

# S. D. SALES

## 4K LOW POWER RAM BOARD

### Introduction:

The S. D. Sales 4K Memory Board kit is a fast, low power static memory that is plug compatible with the Altair, and IMSAI 8080 systems. It includes 4096 memory words of 8 bits with buffered outputs and onboard regulation. 21L02 memory chips are used, and each has a capacity of one bit at each of 1024 addresses. The chips are arranged so that the top two horizontal rows are the first "K" of memory, the second two rows, the second "K", and so forth. Since the 21L02 is a semiconductor memory, loss of power results in a loss of memory. The memory will power back up in a random bit configuration. A minimum of +2 volts must be maintained in order to retain the stored bits.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Assembly of this board requires experience in the soldering of very fine connections. If you do not feel that this precision is within your capabilities, do us both a favor and return the unused kit for a refund.

### PLEASE READ BEFORE ATTEMPTING ASSEMBLY!

The 4K memory board is assembled on a double-sided, plated through hole board. There are pc paths on both sides. Many of the holes are plated through to make connection with pc paths on both sides. BE CAREFUL TO KEEP COMPONENTS OUT OF THESE HOLES. They do not need to be soldered or "filled" with a wire.

The 21L02 memories are MOS devices and care should be taken in handling the units. Do not remove the devices from the protective foil until they are to be plugged into the board. Do not use a soldering "gun" of any type. Use a low wattage small tipped iron, and small diameter solder. There are many conductors on both sides of the board that are very close together. Be especially careful to avoid solder bridges between conductors. Clean the tip of your iron each 5 to 7 connections. Use a wet sponge or rag and keep the tip tinned but void of excess solder.

The kit is packed in several "pre-packs". Locate the packs and inventory the parts using the list below:

Pak #1	37	16 pin IC sockets
	6	14 pin IC sockets
	4	6-32 x ½" machine screws
	4	6-32 nuts
Pak #2	43	.01mfd disc ceramic caps
	1	50mfd @25V electrolytic cap
	4	7805 5V volt regulators
	4	Heatsinks
Pak #3	32	21L02 MOS memories
	5	8T97B buffers
	1	74LS00 IC (For IC #36)
	2	74S00 IC
	1	74LS04 IC (For IC #37)
	1	74S04 IC
	1	74S20 IC

NOTE: Do not confuse the 4 digit date code on the IC's with the part #.

For construction refer to Fig. #1. The top of the board will be considered the end opposite the gold plated fingers. Hold the board with the "S. D. Sales Co." down and to your right.

1. Remove 8, 16 pin sockets from the Pak #1. Carefully straighten any bent pins and insert 1 socket into the 16 matching holes of the PC board into position #1. The component side of the board has been silk screened with the parts locations for ease of construction. Turn the board over. Hold the socket firmly against the PC Board and solder the top right-hand pin and the bottom left-hand pin. Do not solder any more of the pins at this time.
2. Insert a socket in position #2 soldering the two pins as before. Repeat the same procedure with the remaining 6 sockets for positions 3 to 8.
3. Turn the board over and check to make sure each socket is firmly against the PC Board. If any of the sockets are not flush, heat the top solder joint and push with a finger. Do the same with bottom solder joint until the socket is in place.
4. Once all the sockets are in place in the first two rows, carefully check each one on the back side of the board (side opposite the sockets) to make sure each of the 16 holes in each location are filled with a pin. It is easy to miss a hole and bend the pins under the socket, so do this step carefully!
5. After you are sure all of the pins on all 8 sockets are in place, lay the board front side (socket side) down on a

flat surface. Very carefully solder the remaining 112 pins. Check for solder shorts or cold solder joints. (A magnifying glass is helpful at this stage).

6. Sockets 1 through 8 are now complete. Using the same procedures as outlined in steps 2 through 5, install sockets 9 through 16; sockets 17 through 24; sockets 25 through 32.
7. Sockets 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 39 are 14 pin. Install and solder all connections of these sockets.
8. Install 16 pin sockets 38, 40, 41, 42 and 43 in their proper positions and solder all pins.
9. Locate the 43 .01mfd disc capacitors from pre-pak #2. There are two holes about 1/16th" above each socket. Insert a disc in position #1 Row 1. SLIDE the cap through the holes until the ceramic material touches the PC Board. The ceramic continues down the leads. If the leads are spread or closed often the ceramic on the leads will crack. This does not affect operation of the caps. These caps do not have a polarity.
10. Insert and solder each of the 42 remaining .01 disc. One above each IC socket (solder on back side only). Clip off all the excess leads.
11. Locate the 50mfd 25V electrolytic capacitor. Refer to Figure #1. Note that there is a polarity marked on the cap. Be sure to mount the cap with the "+" end up as shown. Clip off the excess lead.

12. Locate the four 7805 regulators and the four finned heat-sinks. Line up the large hole in the board with hole in the metal tab of the 7805. Using a small pair of needle-nose pliers, bend the three leads  $90^{\circ}$ . Fit the proper hole spacing. Note the center lead is bent about 1/8" closer to the body than the other two. Perform all four regulators in this manner. Do not insert or solder at this time.
13. The heatsinks should be mounted between the PC Board and the 7805 regulators. The three tabs on the heatsinks should point to the left (away from the IC's). Mount the 7805 and heatsink by sliding a 6-32 machine screw through the tab on the 7805, through the slot on the heatsink, through the top side of the PC Board. Secure the entire assembly to the PC Board with a 6-32 nut. A small amount of silicon grease (heatsink compound) can be used on the back of each 7805. Make sure the three terminals on each regulator fit into the proper holes before the screws are tightened down. Solder the three terminals on each 7805 on both sides of the PC Board. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE SCREWS.

The 4K Board is now ready for the IC's to be inserted. The IC's will NOT fit the sockets as they are shipped. The pins must be bent slightly inward. Use the following procedure to bend the pins. Work with one IC at a time and insert it into the proper socket immediately after bending.

1. Hold the IC on each end with both hands (like a cob of corn).

2. Use the front edge of a table or workbench and place all of the pins on one side of the IC against the edge.
3. Push gently against the table so all the pins on one side bend together. Bend until they are almost perpendicular.
4. Turn the IC around and bend the other pins on the opposite side in the same manner.
5. Try the IC in the socket. Both sides must be pushed in at the same time to avoid bending pins.

NOTE: When inserting the IC's into the sockets. Be extremely careful that all the pins fit into the socket properly. It is easy for a pin to fold under and not make contact. A folded pin is almost impossible to detect after the IC is seated against the socket!

1. Using the Fig. #1 provided, insert the proper IC's into the sockets, working one row at a time. Note that each IC has a notch on one end. Be sure to position all the notches as shown in Fig. #1. Failure to do this could result in the failure of components. Do not confuse the round mold marks on the top of the IC's with the notch. The first 32 IC's are all 21L02's.
2. Check the Board against the layout (Fig. #1).
3. Check all connections for bridges or cold joints.

There are 12 holes located between IC's 34 and 37. These will be used to provide a board select code to the computer. Since a computer may have more than 1 4K memory board, there must be a method to select which of the memory boards we are working with. Using

the diagram and chart below, solder a short jumper wire between the points to develop the proper code. Use insulated wire. These wires must be connected before the unit will operate. The edge connector is numbered on the PC Board.

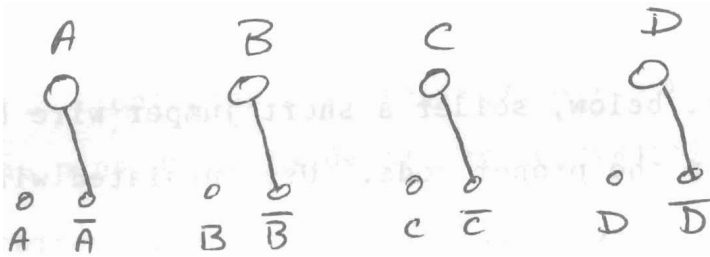
#### INSTALLATION

1. Check to see that a power source of approximately 8V is furnished through the circuit using pins 1 and 51 and ground through pins 50 and 100 BEFORE plugging the board into the computer. These power input connections should be standard in ALTAIR or IMSAI systems.
2. After plugging in the board check the voltage on the output pins of each 7805 (pin 3) to make sure each bus is 5 volts.

For the functions of the pins on the edge connectors see the schematic.

FIG. #2

TOP VIEW



← EXAMPLE:  
SET FOR 1st  
4K BLOCK.

JUMPER CODES FOR MEM. SELECT

1st 4K BLOCK	$\bar{A} - \bar{B} - \bar{C} - \bar{D}$
2	$A - \bar{B} - \bar{C} - \bar{D}$
3	$\bar{A} - B - \bar{C} - \bar{D}$
4	$A - B - \bar{C} - \bar{D}$
5	$\bar{A} - \bar{B} - C - \bar{D}$
6	$A - \bar{B} - C - \bar{D}$
7	$\bar{A} - B - C - \bar{D}$
8	$A - B - C - \bar{D}$
9	$\bar{A} - \bar{B} - \bar{C} - D$
10	$A - \bar{B} - \bar{C} - D$
11	$\bar{A} - B - \bar{C} - D$
12	$A - B - \bar{C} - D$
13	$\bar{A} - \bar{B} - C - D$
14	$A - \bar{B} - C - D$
15	$\bar{A} - B - C - D$
16	$A - B - C - D$

MEMORY SELECT CODES



