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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 21 Aug 2019 23:51:51 GMT
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COULDN'T FIND STUPID CARD on boot :)
>>
>> Any bright ideas?
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> What CP/M version do you have? I don't do anything much with mine, all I have is a single boot
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 06:39:38 GMT

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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

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Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 06:41:50 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 02:39:39 UTC-4, Anthony Adverse wrote:

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Only drawback with that is that the highest slot gets boot priority, and I would sooner that were the Microdrive.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:21:26 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

Alrighty then, I have....

Slot 1 Clock
Slot 2 Empty
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Slot 4 Z80
Slot 5 Disk II
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:29:46 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 03:21:28 UTC-4, Anthony Adverse wrote:

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Slot 6 - Disk II

Slot 7 - Microdrive/Turbo

And Ext-80 col in the aux slot.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:32:34 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

On Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 5:21:28 PM UTC+10, Anthony Adverse wrote:

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Just for reference I also have an Applied Engineering CP/M which will not boot with that configuration. It starts but keeps re-reading 1 track.

Apple][CP/M

44k Ver 4.0B

1985 (Actually might have a corrupt floppy still checking)

No configuration I have will boot this floppy, and it displays rubbish on the screen after initial boot, but its also configured to look for some kind of RAMcard to install as a RAMdrive.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:33:42 GMT

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Originally posted by: Bobbi

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Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:37:33 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

Softcard CP/M
60k v2.23
Microsoft
1982

Will also boot with the fully loaded configuration. This is the boot system for a WP disk I have.
Thats the fully extent of my CP/M library.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:40:57 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 03:37:35 UTC-4, Anthony Adverse wrote:

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I think I have that v2.23 60K TPA version too. I may just break out a new box of floppy disks and download a bunch off Asimov to play with. See if there is one that will allow more freedom to move the Z80 to a slot other than 4 or 5.

Also I may experiment some more with turning off DMA on the Microdrive. Right now it is turned on.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 07:43:24 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

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No dip switches... the block is there but nothing installed. For all intents my card is this
<http://pineapple.zapto.org/hardware/display.php?query=225> with the jumper block removed, or if you like all switches turned off :)

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 12:51:11 GMT
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 21:32:37 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 08:51:18 UTC-4, Steven Hirsch wrote:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 22:18:13 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 17:32:39 UTC-4, Bobbi wrote:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 24 Aug 2019 23:29:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 18:18:14 UTC-4, Bobbi wrote:
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 02:05:37 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

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Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 02:08:18 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

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Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 02:16:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Saturday, 24 August 2019 22:08:19 UTC-4, Anthony Adverse wrote:

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Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 14:31:09 GMT
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Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 14:32:51 GMT
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On 8/24/19 6:18 PM, Bobbi wrote:

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What is 'DATASOFT' CP/M? Is this a modified version of Microsoft 2.23? If
so, where can I grab an image?

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 14:34:26 GMT
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Sider support was highly specific to the First Class Peripherals slot ROM and Sider partitioning scheme. I think the chances of this working are effectively zero.

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Sun, 25 Aug 2019 14:37:20 GMT
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On 8/24/19 10:16 PM, Bobbi wrote:

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If someone was suitably motivated (not me either!) then it looks like there is some hope of getting something working, but I would be amazed if anything worked 'out of the box'.

The DATASOFT CP/M was a CPM-2.23 image I downloaded from Asimov. I don't really know anything about its origin, but it appears to have all the same files as Microsoft Softcard CP/M 2.23 - MBASIC, GBASIC etc. I am not using it for any special reason, other than I downloaded it and it seems to work ok :)

Anyhow I am happy to have CP/M running again, and CP/M seems to have some nice enhancements, so thank you for that!!

Subject: Re: MicroDrive/Turbo and Z80 CP/M card
Posted by [Steven Hirsch](#) on Mon, 26 Aug 2019 13:11:49 GMT
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Aug 2019 14:29:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: Anthony Adverse

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Posted by [Michael J. Mahon](#) on Sat, 31 Aug 2019 18:51:22 GMT
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Steven Hirsch <snhirsch@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 8/26/19 10:29 AM, Anthony Adverse wrote:
>> On Monday, August 26, 2019 at 11:11:55 PM UTC+10, Steven Hirsch wrote:
>>> On 8/25/19 1:31 PM, Bobbi wrote:
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>>>> Hi Steven -- Thanks for the info on the Sider support. I don't think I am
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It _is_ a remarkable experience to switch on a computer and immediately
type in a program and run it—no OS, no problem!

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