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Preface

The *Guide to Operations* manual provides the information you need to install and operate your IBM Personal Computer XT, and to diagnose and correct many problems that may occur. The manual consists of six sections, each with an external tab to help you find the section you want. A description of each section follows.

SECTION 1, INTRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION, provides a brief description of the system unit, keyboard, printers, expansion unit, and displays. It also shows a typical system arrangement. Cabling of the system is shown, and the power-on self test is described.

SECTION 2, PROBLEM DETERMINATION PROCEDURES, describes the steps to correct problems that may occur.

SECTION 3, OPERATING YOUR PERSONAL COMPUTER XT, shows the location and describes the operation of the power switches, describes the keyboard, and explains the operation of the various units of the system.

SECTION 4, OPTION INSTALLATION, is where you file the installation instructions that come with any option you purchase for your system. This section also has charts showing how to set switches for your particular system arrangement.

SECTION 5, MOVING YOUR IBM PERSONAL COMPUTER XT, describes how to prepare your system when you have to move it.

SECTION 6, TEMPLATES, provides graphic layouts of keyboards for use with international keyboards and National DOS.

A glossary of terms and abbreviations used in the manual is also included.

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Introduction

The basic IBM Personal Computer XT consists of a system unit and keyboard. The system unit has a 10M-byte fixed disk drive, a dual-sided diskette drive, an Asynchronous Communications Adapter, 128K bytes of memory, and five expansion slots. The keyboard, which is what you use to send data to your system, attaches to the system unit with a 2-meter (6-foot) coiled cable. The keyboard consists of three major sections: the typewriter area, the numeric keypad, and the function keys.

You can add various options to your system—a display, a printer, an expansion unit, a fixed disk drive, memory, and more.

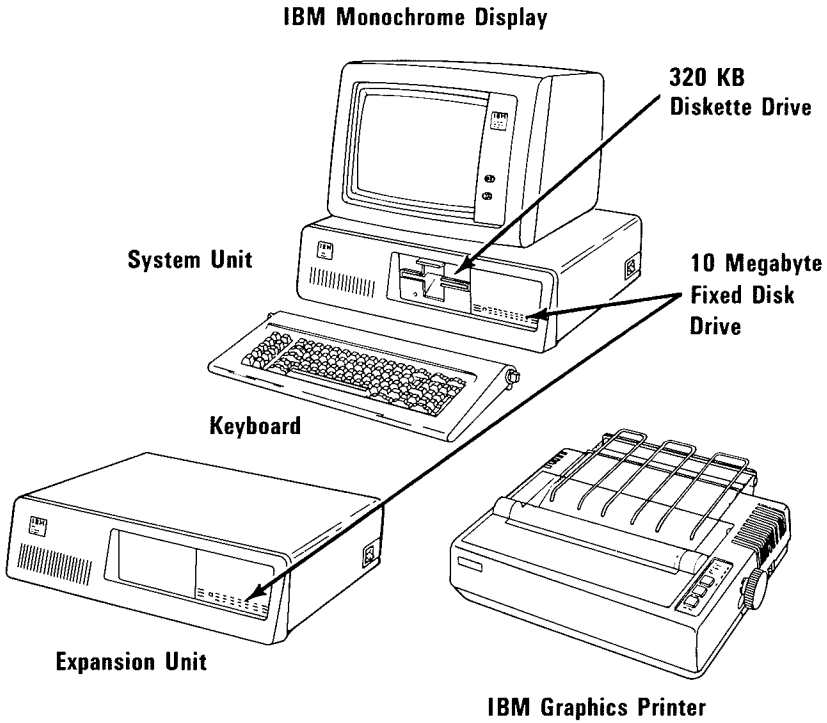
The IBM Personal Computer XT is designed for use with monitors or televisions that meet either the National Television System Committee (NTSC)¹ or the Electronics Industry Association (EIA) RS 170 standards. Therefore, if your device does not meet these standards, it may not function properly.

Several printers are available for printout or hard-copy of your data files. The IBM Graphics Printer and the IBM Color Printer provide bidirectional printing in several character sizes on single- or multi-part forms. A Compact Printer is also available at a very attractive price.

The expansion unit provides space for additional options to be attached to your IBM Personal Computer XT. The expansion unit comes equipped with a 10M-byte fixed disk drive and after installation, contains two 10M-byte fixed disk drives and six available expansion slots.

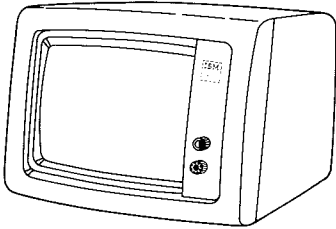
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Example of a System Arrangement

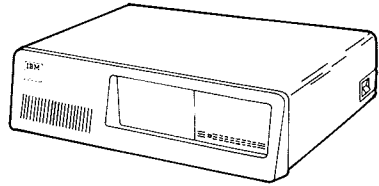


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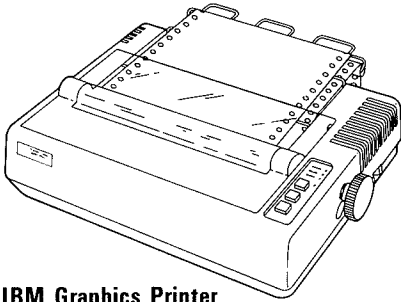
These are options which you can add externally to your system.



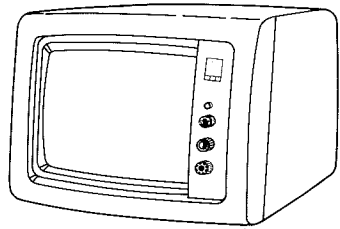
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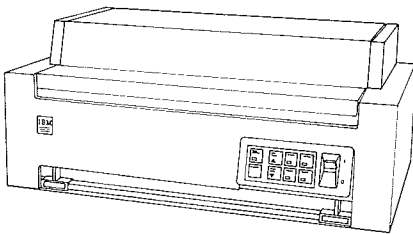
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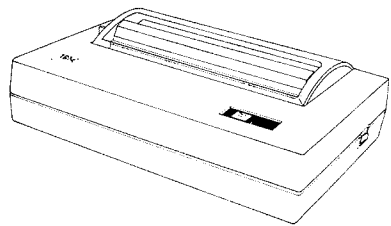
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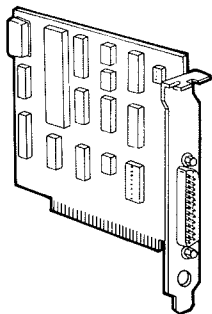
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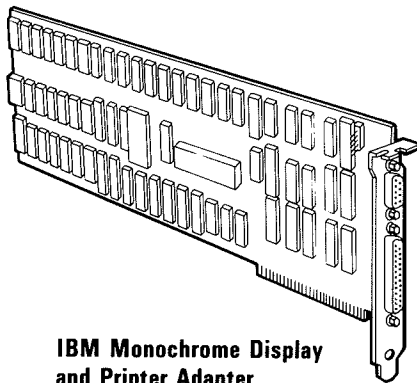
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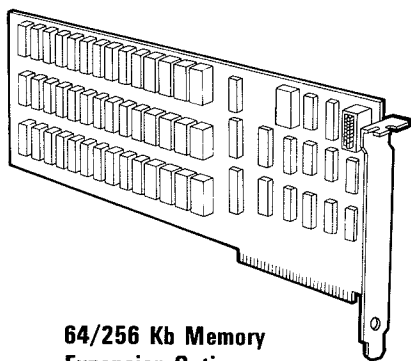
These are some of the options which you can install in your system unit or expansion unit.



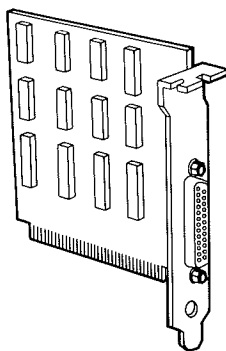
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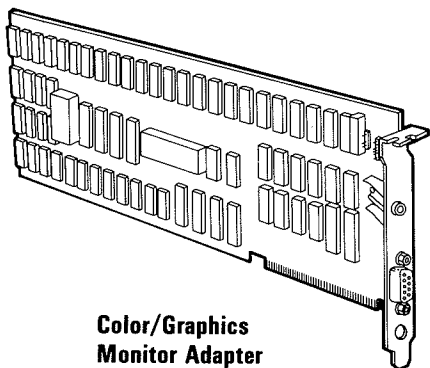
IBM Monochrome Display and Printer Adapter



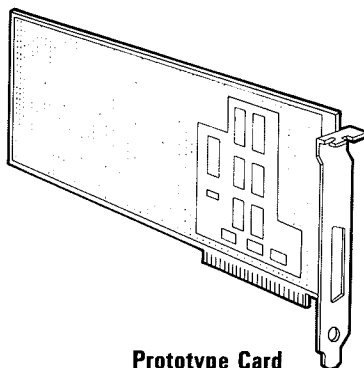
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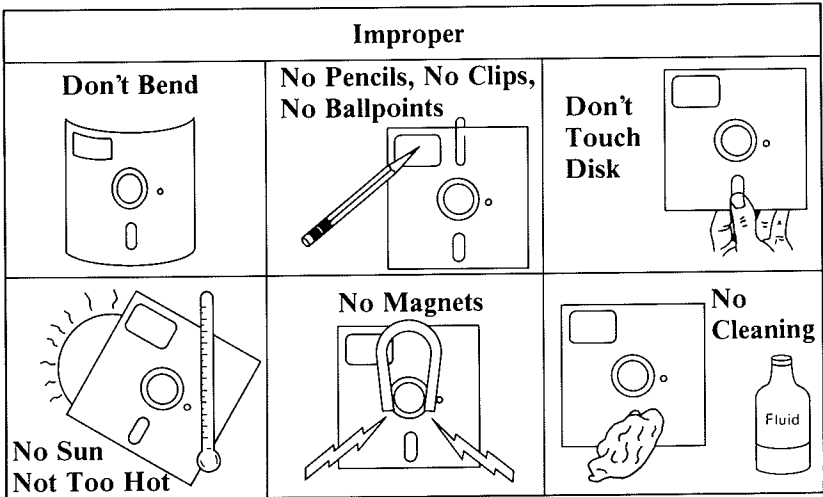
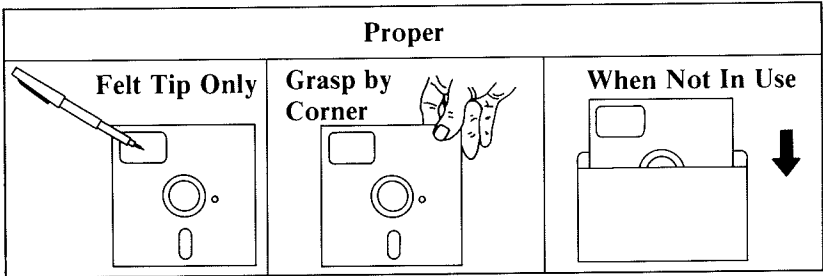
Color/Graphics Monitor Adapter



Prototype Card

Handling Diskettes

The figures below show some proper and improper ways of handling your diskettes. Proper handling greatly reduces the possibility of damage.

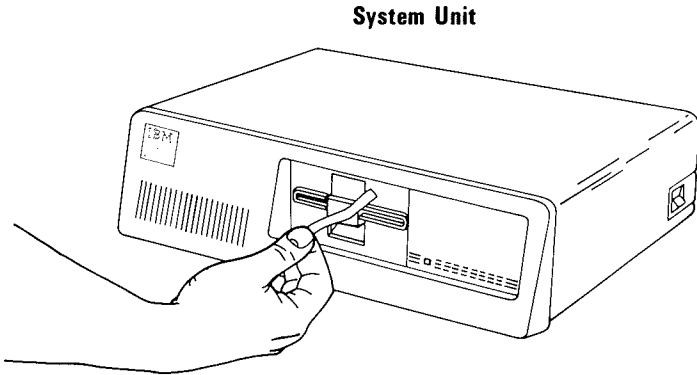


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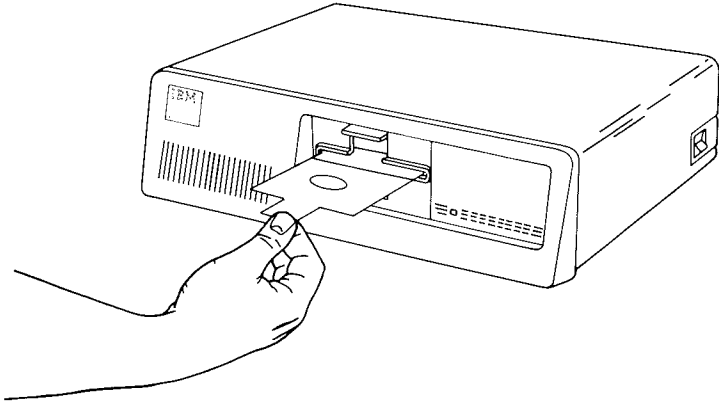
Installation

To install your IBM Personal Computer XT, do the following.

- 1 Remove the tape from the diskette drive.

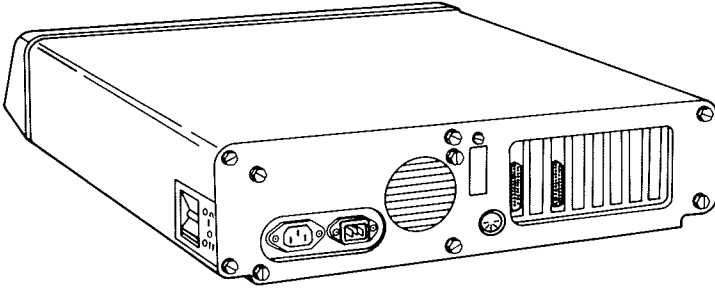


- 2 Remove the shipping cardboard.

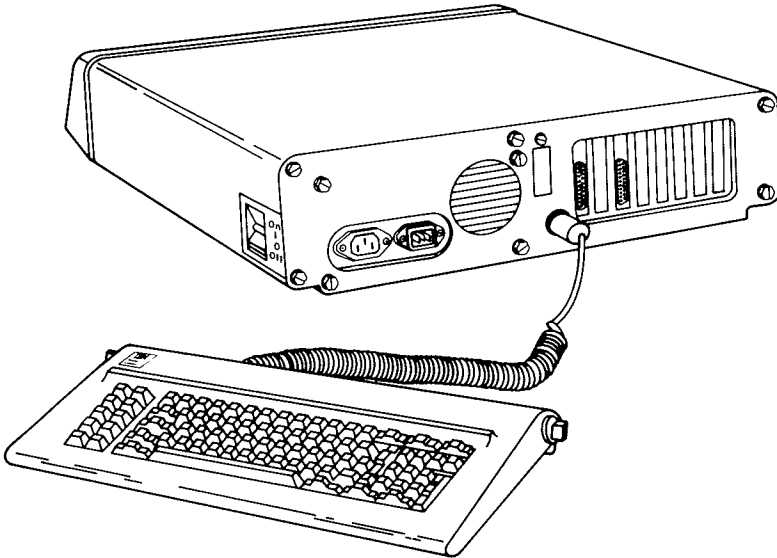


Note: Save the shipping cardboard. You may need it to insert into the diskette drive if you transport your system in the future.

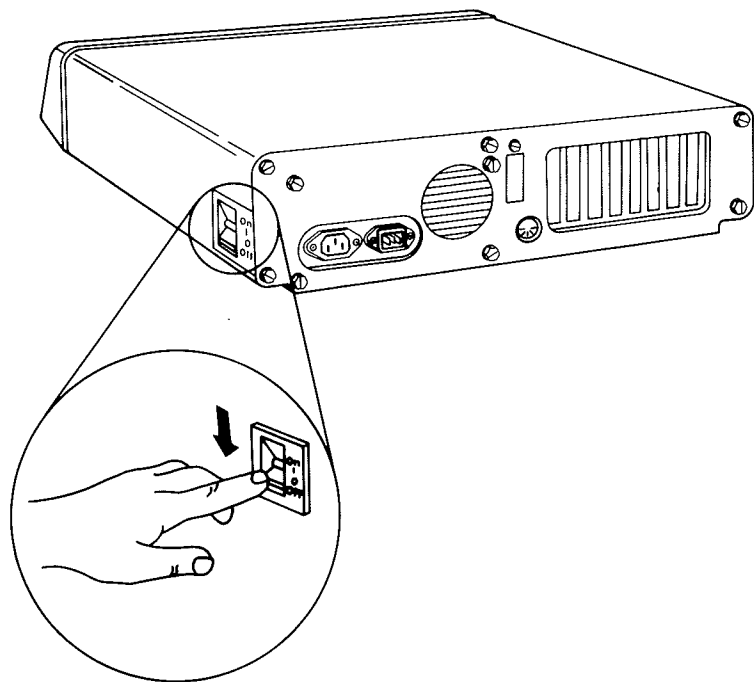
- 3** Place the system unit in the position shown.



- 4** Connect the keyboard cable to the system unit.



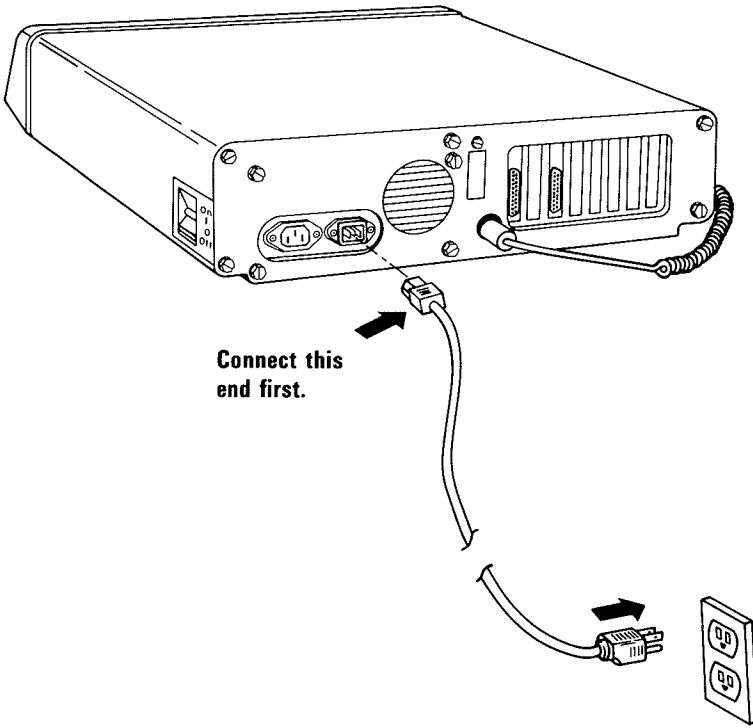
- 5** Set the system unit's Power switch to Off.



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- 6** Connect the system power cord to the system unit, then to the wall outlet.

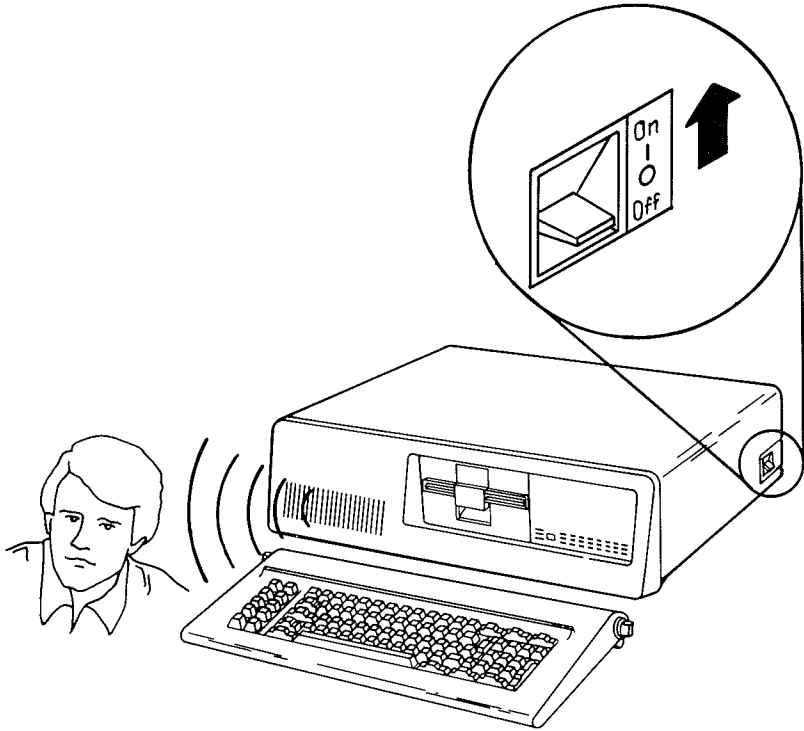


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Set the Power switch to On. You should hear one short beep after a short system test.



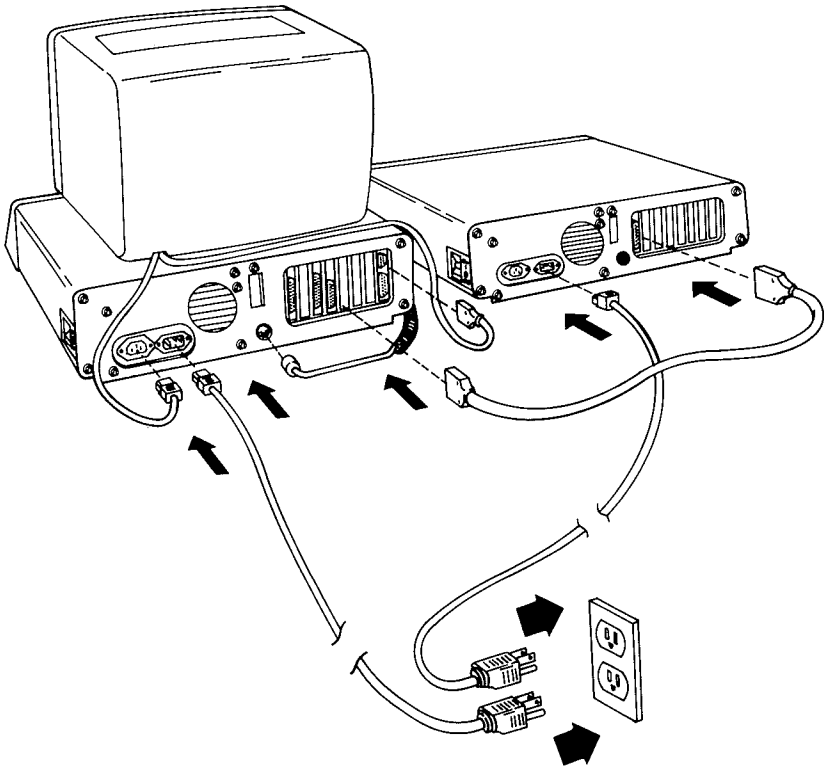
If you do not hear the short beep, check the wall outlet by plugging in a working lamp. If the lamp lights, return your IBM Personal Computer XT to your place of purchase.

If you hear the short beep, your system unit has completed its self-test.

You are now ready to install your options. Be sure to read "Handling Static-Sensitive Devices" in the "Option Installation" section of this manual before installing an option in your IBM Personal Computer XT. If your options are already installed, continue with "System Cabling."

System Cabling

Connect your cables and Power cords to the system unit, as shown in the following figure.



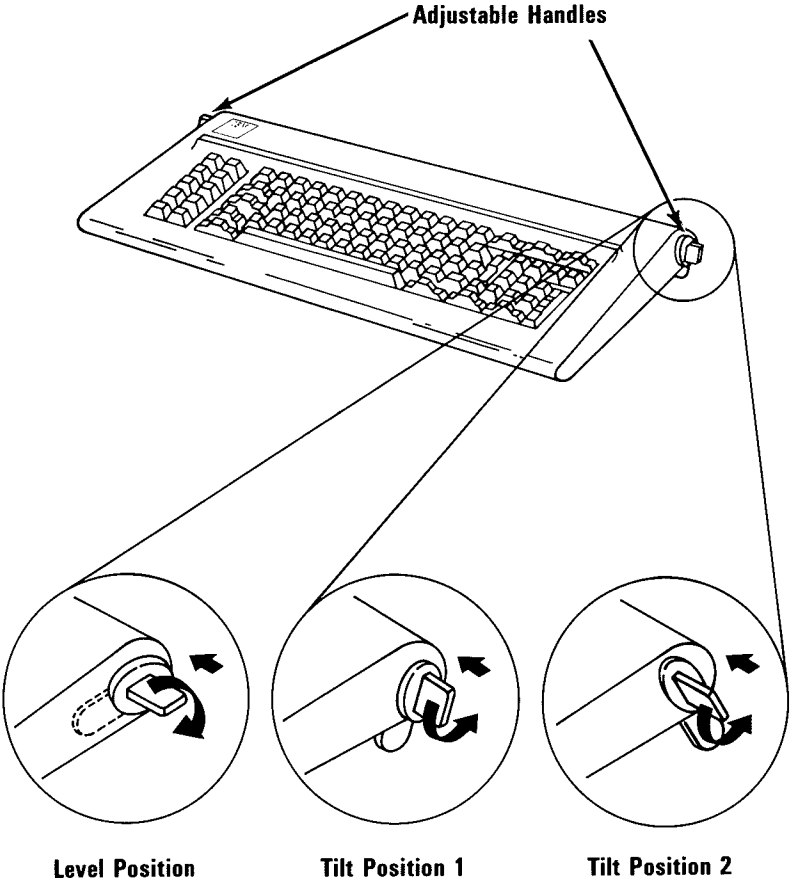
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Note: If you are using your TV or a non-IBM display, you could experience data errors while using your diskette drive. This interference can easily be corrected by moving your TV or display at least 30 cm (12 inches) away from your IBM Personal Computer XT.

Keyboard Tilt Adjustment

The tilt of the keyboard can be adjusted for your typing comfort. To adjust the tilt, hold the keyboard, firmly push in the adjustable foot handles and turn them to the desired tilt position, as shown below.



Note: Tilt position 1 may not be available on your keyboard.

Power-On Self Test

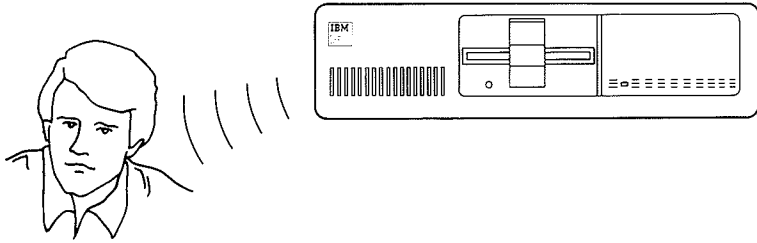
The power-on self test (POST) is done each time your system's power is switched on. The POST takes 13 to 90 seconds, depending on the amount of memory in your system.

- 1** Turn the Contrast and Brightness controls on your display or TV fully clockwise.
- 2** Switch on the power to all attached devices (printer, TV, etc.).
- 3** Set the Power switch on the expansion unit (if attached) to On.
- 4** Set the Power switch on the system unit to On. There are normally three responses.
 - A** An indication of the memory test appears in the upper-left corner of your screen. The number should continue to increase until it equals the amount of memory in your system.



XXX KB OK

- B** One short beep is heard at the end of the POST.



- C** The IBM Personal Computer BASIC message and a blinking cursor appear unless a program from a diskette, or an operating system from the fixed disk drive, is loaded. Then the first presentation of the program or operating system appears.

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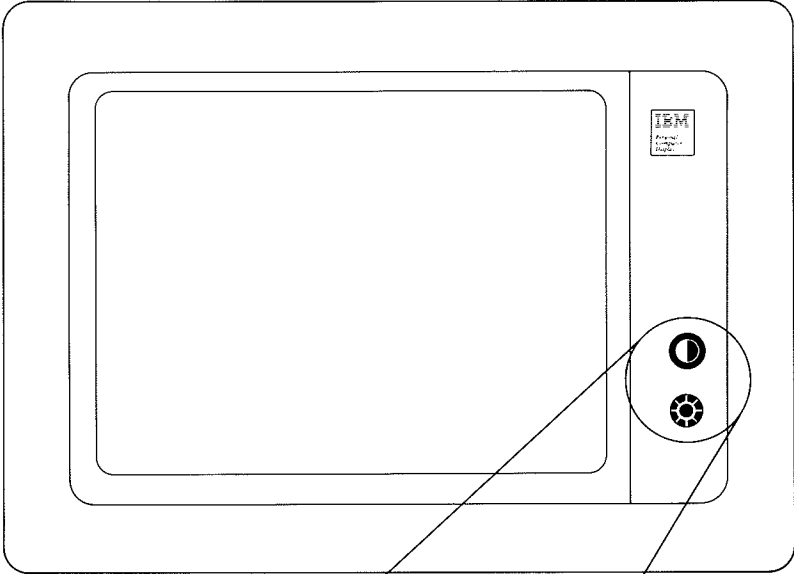
If the responses are not correct, go to "Problem Determination Procedures."

Note: If you are using your TV or a non-IBM display, and the screen image is similar to the one below, the screen needs alignment. The procedure for doing this appears later in this section. For now, continue with Step 5.

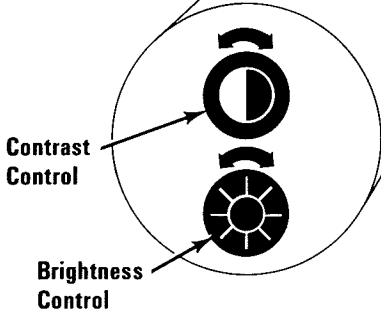
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- 5** Adjust the Contrast and Brightness controls for eye comfort.

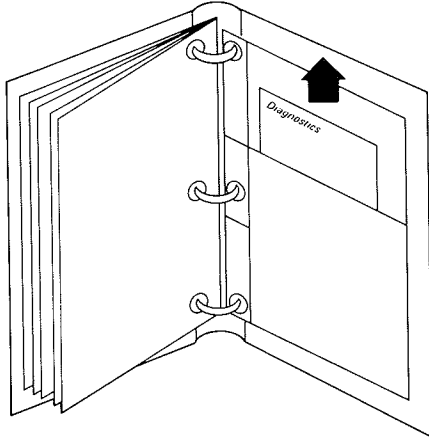


IBM Monochrome Display



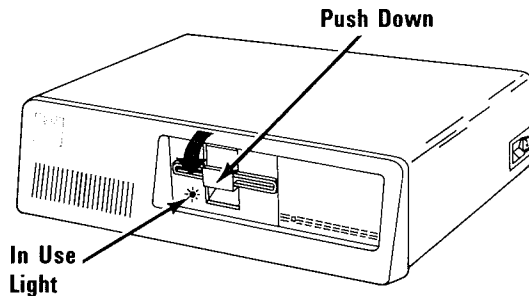
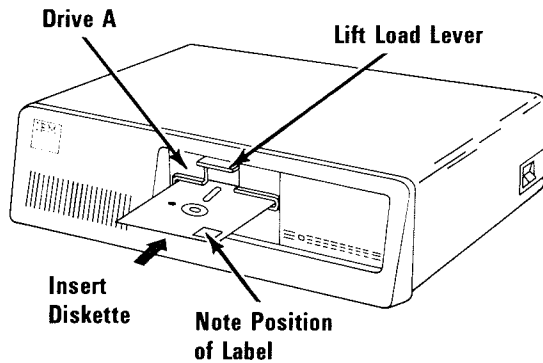
Screen Alignment Procedure

- 1** Remove the Diagnostics diskette from the back of this manual.



- 2** Set the Power switch on the system unit (and expansion unit, if attached) to Off.
- 3** Set the Power switches on all attached devices to Off (printer, TV, etc.).

- 4 Lift the load lever on the diskette drive.
- 5 Insert the Diagnostics diskette.
- 6 Push the load lever down.
- 7 Switch on power to all attached devices.
- 8 If an expansion unit is attached, set its Power switch to On.
- 9 Set the system unit's Power switch to On.





Note: If you are using your TV or a non-IBM display, and the screen image is similar to the one below, do the step on the next page to correct the problem.

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LECT AN OPTION

- RUN DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES
- FORMAT DISKETTE
- COPY DISKETTE
- PREPARE SYSTEM FOR RELOCATION
- EXIT TO SYSTEM DISKETTE

TER THE ACTION DESIRED

- 10** Press function key  to move the information on the screen to the right, or function key  to move the information to the left.

Your screen should match the figure below. If not, go to “Problem Determination Procedures.”

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SELECT AN OPTION
0 - RUN DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES
1 - FORMAT DISKETTE
2 - COPY DISKETTE
3 - PREPARE SYSTEM FOR RELOCATION
9 - EXIT TO SYSTEM DISKETTE
ENTER THE ACTION DESIRED
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Summary

You now have installed and arranged your IBM Personal Computer XT. You also have learned how to perform the power-on self test (POST) and what responses to expect after a successful POST. You know the proper way to handle diskettes and how to align your screen. Now you are ready to give your system a complete diagnostic test, which you should do whenever you cable your system or install an option.

Now turn to “Problem Determination Procedures” and give your system a complete diagnostic test.

SECTION 2. PROBLEM DETERMINATION PROCEDURES

Introduction

If you experience a problem with either your IBM Personal Computer or IBM Personal Computer XT, the problem determination procedures will help you find which unit in your system is failing. The procedures also can be used to check that your system is operating correctly. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions and answer yes or no to the questions asked.

As part of the problem determination, you may have to use the Diagnostics diskette, which is at the back of the manual. The diskette has a series of tests that check the five units of your system—system unit, expansion unit, keyboard, display, and printer—as well as other installed options. The tests are performed in sequence. As one test finishes successfully, the next one automatically starts.

Note: If you have a non-U.S. English keyboard and use the diskette in the back of this manual, use a U.S. English keyboard template.

For a screen-alignment problem, start on the following page. To do a complete system check or find the cause of a problem, start with “Checking Electrical Connections” on page Start 20-1.

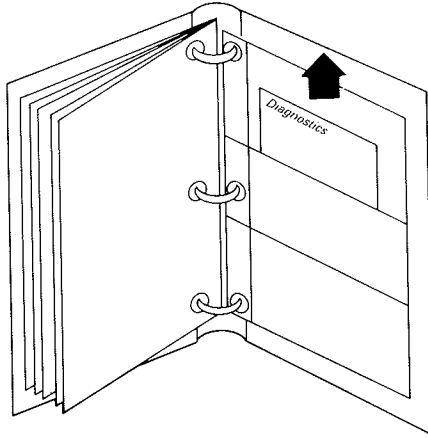
Other Options

Some options may have separate manuals. For a description of problem diagnosis, go to that option's manual.

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Screen Alignment Procedure

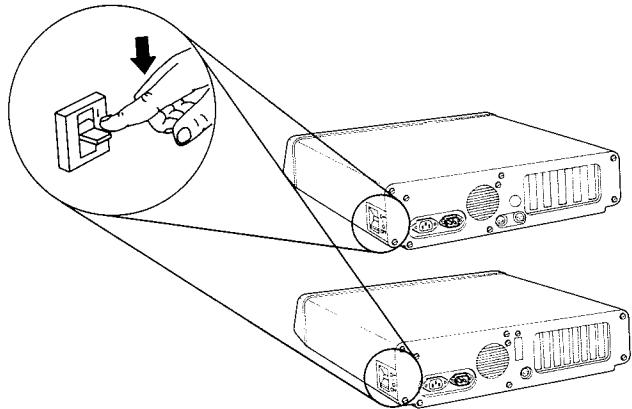
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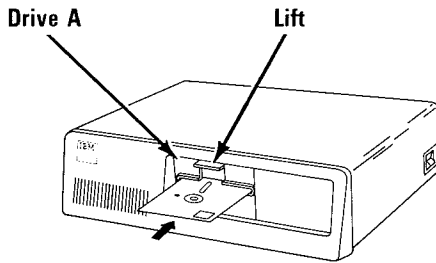
- 2 Set the Power switch on the system unit (and expansion unit, if attached) to Off.

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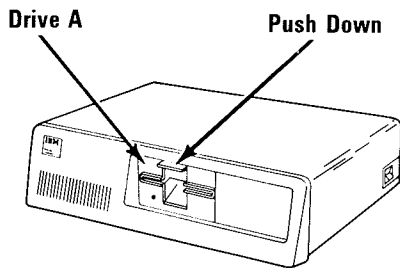
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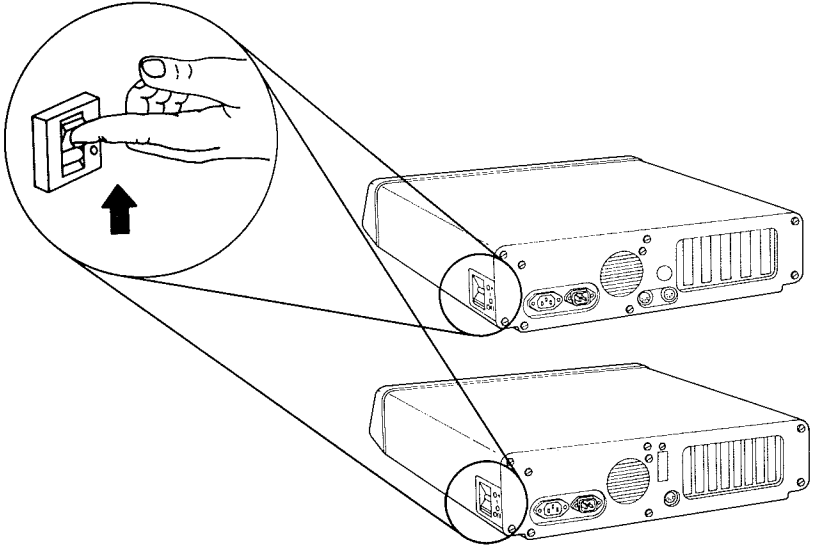
- 3** Set the Power switches on all attached devices to Off.
- 4** Lift the diskette-drive load lever.
- 5** Insert the Diagnostics diskette into drive A.



- 6** Push the load lever down.



- 7 Set the Power switches on all attached devices to On.
- 8 If an expansion unit is attached, set its Power switch to On.
- 9 Set the system unit's Power switch to On.



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
Note: If the alignment on any IBM display is incorrect, have it serviced.

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LECT AN OPTION

- RUN DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES
- FORMAT DISKETTE
- COPY DISKETTE
- PREPARE SYSTEM FOR RELOCATION
- EXIT TO SYSTEM DISKETTE

TER THE ACTION DESIRED

10 Press function key  to move the presentation to the right, or  to move the presentation to the left, as appropriate.

Your screen should match the one shown in the figure below. If it does, remove the Diagnostics diskette and return it to the back of the manual. If not, have your TV or non-IBM display serviced.

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SELECT AN OPTION

- 0 - RUN DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES**
- 1 - FORMAT DISKETTE**
- 2 - COPY DISKETTE**
- 3 - PREPARE SYSTEM FOR RELOCATION**
- 9 - EXIT TO SYSTEM DISKETTE**

ENTER THE ACTION DESIRED

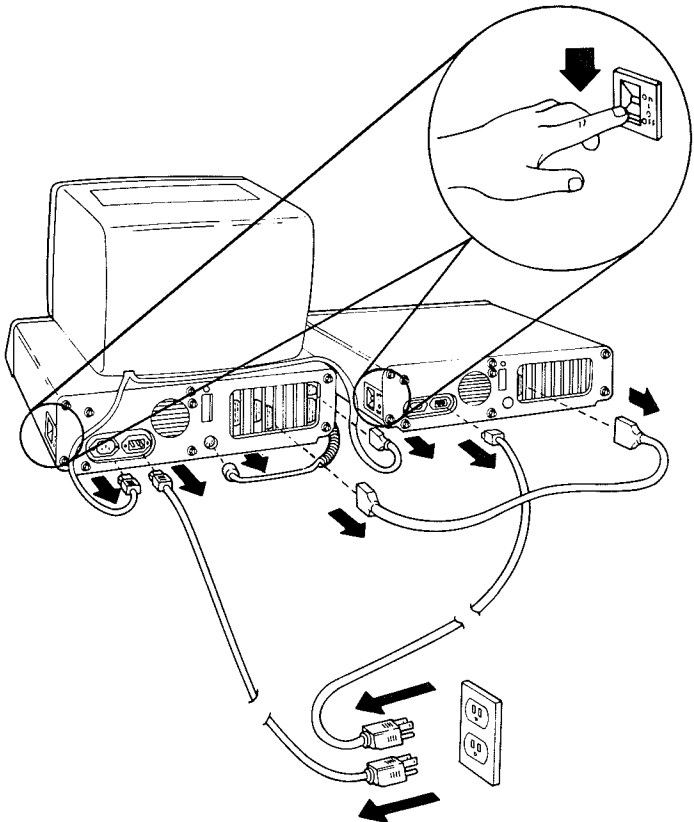
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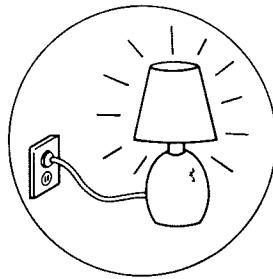
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Checking Electrical Connections

- 1** Set the Power switch on the system unit (and expansion unit, if attached) to Off.
- 2** Set the Power switches on all attached devices to Off.
- 3** Disconnect all devices.
- 4** Unplug the system unit's (and expansion unit's) power cord from the wall outlet.

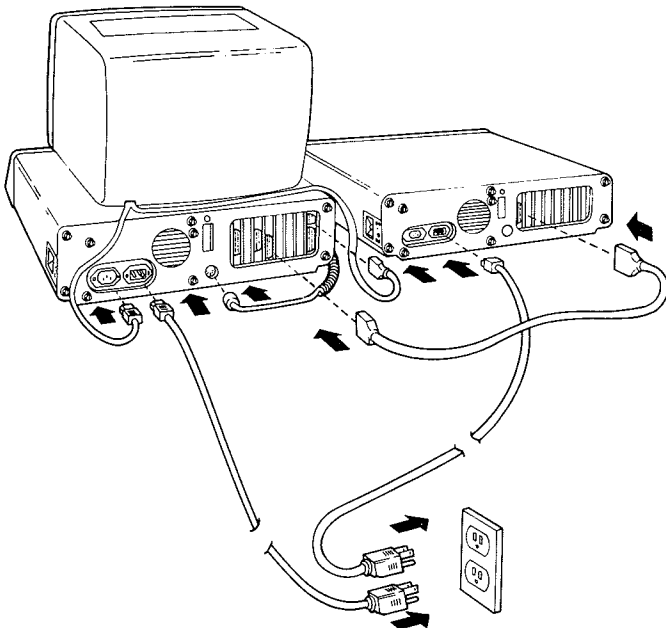


- 5** Check the wall outlet by plugging in a working lamp.



Outlet O.K.

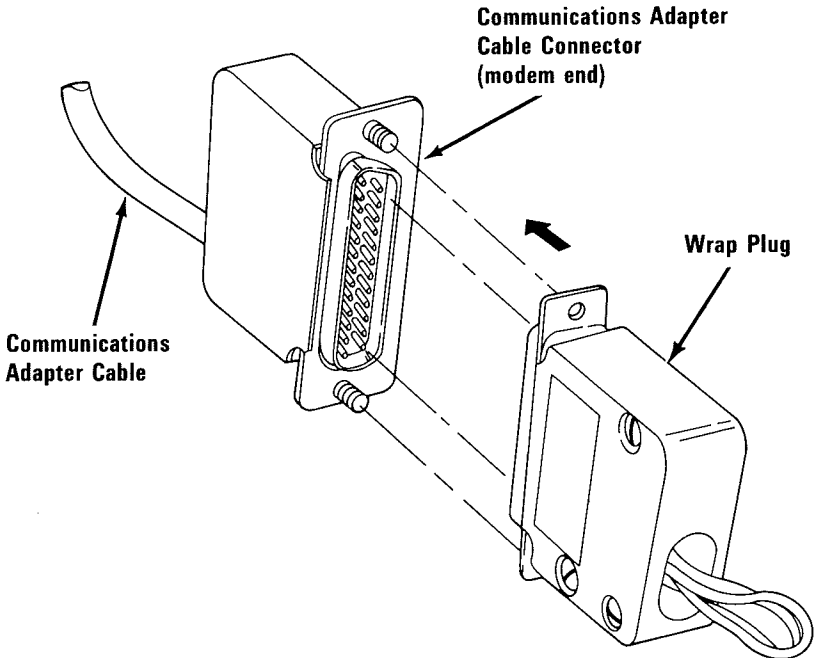
- 6** Connect each cable to the proper connector on the system unit (and expansion unit, if attached) to ensure correct electrical connection.
- 7** Plug the system unit's (and expansion unit's) power cord into the wall outlet.



Note: If you do not have an IBM Communications Adapter Cable attached to your system unit, go to the next page.

8 If you have an IBM Communications Adapter Cable, it came with a wrap plug. Disconnect the Communications Adapter Cable at the modem end (refer to the Communications Adapter Cable's "Option Installation Instructions" for the cable-removal procedure).

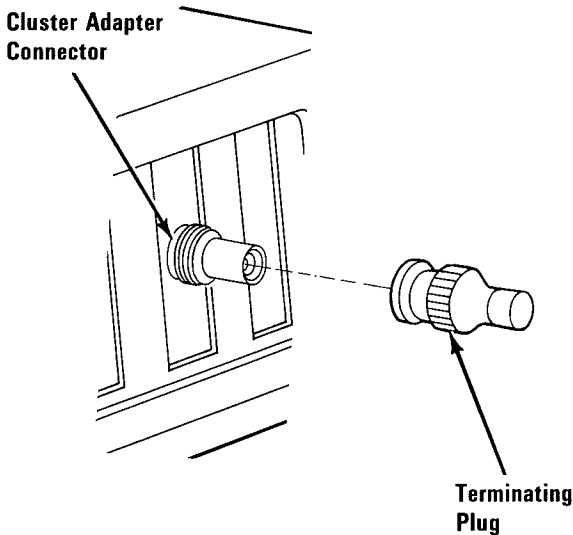
9 See the figure below and install the wrap plug (IBM part number 8529280) on the modem end of the cable (end farthest from the system unit).



Note: If you do not have an IBM Cluster Adapter, continue with “Power-On Self Test (POST)” on the following page.

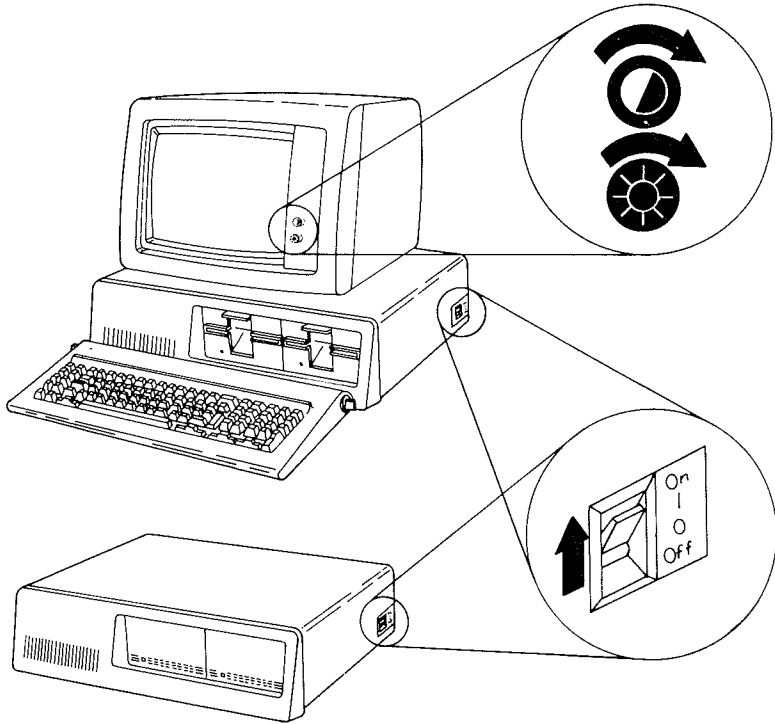
- 10** If you have an IBM Cluster Adapter, it came with a terminating plug. Disconnect the coaxial cable from the Cluster Adapter’s connector.
- 11** Refer to the figure below and install the terminating plug (IBM part number 6323481) on the Cluster Adapter’s connector.

Continue with “Power-On Self Test (POST)” on the following page.



Power-On Self Test (POST)

- 1** Turn the Brightness and Contrast controls fully clockwise. When the first screen presentation appears, adjust the controls for eye comfort.

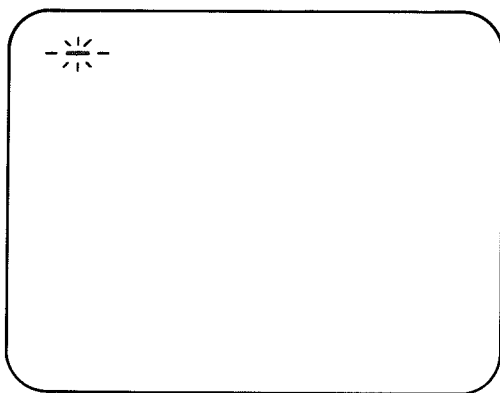


- 2** Set the Power switches on all attached devices to On.
- 3** If the expansion unit is attached, set its Power switch to On.
- 4** Set the system unit's Power switch to On.

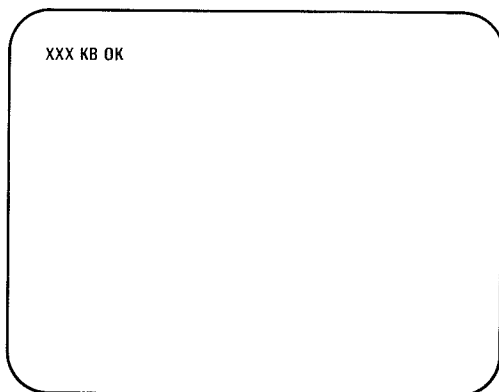
POST will finish in 13 to 90 seconds, depending on the amount of memory in your system. Normally, you will receive the following responses:

- A Look in the upper left-hand corner of the screen during POST.

If you have the Personal Computer, a blinking cursor should appear.



If you have the Personal Computer XT, a number should appear and continue to increase in value until it equals the amount of memory in your system.



- B** One short beep will be heard when the test finishes successfully.
- C** The “IBM Personal Computer BASIC” message should appear. (If, at the end of POST, a program from a diskette, or an operating system from the fixed disk drive, is automatically loaded, the first screen presentation of the program or operating system should appear).

**The IBM Personal Computer Basic
Version CX.XX Copyright IBM Corp. XXXX
XXXXX Bytes free
Ok**

1LIST 2RUN 3LOAD 4SAVE 5CONT 6LPT1 7TRON 8TROFF 9KEY 0SCREEN

Did **A**, **B**, and **C** occur?

YES - Go to “Formatting a Diskette” on page Start 40-1.

NO - Personal Computer users go to “Personal Computer POST Errors” on the next page.

Personal Computer XT users go to “Personal Computer XT POST Errors” on Start 30-8.

Personal Computer POST Errors

In the following examples, find your screen response and audio response, then follow the instructions in the box marked "Action."

Warning: If the instructions are to have a unit serviced, and that unit has a fixed disk drive, we recommend that you back up all disk files onto diskettes. Normal shipping and handling can result in permanent loss of data on your fixed disk drives. Refer to the IBM *DOS* manual for a description of the Backup command.