



Computer **Specifications**

CPU 80286 microprocessor, 6MHz,

8MHz, 12 MHz selectable clock speeds: real address (8086 compatible) and protected virtual address (multi-tasking or multi-

user) modes

24-bit address & 16-bit data bus

HTAM

CO-PROCESSOR 80287-8 support (option)

able (up to 8MHz)

640KB RAM on main system board RAM

(15.5MB RAM max. with memory expansion cards)

64KB, Selectable EPROM pairs

FLOPPY DISK

Supports two drives maximum with CONTROLLER

multiple formats; 5% double-density (360KB). 5% high-density (1.2MB), and 31/2" (720KB); controller installs in I/O expansion slot

HARD DISK

CONTROLLER Supportstwo drives maximum

with multiple formats, installs in

I/O expansion slot

I/O EXPANSION

Nine total: seven with 16-bit bus SLOTS and two with 8-bit bus. seven

available in base configuration Internal with volume control

SPEAKER

KEYBOARD

CLOCK/CALENDAR

64 Bytes of CMOS RAM for realtime clock, calendar, and system

> configuration with battery backup Detachable, 3 position, 101 sculpted

keys, 58 key QWERTY configura-

tion, 12 function keys. enhanced

KEYLOCKSWITCH Security keylock for cover and

keyboard

POWER SUPPLY Switching type, fan cooled, world-

wide 115/230VAC, 192W, +5Vdc, +12Vdc, -5Vdc. -12Vdc

MASS STORAGE Five half height devices maximum

5 25 half height lloppy drive; Standard 1.2MB storage capacity

5 25 half height floppy drive: Optional 1.2MB storage capacity

5.25 hall height floppy drive; Optional 360KB storage capacity

5.25 lull height hard disk drive; Optional

40MB storage capacity

INTERFACES

Centronics* compatible port Standard Standard RS-232C serial Interface port

ENVIRONMENTAL RECHIREMENTS

Temperature

41 to 104° F (5 to 40° C) Operating range

22 to 158 F (-5 to 70° C) Storage range

Humidity

10% to 80% non-condensing Operating range 10% to 90% non-condensing Storage range

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

CPU 19.6 m. Keyboard Width 19.3 I . Depth 17.4 I . 77 in Height 6.6 In. 1.8 tn. Weight 31.9 lbs. 39 lbs.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

115VAC, (+15%, -20%); 60Hz, 4A 230VAC. (±15%), 60Hz, 2.5A

OPTIONS

Monochrome Display Adapter Display Adapters

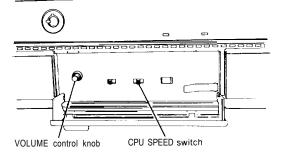
Color Graphics Adapter Multi-Mode Graphics Adapter Enhanced Graphics Adapter

Monochrome Display Monitors

(720 x 350 dots) Color Display (640 × 200 dots) Enhanced Color Display (640 x 350 or 640 x 200 dots automatically selectable)

Mass Storage 360KB 51/4" Floppy Drive 1.2MB 514" Floppy Drive

40MB Hard Disk Drive



Switch Settings

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Monitor Select

Switch Set	ting Monitor
MONO	Monochrome monitor
COLOR	Color, composite, EGA, and VGA monitors

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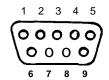
Connector Pin Assignments

Parallel Port Connector



PIN NO.	SIGNAL NAME	DIRECTION	DESCRIPTION
1	- STROBE	0	
2	DATA0	0	Printer Data Bit 0
3	DATA1	0	Printer Data Bit 1
4	DATA2	0	Printer Data Bit 2
5	DATA3	0	Printer Data Bit 3
6	DATA4	0	Printer Data Bit 4
7	DATA5	0	Printer Data Bit 5
8	DATA6	0	Printer Data Bit 6
9	DATA7	0	Printer Data Bit 7
10	- ACK	1	Acknowledge
11	+ BUSY	1	Printer Busy
12	+PE	1	End of Paper
13	+ SLCT	1	Printer Select
14	- AUTOFT	1	Auto Feed
15	ERROR	1	Printer Error
16	- INIT	I	Printer Initialize
17	-SLCTIN		Printer Select in
16	GND		Ground
19	GND		Ground
20	GND		Ground
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Serial Port Connector



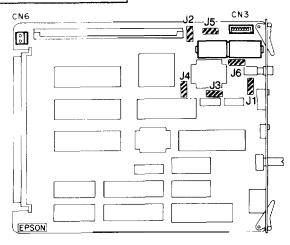
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2	RXDT	ı	Receive Data
3	TXDT	0	Transmit Data
4	DTR	Ó	Data Terminal Ready
5	SG		Signal Ground
6	DSR	}	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	0	Request to Send
8	CTS	ı	Clear to Send
9	RI	1	Ring Indicator

Keyboard Connector



Pin Number	Signal Name
1	Clock
2	Data
3	Not Connected
4	Ground
5	+5 VDC
_	Ground

Jumper Settings



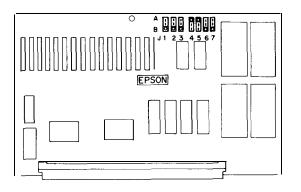
Main Circuit Board

Jumper	Function
1 2 3 4 5	
B	Prohibited * Set CPU clock (6/8/12 MHz) Prohibited Use CPU clock for NPX clock * Use 8 MHz clock for NPX clock Prohibited * 2 wait cycles for EPROM (note 1) 1 wait cycle for EPROM (note 1) 4 * 4 wait cycles (note 2) 3 wait cycles (note 2) 2 wait cycles (note 2) 1 wait cycle (note 2)

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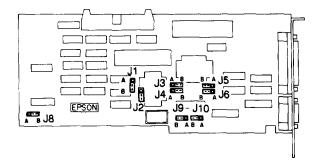
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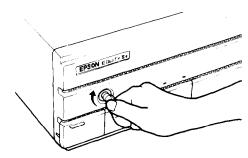
Jui	mpe	r					Function
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
A B B	A A B B	Α	АВ	A B	АВ	A B	* RAM 640KB RAM 512KB RAM 256KB RAM OKB EPROM 21728 type * EPROM 27256 type * Select ROM sockets 24A and 24B Select ROM sockets 23A and 23B

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I/O Port Addresses

Address	Function
000 – 01F	DMA Controller 1
020-03F	Interrupt Controller 1
040 - 05F	Timer/Counter
060 - 06F	Keyboard controller and Port B
070 – 07F	CMOS RAM and Non - Maskable Interrupt Mask
080 - 09F	DMA Page Register
0A0- 0BF	Interrupt Controller 2
OCO -ODI	DMA Controller 2
0E0 -OFF	Numeric Coprocessor
1F0-1F7	Hard Disk Controller - Primary
278 – 27F	Parallel Port 1
2F8 -2FF	Serial Port 1
378 – 37F	Parallel Port 0
3BC -3BF	Parallel Port 2 (on some video boards)
3Fo - 3F7	Floppy Disk Controller
3F8 - 3FF	Serial Port 0



Multifunction Board

lu	mpe	r								Function
ı	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3 3	A A B B	A A B B	А В А В	A A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	А В А	* Primary register set (AT FDC) Secondary register set (AT FDC) PC register set (FDC) Disable FDC register set * Primary parallel I/F, IRQ7 Secondary parallel I/F, IRQ5 Video adapter parallel I/F, IRQ7 Disable parallel I/F * Primary serial I/F, IRQ4 Secondary serial I/F, IRQ3 Disable serial I/F * AT compatible FDD I/F Equity III FDD I/F * Standard setting Test mode of VCO

Factory Settings

Keylock

The **keylock** on the front panel allows you to disable the keyboard and RESET button and lock the top cover of the main unit for security. The keyboard may be locked while the system is in operation. This disables the keyboard *so* no one can interfere with the current operation.

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DMA Channels

Channel	Function
0	Spare
1	Spare
2	floppy disk transfers
3	Spare (Hard disk drive)
4	Cascade of data from channel 0 - 3
5	Spare
6	Spare
7	Spare

Hardware Interrupts

CTLR1	CTLR2	FUNCTION
IRQ0 IRQ1 IRQ2 IRQ3 IRQ4 IRQ5 IRQ6 IRQ7	IRQ8 IRQ9	Timer Output 0 Keyboard Reserved Serial port 2 Serial port 1 Parallel port 2 Floppy disk interrupt Parallel port 1 RTC interrupt Reserved
		Reserved Reserved
	IRQ12	
	IRQ13 IRQ14	'
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CO-PROCESSOR

80287-E support (option) Co-processor clock speed select-

able (up to 8MHz)

RAM 640KB RAM on main system board

(15 5MB RAM max with memory

expansion cards)

ROM 64KB. Selectable EPROM pairs

FLOPPY DISK CONTROLLER

Supports two drives maximum with

multiple formats, 5¼" double-density (360KB), 5¼" high-density (12MB), and 31/2" (720KB); con-

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1.2MB storage capacity Optional 5.25 half height floppy drive;

360KB storage capacity

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Optional **INTERFACES**

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ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

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Depth	17.4 I.	7.7 In .
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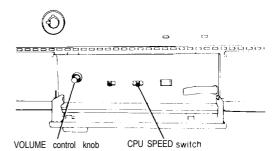
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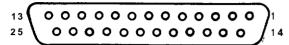
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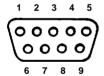
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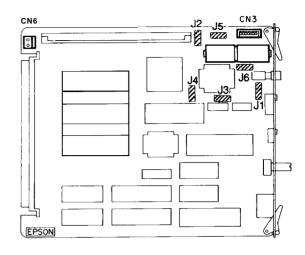
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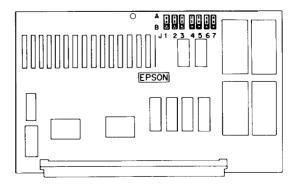
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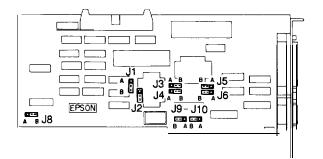
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ВА	A A B	АВ	A B	АВ	A B	* RAM 640KB RAM 512KB RAM 256KB RAM OKB EPROM 21728 type * EPROM 27256 type * Select ROM sockets 24A and 24B Select ROM sockets 23A and 23B

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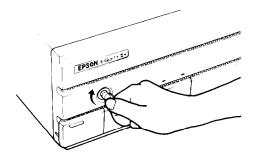
Multifunction Board

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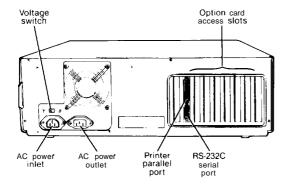
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Installation/Support Tips

Power

The Equity III+ has a power supply that is switchable between 115 V, for USA and Canadian use, and 230 V, for use in other countries. The voltage switch is located at the rear of the CPU between the AC inlet and the AC outlet (see figure below).



WARNING! The voltage is not changed between the AC inlet and the AC outlet. If the CPU is switched for 230 V in order to function in Europe, only peripherals certified for use at 230 V should be plugged into the outlet.

Installing Floppy Disk Drives

- When installing a floppy disk drive as drive B, remember to set the drive select jumper to the second position and attach the pass -through connector on the floppy drive controller cable to the drive, not the end connector.
- If the drive does not function normally, make sure that the drive type has been correctly selected in SETUP. Also check that any special drivers that may be necessary have been installed correctly.

Installing Hard Disk Drives

- It is recommended that a 16-bit AT -type hard disk controller be used in the Equity III + . If you must for some reason use an 8-bit XT-type controller, select drive type NONE in SETUP.
- If you are having difficulty in formatting the hard disk drive, try starting over with the Unconditional Format option in diagnostics.

Setup

- --- When installing an optional expanded memory board, do not list the memory under the memory expansion option in SETUP. That option is for EXTENDED memory ONLY.
- If you are installing an EGA or VGA card, select SPECIAL OPTIONS as display type in SETUP. This holds true even when you are using a color or monochrome monitor with these cards.
 - When installing a hard disk drive, be sure to consult the drive type table (on page EQIII + -7) for the drive type which fits the drive you are installing.

Third Party Option Boards

- If you find that some third party option boards do not function properly in the Equity III+ at the higher speed, try setting the CPU speed back to 6 MHz or 8 MHz.
- When installing a memory expansion option board, make sure that it is a board capable of supporting the higher bus speed (10 MHz or 12 MHz) of the Equity III+. Some boards are rated for no higher than 8 MHz.

Software Problems

- - When installing a copy- protected software package on the Equity III+, set the the CPU speed to 8 MHz. This has been found to have fewer conflicts with copy-protection. After the installation, the CPU can be switched back to the higher speed.
- - If a software package does not appear to be compatible with the Equity III+, try switching the CPU speed to 6 MHz and/or 8 MHz before giving up. Some software packages (e.g., Microsoft Chart 1.01 and Think Tank 1.001) have been found to function only at 6 MHz and 8 MHz.

Hard Disk Drive Types

ROM BIOS Version 1.02

Drive type	Cylin- ders	Heads	Write precom- pensation	Landing zone (cylinder)	Capacity (MB)
1	3Ø6	4	128	3Ø5	10
2	615	4	300	615	20
3	615	6	300	615	30
4	940	8	512	940	62
5	940	6	512	940	46
6	615	4		615	20
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	462	8 5	256	511	30
8	733	5	_	733	30
9	900	15	-	9Ø1	112
10	820	3		820	20
11	855	3 5 7		855	35
12	855	7		855	49
13	3Ø6	8	128	319	20
14	733	7	128	733	42
15				_	
16	612	4		663	20
17	977	5	300	977	4 Ø
18	977	7	_	977	56
19	1024	7	512	1023	6 Ø
20	733	5	300	732	30
21	733	7	300	732	42
22	733	4 5 7 5 7 5 4	300	733	30
23	3Ø6	4		336	10
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ROM BIOS Version 1.50 and Higher

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 43 44 45 46 47	306 615 940 940 615 462 733 900 820 855 306 977 1024 733 306 612 697 611 732 306 611 732 306 611 732 306 611 732 306 611 732 612 613 614 615 615 616 617 617 617 617 617 617 617 617 617	4 46 86485535787045775754444759888580	128 300 300 512 512 -1 256 -1 -1 -1 128 -1 -1 300 -1 512 300 305 -1 -1 300 488 0 306 300 -1 512 512 512 512	305 615 615 940 940 615 511 733 901 820 855 855 319 733 0 663 977 1023 732 732 732 733 336 663 340 670 732 977 340 663 732 1023 a29 1023 a29 1023 618	10 20 30 62 46 20 30 30 112 20 42 0 20 40 58 60 30 42 30 10 20 40 41 10 20 43 43 43 69 141 43 40 0

Product Support Bulletins

S-0004A	2/5/87	MRS-MO Board Update for the Equity III +
S-0006	3/13/87	Equity III+ HDD Initialization Procedure
S-0008	4/3/87	Equity III + Enhanced CPU Speed Selection
S-0009	4/7/87	Equity III + Configuration with 3rd Party Options
S-0010	4/7/87	EquityI+/III+Worldwide Power Selection
S-0011	6/8/87	MS-DOS 3.2 Select Command Manual Error
S-0013A	7/29/87	Equity III + ROM BIOS Upgrade for Novell
S-0016	8/25/87	ARNET - IDEA - 3COM - SRCNET Certification
S-0018	9/16/87	SCO - Fox Research - Manzana Certifications
S-0019B	12/2/87	Equity/Apex Coprocessor Selection Guide
S-0021	10/22/87	Equity III + (12 MHz) Introduction
S-0025	11/19/87	Equity III+ (12 MHz) Archive Utility
S-0026	11/19/87	Equity + Series Compatibility Certification
S-0030	12/10/87	Equity III + 10 MHz/12 MHz Differences
S-0031	12/14/87	Equity Series with Word and Serial Printers
S-0033	1/12/88	Equity II t /III t 40MB CDC HDD Information
S-0039	3/3/88	Equity Series Power Available and Consumption
s-0042	4/5/88	Equity III t Common Questions and Answers
S-0047A	6/12/89	Using Expanded Memory with Equity and Apex
S-0050	5/16/88	Equity Series With PLUS HARDCARD 20
S-0054B	5/4/89	Using Math Coprocessors with Equity and Apex
S-0061	10/12/88	Equity t Series Novell Netware Certifications
S-0062A	6/9/89	Equity Series Computers - ROM History

S-0072	3/16/89	Using ST251 and ST4095 HDDs in the Equity II +/III t
S-0073	3/17/89	Micron Technology Expanded/Extended RAM Boards
S-0080	4/19/89	Apex/Apex Plus/Equity Series Keyboards.
S-0088	7/12/89	Equity/Apex with the Sysgen OmniBridge and Bridge Feiler Drives
S-0091	8/11/89	Using High Capacity ESDI and SCSI HDDs with the Equity Series

Related Documentation

Q290A-AA		Equity III t Software Package. MS-DOS 3.2 and GW-Basic
A805011		Equity III+ Software Package MS-DOS 3.3 Upgrade
M-TM-EQIII+		Equity III t Technical Manual
M-PM-EQIII+		Equity III t Programmer's Reference Manual
M-PL-EQ3+10/12	5/24/88	Equity III t 10 and 12 MHz Parts List
Y12699112300		Equity III t (12 MHz) User's Guide
Y12699100100		Equity III t (10 MHz) User's Guide
Y12699100200		Equity III t Diagnostics Manual