

VT125 PROGRAMMING REFERENCE CARD

CONTROL CHARACTERS RECEIVED

Name	Character Mnemonic	Octal Code	Function
Null	NUL	000	Ignored when received and used as a fill character.
Enquire	ENQ	005	Transmits the answerback message.
Bell	BEL	007	Generates a bell tone.
Backspace	BS	010	Moves the cursor to the left one character position.
Horizontal Tab	HT	011	Moves the cursor to the next tab stop.
Line Feed	LF	012	Causes a line feed or a new line operation. (Refer to Linefeed/ New Line mode.)
Vertical Tab	VT	013	Processed as LF.
Form Feed	FF	014	Processed as LF.
Carriage Return	CR	015	Moves the cursor to left margin on the current line.
Shift Out	SO	016	Selects the G1 character set, as designated by a Select Character Set sequence.
Shift In	SI	017	Selects the G0 character set, as designated by a Select Character Set sequence.
Device Control 1	DC1	021	Processed as XON. Causes the terminal to continue transmitting characters.

Name	Character Mnemonic	Octal Code	Function
Device Control 3	DC3	023	Processed as XOFF. Causes terminal to stop transmitting all characters except XOFF and XON.
Cancel	CAN	030	If received during an escape or control sequence, the sequence is cancelled and substitution character (X) is displayed.
Substitute	SUB	032	Processed as CAN.
Escape	ESC	033	Processed as a sequence introducer.
Delete	DEL	177	Ignored when received.

ANSI COMPATIBLE SEQUENCES

Set Mode

Name	Mnemonic	Mode	Sequence
Line feed/new line	LMN	New line	ESC [20 h
Cursor key	DECCKM	Application	ESC [? 1 h
ANSI/VT52	DECANM	ANSI	N/A
Column	DECCOLM	132 column	ESC [? 3 h
Scrolling	DECSCLM	Smooth	ESC [? 4 h
Screen	DECSCNM	Reverse	ESC [? 5 h
Origin	DECOM	Relative	ESC [? 6 h
Auto wrap	DECAWM	On	ESC [? 7 h
Auto repeat	DECARM	On	ESC [? 8 h

Reset Mode

Name	Mnemonic	Mode	Sequence*
Line feed/new line	LMN	Line feed	ESC [20 l
Cursor key	DECCKM	Cursor	ESC [? 1 l
ANSI/VT52	DECANM	VT52	ESC [? 2 l
Column	DECCOLM	80 column	ESC [? 3 l
Scrolling	DECSCLM	Jump	ESC [? 4 l
Screen	DECSCNM	Normal	ESC [? 5 l
Origin	DECOM	Absolute	ESC [? 6 l
Auto wrap	DECAWM	Off	ESC [? 7 l
Auto repeat	DECARM	Off	ESC [? 8 l

* The last character of each sequence is lowercase L (154_g)

Cursor Key Codes Generated

Cursor Key (Arrow)	ANSI Codes		VT52 Codes
	Reset (Cursor)	Set (Application)	
Up	ESC [A	ESC O A	ESC A
Down	ESC [B	ESC O B	ESC B
Right	ESC [C	ESC O C	ESC C
Left	ESC [D	ESC O D	ESC D

Keypad Character Selection

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Alternate	DECKPAM	ESC =
Numeric	DECKPNM	ESC >

Keypad Codes Generated

Key	ANSI Mode		VT52 Mode	
	Numeric Keypad Mode	Alternate Keypad Mode	Numeric Keypad Mode	Alternate Keypad Mode
0	0	ESC O p	0	ESC ? p
1	1	ESC O q	1	ESC ? q
2	2	ESC O r	2	ESC ? r
3	3	ESC O s	3	ESC ? s
4	4	ESC O t	4	ESC ? t
5	5	ESC O u	5	ESC ? u
6	6	ESC O v	6	ESC ? v
7	7	ESC O w	7	ESC ? w
8	8	ESC O x	8	ESC ? x
9	9	ESC O y	9	ESC ? y
- (minus)	- (minus)	ESC O m	- (minus)†	ESC ? m†
, (comma)	, (comma)	ESC O l*	, (comma)†	ESC ? l*†
. (period)	. (period)	ESC O n	. (period)	ESC ? n
ENTER‡	CR or CRLF	ESC O M	CR or CRLF	ESC ? M
PF1	ESC O P	ESC O P	ESC P	ESC ? P
PF2	ESC O Q	ESC O Q	ESC Q	ESC ? Q
PF3	ESC O R	ESC O R	ESC R	ESC ? R
PF4	ESC O S	ESC O S	ESC S†	ESC ? S†

* The last character of the sequence is lowercase L (154₈)

† These sequences were not available in the VT52. Do not use the PF4, "-" (minus), or "," (comma) keys with VT52 software.

‡ Line feed/new line off causes ENTER to generate CR (015₈). On causes ENTER to generate CRLF (015₈ 012₈).

Select Character Sets SCS

Character Set	G0 Designator	G1 Designator
United Kingdom (UK)	ESC (A	ESC) A
United States (USASCII)	ESC (B	ESC) B
Special characters and line drawing set	ESC (0	ESC) 0
Alternate character ROM	ESC (1	ESC) 1
Alternate character ROM – special characters	ESC (2	ESC) 2

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Single Shift 2 Single character shift to G2 (ASCII)	SS2	ESC N
Single Shift 3 Single character shift to G3 (ASCII)	SS3	ESC O

NOTE: The VT125 generates the following control characters differently from previous DIGITAL terminals.

Code	VT125 Keys	Previous Terminal Keys
NUL	CTRL – Space bar	CTRL – @
RS	CTRL – ~	CTRL – ^
US	CTRL – ?	CTRL – _

Character Attributes

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Select Graphic Rendition	SGR	–
No attributes	–	ESC [m
No attributes	–	ESC [0 m
Select bold attribute	–	ESC [1 m
Select underline attribute	–	ESC [4 m
Select blink attribute	–	ESC [5 m
Select reverse video attribute	–	ESC [7 m

NOTE: Without advance video option (AVO), only underline or reverse attribute is available.

US/UK Character Set

BITS		0 0		0 0 1		0 1 0		0 1 1		1 0 0		1 0 1		1 1 0		1 1 1			
B4	B3	B2	B1	COLUMN		1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
ROW				0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	NUL	0	20	SP	40	0	60	@	100	P	120	`	140	p	160
				0		0	16		32		48		64		80		96		112
				0		0	10		20		30		40		50		60		70
0	0	0	1	1	DC1 (XON)	1	21	!	41	1	61	A	101	Q	121	a	141	q	161
				1		1	17		33		49		65		81		97		113
				1		1	11		21		31		41		51		61		71
0	0	1	0	2		2	22	!"	42	2	62	B	102	R	122	b	142	r	162
				2		2	18		34		50		66		82		98		114
				2		2	12		22		32		42		52		62		72
0	0	1	1	3		3	23	*# / £	43	3	63	C	103	S	123	c	143	s	163
				3		3	19		35		51		67		83		99		115
				3		3	13		23		33		43		53		63		73
0	1	0	0	4		4	24	\$	44	4	64	D	104	T	124	d	144	t	164
				4		4	20		36		52		68		84		100		116
				4		4	14		24		34		44		54		64		74
0	1	0	1	5		5	25	%	45	5	65	E	105	U	125	e	145	u	165
				5		5	21		37		53		69		85		101		117
				5		5	15		25		35		45		55		65		75
0	1	1	0	6		6	26	&	46	6	66	F	106	V	126	f	146	v	166
				6		6	22		38		54		70		86		102		118
				6		6	16		26		36		46		56		66		76
0	1	1	1	7		7	27	'	47	7	67	G	107	W	127	g	147	w	167
				7		7	23		39		55		71		87		103		119
				7		7	17		27		37		47		57		67		77
1	0	0	0	8		8	30	(	50	8	70	H	110	X	130	h	150	x	170
				8		8	24		40		56		72		88		104		120
				8		8	18		28		38		48		58		68		78
1	0	0	1	9		9	31	)	51	9	71	I	111	Y	131	i	151	y	171
				9		9	25		41		57		73		89		105		121
				9		9	19		29		39		49		59		69		79
1	0	1	0	10		10	32	*	52	:	72	J	112	Z	132	j	152	z	172
				10		10	26		42		58		74		90		106		122
				10		10	20		30		40		50		60		70		80
1	0	1	1	11		11	33	+	53	:	73	K	113	[	133	k	153	{	173
				11		11	27		43		59		75		91		107		123
				11		11	21		31		41		51		61		71		81
1	1	0	0	12		12	34	,	54	<	74	L	114	\	134	l	154	|	174
				12		12	28		44		60		76		92		108		124
				12		12	22		32		42		52		62		72		82
1	1	0	1	13		13	35	-	55	=	75	M	115	]	135	m	155	}	175
				13		13	29		45		61		77		93		109		125
				13		13	23		33		43		53		63		73		83
1	1	1	0	14		14	36	.	56	>	76	N	116	^	136	n	156	~	176
				14		14	30		46		62		78		94		110		126
				14		14	24		34		44		54		64		74		84
1	1	1	1	15		15	37	/	57	?	77	O	117	_	137	o	157	DEL	177
				15		15	31		47		63		79		95		111		127
				15		15	25		35		45		55		65		75		85

*NOTE: DEPENDS ON THE CHARACTER SET SELECTED. U S = U K = I

KEY

ASCII CHARACTER	ESC	33	OCTAL
		27	DECIMAL
		18	HEX

Special Characters and Line Drawing Set

BITS		0 0		0 1		1 0		1 1		1 1						
B7 B6 B5		0 0		0 1		1 0		1 0		1 1						
B4 B3 B2 B1		0		1		3		5		7						
ROW		COLUMN		1		3		5		7						
0 0 0 0	0	NUL	0	20	SP	40	0	60	@	100	P	120	↑	140	-	160
			0	16		32		48		64		80		96	SCAN 3	112
			0	10		20		30		40		50		60	SCAN 7	70
0 0 0 1	1		1	21	!	41	1	61	A	101	Q	121	≡	141	-	161
			1	17		33		49		65		81		97	SCAN 5	113
			1	11		21		31		41		51		61	SCAN 9	71
0 0 1 0	2		2	22	"	42	2	62	B	102	R	122	≡	142	-	162
			2	18		34		50		66		82		98	SCAN 7	114
			2	12		22		32		42		52		62	SCAN 3	72
0 0 1 1	3		3	23	#	43	3	63	C	103	S	123	≡	143	-	163
			3	19		35		51		67		83		99	SCAN 5	115
			3	13		23		33		43		53		63	SCAN 9	73
0 1 0 0	4		4	24	\$	44	4	64	D	104	T	124	≡	144	-	164
			4	20		36		52		68		84		100	SCAN 7	116
			4	14		24		34		44		54		64	SCAN 3	74
0 1 0 1	5	ENQ	5	25	%	45	5	65	E	105	U	125	≡	145	-	165
			5	21		37		53		69		85		101	SCAN 5	117
			5	15		25		35		45		55		65	SCAN 9	75
0 1 1 0	6		6	26	&	46	6	66	F	106	V	126	0	146	-	166
			6	22		38		54		70		86		102	SCAN 7	118
			6	16		26		36		46		56		66	SCAN 3	76
0 1 1 1	7	BEL	7	27	'	47	7	67	G	107	W	127	±	147	-	167
			7	23		39		55		71		87		103	SCAN 5	119
			7	17		27		37		47		57		67	SCAN 9	77
1 0 0 0	8	BS	10	30	(	50	8	70	H	110	X	130	≡	150	-	170
			8	24		40		56		72		88		104	SCAN 7	120
			8	18		28		38		48		58		68	SCAN 3	78
1 0 0 1	9	HT	11	31	)	51	9	71	I	111	Y	131	≡	151	-	171
			9	25		41		57		73		89		105	SCAN 5	121
			9	19		29		39		49		59		69	SCAN 9	79
1 0 1 0	10	LF	12	32	*	52	:	72	J	112	Z	132	J	152	-	172
			10	26		42		58		74		90		106	SCAN 7	122
			10	1A		2A		3A		4A		5A		6A	SCAN 3	7A
1 0 1 1	11	VT	13	33	+	53	:	73	K	113	[	133	]	153	-	173
			11	27		43		59		75		91		107	SCAN 5	123
			11	1B		2B		3B		4B		5B		6B	SCAN 9	7B
1 1 0 0	12	FF	14	34	,	54	<	74	L	114	\	134	≡	154	-	174
			12	28		44		60		76		92		108	SCAN 7	124
			12	1C		2C		3C		4C		5C		6C	SCAN 3	7C
1 1 0 1	13	CR	15	35	-	55	=	75	M	115	]	135	≡	155	-	175
			13	29		45		61		77		93		109	SCAN 5	125
			13	1D		2D		3D		4D		5D		6D	SCAN 9	7D
1 1 1 0	14	SO	16	36	.	56	>	76	N	116	^	136	≡	156	-	176
			14	30		46		62		78		94		110	SCAN 7	126
			14	1E		2E		3E		4E		5E		6E	SCAN 3	7E
1 1 1 1	15	SI	17	37	/	57	?	77	O	117	(BLANK)	137	≡	157	-	177
			15	31		47		63		79		95		111	SCAN 5	127
			15	1F		2F		3F		4F		5F		6F	SCAN 9	7F

KEY

ASCII CHARACTER	ESC	33	OCTAL
		27	DECIMAL
		1B	HEX

Scrolling Region

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Set top and bottom margins	DECSTBM	ESC [Pt ; Pb r

Cursor Movement Commands

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Cursor up	CUU	ESC [Pn A
Cursor down	CUD	ESC [Pn B
Cursor forward (right)	CUF	ESC [Pn C
Cursor backward (left)	CUB	ESC [Pn D
Cursor position	CUP	ESC [Pl ; Pc H
Cursor position (home)	CUP	ESC [H
Horizontal and vertical position	HVP	ESC [Pl ; Pc f
Horizontal and vertical position (home)	HVP	ESC [f
Index	IND	ESC D
Reverse index	RI	ESC M
Next line	NEL	ESC E
Save cursor (and attributes)	DECSC	ESC 7
Restore cursor (and attributes)	DECRC	ESC 8

Tab Stops

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Horizontal tab set (at current column)	HTS	ESC H
Tabulation clear (at current column)	TBC	ESC [g
Tabulation clear (at current column)	TBC	ESC [0 g
Tabulation clear (all tabs)	TBC	ESC [3 g

Line Attributes

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Double-height top half	DECDHL	ESC # 3
Double-height bottom half	DECDHL	ESC # 4
Single-width single-height	DECSWL	ESC # 5
Double-width single-height	DECDWL	ESC # 6

Erasing

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Erase in line	EL	—
Cursor to end of line	—	ESC [K
Cursor to end of line	—	ESC [0 K
Beginning of line to cursor	—	ESC [1 K
Entire line containing cursor	—	ESC [2 K
Erase in display	ED	—
Cursor to end of screen	—	ESC [J
Cursor to end of screen	—	ESC [0 J
Beginning of screen to cursor	—	ESC [1 J
Entire screen	—	ESC [2 J

Communication and Graphics Protocol Commands

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Device control string	DCS	—
Enter ReGIS at previous command level	—	ESC P p
Enter ReGIS at highest command level	—	ESC P 1 p
Enter ReGIS at previous command level with commands to screen	—	ESC P 2 p
Enter ReGIS at highest command level with commands to screen	—	ESC P 3 p
Enter DECwriter graphics	—	ESC P q
Enter VT105 emulator	—	ESC P t
String terminator	ST	—
Exit graphics	—	ESC \
Media copy	MC	—
Turn off computer to auxiliary port	—	ESC [4 i
Turn on computer to auxiliary port	—	ESC [5 i
Turn off computer to screen	—	ESC [6 i
Turn on computer to screen	—	ESC [7 i
Select auxiliary port for ReGIS hardcopy output	—	ESC [? 0 i
Select computer port for ReGIS hardcopy output	—	ESC [? 2 i

Reports

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Device status report (request status of VT125)	DSR	ESC [5 n
Response:		
Terminal OK	DSR	ESC [0 n
Terminal not OK	DSR	ESC [3 n
Device status report (request cursor position)	DSR	ESC [6 n
Cursor position report	CPR	ESC [P1; Pc R
Device attributes (what are you)	DA	ESC [c
Device attributes (what are you)	DA	ESC [0 c
Identify terminal (what are you)	DECID	ESC Z

NOTE: ESC Z is not recommended.

Device attributes response: VT125	DA	See Note.
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NOTE: Format is ESC [? 12 ; <vt100> ; <vt125> ; <version> c

<vt100>	5 = no AVO, 7 = AVO
<vt125>	1 = printer, 0 = no printer
<version>	Graphics firmware

Reset

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Reset to initial state	RIS	ESC c

VT100 Tests and Adjustments

NOTE: Do not use VT100 loopback tests with the graphics processor installed. Loopback tests require test connector. Continuous tests end at failure or power-off.

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Screen alignment display	DECALN	—
Fill screen with "Es"	—	ESC # 8
Invoke confidence test	DECTST	—
Power-up test	—	ESC [2 ; 1 y
Data loopback test	—	ESC [2 ; 2 y
Power-up and data loopback tests	—	ESC [2 ; 3 y
EIA modem control loopback test	—	ESC [2 ; 4 y
Power-up and EIA loopback tests	—	ESC [2 ; 5 y
Data loopback and EIA loopback tests	—	ESC [2 ; 6 y
Power-up, data loopback, and EIA loopback tests	—	ESC [2 ; 7 y
Repeat power-up test continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 9 y
Repeat data loopback test continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 10 y
Repeat power-up and data loopback tests continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 11 y
Repeat EIA test continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 12 y
Repeat power-up and EIA tests continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 13 y
Repeat data loopback and EIA loopback tests continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 14 y
Repeat power-up, data loopback, and EIA loopback tests continuously	—	ESC [2 ; 15 y

VT125 Tests and Adjustments

NOTE: All tests require loopback connector. Always include power-up test for correct display of error indications.

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Invoke confidence test	DECTST	ESC [4 ; 1 ; Ps . . . ; Ps y
VT125 power-up test	—	Ps = 1
VT125 computer port data loopback test	—	Ps = 2
VT125 auxiliary port data loopback test	—	Ps = 3
VT125 display test	—	Ps = 4
VT125 video bit map memory test	—	Ps = 5
Repeat any selected tests continuously until power-off or failure	—	Ps = 9

Keyboard Indicators

Name	Mnemonic	Sequence
Load LEDs	DECLL	—
All off	—	ESC [q
L1 on	—	ESC [1 q
L2 on	—	ESC [2 q
L3 on	—	ESC [3 q
L4 on	—	ESC [4 q

VT52 COMPATIBLE MODE

Mode	Sequence
Enter ANSI mode	ESC <

Keypad Character Selection

Name	Sequence
Enter alternate keypad mode	ESC =
Exit alternate keypad mode (numeric keypad mode)	ESC >

NOTE: VT52 alternate keypad and numeric keypad modes are different from ANSI.

Character Sets

Name	Sequence
Special graphics character set	ESC F*
Select US/UK character set (as determined by the US/UK character SET-UP feature)	ESC G

* Same as special character and line drawing set in ANSI mode.

Cursor Position

Name	Sequence
Cursor up*	ESC A
Cursor down*	ESC B
Cursor right*	ESC C
Cursor left*	ESC D
Cursor to home	ESC H
Direct cursor address	ESC Y P _i P _c †
Reverse line feed	ESC I ‡

* Same when sent from the terminal.

† Line and column numbers for direct cursor address are single character codes whose values are the desired number plus 31₁₀.
Line and column numbers start at one.

‡ The last character of the sequence is an uppercase i (111₈).

Erasing

Name	Sequence
Erase to end of line	ESC K
Erase to end of screen	ESC J

Reports

Name	Sequence
Identify (what are you)	ESC Z
Response: VT52	ESC / Z

ReGIS COMMAND SUMMARY

Position Command Summary

Command	Function
P []	Reset pattern memory.
[<position>]	Move to <position>.
<pixel vector> or <pv>	Move <multiplier> pixels in <pv> direction.
(B)	Save current location.
(S)	Save dummy location.
(E)	Move to last saved location.
(W (<temp. writing controls>))	P (W (M<multiplier>)).

Vector Command Summary

Command	Function
V []	Draw dot at current position.
[<position>]	Draw vector to <position>.
<pixel vector> or <pv>	Draw <multiplier> pixels in <pv> direction.
(B)	Save current position.
(S)	Save dummy position.
(E)	Draw to last saved position.
(W (<temp. writing controls>))	

Curve Command Summary

Command	Function
C [<position>]	Circle with center at current position, circumference at <position>.
(C)[<position>]	Circle with center at <position>, circumference at current position.
(A<degrees>)[<position>]	Arc with center at current position, starting at <position> for <degrees>.
(A<degrees>C)[<position>]	Arc with center at <position>, starting at current position for <degrees>.
(B) [<pos.>] . . . [<pos.>] (E)	Bounded (closed) curve
(S) [] [<pos.>] . . . [<pos.>] [] (E)	Unbounded (open) curve
(W(<temp. writing controls>))	

Text Command Summary

Command

T (S <size number>
 (H <height>
 [<spacing>
 (S [<width in pixels>,<height in pixels>])
 (M [<width pixel multiplier>,<height pixel multiplier>])
 (D <direction angle>
 (D <string tilt> S <size> D <char tilt>
 (T <italic degrees>
 (A <pattern set number>
 ((B) <temporary attributes block> (E))
 (W(<temp. writing controls>))

Writing Controls Summary

Command

Function

W (C)	Complement
(E)	Erase
(R)	Replace
(V)	Overlay
(F <foreground planes>)	0 = no planes 1 = plane 1 2 = plane 2 3 = planes 1 and 2
(I 0 or (D))	Foreground intensity:
1 (R))	Dark or Dark
2 (G))	Dim grey Red
3 (B))	Light grey Green
(C))	White Blue
(Y))	Cyan
(M))	Yellow
(W))	Magenta
	White
or	
(I (H <hue angle> L <lightness percent> S <saturation percent>))	
(M <multiplier>)	Pixels per <pv>
(N 1)	Negative on
(N 0)	Negative off
(S 1)	Shading on
(S 0)	Shading off
(S [,shading reference])	
(S 'shading character)	
(P <binary pattern>)	Enter pattern.
(P <pattern number>)	Use VT125 pattern.
(P (M <pattern multiplier>))	
(W<I>(P<J>,N<k>))	Custom writing control

Screen Controls Summary

Command	Function
S <pixel vector> [<position>] (A [<position>] [<position>]) (E) (H [<position>] [<position>]) (H(P[<position>]))	Scroll. Display addressing. Erase screen. Hardcopy (corner positions optional) Set hardcopy offset.
(I 0 or (D)) 1 (R)) 2 (G)) 3 (B)) (C)) (Y)) (M)) (W))	Background intensity: Dark or Dark Dim grey Red Light grey Green White Blue Cyan Yellow Magenta White
or (I (H <hue angle> L <lightness percent> S <saturation percent>))	
S(M<n>(<mono HLS>)(A<color HLS>))	Output mapping
(S <scale>)	
(S (X<scale>Y<scale>)	
(T <ticks>)	Time delay

Macrograph

Command	Function
@ .	Clear all macrographs.
:keyletter character__string @;	Define macrograph.
keyletter	Invoke macrograph.

Character Cell Control Summary

Command	Summary
L (A<integer>)	Select for loading.
(A"<name>")	Give name to set.
"<ASCII char>" <hex pair> . . .	Load cell.
<hex pair>;	

Report Command Summary

Command	Function
R (L)	Set selected for loading.
(M (<keyletter>))	Contents of macrograph.
(M (=))	Use of storage.
"<free>,<total>"	Reply to use.
(P)	Cursor position.

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