dial telephone numbers under program control to access a remote terminal for data transmission. Automatic calling can be used with either asynchronous or synchronous interface kits.

A-11. HP 12597A 8-BIT DUPLEX REGISTER INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12597A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a variety of external I/O digital devices. The interface permits 8-bit input, output, or combined input/output operations between a computer and its associated I/O device by providing an 8-bit input storage register, an 8-bit output storage register, and all required control and interrupt logic.

A-12. HP 12604B DATA SOURCE INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12604B interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a variety of digital measurement devices. The interface provides a 32-bit capacity and, as such, can transfer up to eight BCD digits from counters, digital voltmeters, etc. to the computer. The interface employs referenced capacitive coupling to accommodate input logic voltage levels from -100V to $+100$V.

A-13. HP 12618A SYNCHRONOUS DATA SET INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12618A interfaces HP 21MX M-Series Computers to data communication networks equipped with high-speed synchronous data sets such as the Bell 201 Type or equivalent. Using fully independent transmit and receive channels, the interface can operate in either half or full duplex mode at data transfer rates up to 9600 bits per second. Under program control, the interface also provides selection of parity generation and checking, a synchronization character, character size, and a special character recognition/interrupt capability.

A-14. HP 12620A BREADBOARD INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12620A is a single plug-in I/O interface PCA that contains the standard HP flag and interrupt circuits required by the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers. The interface permits users to design and add to the PCA special circuits required to interface unique I/O devices to HP computers.

A-15. HP 12880A TERMINAL INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12880A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to console type terminals and provides

jumper-selectable data transfer rates up to a maximum of 9600 bits per second. The standard interface is supplied with a cable suitable for connecting to most EIA terminals. An optional cable permits direct connections to the HP 2640 Interactive Display Terminal and to the HP 2644A Mini Data Station.

A-16. HP 12889A HARDWIRED SERIAL INTERFACE KIT (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12889A enhances the data communication capability of the HP 21MX M-Series Computers. The interface enables high-speed, asynchronous, long distance, point-to-point data transfer between two HP 21MX M-Series computers. The interface operates in any of four data handling modes; program to program, program to DCPC, DCPC to program, and DCPC to DCPC.

A-17. HP 12920B ASYNCHRONOUS MULTIPLEXER

The HP 12920B interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to provide multiplexed I/O capability for up to 16 communications devices at programmable data rates up to 2400 bits per second. The standard interface provides multiplexed I/O capability for up to 16 Bell 103 Type data sets or bit serial EIA RS232 compatible terminals such as teleprinters, card readers, or similar devices. Optional features provide for up to 16 Bell 202 Type data sets or up to eight Bell 801 Type automatic dialers. All input and output channels are independent so that full duplex and split-speed devices can be interfaced.

A-18. HP 12930A UNIVERSAL INTERFACE KIT

The HP 12930A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to a wide variety of external I/O devices. Programmable switches provide the versatility required for the interface to accommodate most I/O interface requirements. The interface's dual channel design provides the capability for transferring large blocks of data over distances up to 500 feet. Optional features provide a choice of either ground-true or positive-true TTL logic in place of the standard differential logic.

A-19. HP 12936A PRIVILEGED INTERRUPT FENCE ACCESSORY

The HP 12936A is a single printed-circuit assembly that can be installed in one of the I/O slots in an HP 21MX M- or E-Series Computer to provide a programmable I/O barrier between high and low priority I/O devices. It contains all required circuitry to control both the generation of interrupts and to inhibit the priority line to lower priority devices under program control.

A-20. HP 12966A BUFFERED ASYNCHRONOUS DATA COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE

The HP 12966A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to asynchronous, bit-serial, EIA RS232C compatible data sets or terminals. The interface permits the selection of parity generation and checking (even, odd, or none), selection of character size (five or eight bits), selection of number of stop bits (one or two), and a selection of data transfer rates from 50 to 9600 bits per second all under program control.

A-21. HP 12967A SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE (M-SERIES ONLY)

The HP 12967A interfaces HP 21MX M-Series Computers to any EIA RS232C compatible data set and provides half-duplex, synchronous, bit-serial, data communications at transfer rates up to 20,000 bits per second. Under program control, the interface permits the selection of parity generation and checking and the ability to transfer data under either program control or DCPC control. Character size is fixed at eight bits and a switch selectable synchronization character permits automatic synchronization of incoming data.

A-22. HP 12968A ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE

The HP 12968A interfaces HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to EIA RS232C compatible, asynchronous data sets and terminals and provides half-duplex, asynchronous, bit-serial data communications at transfer rates up to 9600 bits per second. The HP 12968A is an economical, low-power version of the HP 12966A and is identical in every respect to the HP 12966A except that it has a two-character buffer and no special character capability.

A-23. HP 59310B HP-IB INTERFACE KIT

The Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus (HP-IB) is Hewlett-Packard's implementation of IEEE Standard 488-1975, Digital Interface For Programmable Instrumentation. The HP 59310B interfaces the HP 21MX M- and E-Series Computers to the HP-IB which provides a two-way digital communications structure for one or more instruments with ASCII-compatible interfaces. The interface makes the following bus functions available to the computer: listen and talk functions, serial or parallel poll identification, controller clearing, and four types of interrupt flagging. Data transfers are byte-serial and bit-parallel (8-bit bytes). Data transfers can be accomplished under either program or DCPC control.

A-24. HP 91000A PLUG-IN 20 KHZ ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL INTERFACE SUBSYSTEM

The HP 91000A is a complete computer-controlled data aquisition subsystem that can be connected into an I/O slot of either an HP 21MX M- or E-Series Computer. Once installed, the interface can, under program control, scan the outputs of multiple external analog devices, convert the analog signals into 12-bit two's complement binary representation, and return the binary number to the computer for processing. Jumper selections permit the interface to be configured to accept either 8 differential or 16 single-ended analog signals in the range of +10.235 to −10.240 volts.

A-25. HP 91200B TV INTERFACE KIT

The HP 91200B interfaces HP 21MX M-Series Computers to both black-and-white and color television monitors. Under program control, the interface generates a composite video signal to provide displays that combine both graphic images and alphanumeric characters on television monitors. The interface is compatible with either American or European standard broadcast TV scan rates and, in addition, can supply non-standard scan rates to optimize its operation with television monitors operating with 60-Hz vertical rates.

I/O SIGNAL DEFINITIONS

APPENDIX B

This appendix contains a list of definitions for the signals available on the I/O backplane. The list is arranged in signal mnemonic, alphabetical order. Connector pin number assignments for the signals are contained in table 4-1. The signals are generated at the T-period times illustrated in figures 4-5 and 4-8. Program control of the signals and how they interrelate are discussed in Sections III and IV.

$\overline{\text{BIOI}}$: "Not" Block I/O Input. Used to strobe data from the I/O interface PCA into the computer during microprogrammed I/O transfers. (Refer to $\overline{\text{BIOS}}$.) The $\overline{\text{BIOI}}$ signal is true when micro-order IOI is in the S-Bus Field of a microinstruction and no micro-order IOG is in the two preceding Special Fields.

$\overline{\text{BIOO}}$: "Not" Block I/O Output. Used to strobe data from the computer into the I/O interface PCA during microprogrammed I/O transfers. (Refer to $\overline{\text{BIOS}}$.) The $\overline{\text{BIOO}}$ signal is true when micro-order IOO is in the Store Field of a microinstruction and no micro-order IOG is in the two preceding Special Fields.

$\overline{\text{BIOS}}$: "Not" Block I/O Strobe. Used in conjunction with $\overline{\text{BIOI}}$ and $\overline{\text{BIOO}}$ signals during microprogrammed I/O transfers. During output transfers, data is valid on the I/O bus at the trailing edge of $\overline{\text{BIOS}}$. During input transfers, data must be enabled onto the I/O bus at $\overline{\text{BIOI}}$ time. $\overline{\text{BIOI}} \cdot \overline{\text{BIOS}}$ verifies completion of the input transfer.

CLC: Clear Control flip-flop. Used to clear addressed I/O interface PCA's Control and Command flip-flops. The CLC signal is generated by a CLC instruction.

CLF: Clear Flag flip-flop. Used to clear addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag Buffer and Flag flip-flops. The CLF signal is generated by a CLF instruction.

CRS: Control Reset. Used to clear all I/O interface PCA's Control flip-flops. The CRS signal can be generated by either a CLC instruction addressed to select code 00, a false PON signal, or by pressing the Operator Panel PRESET switch.

EDT: End Data Transfer. Used during DCPC transfers to notify the I/O device that a data transfer is complete. The EDT signal is generated when the number of transferred words counted by the DCPC Word Count Register equals the number of words specified in the programmed block length.

ENF: Enable Flag. Used during I/O operations to time the setting of all I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flops. The ENF signals is generated by a buffered T2 time signal.

FLG: Flag. Used in conjunction with the addressed I/O interface PCA's IRQ signal to initiate an interrupt for an I/O device. The FLG signal is generated when the addressed I/O interface PCA receives a combination of programmed I/O control signals from the computer and a Device Flag signal from the I/O device. This signal is also used to define the SCM octal digit for the interrupt address.

IAK: Interrupt Acknowledge. Used to clear the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flop to prevent a second interrupt from occurring for the same IRQ and FLG signals. The IAK signal is generated after the computer has encoded the interrupt address and is under control of the instruction stored in the trap cell.

IEN: Interrupt Enable. Used to enable or disable all I/O interface PCA's IRQ flip-flops. The IEN signal is controlled by STF and CLF instructions addressed to select code 00.

IOG: I/O Group. Used in conjunction with SCM and SCL signals to enable the addressed I/O interface PCA. The IOG signal is generated whenever an I/O group instruction is initiated.

IOI: I/O Data Input. Used to strobe data from the addressed I/O interface PCA into the computer. The IOI signal is generated by either an LIA, LIB, MIA, or MIB instruction.

IOO: I/O Data Output. Used to strobe data from the computer into the addressed I/O interface PCA. The IOO signal is generated by either an OTA or OTB instruction.

IRQ: Interrupt Request. Used in conjunction with the addressed I/O interface PCA's FLG signal to initiate an interrupt for an I/O device. The IRQ signal is generated when the addressed I/O interface PCA receives a combination of programmed I/O control signals from the computer and a Device Flag signal from the I/O device. This signal is also used to define the SCL octal digit for the interrupt address.

PON: Power On Normal. Used as a master reset signal for the entire computer and, when false, generates the CRS and POPIO signals for all I/O interface PCA's. A false PON signal is generated when power is initially applied to the computer.

POPIO: Power On Preset to I/O. Used to set all I/O interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flops. The POPIO signal is generated by either a false PON signal or by pressing the Operator Panel PRESET switch.

PRH: Priority High. Used in conjunction with the PRL signal to maintain the priority chain between all I/O interface PCA's. The PRH signal is high whenever no I/O interface PCA's with a higher priority are requesting an interrupt.

PRL: Priority Low. Used in conjunction with the PRH signal to maintain the priority chain between all I/O interface PCA's. The PRL signal is high whenever the I/O interface PCA is not requesting an interrupt and no I/O interface PCA's with a higher priority are requesting an interrupt.

RUN: Run. For HP 21MX M-Series Computers, the RUN signal reflects the state of the CPU Run flip-flop. For HP 21MX E-Series computers, the RUN signal can be used for remote control of an unattended or inaccessible computer. (Refer to paragraph 5-10.)

SCL: Select Code Least Significant Digit. Used in conjunction with the SCM signal to determine which I/O interface PCA is to receive an I/O instruction. The SCL, SCM, and IOG signals must all be true in order to enable an I/O interface PCA. The SCL signal is generated by decoding bits 2 — 0 of an I/O instruction into an octal digit.

SCM: Select Code Most Significant Digit. Used in conjunction with the SCL signal to determine which I/O interface PCA is to receive an I/O instruction. The SCM, SCL, and IOG signals must all be true in order to enable an I/O interface PCA. The SCM signal is generated by decoding bits 5 — 3 of an I/O instruction into an octal digit.

SFC: Skip if Flag is Clear. Used in conjunction with the SKF signal to test if the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flop is clear. The SFC signal is generated by an SFC instruction.

SFS: Skip if Flag is Set. Used in conjunction with the SKF signal to test if the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flop is set. The SFS signal is generated by an SFS instruction.

SIR: Set Interrupt Request. Used during interrupt processing to time the setting of the I/O interface PCA's IRQ flip-flop. The SIR signal is generated by a buffered T5 time signal.

SKF: Skip on Flag. Used in conjunction with the SFS and SFC signals to indicate the state (set or clear) of the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flop. The SKF signal is generated when the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flop is set and the SFS signal is true or when the Flag flip-flop is clear and the SFC signal is true.

SRQ: Service Request. Used during DCPC operations to initiate a DCPC cycle. The SRQ signal is generated whenever the addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag flip-flop is set indicating that the associated I/O device is ready for a data transfer.

STC: Set Control flip-flop. Used to set addressed I/O interface PCA's Control and Command flip-flops. The STC signal is generated by an STC instruction.

STF: Set Flag flip-flop. Used to set addressed I/O interface PCA's Flag Buffer flip-flop. The STF signal is generated by an STF instruction.

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