

# **BSC2780/ BSC3780**

2780/3780 Terminal Emulator

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## Preface

This User's Guide is intended for the operator with a basic familiarity with Codex Intelligent Terminal Systems and provides a course of instruction in the use of the Codex BSC2780/BSC3780 Emulator. After reading this Guide, the reader should be able to send, receive, and print data in conjunction with a remote host computer or terminal. The 2780/3780 Emulator operates under the direction of the CODOS Disk Operating System, and takes full advantage of its features.

Other Codex publications that may be of interest include the Codex Disk Operating System (CODOS) User's Guide, the CODOS Reference Manual, the EDITOR User's Guide, and the Hardware Reference Manuals and Operator's Guides appropriate to the user's system configuration.



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## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

### Introduction

The Codex 2780/3780 Intelligent Batch Terminal (IBT) enables users to communicate with an IBM 2780 or 3780 Information Display Terminal, another Codex Intelligent Batch Terminal, or a suitably configured host computer in a manner logically compatible with the operation of an IBM 2780 or 3780.

The 3780 protocol includes space compression, along with a more efficient link message format than that used by the 2780 protocol. Conversational reply is unique to the 3780, representing an improved method of reversed communications. The operation of the 2780 and the 3780 IBTs is identical, however, and all statements that refer to the 2780 emulator apply also to the 3780 emulator unless specifically stated otherwise.

The Intelligent Batch Terminal is available in a variety of configurations, including:

- a receive-only terminal (optional character and line printers are supported)

- disk or diskette systems used as a logical card reader and punch or printer

### Minimum System Configuration

The minimum configuration required to use the 2780/3780 emulator in conjunction with Codex Intelligent Terminal Systems consists of:

- Basic Display Terminal (CDX-68) with appropriate firmware options

- 32K bytes of user memory (RAM)

- 10 Mb Disk Storage (CDX-DS/FR) or .5 Mb or 1 Mb Diskette Storage (CDX-FS Series)

- Bisynchronous Communications Adapter

### Additional Hardware Supported

BSC2780/BSC3780 supports a variety of optional printers, including Character and Matrix Printers (the Codex SP Series). These printers are linked to the Basic Display Terminal through either the Microcomputer Module D (CDX-SBC/D) or the Printer Interface Module (CDX-PI).

### Support Software Required

BSC2780/BSC3780 is used in conjunction with the Codex Disk Operating System (CODOS); no additional support software is required.

### Software Installation

There is no software installation that needs to be performed in order to use the BSC2780/BSC3780 package.

### System Features

The Codex 2780/3780 Intelligent Batch Terminal (IBT) uses the binary synchronous (BSC) method of communications line control, allowing the Terminal to communicate with most IBM 2770 and 3770 batch terminal devices. The IBT connects to data-sets or modems which are EIA RS-232-C compatible.

The IBT operates on either a dedicated leased or private (non-switched) line or a dial-up line on the public (switched) network. Transmission can take place on both 2- and 4-wire communication lines. Although the BSC Protocol is half duplex, a 4-wire full duplex communication line can be used to significantly reduce line turnaround time. Line speeds from 1200 to 9600 bps can be achieved with the appropriate modems.

When operating using switched facilities, DTR (Data Terminal Ready) is turned on automatically by the emulator to permit dialing or auto answer.

BSC protocol provides for two logical line states; a control mode and a text mode. In the control mode, no data is transferred over the data link. The stations respond only to line contention sequences. The line is in the control mode when the initial connection is made; the line also enters the control mode when either station terminates transmission with an EOT.

BSC protocol requires that a station bid for the line. If the line bid is positively acknowledged by the remote station, the line enters the text mode and data transfer is permitted from the bidding station (master) to the receiving station (slave).

A complete message (typically a job) is then transmitted from master to slave. Blocks of 512 (3780) or 400 (2780) characters are individually acknowledged by the receiving station. After successfully sending the complete message, the master station sends EOT and both stations return to control mode.

Should both stations bid at the same time, the terminal

designated as the primary (1 second retry) subsequently wins against the secondary (3 second retry). Normally, the host system assumes the role of the secondary.

The 2780 Intelligent Batch Terminal (IBT) runs under the control of the Codex Disk Operating System (CODOS). All disk input and output is executed by the CODOS file management system.

The 2780 IBT software consists of two distinct components: a line protocol handler (LPH) and a user interface module (UIM).

The LPH performs modem control communication link I/O, link level message formatting, and character translation, as well as error recovery. A simple command interface exists between the LPH and the UIM so that the UIM can be replaced by other modules which use the protocol handler alone.

The UIM communicates directly with the operator to effect job transmissions, status displays, printing and file handling.

#### Operator Interface

The CDX-68 Basic Display Terminal permits the operator to communicate interactively with the IBT. The 1920 character screen is organized into 24 lines of 80 characters each. The characters used include a subset of the full 128 ASCII upper- and lower-case letters, numerals, and general purpose symbols. (Appendix C summarizes the ASCII characters and their meaning.) The keyboard control software module accepts input from the keyboard and passes that value to the emulator software for processing. The Display Control software is used to position the cursor and display messages on the screen. The DEL key, pressed while the SHIFT key is depressed, functions as a backspace key; the control (CTRL) key, pressed in combination with the "X" key functions as a line delete key.

The display and keyboard allow for interactive communication between the operator and the IBT software. After loading the Emulator software into memory, the operator is guided by messages displayed on the screen which provide the information necessary for the execution and control of the IBT emulator.

A simple command language is provided. After the IBT emulator is loaded into memory, the operator simply types HELP and presses the RETURN key, and a menu of all operator commands and syntax is displayed on the screen.

Commands allow the transmitting of several disk files as a single job, receiving output data files, and spooling print

files to disk.

The IBT also provides status information at any time, both automatically and as a result of the operator's entering the STATUS command. Included in a status display are record counts on a per-file and total basis, link errors, bid status, sign-on completed, and so on.

In addition to emulator commands, it is also possible to send keyboard messages to the host. The operator can enter either the MESSAGE command followed by message text or a single line command which begins with "\$" or "/".

In addition, CODOS offers the capability of creating a file of instructions that can be executed by the CHAIN utility. This job control file allows for automatic execution of the IBT. A SEND command permits multiple file queueing within a job (for example, SE JCL,DATA) while the CHAIN feature permits several jobs to be queued.

#### CODOS File Handling

IBT input files may be created using the CODOS EDITOR (a text processing facility with extensive source file creation and update capability). In addition, files can be created by user-written COBOL programs (Codex COBOL is a display-oriented system that allows the user the ability to display a form on the screen, accept keyed-in data from the formatted screen, edit this data, and finally write it to disk for later transmission under the IBT emulation facility).

The following conventions apply to file naming:

Names may be up to eight alphanumeric characters in length

The first character must be alphabetic.

The file suffix is either one or two alphanumeric characters in length, where the first character must be alphabetic. "SA" is the default suffix for ASCII files.

The logical unit or drive number is an ASCII integer from 0 to 3. If none is specified, then 0 is assumed.

The standard format for specifying file names, suffixes, and drive numbers is:

<filename>.<suffix>:<drive number>

where the period and colon serve to delineate the start of the suffix and the logical drive number fields, respectively.

### CODOS Utilities

The CODOS utility programs make up a powerful interactive command facility that ease file management operations. After the initial creation or receipt of a sequential file, the user can invoke CODOS commands to:

copy files from one disk to another

backup and compress a disk volume

delete files from the disk

list file names currently in the directory

display free disk space

list the contents of a file, with output being directed to either the printer or the Terminal display screen

merge or append one or more files into a new file

change the name or protection attributes of a file

### Special Features

The Intelligent Batch Terminal supports line printers as well as matrix and letter quality printers.

The vertical forms length can be dynamically specified for all printers, allowing the operator to select the required number of lines per page. The default number of 66 lines is replaced by the number entered with the FORM command. This feature is especially useful for printing labels.

The CHAIN feature mentioned previously in conjunction with "auto answer" permits the IBT to be executed without human supervision and to perform more than one job transmission.

The IBT "spooling feature" allows an operator to peruse reports prior to printing them. Page level browsing and string oriented searching are possible, along with selective modification or deletion.

Logical concatenation of host input files in the SEND command permits JCL decks to be permanently available for inclusion in jobs which have variable data segments. This process does not increase the amount of file space required for the individual local files.

Also included is a status display , which can be invoked at any time and which notes exceptions (these are generally displayed automatically) including link errors, partial and complete record totals, and readiness to send or receive.

## CHAPTER 2. SYSTEM OPERATION

### Introduction

The following steps summarize the Intelligent Batch Terminal (IBT) system initialization:

- Apply power to the system (see Appendix A)
- Insert the CODOS-based IBT disk into drive 0
- Insert the disk with those data files to be transferred into drive 1 (data files may also reside on the system disk)
- After the CODOS ready prompt ("=") is displayed, enter BSC2780<;options> or BSC3780<;options>
- Dial host if operating over a switched line or wait to be called
- Enter "HELP" to display commands and syntax as shown below:

```
*****
BYE                /TERMINATE EMULATOR
FO nn              /DEFINE FORMS LENGTH - DEFAULT 66
HELP              /DISPLAY COMMANDS AND SYNTAX
ME                /ENTER MULTIPLE LINE MESSAGE (MAX 8)
  text ... CTRL-T /TRANSMITS MESSAGE, CTRL-C CANCELS
RE [*]            /RECEIVE AND PRINT; * INDEFINITELY - DEFAULT 1 FILE
RE file-name[,R] /RECEIVE TO FILE; R REPLACE - DEFAULT NEW
SE file-list      /SEND ONE OR MORE FILES AS A SINGLE JOB
STATUS            /DISPLAY CURRENT HAPPENINGS
/host command     /SEND MESSAGE FROM KEYBOARD, / INCLUDED
$host command     /SEND MESSAGE FROM KEYBOARD, $ INCLUDED
*****
file-name = AAAAAAA[,BB:N]  name[.suffix:drive] DEFAULT [.SA:0]
file-list = file-name1[,file-name2...file-nameN]
SYMBOLS:  [ ] OPTIONAL
```

Figure 1. Display of HELP Command

## System Commands

The appropriate IBT Emulator is invoked under CODOS by typing:

```
=BSC2780 [;<options>]
```

or:

```
=BSC3780 [;<options>]
```

and pressing the RETURN key. The <options> field may include one or more of the letters described below.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Function</u>
A	Auto Answer - if the modem is properly configured, then a switched connection may occur after the IBT is loaded into memory.
C	Compress Input - applies to 3780 only. Host must be configured accordingly.
Q	Quality Printer - directs data to the 55 CPS Character Printer (Codex CDX-SP4) for printing.
S	Secondary Terminal - when operating terminal-to-terminal, one should be primary and the other secondary to preclude simultaneous contention.
T	Transparent Text - host must be configured accordingly.

Commands are of two basic types - those which control the emulator and those which send messages to the host computer or remote terminal.

Commands can be entered at any time, although a given command may not be legal in certain contexts; for example, a SEND command is not allowed while a RECEIVE operation is in progress. Status requests are honored at all times.

CODOS conversational conventions apply to emulator commands as well; use capital letters, use CTRL-X for line delete and use shift DEL for backspace. (Refer to the CODOS User's Guide for a complete description of these conventions.) However, the emulator requires only the first two characters of the commands. If parameters follow, then exactly two characters must be entered.

Operator Commands

The following commands affect the local operation of the Intelligent Batch Terminal:

Command -----	Function -----
BYE	Terminate the emulator and return to CODOS. A physical disconnect occurs if the communications facilities are switched (DTR is reset). All files are closed if an abnormal termination (such as a complete loss of the communications channel) is necessary.
FO nn	Define vertical forms length (lines per page). The default value is 66 (11 inch paper, 6 lines per inch).
HELP	Display commands and syntax
KE	Operator input device switches to the keyboard. This command is relevant only while operating under the direction of a CHAIN file (see page 2-09)
RE [*]	Receive a file and print. The default is a single host file while * accepts such files indefinitely. In the event that the host bids while no RECEIVE command is in effect, the user is prompted accordingly. If the host uses extended retry, then the command must be entered within 48 seconds. Without extended retry, the bidding may stop within 9 seconds.
RE filename[;R]	Receive the next output file on disk. This can be a print file (spooled) or a card image file. If no options are specified, then the file is assumed to be a new one. "R" means that an existing file is to be replaced. If the user is mistaken as to the existence of the file, an error message is displayed and the command is ignored.
SE Filelist	Send one or more CODOS files as a single host job. This allows

frequently used Job Control segments to be logically concatenated with data. File names in the list must conform to CODOS conventions and are separated by commas with no embedded blanks. The entire list must fit on a single entry line. A record total is displayed for each filename once it has been successfully transmitted to the host. Totals are displayed at the end of the last file name along with communications error status.

If a file name in the list cannot be found, then the terminal operator is prompted to re-enter the command starting from the file name which was in error.

#### STATUS

Display current status of the emulator. The information displayed depends upon emulator activities at the instant the command is issued. If the emulator is receiving data, then partial record counts and communication errors are reported. If non-critical exception conditions have occurred, then these are displayed. See Appendix B for further details.

#### Remote Commands

These messages are sent intact to the remote host or emulator.

Command -----	Function -----
ME	Send a multiple line message to the remote system. The message begins with the next input line. A maximum of 8 lines is allowed.
text...CTRL-T	The CTRL-T transmits the message. A CTRL-C cancels the ME message.
{\$or/}host command	Send a single line command message to the remote host or emulator. The first character of the command is \$ or /.

USING THE 2780/3780 EMULATOR

Before attempting to use the BSC Emulator, the Terminal display screen should be displaying the CODOS prompt ("="). (See APPENDIX A for instruction on basic system operation.)

Initialization

First depress the ALL CAPS key; the light contained in the key is illuminated. Type:

BSC2780

or:

BSC3780

and press the RETURN key. This loads the emulator program and displays:

BISYNC 2780 Emulator n.nn nn.nn  
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(where n.nn nn.nn is the version and revision number).

It is suggested at this point to key in the STATUS command to insure that the emulator is ready for execution.

Type "STATUS" or simply "ST" and press the RETURN key to obtain a display of the current system status. The emulator responds with:

\*\*\*\*\*  
READY TO SEND  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dial-Up Instructions

If the remote station must be dialed, the following procedure establishes communications between the terminals:

Depress the talk button on the handset and dial the remote terminal. When the connection is made, a high-pitched tone is transmitted initially, followed by a low-pitched tone.

When the low-pitched tone is heard, press the data button and place the handset in the cradle (hang up the phone).

The talk button remains lit. The IBT is ready to send or

receive data.

At this time, you have the option to receive a file or print job from the host or to initiate batch transmission of files from the disk.

The system displays the following message if the host is requesting permission to transmit a file.

BID RECEIVED - NO RECEIVE COMMAND ISSUED

### Examples

#### Example 1.

Sign-on with the host, send a single job from diskette, and print the received results.

Command -----	Action -----
/*SIGNONbbbbbbbREMOTE21	Identifies the terminal to the host.
SE JOBFIL	Sends the file, JOBFIL, to the host. The emulator shows the number of records sent by displaying:

```
*****
00002 RECORDS SENT FROM JOBFIL
*****
```

RE	The data is printed as it is received from the host. At the completion of transmission, the emulator shows the number of records received and the status:
----	---

```
*****
00035 RECORDS RECEIVED TO PR
READY TO SEND
*****
```

#### Example 2.

Send a multiple file job.

Command -----	Action -----
SE JCL,DATA1,DATA2	The emulator sends the data from each file and states the number of records transmitted:

```
00002 RECORDS SENT FROM JCL
00105 RECORDS SENT FROM DATA1
00022 RECORDS SENT FROM DATA2
*****
```

Example 3.

Send a job from the keyboard.

Command -----	Action -----
ME	The emulator recognizes the ME command for multiple line message.
//JOBID JOB (XX250), // SYSOUT=A //THIS IS DATA . .	The emulator retains this information in memory for transmission.
(CTRL-T)	The emulator transmits the retained data to the host.

## Example 4.

Receive data to diskette, edit the received data, and print the received data.

Command -----	Action -----
RE DISKFILE:1	The emulator saves the data received from the host on diskette in the file named DISKFILE on drive one.
BYE	The emulator terminates and returns control to CODOS.
=EDIT DISKFILE:1	Invokes the EDITOR in order to edit the file DISKFILE on drive one.
.	
.	The EDITOR performs the specified editing commands.
QUIT	The EDITOR saves the edited file, DISKFILE, and returns control to CODOS.
=LIST DISKFILE:1;LF132	CODOS calls the LIST program; it lists the file, DISKFILE, on the printer using a line length of 132 characters.

## CHAIN File Execution

The CODOS CHAIN command allows predefined procedures to be automatically executed. A procedure consists of any sequence of CODOS command lines that has been put into a disk file, known as a CHAIN file. Instead of obtaining successive command lines from the console, CHAIN will fetch commands from the CHAIN file. This feature allows complicated and lengthy operations to be defined once, and then invoked any number of times, requiring no operator intervention. The additional capabilities of conditional directives to the CHAIN command and string substitution permit an almost unlimited number of applications to be handled by a CHAIN file.

If commands similar to those in Appendix E were executed from a CHAIN file, it is possible for the IBT to have terminated processing (BYE) before the job information was received from the host. The following CHAIN file execution sequence insures the receipt of the job information before termination:

```
CODOS calling sequence:  
CHAIN CHN2780.CF:1;DATAFILE%DATA%
```

```
BSC2780  
SE SO2780  
SE JCL:1,%DATAFILE%:1  
RE  
RE  
ST  
BYE
```

#### Example 1. CHAIN File for IBT Execution

The KE command can be used to establish the keyboard as the input device for the IBT; if it is present, it should be the last command in the CHAIN file, since the commands following KE will not be executed by the Emulator.

The Error Status Flag is set during Emulator execution if an illegal command is encountered or if any CODOS standard error condition occurs. Unless the Error Mask Flag (bit B) is a 1, the keyboard is established as the input device. The latter case allows the operator to type commands, but can result in mixed-mode operation because CODOS believes the CHAIN file is still the source of the commands.

In CHAIN file operations, the RE filename command (one file and print) results in the Emulator cycling until one file is received from the host.



# Appendices



## APPENDIX A. BASIC SYSTEM OPERATION

This appendix is intended for the new user of Codex Intelligent Terminal Systems, and provides instruction on how to start the system, load the Disk Operating System (CODOS), and prepare the system for use with BSC2780/BSC3780. Please read the entire Appendix before attempting any operation of the system.

Codex Intelligent Terminal Systems are composed of the Basic Display Terminal (CDX-68) with the appropriate firmware options, Disk or Diskette Storage, and an optional Character or Matrix Printer. While the system you are using may differ in appearance or configuration, its operation is fundamentally the same.

### Back Panel Switches

There are three groups of switches located along the top left-hand side of the Terminal's rear panel. These switches are the slide type and may be slid to the right and left to select the setting labeled on the right and left. There are three separate groups of switches which must be set as follows for proper operation:

ENABLE	ON	DUPLEX	FULL	9600	ON
DISPLAY	OFF	PARITY	NO	4800	OFF
TRANSMODE	OFF		EVEN	2400	OFF
VIDEO INV	OFF	XMIT WORDS	8-BIT	1800	OFF
A	OFF	STOP BIT	1	1200	OFF
B	OFF	CONNECTION	DIRECT	600	OFF
C	OFF	MODEM TYPE	103	300	OFF
SPEC CHAR	OFF	TURN AROUND	8-CHAN	150	OFF
LINE FREQ	60	CODE SEL	EDT	110	OFF

Two of the settings, LINE FREQ (in the left-most group of switches) and Baud Rate (the entire right-most group of switches), may vary according to your application. LINE FREQ should be set to match the frequency of the power provided the Terminal (usually 60 Hz). Baud Rate should be set to the same setting as is specified on the Microcomputer Module D (usually 9600 baud). (Your supervisor or Codex service representative can provide help here.)

## Applying Power to the System

After the back panel switches have been set, apply power to the system by pressing the small rectangular switch in the lower right-hand corner of the front face of the terminal (when the switch has been pressed and power applied, the red light embedded in the switch lights). Apply power next to the disk or diskette unit (the power switch for the disk is on the front panel; the diskette unit power switch is the red button on the unit's front face). If your system includes a printer, it should be turned on now, too (the printer power switch is located on the right side of the printer's back panel, next to the power cord).

Always apply power to the system in the same order; Terminal first, then disk or diskette drive, then the printer, and then any other peripherals that may be connected. When turning the system off, follow the same process in reverse order; other peripherals, the printer, the disk or diskette drive, and then the terminal.

## Loading the Operating System

The Codex Disk Operating System (CODOS) is the master control program used by your Intelligent Terminal System; it must be loaded into the system before any other program (including the emulator) can be used. In addition to functioning as a master control program, CODOS includes a number of special functions, known as utility programs, that can prove quite useful (for more detail on the utility programs, as well as a complete description of CODOS, refer to the CODOS User's Guide).

To load the CODOS Disk Operating System, power must first be applied to the system as described in the preceding section. After power has been applied, the following message is listed on the display screen:

```
SYSTEM SELF TEST 5.0  
Insert Disk 0
```

(The number 5.0 in the example above may be different for your system; there is no difference in operation.)

The System Self Test is a program which examines the components of the system to make sure that everything is functioning normally. If you have a diskette system, insert the system diskette into drive zero (the left-most opening) and close the door.

NOTE! THE DISKETTE MUST BE INSERTED INTO THE DRIVE WITH THE LABEL FACING UPWARDS AND OUTWARDS. INSERTING IT ANY OTHER WAY MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR SYSTEM OR THE LOSS OF DATA ON THE DISKETTE.

If your system uses a cartridge disk instead of diskettes, load the disk by sliding the drive out of the cabinet to its full extended position. With the handle on the disk cartridge flush with the top of the disk (folded down), move the small insert on the disk handle to the left. The bottom cover of the disk pack is loosened; raise the disk handle to the upright position and insert the disk into the drive (with the handle parallel to the front edge of the drive; the disk cannot be inserted any other way, so if there is resistance, the disk is not properly aligned). Push the handle back to where it is flush with the disk itself, and place the bottom of the pack on top of the disk. Close the disk drive door and press the switch labelled "RUN." When the "RUN" light is illuminated, the drive is ready for use (please note that the disk is not available until it has reached operating temperature; this may take one to two minutes).

After a few moments, the Terminal screen displays the message:

```
SYSTEM SELF TEST 5.0
Insert Disk 0

56K operational

END SYSTEM SELFTEST 5.0

CODOS 5.0
=
```

(The 56K in the message above refers to the amount of memory contained in the system; this number may differ without causing any difference in your system's operation).

The equal sign in the message above is an indication that the CODOS operating system has completed its previous task and is ready to accept another one. This is the only time that CODOS accepts commands; it is also the only time that disks or diskettes may be removed from their drives and the only time that power to the system may be turned off. Removing a disk or diskette from its drive or turning the power off at any other time may cause damage to the system or the loss of data on the disk or diskette.

## Power Considerations

Your Intelligent Terminal System has been designed with the greatest care to give you reliable service; however, there are some precautions that you can observe to insure that no damage to the system occurs or that no data is lost.

The main consideration is the power supplied to your system. The system should not be plugged in on the same circuit with an elevator, electric motors, or other heavy power consumers, as irregularities in the power supplied to the Terminal can, in extreme cases, cause the loss of data. For the same reason, you should not operate the system when severe electrical storms are in the area (lightning striking a power line can cause even more pronounced irregularities in the power supplied to the Terminal).

## Removing Power from the System

As a general rule, power to the system should be turned on when the system is first needed and then left on all day (the system consumes very little power when idle). When the system is no longer needed, it may be turned off.

Before removing power from the system, make sure that the CODOS ready message (the equal sign) is being displayed on the screen. Remove all disks and diskettes from their drives, and then turn off power to the printer and disk or diskette drive. Power to the system may then be removed.

## APPENDIX B. ERRORS AND MESSAGES

This chapter contains a summary and explanation of all of the standard error messages that can be displayed during operation of the Intelligent Batch Terminal.

Standard IBT error messages include those displayed by the emulator due to incorrect operator input, and messages that signify exceptional conditions such as a break in the host communication, printer unavailability, and so on.

In addition, file management errors, detected while reading or writing disk, are displayed in full CODOS error message format; that is, 2 asterisks followed by the two-digit reference number and the error message (refer to the CODOS User's Guide for a complete listing of error messages).

### IBT Error Messages

#### HOST EOT ABORT -- OPERATION TERMINATED

The host is out of operation or has terminated the batch job activity. The status of the jobs sent to the host is undetermined.

Wait until the host comes up, reestablish communications, and submit the jobs again.

#### ILLEGAL COMMAND

The operator has keyed in an unrecognizable command or the command format is illegal.

The operator must enter the command again.

#### BIDDING TERMINATED NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIVED

The terminal could not get the host to acknowledge its request to transmit a file.

If on a switched line, the operator should dial the remote station again. If on a leased private line, the operator should verify that the IBT is the primary station or check for hardware problems.

#### PHYSICAL CONNECT ERROR - DIAL IF NECESSARY

The emulator software detected that Data Set Ready (DSR) was not on when the user issued a SEND command.

If communicating on a switched line, either the communication link has been broken or the host has not been dialed.

#### COMMAND IGNORED

This message indicates that although the command format was correct, the IBT software was unable to execute the command. An example of this would be an attempt to SEND a nonexistent file. The COMMAND IGNORED message from the 2780 software is preceded by the CODOS error message:

```
** 04 FILE NAME NOT FOUND  
COMMAND IGNORED
```

Also, certain commands are not accepted by the emulator while in given execution modes. While printing, for example, the SEND command is not accepted.

#### RE-ENTER SEND COMMAND STARTING WITH FILE NAME IN ERROR

The IBT, in transmitting a series of files as a single job, has encountered an invalid file name in the string of names specified in the SEND command.

The operator must resubmit the SEND command beginning with the corrected file name (previous ones have already been sent).

#### DISKETTE IS FULL INSERT NEW DISKETTE AND EXECUTE RE filename COMMAND

In the process of receiving a PRINT or PUNCH file that was being spooled to disk, the disk became 100% full. The file was closed and is available for transcription to the printer under the CODOS LIST command.

The operator should insert a new diskette and enter the RECEIVE command again. This allows the remainder of the output file to be queued on the second and subsequent disks.

## IBT Information Messages

Some messages can be solicited by the operator's entering the STATUS command, while others are displayed automatically.

nnnn RECORDS SENT FROM filename

count of records sent from the specified file.

nnnn RECORDS RECEIVED ON filename or PR

count of records received and stored in the specified file or sent to the printer.

READY TO SEND

The system is in the idle state and is telling the operator it is ready to accept a SEND command.

READY TO SEND OR RECEIVE

The system is in the idle state and has been issued a RECEIVE command; the system is prepared to accept a SEND command.

NNNN RE-TRANSMISSIONS

Count of corrected error blocks.

BID RECEIVED - NO RECEIVE COMMAND ISSUED

The remote terminal (host) has issued a bid for the line but the IBT cannot accept the bid until the operator issues a RECEIVE command. The RECEIVE command tells the system where to put the host output data. The operator may also choose to ignore the bid request and issue a SEND command.

BIDDING FOR LINE

This message is displayed in response to a STATUS command entered by the operator during execution of the terminal bid sequence.

ENTER CONTROL-T or CONTROL-C

This message is associated with the use of the ME command. Up to eight lines of operator message destined for the host is allowable under the ME command. The last or eighth line of the operator message must be terminated by either a CTRL-C to cancel the command or CTRL-T to transmit the message.

After display of the message, the operator is allowed to enter one last line with the CTRL-C or CTRL-T control character. If either is omitted, the message:

ME COMMAND CANCELLED

is displayed. This message is also displayed if the CTRL-C is specified.

APPENDIX C. ASCII CHARACTER SET

BITS 4 TO 6 --		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		0	NUL	DLE	SP	0	@	P	'
B		1	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a
I		2	STX	DC2	"	2	B	R	b
T		3	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c
S		4	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d
		5	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e
0		6	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f
		7	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g
T		8	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h
O		9	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i
		A	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j
3		B	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k
		C	FF	FS	,	<	L		{
1									
		D	CR	GS	-	=	M	]	m
		E	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n
		F	SI	US	/	?	O	o	DEL



## APPENDIX D. DISK AND DISKETTE CARE AND HANDLING

### Diskette Care and Handling

The diskette, or flexible disk, is permanently enclosed by a durable plastic covering. This outside jacket allows the diskette to be handled and at the same time gives a certain degree of protection for the oxide-coated surface within. The covering is not, however, proof against mistreatment or abuse.

To extend the usable life of a diskette and to maximize trouble-free operation, the diskette should be handled with reasonable care. The following points of diskette care should always be observed (most manufacturers usually list these points on the protective envelope of the diskette as a reminder.

1. The diskette should be returned to its protective envelope when not in use.
2. The diskette in its envelope should be stored vertically. It should not be stacked or placed under pressure, as this can cause the diskette surface to warp. Too many diskettes should not be stored in one box.
3. The diskette should not be exposed to any magnetic field in excess of 50 oersteds. This level can be reached about three inches away from sources such as electric motors and transformers.
4. Diskettes should not be exposed to extremes of temperature, especially heat. Exposure to direct sunlight or other heat sources can cause the surface of the diskette to warp.
5. The label on the diskette should be written on only with a felt-tipped pen. Pencils, ballpoint pens, or extreme pressure from felt-tipped pen can emboss the oxide surface of the diskette and cause the loss of data.
6. The oxide surface of the diskette should never be touched. Skin oils transferred to the surface in this manner can attract and retain dust and other contaminants. Do not attempt to clean the oxide surface; all physical contact is to be avoided.
7. The diskette should never be forced into the drive. Similarly, the diskette should never be folded or

bent.

8. The door on the diskette drive should not be closed before the diskette has been inserted all the way, as damage to the drive hub hole can result. Likewise, the door on the drive must be fully opened before the diskette can be removed.

The diskette may or may not have a write-protect hole along the edge that is inserted into the drive first. This hole is located 6.25 inches from the right-hand edge of the diskette (when viewed from above). When the hole is not covered, the diskette is write-protected and cannot be written on. The hole must be covered in order for writing to be permitted (use an opaque label or tape to cover the hole and permit writing).

The CDX-FS2 diskette drives use single-sided diskettes, while the other diskette units use double-sided diskettes. While a single-sided diskette may be used in a drive designed for double-sided diskettes, the reverse is not true and can cause equipment damage or the loss of data.

#### Disk Cartridge Care and Handling

The disk cartridge used by Codex 10 Mb Disk Storage drives is a precision device capable of storing up to five million characters of formatted data. Enclosed within the plastic cartridge is a metal disk, covered with an oxide coating. Data is stored on this metal disk through the use of electrical impulses (much the same way that a tape recorder stores sound). Since the disk drive can read from and write on the disk without ever making physical contact, a disk cartridge can last almost indefinitely. But there are things that can shorten (or end) the life of a disk cartridge: negligence or abuse on the part of the people who handle the cartridge.

As with any piece of precision equipment, disk cartridges are manufactured to close tolerances and are extremely sensitive to shock and contamination. The following rules, if diligently followed, permit a disk cartridge to be used indefinitely:

1. Never operate disk drives beyond their environmental range! 10 Mb Disk Storage drives are designed to operate from 60 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (15 to 38 degrees Celsius) with from 8 to 80 percent relative humidity (non-condensing).
2. Disk cartridges which have been exposed to environmental conditions in excess of those describe above should be permitted to become acclimated to operating conditions for at least two hours before

being used. (Since the density at which information is stored on the disk, the variation in the size of the disk caused by temperature changes can result in information not being where it is supposed to be). For best results, always store the disk cartridge in the room where the disk drive is kept.

3. Disk cartridges may be stored in temperatures from minus 40 degrees to 150 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 40 to 65 degrees Celsius) with from 8 to 80 percent relative humidity (non-condensing).
4. For long periods of storage, the disk cartridge should be returned to its original packing carton for protection against dust, rapid or extreme temperature changes, and other potentially damaging agents.
5. Handle disk cartridges carefully! Dropping or otherwise mishandling a disk cartridge can bend the metal disk, causing damage to the disk drive or the loss of data on the disk (or both). If a disk has been dropped or is otherwise suspected of having been damaged, do not attempt to use it without a careful inspection by trained personnel.
6. Although the plastic cartridge is possessed of structural strength adequate to permit the stacking of disk cartridges, this is not recommended because of possible damage should they fall.
7. Never touch the surface of the disk itself! The mechanism by which data is written on and read from the disk is suspended over the disk surface on a microscopic cushion of air. Contamination by dust, smoke particles, or skin oil can interfere with this cushion and cause damage to the disk drive, the loss of the data stored on the disk, or both.
8. Always keep the bottom cover on the disk cartridge to reduce the possibility of contamination. Never place the disk cartridge on any surface without the bottom cover in place. When loading or unloading disk cartridges, place the cartridge (with the bottom cover in place) only on a clean, flat surface in a room free from cigarette smoke, dust, or other contaminants.
9. Carry disk cartridges only by the carrying handle provided. This handle supports the disk in the same way that the drive itself does, and thus prevents damage to the disk.
10. Periodically clean the bottom cover of the disk cartridge, both on the inside and outside, with a

lint-free cloth dampened with isopropyl alcohol.

11. Keep the disk cartridge away from strong magnetic fields such as those created by transformers or large electrical motors. Since data is recorded on the disk magnetically, exposing the disk to a strong magnetic field may erase data.
12. As a general rule, protect disk cartridges from contamination and rapid temperature changes by avoiding direct sunlight, heating and air conditioning vents, and dusty or smoke-laden air.

APPENDIX E. EXAMPLE

To begin the example, type:

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=BSC2780
```

The screen displays:

```
BISYNC 2780 EMULATOR 1.11 0305
Copyright Codex Corp. Mar 1980
Enter HELP for commands and syntax
```

Next, type:

```
/* SIGNON      REMOTE63
```

and the screen displays:

```
*****
00001 TOTAL RECORDS SENT
READY TO SEND
*****

RE *
```

Type:

```
SE JCL:1,DATA:1
```

and the screen displays:

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00001 RECORDS SENT FROM JCL:1
00002 RECORDS SENT FROM DATA:1

*****
00004 TOTAL RECORDS SENT
READY TO SEND OR RECEIVE
*****

*****
00004 TOTAL RECORDS SENT
00100 TOTAL RECORDS RECEIVED
READY TO SEND OR RECEIVE
*****
```

To check the IBT status, type:

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ST
```

The screen displays:

\*\*\*\*\*  
SIGNON COMPLETED  
READY TO SEND OR RECEIVE  
\*\*\*\*\*

To complete the example, type:

BYE

and the screen displays the CODOS prompt:

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