
Subject: IBM CORRECTING SELECTRIC TYPEWRITER - can it be made a printer?

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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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If the selectric 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.