



**Sort-7 Timing
Specifications and Operating Procedures
IBM 1401 and 1460 Data Processing Systems**

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This reference publication contains the specifications and operating procedures for the Sort-7 Timing Program, Version 1. The first section discusses the machine requirements, program deck, control cards, and timing charts. The second section describes system preparation, messages, and halts.

Also included are 144 sort-timing comparison tables of the Sort-7 program run on IBM 1401 and 1460 Data Processing Systems. The parameters involved are explained.

The user should be familiar with Sort 7 Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460, Form C24-3317-0. For a list of associated publications and their abstracts see the IBM 1401 and 1460 Bibliography, Form A24-1495.

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tables contained in C24-1456-0, this publication contains the speci-
fications and operating procedures for the Sort-7 Timing program.

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SPECIFICATIONS

The Sort-7 Timing program can be used to calculate timing estimates for:

- A 4-tape, 2-way balanced merge.
- A 6-tape, 3-way balanced merge.
- A 4-tape, multiphase merge.

The information punched in the control cards describes the object machine, the particular file to be sorted, and the type of merge to be performed. Timings can only be calculated for high-density tape files containing fixed-length records with one control data field per record. If timings are not required for specific file sizes (record volumes), the estimates calculated will be for a predetermined set of record volumes. The predetermined values are 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000; 25,000; 50,000; 75,000; and 100,000.

The Sort-7 Timing program prints out diagnostic messages and table(s) containing the estimate in minutes of the time required to sort the file. The estimates given do not include card-read time. These timings are for Sort 7 object decks only and do not represent timings utilizing the tape-loadable option.

The user should be familiar with Sort 7 Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460, Form C24-3317-0.

MACHINE REQUIREMENTS

The IBM 1401 system that is to be used must have at least:

- 16,000 positions of core storage.
- An IBM 1402 Card Read-Punch, Model 1
- An IBM 1403 Printer, Model 2, or an IBM 1404 Printer
- High-Low-Equal Compare feature
- Advanced-Programming feature
- Multiply-Divide feature.

The IBM 1460 system that is to be used must have at least:

- 16,000 positions of core storage.
- An IBM 1402 Card Read Punch, Model 3
- An IBM 1403 Printer, Model 2
- Indexing-and-Store--Address-Register feature
- Multiply-Divide feature.

An IBM 1401 or 1460 system with the required machine configuration can be used to produce Sort-7 Timing estimates for files to be sorted on any IBM 1401 or 1460.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM DECK

The Sort-7 Timing program deck consists of 474 cards punched in the following format:

Column(s)	Contain
1-71	Sort-7 Timing program instructions and the necessary loading instructions.
72-75	Sequential number of the card within the program deck. The cards are numbered from 0001 to 0474.
76-77	60. This is the Sort-7 program number.
78-79	ST. This identifies the program as the Sort-7 Timing program.
80	The version number of the Sort-7 Timing program.

TAPE DENSITY

The Sort-7 Timing program calculates sort times for tape files written at a high-density rate. High density is 556 characters per inch on the 7330, 729-II, and 729-IV magnetic tape units, and 800 characters per inch on the 729-V and 729-VI magnetic tape units.

To perform a particular sort application in the time calculated by the Sort-7 Timing program, the user must be sure that his records are written at a high-density rate and that column 20 of control card 1 contains a 1 (7330, 729-II, 729-IV) or a 2 (729-V, 729-VI) to specify high density for the tapes to be used during phase 2.

CONTROL CARDS

Control cards supply the Sort-7 Timing program with a description of the Sort-7 program, the object machine, and the file(s) to be sorted. Two control cards are required for each sort application that is to be timed. More than one set of control cards can be placed in the program deck if additional estimates are desired.

Certain control card errors cause a halt or message during the running of the Sort-7 Timing program. Some errors are not detected. Because the program accepts these errors, the user should be certain that all control-card information is properly specified, and that all cards are correctly punched.

Control Card 1

This card is identical to control card 1 used with the Sort-7 program. Refer to Sort 7 Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460, Form C24-3317-0, when preparing this card.

In the following description an asterisk indicates the columns that are considered by the Sort-7 Timing program.

<u>Column(s)</u>	<u>Indicate</u>	
1	<u>First sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
2	<u>Second sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
3	<u>Third sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
4	<u>First sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
5	<u>Second sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
6	<u>Third sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
7-8	<u>Total number of input reels (01-99) in the input file.</u>	
9-12*	<u>Input record length.</u> Punch the number of characters in the fixed-length input record. (Must always be punched.)	
13-15*	<u>Input blocking factor.</u> a. Leave blank for input blocking factor equal to sort blocking factor. b. Punch 001 for fixed-length unblocked input records. c. Punch the number of input records per block. <u>Output blocking factor.</u> a. Leave blank for output blocking factor equal to sort blocking factor.	
16-18*	<u>Unreadable block option.</u> <u>The density of the tapes used during phase 2.</u> High density is assumed in all cases.	57
19	<u>Input-tape header label indicator.</u>	58-61
20	<u>Output-tape header-label indicator.</u> a. Leave blank if the output tapes are not to have header labels.	62-65
21	b. Punch a 1 if the control portion of the input header label (positions 1-40) is to be used as the control portion of the 80-character output header label.	66-69
22*	c. Punch a 2 if a new 80-character header label is to be generated by the program.	70-73
	d. Punch a 3 if the control portion of the input header label (positions 1-40) is to be used as the control portion of the 120-character output header label.	74
	e. Punch a 4 if a new 120-character label is to be generated by the program.	75
23	<u>Output tape-mark option.</u>	76-80
24	<u>Input-tape trailer-label indicator.</u>	
25*	<u>Output-tape trailer-label indicator.</u> a. Leave blank if the output tapes are not to have trailer labels.	
	b. Punch a 1 or 2 if the standard output trailer label is to be generated by the program.	
26	<u>Padding indicator for fixed-length records.</u>	
27*	<u>System core-storage capacity of the Sort-7 object machine.</u> (Must always be punched.) a. Punch a 4 for 8,000 positions of core storage. b. Punch a 5 for 12,000 positions of core storage. c. Punch a 6 for 16,000 positions of core storage.	

Control Card 2

This card is used to specify the type of merge and the record volumes (file sizes) for which timings are to be calculated. The user can indicate that he wants timing estimates for a predetermined set of record volumes and/or specific record volumes.

The parameters of the file to be sorted are the same for all volumes of records described in this card.

The format of control card 2 is:

<u>Column(s)</u>	<u>Indicate</u>
1	<u>Type of Merge.</u> (Must always be punched.) a. Punch a 2 for a 2-way balanced merge. b. Punch a 3 for a 3-way balanced merge. c. Punch a 4 for a multiphase merge.
2-8	<u>First volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired, or leave blank if timing estimates for the predetermined set of record volumes are desired.</u> The predetermined values are 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000; 25,000; 50,000; 75,000; and 100,000.
9-15	<u>Second volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
16-22	<u>Third volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
23-29	<u>Fourth volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
30-36	<u>Fifth volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
37-43	<u>Sixth volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
44-50	<u>Seventh volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
51-57	<u>Eighth volume of records for which a timing estimate is desired.</u>
58-80	<u>Blank.</u>

SORT-7 TIMING PROGRAM OUTPUT

The program prints one line of timing information for each of the record volumes specified in control card 2. Times are given for 1401 and 1460 systems with 7330, 729-II, 729-IV, 729-V, and 729-VI (729-VI used with 1460 only) magnetic tape units.

The factors included in the tables are:

- G—the number of records sorted internally at one time during phase 1.
B—the sort blocking factor.
P—the number of phase 2 merge passes.

The times that are printed have been rounded to the nearest minute. A 1 indicates that the time required to sort the file is one minute or less. An asterisk in the input-file column indicates that a file size greater than the maximum allowable file size was specified in control card 2.

The times calculated by the Sort-7 Timing program do not include the time required to load the Sort-7 program. For card-read time add 2 minutes.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

This section describes the procedure to be followed when running the Sort-7 Timing program.

PLACEMENT OF CONTROL CARDS

The Sort-7 Timing program can be loaded only from cards. Place the control cards in the program deck after the last card (number 474). More than one set of control cards can be inserted in the Sort-7 Timing program deck.

SYSTEM PREPARATION

Prepare the printer:

1. Insert forms.
2. Install an appropriately punched carriage tape.

Load the program:

1. Place the program deck including control cards in the card reader.
2. Press the check-reset, start-reset, and card-load keys.

The program will run to the end of the job without interruption unless an error occurs.

MESSAGES AND HALTS

Header and Parameter Messages

A header message and nine parameter messages precede the timing charts that are printed for each set of control cards. No halt occurs.

Header message: SORT-7 TIMING

Parameter messages:

- (1) INPUT RECORD LENGTH XXXX
- (2) INPUT BLOCKING FACTOR XXX
- (3) OUTPUT BLOCKING FACTOR XXX
- (4) WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING, or
WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
 - (5) CORE STORAGE {
 - 8000
 - 12000
 - 16000
- (6) CHARACTERS OF CONTROL DATA XXX
- (7) USER STARTING ADDRESS — PHASE 1 XXXXX
- (8) USER STARTING ADDRESS — PHASE 2 XXXXX
- (9) 2-WAY BALANCED MERGE, or
3-WAY BALANCED MERGE, or
MULTIPHASE MERGE

Diagnostic Messages

Diagnostic messages are printed if the input parameters are incorrectly specified. No halt occurs. The program reads in the next set of control cards and continues processing.

A summary of the diagnostic messages and reasons is given in Figure 1.

Halts

If a halt occurs check the input data and return the program.

Diagnostic Message	Reason
ERROR 1	The machine size specified in column 27 of control card 1 has been incorrectly specified. It must contain a 4 for 8,000 positions of core storage, a 5 for 12,000 positions of core storage, or a 6 for 16,000 positions of core storage.
ERROR 2	The order of merge, column 1 of control card 2, must be specified as a 2 for a 2-way balanced merge, a 3 for a 3-way balanced merge, or a 4 for a multiphase merge.
ERROR 3	The input record length, columns 9-12 of control card 1, has been specified above the maximum record length, 3999.
ERROR 4	The specified input record length, columns 9-12 of control card 1, is either less than 10 for blocked input or less than 13 for unblocked input.
ERROR 5	The specified control field length, columns 30-32 of control card 1 is incorrect. This message prints out when the length of the control field is greater than the input record length, greater than 999, or when the field contains invalid characters.
ERROR 6	The specified indicators, columns 22 and 25 of control card 1, contain characters other than b, 1, or 2.
ERROR 7	The starting address of the user area for phase 1, columns 47-51 of control card 1 was specified incorrectly. The address must be less than machine core size — 2 positions of core storage, or The starting address of the user area for phase 2, columns 52-56 of control card 1 was specified incorrectly. The address must be less than machine core size — 25 positions of core storage for a 2- or 3-way balanced merge, and it must be less than machine core size — 16 positions of core storage for a multiphase merge.
ERROR 8	The input blocking factor specified in columns 13-15 of control card 1 is greater than the maximum possible sort blocking factor. (BI must be less than 399.)
ERROR 9	The output blocking factor specified in columns 16-18 of control card 1 is greater than the maximum possible sort blocking factor. (BO must be less than 399.)
ERROR 10 B = XXX	The output blocking factor specified in columns 16-18 of control card 1 is not equal to or a submultiple of the sort blocking factor (B).

Figure 1. Diagnostic Messages and Reasons

COMPARISON TIMING TABLES

This section contains 96 comparison tables for 2-way and 3-way balanced merges, and 48 tables for multi-phase merging. The times have been rounded to the nearest full minute. The times do not include the time required to load the program. Card-read time is approximately 2 minutes.

In each case, estimates are given for sorts when label processing is specified and for sorts when label processing is not specified. The estimates given in all tables with tape label processing do not include the time required to process the labels.

The parameters involved are:

- Core-storage capacity — 8,000; 12,000; and 16,000 positions
- Input format — fixed-length records with one 10-character control data field
- Record size — 10, 20, 40, 80, 100, 200, 500, and 1,000 characters
- Input file size — 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000; 25,000; 50,000; 75,000; and 100,000 records
- The input and output blocking factors equal the sort blocking factor
- Magnetic tape units — 7330, 729-II, 729-IV, 729-V and 729-VI (729-VI used with 1460 only)
- Tape density — 556 characters per inch on 7330, 729-II and 729-IV tape units; 800 characters per inch on 729-V and 729-VI tape units.

The factors included in the tables are:

G—the number of records sorted internally at one time during phase 1.

B—the sort blocking factor.

P—the number of phase 2 merge passes.

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	268	268	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	5		
10000	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	3	6		
25000	20	18	17	18	13	11	10	10	9	7		
50000	45	40	38	38	29	23	22	22	21	8		
75000	73	64	62	62	47	38	35	36	33	9		
100000	98	86	82	83	63	51	47	47	45	9		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	52	26	5
2000	5	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	6		
5000	14	9	8	8	12	7	6	6	5	7		
10000	31	20	17	17	27	16	12	13	10	8		
25000	86	56	47	48	74	44	35	36	29	9		
50000	189	120	100	107	163	93	74	81	65	10		
75000	310	188	158	167	268	145	115	124	100	11		
100000	414	246	206	218	357	189	149	161	129	11		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	134	134	3
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4		
5000	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	6		
10000	10	8	7	8	7	5	5	5	4	7		
25000	28	22	21	21	20	14	13	13	12	8		
50000	61	48	45	45	43	31	27	28	25	9		
75000	99	79	73	74	71	51	45	46	41	10		
100000	132	105	97	98	95	68	60	61	55	10		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	4	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	26	13	6
2000	10	6	5	5	9	5	4	4	3	7		
5000	28	17	14	15	25	14	11	12	9	8		
10000	63	39	31	32	56	32	24	26	20	9		
25000	173	103	84	90	155	85	65	72	56	10		
50000	378	210	171	182	338	170	131	142	111	11		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	67	4
2000	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	5		
5000	7	5	5	5	6	4	3	3	3	7		
10000	16	11	10	10	12	8	7	7	6	8		
25000	44	32	28	29	34	22	19	19	16	9		
50000	96	69	61	62	76	49	41	42	36	10		
75000	156	116	103	101	124	84	70	68	58	11		
100000	208	150	133	139	165	107	89	95	81	11		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	12	7	6	6	11	6	5	5	4	10	5	7
2000	27	16	13	13	24	14	10	11	8	8		
5000	74	44	35	36	68	38	28	30	23	9		
10000	164	94	75	81	150	80	61	67	52	10		
25000	487	254	201	216	446	213	160	176	133	12		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 500; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	27	16	12	13	25	14	10	11	8	4	2	8
2000	60	35	27	29	55	31	23	24	18	9		
5000	180	102	80	88	167	88	66	74	56	11		
10000	392	205	160	175	362	175	131	145	109	12		

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 1000; Control field — 10

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	158	158	3
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
5000	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2			
10000	7	6	6	6	5	4	3	3			
25000	22	19	18	18	14	11	10	11			
50000	49	41	39	40	31	25	23	23			
75000	71	62	59	60	46	37	34	35			
100000	103	89	85	86	68	54	49	50			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	15	15	7
2000	6	4	4	4	6	3	3	3			
5000	18	12	10	10	16	9	7	8			
10000	40	26	21	22	34	21	16	17			
25000	108	75	62	61	94	61	48	47			
50000	235	147	122	132	205	118	91	101			
75000	380	229	190	204	331	180	141	155			
100000	507	299	248	267	442	234	183	201			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	79	4
2000	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
5000	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2			
10000	10	8	7	7	7	5	5	5			
25000	30	24	22	23	22	16	14	14			
50000	66	53	48	49	48	35	30	31			
75000	100	79	72	74	73	52	45	47			
100000	144	114	104	106	105	75	65	67			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	5	3	3	3	5	3	2	2	14	7	7
2000	12	8	6	6	11	6	5	5			
5000	34	21	17	18	30	18	13	14			
10000	74	46	37	39	67	39	29	32			
25000	202	121	97	107	182	100	77	86			
50000	439	246	198	215	395	201	153	171			
75000											
100000											

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	39	39	5
2000	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1			
5000	8	6	5	5	6	4	4	4			
10000	18	13	11	12	14	9	8	8			
25000	49	36	31	32	39	26	21	22			
50000	108	77	67	70	86	56	46	48			
75000	161	119	104	105	129	87	72	72			
100000	233	166	145	153	187	120	99	107			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V			
1000	14	9	7	7	13	7	6	6	6	3	8
2000	32	19	15	16	29	16	12	13			
5000	87	57	45	44	80	50	38	37			
10000	190	109	86	95	175	94	71	80			
25000											
50000											
75000											
100000											

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	399	399	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
5000	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1			
10000	7	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	3			
25000	19	17	17	17	12	10	9	9	9			
50000	43	38	36	37	27	22	21	21	20			
75000	70	62	59	60	44	36	34	34	32			
100000	93	82	79	80	59	48	45	45	43			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	39	4
2000	4	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1			
5000	14	9	7	8	12	7	5	6	5			
10000	30	20	17	17	26	15	12	13	10			
25000	84	55	46	47	72	42	34	35	28			
50000	186	118	99	105	159	91	73	78	63			
75000	278	170	143	151	239	130	103	111	90			
100000	405	241	203	213	348	184	146	156	126			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	199	199	3
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
5000	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2			
10000	9	7	7	7	6	5	4	4	4			
25000	25	20	19	19	17	13	11	12	11			
50000	55	45	41	42	39	28	25	26	23			
75000	91	73	68	68	64	46	41	42	38			
100000	121	97	90	91	86	62	55	56	50			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	38	19	5
2000	8	5	4	4	8	4	3	3	3			
5000	27	17	14	14	24	14	11	11	9			
10000	61	37	30	31	55	31	24	25	19			
25000	169	101	82	88	150	82	64	70	55			
50000	369	205	167	177	329	165	127	137	107			
75000												
100000												

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	99	99	4
2000	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1			
5000	6	5	4	4	5	3	3	3	2			
10000	14	10	9	9	11	7	6	6	5			
25000	39	28	25	26	30	20	17	17	15			
50000	86	62	55	56	67	44	37	37	32			
75000	142	106	94	92	111	76	64	61	52			
100000	189	137	122	127	148	97	81	86	74			

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	11	7	5	6	10	6	4	5	3	14	7	7
2000	26	15	12	13	24	13	10	10	8			
5000	72	43	34	35	66	36	27	29	22			
10000	160	91	73	78	146	78	59	65	50			
25000	437	227	180	192	400	190	143	155	118			
50000												
75000												
100000												

2-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 500; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	402	201	1
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		
5000	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	3		
10000	6	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3		
25000	17	15	15	15	10	9	8	8	8	4		
50000	37	34	33	33	23	20	18	19	18	5		
75000	57	52	50	50	35	30	28	28	27	5		
100000	84	76	73	74	52	44	41	42	39	6		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	20	3
2000	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	4		
5000	11	7	6	6	9	6	4	5	4	5		
10000	21	15	12	13	18	11	9	9	8	5		
25000	62	45	38	37	52	36	29	27	22	6		
50000	142	94	79	85	120	72	58	63	51	7		
75000	212	136	115	122	180	104	83	90	73	7		
100000	204	179	152	161	241	136	108	117	95	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	200	100	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	3		
10000	7	6	6	6	5	4	3	3	3	4		
25000	21	18	17	17	14	11	10	10	9	5		
50000	48	40	37	38	33	25	22	23	21	6		
75000	72	60	56	57	50	38	34	35	31	6		
100000	97	81	76	77	67	51	46	47	42	6		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	30	10	4
2000	6	4	3	3	6	3	3	3	2	4		
5000	19	12	10	10	17	10	8	8	6	5		
10000	44	28	23	24	39	23	18	19	15	6		
25000	127	79	65	70	112	65	50	55	43	7		
50000	255	150	122	131	225	120	93	101	79	7		
75000	430	246	200	214	381	197	151	165	128	8		
100000	574	324	263	282	508	258	198	216	168	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	50	3
2000	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	5	4	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	4		
10000	11	9	8	8	9	6	5	5	5	5		
25000	33	25	22	23	25	17	14	15	13	6		
50000	66	50	45	46	51	35	29	30	26	6		
75000	112	87	78	77	86	61	52	51	44	7		
100000	150	113	101	106	115	79	67	71	61	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	9	5	4	5	8	5	3	4	3	12	4	5
2000	18	11	9	9	16	9	7	7	6	5		
5000	52	35	28	26	47	31	24	22	16	6		
10000	119	71	56	62	108	60	46	51	39	7		
25000	297	163	129	140	270	137	103	113	86	7		
50000	671	356	281	303	611	296	221	244	184	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 300; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	17	10	8	9	16	9	7	7	5	6	2	5
2000	40	24	19	20	37	21	16	17	13	6		
5000	116	68	54	59	107	59	44	50	38	7		
10000	232	127	100	108	214	108	81	90	67	7		
25000	656	341	266	288	603	289	214	236	176	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 12K; Record length — 1000; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	602	301	1
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		
5000	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2		
10000	6	6	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3		
25000	18	17	16	16	11	9	9	9	9	4		
50000	41	37	36	36	24	21	20	20	19	5		
75000	61	56	54	55	37	32	30	30	29	5		
100000	82	76	74	74	49	43	41	41	39	5		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	30	3
2000	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	4		
5000	10	7	6	6	9	5	4	4	4	5		
10000	21	14	12	12	17	11	9	9	7	5		
25000	60	40	34	35	51	31	25	26	21	6		
50000	137	91	77	82	116	70	56	60	49	7		
75000	206	132	112	118	174	100	80	86	70	7		
100000	276	173	147	155	233	130	104	112	91	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	300	150	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		
5000	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3		
10000	8	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	3	4		
25000	22	18	17	18	15	11	10	10	10	5		
50000	44	38	35	36	30	23	21	21	19	5		
75000	74	62	59	59	50	38	35	35	32	6		
100000	99	83	78	79	67	51	46	47	43	6		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	45	15	3
2000	6	4	3	3	3	5	3	2	3	4		
5000	18	12	10	10	10	16	9	7	8	5		
10000	37	23	19	20	32	19	15	15	12	5		
25000	108	68	56	60	95	55	43	47	37	6		
50000	246	144	118	125	217	115	89	96	76	7		
75000	370	212	174	184	326	168	130	140	110	7		
100000	555	312	255	270	490	247	190	205	160	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	37	3
2000	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	5	4	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	4		
10000	10	8	7	7	7	5	4	4	4	4		
25000	29	22	20	20	22	15	13	13	11	5		
50000	66	50	45	46	50	34	29	30	26	6		
75000	99	79	71	69	75	54	47	45	39	6		
100000	132	102	92	96	100	70	60	63	55	6		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	7	4	3	4	6	4	3	3	2	18	6	4
2000	17	10	8	9	15	9	7	7	5	5		
5000	50	30	24	25	45	26	19	20	15	6		
10000	100	60	48	52	91	51	39	42	33	6		
25000	286	156	124	133	260	130	98	107	81	7		
50000	647	340	270	288	588	282	211	229	174	8		
75000												
100000												

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITH TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 500; Control field — 10

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	119	119	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	4		
10000	7	6	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	5		
25000	17	15	14	14	10	9	8	8	8	5		
50000	37	33	32	32	24	20	18	19	17	6		
75000	57	50	48	49	36	30	28	28	26	6		
100000	84	74	71	72	54	44	41	42	39	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	22	11	4
2000	5	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	5		
5000	11	8	7	7	10	6	5	5	4	5		
10000	26	18	15	16	23	14	11	12	10	6		
25000	76	55	46	45	65	44	35	34	27	7		
50000	171	112	94	102	146	88	69	77	62	8		
75000	256	163	136	147	219	127	100	111	88	8		
100000	342	215	179	194	293	166	130	145	115	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	118	59	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		
5000	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4		
10000	8	7	6	7	6	4	4	4	4	5		
25000	21	18	16	17	15	11	10	10	9	5		
50000	48	40	37	37	34	25	22	23	21	6		
75000	73	60	56	57	51	38	34	35	32	6		
100000	108	89	82	84	77	57	50	52	47	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	15	5	4
2000	8	5	4	5	7	5	3	4	3	5		
5000	24	16	13	14	22	13	10	11	9	6		
10000	49	32	26	28	43	27	20	22	17	6		
25000	140	88	71	79	125	73	56	63	49	7		
50000	316	186	150	165	282	152	116	131	101	8		
75000	474	275	221	243	423	223	170	192	147	8		
100000	704	402	323	355	628	326	248	280	214	9		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	29	3
2000	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4		
5000	6	4	4	4	5	3	3	3	2	5		
10000	12	9	8	8	9	6	5	6	5	5		
25000	34	26	23	23	26	18	15	16	14	6		
50000	77	58	51	53	60	41	34	36	31	7		
75000	116	89	79	84	91	64	54	58	50	7		
100000	156	117	104	110	121	83	69	75	64	7		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	10	6	5	5	9	5	4	4	3	6	2	5
2000	23	14	11	12	21	12	9	10	8	6		
5000	66	45	35	35	60	39	30	30	22	7		
10000	132	80	63	70	120	68	51	59	45	7		
25000	372	208	163	182	340	176	131	150	112	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 500; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	22	14	11	12	21	12	9	10	8	3	1	6
2000	45	28	22	24	41	25	18	20	15	6		
5000	129	77	60	68	119	67	50	58	43	7		
10000	292	163	126	142	269	140	104	119	89	8		

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING

Core storage capacity — 8K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	638	319	1
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		2
5000	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2		2
10000	6	6	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3		3
25000	18	17	17	17	11	10	9	9	9	4		4
50000	37	34	34	34	22	19	18	19	18	4		4
75000	62	57	55	55	37	32	30	31	29	5		5
100000	82	75	73	74	49	43	41	41	39	5		5

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 10; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	31	3
2000	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	4		4
5000	9	6	5	5	7	4	4	4	3	4		4
10000	20	14	12	12	17	11	8	9	7	5		5
25000	60	40	34	35	50	31	25	25	21	6		6
50000	137	91	77	81	116	69	56	60	49	7		7
75000	206	131	112	117	174	99	80	85	70	7		7
100000	275	173	147	154	232	130	104	111	91	7		7

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 100; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	318	159	2
2000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		2
5000	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3		3
10000	8	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	3	4		4
25000	19	17	16	16	13	10	9	9	9	4		4
50000	44	37	35	35	29	23	21	21	19	5		5
75000	67	57	53	54	44	35	31	32	29	5		5
100000	99	84	79	79	67	51	46	47	43	6		6

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 20; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	45	15	3
2000	6	4	3	3	5	3	2	3	2	4		4
5000	18	12	10	10	16	9	7	8	6	5		5
10000	37	23	19	20	32	19	15	15	12	5		5
25000	108	68	56	60	95	55	43	47	37	6		6
50000	246	144	118	125	217	115	89	96	76	7		7
75000	370	212	174	184	326	168	130	140	110	7		7
100000	555	312	255	270	490	247	190	205	160	8		8

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 200; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	158	79	2
2000	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3		3
5000	5	4	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	4		4
10000	10	8	7	7	7	5	4	4	4	4		4
25000	28	22	20	20	21	15	13	13	11	5		5
50000	66	50	45	46	50	34	29	30	26	6		6
75000	98	78	70	68	74	54	46	44	39	6		6
100000	132	102	92	96	100	70	60	63	55	6		6

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 40; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	7	4	3	4	6	4	3	3	2	18	6	4
2000	17	10	8	9	15	9	7	7	5	5		5
5000	50	30	24	25	45	26	19	20	15	6		6
10000	100	60	48	52	91	51	39	42	33	6		6
25000	286	156	124	133	260	130	98	107	81	7		7
50000	647	340	270	288	588	282	211	229	174	8		8

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 500; Control field — 10

INPUT FILE SIZE	1401				1460				G	B	P	
	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	7330	729-II	729-IV	729-V	729-VI			
1000	17	10	8	8	15	9	6	7	5	9	3	5
2000	33	20	16	16	30	17	13	13	10	5		5
5000	97	57	45	49	89	49	37	41	31	6		6
10000	223	121	95	103	205	103	77	84	64	7		7
25000	631	325	254	272	580	274	203	221	166	8		8

3-WAY BALANCED MERGE WITHOUT TAPE LABEL PROCESSING
Core storage capacity — 16K; Record length — 1000; Control field — 10

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SPECIFICATIONS

The Sort-7 Timing program can be used to calculate timing estimates for:

- A 4-tape, 2-way balanced merge.
- A 6-tape, 3-way balanced merge.
- A 4-tape, multiphase merge.

The information punched in the control cards describes the object machine, the particular file to be sorted, and the type of merge to be performed. Timings can only be calculated for high-density tape files containing fixed-length records with one control data field per record. No timing estimates can be obtained for sorts of two or more control fields because the time added by such a condition is essentially based on the randomness of each control field. One control field is compared at a time, proceeding from the high-order control field through the low-order control field. However, the program goes to the next control field only if the preceding field was equal. Whether or not this is the case depends solely upon the data.

If timings are not required for specific file sizes (record volumes), the estimates calculated will be for a predetermined set of record volumes. The predetermined values are 1,000; 2,000; 5,000; 10,000; 25,000; 50,000; 75,000; and 100,000.

The Sort-7 Timing program prints out diagnostic messages and table(s) containing the estimate in minutes of the time required to sort the file. The estimates given do not include card-read time. These timings are for Sort 7 object decks only and do not represent timings utilizing the tape-loadable option.

The user should be familiar with Sort 7 Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460, Form C24-3317-0.

MACHINE REQUIREMENTS

The IBM 1401 system that is to be used must have at least:

- 16,000 positions of core storage.
- An IBM 1402 Card Read-Punch, Model 1
- An IBM 1403 Printer, Model 2, or an IBM 1404 Printer
- High-Low-Equal Compare feature
- Advanced-Programming feature
- Multiply-Divide feature.

The IBM 1460 system that is to be used must have at least:

- 16,000 positions of core storage.
- An IBM 1402 Card Read Punch, Model 3
- An IBM 1403 Printer, Model 2

- Indexing-and-Store-Address-Register feature
- Multiply-Divide feature.

An IBM 1401 or 1460 system with the required machine configuration can be used to produce Sort-7 Timing estimates for files to be sorted on any IBM 1401 or 1460.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM DECK

The Sort-7 Timing program deck consists of 474 cards punched in the following format:

<u>Column(s)</u>	<u>Contain</u>
1-71	Sort-7 Timing program instructions and the necessary loading instructions.
72-75	Sequential number of the card within the program deck. The cards are numbered from 0001 to 0474.
76-77	60. This is the Sort-7 program number.
78-79	ST. This identifies the program as the Sort-7 Timing program.
80	The version number of the Sort-7 Timing program.

TAPE DENSITY

The Sort-7 Timing program calculates sort times for tape files written at a high-density rate. High density is 556 characters per inch on the 7330, 729-II, and 729-IV magnetic tape units, and 800 characters per inch on the 729-V and 729-VI magnetic tape units.

To perform a particular sort application in the time calculated by the Sort-7 Timing program, the user must be sure that his records are written at a high-density rate and that column 20 of control card 1 contains a 1 (7330, 729-II, 729-IV) or a 2 (729-V, 729-VI) to specify high density for the tapes to be used during phase 2.

CONTROL CARDS

Control cards supply the Sort-7 Timing program with a description of the Sort-7 program, the object machine, and the file(s) to be sorted. Two control cards are required for each sort application that is to be timed. More than one set of control cards can be placed in the program deck if additional estimates are desired.

Certain control card errors cause a halt or message during the running of the Sort-7 Timing program. Some errors are not detected. Because the program accepts these errors, the user should be certain that all control-card information is properly specified and that all cards are correctly punched.

Control Card 1

This card is identical to control card 1 used with the Sort-7 program. Refer to Sort 7 Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460, Form C24-3317-0, when preparing this card.

In the following description an asterisk indicates the columns that are considered by the Sort-7 Timing program.

<u>Column(s)</u>	<u>Indicate</u>	
1	<u>First sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
2	<u>Second sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
3	<u>Third sort-input tape-unit number.</u>	
4	<u>First sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
5	<u>Second sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
6	<u>Third sort work tape-unit number.</u>	
7-8	<u>Total number of input reels (01-99) in the input file.</u>	
9-12*	<u>Input record length.</u> Punch the number of characters in the fixed-length input record. (Must always be punched.)	52-56*
13-15*	<u>Input blocking factor.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leave blank for input blocking factor equal to sort blocking factor. b. Punch 001 for fixed-length unblocked input records. c. Punch the number of input records per block. <u>Output blocking factor.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leave blank for output blocking factor equal to sort blocking factor. 	
16-18*		57
19	<u>Unreadable block option.</u>	58-61
20	<u>The density of the tapes used during phase 2.</u> High density is assumed in all cases.	62-65
21	<u>Input-tape header label indicator.</u>	66-69
22*	<u>Output-tape header-label indicator.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leave blank if the output tapes are not to have header labels. b. Punch a 1 if the control portion of the input header label (positions 1-40) is to be used as the control portion of the 80-character output header label. c. Punch a 2 if a new 80-character header label is to be generated by the program. d. Punch a 3 if the control portion of the input header label (positions 1-40) is to be used as the control portion of the 120-character output header label. e. Punch a 4 if a new 120-character label is to be generated by the program. 	70-73
23	<u>Output tape-mark option.</u>	74
24	<u>Input-tape trailer-label indicator.</u>	75
25*	<u>Output-tape trailer-label indicator.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leave blank if the output tapes are not to have trailer labels. b. Punch a 1 or 2 if the standard output trailer label is to be generated by the program. 	76-80
26	<u>Padding indicator for fixed-length records.</u>	
27*	<u>System core-storage capacity of the Sort-7 object machine.</u> (Must always be punched.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Punch a 4 for 8,000 positions of core storage. b. Punch a 5 for 12,000 positions of core storage. c. Punch a 6 for 16,000 positions of core storage. 	
28-29	<u>Total number of control-data fields.</u> (The Sort-7 timing program assumes that there is one control-data field.)	
30-32*	<u>Total number of characters of control data.</u> Punch the number of characters in the control-data field (001-999). (Must always be punched.)	
33-36	<u>Control-data field-1 location.</u>	
37-39	<u>Control-data field-1 length.</u>	
40-46	<u>Expected file size.</u>	
47-51*	<u>Starting address of the phase-1 user area.</u> User-written routines that are to be executed during phase 1 must be loaded into upper core storage. The address specified in these columns is the lowest core-storage address of the user programming area. Core-storage positions below this address are utilized by the Sort-7 program. The last two positions of core storage, for example, positions 7998 and 7999 in an 8,000-position 1401, are also used by the Sort-7 program and are not available for user-written routines.	
52-56*	<u>Starting address of the phase-2 user area.</u> User-written routines that are to be executed during phase 2 must be loaded into upper core storage. The address specified in these columns is the lowest core-storage address of the user programming area. Core-storage positions below this address are utilized by the Sort-7 program. For a balanced merge, the last 25 positions of core storage, for example, positions 7975-7999 in an 8,000-position 1401, are also used by the Sort-7 program and are not available for the user-written routines. For a multiphase merge, the last 16 positions of core storage are not available for user-written routines.	
57	<u>Record-format indicator.</u>	
58-61	<u>Low-order position of the record character count field.</u>	
62-65	<u>The length in characters of the smallest variable-length record.</u>	
66-69	<u>The length in characters of the largest input block of variable-length records.</u>	
70-73	<u>The length in characters of the largest output block of variable-length records.</u>	
74	NOTE: Leave columns 57-73 blank. The Sort-7 Timing program can only calculate timings for files of fixed-length records.	
75	<u>Record-mark padding indicator for fixed-length records only.</u>	
76-80	<u>File order, either ascending or descending.</u> These columns are not used by Sort 7 or the Sort-7 Timing program.	

Control Card 2

This card is used to specify the type of merge and the record volumes (file sizes) for which timings are to be calculated. The user can indicate that he wants timing estimates for a predetermined set of record volumes and/or specific record volumes.

The parameters of the file to be sorted are the same for all volumes of records described in this card.