

IBM System/3 Model 15 NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

IBM added four new capabilities to its recently announced System/3 Model 15 in mid-October 1973. An Interval Timer was added to the Model 15 Processing Unit as a standard feature; the 40-cps 3284 Printer was made available as an optional input/output unit; and the 1255 Magnetic Character Reader and 3881 Optical Mark Reader, previously usable only in the Model 10 mode, are now supported under the standard Model 15 software.

INTERVAL TIMER: This unit will be supplied as a standard, no-charge feature on all models of the 5415 Processing Unit, beginning with the first customer shipments in March 1974. It provides the time of day for time-stamping transactions and permits accurate timing of intervals for teleprocessing applications. The Interval Timer will be supported by the Model 15 System Control Programming and by various Program Products.

3284 PRINTER, MODEL 1: This matrix-type printer, introduced as a component of the IBM 3270 Information Display System, can now be connected to a System/3 Model 15 to provide optional printed output at 40 characters/second. The 3284 can be used either as a console message logging device or as a low-volume production printer; it does not replace the 1403 Printer that is required in every Model 15 system. The 3284 is available with 120, 126, or 132 print positions and accommodates pin-fed continuous forms ranging from 3 to 15 inches in length. Any of 64 EBCDIC characters can be formed by a 4-by-7 dot matrix.

The 3284 Model 1 Printer rents for \$150 per month or sells for \$5,850, with a monthly maintenance charge of \$28. A prerequisite is the 3284 Attachment (#7901) on the 5415 Processing Unit, which rents for \$25 per month or sells for \$1,125, with a monthly maintenance charge of \$3. First customer shipments of the 3284 Attachment and the associated programming support are scheduled for September 1974.

1255 MAGNETIC CHARACTER READER: This device reads and sorts MICR-encoded documents. It is available in three models with rated speeds of 500 or 750 six-inch documents per minute. Detailed specifications of the 1255 can be found on page 70C-491-23e. Originally supported only in the System/3 Model 10 mode (i.e., on a Model 15 running under the Model 10 System Control Programming), the 1255 will be fully supported under the Model 15 SCP as of September 1974.

3881 OPTICAL MARK READER: This device reads machine-printed and/or hand-marked data at a speed of 4000 to 6000 documents per hour, depending upon the document size. Detailed specifications of the 3881 can be found on page 70C-491-23e. Originally supported only in the Model 10 mode, the 3881 will be fully supported under the Model 15 SCP as of September 1974.