PERSONAL COMPUTER

HOW TO USE THE VIDEO UTILITY

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Video Utility is a software already built into the HB-G900P personal computer in the form of ROM. It provides extended commands of MSX2-BASIC to enable the control of Sony LDP-180P videodisc player. It also provides extended commands for displaying four types of characters, which may be useful for creating titles or adding information to the picture from the videodisc player.

This manual explains the commands which are contained in the Video Utility. The sample program at the end of the manual will help you to get a general idea on how to control a videodisc player with a computer. The supplied disk which contains the font data is used along with the Video Utility commands for character display. Please read this manual thoroughly and retain it for future reference. For additional information on the HB-G900P, LDP-180P or other hardware items, refer to respective manuals.
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* Refer to the instruction manual of each hardware item for information on requirements and the connecting procedure.
Notes on the monitor
- If you are using a monitor or a TV with an analog RGB multi connector of 21 pins, connect the VIDEO OUTPUT of the LDP-180P with the REF IN of the HB-G900P and set the monitor select switch of the HB-G900P to PERI-TV.
- If you are using a monitor with an analog RGB multi connector of 25 pins, set the monitor select switch of the HB-G900P to PVM.

Notes on RS-232C cable
- If you are using a Sony’s RS-232C cable (for example, SMK-0031) or other straight RS-232C cable, set the signal direction select switch of the HB-G900P to TO MODEM.
  If you are using a cross RS-232C cable, set the signal direction select switch to TO TERM.
  If you do not know which type your RS-232C cable is, set the signal direction switch to either TO MODEM or TO TERM and send the _LDPINIT command. If the computer does not return “Ok”, set the switch to the opposite.

Notes on IF-180
- The AUTO REPEAT switch of the IF-180 must be set to ON.
- The BAUD RATE selector on the IF-180 must be set to 1200.

Notes on the disc
- Use only the CAV discs. The LDP-180P cannot be controlled by the HB-G900P when a CLV disc is used.
BACKUP PROCEDURE

As a precaution against accidental erasure of the supplied disk, you should make a backup copy using a double-sided 3½-inch micro floppydisk. Work with the backup copy and keep the original disk in a safe place.

To make a backup copy, you must first format the disk.

FORMATTING PROCEDURE

1. Turn on the power or press the RESET button of the computer to activate MSX-Disk BASIC.

2. Type in CALL FORMAT (or _FORMAT) and hit [RETURN].

3. The following message appears:

   Drive name? (A,B)

   Press [A] or [B] to specify the drive into which the disk to be formatted is to be inserted.

   The following message appears:

   1 - Single sided, 9 sectors
   2 - Double sided, 9 sectors

4. Select 2 since a double-sided disk is being used.

   The following message appears:

   Strike a key when ready

5. Insert the disk to be formatted in the specified drive and press any key on the keyboard to start the formatting operation.

   When formatting is completed, the following message appears:

   Format complete
   Ok

   This message indicates the computer is ready for the next command.

Now that the disk is formatted, you are going to copy what is on the original disk to the newly formatted disk.
COPYING PROCEDURE

When there is only one disk drive

1. Insert the original disk in the disk drive and execute the following command:

   COPY "A:*.*" TO "B:"

The following message appears:

   Insert diskette for drive B:
   and strike a key when ready — B

2. Remove the original disk from the disk drive, insert the disk which you have just formatted, and strike a key.

   The following message appears:

   Insert diskette for drive A:
   and strike a key when ready — A

3. Remove the new disk, insert the original disk and strike a key.

4. When the message A appears again, insert the new disk and when the message B appears, insert the original disk. Repeat this process until "Ok" appears on the screen, which indicates that the copying has been completed.

When there are two or more disk drives

Insert the original disk into drive A and the new disk which you have just formatted into drive B and execute.

   COPY "A:*.*" TO "B:"

When "Ok" appears, the copying has been completed.

You can specify other drive names instead of drive A and drive B. In this case specify the drive name for the original disk in place of drive A and the drive name for the new disk in place of drive B.
LIST OF COMMANDS IN THE VIDEO UTILITY

When the power of the HB-G900P is turned on, MSX-Disk BASIC and the extended commands of the Video Utility are automatically activated. All of the extended commands can be executed with the CALL command. The CALL command (as in CALL LDPINIT) can be abbreviated by using an underline “_” (as in __LDPINIT). In the following pages, the abbreviated form (_) will be used.

When executing the commands for character display, the backup copy of the supplied disk containing the font data must be inserted beforehand.

Here is the list of commands contained in the Video Utility:

Commands for controlling the LDP-180P

__INDEXON: Displays the frame number or chapter number on the screen.
__INDEXOFF: Erases the frame number or chapter number displayed from the screen.
__LDPEND: Suspends the execution of a program.
__LDPFIRM: Obtains the current frame number.
__LDPINIT: Initializes the communication line.
__LDPOUT: Sends one-byte data to the videodisc player.
__LDPSRCH: Searches for the specified frame.
__LPSTART: Plays back the specified scene.
__LPSTAT: Reads the status of the videodisc player.
__LPWAIT: Suspends the execution of a program.

Commands for displaying characters on the screen

__SLFONT: Selects the type face of the alphanumeric characters.
__TEXT: Displays the alphanumeric character string on the screen.
TEST OPERATION

Let's try some of the commands in the Video Utility. If you wish to superimpose the picture of the HB-G900P over the picture from the videodisc player, you must first execute SET VIDEO command of MSX2-BASIC. See the Programming Reference Manual for details.

Here, you are going to superimpose the picture of the HB-G900P over the picture from the videodisc player. Execute

```
SET VIDEO 2,,1,3,1
```

Then execute

```
_LDPINIT
```

This command must be executed first to initialize the communication line between the HB-G900P and the LDP-180P.

Then execute

```
_INDEXON
```

The _INDEXON is a command for displaying the index on the screen.

After the index is displayed on the screen, execute

```
_LDPSTART(1000,3000)
```

You can see that the playback starts in the normal speed mode from frame number 1000 and ends at frame number 3000.

All the Video Utility commands will be explained in detail in the following section.

If any error message appears, turn to page 33 for explanation on the error messages and make the necessary correction.

Here are some of the check points:

- Is the signal direction select switch of the HB-G900P properly set?
- Is the RS-32C cable properly connected?
- Has the _LDPINIT command been executed?
- Is the BAUD RATE selector on the IF-180 properly set?
- Is there a disc on the disc table of the videodisc player?
- Is the disc on the disc table labeled CAV?
EXPLANATION OF COMMANDS

This section explains in detail each of the commands included in the Video Utility.
The commands are arranged in alphabetical order and are explained as shown below.

<table>
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<th>Command name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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**Format**
Explains the format and proper syntax of the command.
Parameters in ( ) are required operands.
Parameters in [ ] may be omitted. When writing these, brackets are not required.

**Application**
Explains how to write and use the commands and how they function.
INDEXON  "call index on"

Displays the index on the screen.

Format
INDEXON

Application
This command displays the present frame number, the playback mode, etc.
INDEXOFF  "call index off"

Erases the index from the screen.

**Format**

INDEXOFF

**Application**

This command erases the index which has been displayed with the INDEXON command.
__LDPEND  "call LDP end"

Suspends the execution of a program until playback of the scene specified by __LDPSTART command ends.

Format
__LDPEND

Application
This command suspends the program execution until the playback of the LDP-180P which has been started by a __LDPSTART command completes.
When the playback ends, the program execution will then be transferred to the next statement.

Example

10  __LDPSTART(2000, 1000)
20  __LDPEND
30  PRINT "PLAY END"

When this program is executed, the playback starts at normal speed in reverse direction starting from frame 2000 to frame 1000. The execution of the program is suspended until frame 1000 is accessed, and then “PLAY END” is displayed on the screen.
If line 20 is omitted, “PLAY END” will appear right after the playback starts.
__LDPFRM

"call LDP frame"

Obtains the current frame number and assigns it to a single or double precision variable.

Format
__LDPFRM(frame)
Frame: Single or double precision variable.

Application
Any single or double precision variable can be specified in this command.
When this command is executed, the frame number accessed at that time is assigned to the specified variable.

Example
If execution of

```
__LDPFRM(F)
PRINT F
```

displays 30000 on the screen, it means that frame 30000 is now being played back.
**LDPINIT**  
"call LDP initialize"

Initializes the communication line between the computer and the videodisc player.

**Format**

_LDPINIT_

**Application**

This command initializes the communication line between the HB-G900P and the videodisc player. This command must be executed first when controlling the videodisc player with the HB-G900P. This command must be executed again if the power of either the computer or the videodisc player or both is turned off.

**Notes**

- In order to transfer control of the videodisc player from the HB-G900P to the player itself, turn off the power of the videodisc player and turn it on again.
- This command must be executed again every time the execution of a program is interrupted by pressing the **ESC** key.
_LDPOUT “call LDP commands out”

Sends one-byte data to the LDP-180P.

Format
_LDPOUT(command code)

Command code Cond. Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions,
48(&H30) ≤ command code ≤ 99(&H63).

Application
This command sends an RS-232C command to the LDP-180P by specifying the corresponding code.
The RS-232C command codes are listed in the table below.
The codes are in the hexadecimal notation. “H” indicates the upper four bits and “L” indicates the lower four bits.
Using this table, you can find, for example, the RS-232C command “FWD-PLAY” has the code of “&H3A”.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>H L</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>ENTER</td>
<td>INDEX ON</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>C.E.</td>
<td>INDEX OFF</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>MENU</td>
<td>MOTOR ON</td>
<td></td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>SEARCH</td>
<td>MOTOR OFF</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>REPEAT</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>FRAME MODE</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>CH-1 ON</td>
<td>C.L.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>CH-1 OFF</td>
<td></td>
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<td>CH-2 ON</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>CH-2 OFF</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>FWD-PLAY</td>
<td>REV-PLAY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>FWD-FAST</td>
<td>REV-FAST</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>FWD-SLOW</td>
<td>REV-SLOW</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>FWD-STEP</td>
<td>REV-STEP</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td></td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>STOP</td>
<td>STILL</td>
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The function of the RS-232C commands are basically the same as the functions of keys on the LDP-180P remote control unit. For details about the key function, refer to the instruction manual of the LDP-180P.

**Example**

Execution of

```
_LDPOUT(&H3A)
```

sets the LDP-180P in the normal forward playback mode.

**Notes**

- After sending the MOTOR OFF (&H63) command, do not send any other command except the MOTOR ON (&H62) or MOTOR OFF (&H63) command.
- The `_LDPOUT` command is used for executing the commands which are not included in the Video Utility. For example, the following shows a program that repeats the playback from the current frame to frame 1000 in the fast forward mode twice.

```
10 READ CODE%
20 IF CODE%=0 GOTO 50
30 _LDPOUT(CODE%)  
40 GOTO 10  
50 _LDPEND  
60 DATA &H44, &H31, &H30, &H30, &H30, &H3B, &H40, &H0 &H40, &H32,
```
__LDPSRCH  "call LDP search"

Searches for the specified frame.

Format
__LDPSRCH (frame number)
Frame number  Cond. Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 1 ≤ frame number ≤ 54000.

Application
This command searches for the frame specified by the frame number and displays a still picture of that frame.

Example
When

    __LDPSRCH(5000)

is executed, frame 5000 is searched for and its still picture is displayed.

Note The execution of the __LDPSRCH command when the HB-G900P is connected to the LDP-180P may cause a slight lateral movement of the picture when the LDP-180P enters and exits the search mode.
LDPSTART "call LDP start"

Plays back the specified scene.

Format
LDPSTART (frame number 1, frame number 2 [,speed mode])

Frame number  Cond.  Numeric constant, variable, array variables or their expressions,
                 0 ≤ frame number ≤ 54000.

Speed mode    Cond.  Numeric constant, variables, array variables, or their expressions,
               0 ≤ speed mode ≤ 2.
               Omit  0 is specified.

Application
When this command is executed, the playback is performed in the specified speed mode from the frame specified by frame number 1 up to the frame specified by frame number 2.
When the playback starts, the control is transferred to the next statement.
When the playback ends, the still picture of the frame specified by frame number 2 is displayed.

Specification of the speed mode
The speed mode determines the playback speed. The speeds which can be selected are as follows.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Speed mode</th>
<th>Playback speed</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>normal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>fast (×3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>slow (×1/5)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
The direction of the playback
The direction of the playback is set by the frame numbers 1 and 2.
  - Forward play: When frame number 1 < frame number 2
  - Reverse play: When frame number 1 > frame number 2

Note The execution of the _LDPSTART command when the HB-G900P is connected to the LDP-180P may cause a slight lateral movement of the picture when the LDP-180P starts and stops the playback of the specified scene.

Example
When

   _LDPSTART(2000, 2500, 2)

is executed, frame number 2000 is searched for. Then, the playback from frame 2000 to frame 2500 is performed at slow speed (×1/5 of normal speed). The playback stops and the still picture of frame 2500 is displayed.
LDPSTAT "call LDP status"

Reads the status of the LDP-180P.

**Format**

LDPSTAT (array variable)

**Array variable**  Integer type.

**Application**

The LDPSTAT command reads the status of the LDP-180P and stores the status information into the specified array variable. The status information is given by five integers. The array must be declared in advance in a DIM statement with the size of 5 or more.

**Note**

The lid of the LDP-180P opens when the playback of a whole disc finishes. If this happens while the LDPSTAT command is being executed, the computer will hang up. In this case, press the [ESC] key.

**Example**

When

```
DIM S%(4)
LDPSTAT(S%)
```

is executed, five integers indicating the status information of the LDP-180P are assigned to $S%(0)$ to $S%(4)$.

**LDP-180P status information**

The LDP-180P status information is given by five integers. The integer type variables consist of two bytes. The upper byte of each of the five integers given here is always 0. The lower byte indicates the following information and is given in the order shown in the following page.
1st byte

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<th>Bit No.</th>
<th>MSB</th>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>1</td>
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</table>

Error
1 is set when LDP-180P receives an invalid command.

Focus out
1 is set when the optical pickup block is out of focus.

No disc
1 is set when the disc table is closed without a disk loaded.

Lid open
1 is set when the EJECT button is pressed while the motor is on; the disc table will be opened.

Initial state
1 is set when MOTOR ON (&H62) is accepted and the player is in the initial state.

Motor off
1 is set when MOTOR OFF (&H63H) is accepted. 0 is set when MOTOR ON (&H62) is accepted.

Search/repeat
1 is set when LDP-180P is in the search or repeat mode.
### 2nd byte

<table>
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<th>LSB</th>
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<tr>
<td>7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 0 0</td>
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### 3rd byte

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<tr>
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<th>CAV/CLV disc</th>
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<td>1 is set when a CLV disc is loaded.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>0 is set when a CAV disc is loaded.</td>
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<th>Native mode</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 is set when the LDP-180P is ready to accept a command of FWD/REV-PLAY, -FAST or -SLOW.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0 is set when the LDP-180P is in the search or repeat command input mode.</td>
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</table>
4th byte

<table>
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<th>Bit No.</th>
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<th>LSB</th>
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<tr>
<td>7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</td>
<td>0 0 0 0</td>
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</table>

- **Number input**: 1 is set when the LDP-180P is waiting for a number input of the search, repeat or auto step operation.

- **Search mode**: 1 is set while the search operation is being performed.

- **Repeat mode**: 1 is set while the repeat operation is being performed.

- **Step number input**: 1 is set when the LDP-180P has received FWD-STEP (&H3D) or REV-STEP (&H4D). 0 is set when the LDP-180P has received a number input, ENTER (&H40) or a playback mode command.
5th byte

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<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
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</table>

Play mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the normal play mode.

Fast mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the fast play mode.

Slow mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the slow mode.

Step mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the step play mode.

Still mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the still mode.

Stop mode
1 is set when the LDP-180P is in the stop mode.

Playback direction
1 is set for reverse playback.
0 is set for forward playback.
**LDPWAIT**  "call LDP wait"

Suspends the execution of a program until the LDP-180P accesses a frame whose number is greater than or equal to the specified frame number.

**Format**

LDPWAIT (frame number[,wait mode])

**Frame number**
- Cond. Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, $1 \leq \text{frame number} \leq 54000$.
- Omit

**Wait mode**
- Cond. Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, wait mode = 1 or 0.
- Omit 0 is specified.

**Application**

When this command is executed, the program execution is suspended until the LDP-180P accesses a frame whose number is greater than or equal to the specified frame number. The execution is then transferred to the next statement in the program.

This command is used in conjunction with **LDPSTART**.

**Specification of the wait mode**

The wait mode determines whether HB-G900P accepts the [ ] key while the program is being suspended by this command.

**Mode 1**
When 1 is specified and the [ ] key is pressed while the program is being suspended by the **LDPWAIT** command, the suspension of the program execution is terminated.

The still picture of the frame accessed at the time when the key is pressed is obtained and the control is transferred to the next statement.

**Mode 0**
When 0 is specified, the [ ] key does not function.

**Example**

```
10  LDPSTART(2000,3000)
20  LDPWAIT(2500,0)
30  PRINT "Frame 2500 is accessed."
```
When this program is executed, playback in normal speed starts from frame 2000. In line 20, the HB-G900P waits until frame 2500 is accessed by the LDP-180P. When frame 2500 is accessed, the control is transferred to line 30 and “Frame 2500 is accessed” is displayed. The playback will continue up to frame 3000. In this program, pressing the key while the HB-G900P is waiting for frame 2500 will do nothing.

When line 20 is changed as follows.

20 _LDPWAIT(2500,1)

and the program is executed, the LDP-180P will perform playback in the same way as in the above program. However, when the key is pressed while the HB-G900P is waiting for frame 2500 to be accessed, the still picture of the frame accessed at the time when the key is pressed is obtained and the control is transferred to the next statement, in this case line 30.

Note When

10 _LDPSTART(2500,1500)
20 _LDPWAIT(2000,0)
30 PRINT "PLAY END"

is executed, “PLAY END” will be displayed right after the playback started from frame 2500. This is because the number of the frame currently accessed (frame 2500) is greater than the specified frame number in _LDPWAIT command.
__SLFONT  "call select font"

Selects the type face of the alphanumeric characters displayed with a __TEXT command.

Format
__SLFFONT ("type face name", array variable)

Type face name  Cond.  String constant, variables, array variables or their expressions indicating a type face.

Array variable  Integer type.

Application
The __SLFONT command loads a file for the specified type face and assigns the data into the specified array variables so that the characters of the specified type are displayed with the __TEXT command.
The array must be declared in advance in a DIM statement in order to set up the necessary area in the memory for the font data. The size of the area must be 3000 or larger.
The type face is specified by the following names.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type face name</th>
<th>Type face</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DECO16</td>
<td>Deco 16</td>
<td><img src="image1" alt="" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POST16</td>
<td>Poster 16</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLAS16</td>
<td>Classic 16</td>
<td><img src="image3" alt="" /></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EURO16</td>
<td>European 16</td>
<td><img src="image4" alt="" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Notes
• The backup copy of the supplied disk containing the font data must be inserted into the disk drive before executing the __SLFONT command.
• Load the file for the desired font data in the form of a program. The file which has been loaded clears after the program is executed. If you are going to use the same file or other file in a different program, the file must again be loaded in that new program.

Example
When classic characters are to be displayed when __TEXT command is executed, execute.

```
10 DIM F%(3000)
20 __SLFONT("CLAS16", F%)
```

Please note that this program only loads the file for the specified type face. In order to display the characters, you must specify the character strings, the location to be displayed, etc. with the __TEXT command.
Displays an alphanumerical character string.

**Format**

```
__TEXT ("character string", array variable, x-coordinate, y-coordinate, character color, edge color, pitch, edge mode)
```

**SCREEN 7**

(0,0) to (0,192) to (511,192) to (511,212)

**SCREEN 8**

(0,0) to (0,192) to (255,192) to (255,212)

**X-coordinate**

- **Cond.** SCREEN 7
  - Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ X-coordinate ≤ 511
- **Cond.** SCREEN 8
  - Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ X-coordinate ≤ 255

**Y-coordinate**

- **Cond.** Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ Y-coordinate ≤ 192

**Character color, edge color**

- **Cond.** SCREEN 7
  - Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ color ≤ 15
- **Cond.** SCREEN 8
  - Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ color ≤ 255

**Pitch**

- **Cond.** Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ pitch ≤ 9

**Edge mode**

- **Cond.** Numeric constant, variables, array variables or their expressions, 0 ≤ edge mode ≤ 6

**Array variable**

Integer type.

**Notes**

- The screen display mode must be set to 7 or 8 with the SCREEN command in advance of the __TEXT command.
- When a number greater than 192 is specified for the Y-coordinate, the characters will not be wholly displayed.
Application
This command displays the specified character string with its upper left-hand corner placed at the position specified by X and Y coordinates on the screen. The array variable must be the same array variable used with the _SLFONT command.

The edge mode specifies how many dots are to be displayed as the edge of each character. When 0 is specified, the characters will not be edged. The numbers 1 through 3 specify how many dots are to be displayed as the edge width. When one of these numbers are specified, the characters are edged equally on all edges by the specified number of dots.

```
   V V V
```

edge mode: 1 2 3

The numbers 4 through 6 specify how many dots are to be displayed as the shadow. When one of these numbers are specified, the characters are displayed as if they are lighted from upper left-hand corner.

```
   V V V
```

edge mode: 4 5 6

The pitch specifies the number of dots between the adjacent characters.
The character and edge colors can be selected as follows. In case of SCREEN 7, 16 colors can be selected out of 512 colors using the color palette function. The following is the list of preset color codes.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>transparent</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>medium red</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>black</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>light red</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>medium green</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>dark yellow</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>light green</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>light yellow</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>dark blue</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>dark green</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>light blue</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>magenta</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>dark red</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>gray</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>sky blue</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>white</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In case of SCREEN 8, colors can be selected from 256 colors. For details, refer to the MSX2 BASIC Programming Reference Manual.

Example
When

10 DIM F%(3000)
20 _SLFONT("DECO16",F%)
30 SCREEN 7
40 _TEXT("Video utility",F%,100,100,7,10,2,3)

are executed, a character string "Video utility" is displayed as shown below:

(100,100) edge color: dark yellow
pitch: 2 dots edge mode: 3
character color: sky blue
ERROR MESSAGES

When the extended commands are used, the following message will appear on the display if any error occurs.

*** COMMUNICATION NOT READY ***
This message appears when
● an extended command is executed without having the __LDPINIT command executed.
● a command is sent to the videodisc player after the Device I/O error message has appeared.
When this message appears, send the __LDPINIT command.

Device I/O error
This message appears when
● the __LDPINIT command is sent but the RS-232C cable is improperly connected.
● commands are sent when a CLV disc is loaded or when there is no disc.
● the BAUD RATE selector of the IF-180 is improperly set.
When this message appears, make the necessary correction and send the __LDPINIT command again.

*** LDP OUTPUT ERROR ***
This message appears when a code sent by the __LDPOUT command is not in the range of &H30 to &H63 or invalid at the time it is sent.
When this message appears, send the __LDPOUT command again with an appropriate code.

*** FRAME NO ERROR ***
This message appears when a number not in the range of 1 to 54000 is sent as a frame number.
When this message appears, send the command again with an appropriate frame number.

*** LDP SPEED MODE ERROR! ***
This message appears when a number not in the range of 0 to 2 is sent as a speed mode.
When this message appears, send the command again with an appropriate speed mode.
*** OUT OF SCREEN ***
This message appears when

- the __TEXT command is executed but the screen display mode has not been set to 7 or 8. In this case, add the SCREEN command in your program for displaying the character string with the line number smaller than that of the __TEXT command.

- the character string specified by the __TEXT command occupies more than 512 dots (SCREEN 7) or 256 dots (SCREEN 8) in the X-coordinate direction. In this case, change the values of parameters in the __TEXT command so that the specified character string would fit into the range of whichever screen display mode you are using.
SAMPLE PROGRAM

10  ' VIDEO UTILITY DEMO PROGRAM  '85.10.28
20  DIM A%(3000)
30  _SLFON(T"CFLAS16".A%)
40  SCREEN 7,3
50  _LDINIT
60  SETVIDEO 0
70  COLOR .15,4,4
80  CLS
90  _TEXT("VIDEO UTILITY DEMO",A%,110,0,10,1,3,1)
100 _TEXT("1. EXAMPLE1",A%,130,70,15,1,3,1)
110 _TEXT("2. EXAMPLE2",A%,130,120,15,1,3,1)
120 _TEXT("SELECT NUMBER",A%,130,180,3,1,3,1)
130 KS=INKEY$
140  IF KS="" THEN 130
150  IF KS="1" THEN GOSUB 170
160  IF KS="2" THEN GOSUB 260 ELSE 130
170  ' *** EXAMPLE1 ***
180  SET VIDEO 2...1,3,1
190  _LDSTART(1000,2000,0)
200  COLOR 15,0,0
210  CLS
220  _INDEXON
230  _TEXT("1. EXAMPLE1",A%,150,180,15,1,3,1)
240  _LDEND
250  RETURN 60
260  ' *** EXAMPLE2 ***
270  SET VIDEO 2...1,3,1
280  _LDSTART(3000,4000,0)
290  COLOR 15,0,0
300  CLS
310  _INDEXON
320  _TEXT("2. EXAMPLE2",A%,150,180,15,1,3,1)
330  _LDEND
340  RETURN 60