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!! The included drivers and documentation are for use on !!  
!! DTC Data Technology Corporation IDE controllers only !!  
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!! Please take the time to identify the specific DTC Controller !!  
!! Model that you have. Each DTC Controller Model may have several !!  
!! versions, which can cause some confusion. You can identify your !!  
!! specific Model by checking the cover page of your Install Guide,!!  
!! or by comparing your card to the card descriptions below. !!  
!! This README.1ST file uses the specific controller versions !!  
!! when indicating unique issues that pertain to each controller !!  
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FOR USE WITH THE FOLLOWING DTC EIDE AND IDE CONTROLLERS:

ISA Bus:

DTC 2280 - IDE W/IO; Supports 2 Devices; 16 Bit IO;  
16450 UARTs; Standard Parallel Port;

DTC 2280E - IDE W/IO; Supports 2 Devices; 16 Bit IO;  
16550 UARTs; SPP/EPP/ECP Parallel port;

DTC 2183/2183E - IDE Secondary Port; Supports 2 Devices; 16 Bit IO;

EISA Bus:

DTC 2290 - IDE; PIO Mode 2; Supports 4 Devices

VESA Bus:

DTC 2270VL - IDE W/IO; PIO Mode 2 Max; Supports 2 Devices; 16450 UARTs

DTC 2278VL - IDE W/IO; PIO Mode 2 Max; Supports 2 Devices; 16450 UARTs

This board is identified by 1) Drive transfer speed jumpers W1-W5 on the left side of board and 2) uses the DTC 805 chip at location U4.

DTC 2278S - IDE W/IO; PIO Mode 4 Max; Supports 2 Devices; 16450 UARTs

This board does not have jumpers for setting drive transfer speed, and uses the DTC 803 chip at location 3A.

DTC 2278D - IDE W/IO; PIO Mode 4 Max; Supports 4 Devices; 16450 UARTs

This board does not have jumpers for setting drive transfer speed, and uses the DTC 803 chip at location 3A.

DTC 2278D Plus - IDE W/IO; PIO Mode 4 Max; Supports 4 Devices; 16550 UARTs; SPP Parallel port.

This board does not have jumpers for setting drive transfer speed, and uses the DTC 803 chip at location 3A. This board uses the Winbond W83787F or W83797 chip at location 2A.

DTC 2278E/B - EIDE W/Enhanced IO; PIO Mode 4; Supports 4 Devices;

32 Bit IO; 16550 UARTs; SPP/EPP/ECP Parallel port.

This board does not have jumpers for setting drive transfer speed, and uses the DTC 803 chip at location 3A. The "EB" version includes a "EDPT" BIOS.

PCI Bus:

DTC 2130PC - IDE; PIO Mode 3 Max, Supports 2 Devices.

Uses PCTech RZ1000 chip. Supports PCI Interrupt INTA only.

DTC 2130S - IDE; PIO Mode 3 Max, Supports 2 Devices.

Uses DTC 801 chip. Supports PCI Interrupts INTA - INTD.

DTC 2130D - IDE; PIO Mode 3 Max, Supports 4 Devices.

Uses DTC 801 chip. Supports PCI Interrupts INTA - INTD.

DTC 2130D - IDE; PIO Mode 4 Max, Supports 4 Devices

Uses DTC 803 chip. Supports PCI Interrupts INTA - INTD.

Others:

DTC 1181 - BIOS Card; For use with Hard Drives > 528 MB (LBA and EDPT).

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1.0 DTC Enhanced IDE Driver Statistics

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README.1ST	This File
LICENSE.DTC	DTC License Agreement (ASCII)
DOSEIDE.SYS	DOS Device Driver #1, #2
WINEIDE.386	Windows 3.1X Device Driver #1
DTCIDE.ADD	IBM OS/2 V2.x Device Driver #3
ATDISK.SYS	Windows NT Device Driver
DTCIDE3.DSK	Novell 386 V3.1x Device Driver
DTCIDE4.DSK	Novell 486 V1.X Device Driver
DTCIDE4.DDI	Novell 486 Information File
DTC SPEED.EXE	DTC Benchmark utility
EZIDE.EXE	DTC IDE Install Utility

## NOTES:

- #1 Supports drives with cylinders > 1024 if motherboard BIOS implements Enhanced Drive Parameter Table (EDPT), sometimes referred to as LBA or TRANSLATION mode in CMOS setup. If your motherboard does not support this feature truncate CMOS setting to 1024 cylinders.
- #2 DOSEIDE.SYS replaces DTC2270.SYS, DTC2278.SYS or DTC2290.SYS.
- #3 For drives with cylinders > 1024, truncate CMOS setting to 1024 cylinders

## 2.0 Configuration

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### 2.1 Hardware Installation

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Setup and Install your DTC IDE controller per the instructions provided in the Install Guide shipped with your specific card.

### 2.2 "EZIDE" Install Utility

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DTC provides a utility to automatically install the DOS and Windows device drivers into your Hard Disk Drive. This utility will copy all necessary files and update your CONFIG.SYS and SYSTEM.INI files.

This utility requires that the C: drive has been Partitioned (DOS FDISK) and Formatted (DOS FORMAT).

To use EZIDE, insert the DTC Enhanced IDE driver diskette in the A: drive and type:

A:EZIDE <CR>

Follow the on screen instructions. The EZIDE utility will walk you through the installation.

### 2.3 Software Device Drivers

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The DTC Enhanced IDE Drivers will automatically configure the drives and the DTC IDE card for maximum performance/features.

!!! The DTC 2278S/D/E and DTC 2130 products do automatic speed setting for each drive attached. You can combine drives with different speeds and multi-sector transfer capabilities on the same card.

!!! The DTC 2278VL does not allow automatic programming of the IDE transfer rate. You will need to set the IDE transfer rate with jumpers W1-W5 provided on the card. The speed can not be greater than the speed of the slowest drive attached.

A set of Software switches have been included to:

- 1) Aid in debug
- 2) Work around HDDs that may not conform exactly to the ATA 3.0 and ATA-2 Specifications, or
- 3) Work around bugs that may exist in a HDD. Refer to Software Switches section for definition and use.

### 2.4 CMOS Settings

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The System CMOS settings for Hard Disk Drive Types are for Hard Disk

Drives attached to the PRIMARY PORT ONLY!

Drives attached to the SECONDARY PORT are installed by the DOSEIDE.SYS driver. DO NOT modify the System CMOS Drive Types for Hard Disk Drives attached to the Secondary Port.

## 2.5 New IDE Hard Drive Installation

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If your new IDE HDD is NOT DOS Partitioned and DOS Formatted, then you will need to do so, refer to your DOS manual for instructions on the use of these utilities.

If your new HDD is < 528 MBytes capacity and attached to the Primary port, it is NOT required to have the DTC Enhanced IDE Driver DOSEIDE.SYS loaded.

If your new HDD is attached to the Secondary port, it requires that the DTC Enhanced IDE Driver DOSEIDE.SYS be loaded. (REF section 3.1)

If your new HDD is > 528 MBytes capacity, supports LBA, is attached to the Primary port, and your motherboard BIOS supports an Enhanced Drive Parameter Table (EDPT), it will be required that the DTC Enhanced IDE Driver DOSEIDE.SYS be loaded to access the full capacity of the drive. (REF section 3.1).

The Enhanced Drive Parameter Table (EDPT) support is typically referred to as LBA or TRANSLATION mode in the system CMOS setup.

Use the "/V" Verbose switch to determine what your system supports. (REF section 4.0)

## 2.6 Existing IDE Hard Drive Installation

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If you are attaching an existing IDE Hard Drive (previously Partitioned and Formatted), then check the following:

HDD Physical capacity < 528 MBytes

\* If the drive is Less Than 528 MBytes, then go to Section 3.1, and skip the DOS Partition and Format step.

HDD Physical capacity > 528 MBytes

\* If the drive was formatted on a system that supported an Enhanced Drive Parameter Table (referred to as EDPT or LBA mode), then go to Section 3.1, and skip the DOS Partition and Format Step.

\* If the drive was Partitioned and Formatted using a proprietary Head mapping technique (referred to as Big/Large Drive or Head Mapping mode), then you will be required to Re-Partition and Re-Format the drive.

!!! WARNING !!! Before Re-Partitioning or Re-Formatting the drive, make a backup copy (Floppy disk or other HDD) of all important data from the drive. All data will be erased from drive.

\* If the drive's total Partition capacity is less than the drive's Physical capacity, then you may want to Re-Partition and Re-Format the drive to the full capacity.

!!! WARNING !!! Before Re-Partitioning or Re-Formatting the drive, make a backup copy (Floppy disk or other HDD) of all important data from the drive. All data will be erased from drive.

If you choose not to do this, then you must add a switch to the driver line in the CONFIG.SYS file as follows:

```
device=doseide.sys /d#:l0
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See Section 4.0 for details on switch usage and function.

### 3.0 Installing Enhanced Device Drivers

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#### 3.1 DOS

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The DOS driver, DOSEIDE.SYS, needs to be loaded to support the Secondary Port, turn on 32-bit mode, enable multi-sector transfers, and program the DTC IDE card and each IDE device for optimal performance.

New C: drive installation:

- \* Insert MS-DOS boot disk in drive A: and reboot system.
- \* Partition the IDE drive with DOS FDISK and then perform DOS FORMAT. Install DOS on the hard drive.

Existing C: drive has DOS installed and is bootable:

- \* Copy the DOSEIDE.SYS file to the root directory of the boot drive.
- \* Add the following statement to the CONFIG.SYS file:

```
device=DOSEIDE.SYS
```

- \* To ENABLE the Secondary port on a Dual Port Card, modify the CONFIG.SYS file by adding a "/2" to the driver lines as follows:

device=DOSEIDE.SYS /2

- \* Re-boot the system.

### 3.2 Windows 3.1x and Windows for Work Groups 3.11

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All 32-bit DTC IDE controllers support 32-Bit Disk Access and 32-Bit file access under Windows 3.11. The DTC Windows driver, WINEIDE.386, is a Virtual Mode Driver (VxD) that can be used in place of WDCTRL.

- \* IT IS RECOMMENDED TO FIRST VERIFY THAT YOUR SYSTEM AND HARD DRIVE IS
- \* COMPATIBLE WITH THE 32-BIT DISK ACCESS FUNCTIONS UNDER WINDOWS USING
- \* THE BUILT IN WDCTRL DRIVER. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL USING THE
- \* WDCTRL DRIVER, THEN PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE DTC WINDOWS
- \* DRIVER - WINEIDE.386

The WINEIDE.386 driver provides the same functions, but also includes 32-bit PIO transfers to the DTC IDE card, supports multi-sector transfers, and programs the DTC IDE card and each IDE device for optimal performance.

- \* Copy the WINEIDE.386 file from the DTC Driver diskette into the C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.
- \* Edit the file SYSTEM.INI located in the C:\WINDOWS directory. Locate the [386Enh] section. If "32BitDiskAccess" is already enabled (=on), you must disable the WDCTRL Driver by placing a semi-colon (;) at the beginning of the line. Then add the WINEIDE.386 driver line as follows:

```
32BitDiskAccess=on  
device=*int13  
;device=*wdctrl  
device=wineide.386
```

If "32BitDiskAccess" is not enabled (=off), then add the following lines to the beginning of the [386Enh] section:

```
32BitDiskAccess=on  
device=*int13  
device=wineide.386
```

### 3.3 Windows 95

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The DTC Enhanced IDE product line is supported in Windows 95 with WINEIDE.386. This Protected mode Enhanced IDE driver is a Virtual Mode Driver (VxD) that offers features not found in the built-in driver.

\* IT IS RECOMMENDED TO FIRST VERIFY THAT YOUR SYSTEM AND HARD DRIVE ARE  
\* COMPATIBLE WITH THE 32-BIT DISK ACCESS FUNCTIONS UNDER WINDOWS USING  
\* THE BUILT IN DRIVER. IF YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL USING THE BUILT IN  
\* DRIVER, THEN PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE DTC ENHANCED IDE  
WINDOWS DRIVER - WINEIDE.386

The WINEIDE.386 driver provides the same functions as the built in driver, but also includes 32-bit PIO transfers to the DTC IDE card, supports multi-sector transfers, and programs the DTC IDE card and each

IDE device for optimal performance.

\* Copy the WINEIDE.386 file from the DTC Driver diskette into the C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

\* Edit the file SYSTEM.INI located in the C:\WINDOWS directory. Locate the [386Enh] section. You must disable the WDCTRL Driver if you installed Windows 95 over Win 3.1x by placing a semi-colon (;) at the beginning of the line. Then add the WINEIDE.386 driver line as follows:

```
;device=*wdctrl          ; Comment this line if exists  
device=wineide.386      ; Add this line
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### 3.4 IBM OS2 V2.x & V3.x (WARP)

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If you have an EIDE BIOS (creates an Enhanced Drive Parameter Table) in your system, there are no OS2 limitations on the Partition size. Skip to the next section.

#### FOR IDE HARD DRIVES WITH > 1024 CYLINDERS

There are two restrictions associated with OS2 and drives with Cylinders counts > 1024.

1) The Primary Bootable OS2 partition must be less than 504 MBytes. This applies to both FAT and HPFS file systems.

2) Any Additional OS2 FAT partitions can NOT extend beyond the 504 MByte boundary.

### 3.4.1 Installation, where OS/2 was previously installed

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- \* Boot OS2
- \* Copy the DTCIDE.ADD file from the DTC Driver diskette to the /OS2 directory on the bootable hard disk.
- \* Edit the CONFIG.SYS file in the root directory:
  1. Remark out the current driver as follows:

```
REM BASEDEV=IBM1S506.ADD
```
  2. Add the DTC Enhanced IDE device driver statement.

```
BASEDEV=DTCIDE.ADD [Software Switches]
```
- \* Reboot the System.

### 3.4.2 New Installation

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- \* Create a DTC Installation Diskette DTC D1 as follows:
  1. Backup original OS2 Diskette 1 to new diskette DTC D1.
  2. Edit the CONFIG.SYS file on the DTC D1 diskette.

```
REM BASEDEV=IBM1S506.ADD
```

```
BASEDEV=DTCIDE.ADD [Software Switches]
```
  3. Delete the IBM1S506.ADD file from DTC D1.
  4. Copy DTCIDE.ADD file from the DTC Driver diskette to the DTC D1 diskette.
- \* Install OS2 according to the OS2 installation guide. When Diskette 1 is prompted, insert the DTC D1 diskette.

#### #NOTE#

Any Software switches entered must be the same as the DOS Software switches, in a dual boot configuration.

### 3.5 Novell NetWare

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#### 3.5.1 NetWare 386 V3.1, V3.11, & V3.12

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- \* Copy the file DTCIDE3.DSK from the DTC driver diskette to the directory where the Novell "server" is installed.
- \* At the NetWare console prompt (:) type:

LOAD DTCIDE3 [Software Switches]

#### #NOTES#

1. For a Dual Port configuration, load the DTCIDE3 driver twice. Once for each port, or add a "/2" Software Switch to the load line.
2. Any Software switches entered must be the same as the DOS Software switches.

#### 3.5.2 NetWare 486 V4.x

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- \* Copy the files DTCIDE4.DSK and DTCIDE4.DDI from the DTC driver diskette to the directory where the Novell "server" is installed.
- \* At the NetWare console prompt (:) type:

LOAD DTCIDE4 [Software Switches]

#### #NOTES#

1. For a Dual Port configuration, load the DTCIDE4 driver twice. Once

for each port.

2. Any Software switches entered must be the same as the DOS Software switches.

### 3.6 Windows NT

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\* Install the Windows NT Operating System. Follow the instructions provided with the OS, using the built in IDE Driver, ATDISK  
DO NOT use the DTC ATDISK.SYS driver to replace the original ATDISK.SYS in the original NT Boot Disk.

\* After completion of installation:

1. Locate the Drivers Directory . At the prompt, type:

```
CD C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS
```

2. Backup existing IDE driver. At the prompt, type:

```
COPY ATDISK.SYS ATDISK.ORG
```

3. Insert the DTC Driver Diskette in Drive A:.. Copy the DTC Windows NT driver to the C: Drive. At the prompt type:

```
COPY A:ATDISK.SYS C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS
```

5. Reboot the system by Shutting Down and Restarting.

### 3.6.1 DTC Windows NT Driver Configurable Parameters

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Windows NT contains a Registration Database called REGISTRY. During Initialization/Configuration Device drivers can use the Registry Database to get Parameters. Typically the creation of the Registry Database is NOT required. The DTC Windows NT driver will auto configure itself and the attached HDDs for the maximum performance. The Configurable Parameters are used to resolve problems that may occur with specific HDDs. The default values are highlighted.

#### Modifying/Creating Registry Database

\* Open a working window. At the prompt, type:

```
REGEDT32
```

The DTC Window NT driver's parameters will be located under the following tree string:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Atdisk
```

\* In the HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE screen, Traverse down through the tree string until you are at \Atdisk

### 3.6.2 Creating Parameters Registry Database

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If you have previously created a Parameters Registry database for the DTC Windows NT driver , then skip to Modifying Parameters Registry Database.

1. Select EDIT from the Registry Menu.
2. Select the Add Key... menu entry.
3. When the Add Key Window appears, type Parameters for the Key Name and press OK.

### 3.6.3 Modifying Parameters Registry Database

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If you have NOT previously created a Parameters Registry database for the DTC Windows NT driver, then go back to Creating Parameters Registry Database.

1. Select Parameters under ..\Atdisk.
2. Select EDIT from the Registry Menu.
3. Select the Add Value... menu entry.
4. When the Add Value Window appears, enter a Value Name defined in Table 1.
5. Select REG\_DWORD for the Data Type Field.
6. When the DWORD Editor Window appears, enter a Data Value associated with the Value Name, and Select OK.
7. Repeat steps 2 thru 6 for each Registry Database entry.
8. When completed, select Registry from the Registry Menu and EXIT.

Table 1: DTC Windows NT Registry Options

Value Name	Data Type	Data Value
Cx-Dy-MultiSector	REG_DWORD	0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
Cx-Dy-LBA_On	REG_DWORD	0 = LBA OFF, 1 = LBA ON



/v or /V      Verbose Mode, Display Drive Setup    #1, #3  
(DOS,WINDOWS)

The drive configuration is displayed as follows:

>>>> CHS: 1024, 16, 63; P4; M16; LBA; IORDY; EDPT; 32 Bit I/O;

/2            Secondary IDE Port Enable. Any software switch  
for a secondary device must follow the /2 switch  
(DOS,OS2,Novell)

/ndisp or /NDISP    Disable Windows Sign On message.  
(WINDOWS)

/32           Force 32 Bit IO cycles.  
for secondary port must follow the /2 switch  
for Vesa Local Bus or PCI controllers ONLY  
(DOS,WINDOWS)

/16           Force 16 Bit IO cycles.  
for secondary port must follow the /2 switch  
(DOS,WINDOWS)

/IRQ:#        Alternate Secondary Port Interrupt. Hardware must  
also support alternate interrupts.

(example /irq:15) # = 15 - Use ISA Interrupt IRQ15

(IRQ15 is default, if not specified)

# = 12 - Uses ISA Interrupt IRQ12

# = 11 - Uses ISA Interrupt IRQ11

(DOS)

/IO:#        Alternate Secondary Port IO Address. Hardware must  
also support alternate IO Address decodes.

(example /io:170) # = 170 - Use IO Base Address 170H - 177H & 376H

(default, if not specified)

# = 1E8H - 1EFH & 3EE

Alternate Status address = IO Base + 206H

(DOS)

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/dx: or /Dx:    Switch Identifier and Drive number "x"

"x" = 0 = Master Drive, 1 = Slave Drive

One of the following switches must follow the  
semi colon. (can use upper or lower case)

m or M        Multi Sector Transfer, Sectors Per Interrupt

(example /d0:m0)    0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16(default), 32

p or P        Blind PIO Data Transfer Mode        #2

(example /D1:p3)    0 = PIO Mode 0 (3.33 MB/S)

1 = PIO Mode 1 (5.22 MB/S)

2 = PIO Mode 2 (8.33 MB/S)

3 = PIO Mode 3 (11.1 MB/S)

4 = PIO Mode 4 (16.6 MB/S)

I or L        LBA Support

(example /D0:L0)    0 = Disable LBA, 1 = Enable LBA

NOTES:

#1 On the DTC 2278VL the IDE Transfer rate displayed is the "Blind" Transfer rate returned from the drive. Use this information to set the IDE Transfer Rate jumpers W1-W5 on the card.

On the DTC 2278S/D/E/Plus and DTC 2130 products the IDE Transfer rate displayed is the actual transfer rate for each drive. This transfer rate is determined from operational information provided by the drive.

#2 On the DTC 2278VL the IDE Transfer rate can only be set with jumpers W1-W5 on the card. Refer to your Install Guide for details.

### #3 Verbose Display

"CHS:" refers to Cylinder, Head, Sector. This is obtained from the CMOS settings for primary port drives, and from the drives for secondary port.

"P#" is the IDE PIO Transfer Mode, refer above for details.

"M#" is the Multi-sector number. The number of sectors transferred per interrupt, refer above for details.

"LBA" if displayed, indicates that the drive supports Logical Block Addressing.

"IORDY" if displayed, indicates that the drive supports the "IORDY" signal, and IO Ready has been enabled.

"EDPT" if display, indicates that the System BIOS supports a Enhanced Drive Parameter Table. This along with LBA support will allow installation of drives greater than 528 MBytes.

"32 Bit I/O" if displayed, indicates that PIO transfers are 32 bits wide.

"16 Bit I/O" if displayed, indicates that PIO transfers are 16 bits wide.

Examples; Using the Software switches

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The following examples will: disable multi-sector transfers and force PIO Mode 1 on the Primary Port Master drive. Set multi-sector transfers to 4 on the Primary Port Slave drive. Enable the Secondary Port and disable logical block addressing on the Secondary Port Master drive.

DOS: (Enter in CONFIG.SYS file)

Device=DOSEIDE.SYS /d0:m0 /d0:p1 /d1:m4 /2 /d0:l0

Windows V3.1x: (Enter in SYSTEM.INI file, [386Enh] section)

WINEIDESWITCH= /d0:m0 /d0:p0 /d1:m4 /2 /d0:l0 /NDISP

OS2 2.x, 3.x: (Enter in CONFIG.SYS file)

Device=DTCIDE.ADD /d0:m0 /d0:p0 /d1:m4 /2 /d0:l0

Novell 3.1x (Enter at the Novell Prompt)

Load DTCIDE3 /d0:m0 /d0:p0 /d1:m4 /2 /d0:l0

Novell 4.x (Enter at the Novell Prompt)

Load DTCIDE4 /d0:m0 /d0:p0 /d1:m4 /2 /d0:l0

## 5.0 ATAPI Devices - IDE CDROM

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ATAPI is an acronym for ATA Packet Interface. ATAPI is a specification that defines a SCSI like command interface on the ATA (IDE) hardware register set (WD1003). The implementation of the ATAPI specification will allow device types other than Hard Disk Drives to work on ATA/IDE cards. The first device types available are CDROMS, but Tape devices are

expected in the future.

#### ISSUES:

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1) The ATAPI device will come with a ATAPI device driver. This device driver MUST be installed before you can access the ATAPI device. Follow the installation instructions provided with your ATAPI device.

2) Typically the ATAPI device driver will be installed in the CONFIG.SYS file. You should always load the ATAPI device driver AFTER any device driver that works with the Hard Disk Drives. In DOS, you would install the ATAPI device driver after the "device=DOSEIDE.SYS" line.

3) In Windows 3.1 or Windows for Work Groups, it is recommended that any ATAPI Devices, including IDE CDROMs be installed on a secondary IDE port. This will allow you to Enable the "32 Bit Disk Access" feature using either the WINEIDE.386 or WDCTRL.386 VxD drivers.

One of the features of WDCTRL.386 and WINEIDE.386 is to support Virtual Memory. Virtual Memory is memory data that is stored on a Hard Disk Drive. This memory data is swapped between the physical memory and a Swap file on the drive as it is needed by applications. Because of this feature the VxD drivers will not allow access by other device drivers (ATAPI) to the IDE registers, for fear of corrupting the Virtual Memory data.

#### 6.0 Dual Port Issues

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There are several issues that you will need to be aware of when using

a dual port configuration.

1. The secondary port uses IO addresses 170H-177H & 376H. The secondary port interrupt is typically IRQ15 (default), but alternate interrupts IRQ12 and IRQ11 can also be used if IRQ15 is unavailable. To use an alternate interrupt, the DTC IDE card Hardware must support alternate interrupts, and the Device Driver must be informed (REF section 4.0). The secondary port still uses the Master/Slave convention of identifying and accessing the drives. You do NOT set the CMOS for any HDDs on the secondary port.

2. After installing a Dual Port Configuration, you then go back and add another partition or a drive. In this situation the Drive Letter assignments will be changed the next time you reboot. You must understand the drive assignments before using the DOS FORMAT command to avoid formatting the wrong drive. Review the following example.

Example:

Initial DOS Drive Letter assignment    Adding Partition with DOS FDISK

Primary Master    500MB

Single Partition 250MB C:    First Partition 250MB C:

unused disk space 250MB    Second Partition 250MB G: !!!!

Primary Slave    210MB

Single Partition 210MB D:    Single Partition 210MB D:

Secondary Master    1.2GB

First Partition 500MB E:    First Partition 500MB E:

Second Partition 700MB F:    Second Partition 700MB F:

After Reboot DOS will assign the Drive Letters as follows:

Primary Master 500MB

Single Partition 250MB C:

Second Partition 250MB E: (G:)

Primary Slave 210MB

Single Partition 210MB D:

Secondary Master 1.2GB

First Partition 500MB F: (E:)

Second Partition 700MB G: (F:)

3. The Secondary Port Drive Letters are assigned differently than the Primary Port.

The Primary Port drives are assigned in the following sequence:

1. Primary Master is Drive C:
2. Primary Slave (if present) is Drive D:
3. Primary Master Logical drives are assigned starting at the next available drive letter. (either D: or E:)
4. Primary Slave Logical drives are assigned starting at the next available drive letter.

The Secondary Port drives are assigned in the following sequence:

1. Secondary Master drive is assigned to next available drive letter.
2. Secondary Master Logical drives are assigned in order.
3. Secondary Slave drive is assigned to next available drive letter.
4. Secondary Slave Logical drives are assigned in order.

## 7.0 Q&A and Troubleshooting

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This section lists common questions and some of the problems the user

might encounter following installation and configuration of a DTC IDE card.

For additional troubleshooting information:

1) Refer to the Install Guide that you received with your DTC IDE card.

It will contain information that may be specific or unique to your card.

2) For a copy of the DTC "IDE Troubleshooting Guide", call the DTC Fax Back at (408) 942-4005, and request document # 526.

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PROBLEM: When the DTC Enhanced IDE driver loads, you get an error message "Can Not Find COMMAND.COM". The DTC IDE card Hangs or Fails when you access the Hard Disk.

SOLUTION:

1. Verify that the CMOS settings are correct for the drives attached.
2. Check that the drive has been Partitioned (FDISK) and DOS formatted.
3. If a PCI/IDE card, verify that you have properly redirected the Primary Port interrupt to IRQ14, and the Secondary Port interrupt to IRQ15.
4. The information obtained from the drive about its operational capability, may be incorrect. Use the Software switches to put the drive in a standard operation mode.

Step 1: Determine if Drive Transfer rate is the problem by setting drive to standard PIO Mode 0. /dx:p0

If you have a DTC 2278VL set the IDE transfer rate jumpers (W1-W5) to 3.3 MB/s.

Step 2: Determine if Multi-Sector is the problem by disabling Multi-Sector transfer. /dx:m0

5. Some third party software packages that allow access drives with greater than 528 MBytes are not compatible with the DTC Enhanced IDE drivers.

6. If your motherboard has an IDE port built-in, make sure that you have disabled the built-in IDE port and its features. Use the system CMOS setup utility.

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PROBLEM: Unable to run Windows 95, Windows 3.1 or WFWG 3.11 in the Enhanced Mode.

SOLUTION: The DTC IDE card does support WFWG 3.11 and Windows 3.1 in Enhanced mode. Check the following:

1. Verify that you have installed the latest DTC Windows Driver WINEIDE.386 in the SYSTEM.INI file correctly. See DTC Windows driver installation instructions.
2. If running in the Enhanced mode, any ATAPI Devices must be attached to the Secondary Port.
3. If you get a message indicating a Validation failure, write down the two numbers indicated and contact Microsoft or the drive's manufacture. This failure indicates that the drive/system is not compatible with Windows Enhanced mode. The most common failure is caused by setting the Cylinder # in the System CMOS to greater than 1024. Verify this by reducing the CMOS cylinder number to 1024 and then run windows.
4. Verify that the Windows supplied VxD Hard Disk Driver WDCTRL.386 functions without problems (ref. section 3.2). If WDCTRL.386 does not work properly, neither will WINEIDE.386. This indicates that either the drive or the system has an incompatibility with Windows.

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PROBLEM: Get error when Exiting Windows 95, Windows 3.1, or WFWG 3.11  
in the Enhanced Mode.

SOLUTION: Move the "device=wineide.386" line to the end of the [386enh]  
section of the SYSTEM.INI file.

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PROBLEM: Can not access Secondary Port drives.

SOLUTION:

1. Check that the /2 switch is included on the driver line.
2. If a PCI/IDE card, verify that you have properly redirected the  
Secondary Port interrupt to IRQ15.
3. Check that the drives have been partitioned (FDISK) and DOS  
formatted.
4. In Windows Enhanced mode (32BitDiskAccess=on), then the WINEIDE.386  
driver must be loaded. In addition the DOSEIDE.SYS driver must be in-  
stalled.

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PROBLEM: Performance is not up to expectation. Data transfer  
rates appear slow.

SOLUTION:

- 1) Verify that the DOS device driver, DOSEIDE.SYS, is installed.

2) Use an IDE hard drive that supports multi-sector transfers and has a fast data transfer rate as reported by the drive manufacturer.

New drives that support the ATA-2 Specification show the best results.

3) Some benchmark programs do not properly measure data transfer rates and therefore show no improvements. Use DTCSPPEED.EXE included on this disk or Coretest which is available on the DTC BBS.

4) Re-Run benchmark using a "Vanilla" CONFIG.SYS and compare results.

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QUESTION: What are the differences between IDE, EIDE and FAST ATA Hard Disk Drives?

ANSWER: DTC has generated a white paper "Explanation of Enhanced IDE and FAST ATA". This paper can be obtained by calling the DTC Fax Back at (408) 942-4005, and request document # 529.

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QUESTION: Can the DTC Enhanced IDE driver "DOSEIDE.SYS" be loaded into high memory?

ANSWER: YES, follow the instructions from your DOS Manual for loading device drivers into high memory.

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QUESTION: How can I obtain the latest drivers for the DTC Enhanced IDE products?

ANSWER: The latest release of DTC Enhanced IDE driver set is available from the DTC BBS. See the Technical Support section for details on the DTC BBS. You must join one of the following conferences VESA, PCI, or IDE. Download the file "EIDEVxy.ZIP", where "xy" refers to the revision of the driver set (i.e "13" equates to 1.3A). The "EIDEVxy.ZIP" file requires the utility PKUNZIP.EXE to release the individual drivers. If you do not have this utility, download "PKUNZIP.EXE" from the same conference.

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QUESTION: Can the DTC Enhanced IDE products support Hard Disk Drives with capacities greater than 528 MBytes?

ANSWER: YES, The DTC Enhanced IDE drivers require that the Hard Disk Drive supports Logical Block Addressing (LBA) and the system CMOS supports an Enhanced Drive Parameter Table (EDPT). EDPT support may be referred to as the LBA option in the System CMOS Setup. You can use the "/V" software switch to determine your configuration (REF section 4.0 Software Switches).

For installation and setup refer to sections 2.5 New IDE Hard Drive Installation and 2.6 Existing IDE Hard Drive Installation.

### 8.0 IDE Drive Compatibility

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For the most up to date copy of the DTC "IDE Drive Compatibility List". Call the DTC Fax Back at (408) 942-4005, and request document # 524.

## 9.0 "DTCSPEED" benchmark utility

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DTCSPEED is a simple hard disk benchmarking program which measures data transfer rate between the drive(s) and the host. DTCSPEED will benchmark up to four (4) drives. This includes any drives attached to the Secondary port. The results are displayed in KBytes/Sec.

When DTCSPEED is run, it will display 2 columns of information.

The first column, **\*\*Read\*\***, displays the results of reading:

(Measures the maximum transfer rate from a cache hit)

- 1) a fixed 16 KByte block of data repeatedly.
- 2) a fixed 64 KByte block of data repeatedly.

The second column, **\*\*SeqRead\*\***, displays the results of reading:

(Measures a mix of the drive's head data rate (Cache miss), track switching and the drive's read ahead capability)

- 1) sequentially 16 KByte blocks of data.
- 2) sequentially 64 KByte blocks of data.

Typically the results from the second column will be lower than the first column.

Typically you will see an increase in performance when you have the DTC Driver loaded versus when it is not loaded.

If you do NOT see an increase in performance when you have the DTC driver loaded, it could be because:

- \* the drive does NOT support multiple sector per transfer
- \* the drive is slow. Find out how fast the drive is rated  
(contact drive manufacturer or use the /v option on the DOS driver line)

A DTCSPEED Help file can be accessed by typing "DTCSPEED /?", or "DTCSPEED /h" at the DOS Prompt.

## 10.0 Technical Support

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To obtain Installation Guides, Data Sheets, or Application Notes, via FAX, please call the DTC Automated Fax Response system at:

DTC Automated FAX        (408) 942-4005 (24 hours)

To obtain Driver updates, Install Guides, or Application Notes, via MODEM, please call the DTC BBS at:

Bulletin Board System (BBS)    (408) 942-4010 (24 hours)

The BBS setup requires the following modem settings:

Baud Rate: 1200 - 14400 bps, Data Bits: 8, Stop Bit: 1, Parity: None

After you have registered and created your own password, you will be brought to the Main Board Menu. To access a conference from the Main Board, use the "J" command to Join a Conference. Once you have joined the appropriate conference, type "F" for a list of the Files Directories. The Files Directories are divided into three (3) subdirectories: "1" is Install Guides and Application Notes, "2" is Drivers, and "3" is for Uploads.

## 11.0 Sales Support

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DTC Data Technology Corporation offers a full line of AT, EISA, VESA, and PCI bus controllers for IDE/ATA and SCSI. For information, contact the nearest distributor or contact DTC at the following number:

Sales Support FAX      (408) 942-4027 (24 hours)

Data Sheets for all DTC products can be obtained using the DTC Automated FAX response system. Using a touch tone phone call the following number:

DTC Automated FAX      (408) 942-4005 (24 hours)