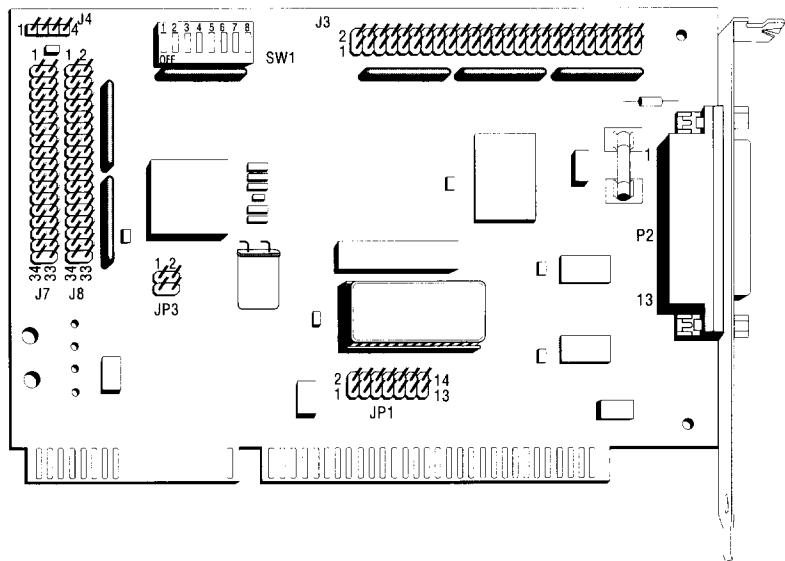


# **T160F**

## **SCSI Host Adapter**



# Hardware Installation Guide

## NOTE

If you're like many users, you'll want to get started using your new equipment as soon as possible. But, before you attempt to install and use your Trantor SCSI host adapter, please read this guide. It will save you time in the long run, and make you aware of many options you might otherwise miss. Remember, you can always change your system configuration at a later time.

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## 1.0 Introduction

This guide describes the installation and operation of the Trantor™ T160F SCSI host adapter (hereafter also referred to as "host adapter") for the IBM® AT®/80386/80486 and other compatible computer systems.

### 1.1 Hardware

Your Trantor SCSI (Small Computer System Interface) host adapter has been designed to provide high-performance control of virtually any SCSI device. Some of the important features include:

- Standardized SCSI interface, permitting the use of most SCSI devices.
- Both internal and external connectors, for use with SCSI devices mounted inside or outside the computer. The external connector is compatible with Apple® Macintosh® SCSI interface pinouts for ease of cabling (see below for details).
- Supports I/O-mapped data transfer at any one of 8 addresses, BIOS ROM mapping at any one of 7 addresses (plus disable) and zero-wait-state operation for high-speed performance.

### 1.2 Checklist

You should have received the following items in your Trantor host adapter kit:

- T160F SCSI host adapter
- Software distribution diskette(s)
- Hardware Installation Guide* (this document)
- User Guide* for the included software
- Product Registration card

If you find that anything is missing, please contact your dealer immediately.

### 1.3 Software Overview

The distribution diskette packaged with your host adapter contains a number of files of interest. These are fully described in the software *User Guide*, but there is one file to be aware of when installing the hardware:

#### READ.ME

A text file which **may** be included, containing up-to-date information since this guide was printed. It is important that you look for this file and, if it exists, read it carefully.

## 2.0 Hardware Installation

The Trantor T160F SCSI host adapter will fit into any available 16-bit adapter slot in your computer. If you plan to use internally-mounted SCSI devices, we recommend installing the T160F in a slot near the drive mounting location.

Before beginning installation, please read through this procedure thoroughly. Also review your computer system's manual for the procedures covering adapter installation and cover removal and replacement. Have the appropriate hand tools available so that you can remove your computer's cover and install the card.

1. Before proceeding, **turn off and unplug** your computer, to avoid the risk of dangerous electrical shock or damage to your equipment!
2. Remove your computer system's cover. This is typically done by removing 5 or 6 screws at the rear of the system, then sliding the cover forward and off. Refer to your computer manufacturer's user manual for details if you're unsure of this procedure.
3. Check the switch and jumper settings on your card, as required. For most installations, the factory default settings should be correct, but see section 3 for setup details.
4. Choose an available expansion slot for installation of the host adapter. The card may normally be used in any available 16-bit slot. When choosing a slot, keep in mind that a SCSI cable will be run between the host adapter and any internal SCSI devices that you wish to use. Therefore, it's usually a good idea to put the host adapter in a slot nearest these devices, to make sure the cable will reach and to minimize clutter.
5. If you require the appropriate SCSI interface cable (either internal or external) to connect the host adapter to your SCSI device, contact your dealer for assistance. If you plan to use the host adapter with internally-mounted SCSI devices, connect your SCSI interface ribbon cable to the host adapter's internal connector (on the top edge of the card). Note that the cable may be hooked up one of two ways; make sure that line 1 of the cable is oriented toward the Pin 1 end of the J2 connector (Pin 1 is at the lower left corner of the T160F connector). The number "1" is silkscreened on the board adjacent to Pin 1. Normally, line 1 of the cable should have a colored stripe for easy identification.
6. Remove the blank back-cover plate at the chosen slot position and save the bracket screw (you'll need it in a moment). Carefully insert the host adapter into the slot and align the edge connector on the card with the connector in the computer. Apply firm downward pressure on the card as you insert it into the slot, being careful to avoid bending the card or jamming it on any nearby protrusions in the chassis. Re-use the screw removed with the blank cover plate to fasten the host adapter securely into place. **Unless the edge connector on the card is properly inserted into the connector in the computer it is possible that neither the card nor the computer will work properly (and may even suffer damage). Double-check your work carefully!** If you installed an internal-device ribbon cable for SCSI devices (Step 5), make sure that the cable does not rub against any sharp points on adjacently-mounted cards in your computer, and that it is positioned so that it will not snag your computer's top cover when it is slid back into place.
7. If you plan to connect more than one SCSI device to your adapter simultaneously, make sure that the each device's "address" (device number) is different (between 0 and 6, a bootable device must be set to address 0, 1 or 2). This is essential to prevent conflicts when the host adapter communicates with the devices. Also note, on the SCSI connector of each device, which end of the connector is the "pin 1" end. Most SCSI devices have a 50-pin connector, and it is possible to connect a cable backwards if you don't identify the correct end. The

device(s) should have a label on the circuit board near the connector, indicating either the pin-1 end or the pin-50 end; consult the device's manual if you can't identify the correct end yourself. The cable which connects the device(s) to the host adapter should have a colored stripe on one side; the stripe indicates pin 1 of the cable.

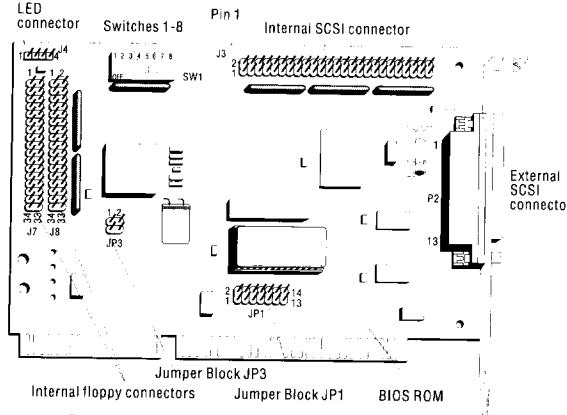
8. If you are using an externally-mounted SCSI device, connect your SCSI interface cable to the 25-pin connector at the rear of the host adapter. **Be careful to avoid connecting the SCSI cable to one of the parallel printer ports on the back of the computer. These use the same type of connector, and are easily confused. Conversely, never plug a parallel printer (or other parallel device) into a host adapter.**
9. If you are using an internally-mounted SCSI device, install it into an available drive bay per the manufacturer's instructions. Connect the power and SCSI interface cables, being careful to route both cables around any sharp edges or protrusions, and keeping the cables out of the way of the cover.
10. This completes the hardware installation of your SCSI subsystem. Once the host adapter is properly installed, replace the computer's cover and plug the computer in.
11. Proceed with software installation, hard disk partitioning/formatting (if applicable) and system checkout, following the instructions in your software User Guide.

**Note:** see the reverse side (section 4) for connector pinout details.

### 3.0 Switch & Jumper Settings

Although the default settings will work in most installations, you may find it necessary to change the factory switch and jumper settings of your T160F SCSI host adapter. These switches and jumpers set the card address, interrupt channel and other functions. See *Figure 1* for an illustration of the card configuration locations.

Note, however, that you should only change settings on the card if you **absolutely understand** what you are doing. The following information is **not** intended for, and is not written for, novice users. In some cases, changing settings on the card also necessitates changing settings in the software. In the following instructions, switch blocks and jumper blocks are mentioned; these are indicated on *Figure 1*. The default position for all switches on the T160F is OFF.



**Figure 1 T160F Switch & Jumper Locations**

#### Summary of Switch Settings

The various switches (1 - 8) are assigned as follows, and are detailed below:

SW 1	I/O address 1	4	ROM address 1
2	I/O address 2	5	ROM address 2
3	I/O address 3	6	ROM address 3
7	Reserved	8	Reserved

#### Card Address (SW1/SW2/SW3):

The T160F will work at one of eight I/O addresses. Switches 1, 2 and 3 select this address.

I/O Address	SW1	SW2	SW3
360h	OFF	OFF	OFF
350h	OFF	OFF	ON
340h	OFF	ON	OFF
330h	OFF	ON	ON
260h	ON	OFF	OFF
250h	ON	OFF	ON
240h	ON	ON	OFF
230h	ON	ON	ON

Note: The T160F uses a single 8 KB address range beginning at the address selected by the switches.

#### BIOS ROM Address (SW4/SW5/SW6):

The T160F BIOS ROM will work at one of eight addresses. Switches 4, 5 & 6 select this address.

ROM Address	SW4	SW5	SW6
None	OFF	OFF	OFF
C8000h	OFF	OFF	ON
CA000h	OFF	ON	OFF
CE000h	OFF	ON	ON
D0000h	ON	OFF	OFF
D4000h	ON	OFF	ON
D8000h	ON	ON	OFF
DC000h	ON	ON	ON

**Reserved Switches:**

Switches 7 and 8 are reserved and should remain in the OFF position at all times.

**Jumper Block JP1:**

This jumper block is used for optional interrupt selection. The jumper included with the T160F is set for no interrupt setting. If required by other software, interrupts 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14 and 15 are available via jumper settings on jumper block JP1 as follows:

Interrupt	Jumper Block JP1
IRQ3	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ5	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ7	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ10	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ12	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ14	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
IRQ15	pin 1  : : : : : : : pin 13
no interrupt	pin 1  : : : : : : : (or no jumper)

**Jumper Block JP4:**

JP4 is used for connecting a hard disk LED activity light. Typically, this LED is present on the front panel of your computer's case; simply connect the appropriate wire from your computer to this location. The top two pins should be used if your computer has a 2-wire connector.

#### 4.0 Floppy Drive Operation

The T160F floppy controller is a standard MS-DOS floppy disk controller that is not in any way affected by the SCSI section of the T160F Host Adapter.

Up to 4 floppy drives are supported by the T160F, using two 34-pin header connectors, J7 (drive 0 and drive 1) and J8 (drive 2 and drive 3). **Note:** The floppy drives **must** be supported in the BIOS on your computer before they will be available for use. Some versions of BIOS only support 2 floppy drives. Others, such as Phoenix 3.10 or higher, support 3 floppy drives only. Driver software which allows floppy support in addition to your BIOS is available from 3rd-party vendors.

The first 2 floppy drives are designated through your computer's SETUP program. Any additional floppy drives require the use of a device driver included with MS-DOS called DRIVER.SYS.

For example, to add a third 1.44 MB floppy drive to your computer, you must add the following statement to your CONFIG.SYS file (must all be on one line):

`device=driver.sys /d:2 /f:7 /t:80 /s:18 /h:2 /c`

The full syntax for DRIVER.SYS is listed in your MS-DOS manual. For your convenience, it is as follows (must all be on one line):

`DEVICE=[d:] [path] DRIVER.SYS /D:ddd[/T:ttt] [/S:ss] [/H:hh] [/C]`

`[/N] [/F:f]`

`/D:ddd` = physical drive number (diskette 0-127, fixed 128-255); 0 is A;; 2 must be external; first physical hard disk must be 128

`/T:ttt` = tracks per side (1-999, default is 80)

`/S:ss` = sectors per track (1-99, default is 9)

`/H:hh` = number of heads/sides (1-99, default is 2)

`/C` = changeline support required on AT and later only

`/N` = nonremovable block device (hard disk)

`/F:f` = form factor (0=160-360 KB; 1=1.2 MB; 2=720 KB; 7=1.44 MB)

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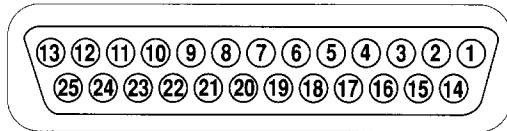
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## 5.0 SCSI Connector Pinouts

This section documents both the SCSI interface connectors on the T160F host adapter as well as typical connectors found on SCSI devices such as hard disk and CD-ROM drives. Your host adapter has been designed with ease of connection in mind, therefore the internal SCSI connector requires only a standard ribbon cable, and the external connector is completely compatible with that used on Apple's Macintosh line of computers. Any commonly-available Macintosh cable designed to interface to external SCSI devices will work with your Trantor host adapter.

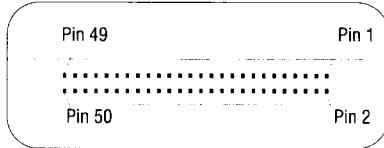
But, for those who are making their own cable assembly or who need the connector details for other reasons, the following provides the necessary information. *Figure 2* illustrates the pin arrangement of the host adapter's external DB-25F connector.



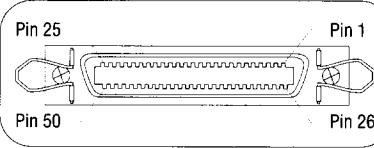
**Figure 2 T160F External Connector Pinouts**

Internal SCSI devices (as well as the internal connector of your Trantor host adapter) commonly use a 50-pin header connector (*SCSI specification Alternative 1*), consisting of two rows of 25 male contacts with adjacent contacts 2.54 mm (0.1 in) apart, as shown in *Figure 3*.

A typical single-ended shielded SCSI device 50-pin connector (*SCSI specification Alternative 2*) is shown in *Figure 4*; this connector is most often used with an external SCSI device.



**Figure 3 Internal Connector**



**Figure 4 Device Connector**

*Table 1* lists the pin assignments for each connector type. Definitions of the various signals may be found in any SCSI design reference book. The SCSI interface is fully defined in **ANSI X3.131-1986**; this document is available from Global Engineering Documents, 2805 McGaw Ave, Irvine, CA 92713-9539 USA, telephone (714) 261-1455.

Alt. 1 (Fig. 3)	Pin	Alt. 2 (Fig. 4)	Function	Function	External (Fig. 2)	Pin	Alt. 1 (Fig. 3)	Alt. 2 (Fig. 4)
1	1		Gnd	-DB0	8	2	26	
3	2		Gnd	-DB1	21	4	27	
5	3		Gnd	-DB2	22	6	28	
7	4		Gnd	-DB3	10	8	29	
9	5		Gnd	-DB4	23	10	30	
11	6		Gnd	-DB5	11	12	31	
13	7		Gnd	-DB6	12	14	32	
15	8		Gnd	-DB7	13	16	33	
17	9		Gnd	DBP	20	18	34	
19	10		Gnd	Gnd	7	20	35	
21	11		Gnd	Gnd	9	22	36	
23	12		Gnd	Gnd	14	24	37	
25	13		Open	Termpwr	25	26	38	
27	14		Gnd	Gnd	16	28	39	
29	15		Gnd	Gnd	18	30	40	
31	16		Gnd	-ATN	17	32	41	
33	17		Gnd	Gnd	24	34	42	
35	18		Gnd	-BSY	6	36	43	
37	19		Gnd	-ACK	5	38	44	
39	20		Gnd	-RST	4	40	45	
41	21		Gnd	-MSG	2	42	46	
43	22		Gnd	-SEL	19	44	47	
45	23		Gnd	-C/D	15	46	48	
47	24		Gnd	-REQ	1	48	49	
49	25		Gnd	-I/O	3	50	50	

**Table 1 SCSI Connector Pin Assignments**

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- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Relocate the computer with respect to the receiver.
- Move the computer away from the receiver.
- Plug the computer into a different outlet so that the computer and receiver are on different branch circuits.

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