



TRACER/ST MODEL 200 RELEASE NOTES

Since the user manual and addendum were printed, two new features have been added to the Tracer/ST Model 200, and an important internal change has been made in the way certain masters are read in.

DMF Format Support

The Model 200 now supports duplication of Microsoft's "DMF" distribution format. No operator action is required; the Model 200 automatically recognizes and duplicates DMF masters.

8 MB of memory (two 4MB SIMMs) are required to duplicate the DMF format on the Model 200. Contact Trace Customer Support for further information on upgrading your memory.

Resume

You may now quit a running copy or compare job to do maintenance, and resume the job afterward without losing your Pass/Fail counts, so long as you don't turn off the unit's A/C power. To resume a job, press the OPTION key, then select RESUME. The last job run will start up again with Pass/Fail counts intact.

Magnetic Index placement in master image

Previously, whenever a standard IBM-type MFM master was read in, the image made of that master would contain a "magnetic index" field, a standard (though functionally obsolete) element in virtually all IBM-type MFM formats. However, the Trace Series 3000 duplication

system, in its default HyperTrace setup, does *not* include magnetic index on copies. To increase cross-verification compatibility between these systems, therefore, the Model 200 now relies on the presence or absence *on the master diskette* of a magnetic index field to determine whether or not to include a magnetic index field in its image of that master.

In other words, if magnetic index is present on the master, it will be present in the Model 200 image for that master. Copies made from that image will contain magnetic index, and they will verify only against another image which also contains magnetic index.

If magnetic index is *not* present on the master, it will *not* be present in the Model 200 image, or on copies made from that image. Such an image will successfully cross-verify “no-mag-index” copies made on Series 3000 equipment, and Model 200 copies of the image will cross-verify on Series 3000 equipment.

Menu Tree

