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Cross Reference

N/A

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Problem/Solution

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The RQDX1 has been replaced by the RQDX2 in all MicroPDP 11 systems shipped since mid-July 1985. This includes MicroPDP MicroPDP 11/77's.

System Impact of RQDX2 Phase-in:

This substitution may cause some problems as the is incompatible with older versions of Digital's Operating Systems. Use of the following system software will minimize problems:

RT11 Version 5.2 or later Micro-RSX Version 1.1 or later

Version 2.1 Update E or later RSX11M-P'us RSX11M Version 4.1 Update E or later

Version 9.0 or later RSTS/E Version 2.0 or later Micro/RSTS

MicroPDP 11/23 systems CPU module must be a KDF11-BF or later.

Logistics Impact of RQDX2:

Logistics will continue to support the RQDX1 (M8639-YA).

Logistics is positioned to support the RQDX2 (M8639-YB).

Kit Number Contents Kit Description

Qbus Disk Controller RQDX2 A2-W1012-10 M8639-YB

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Service Impact:

Servicing systems containing RQDX2's is no different than servicing systems with RQDX1's. The RQDX disk diagnostic (ZRQA??) must be rev FØ or later. The RQDX disk formatter (ZRQB??) should be rev Cl or later.

To minimize problems, replace controllers with like parts. Do not interchange RQDX1's and RQDX2's. There are minor format incompatibilities with the Winchester disk format. The RX50's are completely compatibile between systems with RQDX1's and RQDX2's.

Documentation:

See the Sales Update article, July 1, 1985 for additional information.

The RQDX2 Controller Module User's Guide is available from Publication Services, order part number EK-RQDX2-UG.