General System Information

The General System Information module provides an overview of the hardware installed in the system.   The following list describes the information provided.

CPU Type - The type of the processor in the system.

Math Coprocessor Status - Determines whether a Math Coprocessor is present in the system.

BIOS Date - The date embedded in the ROM-BIOS of the system.   Each BIOS revision has a different date.   Knowing the date of your BIOS can assist in defining exactly which BIOS version your system uses.

Keyboard Type - The type of the keyboard as installed during the Windows Setup. If this information differs from the type actually connected it woule be wise to reinstall Windows selecting the correct keyboard type.

Number of Serial Ports - The number of serial ports recognized in the system.   In addition the base addresses of the serial ports is provided.   It is occasionally necessary to specify the base port of a desired serial port when installing certain communications and mouse software.

Number of Parallel Ports - The number of parallel ports recognized in the system. In addition the base address of each parallel port is provided.   Parallel ports are also known as printer ports.

Number of Floppy Drives - The number and kind of floppy drives installed in the system.   If this information differs from the actual installation, it is important that the system's Setup program be run to correct the assignment.   Incorrect floppy drive type assignment can result in inconsistent drive performance and reliability.

Number of Hard Disks - The number and type of hard disks installed in the system. The type numbers are NOT standardized therefore each BIOS makers type numbers can mean vastly different things.   Consult your hardware manual to determine the actual specification for the selected drive type.