

# **T260 SCSI Host Adapter**



Hardware Installation Guide

## NOTE

If you're like many users, you'll want to get started using your new equipment as soon as possible. But, before you attempt to install and use your Trantor SCSI host adapter, please read this guide. It will save you time in the long run, and make you aware of many options you might otherwise miss. Remember, you can always change your system configuration at a later time.

For technical support of this product, please see your dealer first for assistance, as he/she is most likely to understand your specific needs and equipment setup. To be eligible for any Trantor factory technical support which may be necessary, your Product Registration Card **must** be on file with us. **Please fill out and mail in your Product Begistration Card within 10 days of purchase!** 

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### 1.0 Introduction

This guide describes installation and operation of the Trantor<sup>™</sup> T260 SCSI host adapter (hereafter referred to as "host adapter") for IBM<sup>®</sup> PS/2<sup>®</sup> and other Micro Channel® compatible computer systems.

### 1.1 Hardware

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

- · Standardized SCSI interface, permitting the use of any SCSI-compatible device
- · Both internal and external connectors, for use with SCSI devices mounted inside or outside the computer. The external connector is compatible with Apple® Macintosh® SCSI interface pinouts for ease of cabling (see below for details).
- · Supports any one of 8 addresses.
- Compatible with any Micro Channel compatible computer.

#### 1.2 Checklist

You should have received the following items in your Trantor host adapter kit: □ T260 SCSI host adapter card

- Software distribution diskette(s)
- □ Hardware Installation Guide (this document) □ User Guide for the included software
- Product Registration card

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

### 1.3 Software Overview

The distribution diskette packaged with your host adapter contains a number of files which are of interest. These are fully described in the software User *Guide,* but there are two files to be aware of when installing the hardware:

@508E.ADF Reference file, used to logically "install" the host adapter using the Reference Diskette included with your computer.

#### READ.ME

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

### 2.0 Hardware Installation

The Trantor T260 SCSI host adapter will fit into any available adapter slot in your IBM PS/2 Micro Channel or compatible computer.

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

### 2.1 Preliminary Steps

If you are not familiar with installing adapter cards in your computer, please read the following sections in your IBM PS/2 Quick Reference Manual or equivalent documentation for your system:

What Happens When the Computer Starts? What is the Reference Diskette? How to Start the Reference Diskette How to Install an Option Removing the System Unit Cover Installing the System Unit Cover Installing an Adapter

- 2. Your computer should be completely set up and working. If necessary, turn it on.
- 3. If you have not already done so, make a backup copy of your Reference Diskette. Refer to your owner's manual if necessary.
- 4. Place your Reference Diskette backup copy in drive A: and press the Chile your mereterice biskette backup copy in drive Ar and prosente Ctrl><Alt><Delete> keys at the same time to reboot the computer. Refer to your computer's manual, and follow the on-screen instructions for copying Option Files from an option diskette (the T260 software diskette) to the backup copy of your Reference Diskette. Copy the option file from your T260 host adapter diskette now.

#### 2.2 Installing Your SCSI Host Adapter

- 1. Turn OFF your computer, its monitor, and any other external devices such as a printer or plotter. Unplug your computer and accessories.
- 2. Remove your computer's cover. Refer to your Quick Reference Manual.
- 3. Remove the contents of your host adapter kit from the packaging material. You must guard against electrostatic discharges (ESD). Carefully remove the card from its antistatic bag. Handle it by its edges only, making sure not to touch any of its contacts on the bottom side or any of its components. If you need to set it down, set it on a clean, flat surface, component side up. Save the box and packing material in case you need to ship your host adapter later.
- 4. If you plan to use the host adapter with internally-mounted SCSI devices, connect your SCSI interface ribbon cable to the host adapter's internal connector (on the top edge of the card). Note that the cable may be hooked up one of two ways; make sure that line 1 of the cable is oriented toward the Pin 1 end of the connector (Pin 1 is at the lower left corner of the T260 connector). Normally, line 1 of the cable should have a colored stripe for easy identification.
- Following the instructions in your Quick Reference Manual, install your host adapter card in any empty adapter slot. Note: the T260 card has one or more empty chip sockets for future expansion; this is the standard configuration.
- If you installed an internal-device ribbon cable for SCSI devices (Step 4), make sure that the cable does not rub against any sharp points on adjacently-mounted cards in your computer, and that it is positioned so that it will not snag your computer's top cover when it is slid back into place.
- 6. If you plan to connect more than one SCSI device to your adapter card simultaneously, make sure that the each device's "address" (device number) is different (numbers between 0 and 6; a bootable device **must** be set to address number 0-2). This is essential to prevent conflicts when the host adapter communicates with the devices. Also note, on the SCSI devices have a 50-pin connector, and it is possible to connect a cable backwards if you don't identify the correct end. Most devices should have a label on the circuit board near the connector, indicating either the pin-1 end or the pin-50 end; consult the device's manual if you can't identify the correct end should have a colored stripe on one edge; the stripe indicates pin 1 of the cable.
- 7. If you are using an externally-mounted SCSI device, connect your SCSI interface cable to the 25-pin connector at the rear of the host adapter card. Be careful to avoid connecting the SCSI cable to one of the parallel printer ports on the back of the computer. These use the same type of connector, and are easily confused. Conversely, never plug a parallel printer (or other parallel device) into a SCSI host adapter.
- 8. If you are using an internally-mounted SCSI device, install it into an available drive bay per the manufacturer's instructions. Connect the power and SCSI interface cables, being careful to route both cables around any sharp edges or protrusions, and keeping the cables out of the way of the cover.
- 9. Replace your computer's cover. Refer to your Quick Reference Manual.

#### 2.3 Configuring Your T260 Host Adapter Card

- Place your Reference Diskette backup copy in drive A: and turn your computer on. Because it senses that your configuration has changed, your computer will beep and briefly display the error code "165."
- 2. At the opening IBM ... screen, press the <Enter> key as instructed.
- You will now receive more information about the "165" error. Automatically configure the system by pressing the <y> key. Follow the on-screen instructions.

### **BIOS ROM**

A ROM chip installed on your T260 host adapter which permits you to boot up your computer from a SCSI drive. T260 will work at 7 software configurable ROM addresses as listed below:

<b>ROM Address</b>
None
C8000H
CA000H
CEOOOH
DOOOOH
D4000H
D8000H
DC000H

**BIOS ROM Enable** BIOS ROM enable is selectable through the software configuration screen, shown in Figure 1. Standard factory configuration is disabled.

#### I/O Address Selection

Eight I/O addresses are selectable through the software configuration screen shown in Figure 1. These addresses are listed below:



Figure 1 Change Configuration Screen

**Interrupt Channel** For most installations this should be left set to *None*. Channels 3,5,7,10,12,14 and 15 are available if necessary.

- Suggestion: Since you have changed your system's configuration, it is a good idea to record the changes on your backup Reference Diskette. From the Set Configuration menu, select BACKUP CONFIGURATION.
- Follow the on-screen instructions, but this time remove your backup Reference Diskette before restarting your system.
- Proceed with software installation and system checkout, following the 6. instructions in your software User Guide.
- Note: see the reverse side for connector pinout details.

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### **3.0 SCSI Connector Pinouts**

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This section documents both the SCSI interface connectors on the T260 host adapter as well as typical connectors found on SCSI devices such as hard disk and CD-ROM drives. Your host adapter has been designed with ease of connection in mind, therefore the internal SCSI connector requires only a standard ribbon cable, and the external connector is completely compatible with that used on Apple's Macintosh line of computers. Any commonly-available Macintosh cable designed to interface to external SCSI devices will work with your Trantor host adapter.

But, for those who are making their own cable assembly or who need the connector details for other reasons, the following provides the necessary information. *Figure 2* illustrates the pin arrangement of the host adapter's external DB-25F connector.

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#### Figure 2 T260 External Connector Pinouts

Internal SCSI devices (as well as the internal connector of your Trantor host adapter) commonly use a 50-pin header connector (SCSI specification Alternative 1), consisting of two rows of 25 male contacts with adjacent contacts 2.54 mm (0.1 inch) apart, as shown in Figure 3. A typical single-ended shielded SCSI device 50-pin connector (SCSI specification Alternative 2) is shown in Figure 4; this connector is most often used with an external SCSI device.



*Table 1* lists the pin assignments for each connector type. Definitions of the various signals may be found in any SCSI design reference book. The SCSI interface is fully defined in **ANSI X3.131-1986**; this document is available from Global Engineering Documents, 2805 McGaw Ave, Irvine, CA 92713-9539 USA, telephone (714) 261-1455.

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Table 1 SCSI Connector Pin Assignments

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