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## **TECHNICAL BRIEFING**

**Memorex Corporation**  
**Santa Clara**  
**April 3, 1975**

## AGENDA

I. Presentation	John Eastling	1:30 - 3:00
II. Illustrative Excursion	John Eastling Tom Gardner Roger Holen	3:00 - 4:15
III. Review, Questions, and Coffee		4:30

## TECHNICAL BRIEFING PARTICIPANTS

John R. Eastling is a Vice-President of Memorex Corporation, presently responsible for Litigation Support. Mr. Eastling joined Memorex in 1967 as Managing Director of European Operation located in London. In 1970, he moved to Santa Clara where he became Vice-President of Systems, responsible for the development of the Memorex computer system products. His next assignment was in Corporate Planning, which continued until his current position.

From 1961 until 1967, Mr. Eastling worked at Control Data Corporation in a variety of marketing, financial, and planning positions. He holds a MBA (1961) and BA (1959) from Harvard University.

Thomas E. Gardner is Director of Disc Subsystem Development at Memorex. He joined Memorex in 1968 as a Senior Electrical Engineer and has held a series of technical and managerial positions within the Engineering operation. From 1971 - 1973, he managed the linear and digital circuit design groups for the 3670 Disc Drive. Prior to Memorex, Mr. Gardner was an electrical engineer working on advanced jet engine fuel controls for the Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft. Mr. Gardner has a BSEE from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute (1962) and a MSEE in automatic control systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Roger W. Holen is Manager of Litigation Systems for Memorex. Mr. Holen joined Memorex in 1970 as a programming supervisor in the Memorex computer systems development organization. In 1972, he joined the Education Staff with responsibility for technical training of Systems Engineers and Sales personnel. Mr. Holen assumed his current position in 1974, and provides system design guidance for litigation support activities.

Mr. Holen's previous experience since 1960 is in the computer programming field with B. F. Goodrich and Household Finance Corporation. He attended the University of Minnesota.

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

## I. MEDIA

Machine-readable media for information storage and data interchange.

- Punched Card
- Magnetic Tape
- Disc Pack

## II. DATA STORAGE

Data processing is the processing of stored data.

- Data Management
- Storage Hierarchy
- Storage Level Characteristics
- Random vs. Sequential Storage

## III. DATA COMMUNICATIONS

Put data where the user needs it.

- Terminals
- Transmissions
- Telecommunications Control
- Network Processing
- Network Elements

## IV. ILLUSTRATION

Working environment display of computer products.

- Disc Drive
- Disc Control
- Manufacturing Process
- Mixed Vendor Computer System

## V. DEMONSTRATION

Remote access to a large complex data base.

- Terminal Network
- User Interaction
- System Control
- Data Base
- Example

## Defacto Industry Standards

There are three types of machine-readable media that are commonly used for data input or output and provide some data interchange among general purpose computer systems. (See display. )

### 1. Punched Cards

- . 80 columns of data, one byte each (a 96 column version has been more recently introduced and is less prevalent).
- . input at 500 - 1000 cards per minute in typical systems, a data rate of about 1.5 kilobytes per second.
- . convenient for data entry and unit record filing, no longer widely used for data storage per se.

### 2. Magnetic Tape

- . 1/2 inch by 2400 feet per reel.
- . 200 bpi (1960) to 6,250 bpi (1974)
- . 37 1/2 to 200 inches per second
- . capacity per reel approximately 1 00 million bytes maximum
- . transfer rate, up to 1.25 million bytes per second
- . time to pass tape end-to-end, minimum 2 minutes

### 3. Disc Pack

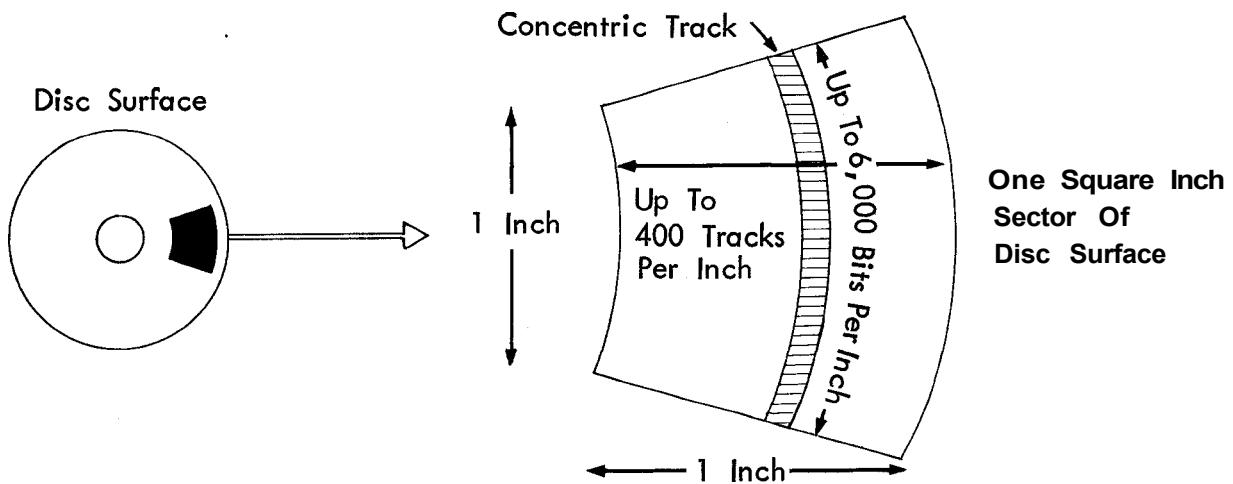
- . 1 to 20 surfaces
- . 50 to 800 tracks per surface
- . up to 6,000 bits per inch along track
- . capacity per pack, 200 million bytes maximum
- . transfer rate, up to 1 million bytes per second
- . time to access a given track, average 30 millisecond  
(30 accesses per second)

## Status

All of the above types of media are removable for off-line storage, for subsystem data entry or output, or for data interchange with another system which possesses media - compatible devices. All are manufactured and sold by a number of companies, most of whom do not also produce or market the related computer equipment.

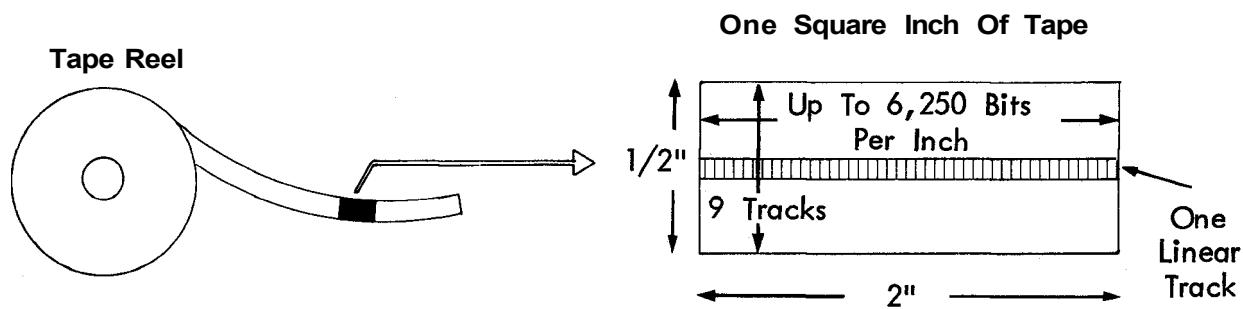
## MEDIA COMPARISON

### Disc



On a 200 million byte disc pack, one square inch of magnetic surface contains about 400 tracks x 4000 bits per inch = 1.6 million bits or about 200,000 bytes.

### Tape



On a 6,250 bpi tape, one square inch of magnetic surface contains 9 tracks x 6250 bits x 2 inches = 11 million bits, or about 12,500 bytes (plus check code).

## II. DATA STORAGE

Almost as soon as the stored-program computer was developed, the need for additional data storage arose. Data processing "work" is essentially accomplished by the processing of data stored on-line in machine - readable form. The performance characteristics of the data storage device requirement are determined by the user application. The key characteristics of data storage are:

- cost per byte
- access time per record retrieved
- byte capacity

### A. Data Management

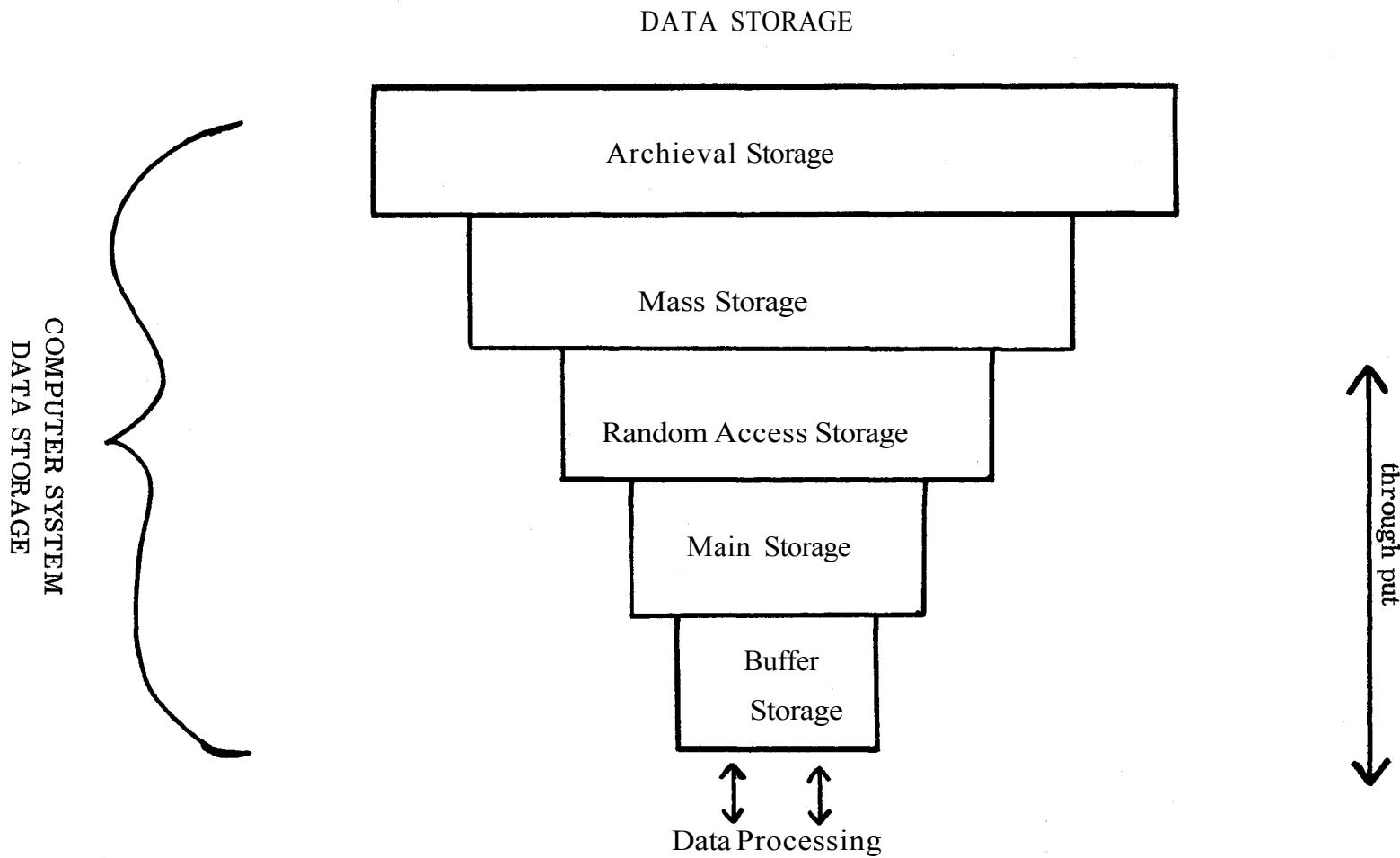
Data Management provides an orderly relationship between user programs and data files.

1. Security
  - . withhold access unless authorized
  - . protect data integrity during update
2. Separation
  - . separate user program from data files
  - . enable multiple users to share files
3. Structure
  - . common data base design
  - . distributed data base feasibility

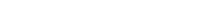
### B. Storage Hierarchy

The design of a storage hierarchy is the art of organizing data location and transfer among levels of storage.

1. Cost Optimization
  - . On-line, high speed data storage is expensive. The computer system can store more total data on-line for lower cost if some of that data is stored on higher capacity, lower cost devices until needed for processing.
2. Objective of Automated Storage Hierarchy
  - . The computer system sees the apparent capacity of a low-cost, large capacity device at approximately the speed of a high-cost small capacity device.



Procedure: Funnel data from storage level to storage level.

Infrequently used data  often used

Low cost data storage  high cost

Slow data retrieval  fast retrieval

Large capacity storage  small capacity

3. Method

- . There is a high probability of repeated access to a given data set once it has been accessed.

4. Example

- . Virtual Memory is one example of Storage Hierarchy design. The central processor accesses a larger Main Storage than actually exists. The "missing" Main Storage is stored on a Disc Drive. When an access to Main Storage defaults, the missing data record (and nearby records) are automatically brought into real Main Storage from Disc. This block of data replaces the least used block already in Main Storage.

C. Levels of Storage/Applications

The configuration designer attempts to match the application need to appropriate storage devices to obtain a cost-effective system.

1. Main Storage

- . During a rocket launching, a computer monitors the rocket engine lift before firing the explosive bolts which hold the vehicle to the launch pad.  
no time for auxiliary storage

2. Disc Storage (Primary Storage)

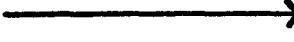
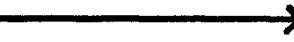
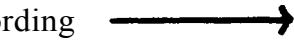
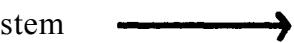
- . An on-line credit bureau stores information on 35 million people for purposes of retail credit reference. Any subscribing store can interrogate the data base for a credit report on an individual. Each individual's record is 100 bytes.

response time requires Disc Drive storage, Main Storage costs would be prohibitive for 3.5 billion bytes (that's 35 Disc Drives of 100 million byte capacity).

3. Tape Storage (Archival/Sequential Storage)

- . A large network of hospitals share a statistical record record computer system. In scheduled weekly runs,

## DISC DRIVE DATA STORAGE

- . Random Access       System Response
- . Large Capacity       On-Line Systems
- . Removable       Data Availability
- . Non-Contact Recording       Reliability
- . Multiple Units/System       Mass Production, Low Cost
- . Magnetic Technology       Quantum Jumps in Performance

Precursor      to . . . . . data management systems  
to . . . . . on-line, remote access systems  
to . . . . . expanded commercial data processing  
applications

### Predominant Peripheral Equipment

- . percent of on-line data storage
- . percent of units, system value

the master file record of treatments for one million people is updated and aggregate statistical reports prepared.

sequential processing application, uses tape drives as the storage device for (again) 3.5 billion bytes, or 3500 bytes per individual.

#### D. Random Access Storage Devices

The Disc Drive has emerged as the most widely used auxiliary storage device in terms of:

total data stored on-line

peripheral portion of computer room equipment value

Among the reasons for the Disc Drives central role in data storage are:

The need for speedy access to large amounts of data.

The multiple (random) use of a single data base by application programs.

The trend towards on-line computer systems.

### III. DATA COMMUNICATIONS

The availability of random-access storage devices in the 1960's enabled the implementation of "on-line computer systems". These are systems which incorporate communications capability to remote devices and their users outside the computer room.

#### A. Objective

Put data where the user needs it.

#### B. Status

From a relatively minor position in computing systems design and usage in the 1960's, Data Communication has grown rapidly in importance and emerges as a key element in future industry growth.

#### C. Implementation

1. Terminals
2. Transmission
3. Telecommunications Control

4. Network Processing
5. Network Elements

D. Network Systems

- . Examples - Reservation Systems, Manufacturing Control Systems, Point of Sale Systems, etc.
- . Provides useful information when and where needed.

ILLUSTRATION

Working environment display of computer products.

Disc Drive  
Disc Control Unit  
Manufacturing Process  
Mixed Vendor Computer System

DEMONSTRATION

Remote access to a large complex data base.

Terminal Network  
User Interaction  
System Control  
Data Base  
Retrieval Example

# Data Storage

## I Data Processing Is The Processing of Stored Data

- Machine Readable Form
- On-Line Storage

## II Data Management Provides Orderly Relationships Between User Programs And Data Files

- Security
- Separation

## III Storage Hierarchy Design Is The Art of Organizing Data Location And Transfer Among Levels of Storage

- Data Access Is Expensive
- Objective: The System Sees The Apparent Capacity of a Low-Cost Large Storage Device at Approximately The Speed of a High-Cost Small Capacity Device
- Method: Based Upon The High Probability of a Repeated Access to a Given Data Set Previously Accessed

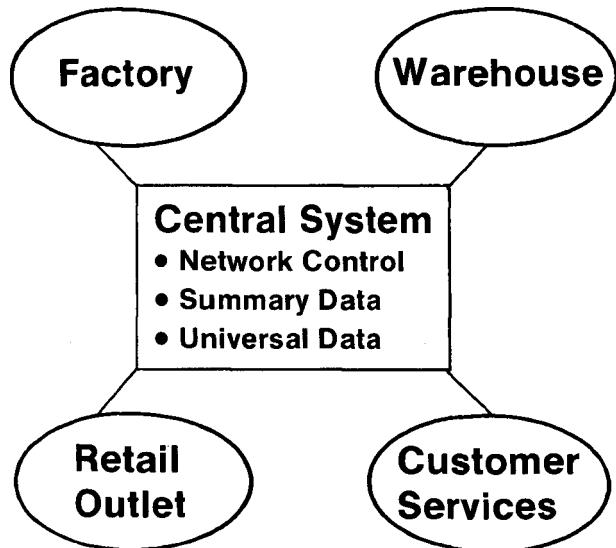
## IV Levels of Storage

- Cost Per Byte
- Access Time Per Byte
- Byte Capacity

## V Random Vs. Sequential Access

- The World Is Round And Random
- Disc Drives Are Standard Random Access Devices for Data Storage

# Data Communication



## Network Elements

- At User Locations
- Include: Subordinate Computer Systems
  - Intelligent Terminals
  - Simple Terminals
  - Telephones
- Distributed Data Entry, Storage, Exchange, and Use

**I Objective:** Put data where the user needs it

**II Status:** From a relatively minor position in computing systems design and usage in the 1960's, Data Communication has grown rapidly in importance and emerges as a key element in future industry growth

## III Implementation:

- Terminals—Custom designed for specific user applications
  - Wide range of capability (telephones to small computers)
- Transmission—The cost of high speed data transmission is appreciably declining, satellite usage will enable further cost savings
- Telecommunications Control—The problems of codes, speeds, line types, security, queing, and priority are now being placed into programmable communications controllers
- User Networks—Will become routine in the next 5-10 years, building upon the foundation of existing networks for airlines, brokerage houses, credit services, etc.

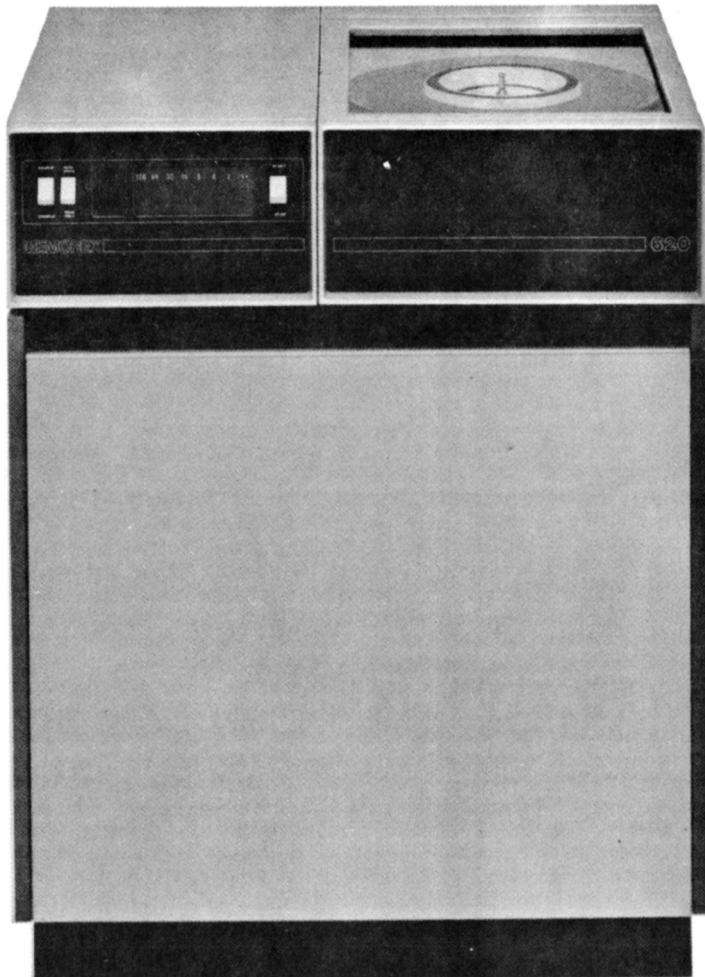
## IV Network Systems

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Diagram of Memorex 370/155 Computer System

Diagram of Litigation Support Data Base Retrieval

3 pages on Demonstration Example of Litigation Support System

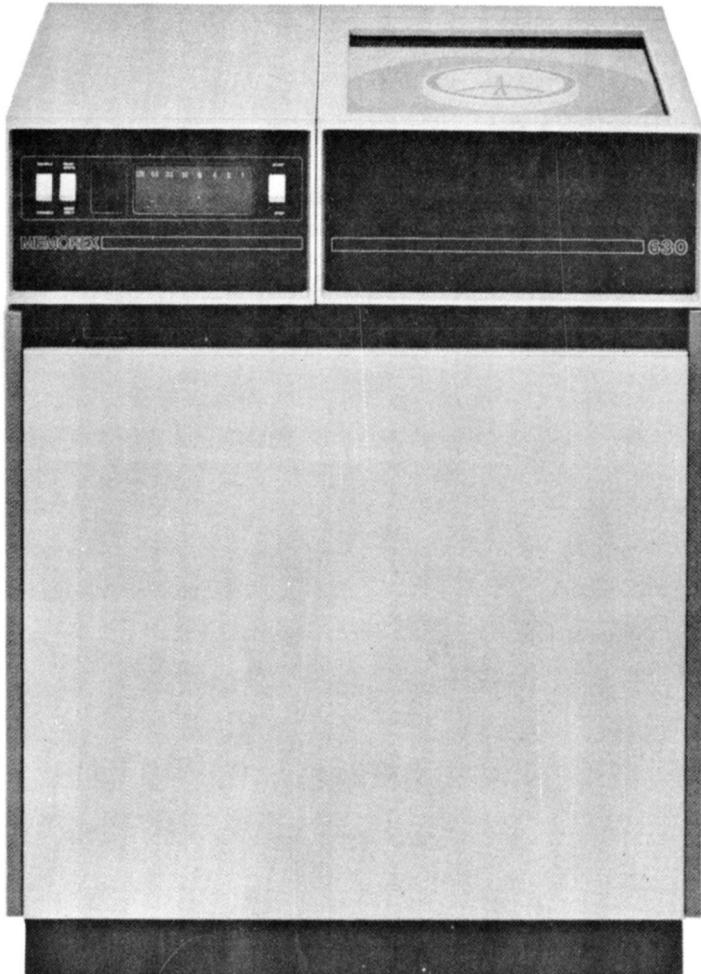


# 620 Disc Drive

**IBM 2311 Model 11 Compatible**  
**Connects to IBM System/360 Model 20,**  
**or Memorex 50**

- Spindle Rotation Rate. . . . . 2400 RPM
- Average Access Time. . . . . 50 Milli Seconds
- Pack Capacity. . . . . 5.4 Million Bytes
- Number of Tracks Per Surface.....200 Plus 3 Spares
- Number of Read/Write Heads.....10
- Interchangeable Disc Packs. . . . . IBM 1316 or Memorex Mark I

## First Customer Shipment—May, 1969

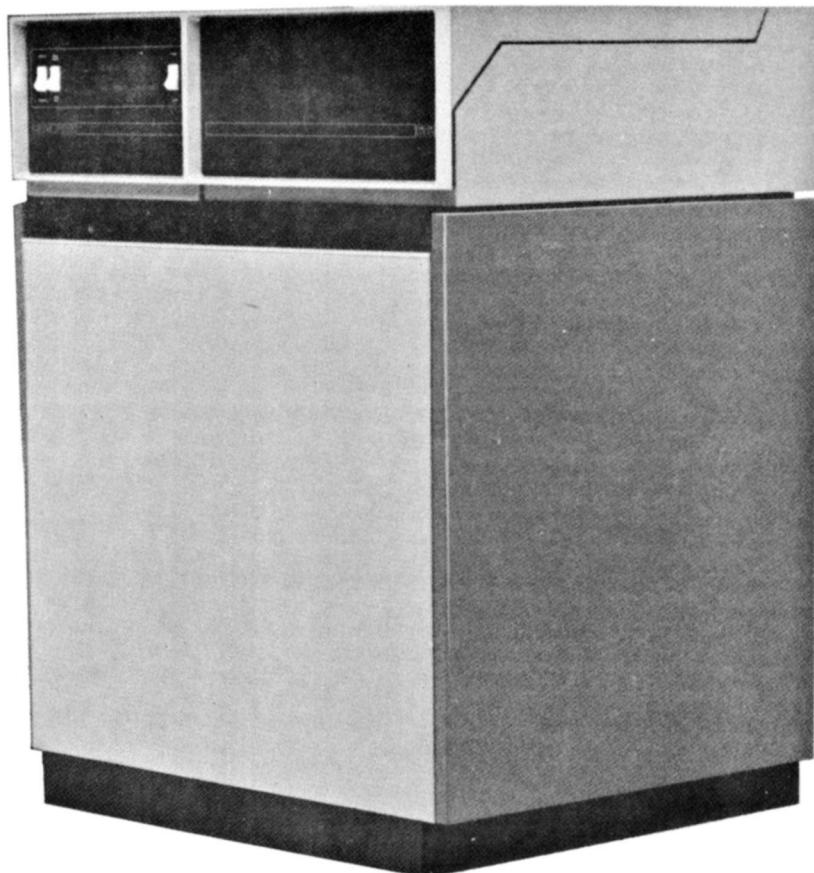


# 630 Disc Drive

**IBM 2311 Model 1 Compatible**  
**Connects to IBM 2841 Storage Control**

- **Spindle Rotation Rate** . . . . . **.2400 RPM**
- **Average Access Time** . . . . . **.50 Milli Seconds**
- **Pack Capacity** . . . . . **7.25 Million Bytes**
- **Number of Tracks Per Surface**.....**200 Plus 3 Spares**
- **Number of Read/Write Heads**.....**10**
- **Interchangeable Disc Pack** . . . . . **IBM 1316 or Memorex Mark I**

## First Customer Shipment—June, 1968

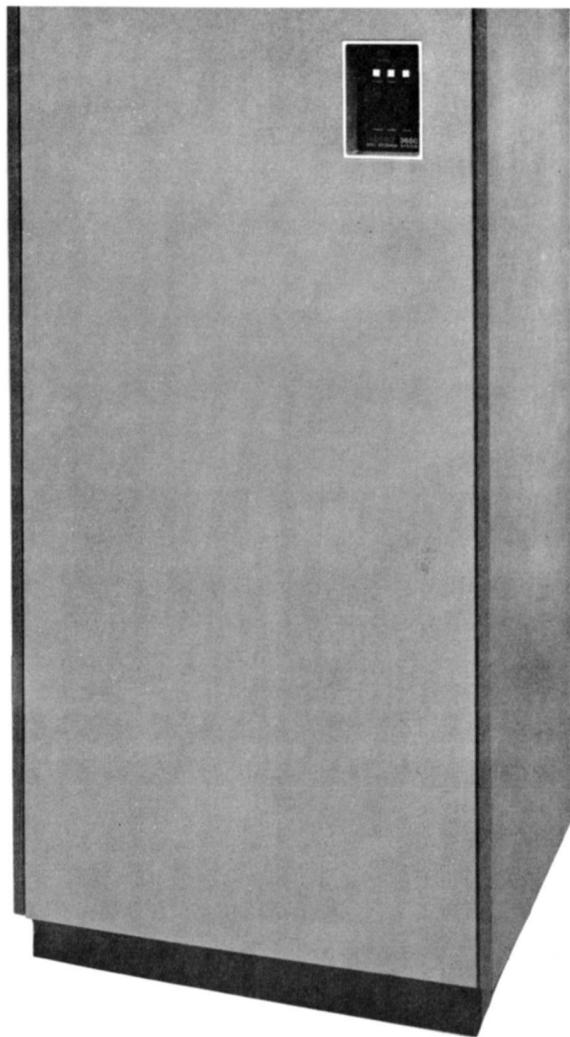


# 3660 Disc Drive

**Connects to IBM 360/370 Systems Through Memorex  
3661 Control Unit**

- Spindle Rotation Rate . . . . . 2400 RPM
- Average Access Time . . . . . 35 Milli Seconds
- Pack Capacity. . . . . 29 Million Bytes
- Number of Tracks Per Surface. . . . . 200 Plus 3 Spares
- Number of Read/Write Heads. . . . . 20
- Interchangeable Disc Pack . . . . . IBM 2316 or Memorex Mark VI

**First Customer Shipment—June, 1970**



# **3661**

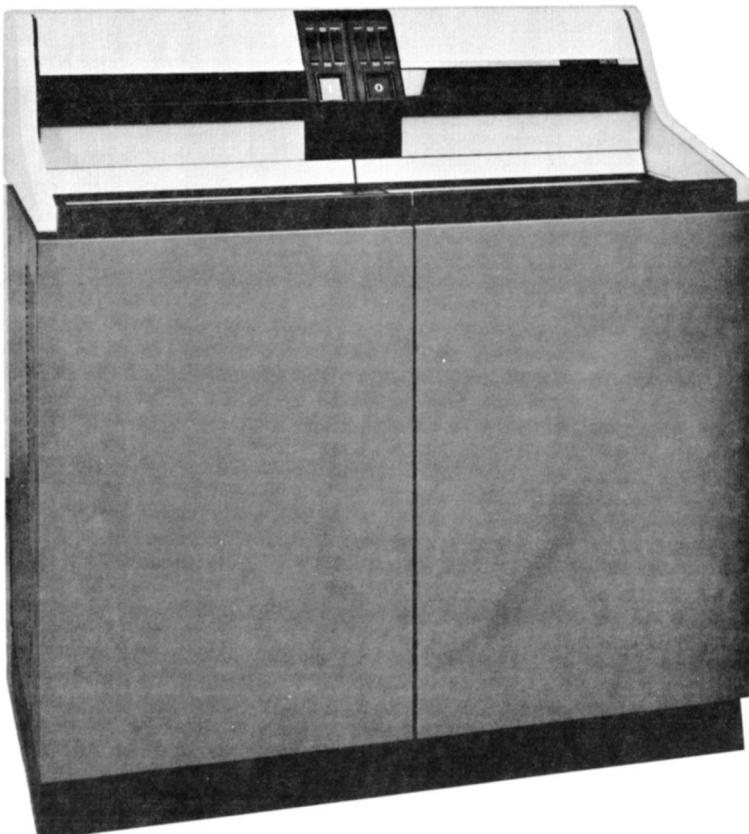
# **Storage Control Unit**

**IBM 2314 Compatible**  
**Connects to IBM 360/370 Selector Channel**

- **Type of Control Storage . . . . .** Read Only Memory (ROM)
- **Machine Cycle Time. . . . .** 500 Nano Seconds
- **Data Transfer Rate. . . . .** 312,000 Bytes/SEC
- **Type of Disc Drive Controlled . . . . .** 660-0
- **Number of Disc Drives Attachable.....** 9 Maximum
- **Features Available . . . . .** Two Channel Attachment

**First Customer Shipment—June, 1970**

# 3670 Disc Drive

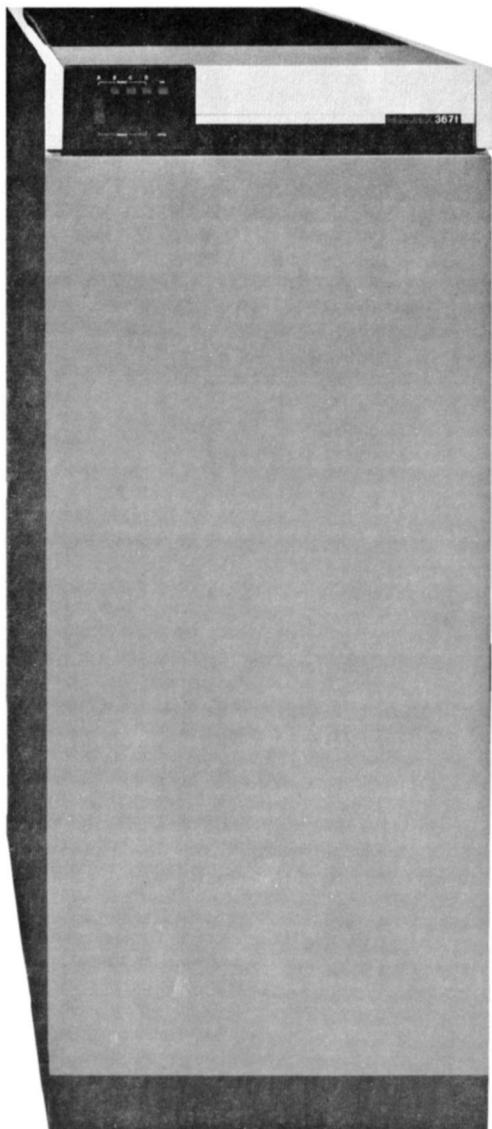


**IBM 3330 Model 1 or 2 Compatible**

**Connects to IBM 360/370 Systems through  
Memorex 3671, 3672/3673, or Equivalent Control Unit**

- Spindle Rotation Rate . . . . . 3600 RPM
- Average Access Time . . . . . 27 Milli seconds
- Pack Capacity . . . . . 100 Million Bytes
- Number of Tracks Per Surface. 404 plus 7 Alternate Tracks
- Number of Read/Write Heads. 19 plus Servo
- Interchangeable Disc Pack . . IBM 3336 or Memorex Mark X

**First Customer Shipment—October, 1972**



# 3671

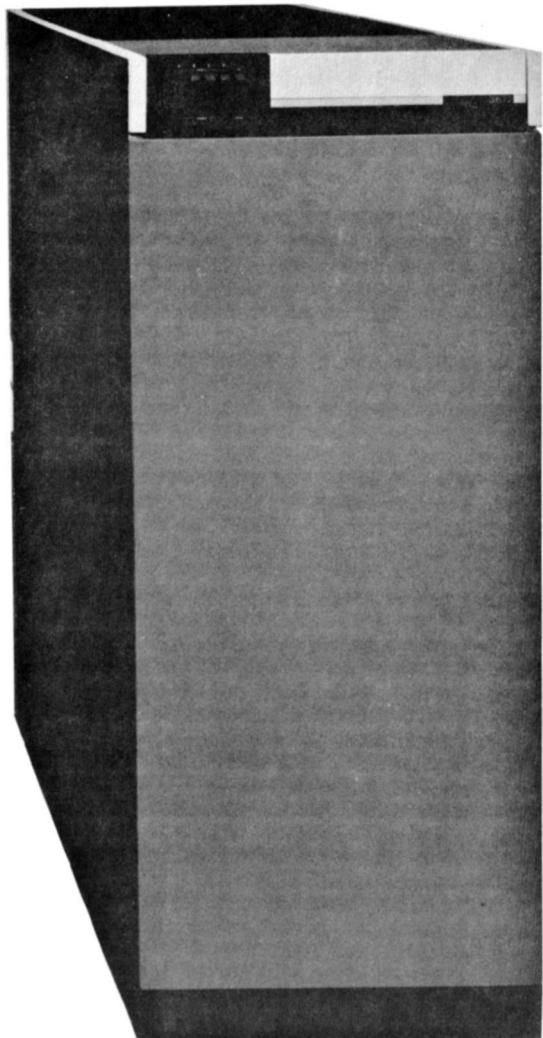
## Microprogrammed Storage Control Unit

**IBM 3830 Model 1 Compatible**

**Connects to IBM System 360/370 Block Multiplexer  
Channel or System/360 Selector Channel**

- **Type of Memory** . . . . . **Read/Write (LSI Semiconductor)**
- **Machine Cycle Time** . . . . . **240 Nano Seconds**
- **Data Transfer Rate** . . . . . **.806,000 Bytes/SEC**
- **Type of Disc Drive Controlled** . **3670 Model 1 or 2**
- **Number of Disc Drives Attachable** **8 Maximum**
- **Features Available** . . . . . **Two, Three, or Four Channel Attachment**  
**System/360 Attachment**

**First Customer Shipment—September, 1972**



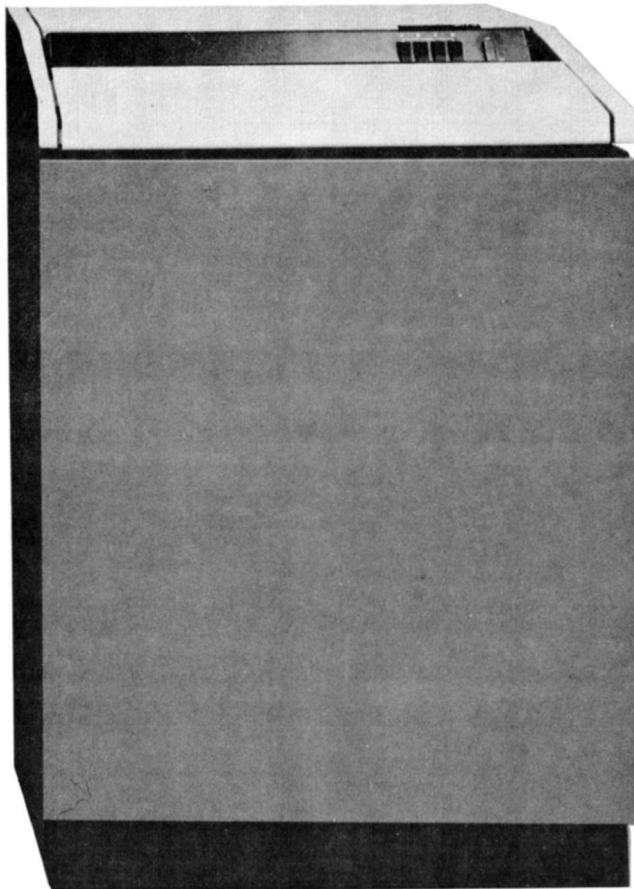
# 3672

## Microprogrammed Storage Control Unit

**IBM 3830 Model 2 Compatible  
Connects to IBM System 360/370  
Block Multiplexer Channel**

- **Type of Memory** . . . . . **Read/Write (LSI Semiconductor)**
- **Machine Cycle Time** . . . . . **.240 Nano Seconds**
- **Data Transfer Rate** . . . . . **.806,000 Bytes/SEC**
- **Type of Disc Drive Controlled**.. **3670/3675**
- **Type of Disc Controller Required** **3673**
- **Number of Disc Drives Attachable** **32 Maximum (4 Strings)**
- **Features Available** . . . . . **Two, Three, or Four Channel Attachment**

**First Customer Shipment—September, 1974**



# 3673 Disc Controller

**IBM 3333 Model 1 and 11 Compatible (without Drives)  
Connects to IBM IFA, DDA, ISC, or 3830-2 or 3  
Controllers, and Memorex 3672 Controller**

- Data Transfer Rate . . . . . 806,000 Bytes/SEC
- Type of Disc Drive Attached... 3670/3675
- Number of Disc Drives in String. 8 Maximum
- Features Available . . . . . Two, Three, or Four String Switch

**First Customer Shipment—April, 1974**

# **CALCOMP1144**

## **Storage Control Unit**

**UNIVAC Fastrand II Drum Subsystem Compatible**  
**Connects to UNIVAC Systems 400 & 1100**

- Type of Memory . . . . . RAM**
- Machine Cycle Time . . . . . 200 Nano Seconds**
- Data Transfer Rate . . . . . 312, 500 Bytes Per Second**
- Type of Disc Controlled . . . . . 244 Disc Drive**
- Number of Discs Controlled . . . . . 24**
- Features Available . . . . . One Per Channel**

# **CALCOMP 244**

## **Disc Drive**

**Connects to UNIVAC 400/1100 Systems  
Through Intranet 1144 Control Unit**

• Spindle Rotation Rate . . . . .	<b>2400 RPM</b>
• Average Access Time . . . . .	<b>32 msec</b>
• Pack Capacity . . . . .	<b>58 Million Bytes</b>
• Number of Tracks Per Surface	<b>400</b>
• Number of Read/Write Heads	<b>20</b>
• Interchangeable Disc Pack..	<b>IBM 2316 or Memorex Mark VI</b>

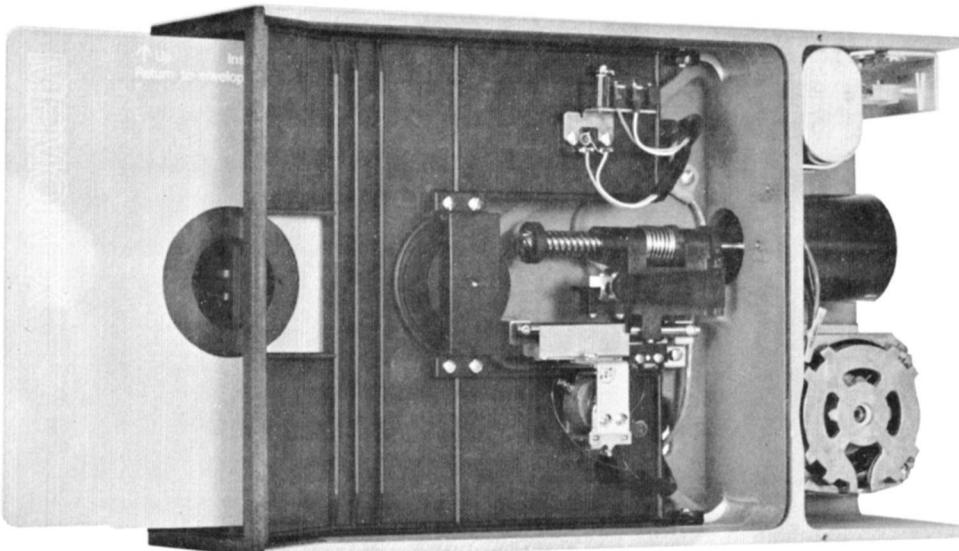
**First Customer Shipment—July, 1973**

# 650

## Flexible Disc

A product line sold to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) for incorporation into their end-user products.

The flexible disc represents an improvement in reliability and access time compared to tape cassettes, and a substantial cost savings compared to other rotating magnetic disc drives which use hard-surfaced aluminum disc substrates. The flexible disc drive is gaining wide acceptance as a storage device in data entry, word processing, or remote terminal products, and for control storage loading/unloading.



### Features:

- IBM-compatible or non-IBM compatible versions
- Removable, low-cost, mailable media
- OEM's may provide power supply, covers, electronics, diagnostics, and software support
- 65,000 bytes to 1/4 million bytes, or more, storage capacity
- Rotational Speed—375 RPM

# **MRX/50**

# **Small Commercial Computer System**

**Provides Upward Compatibility for 360/20**

**Central Processor Features Include:**

- **MOS Semiconductor Storage. . . . .** 1024 LSI Chips Up to 128K Bytes, 900 Nano Second Cycle
- **Microprogram Read/Write Control Storage. . . . .** Enables Shared Resource Concept with Eight Processor States for Parallel Autonomous Processing
- **Integrated Input and Output Control . . . . .** Provides Direct Attachment of Communications, Disc, Unit Record and Console Units
- **Optional 360/370 Selection Channel. . . . .** Enables Direct Attachment of 360/370 Channel Compatible Devices
- **Industry Standard Software. . . . .** COBOL, RPG, Fortran Compilers
- **Large Disc Storage Capability. . . . .** 30MB Discs Standard, 100/200MB Optional

**First Customer Shipment—September, 1972**

# INFOREX

## Off-line Data Entry Subsystem

A cluster of keyboard and display stations for operator recording of data in machine-readable form. A central control unit holds the data in a disc buffer until checked for accuracy, then writes the records sequentially on compatible magnetic tape for manual transfer into the computer room.

- Input ..... **Operator Key Entry**
- Number of Stations ..... **One to Sixteen**
- Output ..... **Magnetic Tape**
- Usage ..... **Off-line Data Entry**



# 3675 Disc Drive

**IBM 3330 Model 11 Compatible**

**Connects to IBM 360/370 Systems Through Memorex  
3672/3673 or Equivalent Control Units**

- Spindle Rotation Rate . . . . . 3600 RPM
- Average Access Time . . . . . 27 Milli Seconds
- Pack Capacity. . . . . . . . . . . 200 Million Bytes
- Number of Tracks Per Surface.. . 808 plus 7 Alternate Tracks
- Number of Read/Write Heads.. . 19 plus Servo
- Interchangeable Disc Pack.... . IBM 3336-11 or Memorex Mark XI

**First Customer Shipment—October, 1974**

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Omitted hereinafter**