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#### Introduction

The Acorn Visual Display Unit Controller Board connects to the Standard Acorn Computer Bus and contains a memory mapped character storage R.A.M. which is transparently written to or read from by the C.P.U.

An MC 6845 programmable controller I.C. provides all the synchronisation signals to drive a 625 line 50 fields per second V.D.U. together with read addresses for the character R.A.M. Characters are then fed to an SAA5050 character generator IC which produces the necessary dot patterns to create the characters to refresh the V.D.U.

The SAA5050 produces Teletext standard characters and has Red, Green and Blue drive outputs giving coloured characters or graphics.

The R.G.B. and sync outputs may be used to drive a colour encoder and modulator for a U.H.F. Television; also provided is a 1 volt/75 ohm composite sync and video output which can directly drive a Monochrome Monitor on which the different colours will appear as different scales of grey.

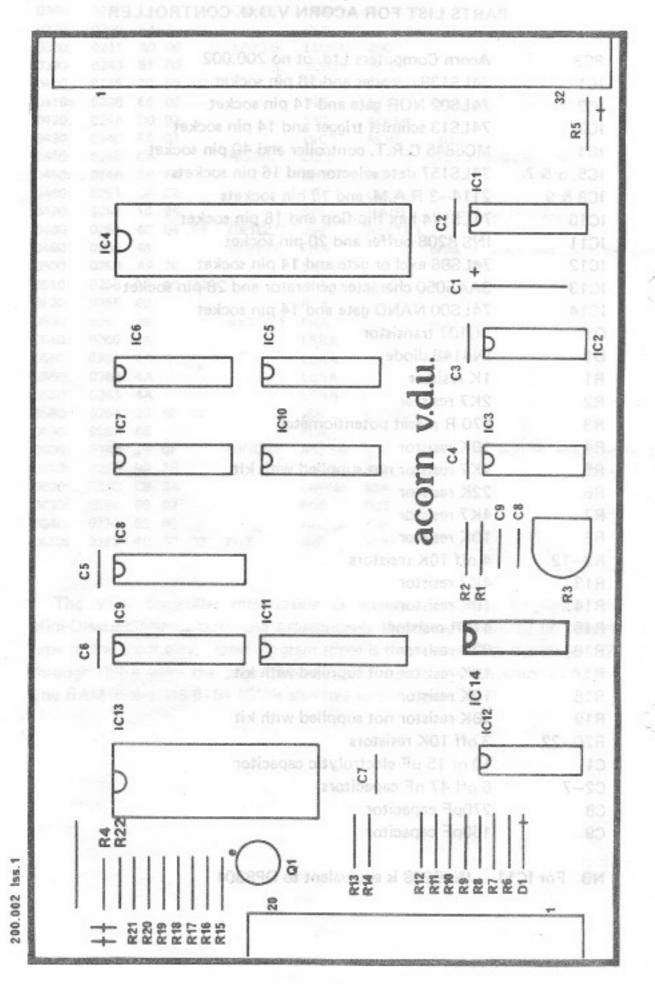
The V.D.U. controller P C B is supplied in kit form with a full set of I.C. sockets. It is easily assembled using a small soldering iron and useful hints on assembly may be found in the Acorn Micro-computer system 1 Technical Manual. The board operates from a single +5v supply from which it draws not more than 500 mA.

Also provided are listings for programs which set up the MC6845, display 25 instructions in hex on the V.D.U. (with double or treble byte instructions on a single line) and allow the drawing or graphics or characters on the V.D.U. These programs may be loaded and run using the Acorn system 1 Monitor. A new monitor R.O.M. will shortly be available for linking the V.D.U. and an ASC II keyboard to Acorns' 4K Fast BASIC.

# PARTS LIST FOR ACORN V.D.U. CONTROLLER

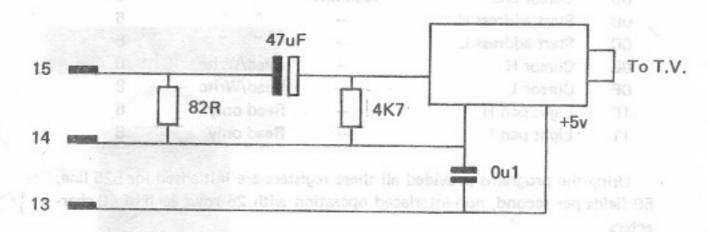
PCB	Acorn Computers Ltd.	pt no 200,002	
IC1	74LS139 decoder and	16 pin socket	
IC2	74LS02 NOR gate and	14 pin socket	
IC3	74LS13 schmitt trigger	and 14 pin socke	et
IC4	MC6845 C.R.T. contro	ller and 40 pin so	cket
IC5, 6 & 7	74LS157 data selector	and 16 pin socke	ts
IC8 & 9	2114-3 R.A.M. and 18	pin sockets	
IC10	74LS174 hex flip-flop	and 16 pin socker	t
IC11	INS 8208 buffer and 20	pin socket	
IC12	74LS86 excl or gate and	d 14 pin socket	
IC13	SAA5050 character ger	erator and 28 pin	socket
IC14	74LS00 NAND gate and	d 14 pin socket	
Q1	BC107 transistor	277	
D1	IN4148 diode		
R1	1K resistor		
R2	2K7 resistor		
R3	470 R preset potention	neter	
R4	10K resistor		
R5	4K7 resistor not supplie	ed with kit	
R6	22K resistor		
R7	4K7 resistor		
R8	10K resistor		
R9-12	4 off 10K resistors		
R13	4K7 resistor		
R14	10K resistor		
R15	470R resistor		
R16	82R resistor		
R17	18K resistor not supplie	ed with kit	
R18	10K resistor		
R19	10K resistor not supplie	ed with kit	
R20-22	3 off 10K resistors		
C1	10 or 15 uF electrolytic	capacitor	
C2-7	6 off 47 nF capacitors		
C8	270pF capacitor		
C9	150pF capacitor		

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To use this board in the Acorn system a low for block zero signal must be present on pin 31A of the Acorn bus. This is provided by connecting pin 8 of IC9 to pin 31A of the connector on the 6502 C.P.U. board. The 5 volt regulator and the electrolytic capacitor must be removed from the C.P.U. board and an external 5 volt supply at 3 amps is required on pin 1A of all boards for a system using the C.P.U., V.D.U. interface, 8K memory board and cassette interface.

A 1 volt at 75 ohm video monitor may be driven directly from connections 14 and 15 on the front of the board. Alternatively a UHF modulator may be driven which connects to the aerial input of a domestic television set using the circuit shown



the component values given suit the Astec UM 1233E36 modulator although other types should work satisfactorily.

IC3 on the VDU board forms a 6MHz dot clock which is adjusted using the preset resistor R3 to give characters of the right width on a steady picture after MC6845 has been initialised using the Applications programmes.

The 1024 byte character memory appears in block zero of the Acorn address map filling pages 04, 05 06 and 07. Two registers, which set up the 6845, are at addresses 0800 and 0801 and these repeat throughout page 08. The register at 0800 is a 5 bit write only register used to determine which of the data registers is accessed at 0801. The data registers, their addresses and their functions are tabulated here.

Register Address	Function	Program Unit	Туре	No of Bits Used
00	Horizontal total			5d 4H5 44 0 1
01	Horizontal displayed	aa afta no s	otosonio alla la	Alt na 8
02	H Sync Position	tour must b	כורלועיול פוספס	steer 8d the ele
03	H Sync Width	ra "cma E	y vietue flov	4 bac
04	Vertical total			
05	V total adjust	scan line	" "	5
06	Vertical displayed	char row	" "	7
07	V sync position	char row	S often Video	THE NOVTE A
08	Interface mode	Misod +df 1	and the World's	2
09	Max scan line address	scan line	Erosinifeo ffoiri	e assist 5d year
0A	Cursor start	scan line	" "	5+2
08	Cursor end	scan line	21 11	5
00	Start address H	_	p) p)	6
CD	Start address L		n nazuF	. 8
OE	Cursor H	_	Read/Write	6
OF	Cursor L		Read/Write	8
10	Light pen H	748 4	Read only	6
11	Light pen L	1 7	Read only	8

Using the programs provided all these registers are initialised for 625 line, 50 fields per second, non-interlaced operation with 25 rows each of 40 characters.

Hardware scrolling is used in the system which, with transparent access, gives a clean display and uses only a very small proportion of C.P.U's time. The character memory may be read from or written to at any time like any other piece of R.A.M.

The light pen input to the board may be used after breaking the link to 0v and fitting a 4K7 resistor for R5. When the light pen input goes high the contents of the character refresh address counter are strobed into registers 10 and 11 i.e. high byte and low byte. Thus the screen co-ordinates of the pen position may be determined.

The SAA 5050 character generator produces the following characters represented by the hexbytes shown.

20	space	30	0	40	@	50	P	60	dar <u>u</u> an	70	р
21	1	31	1	41	A	51	Q	61	a	71	q
22	"	32	2	42	В	52	R	62	b	72	r
23	£	33	3	43	C	53	S	63	C	73	s
24	\$	34	4	44	D	54	T	64	d	74	t
25	%	35	5	45	E	55	U	65	е	75	u
26	- &	36	6	46	F	56	V	66	f	76	v
27	s. Esc	37	7	47	G	57	W	67	g	77	w
28	colou), if	38	8	48	H	58	X	68	h	78	×
29	de store	39	9	49	oil no	59	Y	69	i	79	У
2A	10.271000	3A	i agiT	4A	J	5A	Z	6A	j	7A	z
2B	+	3B	;	4B	K	5B	$\leftarrow$	6B	k	7B	1/4
2C	,	3C	<	4C	L	5C	1/2	6C	1	7C	11
2D	_	3D	=	4D	M	5D	$\rightarrow$	6D	m	7D	3/4
2E		3E	>	4E	N	5E	1	6E	n	.7E	÷
2F	1	3F	?	d 4F	0	5F	*	6F	0	7F	delete

Note that there are a few exceptions to the usual ASCII, the most noticeable of which is at 23 where £ replaces #which is moved from 23 to 5F.

Also available are the following teletext control characters with their hexadecimal codes shown:—

01	Alpha	Red domains board	11	Graphics	Red	
02	"	Green	12	Vis. "	Green	
03	"	Yellow	13	"	Yellow	
04	"	Blue animalia) at	14	60 "	Blue	
05	"	Magenta	15	ii	Magenta	
06	"	Cyan	16	"	Cyan	
07	"	White	17	(ii) #	White	
08	Flash		18	Conceal Di	splay	×
09	Steady		19	Contiguous	s Graphics	
OA	End Box	legition a otho fix?	1A	Separated		
OB	Start Box					
OC	Normal H	leight and no mass	1C	Black Back	ground	318000
OD	Double H	leight	1D	New Backs	round	
		es fill the two lines a	1E	Hold Grapi	hics	
			1F	Release Gr	aphics	
					Marie Committee of the	

These characters affect the characters displayed to the right of them on a line, and provide the following options:-

ALPHA (COLOUR)

causes following characters on the line to be in the colour specified.

GRAPHICS (COLOUR)

In Graphics mode each character space displayed is divided into 6 cells. illuminated, in the specified colour, if a corres -ponding bit in the ASCII code stored at that location is set. The bit assignments are:-

b <sub>0</sub>	b <sub>1</sub>
b <sub>2</sub>	p <sup>3</sup>
b <sub>4</sub>	b <sub>6</sub>

Bit 5 in the byte is always set for a graphics character, if bit 5 is clear then the upper case, alphabet and characters ←, ½, →, ↑, #,@ are available in the same colour.

FLASH

causes the following characters on the line to flash.

STEADY

terminates the flash option on a line.

END BOX & START BOX

Are options for using the circuit to superimpose text onto a normal TV picture.

DOUBLE HEIGHT Must appear on two consecutive lines followed by the same characters in which case the characters fill the two lines specified.

NORMAL HEIGHT

Clears the double height option on a line,

0011	OF		0.1	00	4.37
CON	(:E	AL	101	SP	AY

Switches off the character on a line these can only be revealed by applying a signal to the character generator chip (or deleting the CONCEAL character).

# CONTIGUOUS GRAPHICS

In this mode the graphics cells in a character are joined up.

### SEPARATED GRAPHICS

In this mode the graphics cells are separated by one character bit width.

### **NEW BACKGROUND**

Sets the background to the colour of the last colour specifying character.

## BLACK BACKGROUND

Resets the background colour to black.

## HOLD GRAPHICS

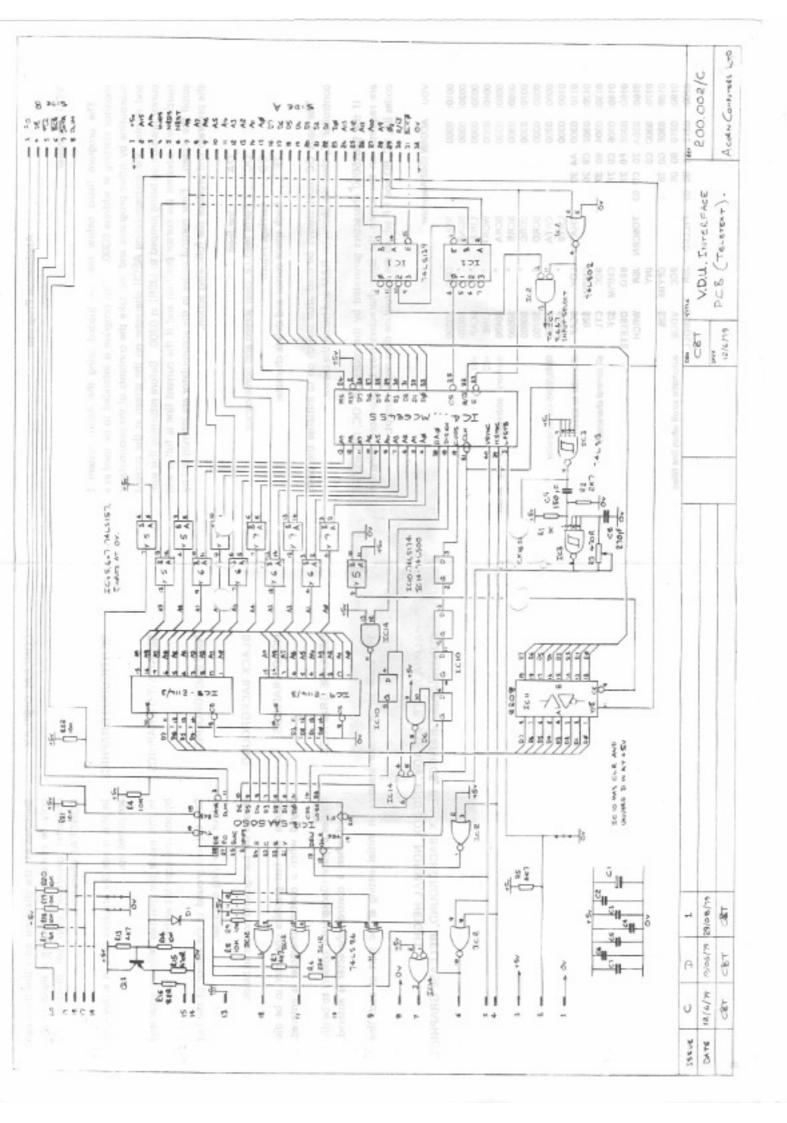
Causes the last graphics character to be displayed when a control character is entered.

## RELEASE GRAPHICS

Causes a space (Background colour) to be displayed when a control character is entered.

The character generator assumes an initial setting at the start of each line of:-

ALPHA WHITE, STEADY, END BOX, NORMAL HEIGHT.
CONTIGUOUS GRAPHICS, BLACK BACKGROUND, RELEASE GRAPHICS.



# **VDU Controller**

The program listed below may be loaded using the Acorn system 1 monitor starting at address 0300. This program is intended to be used as a subroutine by other programs and will take the contents of the accumulator and display the corresponding ASCII character on the screen at the current cursor position on being jumped to (JSR) at 0300. Before returning this subroutine will advance the cursor position and if the current line is full it will scroll the screen. Four control codes in the accumulator are intercepted by the program and produce the following action.

OA ... Line feed

OC ... Form feed i.e. clear screen and home cursor

OD ... carriage return

7F ... back space cursor and delete character

The code OC must always be used after switch on to initialise the 6845 controller IC, clear the character RAM and home the cursor.

If the SAA5050 characters generated by the codes OA, OC, OD and 7F are required on the screen the same characters may be produced using the codes 8A, 8C, 8D and FF which the subroutine does not intercept.

VDU	ACOR	N 65	02 A	ssemi	bler						
0010: 0020: 0030: 0040: 0050: 0060:	0300 0300 0300 0300 0300 0300				VDU SCAP LINE WORK SCRA SCRB	ORG	\$0300 \$0020 SCAP LINE \$0400 \$0500 \$0600	+01 +02 memory	addresses	for t	he screen
0080: 0090: 0100: 0110: 0120: 0130: 0140: 0150:	0300 0300 0300 0300 0302 0304 0306 0308	A4 C9 90 C9 F0	20 20 37 7F 27		SCRD CRTA CRTB CHATS	LDY CMPIM BCC CMPIM BEQ	\$0700 \$0800 \$0801 \$CAP \$20 CTL \$7F DELETE	character	45 crt contr to screen		
0160: 0170: 0180: 0190: 0200:	030A 030D 030E 0310 0312	20 C8 C0 90	CD 28 05 80	03	TOSCRN	JSR INY CPYIM BCC JSR	\$28 VDUB SCROLL	automati	c scroll whe	en line	filled

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0210: 0315 A0 00 VDUA LDYIM $00
     0220:
          0317
              20 B5 03 VDUB
                               JSR
                                     CALCN
    0230:
          031A 84 20
                                      SCAP
                               STY
                                     $0F
    0240:
          031C
              A0 OF
                               LDYIM
                                            rewrite cursor position
    0250:
          031E 8C 00 08
                               STY
                                     CRTA
    0260:
          0321
              A4 23
                               LDY
                                     WORK
    0270:
          0323 8C 01
                              STY
                    08
                                     CRTB
    0280:
          0326
              AO OE
                                     $0E
                               LDYIM
          0328 8C 00
    0290:
                    08
                               STY
                                     CRTA
    0300:
          032B A4 25
                               LDY
                                     WORK
                                            +02
    0310:
          032D 8C 01 08
                               STY
                                     CRTB
    0320:
          0330
              60
                    VDUC
                               RTS
    0330:
          0331 88
                       DELETE
                               DEY
    0340:
          0332
              30 FC
                               BMI
                                     VDUC
                                            refuse to delete before line start
    0350:
          0334
              A9 20
                               LDAIM
                                            write in a blank
    0360:
          0336
              20 CD 03
                               JSR
                                     WRCH
    0370:
          0339 A9 7F
                                    $7F
                               LDAIM
    0380:
          033B D0 DA
                              BNE
                                     VDUB
    0390:
          033D C9 0D
                      CTL
                               CMPIM
                                     $0D
                                            carriage return?
    0400:
          033F F0 D4
                               BEQ
                                     VDUA
          0341 C9 0A
    0410:
                               CMPIM
                                     $0A
                                            line feed?
    0420: 0343 F0 06
                               BEQ SCROL
    0430:
          0345 C9 OC
                                    $0C form feed?
                               CMPIM
    0440:
          0347 FO 09
                                     CLEARS
                               BEQ
    0450:
          0349 D0 BF
                               BNE
                                     TOSCRN
    0460:
         034B 20 80 03 SCROL JSR
                                     SCROLL scroll screen and rewrite cursor
    0470:
         034E A4 20
                               LDY SCAP
    0480:
         0350 B0 C5
                               BCS
                                     VDUB
    0490:
         0352
              48
                       CLEARS PHA
                                           clear entire buffer
    0500:
         0353 A0 00
                               LDYIM
                                     $00
    0510:
         0355 A9 20
                               LDAIM
    0520:
         0357 99 00 04 CLEAR
                              STAAY SCRA
    0530:
         035A 99 00 05
                              STAAY SCRB
    0540:
         035D 99 00 06
                              STAAY SCRC.
    0550:
         0360 99
                 00 07
                              STAAY SCRD
    0560:
         0363 C8
                              INY
    0570:
         0364 D0 F1
                              BNE
                                     CLEAR
    0580:
         0366 84 20
                              STY
                                     SCAP
    0590:
         0368, A0 OF
                              LDYIM
                                     $0F
    0600:
         036A 8C 00 08
                       SETCRT
                              STY
                                     CRTA
                                          set up all the crt parameters
    0610:
         036D B9 D9 03
                              LDAAY CRTTAB
    0620:
         0370 8D 01 08
                                     CRTB
                              STA
    0630:
         0373 88
                              DEY
    0640:
         0374 10 F4
                              BPL
                                     SETCRT
    0650:
         0376 A9 C0
                              LDAIM
                                     $C 0
    0660:
         0378 85 21
                              STA
                                     LINE
         037A A9 07
                                     $07
                              LDAIM
0680: 037C 85 22
                                     LINE +01
                              STA
    0690: 037E 68
                              PLA -
    0700: 037F 60
                              RTS
                                          scroll subroutine
0710: 0380 08 SCROLL
                              PHP -
    0720: 0381 48
                              PHA
0730: 0382 D8
                              CLD
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0740:	0383	A0	28	d pm		LDYIM	\$28						
0750:	0385	20	85	03		JSR	CALCN						
0760:	0388	A5	23			LDA	WORK						
0770:	038A	85	21			STA	LINE						
0780:	038C	A5	25			LDA	WORK	+02					
0790:	038E	85	22			STA	LINE	+01					
0800:	0390	A0	0D			LDYIM	\$0D						
0810:	0392	8C	00	08		STY	CRTA						
0820:	0395	A5	21			LDA	LINE						
0830:	0397	38				SEC							
0840:	0398	E9	C <sub>0</sub>			SBCIM	\$C0						
0850:	039A	8D	01	08		STA	CRTB						
0860:	039D	88				DEY							
0870:	039E	8C	00	08		STY	CRTA						
0880:	03A1	A5	25			LDA	WORK	+02					
0890:	03A3	E9	03			SBCIM	\$03						
0900:	03A5	8D	01	08		STA	CRTB						
0910:	03A8	A0	27			LDYIM	\$27						
0920:	03AA	A9	20			LDAIM	1 113						
0930:	03AC	20	CD		CLEARL	JSR	WRCH						
0940:	03AF	88				DEY							
0950:	0380	10	FA			BPL	CLEARL						
0960:	03B2	68				PLA							
0970:	03B3	28				PLP							
0980:	03B4	60				RTS							
0990:	03B5	08		Serba	CALCN	PHP		do c	alcul	ation	to mak	e sure th	at the
1000:	0386	48				PHA		proc	esso	and	crt con	troller ag	ree on
1010:	03B7	D8			BUGY.	CLD		posit	ion	of scr	reen	depo.	
1020	0388	18				CLC							
1030:	03B9	98				TYA							
1040:	03BA	65	21			ADC	LINE						
1050:	03BC	85	23			STA	WORK						
1060:	03BE	A5	22			LDA	LINE	+01				100.00	
1070:	03C0	69	00		SCRC	ADCIM	\$00						
1080:	03C2	85	25			STA	WORK	+02					
1090:	03C4	29	07			ANDIM	\$07						
1100:	03C6	09	04			ORAIM	\$04						
1110:	03C8	85	24			STA	WORK	+01					
1120:	03CA	68				PLA							-
1130:	03CB	28				PLP							
1140:	03CC	60				RTS							
1150:	03CD	20	B5	03	WRCH	JSR	CALCN						
1160:	03D0	84	25			STY	WORK	+02					
1170:	03D2	A0	00			LDYIM	\$00						
1180:	03D4	91	23			STAIY	WORK						
1190:	03D6	A4	25		3401	LDY	WORK	+02					
1200:	03D8	60				RTS							
1210:	03D9	3F			CRTTAB	F 0.73	\$3F	total	nui	mber	of char	acters pe	er line
1220:	03DA	28				<ul> <li>A39</li> </ul>	\$28	40 ch	narad	ters (	displaye	0890: b	
1230:	03DB	33				- 818	\$33	posit	ion (	of ho	rizontal	sync	
1240:	03DC	05				= 9515	\$05	width	n in	uS o	f horizo	ntal sync	pulse
1250:	03DD	1E				<ul> <li>AHQ</li> </ul>	\$1E	total	nun	ber o	of charac	cter rows	
1260:	03DE	02				• 000	\$02	addit	iona	I no.	of line	s for 312	total

1270:	03DF	19		\$19	25 displayed character rows
1280:	03E0	1B	**	\$1B	position of vertical sync pulse
1290:	03E1	00	A second	\$00	set non-interlace mode
1300:	03E2	09		\$09	set 10 lines per character row
1310:	0353	68	10	\$68	slow blink cursor from line 9
1320:	03E4	09	-	\$09	to line 10
1330:	03E5	04	-	\$04	high address of VDU ram
1340:	03E6		v 51 30 a	\$00	low address of VDU ram
1350:	03E7	07	-	\$07	high address of initial cursor position
1360:	03E8	CO		\$C0	low address of intial cursor position
					to appropriate the property of

Two further programs may be loaded which emply the V.D.U. control subroutine.

The keywrite program is entered at MAIN (0280). When this program is first used after switching on a form feed can be sent to the screen to program the 6845 by pressing the 'r' key.

The program then accepts pairs of Hex characters before sending them to the screen, by-passing the control interpreter to allow any code to be sent. The control keys provide the following functions

1	Line feed	g	space
٨	delete	р	space
V	carriage return	S	space
r	form feed	m	return to monitor

KEYWRT		AC	ORM	N 6502	2 Assembler				
0010: 0020:	0280 0280				KEYWRT	ORG	\$0280 \$0026		
0030:	0280				RESTRT		\$FF04		
0040:	0280				DISPLA		\$FEOC		
0050:	0280				VDU		\$0300		
0060:	0280	20	oc.	FE	MAIN	JSR	DISPLA		
0070:	0283	90	0E	rates	220-200	BCC	SEND	hex key ?	
0080:	0285	29	07		CONTRL	ANDIM	\$07	HEA KEY I	
0090:	0287	FO	1B		001111112	BEQ	RETURN		
0100:	0289	A8				TAY		look up control keys in table	
0110:	028A	B9	A6	02		LDAAY	TABLE	-01	
0120:	028D	20	00	03	SENDER	JSR	VDU	STATE OF THE PROPERTY HOSE	
0130:	0290	4C	80	02	ned some a	JMP	MAIN		
0140:	0293	0A			SEND	ASLA			
0150:	0294	0A			7007	ASLA			
0160:	0295	0A				ASLA			
0170:	0296	0A				ASLA			
0180:	0297	85	26			STA	TEMP		
0190:	0299	20	0C	FE		JSR	DISPLA		
0200:	029C	В0	E7			BCS	CONTRL		
0210:	029E	05	26			ORA	TEMP	mix in low digit	
0220:	02A0	09	80			ORAIM	\$80	fool control character check	
0230:	02A2	30	E9			BMI		forced branch to sender	
0240:	02A4	4C	0A	FF	RETURN	JMP	RESTRT	M key returns to monitor	
0250:	02A7	20			TABLE	=	\$20	G key gives space bar	
0260:	02A8	20					\$20	P key gives space bar	
0270:	02A9	20					\$20	S key gives space bar	
0280:	02AA	0A				=	\$OA	L key gives line-feed	
0290:	02AB	OC.				=	\$0C	R key gives form-feed	
0300:	02AC	7F					\$7F	/\ key gives delete	
0310:	02AD	0D				=	\$0D	\/ key gives carriage return	

## Acorn Minidisassembler

The minidisassembler provides a formated listing of 25 lines of 6502 program instructions in machine code presented in Hexadecimal.

The start address of the program to be disassembled is entered into the m address of the Acorn Monitor using the m key and the dis-assembler program is then executed from 0200 using the g key in the normal way. A formated 25 lines of instructions will be displayed on the screen and the program ends in a jump back to the monitor. The m address is stepped forwards so rerunning the program will display the next 25 program lines.

MINDI	S	AC	ORM	N 6502	2 Assembler	F FBV s			
1014	_								
0010:	0200				MINDIS	ORG	\$0200		
0020:	0200				MOD		\$0000		
0030:	0200				COUNT	A883	\$000E		
0040:	0200				VDU	• 88.	\$0300		
0050:	0200				RESTRT	• 563	\$FF04		
0060:	0200	Α9	18		START	LDAIM	\$18	disassemble 25 lines	
0070:	0202	85	0E		017411	STA	COUNT	disassemble 25 lines	
0080:	0204	D8	100		30\$	CLD	000111		
0090:	0205	A9	OC			LDAIM	\$0C	start with a form-feed	
0100:	0207	20		03		JSR	VDU	start with a form-reed	
0110:	020A	A9		00	MAIN	LDAIM	\$0D	carriago rotum lina fond f	
0120:	020C	20		03	903	JSR	VDU	carriage return/line feed for each line	
0130:	020F	A9		-		LDAIM	\$0A		
0140:	0211	20	00	03		JSR	VDU		
0150:	0214					LDA	MOD	+01 display current address	
0160:	0216	20	58	02		JSR		19Horanoo Lid V sa	
0170:	0219	A5				LDA	MOD		
0180:	021B	20	5F	02		JSR	BYTOUT	Mini Disassandales or bot	
0190:	021E	AO	00			LDYIM	\$00		
0200:	0220	A2	01			LDXIM	\$01	X will be the byte count of the opcod	
0210:	0222	B1	00			LDAIY	MOD	fetch opcode, find it's no. of bytes	JE
0220:	0224	C9	20			CMPIM	\$20	'jsr' is an anomaly and is done first	
0230:	0226	FO	17			BEQ	CBYTE	ye is an anomaly and is done first	
0240:	0228	29	9F			ANDIM	\$9F		
0250:	022A	FO	15			BEQ	ABYTE	binary 0XX00000 is 1 byte	
0260:	022C	29	1D			ANDIM	\$1D	and y announce is a pyte	
0270:	022E	C9	19			CMPIM	\$19		
0280:	0230	FO	OD			BEQ	CBYTE	binary XXX110X1 is 3 bytes	
0290:	0232	29	OD			ANDIM	\$0D	- Total Total Is o Dyles	
0300: 1	0234	C9	08			CMPIM	\$08		
0310:	0236	FO	09			BEQ	ABYTE	binary XXXXX0X0 (now) is 1 byte	
0320:	0238	29	0C			ANDIM	\$0C	, thou, is I byte	
0330:	023A	C9	OC.			CMPIM	\$0C		
0340:	023C	FO	01			BEQ	CBYTE	binary XXXX11XX is 3 bytes	
0350:	023E	CA				DEX		all others are 2 bytes	

0360:	023F	E8			CBYTE	INX		
0370:	0240	E8				INX		
0380:	0241	A0	00		ABYTE	LDYIM	\$00	
0390:	0243	B1	00			LDAIY	MOD	
0400:	0245	20	58	02		JSR	SPBYTE	
0410:	0238	E6	00			INC	MOD	increment the byte pointer
0420:	024A	D0	02			BNE	NOINC	
0430:	024C	E6	01			INC	MOD	+01
0440:	024E	CA			NOINC	DEX		print all bytes required
0450:	024F	D0	F0			BNE	ABYTE	
0460:	0251	C6	0E			DEC	COUNT	
0470:	0253	10	85			BPL	MAIN	finished the 25 lines?
0480:	0255	4C	04	FF	GETOUT	JMP	RESTRT	
0490:	0258	48			SPBYTE	PHA		print a space and then the byte
0500:	0259	A9	20			LDAIM		
0510:	025B	20	00	03		JSR	VDU	MINDIS ACORN 850
0520:	025E	68				PLA		
0530:	025F	48			BYTOUT	PHA		print a byte
0540:	0260	4A				LSRA		
0550:	0261	4A				LSRA		
0560:	0262	4A			00000	LSRA		
0570:	0263	4A				LSRA		
0580:	0264	20	68	02		JSR	DIGOUT	
0590:	0267	68				PLA		
0600:	0268	29	OF		DIGOUT	ANDIM	\$0F	print the bottom Hex digit in A
0610:	026A	09	30			ORAIM	\$30	
0620:	026C	C9	3A			CMPIM	\$3A	
0630:	026E	90	02			BCC	PUT	
0640:	0270	69	06			ADCIM	\$06	
0650:	0272	4C	00	03	PUT	JMP	VDU	

The VDU controller may reside in memory with the Keywriter, the Mini-Disassembler or both and subsequently they may be stored on cassette tape in the usual way. User program space is then reduced to the range 0020 through 00FF with the page 0100 to 01FF used for stack space as before. The RAM in the INS 8154 IC's is also free to the user.