IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch Models 1 and 2

IBM 1442 Card Reader Models 3 and 4

This publication describes the functional and operational characteristics of the IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch Models 1 and 2 and the IBM 1442 Card Reader Models 3 and 4 with applicable data processing systems.

Special features available for the 1442 are described and, where appropriate, the program instructions are given for the feature.

Program instructions and timings are described in the Systems Operation Reference Manual for the applicable system.
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Figure 1. IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch
The IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch Models 1 and 2 provide card input/output for data processing systems. Cards are read and punched serially.

The IBM 1442 Card Reader Models 3 and 4 are serial reader card units that provide input only to data processing systems. The basic difference between Models 3 and 4 is that they are designed to function with different processing systems.

**Model 1**

The 1442 Model 1 (Figure 1) reads cards at a rate of 300 cards a minute and punches at a rate of from 50 cards a minute, when all 80 columns are punched, to 270 cards per minute when only one column is punched.

One radial stacker with a capacity of 1300 cards is standard equipment on the Model 1. An optional stacker is available, which provides separation of cards after they have been processed.

**Model 2**

The 1442 Model 2 reads cards at a rate of 400 cards a minute. Punching speed ranges from 91 cards a minute, when all 80 columns are punched, to 360 cards a minute when only one column is punched.

Two radial stackers, with a capacity of 1300 cards each, are standard equipment on the Model 2.

**Model 3**

The IBM 1442 Card Reader Model 3, which is used with the 1410 and 7010 data processing systems, handles punched-card input when the 1410 or 7010 is operating as a tape-oriented system. The Model 3 minimizes manual entry of information at the console. It can be used to:

- Read calling cards that determine the sequence of loading from a master program tape.
- Load small utility programs.
- Load sort control cards.
- Enter constant factors into core storage.
- Process miscellaneous or late transactions.
- Process data correction cards.

The reading speed of Model 3 is 400 cards a minute. Cards are read serially at a single reading station, the same as with Models 1, 2, and 4.

**Model 4**

The IBM 1442 Card Reader Model 4 supplies input only at a reading rate of 400 cards a minute. Model 4 does not punch; but its read function is the same as that of the Model 2. A Model 4 can be attached to a system in combination with either a Model 1 or a Model 2. A maximum of two Model 4's can be attached to a system; the first requires a Card Read Punch Adapter feature.

**Operating Features**

The IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch provides a system with card input and output. The 1442 reads cards serially, column by column, beginning with column 1 and ending with column 80.

Card reading in the 1442 is accomplished through photo sensing; light energy is converted into electrical energy. Twelve photo sensors, one for each punch position of a card column, are exposed to light as holes in the card pass between the light source and the sensors (Figure 2). This reading principle provides high-speed serial reading.
The first card-feed cycle moves the card from the hopper to the read station where it is registered at column zero.

The read hopper holds 1200 cards. Two stackers, with a capacity of 1300 cards each, are standard on the Model 4.

A reading operation (if called for) takes place during the second card-feed cycle. Each card column is read twice. During read-cycle 1, the punched hole is translated to BCD code and stored in the specified core-storage position. During read-cycle 2, the punched hole is again translated. The resultant BCD-coded character is compared against the character read into storage during the preceding cycle. The card is registered in column one at the punch station when the second card-feed cycle ends.

A punch operation (if called for) takes place during the third card-feed cycle. The character is read out of core storage, translated to the comparable punched-hole code, and punched in the card column positioned in the punch station. A second core-storage readout cycle occurs. At the same time, the punched-hole code just punched is translated back to BCD code and compared against the character read out of core storage during readout cycle 2.

When the card leaves the punch station, it is carried to the stacker by a continuously-moving mechanism. If a second stacker is present, the card can be selected.

Figure 3 illustrates the card path during reading or punching operations.

On Models 1 and 2 this processing sequence allows data to be read and punched into the same card.

After the IBM 1442 Models 1 and 2 punch the data into a card, the program can eject the card into the stacker and position the next card for punching. Program requirements can demand that the card not be ejected. In this case, the card remains in position, at the column following the last column punched, so that the 1442 can punch other calculated results into the card during subsequent punching operations.

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**Keys, Lights, and Switches (Models 1, 2, and 4)**

**START KEY**

Pressing this key causes one card to feed and the ready light to come on if the following conditions have been fulfilled:

- Power on
- Card path empty
- Cards in hopper

After a manual stop, pressing the start key (Figure 4) restores the IBM 1442 to ready status.

**STOP KEY**

Pressing the stop key removes the 1442 from ready status. The system is not affected unless the read punch is selected by the program; then the system stops in an interlocked condition.

**POWER LIGHT**

This light indicates that power is applied to the card read-punch control circuits.

**VALIDITY-CHECK LIGHT**

This light turns on when an invalid combination of punches is detected in the card column being read. If the I/O check-stop switch is OFF, the light remains on until its program-tested. The program is flagged by the validity-check latch being set. No interruption of feeding or reading occurs.

If the I/O check-stop switch is ON, the card being read at the time of the error moves to the stacker before the machine stops. Pressing the NPRO key on the 1442 turns the validity-check light off.

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**Figure 2. Reading by Photo Sensors**

**Figure 3. IBM 1442 Card Feed-and-Punch Schematic**
PUNCH-CHECK LIGHT
This light turns on when an error is detected in output punching. If the I/O check-stop switch is off, the light remains on until the check-stop latch is program-tested. No interruption in card feeding or punching occurs.

If the I/O check-stop switch is on, card feeding is interrupted and the punch-check light remains on until the NPRO key on the 1442 is pressed.

READ-REGISTER-CHECK LIGHT
This light turns on (during punching and/or during feeding) when a card is off registration enough to prevent accurate data transfer. If the I/O check-stop switch is off, the light remains on until it is program tested, and card feeding is not interrupted.

If the I/O check-stop switch is on, card processing continues until the end of the card cycle; then the machine stops. Pressing the NPRO key on the 1442 turns off the light.

CHIP BOX LIGHT
Models 1 and 2 are equipped with this light. The light indicates that the chip box is full or improperly positioned. The 1442 is inoperative and in a not-ready condition when this light is on.

READY LIGHT
This light indicates that the card read-punch is ready to accept instructions from the processing unit. The following conditions are required:

- Power on
- Card registered at read station
- Cards in hopper
- Stacker not full
- No error condition

Note: After run-in, a card need not appear at the punch station. If the first operation calls for punching, a read-and-eject cycle is automatically initiated before punching occurs.

FEED-CHECK LIGHT
The feed-check light indicates one of the following conditions:

- Card jam at punch station or at stacker.
- Card motion incorrect. (Detected by a card being in the wrong place at the end of the cycle.)
- Read lamp failure. (A machine circuit tests all read lamps during every read cycle.)
- Extra feed cycle. (Caused by failure of clutch to latch or to remain latched.)
- Failure of a card to feed from the hopper.

The card-motion check, card-feed failure, and feed-cycle check can be reset by emptying the hopper and clearing the transport. If a stacker or punch jam has occurred, a jam protection interlock prevents the NPRO key from clearing the feed. The operator must remove the jam manually. If a read lamp check occurs, an IBM Customer Engineer should be notified.

NON-PROCESS RUNOUT KEY (NPRO)
The NPRO key is used to clear the transport area of the last two cards. These cards are run into the stacker without being processed. The NPRO key is also used to reset the check circuits after a feed check, validity check, or a read register check. Successive feed cycles occur as long as the NPRO key is depressed.

LAST-CARD SEQUENCE (SYSTEM CONSOLE SENSE SWITCH A ON)
The 1442 stops when the last card moves into the read station. The start key can then be pressed to release the interlock and allow the last card to be processed according to the stored program. During this feed cycle the last card indicator turns on and is interrogated if the last-card switch, on the system console, is turned on (sense switch A on the 1447). The last-card indicator remains on until another feed cycle is initiated.

When the program is written, a Branch-If-Indicator-On instruction should be used. The d-modifier for "last
card test” on the first 1442 attached to the system is the character “A”; for the second 1442 the d-modifier is the character “&.”

Keys, Lights, and Switches (Model 3)

POWER-ON KEY
This key turns power on for the motor, logic, and lights. Power can be turned off by the processing unit emergency-off switch or power-off switch (Figure 5).

POWER-OFF KEY
This key turns power off. Power is also turned off by the processing unit emergency-off switch on the 1410 or 7010.

START KEY
Pressing this key provides the final condition for making the machine ready, initiating a feed cycle for loading the first card into the read station.

STOP KEY
Pressing this key places the 1442 Model 3 in a not-ready condition, causing the feed to stop at the end of the current feed cycle. When the start and stop keys are pressed simultaneously, a manual reset is generated. No sequencing is required for pressing or releasing the keys.

STACKER SWITCH
This switch is operated by the cards when the stacker is full of cards and signals for operator attention.

HOPPER SWITCH
The hopper switch signals the presence or absence of cards in the hopper.

POWER-ON LIGHT
This light is on when ac and dc power are on.

READY LIGHT
This light is on when the 1442 Model 3 is mechanically ready to run by the processing unit.

FEED-CHECK LIGHT
This light is on when a feed check has occurred.

DATA-CHECK LIGHT
This light is on when a data check occurs.

SELECT LIGHT
This light is on when the 1411 or 7114 selects the 1442 Model 3.

CUSTOMER ENGINEERING MODE SWITCH
The CE mode switch on the CE panel electronically disconnects the 1442 Model 3 from the system, and permits a continuous-feed operation. This switch is for customer engineering use only.

Checking, IBM 1442 (Models 1, 2, and 4)
The four types of checking associated with the IBM 1442 Models 1, 2, and 4 are:
1. Validity Check. A validity check is performed on each character as it is read into core storage from the 1442. An invalid character can get into core storage, but validity-check circuits will detect it and cause a system stop (I/O check-stop switch ON). The validity-check light on the 1442 also turns on to indicate the check condition.
2. Read-Registration Check. This check is used to ver-
ify proper card registration and recognize an off-punch condition at the read station. Because the read station is singular and fixed in position, the relative position of the card in the feed and the punched-hole registration are checked as a combination. The check is accomplished by reading out each specified card column twice. If a registration check occurs, the result of the first reading appears in the B-register; the result of the second reading appears in the A-register.

3. Read-Station Lamp Check. This check is used to verify correct photocell reading-mechanism operation. The check is made between card-feed cycles by testing each photocell for output.

4. Punch Check. This check is a read back or echo check between the actuated punch magnets and the associated character in the punch field of core storage. This check is not used on the Model 4 which does no punching.

Each card column is checked before the next card column is punched. If a punch-check condition occurs, the punch-check light turns on and the 1442 punch operation stops (i/o check-stop switch on). The character sent to the punch station appears in the B-register and the read-back character appears in the A-register. (This read-back character from the punch station is validity-checked before it is translated from card code to BCD code.)

If the i/o check-stop switch is off, the punch-check light remains on until the check-stop indicator is program-tested. No interruption in card feeding or punching occurs.

Checking, IBM 1442 (Model 3)

Checking on the IBM 1442 Model 3 is divided into two general types: (1) Data Check, and (2) Feed Check.

**DATA CHECK**

A data check occurs when one of the following conditions is sensed:

- Illegal punch code—This check is made to determine if a character read is one of the 64 valid punch codes.
- Cell-light check—This check is made to determine if all 12 photocells are functioning at the reading station after each card has been read.
- Skew Check—This check is made to insure that each character is free of excessive skew.

**FEED CHECK**

A feed check signals that something is wrong mechanically in the 1442 Model 3. This check causes the ready light on the 1442 Model 3 to go off. The feed check comes on when one of the following conditions occurs:

- Jam Check—A switch in the feed indicates when more than one card is wholly or partially caught in the feed.
- Card-Motion Check—A photoelectric cell near the read station checks for absence and presence of a card at specific timings.
- Extra-Cycle Check—This check signals for any mechanical-feed cycles taken without being impulsed.

**Special Features for IBM 1442 Models 1, 2, and 4**

**Card-Image Feature**

This feature is available for the IBM 1442 Card Read-Punch Models 1 and 2 and the IBM 1442 Card Reader. Model 4 with the IBM 1440 System only. The card-image feature provides the circuitry to convert binary-coded cards into BCD codes. The feature also provides circuitry to convert BCD codes into binary-coded cards for Models 1 and 2.

This feature also permits cards to be processed with multiple significant-digit punching in a single column.

![Card-Image Feature Diagram](image)

When reading in card-image mode, the validity check is suspended because all characters are considered valid. Cards with interspersed, conventional punched codes and binary-coded data can be read.

**Note:** When this feature is installed on the first IBM 1442 attached to an IBM 1440 system, it also functions on the second 1442 installed on the system.

This feature permits reading punched data into the IBM 1441 unit without the normal translation from the standard punched card code to BCD code. In BCD mode, each card column of data is stored in two adjacent positions of core storage. Similarly, the data in two adjacent core positions can be punched into one card column.
The readout time for reading a card in card-image mode is the same as for reading a card punched in standard card code.

Read Card in Card Image

Instruction Format.

Mnemonic Op code A-address B-address d-character
RCB M %Gn xxx R

Function. This instruction causes a read-card-image operation to be performed by the presence of a 9 or 0 (zero) in the n position of the A-address. The 9 also selects the number-1 unit on the system; a 0 (zero) in this position selects the number-2 unit when two units are on the same system.

The B-address is the address of the core storage where column-1 information is to be stored.

The instruction terminates when a group-mark with word-mark is sensed at location (B + LB), where LB is the number of card columns to be read into the processing-unit core storage.

Word Marks. Special significance is assigned to a word mark during the execution of a CARD IMAGE READ instruction. The word mark is used to signal a change in the mode of operation. For example, in the card-image-read operation in the normal reading mode, each card column read is translated and stored in single core-storage locations until a word mark is detected in core storage. This signals the mode reading to change. Translation from the standard IBM punched-card code is suspended. Suspension causes the card data beginning at the word mark to be stored in two adjacent core-storage positions for each column read. Detection of another word mark causes the reading to revert to the normal reading mode.

Timing.

Model 1, \[ T = 0.111 \times (L_1 + 1) + 21 + 1.3 \times (L_B + 1) \text{ ms} \]

Model 2, \[ T = 0.0111 \times (L_1 + 1) + 15 + 1.0 \times (L_B + 1) \text{ ms} \]

Address Registers After Operation.

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
I-AR & A-AR & B-AR \\
NSI & BBB & B + L_B + 1 \\
\end{array}
\]

Example. Transfer the data in card image form from card read-punch 1 to the area in core storage labeled RDBIN (0303), Figure 6.

If either character in a card column is read in card-image mode, the complete card column must be read in the same mode. Therefore, the program must not have a word mark in any position that would cause a column to be divided into both the card-image mode and the standard IBM card code mode.

Punch and Stop in Card Image

Instruction Format.

Mnemonic Op code A-address B-address d-character
PCB M %Gn xxx P

Function. This instruction causes a punch-card-image operation to be performed by the presence of a 9 or 0 (zero) in the n position of the A-address. The 9 also selects the number-1 unit on the system; a 0 (zero) in this position selects the number-2 unit when two units are on the same system.

The B-address is the location of the data in storage to be punched. The data in core storage is transferred in ascending sequence to the card punch beginning at B-address until a group-mark with word-mark is sensed at (B + LB). This information is punched in successive columns of the card at the punch station. A punching operation following another punch operation (no intervening card feed) causes the data at the B-address to be punched in the next successive card column. The program must be written so as not to exceed 80-columns of punching per card. Should 80 columns be exceeded, data is lost.

The operation is terminated by a group-mark with word-mark in the rightmost position of the field.

Word Marks. The word marks within the data being punched are neither considered nor affected.

Timing.

Model 1,

\[ T = 0.0111 \times (L_1 + 1) + 6.25 + 12.5 \times (L_B) + 210 \text{ ms} \]

Model 2,

\[ T = 0.0111 \times (L_1 + 1) + 3.13 + 6.25 \times (L_B) + 160 \text{ ms} \]

Address Registers After Operation.

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
I-AR & A-AR & B-AR \\
NSI & BBB & B + L_B + 1 \\
\end{array}
\]

Example. Punch the data in card image form on card read-punch 1 beginning in the area labeled PCHCI (0303) and ending with a group-mark with word-mark (Figure 7).

Figure 6. Read Card in Card Image Mode

Figure 7. Punch-and-Stop in Card Image Mode
Punch and Feed in Card Image

Instruction Format.

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<tr>
<td>PCB</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>%Gn</td>
<td>xxx</td>
<td>G</td>
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</table>

Function. This instruction is used to transfer data from core storage into the card read-punch where it is punched into a card. When punching ends, the card is ejected from the punch station and selected into a stacker.

This instruction causes a punch-card-image operation to be performed by the presence of a 9 or 0 (zero) in the n position of the A-address. The 9 also selects the number-1 unit on the system; a 0 (zero) in this position selects the number-2 unit when two units are on the same system.

Data in the core-storage position specified by the B-address is transferred and punched into the appropriate card column. The rest of the data in adjacent core-storage positions is transferred, column by column, and punched in adjacent card columns until a group-mark-word-mark is sensed in core storage. The number of characters punched in the card depends upon the length of the B-field in core storage.

The B-field length can be from 1 to 160 core-storage positions, plus an additional position for the group-mark-with-word-mark. (Characters in excess of 160 will punch in column 81 and be lost.) When the punching operation ends, the card is ejected from the punch station and stacked.

Word Marks. Word marks are not affected. A group-mark with word-mark is needed to end the operation.

Timing.

Model 1, T = 0.111 (L1 + 1) + 6.25 + 12.5 (LB) + 210
Model 2, T = 0.111 (L1 + 1) + 3.13 + 6.25 (Lg) + 160

A period of 210 ms elapses before another card read-punch operation can be executed.

Note: When a punch-and-feed operation follows either a read-card or punch-and-feed operation, the card at the punch station is registered in column 1, and punching begins in column 1. When a punch-and-feed operation follows a punch-and-stop operation, the card at the punch station is the card that was punched during the previous operation; punching begins in the column adjacent to the last column punched.

Address Registers After Operation.

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<td>NSI</td>
<td>BBB</td>
<td>B + Lg + 1</td>
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Example. Punch the data in card-image form on card read-punch 1 beginning in the area labeled PCHCI (0903) and ending with a group-mark with word-mark, and then eject the card (Figure 8).

Card Read-Punch Adapter

This feature is required when the first IBM 1442 is attached to an IBM 1440 system. Adding a second 1442 to the same system does not require this feature. This feature provides the controlling circuitry necessary for the proper operation of the IBM 1442's.

Selective Stacker

This feature provides a second stacker for the IBM 1442 Model 1 so that cards can be selected under program control for special applications. The IBM 1442 Models 2 and 4 have two stackers each as standard equipment.

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<td>SS</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>2</td>
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Function. This instruction causes the card at the punch station to fall into stacker 2. Unless stacker 2 has been selected before the operation that ejects the card (READ or PUNCH FEED), the ejected card is directed to stacker 1.

Word Marks. Word marks are not affected.

Timing. T = 0.0111 (L1 + 1) ms

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Example. Enters selected card into pocket 2 (Figure 9).

Punch Column Skip

This special feature increases card output by allowing the punch portion of the attached card read-punch(es) to space over a specified number of card columns.

Figure 8. Punch-and-Feed in Card Image Mode

Figure 9. Selective Stacke
without interlocking the system. The punch column skip operation is initiated by executing a PUNCH COLUMN SKIP instruction.

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<td>PSK</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>%Gn</td>
<td>nnn</td>
<td>C</td>
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**Function.** This instruction initiates the skip operation. A-address of %Gn specifies one of the two card read-punches. The first 1442 attached to the system is designated by a 1 in the n position. The second 1442 attached to the system is designated by a 2 in the n position.

The B-address is a 3-position number that specifies the number of card columns that will be spaced through the punch station. For example, if a punch column skip operation of 40 columns was specified, the 3-position B-address would be 040.

The C d-character specifies a punch column skip operation.

**Word Marks.** Word marks are not affected.

**Timing.** 

\[ T = 0.0111 [L_A + (81 - L_B) + 2] \text{ ms.} \]

**Address Registers After Operation.**

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<td>NSI</td>
<td>BBB</td>
<td>081</td>
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The stored program is released for further processing as soon as the instruction is executed in the processing unit, so that the processing of subsequent instructions and the skip operation are taking place at the same time.

**Example.** Skip 24 columns on card read-punch 2 (Figure 10).

**Figure 10.** Punch Column Skip
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