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TRANTOR T130 SCSI HOST ADAPTER

HARDWARE INSTALLATION GUIDE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This guide describes the installation and operation of the Trantor T130 SCSI host adapter card (hereafter referred to as "host adapter") for the IBM PC/XT/AT, 80386/80486 and other compatible computer systems.

1.1 Hardware

Your Trantor SCSI (Small Computer System Interface) host adapter has been designed to provide high-performance control of virtually any SCSI device. Some of the important features include:

- . Standardised SCSI interface, permitting the use of most SCSI devices.
- . Both internal and external connectors, for use with SCSI interface pinouts for ease of cabling (see below for details).
- . Supports I/O-mapped data transfer at any one of 4 addresses, BIOS ROM mapping at any one of 4 addresses (plus disable) and zero-wait-state operation for high-speed performance.

1.2 Checklist

you should have received the following items in your Trantor host adapter kit:

- * T130 SCSI host adapter card
- * Software distribution diskette(s)
- * Hardware Installation Guide (this document)
- * User Guide for the included software
- * Product Registration card

If you find that anything is missing, please contact your dealer immediately.

1.3 Software Overview.

The distribution diskette with your host adapter contains a number of files of interest. These are fully described in the software User Guide,

but there is one file to be aware of when installing the hardware:

READ.ME

A text file which may be included, containing up-to-date information since this guide was printed. It is important that you look for this file and, if it exists, read it carefully.

2.0 HARDWARE INSTALLATION

The Trantor T130 SCSI host adapter will fit into any available adapter slot in your computer. If you plan to use internally-mounted SCSI devices, we recommend installing the T130 in a slot near the drive mounting locations.

Before beginning installation, please read through this procedure thoroughly. Also review your computer system's manual for the procedures covering adapter card installation and cover removal and replacement. Have the appropriate hand tools available so that you can remove your computer's cover and install the card.

1. Before proceeding turn off and unplug your computer to avoid the risk of dangerous electrical shock or damage to your equipment.
2. Remove your computer systems's cover .This is typically done by removing 5 or 6 screws at the rear of the system, then sliding the cover FORWARD and off. Refer to your computer manufacturer's user manual for details if you're unsure of this procedure.
3. Check the switch and jumper settings on your card, as required. For most installations, the factory default settings should be correct, but see section 3 for set-up details.
4. Choose available expansion slot for installation of the host adapter. The card may normally be used in any available 8-bit or 16 bit slot, but on some IBM XT computers, slot #8 may not allow the host adapter to function properly. When choosing a slot keep in mind that a SCSI devices that you wish to use. Therefore it's usually a good idea to put the host adapter in a slot nearest these devices, to make sure the cable will reach and to minimise clutter. Its also a good idea to put the host adapter into an 8 bit slot (if available) on an AT-type or 80386/80486 computer to avoid tying up one of the 16 bit slot

which may be needed by other devices

5. If you require the appropriate SCSI interface cable (either internal or external) to connect the host adapter card to your SCSI device, contact your dealer for assistance. If you plan to use the host adapter with internally mounted SCSI devices connect your SCSI interface ribbon cable to the Host Adapter's internal connector (on the top edge of the card) Note that the cable may be hooked up one of two ways: make sure that line 1 of the cable is oriented towards the Pin 1 end of the J2 connector (Pin 1 is at the lower left corner of the T130 connector) The number "1" is silk screened on the board adjacent to Pin 1. Normally line 1 of the cable should have a coloured stripe for easy identification.

6. Remove the blank back-cover plate at the chosen slot position and save the bracket screw (You'll need it in a moment).
Carefully insert the host adapter card into the slot and align the edge connector on the card with the connector in the computer. Apply firm downward pressure on the card as you insert it in the slot, being careful to avoid bending the card or jamming it on any nearby protusions in the chassis Re-use the screw removed with the blank cover plate to fasten the host adapter securely into place. **UNLESS THE EDGE CONNECTOR ON THE CARD IS PROPERLY INSERTED INTO THE CONNECTOR IN THE COMPUTER IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEITHER THE CARD NOR THE COMPUTER WILL WORK PROPERLY**(and may even suffer damage). Double-check your work carefully!
If you installed an internal-device ribbon cable SCSI devices (step 5) make sure that the cable does not rub against any sharp points on adjacently-mounted cards in your computer and that it is positioned so that it will not snag your computer's top cover when it is slid back into place.

7. If you plan to connect more than one SCSI DEVICE to your adapter card simultaneously, make sure that the each devices "address" (device number) is different (between 0 and 7, a bootable devices must be set to address 0.1 or 2) This is essential to prevent conflicts when the host adapter communicates with the devices. Also note on the SCSI connector of each device, which end of the connector is the "pin 1" end. Most SCSI devices

have a 50 - pin connector, and it is possible to connect a cable backwards if you don't identify the correct end. The device(S) should have a label on the circuit board near the connector indicating either the pin-1 end or the pin-50 end; consult the device's manual if you can't identify the correct end yourself. The cable which connects the device(s) to the host adapter card should have a coloured stripe on one side; the stripe indicates pin 1 of the cable.

8. If you are using an externally-mounted SCSI device, connect your SCSI interface cable to the 25-pin connector at the rear of the host adapter card. Be careful to avoid connecting the SCSI cable to one of the parallel printer ports on the back of the computer. These use the same type of connector, and are easily confused. Conversely, never plug a parallel printer (or other parallel device) into a host adapter.
9. If you are using an internally-mounted SCSI device, install it into an available drive bay per manufacturer's instructions. Connect the power and SCSI interface cables, being careful to route both cables around any sharp edges or protrusions, and keeping the cables out of the way of the cover.
10. This completes the hardware installation of your SCSI subsystem. Once the host adapter is properly installed, replace the computer's cover and plug the computer in.
11. Proceed with software installation, hard disk partitioning/formatting (if applicable) and system checkout, following the instructions in your software User Guide.

3.0 SWITCH AND JUMPER SETTINGS

Although the default settings will work in most installations, you may find it necessary to change the factory switch and jumper settings of your T130 SCSI Host Adapter. These switches and jumpers set the card address, interrupt channel and other functions.

Note however that you should only change the settings on the card if you absolutely understand what you are doing. The following information is not intended for, and is not written for, novice users. In some cases, changing the settings on the card also necessitates changing the settings in the software.

In the following instructions, switch blocks and jumper blocks are mentioned. The default position for all switches on the T130 is OFF.

Summary of Switch Settings:

The various switches (1-8) are assigned as follows, and are detailed below:

- SW 1 I/O address 1
- SW 2 I/O address 2
- SW 3 ROM address 1
- SW 4 ROM address 2
- SW 5 ROM address 3
- SW 6 BIOS ROM disable
- SW 7 RESERVED
- SW 8 RESERVED

Card Address (SW1/SW2):

The T130 will work at one of four I/O addresses. Switches 1 and 2 select this address.

| I/O Address | SW 1 | SW 2 |
|-------------|------|------|
| 350h | OFF | OFF |
| 340h | OFF | ON |
| 250h | ON | OFF |
| 240h | ON | ON |

Note; the T130 uses a single 8k address range beginning at the address selected by the switches.

BIOS ROM Address (SW3/SW4/SW5):

The T130 BIOS ROM will work at one of four addresses. Switches 3, 4 and 5 select this address.

| ROM Address | SW 3 | SW 4 | SW5 |
|-------------|------|------|-----|
| Disabled | OFF | OFF | OFF |
| CA000h | OFF | OFF | ON |
| CE000h | OFF | ON | OFF |
| DA000h | OFF | ON | ON |
| DE000h | ON | OFF | OFF |
| RESERVED | ON | OFF | ON |
| RESERVED | ON | ON | OFF |
| RESERVED | ON | ON | ON |

Note; the T130's ROM uses a single 8k address range beginning at the address selected by the switches.

BIOS ROM Boot Disable (SW6):

If you wish to disable the T130's ability to boot from a device at SCSI address 0,1 or 2, set this switch to the on position.

| | |
|----------|-----|
| Boot ROM | SW6 |
| Enabled | OFF |
| Disabled | ON |

Reserved Switches:

Switches 7 and 8 are reserved and should remain in the off position at all times.

Zero Wait-State Operation (JP2):

The T130 may be configured to operate with zero wait-states if Jumper JP2 is in place (the default setting). Using zero wait-states permits significantly faster operation of SCSI hard disk or other fast drives, but should only be enabled for AT or faster computers. For proper operation in an XT class computer, leave this Jumper off. "Zero Wait-State" does not refer to the zero wait-state memory in your computer; rather, it refers to the speed of the bus itself. Do not put this Jumper in place if you suspect that there are problems with the operation of the host adapter until you are sure that the zero wait-state operation is functioning correctly.

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Zero Wait-State Operation | JP2 |
| Enabled | ON |
| Disabled | OFF |

Jumper Block JP3:

This Jumper block is used for optional interrupt selection - interrupts are not used by Trantor software, therefore the Jumper included with the T130 is set for 'No Interrupt' setting. If required by other software, Interrupts 3,5 and 7 are available via jumper settings on Jumper Block JP3 as follows:

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| IRQ3 | Pin (2) | Y | (4) | N | (6) | N |
| | Pin (1) | Y | (3) | N | (5) | N |

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| IRQ5 | Pin (2) | N | (4) | Y | (6) | N |
| | Pin (1) | N | (3) | Y | (5) | N |

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| IRQ7 | Pin (2) | N | (4) | N | (6) | Y |
| | Pin (1) | N | (3) | N | (5) | Y |

No

Interrupt Pin (2) Y (4) Y (6) N
Pin (1) N (3) N (5) N

or Pin (2) N (4) N (6) N
Pin (1) N (3) N (5) N

Jumper Block JP4:

JP4 is used for connecting a hard disk LED activity light. Typically this LED is present on the front panel of your computer's case. Simply connect the appropriate wire from your computer to this location. The top two pins should be used if your computer has a 2-wire connector.