## Subject: IBM CORRECTING SELECTIC TYPEWRITER - can it be made a printer?
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Does anyone know whether the IBM CORRECTING SELECTRIC TYPEWRITER can be
converted to be used as a computer printer?  (I know that the old stand-by
SELECTRIC can be converted but am not sure about this beastie.)  Who does
this kind of conversion?


Thanks,

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Anderson-Jacobson cranked out a lot of converted selectrics. I have
one of them. You might contact their company to see if they are
making one for the IBM Correcting unit. Don't have their address

at hand, but they have ads in several of the popular computer mags.

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## Subject: Re: IBM CORRECTING SELECTIC TYPEWRITER
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If the selectic typewriter you want to convert is an electronic model
65 or 85, IBM themselves have a kit to plug the typewriter into the
printer port of a PC.  We have one -- it works fine.

The conversion from ascii to typewriter code is made in software, and IBM
provides a program that lurks in front of the printer port, doing the
translation automatically.  I expect you could plug the typewriter into
any other computer's Centronics port, but you'd have to deal with the
translation yourself.

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Gag.  A couple years ago I saw a company near San Jose advertising a product
that "turns your Selectric typewriter into a computer printer".  It was a
box containing a bunch of electrically actuated rods that mounted on top of
the keyboard.  The box had a cable that plugged into an RS-232 port.  And
it only cost $500!  (I'm serious.  So were they.  More's the pity.)

Seriously, unless someone will do a conversion for $200, it makes a lot more
sense to buy a daisy wheel printer; even the lowest speed daisy wheel printers
will be as fast or faster.