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### **Auto-Test for IBM 1401: Specifications and Operating Procedures**

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## INTRODUCTION

Auto-Test is a testing program for the IBM 1401 Data Processing System. It effectively uses the power of the 1401 system to aid in the testing of Autocoder, SPS, and FARGO programs. Auto-Test provides the ability to stack programs and produce documentation to evaluate the tested programs. Coupled with the ability to generate operating instructions and automatically print core storage and tapes, the Auto-Test program provides the following features which may be selected by the user:

1. Tape File Generator
2. RAMAC File Generator
3. Automatic Patching — The ability to automatically correct the object program without reassembling or manually calculating patching addresses.
4. RAMAC File Trace — Data which is read or written in the disk file during the execution of the object program will be traced and printed.
5. Snapshot core prints may be obtained during the execution of the object program.
6. An 80-80 listing, identified by program, may be obtained for all punched output.

These features of the Auto-Test program may be used in any desired combination as tools for obtaining efficient and successful testing of 1401 programs. The program can handle only program input from cards and cannot be run on the 1410.

## MACHINE REQUIREMENTS

The Auto-Test program can test programs for IBM 1401 systems if the test machine has at least:

1. 4,000 positions of core storage.
2. One IBM 729 II, 729 IV, 729 V or 7330 Magnetic Tape Unit.  
Two tape units are required if RAMAC File Trace and/or Snapshot features are utilized.
3. IBM 1403 Printer, model 2.
4. IBM 1402 Card Read Punch.
5. Advanced Programming feature.
6. High-Low-Equal Compare feature.
7. Sense Switches.

## AUTO-TEST CONSIDERATIONS

A minimum amount of core storage is required to use the Auto-Test program, and linkages need not be assembled in the object program to be tested. One control card is required for each card or RAMAC program to be tested. Two control cards are required for each object program which uses tape for input/output or uses the optional RAMAC and/or Snapshot Print features provided in the Auto-Test program.

### Core Storage Considerations

Core storage within the 1401 may be thought of as being divided into two sections, one used by the object program under test, and one available to Auto-Test for the necessary linkages, patch area and trace routines. The area of core storage that is available to Auto-Test for these three routines must be one consecutive block of core. This single area will be referred to as the Auto-Test storage area.

1. Auto-Test requires a minimum of 55 positions of core storage. To this must be added 12 positions for each last-card test in the object program. However, the first two last-card tests are included within the basic 55 storage positions. For example, a program with three last-card tests would need 55 positions plus 12 for the third last-card test or a total of 67 positions of core storage.
2. If the programmer should decide to use the RAMAC File Trace feature of Auto-Test, 122 positions of core storage would have to be added to the Auto-Test storage area. See "RAMAC File Trace," page 36, for detailed information.
3. The Snapshot Print, when used, requires additional core storage in the Auto-Test storage area. This snapshot, which stores a picture of core on the tape and prints it out at the end of the test, requires 278 positions of core storage in addition to the basic 55 positions required by the monitor.
4. The Patch feature of Auto-Test is a very simple way of making corrections to an object program. However, the amount of core storage available for automatic patching is limited by the amount of core storage that remains in the Auto-Test storage area after the linkages and selected routines have been loaded.
5. Normally, the Auto-Test storage area is located in the high positions of core storage. The core storage remaining from the highest core storage position used by the object program to the upper limit of core storage on the test machine will automatically become the Auto-Test storage area. For example, if the highest core position used by the object program on the test machine is 2350, the core storage positions between 2351 and 3999, 7999, 11999, or 15999 will be used as the Auto-Test storage area. The programmer may elect to relocate the Auto-Test storage area. If the area is relocated, the area limits of core storage available must be specified. Assume that 100 positions of core storage are available between 2501 and 2600. The low (2501)

and the high (2600) positions must be specified. The core storage positions between these limits will automatically become the Auto-Test storage area.

Note: The card read area and print area must not be specified as part of a relocated Auto-Test storage area.

### Tape Drive Considerations

The Auto-Test program is contained on a systems tape. It always occupies one tape drive, and that drive must be specified as drive 6. Any instruction which refers to tape drive number 6 in the object program will be automatically changed to a NOP instruction.

### Miscellaneous Considerations

1. Programs that utilize the Punch-Feed-Read feature of the 1401 cannot be tested with Auto-Test.
2. Programs that contain a word separator character (0-5-8) as a constant cannot be tested. These characters will cause a machine process error during the loading phase of Auto-Test.
3. Programs that contain a last-card test (B xxx A) as part of an execute routine (within the EX routine) cannot be tested unless they have been properly modified. (See "Testing Hints," page 48, paragraph 3.)
4. An SPS condensed object program cannot be tested.
5. Those programs that do not have the minimum amount of core storage available as specified above cannot be tested. Note: The read area and print area must not be specified as part of a relocated Auto-Test storage area.
6. When testing patched FARGO programs, it must be realized that Auto-Test automatically inserts a 29-position program linkage into core storage positions 333-361. Therefore, the FARGO-generated program being tested by Auto-Test begins loading into storage position 362, instead of the normal location of 333. In order for patched FARGO programs which have been tested with Auto-Test to be run independent of Auto-Test, it will be necessary to insert a constant control card, punched C29000 in columns 1-6, in front of all other constant control cards.

### Auto-Test Forms

The forms in Figures 1, 2 and 3 are shown at this point to familiarize the reader with them. They will be discussed in subsequent sections.





<b>IBM</b> 1401		<b>AUTO-TEST</b>						<b>AUTOCODER</b>																										
TESTS SPS AND AUTOCODER ASSEMBLED CARD, TAPE, AND RAMAC PROGRAMS INTERMIXED WITH FARGO PROGRAMS																																		
PROGRAM _____		<b>CONTROL CARD AND PATCH CARD CODING SHEET</b>						TEST PASS NUMBER		DATE																								
CODED BY _____												1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10																						
PROGRAM CONTROL CARD																																		
S. A. F.	NON-RELOCATE					LOG. IN C.C.	ADDRESS OF FINAL HALT INSTRUCTION					SENSE SWITCHES ON - PUNCH B THRU G										PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION										AUTOCODER IDENTIFICATION		
	HIGH CORE		BLANK RELOCATE																															
FROM		TO					B		C		D		E		F		G																	
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 33 34 35 36 37		38 39 40 41		42 43 44 45 46 47		48 49 50 51		52 53 54 55 56 57		58 59 60 61		62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71		72 73 74 75		76 77 78 79 80									
*																																		
TAPE CONTROL CARD																																		
TAPE UNIT 1 (%U1)					TAPE UNIT 2 (%U2)					TAPE UNIT 3 (%U3)					TAPE UNIT 4 (%U4)					TAPE UNIT 5 (%U5)					RESERVED		AUTOCODER IDENTIFICATION							
R W C T		P S		M A R K S	S Y M B O L I C T A P E L A B E L		R W C T		P S		M A R K S	S Y M B O L I C T A P E L A B E L		R W C T		P S		M A R K S	S Y M B O L I C T A P E L A B E L		R W C T		P S						M A R K S	S Y M B O L I C T A P E L A B E L				
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 33		34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43		44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57		58 59 60 61		62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71		72 73 74 75		76 77 78 79 80													
*																																		
PATCH CARDS — File ahead of the END or EXECUTE card in object program deck																																		
P A C E	L I N E	L A B E L	O P E R A T I O N								O P E R A N D										R E S.	A. D. R.	P A T C H P O I N T A D D R E S S	N O. O F P O S.	O P.	P A T C H I N S T R U C T I O N							A U T O C O D E R I D E N T I F I C A T I O N	
			(A) O P E R A N D		(B) O P E R A N D					d	O P E R A N D																							
1 2 3 4 5 6		15 16 20 21 25 30 35 40 45 50 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61								62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80																								
*																																		

Figure 2. Autocoder Control Card and Patch Card Coding Sheet



## AUTO-TEST SPECIFICATIONS

### Setup Instructions

Auto-Test will accept (1) SPS-assembled programs in uncondensed form, (2) Autocoder-assembled programs, and (3) FARGO programs and control cards. These programs may be stacked in any sequence for testing.

1. The first thing a programmer must do is to decide whether the object program can be tested (see "Auto-Test Considerations," page 7). Secondly, if it can be tested, the programmer should decide whether the Auto-Test storage area needs to be relocated.
2. The first card of each program must be an Auto-Test program control card. This card may be followed by the optional instruction card and the console status card.
3. If the program to be tested utilizes tape, or is a RAMAC program which will use the RAMAC File Trace feature, or is a program which will use the Snapshot feature, a tape control card must be included.
4. Instructions for punching Auto-Test control cards may be found under "Control Card Formats," page 13. The control card coding sheet is an aid in filling out these cards.
5. If it is desired to create tapes for input to a program, or to create a RAMAC file, the Tape and RAMAC File Generation Data Sheet should be used. Instructions for filling out these sheets may be found under "Tape File Generation," page 18, and "RAMAC File Generation," page 20.
6. The last input card of each program to be tested must contain a 12-8-4 ( $\square$  lozenge) punch. This punch may be placed in any column desired. It is used as a substitution for the last-card test in the object program. If the program does not use cards as input, and therefore would not contain a last-card test instruction, this Auto-Test requirement may be ignored.
7. Each program must contain the normal clear storage, bootstrap and END cards. The Autocoder assembly creates two cards after each execute (EX) instruction. These two cards must not be removed from the object program.
8. A last-card test must be given prior to a Start Read Feed or Start Punch Feed command if the program under test is utilizing this feature. (This last-card test may be patched by using the automatic patching feature of the Auto-Test program.)
9. If the programmer decides to relocate the Auto-Test storage area he must not include the card read area or the print area within this Auto-Test storage area.

Exhibits showing the sequence of control cards, file generation control cards, object programs, input cards, etc., are contained in the appendix.

## Control Card Formats

### PROGRAM CONTROL CARD

Each program to be tested must have a program control card (Figure 4).

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11-8-4 (* asterisk)
2	S — if the program is assembled in SPS single instruction per card A — if the program is assembled in Autocoder F — if this is a FARGO program
3-7	Punch the address of either (a) the highest position of core storage that the object program uses, if the Auto-Test storage area is not to be relocated, or (b) the low limit or beginning point in core for the Auto-Test storage area if this area is to be relocated.
8-12	Either (a) leave blank if the Auto-Test storage area is not to be relocated, or (b) punch the address of the high limit or ending point in core for the Auto-Test storage area if this area is to be relocated.
13-14	Punch the number of the card column in which the lozenge appears in the last data card. If the program under test does not read cards as input, it will not contain a last-card test. Therefore, these two columns may be left blank.
15-19	Punch the core storage address of the final end-of-job halt in the object program. (Note: This is the address of the OP code of the halt instruction.) If these card columns are blank, or if the final halt is a one-position instruction, linkage to Auto-Test will have to be effected through the console at the Auto-Test restart point.
20-25	Punch the B through G alphabetic punches in the proper columns to indicate the sense switches that must be on during the test. Leave blank for off.
26-75	Punch the programmer's identification for the program. Example: Payroll Register — The Smith Company.
76-80	The five-character identification as used in the source program.

Note: The addresses requested in this card may be specified by using a four-position address, left-justified in the field, or a five-position address. Three-position addresses must not be used. (Example: 3529 or 03529 may be used; E29 must not be used.)

When specifying FARGO programs on the program control card, it is only necessary to punch an 11-8-4 (\*) in column 1, an F in column 2, and the program identification in columns 26-80. The FARGO data cards must be followed by two special cards, the first with a 12-8-4 in column 1 and the second with B333 in columns 1-4.

PROGRAM CONTROL CARD																																																	
S. A. F.	NON-RELOCATE								H LOC. IN C.C.	ADDRESS OF FINAL HALT. INSTRUCTION	SENSE SWITCHES ON - PUNCH B THRU G								PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION																AUTOCODER IDENTI- FICATION														
	HIGH CORE				BLANK						RELOCATE								B	C	D	E	F	G																	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
	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	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
																		B	C	D	E	F	G																										
*																																																	

Figure 4. Auto-Test Program Control Card Layout

### TAPE CONTROL CARD

One tape control card (Figure 5) must be punched for each object program that utilizes tape for either input or output, or for a program that uses the Snapshot or RAMAC File Trace features of Auto-Test. File this single card as illustrated in the appendix. This card is divided into five sections of 14 columns each, one section for each possible tape drive on line. (This excludes drive 6, which is always the Auto-Test systems tape drive.) The fields in this card are punched according to the corresponding tape drives used in the object program. For example, if tape drives 1 and 5 are used in the object program, those sections labeled Tape Unit 1 (%U1) and Tape Unit 5 (%U5) must be punched.

### TAPE CONTROL CARD

TAPE UNIT 1 (%U1)																					TAPE UN				TAPE UNIT 5 (%U5)														AUTOCODER IDENTI- FICATION			
R W C T	P R I N T	S A V E	M A R K S	SYMBOLIC TAPE LABEL													R W C T	P R I N T	S A V E	M A R K S	SYMBOLIC TAPE LABEL													RESERVED								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	
%																																										

Figure 5. Auto-Test Tape Control Card Layout

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	0-8-4 (% percent)
2	R — if this tape will be read as input (e. g., Precreated Master File) W — if this tape will be written as output C — if the Auto-Test program will create this tape or any portion thereof using the Tape File Generator feature T — if this drive has been specified for the RAMAC File Trace and/or Snapshot Print feature Blank — if the drive is not being used for this test.
3	P — to print out this tape at the end of the test Blank — if this tape is not to be printed
4	S — to save this tape after the program test Blank — do not save this tape
5	1 through 9 — to indicate the number of tape marks that will be found on this tape if it has been properly created. Note: Each tape should always end with a tape mark.
6-15	Symbolic identification for this tape. Example: PAYMASTER.
16-71	These columns are a duplication of columns 2-15 above for each tape unit that is used by the object program (maximum of five tape units)
72-75	Blank
76-80	The five-character identification as used in the source program

### Optional Cards

#### INSTRUCTION CARDS

This feature allows the programmer to insert special instructions, for example, MOUNT THE DETAIL TAPE ON THE 1011 PAPER TAPE READER. The presence of these cards will cause the machine to halt so that the operator may perform the necessary instructions. Any number of instruction (I) cards may be used for a given program test. The special instructions will be printed at the same time as the machine-generated instructions. (See "Operator Instruction Generation," page 17.)

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	"I" (the letter I)
2-80	Instructions that the programmer wishes to be printed

## CONSOLE STATUS CARD

This optional unpunched card may be placed in sequence immediately after the program control card. If used, it is selected to the 8/2 stacker for ready availability. This card is used to record the status of the console in case of a program process error; the back of this card space is used to list any halts that might occur during the testing of a program and the action to be taken at the time. This card must not contain any punches. (See appendix for example of the console status card.)

## Automatic Modification to the Object Program Being Tested

There is no need to make changes of any type to an object program, or to assemble it in any special way, to be able to test with Auto-Test except when using the optional RAMAC File Trace feature.

While Auto-Test loads the object program into core, it makes certain changes automatically to the program. These changes will appear on the core storage printout. These modifications are:

1. All tape unload commands are changed to rewinds. Tape units are unloaded only under Auto-Test control when necessary.
2. Every reference to tape 6, in the object program under test, will be NOP'd. Tape 6 is the Auto-Test systems tape.
3. Each last-card test (B xxx A) command is changed to an unconditional branch to the Auto-Test storage area where the command is re-created as an eight-position test for the 12-8-4 (lozenge) punch in the last data card. This area is located just beyond the highest position core specified in columns 3-7 of the program control card.
4. The SPS and Autocoder rules for using an EX command specify that the last instruction of this execute structure must be a read card and branch back to loading. These commands are modified to create an unconditional branch to the Auto-Test load monitor so that the Auto-Test program may continue loading the object program. Note: The command format must be a Read and Branch, not a Read command followed by a Branch command (1056, not 1B056).
5. If the final halt in the object program is a four- or seven-position instruction, it will be changed to a branch to the Auto-Test restart monitor so that no halt will occur, and testing will continue without manual intervention into the storage print phase. If it is a one-position final halt, no change can be made and the program will halt. This will necessitate a manual console restart to return to the Auto-Test program.



## AUTO-TEST FEATURES

Auto-Test will automatically generate complete operating instructions and core storage prints for every object program. In addition to these automatic functions, the user may specify any combination of the optional features provided by Auto-Test to obtain an efficient and thoroughly documented test of all object programs.

### Operator Instruction Generation

The Auto-Test program will automatically generate any necessary operator instructions to properly test a card, tape or RAMAC program. These instructions are generated by a comparison of the status of the machine during the previous test with the requirements of the program about to be tested. The instructions will be printed on the printer.

Examples of typical generated instructions are shown in Figure 6.

```
INSTRUCTIONS
SET ADDRESS DIALS TO 00101--RESTART POINT
SET SENSE SWITCHES ALL OFF EXCEPT A
SET SENSE SWITCHES B D F ON
CHANGE TAPE DRIVE DIAL SETTING FROM 3 TO 1
REMOVE PAY MASTER TAPE FROM UNIT 5
REMOVE SCRATCH TAPE FROM UNIT 1
MOUNT ALLOCATED TAPE ON UNIT 1
MOUNT SCRATCH TAPE ON UNIT 5
DEPRESS START
```

Figure 6. Typical Generated Instructions

Instructions should be executed consecutively beginning with the top instruction. If no operator intervention is necessary between program tests, the following message will print on the 1403:

INSTRUCTIONS

NONE

The 1401 will not halt between program tests unless some operator intervention is necessary.

## Tape File Generation

The Auto-Test Tape File Generator provides for the creation of tape files prior to the test of each individual program. The tape files can be created with header and trailer labels. The data tape records may be created with or without wordmarks in blocked or unblocked, fixed or variable length format. Maximum record length that can be created is 2,000 for a 4K machine, and 6,000, 10,000, 14,000 for 8, 12, and 16K machines respectively. To generate tape files, two types of cards are necessary, as illustrated in Figure 3.

### TAPE FILE GENERATION CONTROL CARD

A tape file generation control card (Figure 7) is required for each file to be created, and has the following format:

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-2	Page number
3-4	Line Number
5-10	TFGCTL
11	Tape unit number on which the file is to be created
12	Blank
13-80	Tape File Description

FILE GENERATION CONTROL CARD																																																												
L I N E	IDENTIFICATION		T	R	COLUMN 11 = TAPE UNIT NUMBER ON WHICH TAPE DATA IS TO BE GENERATED.																																	COLUMN 12 = RAMAC RECORD 1 = SINGLE SECT 2 = FULL TRAC																						
	T = TAPE FILE	U N I T #			FILE DESCRIPTION																																																							
	R = RAMAC FILE	S I Z E																																																										
GENERATION CONTROL																																																												
0	0	T	F	G	C	T	L	1	T	A	P	E		F	I	L	E		N	A	M	E		I	S		E	N	T	E	R	E	D		H	E	R	E		F	O	R		I	D	E	N	T	I	F	I	C	A	T	I	O	N			

Figure 7. File Generation Control Card Layout

### TAPE RECORD DATA CARD

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-2	Page number
3-4	Line number
5-6	WT — Write tape record RM — Record mark



For an example of a blocked record punched continuously in data cards, see Figure 9.

For an example of a blocked record punched in separate data cards by records, see Figure 10.

LINE	TAPE CTL.	BLANK	TAPE CONTROL COLUMNS 5-6	WT = WRITE TAPE RECORD RM = RECORD MARK TM = WRITE TAPE MARK	TAPE RECORD DATA CARDS	
3	4	5	6	11		
0 1	WT		RECORD NUMBER 1*	RECORD NUMBER 2*	RECORD NUMBER 3*	RECORD NUMBER 4**
0 2						

Figure 9. Tape Record Data Cards — Blocked Record Continuously Punched

LINE	TAPE CTL.	BLANK	TAPE CONTROL COLUMNS 5-6	WT = WRITE TAPE RECORD RM = RECORD MARK TM = WRITE TAPE MARK	TAPE RECORD DATA CARDS
3	4	5	6	11	
0 1	RM		RECORD NUMBER 1*		
0 2	RM		RECORD NUMBER 2*		
0 3	RM		RECORD NUMBER 3*		
0 4	WT		RECORD NUMBER 4**		

Figure 10. Tape Record Data Cards — Blocked Record Separately Punched

## RAMAC File Generation

The Auto-Test RAMAC File Generator provides for the creation of the disk file records prior to the test of each individual program. The file records are written in the MOVE mode only. The record size may be single sector and/or full track. If a tape drive number is specified for the RAMAC Trace feature on the tape control card, the file records will also be written on tape, as they are created on the file, and printed at the end of the program test. For a detailed explanation of this feature, see "RAMAC File Trace," page 36.

### RAMAC FILE GENERATION CONTROL CARD

A RAMAC file generation control card (Figure 11) is required for either record size to be created. If only single-sector or full-track records are to be created, only one control card is needed; if single-sector and full-track records are to be created, two control cards are needed. Any time a new record size is desired, an RFG control card specifying the new size must precede the data cards which will create the records.



Card Column

Description

10 Sector number

11-80 Data to be created on the file

For an example of RAMAC record data cards, see Figure 12.

The generation of a series of single-sector records may be followed by the generation of a series of full-track records by placing a second RFG control card and sets of 15 full-track record data cards behind the last data card for the single-sector data file.

LINE	TAPK	BLANK	TAPE CONTROL		WT = WRITE TAPE RECORD		TAPE RECORD DATA CARDS		
3	4	5	COLUMNS 5-6	11	RM = RECORD MARK	TM = WRITE TAPE MARK			
LINE	RAMAC	CTL	RAMAC RECORD DATA CARDS						
	UNIT		FILE DATA						
0 1	0 1 2 3 0 6		THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A RAMAC RECORD FOR ONE SECTOR. IT REQUIRES 200						
0 2			CHARACTERS OF DATA AND THEREFORE WOULD REQUIRE THREE SEPARATE DATA						
0 3			CARDS TO SET IT UP. THE LAST CHARACTER IS IN CARD COLUMN 70						

Figure 12. RAMAC Record Data Cards

**Automatic Patching**

The Patch feature of Auto-Test facilitates changes and corrections to assembled object programs, making it possible to eliminate program reassemblies. The Patch feature provides for deleting any object instruction, adding instructions, replacing instructions and adding multiple-instruction subroutines to be branched to from several points within the object program. Only one patch card need be coded to specify any instruction or constant. It is not necessary for the programmer to compute three-position alphameric addresses to locate the patch in core, or to provide the necessary patch linkage between the object program and the patch area. The Patch feature computes all necessary linkage and inserts patches in the Auto-Test area of core storage. (See "Core Storage Considerations," page 7.)

Auto-Test control card and patch card coding sheets provide space for coding up to 15 patch cards per sheet.

These code sheets are available in the following two forms:

SPS sheets (see Figure 1, page 9) are designed so that the source SPS coding can be entered in the first 52 columns, and the "actual" patch coding can be entered in the remaining columns.

Autocoder sheets (see Figure 2, page 10) are designed so that the source Autocoder coding can be entered in the first 52 columns, and the "actual" patch coding can be entered in the remaining columns.

Patch cards are inserted in the object program as a group, just ahead of the END card, or, if patches are being made to an execute routine, just ahead of the Execute card. The processing of patch cards takes place during the loading of the object program under Auto-Test control. The patches are written on tape 6 (Auto-Test systems tape) and then loaded back to core storage along with the object program for execution.

Each time the patch cards are processed, a program patch listing (Figure 13) is printed, which provides full documentation of all changes being made to an object program. The left-hand column of this listing gives an indication of how the "source" program should be corrected.

PROGRAM PATCH LISTING											
CORRECT SOURCE	PG LINE	SOURCE CODING			PATCH POINT	INSTRUCTION PATCH				ERROR NOTES	
						ADR	OP	A	B	D	
REPLACE	6 120	MCW0075	0227		1010	1010	M	0075	0227		
REPLACE	8 160	COMP1 R			1173	1173	1				
REPLACE	8 161	B X1	0001	-	1174	3029	B	*E009	0001	-	
INSERT	8 171	R MINOR			1181	3045	1	1185			
REPLACE	9 130	B MINOR		A	1229	3053	B	1185		A	
INSERT	9 120	B FINAL		A	1225	3069	B	1243		A	
CORRECT	10 081	S ACC1	ACC2		1455		S	0500	0525		ERR 3
INSERT	20 051	15SEND DCW*	SHIPPING ORDERS		1415						
INSERT	20 052	16AMT DC *	SIZE OR QUANTITY		1431						
REPLACE	20 040	NOP0000			1501	1501	N	0000	0000		
INSERT	25 041	SUBRT15BRSUBOUT&	3		1501	3088	H	*E033			
INSERT	25 042	SW 0040	0060		1501	3092	,	0040	0060		
INSERT	25 043	CW 0010	0080		1501	3099	#	0010	0080		
INSERT	25 044	MCWSEND	0215		1501	3106	M	1415	0215		
INSERT	25 045	B 0450	0080	-	1501	3113	B	0450	0080	-	
INSERT	25 046	SUBOUTB	0000		1501	3121	B	0000			
REMOVE	26 050				1602		N				
REMOVE	26 091				1645		N				

Figure 13. Typical Program Patch Listing

Upon successfully completing the testing of any given program, the programmer has the following options:

1. Using the final program patch listing as a guide, to file the patch cards in the source program for final reassembly.

Note: Patch cards must be reproduced, dropping out columns 55-75, prior to insertion in the source program deck which is to be reassembled.

2. To place the program control card in front of the patch cards and allow the Auto-Test program to punch object self-loading patch cards, which, when placed in the object program, provide a complete self-loading program.

Note: Loadable patch cards which affect an execute subroutine must be placed before the execute card. All other loadable patch cards would be placed before the END-START card of the object program.

Format of patch cards:

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-52	Source instruction in Autocoder or SPS format
53-54	Reserved (leave blank)

<u>Card Column</u>	<u>Description</u>
55	A — for adding an instruction or constant D — for deleting an instruction R — for replacing an instruction or constant
56	11-8-4 (asterisk) identifies this as a patch card
57-61	Patch point address
62	Number of positions in patch point instruction
63	(leave blank)
64-75	Actual instruction to be added or replaced
76-80	Program identification

Address Types. Five types of addresses are valid in the patch-point address field and the patch instruction A and B operand fields of the patch card:

1. Actual three-position alphameric left-justified.
2. Actual four-position numerical left- or right-justified.
3. Actual five-position numerical.
4. 11-8-4 (asterisk) left-justified.
5. 8-3 (# pound sign) left-justified.

For illustrations of these address types, see patching examples below.

### Definitions

1. Patch-point address (columns 57-61 of the patch cards):
  - a. When referring to an instruction patch, the patch-point address is the instruction (OP code) address of the instruction in the object program which is to be deleted or replaced, or after which added patch instructions are to be executed.
  - b. When referring to a constant patch (DC or DCW), the patch-point address designates the core storage address where the units position or low-order position of the constant will be placed.
2. Number of positions (column 62 of the patch cards):
  - a. For an instruction patch, the number of positions is the count of the instruction located at the patch-point address.
  - b. For a constant patch, number of positions is left blank.



- c. For insertion of a subroutine in the patch area, number of positions may be left blank.

#### PATCH RULES

1. Do not specify as a patch-point instruction any object program instruction which is being modified in core storage during execution, since this instruction will be relocated to the patch area if a branch-out linkage must be inserted to effect the patch.
2. Do not specify as a patch-point instruction for an ADD type of patch, any unconditional branch, or last-card test, as the patch will never be executed.
3. Patch instructions with indexed operands must utilize three-position actual address (e. g. , 5A1).
4. Do not specify patch-point instructions in the middle of a chained instruction series.
5. The patch-point instruction specified for an add patch must be four positions or more in length.

#### PATCH ERROR NOTES

General Description. During the loading and patching of a program under Auto-Test control, patch cards are checked for the errors noted below. Error messages are printed on the patch listing and the error patch is bypassed.

<u>Error Message</u>	<u>Error Made by Programmer</u>
ERR 1	No patch-point address specified in columns 57-61
ERR 2	No OP code in column 64 of <u>instruction</u> patch card
ERR 3	Object program patch-point instruction is too small to insert branch linkage to the patch area. (See example of how this error is indicated in Figure 13.)
ERR 4	No count in columns 6-7 SPS DC or DCW patch card
ERR 5	Source coding error in Autocoder DC or DCW patch card
ERR 6	Tape unit 6 instruction patched in as a NOP
ERR 7	Core storage limits of patch area exceeded. No patch made.

## DELETE PATCH

**General Description.** A delete patch card may be used to place a NOP (N) with word mark at any patch point specified in core storage. For example, if the programmer desires to delete the instruction located at 2505 (OP code address), the delete card includes source page and line number, patch code D in column 55 and 11-8-4 (asterisk) in column 56, and patch-point address in columns 57-61 (see Figure 14).

DELETE PATCH

PATCH CARDS — File ahead of the END or EXECUTE card in object program deck

PAGE	LINE	COLUMN	LABEL	OPERATION	(A) OPERAND				(B) OPERAND				COMMENTS	RES.	A. O. #	P. O. #	NO. OF INSTRUCTIONS	PATCH INSTRUCTION							S.P.S. IDENTIFICATION				
					ADDRESS	CHAR. ADJ.	ADDRESS	CHAR. ADJ.	ADDRESS	CHAR. ADJ.	ADDRESS	CHAR. ADJ.						OPERAND (A)	OPERAND (B)	d									
08130																				D*	2505								

DATA		OBJECT PROGRAM CORE STORAGE BEFORE
LOCATION	WORD MARK	BX05/M080332M065
		0 3 10 17 24 31

2505  
PATCH  
POINT

DATA		OBJECT PROGRAM CORE STORAGE AFTER
LOCATION	WORD MARK	BX05/N080332M065
		0 3 10 17 24 31

2505  
PATCH  
POINT

Figure 14. Delete Patch Card

## ADD PATCH

**General Description.** An add patch card may be used to insert an additional instruction (or instructions) in an object program at the patch point specified so that it may be executed as part of the assembled program. Auto-Test sets up the necessary branch-out and branch-back linkages and inserts the additional instruction(s) in the patch area of core storage. The patch-point instruction specified for an add patch must be four positions or more in length.

For example, if the programmer desires to insert additional instructions which are to be executed after the instruction located at the patch-point specified in the object program:

1. The additional instructions are coded in the source language of the program (SPS or Autocoder).
2. The patch codes A in column 55 and 11-8-4 (asterisk) in column 56 are specified.
3. The patch point is specified as the instruction (OP code) address of the instruction after which the additional instruction(s) are to be executed. (For multiple add patches, the same patch-point address for each, in exactly the same columns of the card, is specified.)
4. In column 62, the number of positions in the patch-point instruction is specified.
5. The actual machine-language OP code of the instruction to be added is written in column 64.
6. The A operand in columns 65-69, the B operand in 70-74, and the d modifier in column 75 are specified.

### The Auto-Test system:

1. Loads the patch-point instruction from its location in the object program to a location in the patch area.
2. Loads an unconditional branch instruction over the patch-point instruction to effect linkage to the patch area.
3. Loads the additional instruction(s) to the patch area following the relocated patch-point instruction. The five-position patch-point address in columns 57-61 in each patch card is compared with the patch-point address of the preceding patch card. If the compare is equal, the patch instructions are located sequentially in the patch area of core storage.
4. Loads an unconditional branch instruction to the patch area following the added instruction(s), to effect linkage back to the next sequential instruction after the patch-point instruction in the object program core storage area.

See Figure 15 for an example of a "single add" type of patch coded on an SPS patch code sheet.

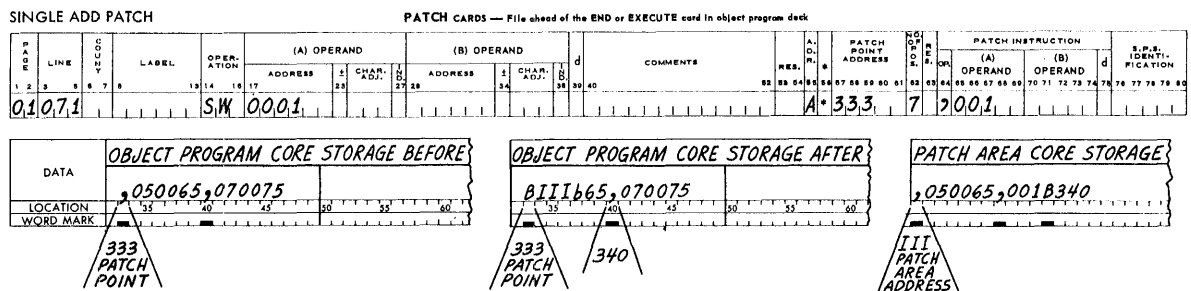


Figure 15. Single Add Type of Patch

The programmer wishes to add an instruction to set a word mark in storage position 001. This instruction is to follow the seven-position instruction located at core storage position 00333.

To accomplish this the programmer codes the patch as follows:

1. Source page and line number of 01071.
2. Source OP code of SW for set word mark.
3. Source A operand address of 0001.

4. Enters A in column 55 to specify an add type of patch.
5. 11-8-4 (asterisk) in column 56.
6. Specifies the patch-point address of 333 left-justified in columns 57-61.
7. Specifies the length of the patch-point instruction. Seven positions in this example (,050065).
8. Codes the actual machine-language OP code in column 64 (, in this case).
9. Codes the actual machine-language address of 001 in columns 65-69 (left-justified).

Figure 15 also shows the object program in storage: before the patch, after the patch, and the patch storage generated by Auto-Test.

See Figure 16 for an example of a multiple-add type of patch coded on an Autocoder patch code sheet.

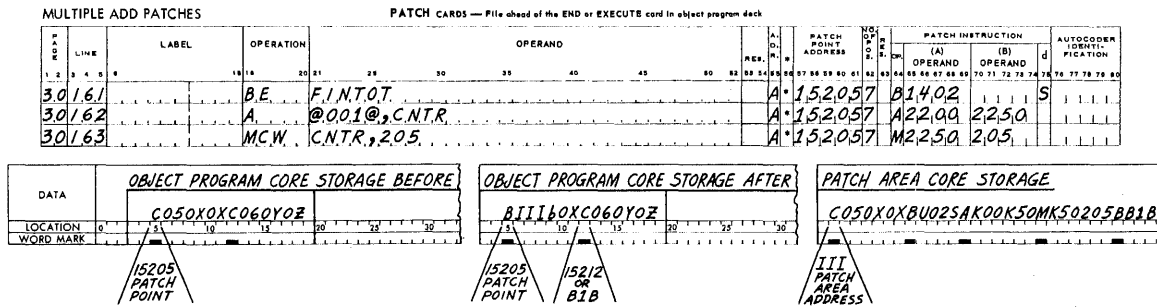


Figure 16. Multiple Add Type of Patch

### REPLACE PATCH

General Description. Any instruction in object program core storage may be replaced by a replace patch. There are three types of replace patches possible:

1. Replace patch instruction with the same number of positions as the instruction at the patch point being replaced (Figure 17).
2. Replace patch instruction with a smaller number of positions than the instruction at the patch point being replaced (Figure 18).
3. Replace patch instruction with a larger number of positions than the instruction at the patch point being replaced. This type of replace patch requires that the patch-point instruction be four or more positions in length to allow for the insertion of a branch to the patch area (Figure 19).

For example, if the programmer desires to replace instructions at patch points specified in the object program:

1. The replace instruction is coded in the source language of the program.
2. The patch code R in column 55 and an asterisk (11-8-4) in column 56 are specified.
3. The patch point is specified as the instruction (OP code) address of the instruction in the object program to be replaced.
4. The number of positions in the patch-point instruction which is to be replaced is punched in column 62.
5. The actual machine-language OP code of the replace patch instruction is written in column 64, A operand in column 65-69, B operand in column 70-74, and the d modifier in column 75.

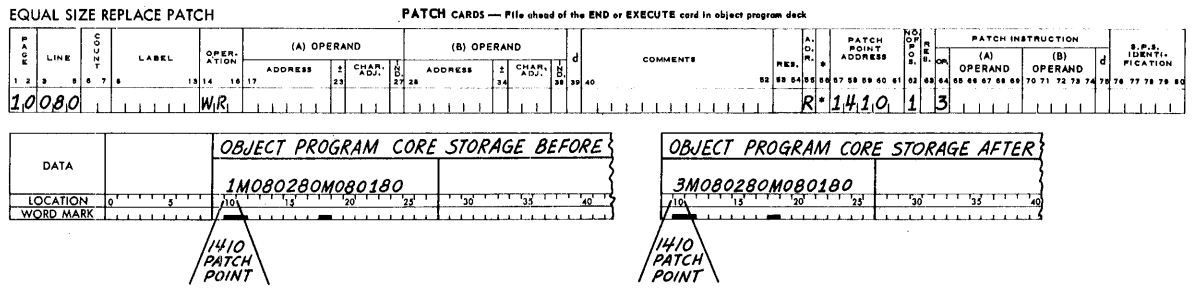


Figure 17. Equal Size Replace Patch

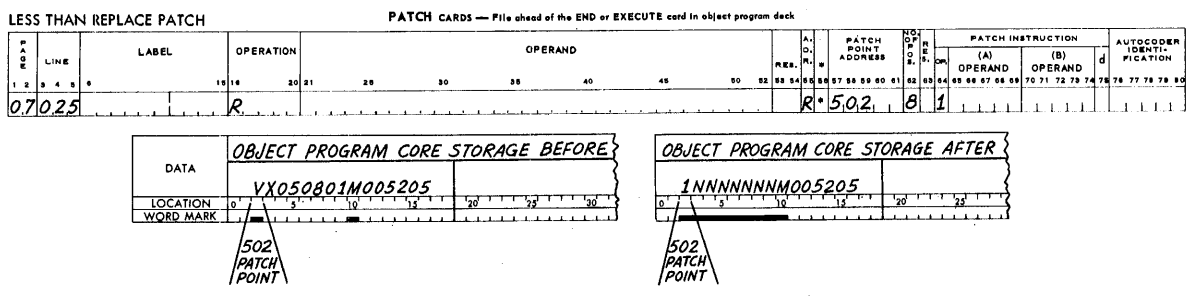


Figure 18. Less Than Replace Patch

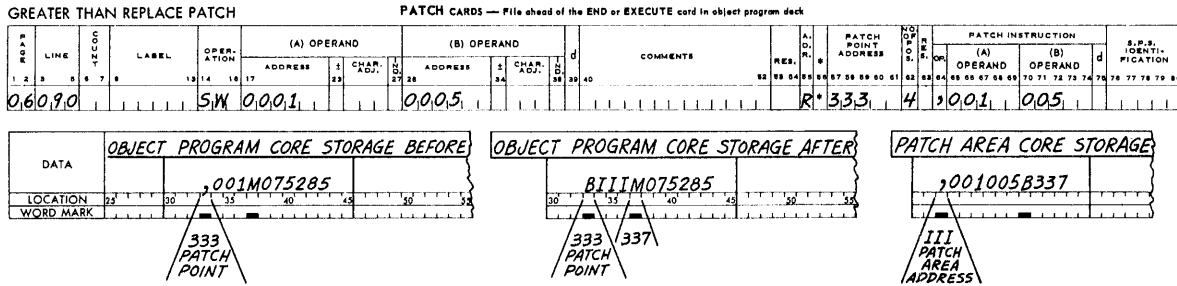


Figure 19. Greater Than Replace Patch

The Auto-Test system:

1. Determines the size of the replace patch instruction and compares it with the number of positions in the patch-point instruction which is to be replaced.
2. Loads equal size replace patch instructions over the original instruction in object program core storage (Figure 17).
3. Loads replace patch instructions with a smaller number of positions than the original instruction to the patch-point area in core storage (Figure 18), and fills the remaining positions with one-position NOP (N) instructions.
4. Loads a replace patch instruction with a larger number of positions into the patch area of core storage, an unconditional branch to the patch area over the original object program instruction being replaced, and an unconditional branch back to the next sequential instruction in the object program (Figure 19).

DC OR DCW PATCH

**General Description.** Additional constants, DCW (with word mark in the high-order position) or DC (without word marks) may be added to any specified patch point in core storage not already being used either by the object program or by Auto-Test. However, constants cannot be corrected in, or added to, the original object program area.

For example, if the programmer desires to add several constants to the original object program (see Figures 20 and 21):

1. The constant is coded in the source language of the program (SPS or Autocoder). Note: Count must be placed in columns 6-7 for SPS.
2. The patch code A or R in column 55 and the asterisk (11-8-4) in column 56 are specified.

- The patch-point address is specified as the units position or low-order address desired for the constant.
- Columns 62 and 75 are blank.
- Columns 3-12 of the Auto-Test program control cards are changed. For programs in which the Auto-Test area of storage is not relocated, the highest positions of storage used by the object program must be increased by the number of constant positions being added. For programs in which the Auto-Test area of storage is relocated, the low limit must be increased or the high limit decreased to reflect the number of positions of constants added.

DC's or DCW's are limited to 32 positions. This is because the Auto-Test patch coding sheet has only 32 positions available.

Note: A larger constant can be patched by using a combination of DC's and DCW's.

Auto-Test cannot handle an unsigned numeric constant coded in numeric form (for example, DCW 5). However, an unsigned numeric constant can be obtained using Auto-Test by coding it as an alphameric constant (for example, DCW @5@).

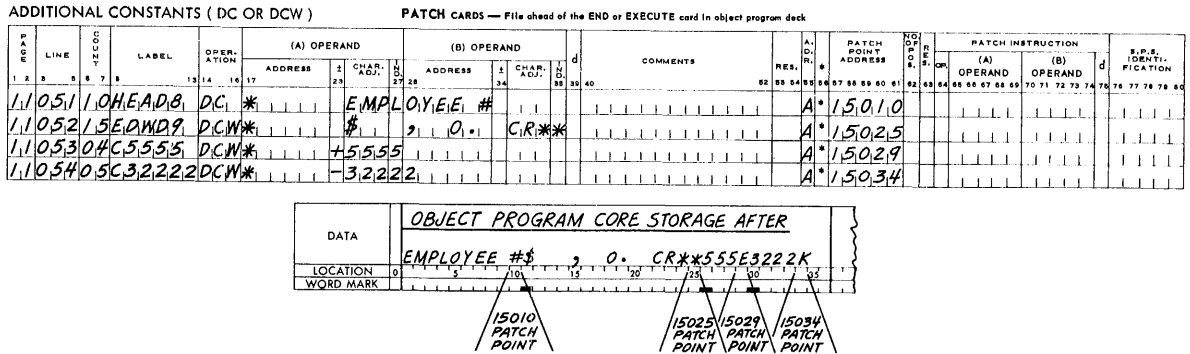


Figure 20. Additional Constants (DC or DCW) Patch

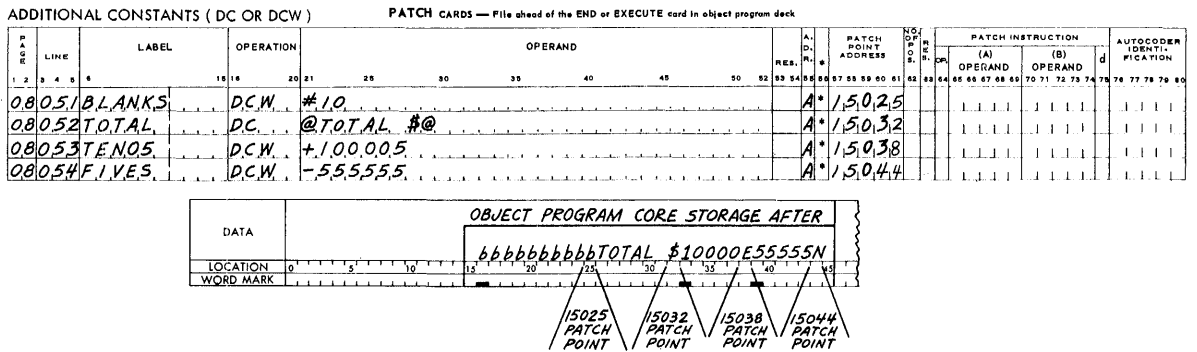


Figure 21. Additional Constants (DC or DCW) Patch

The Auto-Test System:

- Checks for DC or DCW on the source coding side of the patch card.
- Loads DCW constants to the core storage address specified as the patch point.

3. Moves DC constants to the core storage address specified as the patch point.
4. For Autocoder constant statements, analyzes columns 21-52 and sets up the constant as specified in Autocoder language.

#### ASTERISK (11-8-4) OPERANDS

General Description. The use of an \* for the A or B address of an actual patch instruction makes it possible to address a position of storage within the patch areas. As in SPS or Autocoder, the \* is the equivalent of the units position or low-order position of the instruction in which it is used. The \* operand may be character-adjusted plus (+) by specifying the number of positions desired (\*+003) or character-adjusted minus (-) by using a 16K complement figure (\*+I9I). Asterisk operands may not be indexed.

The character adjustment on asterisk operands must be three positions in length with leading zeros inserted if necessary. To character-adjust an operand by +5, punch \*+005 in the appropriate columns. Do not punch \*+5 which would result in an adjustment of +500. If a 4K machine is being used, a 4K complement figure must be used for negative character adjustment.

For example, if the programmer specifies multiple-add patch instructions such as subroutines and desires to branch to an instruction within this series of patch instructions, then an asterisk (11-8-4) in column 65, a + in column 66, and the character adjustment desired in columns 67-69 are specified (Figures 22 and 23).

The Auto-Test system:

1. Sets up the multiple patch and linkage from and back to the object program.
2. Adds or modify-adds the units position or low-order address of the instruction in which the asterisk (11-8-4) operand appears to the character adjustment specified in the patch operand to set up the desired A or B address (Figures 22 and 23).

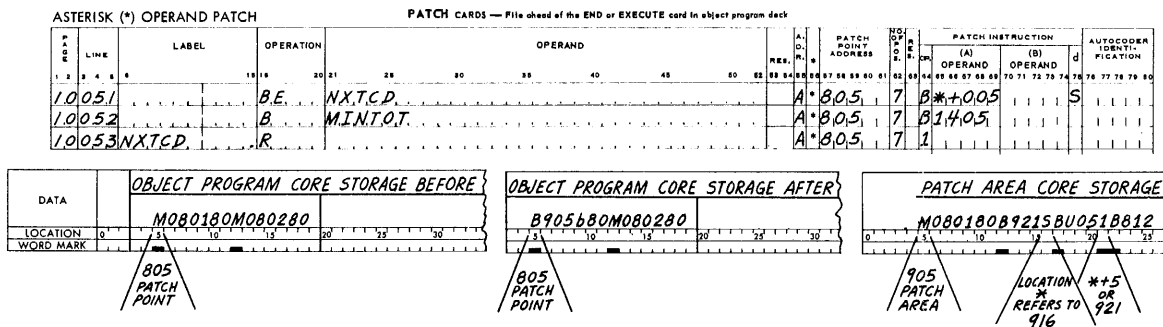


Figure 22. Asterisk (\*) Operand Patch



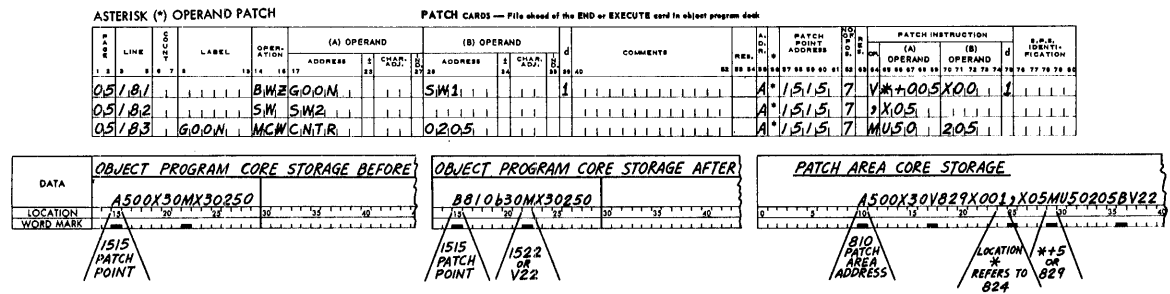


Figure 23. Asterisk (\*) Operand Patch

### SUBROUTINE INSERTION

**General Description.** The patch feature of Auto-Test makes it possible to insert one or more store B register subroutines in the patch area of core storage and branch to the subroutines from several points in the object program. However, all branches to the inserted subroutines must be added to the object program.

For example, if the programmer desires to add a subroutine of several instructions to the original object program without reassembly (Figure 24):

1. Add patches as described above are specified by placing the pound sign, #, (8-3 punch) in column 57 as the patch-point address of all instructions in the subroutine.
2. Add patches are coded specifying as patch-point address the instruction (OP code) address of the object program instruction after which a branch to the subroutine is to be added.
3. A B in column 64, and a pound sign (8-3) in column 65 are specified.
4. All branch to # add patches are placed directly after the subroutine patch cards.

SUBROUTINE INSERTION PATCH

PATCH CARDS — Fill ahead of the END or EXECUTE card in object program deck

LINE	LABEL	(A) OPERAND				(B) OPERAND				COMMENTS	P. #	P. #				P. #				S. P. IDENTIFICATION
		ADDRESS	CH. #	OP. #	OP. #	ADDRESS	CH. #	OP. #	OP. #			ADDRESS	CH. #	OP. #	OP. #	ADDRESS	CH. #	OP. #	OP. #	
20010	MULT	SBROUT		+0.03							A	#							H*+025	
20020		LC0050			MULT.B			-005			A	#							L0050	*+023
20030		TOTAL			MULT.B						A	#							@1805	*+021
20040		MCSMULT3			0260						A	#							Z*+014	0260
20050	OUT	B		0000							A	#							B000	
20060	MULT.B	DCW*		0000	000000						A	#								
02101		B		MULT							A	500	7						B#	
06451		B		MULT							A	900	7						B#	
09501		B		MULT							A	1205	4						B#	

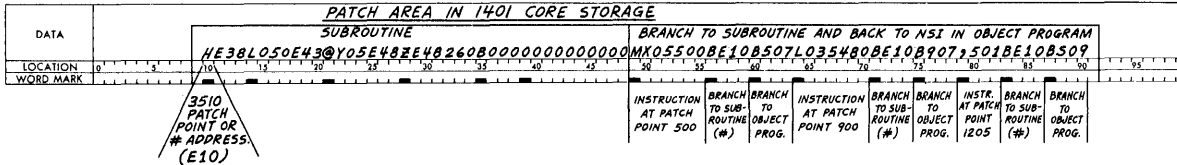


Figure 24. Subroutine Insertion Patch

The Auto-Test system:

1. Checks for pound sign (8-3) patch point in column 57 and loads subroutine patch instructions into the first free position of the patch area of core storage. The instruction (OP code) address of the first instruction of the subroutine is stored for later reference.
2. Sets up add patches with B to pound sign (8-3) as linkage to the subroutine; if desired, the pound sign operand may be character-adjusted by specifying (#+xxx). The # is equal to the instruction (OP code) address of the first instruction of the subroutine and is available for reference until a second subroutine is inserted.

LOADABLE PATCH CARDS

This feature of automatic patching provides for punching loadable patch cards from the original "source" patch cards so that a tested program can be run independently of Auto-Test without a reassembly.

After the 80/80 listing of the punched output and selected input cards at the end of the Auto-Test run, the following message will be printed and displayed:

INSTRUCTIONS  
TO PUNCH LOADABLE PATCH CARDS,  
SET SENSE SWITCH F ON  
PLACE PATCH DECKS IN READ HOPPER--DEPRESS START

At this time loadable patch cards may be punched out for programs which have been successfully run with source patch cards under Auto-Test control.

The group of source patch cards should be removed from the object program deck and the Auto-Test program control card placed in front of the group. Multiple groups of source patch cards, each preceded by its Auto-Test program control card, may be placed in the read hopper and processed continuously to produce multiple groups of loadable patch cards and a final patch listing for each group of patch cards (Figure 25).

PROGRAM PATCH LISTING										
LOADABLE PATCH CARDS--AUTOCODER FORMAT										
BATCH CONTROL LISTING---SPS ASSEMBLED IN AUTOCODER										
CORRECT SOURCE	PG LINE	SOURCE CODING			PATCH POINT	INSTRUCTION PATCH				ERROR NOTES
					ADR	OP	A	B	ADR D	
REPLACE	6 120	MCW0075	0227		1010	1010	M	0075	0227	
REPLACE	8 160	COMP1 R			1173	1173	1			
REPLACE	8 161	B X1	0001	-	1174	3501	B	#6016	0001	-
INSERT	8 171	X1 R MINOR			1181	3517	1	1185		
REPLACE	9 130	B MINOR		A	1229	1229	B	1185		A
INSERT	9 120	B FINAL		A	1225	3529	B	1243		A
CORRECT	10 081	S ACC1	ACC2		1455		S	0500	0525	ERR 3
INSERT	20 051	15SEND DCW*	SHIPPING ORDERS		1415					
INSERT	20 052	16AMT DC *	SIZE OR QUANTITY		1431					
REPLACE	20 040	NOPO000	0000		1501	1501	N	0000	0000	
INSERT	25 041	SUBRT1SBRSUBOUTG	3		1501	3545	H	#6033		
INSERT	25 042	SW 0040	0060		1501	3549	,	0040	0060	
INSERT	25 043	CW 0010	0080		1501	3556	□	0010	0080	
INSERT	25 044	MCWSEND	0215		1501	3563	M	1415	0215	
INSERT	25 045	B 0450	0080		1501	3570	B	0450	0080	-
INSERT	25 046	SUBOUTB	0000		1501	3578	B	0000		
REMOVE	26 050				1602		N			
REMOVE	26 091				1645		N			
HIGHEST STORAGE POSITION USED-- 3585					35 LOADABLE PATCH CARDS					

Figure 25. Program Patch Listing — Loadable Patch Cards

Each group of loadable patch cards punched is headed up by a patch packet identification card which may be left with the packet when it is placed just ahead of the end or execute card in the object program replacing the source patch card group.

When multiple patch decks are processed, the first loadable patch deck will fall in the punch normal stacker, the second in stacker 4, and the third in the 8/2 stacker. Additional groups processed will fall into punch normal, 4, 8/2, and continue to rotate stackers until all groups have been processed. It is suggested that individual packets of loadable patch card groups be removed from the stackers as they are punched. Each group of cards should be interpreted for proper program identification.

Note: Object program decks with loadable patch cards may be run under Auto-Test control. However, columns 3-7 of the Auto-Test program control card must be changed to the new highest core storage position used. This new high core position is indicated on the loadable patch listing.

When testing is being done on a 4K machine, source patch cards with addresses referring to core storage locations above 4,000 cannot be used as input cards for the Punch Loadable Patch Cards Option of Auto-Test. This is because modify-address instructions are changed to add instructions when the option is executed on a 4K machine.

Autocoder format cards have:

1. Patch sequence number in columns 73-75, and an 11 zone (X) punch in column 72 for sort separation of patch cards from object program cards.
2. Symbolic identification in columns 76-80 from the Auto-Test program control card.
3. Source patch page and line number in columns 35-39.

The patch packet identification card numbered 000 (columns 73-75) has the program identification punched in columns 1-39.

SPS format cards have:

1. A patch-deck sequence number in columns 7-9.
2. An 11 zone (X) punch in column 1 for sort separation.
3. Symbolic identification in columns 76-80 from the Auto-Test program control card.
4. Source patch page and line number in columns 2-6.

The patch packet information card numbered 000 (columns 7-9) has program identification punched in columns 10-55.

## RAMAC File Trace

Auto-Test provides the option for a trace of the data which is read from or written on the disk file during the execution of the object program. The trace utilizes a tape drive that is not being used by the object program. On this tape will be written in the MOVE mode the disk address used in the execution of the RAMAC instruction, an indication of whether it was a read (R) or a write (W) instruction, and in the LOAD mode the actual data read or written. The tape will be printed on the 1403 automatically at the end of the test (Figure 26). The tape will also contain the data written on the disk by the RAMAC File Generator if that feature was used. The RAMAC File Trace subroutine requires 122 positions of core storage during the execution of the user's object program. These positions will be loaded automatically into the Auto-Test storage area just before the execution of the object program. If there is not sufficient room in the Auto-Test storage area for the 122-position subroutine, the object program will still be tested but no trace of the RAMAC data will occur.

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    TAPE 1 LABELED TRACE PRINTED BELOW
00000320*
200 OR 1000 CHARACTER RECORDS MAY BE CREATED USING THE RAMAC FILE GENERATOR
THEY WILL PRINT 100 CHARACTERS TO THE LINE
*
RAMAC LOADED - NUMBER OF RECORDS - 00001*
R 00000480*
THE R ABOVE INDICATES THAT THIS RECORD WAS READ FROM THE FILE
*
W 00000480*
THE W ABOVE INDICATES THAT THIS RECORD WAS WRITTEN ON THE FILE. IF THE RECORD HAD BEEN UPDATED FROM
THE PREVIOUS READ, ALL CHANGES WOULD SHOW
*
TAPE MARK

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Figure 26. RAMAC File Trace Printout

To utilize this feature the programmer must:

1. Select a tape not used by the object program for the trace output by punching a T in card column 2, 16, 30, 44, or 58 of the tape control card. The columns labeled Print, Marks and Symbolic Tape Label will be filled in automatically by Auto-Test and can be left blank in the card.
2. Assemble in the object program a four-position NOP (N000) instruction immediately after every RAMAC read or write instruction that is to be traced. RAMAC instruction and the NOP must be in core sequence. It must not be patched into the program by some other method.

The two conditions above will cause the 122-position trace subroutine to be loaded into core storage. The four-position NOP instruction will be changed to an unconditional branch to the 122-position trace subroutine, which will trace the instruction, write the information on tape and give control back to the object program. If the NOPs have been assembled in the program but no tape has been specified, the object program will be tested but no trace of the RAMAC instructions will occur. If it is desired to print the data written on the disk by the RAMAC File Generator, but not to trace the actual RAMAC instruction, only the T needs to be punched in the tape control card, and the four-position NOPs are not necessary in the object program.

Note: There can be only one trace tape per program — only one T can be punched in the tape control card. If it is desired to use both the RAMAC File Trace feature and the Snapshot feature during the same program test, the output from both of these features will be written on the one tape.

### Snapshot Feature

The Snapshot feature of Auto-Test provides a means for taking a printout of core storage between specified limits at one or several points in the object program during its execution.

The Snapshot is a 278-position subroutine which is automatically inserted in the Auto-Test storage area when called for by the user. When branched to during the execution of the object program, the selected area of core storage is written on the tape unit which has been specified as the trace tape in the tape control card. The maximum size of the core snapshot is limited by the maximum size tape record which may be printed by the Auto-Test tape print program (see "Tape Printout," page 40). Object program core storage is restored to its original condition after the execution of the snapshot routine.

After the execution of the object program being tested and the regular Auto-Test core storage print, the trace tape will be printed. The printout of the trace will be in blocks of 100. Therefore, it is recommended that the lower limits of the trace be the first position after an even hundred (501, 2301, etc.). The first line printed by the snapshot will be the three-position address of the instruction in the object program at which the snapshot was called for and the lower limit of the snapshot — for example, X05 — 01001\*. The line following the snapshot print will indicate the upper limit of the snapshot — for example 03000\*.

For example, if the programmer desires to take a snapshot of core storage from 001 through 500 at several points during the execution of the object program:

1. A snapshot is called for by coding SNAP in columns 57-60, \* in column 56, lower core limit in three-, four- or five-position address form in columns 65-69, and upper core limit in three-, four- or five-position address form in columns 70-74 (Figure 27).
2. The points are specified in the object program at the desired branch to the snapshot subroutine by coding an A in column 55, \* in column 56, the four- or five-position patch-point address of the OP code of the instruction after which the snapshot is to be taken in columns 57-61, the number of positions in the instruction (minimum of four), a B in column 64 and a # in column 65 (Figure 27).

A patch-point instruction cannot be specified between a compare instruction and the corresponding test for the status of the compare indicators. The reason is that the snapshot subroutine uses the compare instruction and thus resets the compare indicators.

Note: The snapshot must not include the Auto-Test storage area.

3. The tape unit to be used by the snapshot subroutine is specified by punching a T in the proper tape unit column in the tape control card. The columns labeled Print, Marks, and Symbolic Tape Label will be filled in automatically by Auto-Test and can be left blank.
4. Call for snapshot cards and B# (Branch to #) cards must precede patch cards if the program is being patched.

Note: Normally only one snapshot subroutine can be inserted in each program. It is possible, however, to insert a separate snapshot for each EXecute in addition to the one main-line snapshot.

See Figure 27 for an example of a call for snapshot.

P A R T	LINE	LABEL	OPERATION	OPERAND																RES.	A. D. R. *	PATCH POINT ADDRESS	NO. OF P A T C H E S	PATCH INSTRUCTION				AUTOCODER IDENTI- FICATION
				10	16	20	21	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80					(A) OPERAND	(B) OPERAND	d		
01																			*	S,N,A,P,	7	0,0,0,1	0,5,0,0					
02																			A*	1,5,0,1	7	B#						
03																			A*	2,0,8,0	4	B#						
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Figure 27. Snapshot Patch Cards

### The Auto-Test system:

1. Checks the Auto-Test storage area and inserts the modified snapshot routine in core if there are enough available positions. If there are not enough positions to insert the subroutine and branch to it at least one time, a message is printed as shown below, and the program is tested without the snapshot feature.

PATCH AREA LIMITS EXCEEDED, NO TRACE

2. Processes the branch to pound sign (8-3) cards to insert linkages from the object program to the snapshot subroutine.

**Note:** The snapshot may include the Auto-Test storage area but the high-limit position specified must be a position in the object program storage area. Also, there can be only one trace tape per program — that is, only one T can be punched in the tape control card. If it is desired to use both the RAMAC File Trace and Snapshot features during the same program test, the output from both of these features will be written on the same tape.

### Core Storage Printout

1. Auto-Test determines the size of the core storage printout:
  - a. If the programmer has specified that the Auto-Test storage area is relocated, then machine size core is printed out.
  - b. If a Disaster Restart situation has occurred, then machine size core is printed out.
  - c. If the object program under test is being run without relocation of the Auto-Test storage area, then all of core used by the object program plus program patches is printed out.
2. In all cases the core storage printout will be either 1.4, 2, 4, 8, 12, or 16K size.
3. Core storage location 200 never shows on the printout.
4. The three highest positions of core in the machine will be changed by the core storage printout.

5. Core storage locations 201 through 332 are printed as the first line of the printout.
6. All group marks in the object program under test are changed to a lozenge (12-8-4) so that they will show on the printout.
7. Each 100-position area of core storage is identified by both an alphabetic and numerical address notation — for example,

01301 THRU 01400 T01 THRU U00.

8. The last line of the printout will show the status of the sense switches as they were while the test was being run — for example,

THE FOLLOWING SENSE SWITCHES WERE ON WHILE  
THE PROGRAM WAS BEING TESTED, A,B,D.

## Tape Printout

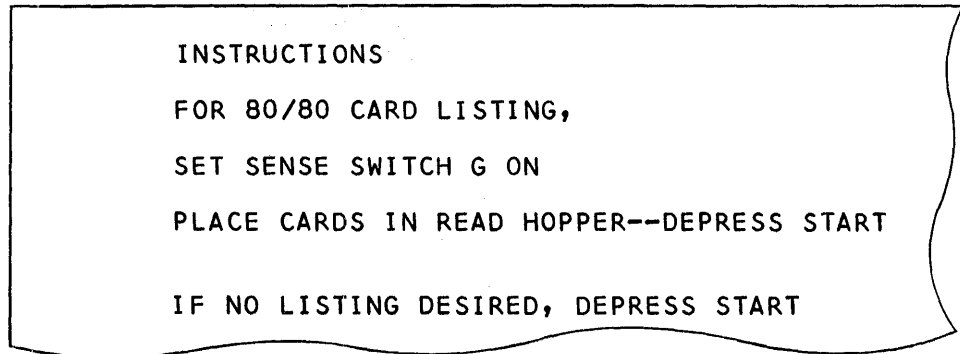
The Auto-Test printout for tape will print an exact picture of any tape file, including blocked or unblocked, fixed or variable length records, header and trailer labels. If the tape has word marks, they will print.

1. The group mark at the end of the record prints as a lozenge (12-8-4). Any other group marks within the tape record will print as blanks.
2. When a tape mark is sensed, the words TAPE MARK will print. Each tape may have up to nine tape marks. Each tape should end with a tape mark.
3. No physical description of the tape or separate control card is needed for printing. To print a tape, the programmer indicates on the Auto-Test tape control card that he wants a tape printed by punching a P in columns 3, 17, etc.
4. Each tape printout is identified by both the label and drive number.
5. The printing normally stops at the number of tape marks specified on the tape control card. If the program under test does not write the final tape mark (possibly because of a process error), Auto-Test will terminate the printing after the tape has been printed, indicating how many tape marks were specified and how many were actually found.
6. The maximum record length that can be printed on a 4K 1401 is 2,475 positions. If a record exceeds this size, the remaining portion of the record will not print. A message identifies these records. For an 8, 12, or 16K machine, the maximum record size is 6,475, 10,475, and 14,475 respectively.



## 80/80 Listing of Output Cards

At the beginning of each object program test, each card stacker (other than normal read and stacker 1) is identified with a stacker identification card. This card contains the Auto-Test test number, stacker number, and the name of the program as punched in the program control card. The Auto-Test program control card is selected to pocket 1 and serves as the stacker identification card for that pocket. At the end of the complete test session, the instructions will appear on the printer as shown in Figure 28.



INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR 80/80 CARD LISTING,  
SET SENSE SWITCH G ON  
PLACE CARDS IN READ HOPPER--DEPRESS START  
  
IF NO LISTING DESIRED, DEPRESS START

Figure 28. Instructions — 80/80 Listing of Output Cards

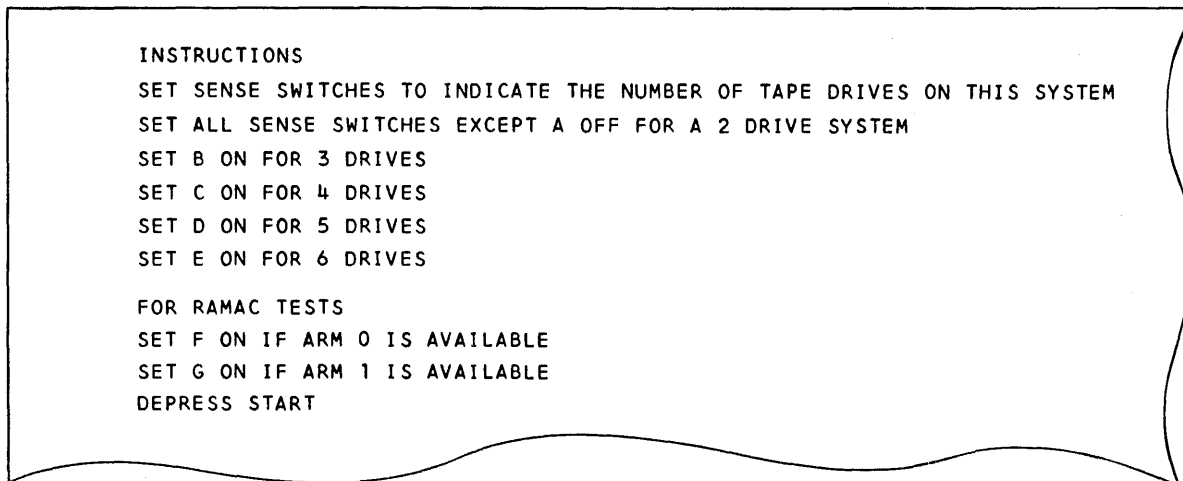
Executing these instructions will give an 80/80 listing of the output cards as well as those data cards which have been selected to pockets 1 and 2. Each test will print on a separate page if there are cards to be listed for that test. The listing will be completely identified as to program and pocket. During the 80/80 list, the program control card which identifies pocket 1 will be selected to pocket 1 so that it may easily be put back in the test deck for further testing use.

## OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS

### Testing with Auto-Test

1. To ready the 1401 system for Auto-Test:
  - a. Mount the Auto-Test systems tape on drive 1.
  - b. Turn off all sense switches except A and the I/O Check Stop Switch.
  - c. Clear the card reader.
  - d. Clear the card punch. Place blank cards in the punch feed.
  - e. Depress Check Reset on the 1402 Card Read Punch.
  - f. Place the program decks to be tested in the Read File Feed.
  - g. Depress Check Reset, Start Reset and Tape Load on the 1401.

Figure 29 shows what will be displayed on the printer.



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INSTRUCTIONS
SET SENSE SWITCHES TO INDICATE THE NUMBER OF TAPE DRIVES ON THIS SYSTEM
SET ALL SENSE SWITCHES EXCEPT A OFF FOR A 2 DRIVE SYSTEM
SET B ON FOR 3 DRIVES
SET C ON FOR 4 DRIVES
SET D ON FOR 5 DRIVES
SET E ON FOR 6 DRIVES

FOR RAMAC TESTS
SET F ON IF ARM 0 IS AVAILABLE
SET G ON IF ARM 1 IS AVAILABLE
DEPRESS START
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Figure 29. Instructions — Initializing

Note: If the test system has only one tape drive on line, indicate this as if there were two. However, under this situation no tape programs may be tested, nor may the RAMAC File or Snapshot Traces be utilized.

2. After these operator instructions have been executed, Figure 30 shows the instructions that will be displayed on the printer.
3. Auto-Test begins with the assumption that these instructions have been followed. The test must begin in this way in order to properly generate operating instructions for the tape drives and sense switches. When these instructions have been carried out, testing of object programs will begin.

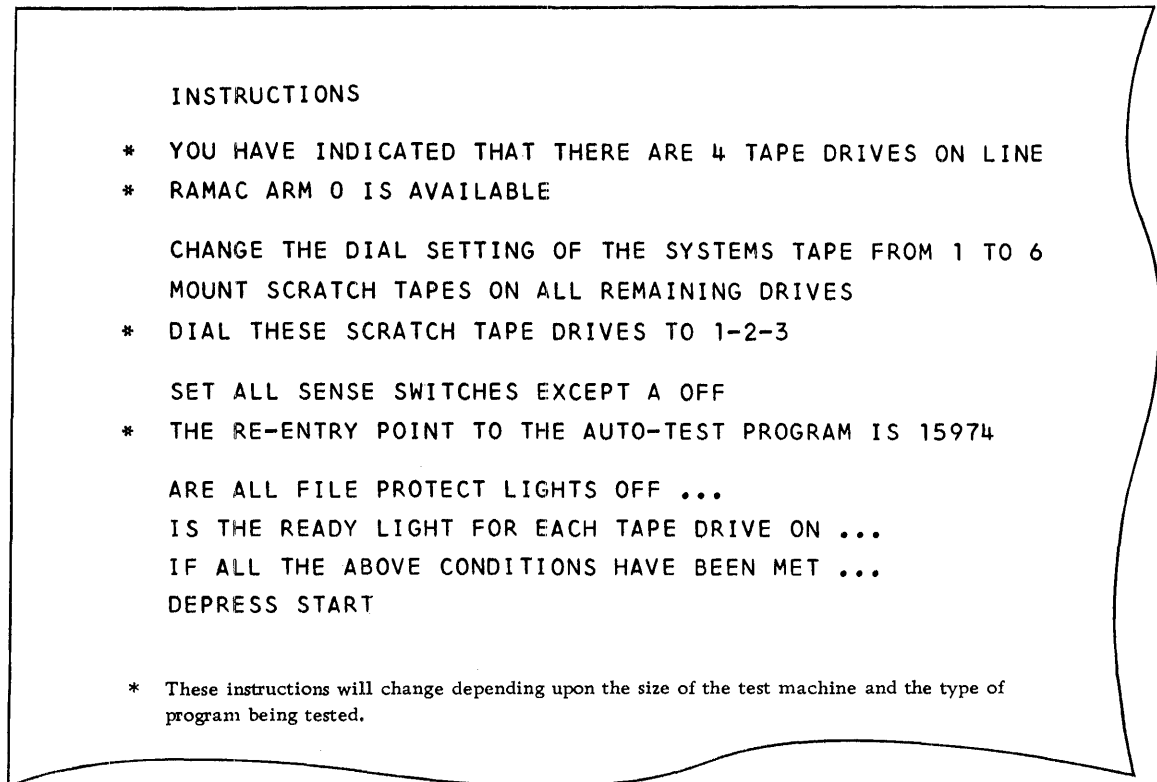


Figure 30. Instructions — Initializing

4. Several blank cards should be placed after the last data card of the last program to be tested.
5. All instructions necessary to properly ready the 1401 system for each test will be automatically generated and printed. Follow the instructions sequentially.
6. If it is desired to mount precreated master tapes, instructions will be generated to mount these tapes. However, because these pre-created tapes may be file-protected, Auto-Test will always unload these tapes at the end of the test and generate instructions to dismount them.
7. The restart points to Auto-Test are:
  - a. If the Auto-Test storage area is not relocated:
    - (1) 4K test system - 3974
    - (2) 8K test system - 7974
    - (3) 12K test system - 11974
    - (4) 16K test system - 15974
  - b. If the Auto-Test storage area is relocated, the restart point will be generated, printed and displayed on the printer for each program that utilizes this mode.

- c. FARGO programs for all systems — 333. The instructions which indicate the restart point when the Auto-Test storage area is relocated or when FARGO programs are being tested will appear on the 1403 printer as:

SET ADDRESS DIALS TO 00333---RESTART POINT

- d. Tape Print Runaway occurs when the tape keeps printing past the final tape mark because there is no tape mark to stop the printing, or because the tape control card has been improperly specified. Depress the STOP key and manually restart at:

- (1) 4K system - 3974
- (2) 8K system - 7974
- (3) 12K system - 11974
- (4) 16K system - 15974

- e. Disaster Restart (see "Disaster Restarts," below).

- 8. A single carriage tape which will function properly for all programs being tested should be used. All channels should be punched to eliminate forms runaway. The IBM test centers have standard carriage tapes which are adequate for the majority of 1401 program tests.

## Disaster Restarts

Normally, when a process error occurs during the execution of an object program, linkage to the Auto-Test program may be effected by manually dialing in to either the normal restart point for that size of test machine or to the relocated point if the programmer has elected relocation. (In this case, instructions would have been generated which would instruct the operator to set the address dials to a point other than the normal restart point.)

If, however, the program under test destroys this restart monitor, dialing in will not effect linkage with the Auto-Test program and a special restart method called Disaster Restart must be executed.

Instructions for a Disaster Restart:

1. Manually print the first 500 positions of core storage from the console.
2. Rewind and change the dial setting of the systems tape from 6 to 1.
3. Dial out any other drive which was dialed to 1 for the test.
4. Turn on sense switch B.
5. Depress Start Reset, Check Reset, and Tape Load.

At this point a message will appear on the printer which will say:

DISASTER RESTART--TURN OFF SENSE SWITCH B--  
CHANGE THE DIAL SETTING OF THE SYSTEMS TAPE  
FROM 1 TO 6--DEPRESS START

If a tape drive was previously set to 1, it must be dialed back to 1 at this point. The Auto-Test program has retained all the information to give a full machine size core storage dump from 500 on, print out all tapes as it would have done normally, bypass the program that caused the error, and begin automatically testing the next program.

Note: On a disaster restart, the core storage prints will not change group marks to lozenges.

### Creating the Auto-Test Systems Tape

1. Mount a scratch tape on unit 1.
2. Load the Auto-Test program in the 1402 read hopper.
3. Depress the Check Reset on the 1402, Check Reset on the 1401, Start Reset on the 1401 and Load on the 1402.
4. When the program has been successfully created on tape 1, the following message will appear on the printer:

1401 AUTO-TEST SYSTEMS TAPE CREATION COMPLETE  
DO NOT FILE PROTECT THE SYSTEMS TAPE

5. There is only one Auto-Test deck and it is used to create the tapes for all sizes of 1401 systems from 4K through 16K.
6. In that the systems tape is read from and written upon during the testing of an object program, IT MUST NOT BE FILE-PROTECTED.

Note: Instead of creating the systems tape from cards, it is possible to copy an already existing systems tape by using a tape copy program. It should be noted, however, that the Auto-Test systems tape contains 2 (two) tape marks.

### Programmed Halts

The programmed halts in Auto-Test are divided into two groups:

1. Those which print instructions on the printer which are self-explanatory.
2. Tape read and write error halts.
  - a. Depress start to try again.
  - b. After about ten tries, re-create the systems tape and start the test over.

## APPENDIX

### Organization of Auto-Test

The Auto-Test program consists of a series of subroutines on a systems tape which are executed as required for each program. The functions of Auto-Test can be broken down into four major sections as follows:

#### 1. Test Initialization

- a. Operator instructions for the program to be tested are generated and printed.
- b. The Tape and RAMAC File Generations are executed if needed.

#### 2. Controlled Load

- a. The object program to be tested is written on the end of the systems tape in a condensed card image form.
- b. The changes described under "Automatic Modification to the Object Program Being Tested," page 16, occur at this time.
- c. The linkages necessary for patching are created.
- d. The trace subroutines are inserted, if needed.
- e. The complete object program is then read from the systems tape into core storage.

Note: The Auto-Test program load instructions utilize the card read area (001-080) in loading the object program from tape to core storage; therefore instructions or constants must not be located in this area.

#### 3. Execution

- a. The object program to be tested begins to execute.
- b. Control is transferred to the Auto-Test program either automatically or manually. It is entered automatically by reaching the final halt instruction. It is entered manually by dialing in the restart point on the console when a process error is encountered. It is restarted with the Disaster Restart procedure when the linkage has been destroyed.

#### 4. Documentation

The following printouts occur:

- a. The core storage print.
- b. The tape prints, if required, including the trace prints.

Control is transferred to the operator instruction generation program, which reads to the next program control card and begins the test of the next program.

## Testing Hints

To avoid halting the 1401 during the test session and to speed testing as much as possible, the following are recommended:

1. Do not use precreated tapes. Normally, a tape file generated by the Auto-Test program for testing purposes can be created in less time than it takes to halt the system and mount a precreated tape.
2. To avoid halts for a change in a tape drive dial setting, do not specify in the object program a tape drive number larger than the number of drives on the test machine. For example, the Auto-Test program begins with the tape drives at drive number 6 (the systems tape) and at drive number 1, 2, 3 on a four-tape-drive system. If an object program refers to drive 4 or 5, the program halts to allow this dial change to be made.
3. Do not "save" tapes (by punching S in the tape control card) unless necessary. Saving tapes requires that the operator dismount the saved tape and mount a new reel. For file-protect purposes, pre-created tapes will be saved regardless of whether the S is punched.
4. Do not relocate the Auto-Test linkage from its normal position in high core unless absolutely necessary. Relocation not only causes a machine halt for printing the new console restart point, but may, in some cases, reduce the amount of Auto-Test storage available for automatic patching.
5. If a program to be tested requires more tape drives than are on the test machine, it is possible to simulate additional drives with Auto-Test. This may be done by using automatic patching to temporarily change the unit number on the tape read, write, rewind commands, etc., so that two different data files are written on a single physical tape drive. For these output files, the object program would simply write two different types of records on the same reel. This tape print will show the information and the sequence in which it was written.
6. Wherever possible, make the final halt in the object program a four-position (or longer) command — for example, HALT & BRANCH TO HALT. This will avoid a machine halt and a manual console restart during testing.
7. A significant advantage is provided by the console status cards in that they provide the operator with immediate identification of the program being tested. Console status cards are automatically selected into the center pocket. It is recommended that the operator remove these cards as each program is processed, so that he has a complete list of the halts contained in the program as well as the name of the program being tested.

Object program instructions which will interfere with Auto-Test:

1. No reference to tape drive 6 may be made by the object program under test. These instructions will be changed to NOP by the controlled load phase of Auto-Test. If, however, the user is modifying tape unit numbers during the execution of the object program, drive 6 might be inadvertently accessed. In this case, a Disaster Restart is required. If the object program wrote on drive 6, it will be necessary to re-create the Auto-Test systems tape.
2. For RAMAC tracing, the NOP instruction which follows the RAMAC read or write must not only be the next sequential instruction in storage, but must also be the instruction which follows these reads and writes as the object program is loaded into core — that is, the cards must be in their proper sequence.
3. If a last-card test appears in an execute routine, it must be patched by a "replace patch" which contains Nxxxx. These positions shown as x must contain a valid machine address. Note: a delete patch must not be used.
4. When using Auto-Test, the normal last-card test in the object program will be changed to a test for lozenge in the card column specified by the user. This lozenge position of the read area therefore cannot be destroyed by the object program until after these simulated last-card tests have been executed.
5. Some type of test for the last card must be included in every program which reads data cards. If this is not done, the object program under test will read subsequent object programs which are stacked in the reader, rather than returning control to Auto-Test.
6. Start-Punch-Feed and Start-Read-Feed commands must be preceded by a last-card test or they may cause a machine halt while the core storage print is being executed. The last-card test (to branch around these commands) may be patched with an add patch of automatic patching.

Note: Last-card tests that are patched using an add patch will automatically be modified to an eight-position test for the lozenge in the last data card.

Conditions under which a specified program will not be tested:

1. The program is calling for more tape drives than the test machine has on line. A notification,

**INSUFFICIENT DRIVES - NO TEST**

will be printed and Auto-Test will then search for the next program to be tested.

2. If a TFG control card was not preceded by a tape control card, the following message will print:



## NO TAPE CONTROL CARD - NO TEST

That is, a tape program is being tested but there is no tape control card.

3. If an object program is not preceded by clear storage cards and/or the bootstrap card, the following message will print:

BOOTSTRAP CARD NOT 3D CARD IN PROGRAM--NO TEST

4. If the END card is missing, the following will print:

NO END/START CARD--NO TEST

5. If, while loading the object program, there is not enough room in the Auto-Test storage area for the twelve positions needed to simulate the last-card test, the following will print:

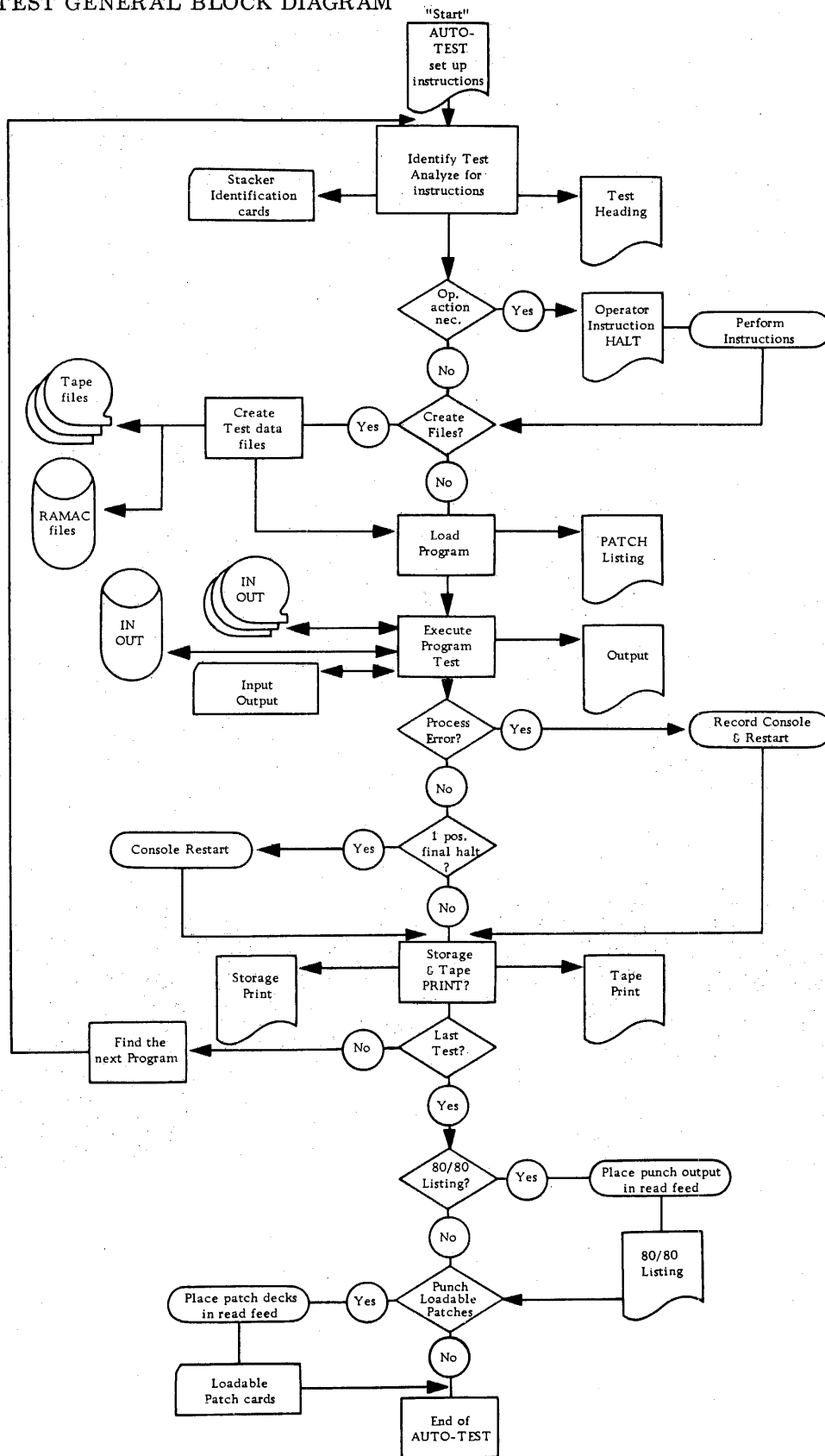
SIMULATION OF THE LAST CARD TEST WOULD  
EXCEED THE HIGH LIMIT OF CORE--NO TEST

This must be done because without the proper last-card-test simulation, the object program being tested will read past the last data card and attempt to process the next program.

6. If a program to be tested is not preceded by a program control card, Auto-Test will keep reading cards until it finds the next program control card. This means that the whole program, TFG cards, data cards, etc., will be bypassed until a program control card is found.

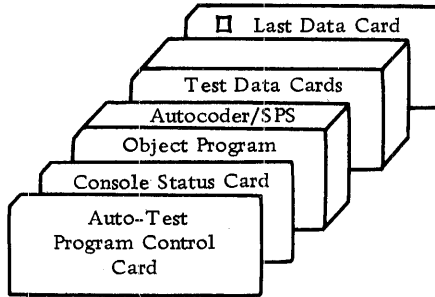
Note: Both object-program cards and data cards cannot have an asterisk in card column 1 because they would be recognized as program control cards in a bypass situation.

# AUTO-TEST GENERAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

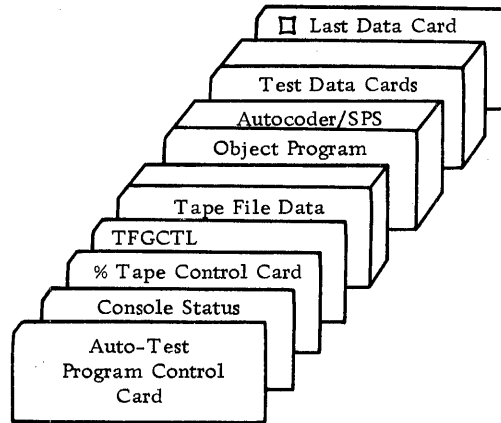


# AUTO-TEST PROGRAM TEST INPUT SEQUENCE

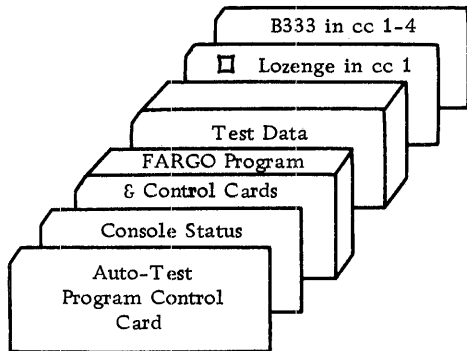
## A. Card Program



## B. Tape Program

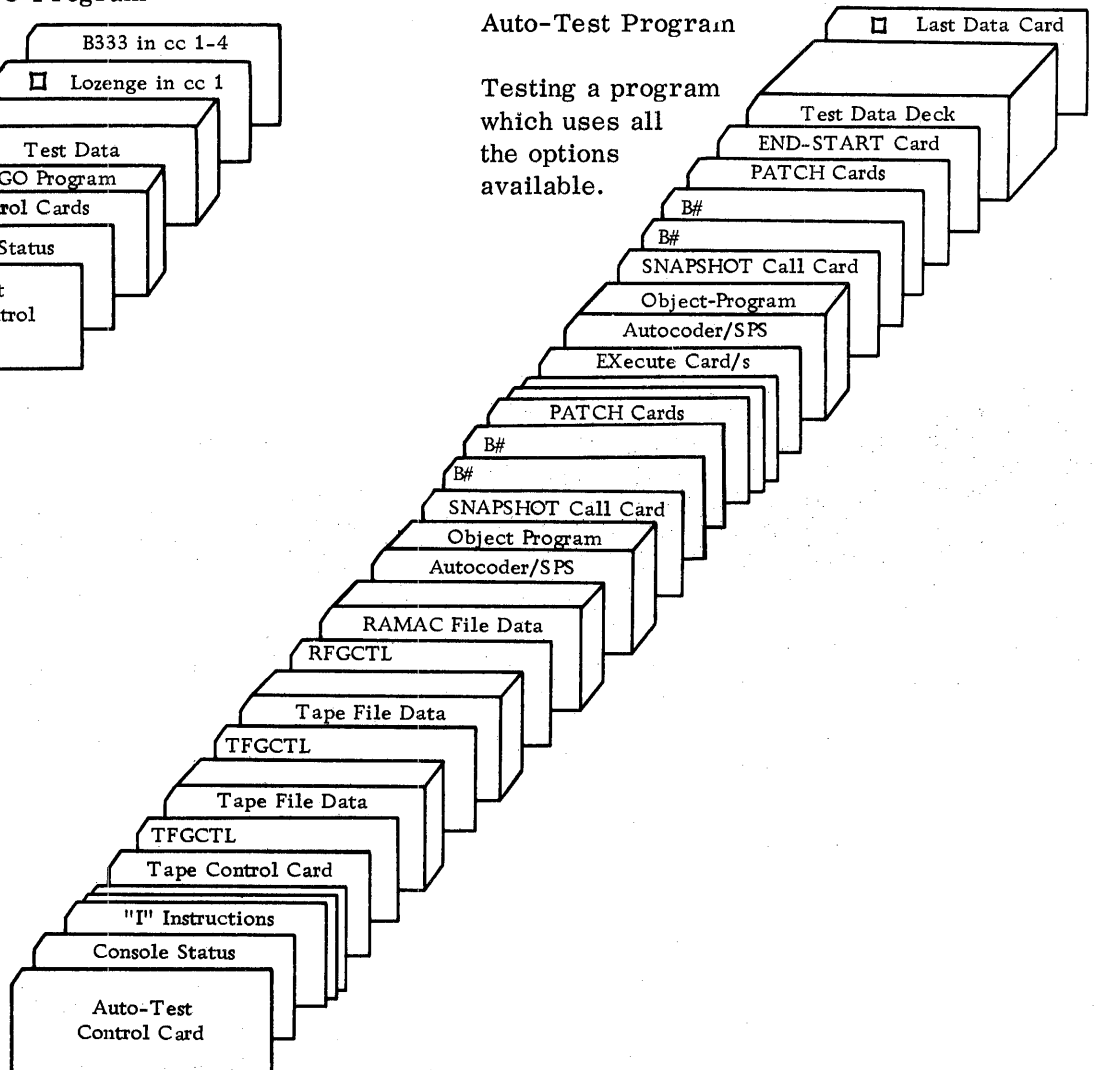


## C. FARGO Program



## Auto-Test Program

Testing a program which uses all the options available.





Console Status Card (Back)

IBM L 18556

### 1401 AUTO-TEST CONSOLE STATUS CARD

PROGRAMMED HALTS

HALT ADDRESS (4 POSITION)	ACTION

Console Status Card (Front)

IBM L 18555

### 1401 AUTO-TEST CONSOLE STATUS CARD

PROGRAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ERROR STOP

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PROGRAM HALT LIST ON REVERSE SIDE



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