

# BYTEMOVER

SOFTWARE SUPPLIED WITH THE BYTESAVER

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## BYTEMOVER 3.0 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

THE CROMEMCO BYTESAVER™ is supplied with BYTEMOVER™ software. This software is pre-programmed into the 2704 PROM that comes with the BYTESAVER.

The 2704 PROM containing the Bytemover software is normally inserted into PROM location 0 on the Bytesaver board. The Bytemover software can be used to program a PROM in any of the PROM locations on the Bytesaver board. The Bytemover software can also be used to transfer programs from PROM to RAM. The operation of the Bytemover software is controlled by the setting of the front panel sense switches on the Altair computer. To use the Bytemover software there must be a RAM board in the Altair beginning at location zero in memory; further, this RAM board must be unprotected for proper execution of the Bytemover software.

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Before using the Bytesaver you must install three jumper wires to set the location of the Bytesaver in memory space. This is shown in Figure 1. The assembled Bytesaver comes with A13, A14, and A15 each tied to the corresponding "Hi" pad to position the board at the very top of memory. In the following instructions it is assumed that this is the jumper connection used.
- 2) With the Altair 8800 power turned off, plug the Bytesaver board into the computer.
- 3) Be sure that the program power on the Bytesaver is turned OFF (program power switch in the down position.)
- 4) Turn on the Altair. Raise the reset switch, then raise the stop switch, and then raise the reset switch once again to initialize the Altair.
- 5) Raise address switches A15, A14, and A13. All other address switches should be down.
- 6) Raise the examine switch. You are now examining the contents of the first byte of PROM in PROM location zero of the Bytesaver memory board (memory location 340 000). If the PROM supplied with your Bytesaver is in this PROM location the data lights will read "061", the first byte of the Bytemover program.

EXAMPLE: Transfer the Bytemover program from PROM to RAM beginning at location zero in RAM.

- 1) Raise the reset switch.
- 2) Depress the unprotect switch (on the Altair front panel).
- 3) Raise A15, A14, and A13. Raise the examine switch. The data lights should read "061" octal.

4) Now set the sense switches for the task to be done, refering to Fig. 2.

A15 - Down	to transfer from PROM to RAM
A14 - Down	for the transfer of 1K bytes.
A13 - Down	All down since we are transferring from the
A12 - Down	same PROM that contains BYTEMOVER (PROM 0)
A11 - Down	
A10 - Down	All down for storage to begin at location
A9 - Down	zero in RAM.
A8 - Down	

5) Push the run switch. In less than one second the contents of PROM will be transferred to RAM. (Of course the contents of the PROM are unaffected by this operation.

6) Raise the STOP switch.

7) Raise the reset switch. Note that the data lights read "061".

EXAMPLE: Program a 2708 PROM inserted in PROM location 1. This PROM is to be programmed with the contents of the first 1K bytes of RAM beginning at location zero in memory. The Bytemover software is still in the PROM in PROM location zero on the Bytesaver board.

1) Raise the reset switch.

2) Depress the unprotect switch (on the Altair front panel)

3) Raise A15, A14, and A13. Raise the examine switch. The data lights should read "061" octal.

4) Raise the protect switch on the Bytesaver board (i.e. program power switch to the ON position). The protect light on the Altair front panel should go off when this switch is raised.

5) Now set the sense switches for the task to be done:

A15 - Up	to program a PROM
A14 - Down	(always down for PROM programming)
A13 - Down	To select the PROM 1K higher in memory than
A12 - Down	the PROM that contains BYTEMOVER
A11 - Up	
A10 - Down	All down for transfer to begin at location
A9 - Down	zero in RAM.
A8 - Down	

6) Push the RUN switch. Note that panel light A9 is blinking at a rate of about twice per second. When this light stops blinking the PROM programming is complete.

7) Raise the STOP switch.

8) Now note the INTE light on the Altair front panel. If this light is on, the BYTEMVER VERIFIER has verified that the contents of the programmed PROM are indeed identical to the contents of the selected 1K bytes of RAM. If this light is off, the PROM has not programmed correctly; this could be due, for example, to a defective PROM.

EXAMPLE: Altair 8K BASIC can be stored in seven 2708 PROMs. Given that these seven PROMs are in PROM locations 1 through 7 on the BYTESAVER board, 8K BASIC can easily be transferred into RAM using the following procedure:

- 1) Raise the RESET switch.
- 2) Depress the unprotect switch (on the Altair front panel).
- 3) Raise A15, A14, and A13. Raise the examine switch. The data lights should read "061" octal.
- 4) Now set the sense switches for the task to be done:

A15 - Down	- transfer from PROM to RAM.
A14 - Up	- for a 7K transfer
A13 - Down	To begin transfer from the PROM 1K higher in memory than the BYTEMOVER program.
A12 - Down	
A11 - Up	All down for storage to begin at location zero in RAM.
A10 - Down	
A9 - Down	
A8 - Down	

- 5) Push the RUN switch. In less than one second BASIC will be loaded into RAM (it sure beats paper tape!). Raise the STOP switch.

EXAMPLE: If you do not have BYTEMOVER in PROM, you can program a PROM with BYTEMOVER that is stored in RAM. The BYTEMOVER software (a listing of which is attached) must first be loaded into RAM beginning at location zero in memory. The BYTEMOVER software can then be burned into a PROM using the following procedure:

- 1) Raise the reset switch.
- 2) Depress the unprotect switch (on the Altair front panel).
- 3) Insert an erased PROM into PROM location 0 on the BYTESAVER board.
- 4) Examine location 000 240 in memory.
- 5) Raise the program power switch on the BYTESAVER board.
- 6) Set the sense switches with A15 and A14 and A13 up.
- 7) Push the RUN switch. When light A9 stops blinking the programming is complete. The INTE light will be on to verify correct programming.
- 8) Turn off PROM program power by depressing the switch on the BYTESAVER.

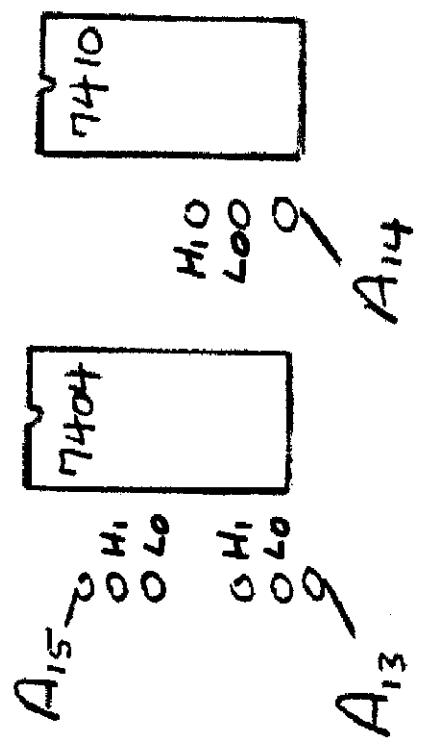


Fig. 1. How to set the Bytesaver address in memory. The built Bytesaver comes with A<sub>15</sub>, A<sub>14</sub>, and A<sub>13</sub> connected to the corresponding "Hi" terminals so that memory address occurs when these three bits are high. Any or all of these address lines may be connected to the corresponding "Lo" terminal to move the memory board lower in memory. There are thus eight positions in memory that this board can be used.

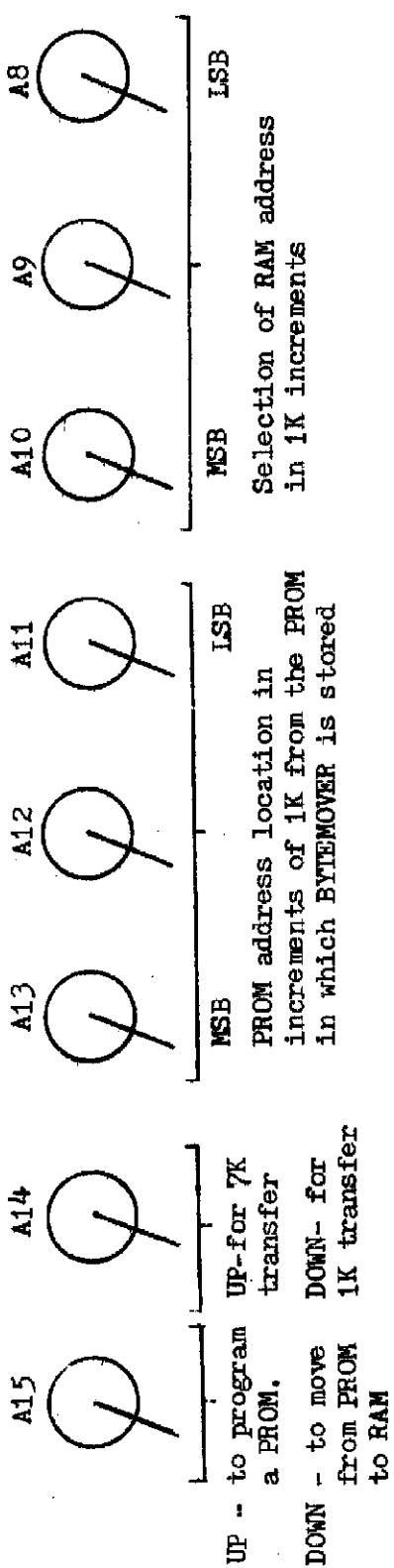
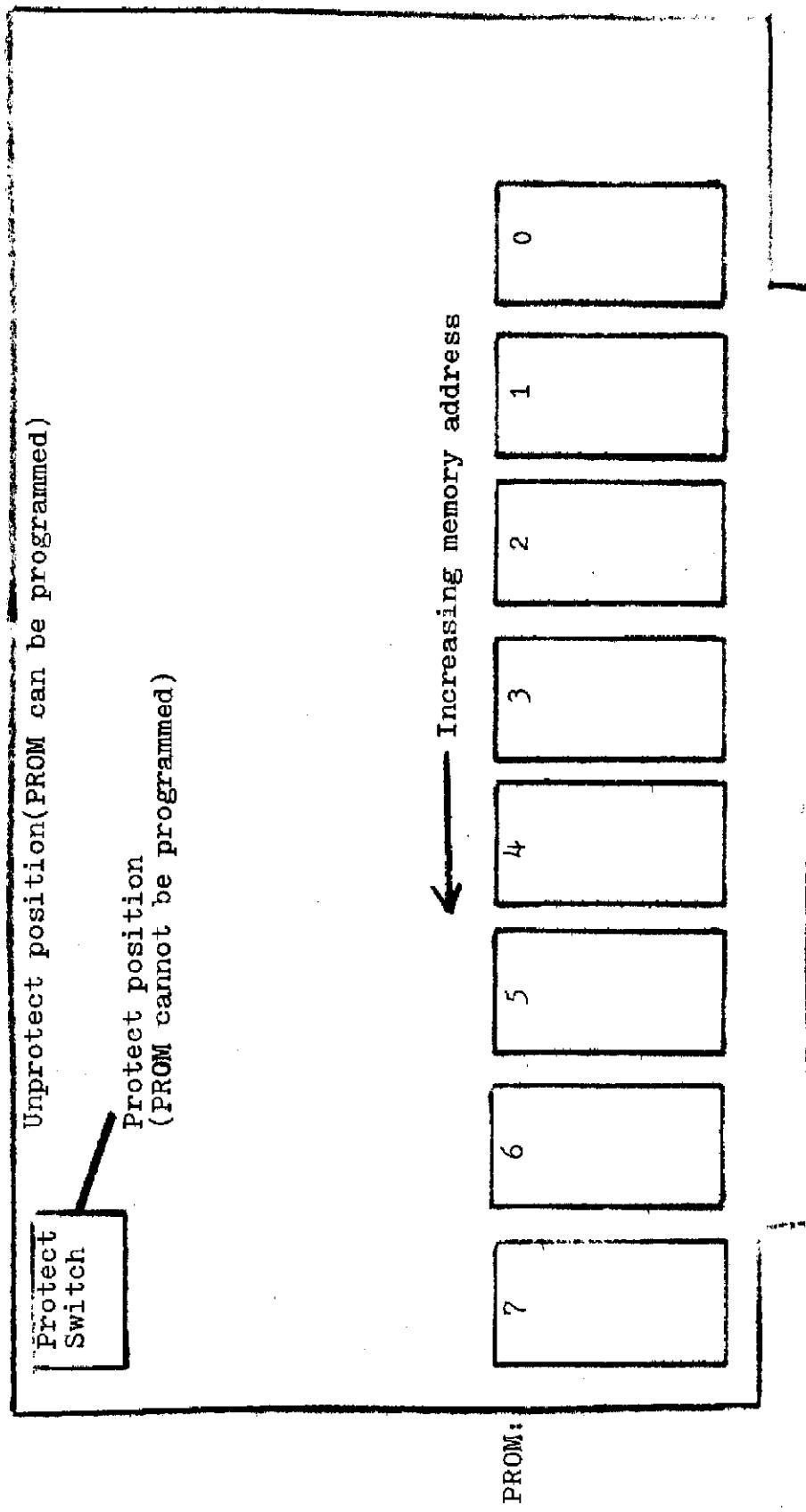


FIGURE 2. FUNCTION OF THE SENSE SWITCHES IN THE BYTEMOVER PROGRAM.

Fig. 3. Bytesaver physical layout.



BYTESAVER ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE LISTING

0000 \* BYTEMOVER (T.M.) SOFTWARE FOR  
0000 \* CROMEMCO 8K BYTESAVER (T.M.)  
0000 \* VERSION 3.0  
0000 \* SELF-RELOCATING SOFTWARE LOCATABLE AT ANY  
0000 \* 1024 BYTE (1K) BOUNDARY IN MEMORY  
0000 \* ROUTINE TO FIND ONESELF IN MEMORY  
0000 SP E0H 6  
0000 \* DEFINE FIRST 4 BYTES IN MEMORY AS STACK  
0000 31 00 00  
0003  
0003 C1  
0004 D1  
0005  
0005 2F 09  
0007 00  
0008 F5  
0009 F5  
000A 00  
000B 00  
000C 00  
000D 31 04 00  
0010 CD 00 00  
0013  
0013 31 02 00  
0016 F1  
0017  
0017 31 04 00  
001A 05  
001B C5  
001C  
001C F2  
001D 0F 00  
001E 59  
0020 69  
0021  
0021 0B FF  
0023 57  
0024  
0024 F6 07  
0026 07  
0027 07  
0028  
0028 47  
0029 7A  
002A  
002A F6 38  
002C 0F  
002D 00  
002E 67  
002F 23  
0000 \* BYTEMOVER (T.M.) SOFTWARE FOR  
0001 \* CROMEMCO 8K BYTESAVER (T.M.)  
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0004 \* 1024 BYTE (1K) BOUNDARY IN MEMORY  
0009 \* ROUTINE TO FIND ONESELF IN MEMORY  
0010 SP E0H 6  
0019 \* DEFINE FIRST 4 BYTES IN MEMORY AS STACK  
0020 LXT SP, 0  
0029 \* SAVE FIRST FOUR BYTES IN REGISTERS  
0030 POP R  
0040 PGP R  
0049 \* REPLACE BYTE 0 WITH A 'RETURN'  
0050 MVI L, 0C9H  
0051 NOP  
0060 PUSH H  
0070 PUSH 4  
0080 NOP  
0081 NOP  
0082 NOP  
0090 LXT SP, 4  
0100 CALL 0  
0101 \* ROM LOCATION NOW IN BYTE 0  
0110 LXT SP, 2  
0120 POP H  
0129 \* RETURN BYTES 0-3  
0130 LXT SP, 4  
0140 PUSH D  
0150 PUSH R  
0159 \* STORE ROM LOCATION IN SP  
0160 SPHL  
0170 MVI C, 0  
0180 MOV F,C  
0190 MOV L,C  
0197 \* INPUT SENSE SK COMMANDS  
0200 TN 255  
0210 MOV D,A  
0219 \* STRTP RAM ADDRESS  
0220 ANT 7  
0230 RL C  
0240 RL C  
0249 \* STORE RAM ADDRESS IN BC  
0250 MOV B,A  
0260 MOV A,D  
0269 \* STRTP ROM ADDRESS  
0270 ANT 56  
0280 PPG  
0290 NOP  
0300 MOV H,A  
0310 PAD SP

0030 2F 00	0320 MVI L, 0
0032 7A	0330 MOV A,D
0033 FB	0340 XCHG
0034	0341 * ADDRESS OF ROM BEING PROCESSED IN DF
0034	0342 * BRANCH TO TRANSFER OF PROGRAM ROUTINE
0034 E6 80	0350 ANI 128
0036 0F	0360 RRC
0037 0F	0370 RRC
0038 06 20	0380 ADI 45
003A 21 00 00	0390 LXI H, 0
003B 4F	0400 MOV L,A
003F 39	0410 DAD SP
003F F9	0420 PCHL
0040	0500 * ROUTINE TO TRANSFER ROM TO RAM
0040 F9	0510 SPHL
0041 21 04 00	0520 LXI H, 11
0044 39	0530 DAD SP
0045 FB	0550 XCHG
0046 F9	0560 SPHL STACK CONTAINS ROM LOCATION
0047 FB	0570 XCHG HSL CONTAIN LOOP ADDRESS
0048 11 00 00	0580 LXI D, 0
004B	0588 * START OF TRANSFER LOOP
004B	0589 * INCREMENT ROM ADDRESS
004B 3B	0590 DCX SP
004C	0599 * MOVE DATA FROM ROM TO RAM
004D F1	0600 POP B
004D 02	0610 STAX B
004E	0619 * INCREMENT RAM ADDRESS
004F 03	0620 INX B
004F	0629 * INCREMENT BYTE COUNT
004F 13	0630 INX D
0050 7A	0640 MOV A,D
0051 FA 04	0650 ANI 4
0053 07	0660 RLC
0054 07	0670 RLC
0055 00	0680 NOP
0056 85	0690 ADD L
0057 6F	0700 MOV L,A
0058 F9	0710 PCHL
0059 00	0716 NOP
005A 00	0717 NOP
005B	0719 * JUMP TO 0081 FROM TRANSFER ROUTINE
005B 3F 56	0720 MVI A, 56H
005D 85	0725 ADD L
005F 6F	0730 MOV L,A
006F F2	0740 PCHL
0060	1000 * ROUTINE TO PROGRAM ROM
0060 00	1010 NOP
0061	1019 * MOVE RAM ADDRESS INTO HL
0061 69	1020 MOV L,C
0062 7F	1030 MOV A,C
0063 60	1040 MOV H,B
0064	1049 * MOVE RAM ADDRESS INTO SP
0064 F9	1050 SPHL
0065 67	1060 MOV H,A
0066 2F AR	1070 MVI L, 107
0078	1079 * INCREMENT RAM ADDRESS
0068 D1 00 00	1080 LXI B, 0
006B	1089 * INCREMENT RAM ADDRESS

006B 39	1090 DCX SP
006C	1098 * USE STAX AND POP A (PSW)
006C	1099 * TO MOVE DATA FROM RAM TO RAM
006C F1	1100 POP A
006D 12	1110 STAX D
006E	1119 * INCREMENT RAM ADDRESS
006E 13	1120 TNX D
006F	1129 * INCREMENT BYTE COUNT
006F 03	1130 INX B
0070	1138 * B STORES TWO CONSTANTS
0070	1139 * # COMPLETED PASSES & IN RAM CNT
0070 78	1140 MOV A,B
0071	1149 * # PASSES = 32 ?
0071 FF FC	1150 CPI 252
0073 3F	1160 CMC
0074 1F	1170 RAR
0075 1F	1180 RAR
0076	1198 * SET 54 TO 0 FOR TWO MINUTE TIMER VERSION
0076 F6 40	1200 ANI 64
0078	1201 * A=64 IF COMPLETED 32 PASSES
0078 2E 7D	1205 MVT L, 7DH
007A 85	1210 ADD L
007B 6F	1220 MOV L,A
007C F9	1225 PCHL
007D 2E 6B	1226 MVT L, 6BH
007E 73	1230 MOV A,B
0080 F6 04	1240 ANI 4
0082	1241 * A=4 IF END OF 1024 BYTE PASS
0082 07	1250 RLC
0083 07	1260 RLC
0084 07	1270 RLC
0085 35	1280 ADD L
0086 6F	1290 MOV L,A
0087	1291 * GO BACK TO 1090 UNLESS OVERFLOW
0087	1292 * THEN GO TO 1380 FOR
0087	1293 * ADDRESS SUBTRACTION
0087	1294 * OR 2135 FOR QUILTS
0087 F9	1300 PCHL
0088 00	1350 NRP
0089 00	1360 NRP
008A 00	1370 NRP
008B	1378 * ANOTHER PROGRAM PASS TO BE DONE
008B	1379 * ADJUST RAM AND RAM ADDRESSES
008B 7C	1380 MOV A,H
008C 21 00 FC	1390 LXI H, 64512
008F	1399 * SUBTRACT 1024 FROM RAM ADDRESS
008F 29	1400 DAD SP
0090 F9	1410 SPHL
0091 21 00 FC	1420 LXI H, 64512
0094	1429 * SUBTRACT 1024 FROM RAM ADDRESS
0094 19	1430 DAD D
0095 FB	1440 XCRC
0096 67	1450 MOV H,A
0097 2F AB	1460 MVT L,107
0099 78	1470 MOV A,B
009A F6 F3	1480 ANT 248
009C	1499 * INCREMENT PASS COUNTER BY ONE
009C 06 08	1490 ADI 8
009E 47	1495 MOV B,A
009F	1499 * GO BACK TO 1090
009F F9	1500 PCHL

00A0	2000 * ROUTINE TO LOAD BYTEMOVER INTO ROM
00A0 DR FF	2010 IN 255
00A2 47	2020 MOV R,A
00A3 E6 50	2030 ANI 224
00A5 1E 00	2040 MVI F, 0
00A7 4B	2050 MOV C,F
00A8 57	2060 MOV D,A
00A9 78	2070 MOV A,B
00AA F6 1F	2080 ANI 31
00AC 47	2090 MOV R,A
00AD 67	2100 MOV H,A
00AE 2E 60	2110 MVI L, 96
00B0 F9	2120 PCHL
00B1	2121 * CHECK FOR 7K TRANSFER OF ROM TO RAM
00B1 C6 1A	2122 ADD 1AH
00B3 6F	2123 MOV L,A
00B4 DR FF	2124 IN 255
00B6 F6 40	2125 ANI 64
00B8 0F	2126 RRC
00B9 0F	2127 RRC
00BA 85	2128 ADD L
00BB 6F	2129 MOV L,A
00BC F9	2130 PCHL
00BD	2131 * PROGRAMMER VERIFICATION ROUTINE
00BD	2132 * PART 1
00BD 70	2133 MOV A,H
00BE 21 00 FC	2145 LXI H, 64512
00C1 39	2155 DAD SP
00C2 F9	2165 SPHL
00C3 2F CD	2175 MVI L, 0CDH
00C5 67	2185 MOV H,A
00C6 F9	2195 PCHL
00C7 00	2205 NOP
00C8 00	2210 NOP
00C9 00	2215 NOP
00CA 00	2220 NOP
00CB	2229 * ROM TO RAM TRANSFER STOP ROUTINE
00CB FB	2230 FI
00CC F9	2240 PCHL
00CD	2248 * PROGRAMMER VERIFICATION ROUTINE
00DD	2249 * PART 2
00DD 70	2250 MOV A,H
00DE 21 00 FC	2260 LXI H, 64512
00D1 19	2270 DAD D
00D2 F8	2280 XCHG
00D3 2F F1	2290 MVI L, 0F1H
00D5 67	2300 MOV H,A
00D6 01 00 00	2310 LXI B, 0
00D9 F9	2320 PCHL
00DA 00	2325 NOP
00DB	2329 * 7K TRANSFER COMPLETION CHECK
00DB D6 20	2330 SUI 904
00DD 6F	2340 MOV L,A
00DF 7A	2350 MOV A,D
00DE 06 04	2360 ADT 4

00E1 57	2670 MOV D,A
00E2 FE 38	2680 CPI 56
00E4 3F	2685 CMC
00E5 3F 00	2690 MVI A, 0
00E7 1F	2700 RAR
00E8 85	2710 ADD L
00E9 6F	2720 MOV L,A
00EA E9	2730 PCHL
00EB	2879 * ROM PROGRAMMER STOP ROUTINE
00EB 00	2880 NOP
00EC 00	2881 NOP
00ED FB	2885 EI
00EE F9	2890 PCHL
00EF F9	2900 PCHL
00F0 F9	2906 PCHL
00F1	2918 * PROGRAMMER VERIFICATION ROUTINE
00F1	2919 * PART 3
00F1 3B	2920 DCX SP
00F2 F1	2930 POP 6
00F3 FB	2940 XCHG
00F4	2949 * COMPARE FOR GREATER
00F4 9E	2950 CMP M
00F5 FB	2960 XCHG
00F6 17	2970 RAL
00F7 F6 01	3000 ANI 1
00F9 2F	3010 CMA
00FA 3C	3011 INR A
00FB 85	3015 ADD L
00FC 6F	3020 MOV L,A
00FD 3B	3030 DCX SP
00FE 3B	3040 DCX SP
00FF	3050 * COMPARE FOR LESSER
00FF F1	3055 POP 6
0100 2F	3056 CMA
0101 EB	3058 XCHG
0102 86	3059 ADD M
0103 FB	3060 XCHG
0104 C6 07	3061 ADI A, 1
0105 3F	3065 CMC
0107 17	3070 RAL
0108 F6 01	3090 ANI 1
010A 2F	3100 CMA
010B 3C	3101 INR A
010C 85	3105 ADD L
010D 6F	3110 MOV L,A
010E 03	3130 INX R
010F 13	3140 INX D
0110 78	3150 MOV A,R
0111 F6 04	3180 ANT 4
0113 2F	3190 CMA
0114 3C	3191 INR A
0115 85	3195 ADD L
0116 6F	3200 MOV L,A
0117 F9	3210 PCHL

BYTEMOVER 3.0 OCTAL LISTING

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OCTAL LISTING

061 000 000 301 321 056 311 000 345 345 000 000 000 061 004 000  
315 000 000 061 002 000 341 061 004 000 325 305 371 016 000 131  
151 333 377 127 346 007 007 007 107 172 346 070 017 000 147 071  
056 000 172 353 346 200 017 017 306 055 041 000 000 157 071 351  
371 041 013 000 071 353 371 353 021 000 000 073 361 002 003 023  
172 346 004 007 007 000 205 157 351 000 000 076 126 205 157 351  
000 151 174 140 371 147 056 153 001 000 000 073 361 022 023 003  
170 376 374 077 037 037 346 100 056 175 205 157 351 056 153 170  
346 004 007 007 007 205 157 351 000 000 000 174 041 000 374 071  
371 041 000 374 031 353 147 056 153 170 346 370 306 010 107 351  
333 377 107 346 340 036 000 113 127 170 346 037 107 147 056 140  
351 306 032 157 333 377 346 100 017 017 205 157 351 174 041 000  
374 071 371 056 315 147 351 000 000 000 000 373 351 174 041 000  
374 031 353 056 361 147 001 000 000 351 000 326 220 157 172 306  
004 127 376 070 077 076 000 037 205 157 351 000 000 373 351 351  
351 073 361 353 276 353 027 346 001 057 074 205 157 073 073 361  
057 353 206 353 306 007 077 027 346 001 057 074 205 157 003 023  
170 346 004 057 074 205 157 351 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000