



# PRODUCT UPDATE

## ATARI HOME COMPUTER SYSTEM



### ATARI® Assembler Editor User's Manual Update

This product update contains a number of corrections and additions to the *ATARI Assembler Editor User's Manual* (C014189-03 REV. 1).

#### Inside Front Cover.

The codes listed are **BASIC Error Codes**, and should be replaced with **Assembler Error Codes** as shown (which are also listed in Appendix 1):

#### Error No.

- 1 Insufficient memory
- 2 No start address for DEL command
- 3 Mini-assembler address error
- 4 LOAD file error
- 5 Undefined label reference
- 6 Error in syntax of statement
- 7 Label defined more than once
- 8 Buffer overflow
- 9 Missing label
- 10 Value greater than 255
- 11 Invalid null string
- 12 Incorrect address or address type
- 13 Phase error
- 14 Undefined forward reference
- 15 Line too large
- 16 Unrecognizable source statement
- 17 Line number too large
- 18 Misuse of LOMEM command
- 19 No starting address
- 20 Overflow in NUM or RENUM
- 128 **BREAK** key pressed during I/O operation
- 130 Nonexistent device
- 132 Invalid command
- 136 End of file
- 137 Record longer than 256 characters
- 138 Device does not respond
- 139 Device does not return Acknowledge signal
- 140 Serial bus input framing error
- 142 Serial bus data frame overrun
- 143 Serial data checksum error
- 144 Device done error
- 145 Read-after-write compare error
- 146 Function not implemented
- 162 Disk full
- 165 Filename error

Page vii. These are the correct page numbers for:

- How to Write Operands 11
- Hex Operands 11
- Immediate Operands 11
- Page Zero Operands 11
- Absolute Operands 11
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- Non-indexed Indirect Operands 12
- Indexed Indirect Operands 12
- Indirect Indexed Operands 12
- Indexed Page Zero Operands 12
- String Operands 12
- REN Command 16
- FIND Command 16



Page viii. In the Appendices, the title for Appendix 9 should read:

9 Using the Assembler Editor  
Cartridge to Best Advantage:  
Sample Programs 63

Page 1 and Page 2.

Delete reference to ATARI 815 Dual Disk Drive.

Page 5. The caption for Figure 2 should read:

Figure 2. Memory map without use of LOMEM.

Page 9.

The example shown in Figure 4 is not an executable program. It is used only to demonstrate the format of a sample program.

Page 11. The third paragraph should read:

Please refer to the description of the LABEL = directive . . .

Page 12. This information pertains to Indirect Indexed Operands:

Using indirect indexed operands will sometimes produce an error 12, although the source code appears to assemble correctly anyway. Use with caution; examine the object code to be certain.

Page 17. Under the REP Command, the first listing in the left column should read:

REP/OLD/NEW/

Page 18. On the sample Programming Form, the following line numbers are missing:

20  
30  
40  
50  
60  
70  
80  
90

In Figure 7 on line 50, IMY should be:

INY

Page 19. This information pertains to the LIST Command:

The LIST command does not set the display flag, so a LIST containing control characters will execute those functions instead of printing the characters.

The LIST Command format should read:

LIST [ { xx[,yy] }  
[ # { device: }  
[ filespec ] [,xx[,yy]] ] ]



**Page 20.** The program should read as follows—note in particular the indentation and spacing:

```

EDIT
LIST RETURN
10  * = $3000
20  LDY #00
30  REP LDX ABSX, Y
40  BNE XEQ SAME PAGE
50  INY TALLY
60  JMP REP
70  ABSX = $3744
80  XEQ = *+$60
90  .END

```

```

EDIT
LIST30 RETURN
30  REP LDX ABSX, Y

```

```

EDIT
LIST 60,80 RETURN
60  JMP REP
70  ABSX = $3744
80  XEQ = *+$60

```

EDIT

**Page 22.** The **SAVE Command Example** should look like this:

**Examples:** SAVE#C:<1235,1736  
 SAVE#D2:MYFILE<1235,1736  
 SAVE#C9:<1235,1736

To save an object program residing in hex address1 to address2 on cassette or diskette, the commands are:

SAVE#C: < address1,address2

CAUTION: Use the CSAVE procedure illustrated in your 410 Program Recorder Operator's Manual.

SAVE#D:FILENAME < address1,address2

where FILENAME is an arbitrary name you give to the block of memory that you are saving (where your object program is stored).

SAVE#C9:<address1,address2

Saves an object file without the DOS header bytes. This command procedure is used to generate tapes that can be booted on the cassette. You will have to supply your own cassette boot control information in your program. (See section 10 of Technical Reference Notes CA016555)

**Page 22.** The **LOAD Command Format** should look like this:

**Format:** LOAD# { device: }  
 filespec }



**Page 25.** In the general form diagram the upper left line should read:

Add to Figure 8.

**Page 26.** This information pertains to where object program is to be stored:

**Page 28.**

In addition, one  $\circ$  should be deleted from the sixth line down so that it reads:

Under **Title and Page Directives**, add the following note:

**Page 29.** Under the **Tab Directive**, the following clause and table should be inserted after the form of the directive (third paragraph):

The last two drawings at the bottom of the page, should be replaced by:

ASM [#D[n]:PROGNAME[.SRC]]

In Figure 8, an additional line will appear at the end of the assembly, prior to the next EDIT prompt. The added line shows the number of errors in the assembly.

When generating tapes that can be booted on the cassette, do not assemble directly to the cassette using ASM,,#C9:. Store the object code in RAM and then use SAVE#C9: < address 1, address 2.

One more space should be added between the line numbers and pseudo ops on the top half of the page.

100 .OPT NOOBJ

The number of lines per page is set at 56 lines. To change the number of lines per page, change the content of location 480H. To cause an assembly listing to feed to top of page, change the location 481H to a non-zero value.

For example:

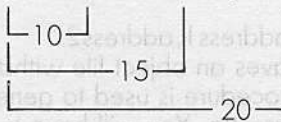
```
BUG RETURN
DEBUG
C480<3C
```

(this changes the number of lines in the printout to 60)

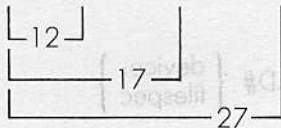
—where each number corresponds to the number of columns to the right of the line number field to start printing.

Number	Field
1	op code
2	operator
3	comment

```
3005 D064 40 BNE XEQ SAME PAGE
```



```
3005 D064 40 BNE XEQ S
AME PAGE
```



Page 20. The program should read as follows—note in particular the indentation and space.

Page 22. The SAVE Command Example should look like this:

Page 23. The LOAD Command Format should look like this:



Page 30. Under **BYTE**, **DBYTE** and **WORD Directives**, the second line should read:

In the third paragraph of text under **BYTE Directive**, the last line should read:

Page 31. The first paragraph of text under **LABEL = DIRECTIVE**, the second line should read:

Under **LABEL = DIRECTIVE**, lines 60 and 70 in the program should read:

In the following paragraph, the last line should read:

This note belongs just above **\* = Directive**:

Page 32. The fifth paragraph of text, first line, should read:

Under **IF Directive**, the first paragraph of text, last sentence, should read:

The **SOURCE CODE** program should be rewritten as follows—note in particular the spacing requirements:

```
200 .BYTE "AB. . . N"
```

Appendix 5.

the sample program we used before. Statements 70 and 80 give...

```
70 ABSX = $3744
80 XEQ = *+$60
```

given in Appendix 5.

**Note:** The assembler will always assign two-byte values to forward-referenced labels. To use zero page addressing correctly, be certain that all zero page labels are defined ahead of time.

The effect of the directive is to reserve 36 locations immediately. . . .

If the expression is not equal to zero, all of the code between lines 900 and 990 will not be assembled.

```
0100 ;CONDITIONAL ASSEMBLY EXAMPLE
0120 Z=0
0130 *= $5000
0140 LDA $45
0150 .IF Z @ZNOTEQUAL0
0160 TAX ;THIS CODE ASSEMBLED IF Z=0
0170 ZNOTEQUAL0
0180 .IF Z-1 @ZNOTEQUAL1
0190 ASL A ;THIS CODE ASSEMBLED IF Z=1
0200 ZNOTEQUAL1
0210 INX ;THIS CODE ALWAYS ASSEMBLED
```



**Page 33.** Last line of the listing.

**Page 35.** Under **DEBUG COMMANDS**, fifth line from the bottom, the command for Trace Operation should read:

**Page 36.** The information for the **D** or **Dmmmm Display Memory** command should read:

The **Example** should be changed to read as follows:

**Page 37.**

In the following example, the fourth line should read:

**Page 38.** The first sentence should read:

Under **Vmmmm Verify Memory**, the first sentence should read:

**Page 40.** The **Example** should be changed as shown—note in particular the spacing requirements:

This note should follow the **Example**:

This information pertains to **Gmmmm Go (Execute Program)**:

An additional line will appear. The line will be the last line of each line of each assembly listing, and it will indicate the number of errors that were detected during the assembly.

T or Tmmmm

Dmmmm, yyyy where yyyy is less than or equal to mmmm shows the contents from mmmm to yyyy, inclusive, with address "wraparound" occurring at address \$FFFF.

DFFF0,3 **RETURN**

FFFF	68	40	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF
FFF8	DD	57	B4	E7	77	E4	F3	E6
0000	00	41	41	41				

The top sentence, beginning "This shows that address 5000. . . .," should be deleted.

5008	18	41	54	41	52	49	20	20
------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

The second command puts 31 and 87 in locations 700B and 700E. . . .

Vmmmm < yyyy,zzzz compares memory yyyy to zzzz with. . . .

```
5001 < LDY $1234 RETURN
5001 AC3412 Computer Responds.
< INY RETURN
5004 C8 Computer Responds.
```

**Note:** Always leave a space after the < when specifying a mnemonic to be assembled under this command.

A BRK (op code = \$00) instruction will also stop the GO command. So even though the debugger does not support an explicit breakpoint facility, you can simulate this facility with a little extra work.



**Page 41.** This information pertains to the TRACE operation:

**Page 47.** This definition should immediately follow the first paragraph:

In the program line following the asterisk (\*) definition, one space should be deleted between the number 50 and the word HERE so that it reads:

In the last paragraph of text on the page, the first sentence should read:

**Page 49.** In the last paragraph, left column under the table, the title should read:

In the first paragraph in the right column, the title should read:

In the last paragraph in the right column, the title should read:

**Page 51.** In the example at the bottom of the page, line 600 should read:

Line 620 should read:

When creating a program for tape that can be booted on the cassette, the execution of the program cannot be traced if the cassette boot control information header has been included in the program. The program should be debugged before adding the header.

' The apostrophe indicates that the following character is to be translated into ASCII code.

```
50 HERE = * + 5
```

The asterisk also signifies multiplication (see Appendix 5).

**Z, PAGE X-Z, PAGE Y-ZERO PAGE INDEXED**

**ABS, X-ABS, Y-ABSOLUTE INDEXED**

**(IND), Y-INDIRECT INDEXED**

```
600 LDA #LABEL&$00FF
```

```
620 LDA #LABEL /256
```



**Page 53.** In the first column, the third directive, should read:

In the first column, the fifth directive, should read:

In the first column, the seventh directive, should read:

The second directive from the bottom should read:

**Page 60.**

**Page 61.** These are additional ATARI PUBLICATIONS:

Delete reference to:

This is an addition to OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

**Page 63.** The Appendix title should read:

**Page 64.** This information pertains to using a Program Recorder to assemble a program:

`.PAGE "MESSAGE"`

`.BYTE a,b, . . . , n`

`.DBYTE a, b, . . . , n`

assembles following code, up to LABEL, if only . . . .

The **Notes** at the bottom of the page refer to ATARI BASIC and do not pertain to Assembly language.

*ATARI Home Computer System Technical Reference Notes* CA016555 Rev. A  
*DOS II Utility Listings* C017894

ATARI 815™ Operator's Manual C016377

*The Atari Assembler* by Don and Kurt Inman, Reston Publishing Co., Reston, VA

**Using the Assembler Editor Cartridge To Best Advantage: Sample Programs**

Do not assemble directly to tape (ASM, , #C:) except with very short programs. A longer program will result in a timeout error. Instead, assemble in memory (ASM) and save to tape (SAVE#C:<startadr,endadr).





**Page 65.** The second sentence in the first paragraph should read:

And this is the program that follows:

If you have a cassette, type in the following program for loading from cassette tape:

```

100 TRAP 300
110 OPEN #1, 4, 0, "C:":REM open file on cassette for input
120 GET #1, X:GET #1, X:REM throw away first two bytes
130 GET #1, LOBYTE: GET #1, HIBYTE
140 START=HIBYTE*256+LOBYTE:REM starting address
150 GET #1, LOBYTE: GET #1, HIBYTE
160 FINISH=HIBYTE*256+LOBYTE:REM ending address
170 FOR ADDRESS=START TO FINISH
180 GET #1, BYTE
190 POKE ADDRESS, BYTE
200 NEXT ADDRESS
210 GOTO 130: REM check for further sections of code
300 CLOSE #1

```

Then a new paragraph starts at:

When the machine language. . . .

**Page 67.** Line 25010 should read:

```
25010?J+5;"E$(;"A;"";B;"")="";CHR$(34);
```

Line 25020 should read:

```
25020 FOR I=A TO B:?"ESC ESC";CHR$(PEEK(I+C));:NEXT I
```

**Pages 68-74.**

In the programs listed on page 68-74, the spacing is wrong, there should be only one space between the third and fourth columns, one space between the fourth and fifth columns, and one space between the fifth and sixth columns.

At the end of each listing, an additional line that indicated zero errors will appear for each successful assembly.

**Page 69.** The information in lines 0250 and 0260 is transposed; the lines should read:

```

0250          PLA          SET ATTACK TIME
0260          STA          ATTACK

```

In line 0420, the O in #SBO should be a zero.

In line 0470, the O in #SOE should be a zero.

**Page 70.** The third line in **Example 3** should read:

```
30          ; ROUTINE SPLAY
```

In line 0180, the last O in COLORO should be a zero.



Page 71. Lines 0630 and 0640 should read:

```
630 ;
640 ; BITS 3 AND 4 NOW GIVE THE COLOR TO USE
```

Page 72. In Example 4, lines 10 and 20 should read:

```
10 ;
20 ; KATHY'S COLOR PALETTE
```

Page 73. Line 400 \* should read:

```
0400 LOOP1 STA (POINTA),Y
```

Page 74. In the first line, 8D102 should be:  
In line 0910, 8D0AD0 should be:

```
8D0102
8D1AD0
```

Lines 0940 to 0970 should read as follows:

```
0666 8D18D0 0940 STA COLPF2
0669 E6CF 0950 INC DECK NEXT DECK
066B 68 0960 PLA RESTORE ACCUMULATOR
066C 40 0970 RTI DONE
```

Page 75. These commands, definitions, and page references should be added to the beginning of the QUICK REFERENCE list of EDITOR commands:

```
DOS switches to DOS Menu, destroying current assembler RAM program in process, unless using DOS 2.0S with MEM.SAV (2 page reference in this manual)
SIZE gives memory map buffer addresses for edit text buffer and user RAM (start of buffer, end of used area, end of available area) 6
LOMEM bumps the start address edit text buffer (your source program) up or down in memory 7
```

The second to the last EDITOR command should read:

```
SAVE #C: <xxxx, yyyy
```

Page 77. Here is the corrected modification program:

```
EDIT
10 * =600
20 LDA #SFF
30 STA $2441
40 STA $2448
50 STA $14BF
60 STA $14C0
70 .END
```

At the end of the listing, an additional line that indicates zero errors will appear.