

HEATH CP/M™ H89PIP Patch Program (Jun84)

INSTALLATION:

Copy the PPATCH.COM program from the distribution diskette to your bootable system diskette. Use the CONFIGUR program (see your Heath CP/M™ manual) to accomplish the following:

1. Use Item A (Terminal and Printer Characteristics) to make sure that no serial device uses Port 320Q. To do this, you will have to double up on one of the other ports.
2. Use Item C (Default I/O Configuration) to make the LST: device the LPT: physical device.
3. Use Item D (Automatic Program Control) to automatically run PPATCH after a Cold Boot. Do this by selecting Item A to enable the Automatic Command Line then Item C to enter the command PPATCH.

To make the configuration permanent, be sure to take the "Y" exits from the various menus.

That's all there is to it! When PPATCH runs, it modifies the BIOS (in memory) by replacing the existing LPT: printer driver routines with routines suitable for the H89PIP Interface.

Note: It is not necessary to run PPATCH after a Warm Boot (CTRL-C) because the BIOS is not reloaded after a Warm Boot. Only BDOS and CCP are reloaded.

OPERATING PRINCIPLE:

When executed, PPATCH installs new printer I/O routines in the memory resident CP/M™ BIOS by performing the following steps:

1. Announce action on console
2. Initialize the H89PIP Interface
3. Access BIOS JUMP table to find LISTST code
4. Access LISTST code branch table to find LISTOS code
5. Put LISTST address in new LPTOUT code
6. Copy new LISTST code into BIOS
7. Access BIOS JUMP table to find LIST code
8. Access LIST code branch table to find LPTOUT code
9. Copy new LPTOUT code into BIOS
10. RETURN to CP/M

The new routines are relocatable (they use relative jumps) so that they will work for any size of CP/M™ system.