

Throughout this article lowercase letters used in a FORTH definition will indicate a variable value to be entered. The following terms will be used to refer to the various formats a FORTH disc may have.

90 SCRIN or SSSD - the original 90 screen single sided
single density format
180 SCRIN - either a SSDD or DSSD disk when
comment applies to both
360 SCRIN OR DSDD - a double sided double density disk
SSDD - a single sided double density disk
DSSD - a double sided single density disk

The first step is to use Disk Manager to format (initialize) a 180 or 360 SCRIN disk. Next, you must copy FORTH from the 90 SCRIN disk to the new 180 or 360 SCRIN disk. The disk copy feature of CorComp's Disk Manager will do this properly for you. If you have two drives, the FORTH-COPY word in the -COPY screens will also do it properly (do 0 DISK_LO ! first). However, if you are using TI's disk Manager II, after copying the three files you must use FORTH to copy screens 1 to 9 because Disk Manager II puts them in the wrong place! To do this, enter the following for each of the nine screens.

n BLOCK UPDATE (where n is the screen number to be read
from old disc)
FLUSH (after inserting the new disk - note: up
to five screens may be entered at a time)

Now edit screen 3 of your new disc and add the following commands:

x DISK_SIZE ! (where x = 180 or 360 as appropriate)
y DISK_HI ! (where y = x times 1, 2, 3, or 4 depending
on the number of drives you have)

Unfortunately, TI FORTH does not provide a method for configuring each drive individually. Therefore, the user must be cognizant of which screens are available on each drive when there are differences between them.

At this point, FORTH can be booted and it will recognize the full capacity of your 180 or 360 SCRIN disc. You can create, edit, list, and load from screens greater than 89. However, neither Disk Manager nor FORTH-COPY will recognize this disk as having more than 90 screens. To fix this problem you must modify the -COPY SCREENS (39 and 40), the disk header (sector 0) and, the SYS-SCRNS file header (sector 4).

First edit screen 39. Change the value 90, which appears once in DTEST and twice in FORTH-COPY to 180 or 360 as appropriate. Next, edit screen 40 as follows:

Line 3 - change 168 to 2D0 for 180 SCRIN or 5A0 for 360 SCRIN

Line 4 - change 944 to 1244 for SSDD or DSDD (no change for
DSSD)

Line 5 - replace entire line with:
DUP 10 + 2028 SWAP ! DUP 12 + a SWAP ! DUP 14 + 24
0 FILL where a = 0201 for DSSD, 0102 for SSDD, or
0202 for DSDD

Line 10 - CHANGE 165 to 2CD for 180 SCRΝ, or 59D for 360 SCRΝ

Line 13 - change 4016 to C02C for 180 SCRΝ, or C059 for 360
SCRΝ

Next edit screen 33 to modify the FORMAT - DISK word to:

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: FORMAT-DISK 1 + a 33616 ! 18 SYSTEM ;  
where a = 258 for DSSD, 513 FOR SSDD, 514 for DSDD
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Finally, you need to create a word that will modify the header sectors on your new disk. This word only needs to be executed once since copies of this disk, once it's modified, will not require modification. Here is the way to do it:

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HEX 0 DISK_LO !           (removes disk fence)  
: DD-FORTH 0 BLOCK UPDATE (read screen 0 and mark as  
                           updated)  
  DUP A + a SWAP !       (a = 2D0 for 180 SCRΝ, 5A0 for  
                           360 SCRΝ)  
  DUP C + b SWAP !       (b = 944 for DSSD, 1244 for SSDD  
                           or DSDD)  
  DUP 10 + c SWAP !      (c = 2028 for all versions)  
  DUP 12 + d SWAP !      (d = 201 on DSSD, 102 on SSDD,  
                           202 on DSDD)  
    38 + C8 FF FILL      (flag all sectors as in use)  
    1 BLOCK UPDATE      (read screen 1 and mark as  
                           updated )  
  DUP E + f SWAP !      (f=2A0 for 180 SCRΝ, 570 for  
                           360 SCRΝ)  
  DUP 1C + g SWAP !     (g=4D20 for 180 or 360 SCRΝ  
                           versions)  
  DUP 1E + h SWAP !     (h= 2805 for 180 SCRΝ, 5205 for  
                           360 SCRΝ)  
    20 + i SWAP !      (i=F029 for 180 SCRΝ, F059 for  
                           360 SCRΝ)  
  FLUSH ;                (write modified screens to disk)  
  DECIMAL DD-FORTH      (press the Enter key and execute  
                           it!)
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Now your new high capacity copy of FORTH is fully compatible with Disk Manager, the FORTH format, copy, test, and header words and your double density and/or double sided disk drives and controller. Enjoy!

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Customer Service

"...an attention getter"

The importance of the Customer Service Department to a manufacturer can be compared to the spinal column in the human body. Like the spinal column the Customer Service Department houses the central nervous system to the marketplace and responds to the demands of the consumer. As the messages of the nervous system are sent to the brain, so are the needs and interest of our customers sent to our technical and marketing departments.

I used this analogy to illustrate the importance that we at CorComp place on customer service.

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Most of you know me as the familiar voice ..."Hello, this is Don. May I help you?" I want to use this time and space to share some of the patterns I have seen appear in the use of our 9900 Disk Controller Card and RS232 Card.

Since the RS232 Card was one of our original products, let's deal with it first. There are still some of the intermediate versions of our cards that are not compatible with certain Gemini and Epson printers. This problem has been solved through the programming of a PROM. If you happen to have purchased a card with this incompatibility, please call and we will give you the necessary information and send you a new PROM.

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