

Correcting Selectric* III and Selectric* III Typewriters Operating Instructions



Refer to this photograph to help you locate the individual features of your IBM Correcting "Selectric" III Typewriter and IBM "Selectric" III Typewriter.



typing need.

With the IBM Correcting Selectric® III messy corrections can be a thing of the past. The IBM High Yield Correctable Film Ribbon and IBM Lift-off Tape typed characters off the page. The IRM also allows you to use the IBM Tech III

In addition, both the IBM Correcting

single-element typing technology. The following features are available on

"Selectric" III Typewriters: Interchangeable Typing Elements: A choice of over 20 available for every

Page-End Indicator: As you type down the page, the indicator tells you

paper. Larger Keybuttons: The keys have

Optional Acoustical Hood: The perfect choice in sound-sensitive

Express Backspace Key: A major convenience factor when underscoring or rapidly backspacing.

Impression Control: Easy to use and adjust to suit each typing application.

The following features are available on the IBM Correcting "Selectric" III Typewriter only:

Dual Pitch: Choose a 10-pitch or 12-pitch type style to suit each application.

Lighted Margin Scale (not applicable to all models): The 10- or 12-pitch

Half Backspace Lever (dual-pitch models only): Ideal for creating ligatures or correcting already typed CODY.

of your new IBM typewriter.





Warning: Keep hair, fingers, and personal objects (such as bracelets, necklaces, neckties, and so on) out of the printing and ribbon area when

In order to prevent long hair, fingers, and personal articles from getting caught on the rotating shaft in the machine, you should comply with this warning and ensure that other persons do also.



To Change Element Use an element with a ▲ when typing

Only elements with yellow labeling on the top may be used on this typewriter

To put on an element:

- Tap the shift key to be sure it is not locked.
 Open the lever on top of the
- element until it is all the way open, as shown above.

 Hold the element by the lever and
 - pointing the yellow triangle toward the platen. Close the lever all the way down.



To remove an element: * Tap the shift key to be sure it is not

locked.

Lift the lever on top of the element until it is all the way open, as

Use the lever to lift the element straight up off the element post.







Margin/Pitch Scale (Single-Pitch Model) This scale is located directly above the keyboard. The 10 or 12 at the left of the

The scale is numbered every five spaces from left to right.

A white pointer moves along the scale with the carrier, indicating the typing position of the next character to print.

On top of the element is a 10 ▲ or 12 △ indicating the pitch. Use an element with a 10 for a 10-pitch typewriter; use 12 for a 12-pitch typewriter.

Pitch Selection Lever

12 pitch (Elite):

(Dual-Pitch Model)
If your typewriter is a dual-pitch model,
it is designed to allow typing in either

rou for 12-pitch typing and away f rou to type in 10 pitch.

characters per inch

(Dual-Pitch Model) al. Some dual-pitch models have a lighted

Some dual-pitch models have a light margin scale. For your convenience, only the scale corresponding to the pitch in use will light.

 Moving the pitch selection lever switches the illumination from on

A red pointer moves along the scale with the carrier, indicating the typing position of the next character to print

Use an element with a 10 ▲ when typing in 10 pitch; use a 12 △ for 12

Note: Using a typing element of one pitch when the typewriter is set for the other pitch will alter only the amount o





Pull the paper bail lever forward. Depress the index key to roll the paper



To remove the paper or to reposition the paper after it is inserted in the thick carbon pack.

typewriter, pull the paper release lever . Use this feature when inserting a

Push this lever back after the paper has



The impression control adjusts the

striking force of the element. For most . Move the control to the right before

For greater striking force, move the

For less striking force, move the control to a lower number (example, offset





To Set Margins
Push in and slide the margin stops to
the new margin setting.

The left margin stop cannot be moved to the right beyond the pointer. Use the spacebar to move the pointer out of the way before moving the margin stop.

The right margin stop prevents you from typing past the right margin; however, you can space or tab through it. To type past the right margin, depress the margin release key (page

Note: On dual-pitch models, there is white indicator to show where the left

Change Pitch Within a Docum

(Dual-Pitch Model)
If a document will contain both pica and
elite, set the left margin at a numbered
marking on the 10-pitch scale.

Line Space Lever
Move the line space lever toward you
for single spacing, to the middle mark
for space-and-a-half spacing, and away

from you for double spacing.
Your typewriter may have single and double spacing. You may want to check the spacing in your typewriter.



Margin Release
To temporarily release the left margin
return the carrier to the left margin,
depress the margin release key, and

To type through the right margin after the keyboard locks, depress the margin



To Set and Clear Tabs
Use the tab control to set and clear tabs. To set a tab, move the carrier to the space where you want to set a tab

To clear a tab, tab to the stop you want

To clear all tabs at once, tab the carrier all the way to the right; hold down Cir as you depress the carrier return or the express backspace key.

(Dual Pitch Model)
If a document will contain both pica and
elite, set your tabs at a numbered
marking on the 10-pitch margin scale.

The pointer should be at least two spaces before a tab stop in order to tab to that position.

nins: A partial carrier return can be used to type tabulated materials, such as columns of figures or addresses on

Set tab stops first. Then tap the carrier return followed by the tab key as soon as the carrier passes the tab stop.

Typing forms is faster when you set tab stops at the points on the form where most of the typing begins. Use the partial carrier return to go directly to a predetermined point on the page; that is, tap the carrier return followed by the tab key as soon as the carrier passes the tab stop.



Express Backspace Key
Use the express backspace key (Exp) to
move backward on the same typing limit
for underscoring or repositioning the
carrier. The carrier will continue to



To type capital and other upper cas characters, depress either the left

To lock the shift key for continuous use, depress Lock.

To unlock the shift key, depress the left or right Shift key.

hecklist for Proper Typewrite

* If typewriter

sure the electric cord is plugged into the outlet.

 The On portion of the On/Off should be depressed.
 If nothing prints on the paper, make

certain the ribbon/stencil control (page 10) is not in the stencil position. If the carrier will not move, turn the

typewriter off for a few seconds, then on. Depress the margin release key or tab key to release the carrier.

to see that the line finder (page 12) is not forward.
If the ribbon is not printing properly make sure that the ribbon

(page 13) and the correcting tape (page 16) have been installed correctly.

On a fabric ribbon typewriter, reverse the ribbon manually

(page 10) and continue typing. If characters are crowded or too far apart, check to see if the pitch selection lever matches the element.

element.
If an element has been dropped or if erratic character spacing occurs, check the bottom of the element for a broken tooth. If a tooth is broken, the element will have to be







The page-end indicator will:

Show you approximately how far you are from the bottom of a page. Support the paper for easy viewing. For paper inserted vertically: Use the top three lines on the indicator for paper inserted vertically.

For paper inserted horizontally: Use the lower three lines on the indicator for paper inserted





Horizontally

Move the carrier to the center of

- the paper. Backspace once for every two
 - Type the information.

Vertically

Normal tynewriter spacing provides six

Use the page-end indicator (page 7)

To center any width paper, insert the namer so that its left and right edges

edges touch When paper is centered in the typewriter, the dot in the center of the margin scale is the center of the page. See illustration above.

When paper is inserted so that the left edge is aligned with zero on the margin paper 81/2 inches (215.90 mm) wide.







. Depress the correction key X to

- The correcting key is typematic (repeat action), so you can

- Restrike the last incorrectly typed
- Backspace with the correcting key Type the correct character(s).

If you are typing carbon copies, correct Use either IBM High Yield Correctable Film Ribbon with IBM Lift-off Tape or IBM Tech III Ribbon with IBM Cover-up Tape. It is necessary to match the appropriate tape and ribbon. For your convenience, they are color coded.

If you space after backspacing with the correcting key, the correcting process

The IBM High Yield Correctable Film Ribbon, or







Ribbon Cassette System and Selective Ribbon System

Selective Ribbon System: Push the

To return to regular typing (for either system), push the button on the control.

Fabric Ribbon System ribbon/stencil control to position "0."

For regular typing, set the control on "1." "2." or "3" to type on the top. middle, or bottom portion of the ribbon. the ribbon to re-ink itself for longer life.

Typematic keys have both a single and

repeat action. Any of the typematic action or depressed and held all the

- Backspace
- Hyphen/Underscore

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The cardholder holds paper, cards, and

envelopes close to the platen. The red vertical line at the too center of the cardholder indicates

To realign characters for a correction. use the markings on the cardholder as a guide. First, position the characters the cardholder. Then, roll the paper down to the horizontal line at the bottom of the cardholder. This line each character rests just above the line,

Position an "i" or an "I" directly under the vertical line at the top of the cardholder. Then, roll the paper down the cardholder. This line indicates the base of the typing line. Position your paper so the bottom of each character



You may use the notches on the

Pull the line finder lever (page 12) freely.

Remember to return the lever to its







Line Finder
The line finder allows you to temporarily leave the original typing line to type a superscript, subscript, double underscore, a form with irregular spacing, or to draw lines.

- Pull the line finder lever toward you. Turn the platen knob to move to the
- Turn the platen knob to move to the temporary typing line and type.
 To return to the original typing line.

Half Backspace Lever (Dual-Pitch Model Only) Use this lever to spread or squeeze characters or create a ligature (example, ab).

- Pull the half backspace lever forward and hold.

 Carrier moves back one-half
- Carrier moves back one-half space.
 Type the character(s).
 Release the half backspace lever.

Note: Typing with the lever forward allows regular character spacing, but one-half space out of the normal typing

Platen Variable
Press in the left platen knob to
permanently change the position of the
writing line or to realign a page for
corrections or additions.





Ribbon Syst Following a

rollowing are instructions on how to remove and install ribbons from the Ribbon Cassette, Selective Ribbon, an Fabric Ribbon systems. Choose the ribbon system instructions that correspond to the ribbon system on your typewriter.

To avoid any confusion in matching ribbon cartridges with the corresponding correcting tape for the IBM Correcting "Selectric" III Typewriter, ribbon cartridges and tapes are color coded.

See "Ordering Procedures" on page 22

Ribbon Cassette System
To see how much ribbon remain
cassette, look at the ribbon-end

To remove a ribbon: Press the spacebar to move the

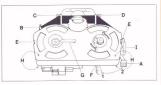
- carrier to the center. Switch the typewriter off.
- Lift the cover. Keep the paper bail against the
- Move the ribbon load lever (B) to the load position (1).3 Using both hands, lift the cassette

To install a ribbon: Be sure the ribbon load lever (B) is in the load position (1).

- Using both hands, place the cassette over the two posts.

 Push down firmly on the casset.
- Turn the knob on the cassette in the direction of the arrow until the uninked part of the ribbon disappears inside the cassette. If the ribbon is not tight, turn the knob
- the arrows.
 Move the ribbon load lever (B) back
- to the operating position (2). Close the cover.

The ribbon load lever on your typewriter cannot be moved if the correction tape load lever (C) is in the load position.



Selective Ribbon System
To see how much ribbon remains in the cartridge, look at the ribbon-end

To remove a ribbon:

carrier to the center and switch the typewriter off.

Lift the cover.

- acoustical hood, pull it toward you before lifting the cover. Keep the paper bail against the
- Move the ribbon load lever (A) to
 the load position (1) until it snaps
- against the stop (F).4

 Using both hands, hold the ribbon cartridge at the front corners (H) and lift the cartridge straight up.

To install a ribbon:

- Be sure the ribbon load lever (A) is in the load position (1).
 Put the ribbon leader (uninked)
 - portion) on the outside of the guidepoest (B) and ribbon guides (C) and (D). Failure to do so will cause ribbon breakage.

 Position the ribbon cartridge so
 - that it fits between the spring clip (E). Firmly push down on both ands of the cartridge
 - ends of the cartridge.
 Thread the leader through the
 - the direction of the arrow until the leader disappears inside the
 - Move the ribbon load lever (A) to
 the time position (2).
 - the type position (2).





Fabric Ribbon System

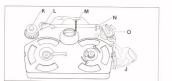
- you before lifting the cover. Keep the paper bail against the
- Move the ribbon change lever (A) guides (B) and (C).
- Ease the ribbon out of the ribbon guides (B) and (C).

To install a fabric ribbon:

- Keep the paper ball against the

- ribbon guides (B) and (C) and
- guides.
- Move the ribbon change lever (A)
- To take up the slack in the ribbon

(Eabric Ribbon Model Only) becomes empty. However, to manually reverse the ribbon, press the ribbon reverse lever nearest you to the rear.



Changing the Correcting Tape

- Move the tape load lever (J) to the right.⁵
- To lift off the empty tape spool (K), twist slightly clockwise; remove takeup spool.

To install new tape:

- Remember: Use an orange spool with a ribbon which has an orange knob; use a blue spool with a ribbon which has a
- Gently separate the two spools, but keep them connected by the orange
- or blue tape (leader).
 Place new tape spool (K) on the left
- Thread the leader through the guide (L), behind the separator wire (M), and behind the guide (N)
- Place the take-up spool (O) on the right spindle. Turn the take-up spool in the direction of the arrow until the leader.
- until the leader is past the guide.

 Move the tape load lever (J) to the left. (The lever must be closed before you begin to type.)



Use only a mild detergent to clean the be harmful. Where stubborn stains persist, consult your service person.

typewriter and clean it with a dry brush

Note: The element will break if you

Cover the typewriter at the end of each day. The dust cover protects the

To maintain efficient operation, your

If your typewriter needs to be repaired. make a note of the problem when you call for service. If possible, save a problem and repair the typewriter.



Note: The name and reorder number of

Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric" Average Annual Usage: 9-12 ribbons6

Average Character Yield: 208,0007

Packaging: One ribbon per box Reorder Numbers: Brown: 1299510 Green: 1299511 Blue: 1299512

IBM Lift-off Tape works with the IBM the IBM Color Correctable Ribbon Cassette. It lifts incorrectly typed characters off the page.

Reorder Number: IBM Lift-off Tane:



Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric"

Average Annual Usage: 2-4 ribbons Shelf Life: Two years Average Character Yield: 800,000 Packaging: One ribbon per box (minimum order - two boxes) Reorder Number: 1200500

IBM Tech III Cover-up Tape works with

Reorder Number: IBM Cover-up Tape:





IBM High Yaid Correctable Film Ribbot ideal for typing original documents. Designed specifically for correspondence typing. Best results are obtained with less than three should be lightweight, amoth surfaced paper. Carbon paper weight should not exceed 6 lbs. (22.5 grams) in weight. The first or original sheet should be a paper. (62.75 grams) bond paper.

Since the receptivity of the surface of these papers varies. It is best to first try more recommended for CQR, Direct image Offset Masters, Photo-Master Paper, or Negotiable instruments. Type styles larger than Courier will not achieve maximum results. This ribbon is not recommended for use with Ordinary Paper. The Courier will not achieve maximum results. This ribbon is not recommended for use with Ordinary Paper. On the Paper to the Courier William Paper.

Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric"
III Typewriter with the selective ribbon system
Average Applied Heade: 12-16 ribbons

Shelf Life: Three years Colors: Black, Blue, Green, Brown Average Character Yield: 150,000 Packaging: 6 ribbons per box (Minimum order – 2 boxes) Reorder Numbers: Blue: 1299035 Blue: 1299361 Green: 1299382 Works in tandem with IBM High Yield Correctable Film Ribbon to lift incorrectly typed characters off the page. Some thin papers such as air mail papers are not recommended. Try the tape on the paper first. Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric" Il Typewriter

Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric" III Typewriter Average Annual Usage: 12-16 ribbons Shell Life: Two years Color: White Average Character Yield: Approximately 2,000 corrections Packaging: 6 tapes per box (Minimum order – 1 box)







IBM Tech III Ribbon didal for all general-purpose typing, offsat masters, hard-to-image surfaces, and some OCR applications. Equipment: IBM "Selectric" III Typewriter (with or without correction capability) equipped with the selective ribbon system.

Average Annual Usage: 3-6 ribbons Shelf Life: Two years Average Character Yield: 580,000 Color: Black Packaging: 1 ribbon per box (Minimum order — 1 box)

Reorder Number: 1136391

IBM Tech III Cover-up Tape
Developed to work in combination with
IBM Tech III Ribbon to cover up
incorrectly typed characters. Not
recommended for Direct Image Offset
Masters.
Equipment: IBM Correcting "Selectric"

Ill Typewriter
Average Annual Usage: 12-16 ribbons
Shelf Life: Three years
Color: White
Average Character Yield:
Approximately 2,000 corrections

Packaging: 6 tapes per box (Minimum order - 1 box) Reorder Number: 1136435 IBM Film Ribbon Cartridge
Suited for general-purpose typing,
offset masters, OCR applications.
Equipment: IBM "Selectric" III and
Correcting "Selectric" III Typewriters
equipped with the selective ribbon.

sysum.
Average Annual Usage: 16-20 ribbons
Shelt Life: Three years
Colors: Black, Blue, Green, Brown
Average Character Yield: 120,000
Packaging: 6 ribbons per box
(Minimum order – 2 boxes)
Reorder Numbers:

ue: 1136388 reen: 1136386 rown: 1136383



For general correspondence typing.
Egyptime 18 Selectric III
Typewriter with the fabric ribbon
Average Annual Usage: 6 ribbons
Shelf Life: Three years
Color: Black
Packaging: 3 per box (Minimum order
— 1 box)
Reorder Number Black: 1136138



The IBM Correction "Selectric" III and the IBM "Selectric" III Typewriters incorporate interchangeable element and flexibility in typing. When changing typing applications, simply change the

- Only elements with vellow labeling may be used on this
- pitch when the typewriter is set for the other pitch will alter only the amount of space

- vellow (example Courier 96). A 10 A or 12 A indicating pitch
- enecially requested character which have a white lever).

The wide range of type styles available from IBM covers virtually every typing application, from general correspondence to specialized formats. You can even order type elements foreign languages - with special

characters, punctuation marks, and symbols. When using elements other than US correspondence elements on a print. Under these circumstances you need the 96-character US correspondence keyboard. If you don't arrangements, see "Ordering

Procedures."

To order IBM supplies, contact your point of purchase:

IBM product center:

Authorized IBM Dealer: (phone number)

IBM Direct at 1-800-IBM-2468

Flement Application Rat

Type Style	Original	1-3 Carbon Copies	3-5 Carbon Coples	Offset Masters	Spirit Masters	Stencils
12 pitch Adjutant	A	A	В	A	В	В
	A	A	В	A	В	В
Artisan	A	A	В	A	A	A
Auto Elite	A		В	A	В	В
Courier 12		A	B	A	В	В
Courier 12 Italic	A	A B	6	NR	NR	В
Dual Gothic	A		A	A	A	A
Elite	A	A	B	A	A	В
Large Elite	A	A			В	В
Letter Gothic	A	A	A	A	A	A
Light Italic	A	A	A			A
Prestige Elite	A	A	В	A	Α	A
Scribe	A	A	A	A	Α	C
Script	A	В	C	A	C	G
Symbol	A	C	C	8	C	U
10 pitch						
Advocate	A	A	A C	A	A	A
Bookface Academic	A	В		A	В	В
Courier 10	A	A	В	A	В	В
Delegate	A	A	В	A	В	C
Manifold	Δ.	A	A	A.	B C	В
Orator	В	C	NR	C		NR
Pica	A	A	A	A	A	A
Prestige Pica	A	B	C	A	В	В
Symbol	A	C	C	В	C	C

Ratings: A - Good; B - Fair, C - Marginal; NR - Not Recommended (based on proper selection of ribbon, carbon paper, stencils, and so on).

Application Recommendations for IBM Ribl

	Tech III	High Yield Correctable Film	Film Ribbon Cartridge	Fabric
Typing Applications	recii iii	COTTECUEDIC FIRM	Cartrioge	Tubire
Legal Correspondence				
Statistical Correspondence	•			
Specification Writing				
Medical Reports				
Executive Correspondence				
Routine Correspondence				
Hard-to-Image Originals ¹⁰				
Example: Engineering Drawings				
OCR				
Manifolding				
Speech Writing ¹¹				
Negotiable Instruments -				
(checks, stocks, etc.)				
Erasable Bond®				
Reproduction Applications				
Heat Transfer				
Transfer Electrostatic				
Direct Electrostatic				
Offset Masters, Direct to Plate				
Offset Masters, Copier Process				
Offset Masters, Photo Process				
Diazo Process, Ozalid12 or Bruning13				

When typing Direct Image Offset Masters, the IBM Film Ribbon Cartridge or the IBM Tech III Ribbon should be used. When typing negotiable instruments, the IBM Tech III Ribbon should be used.

The receptivity of the surface of these materials varies widely and care must be used in the selection of a specific material to be typed on type style, impression control, and ribbon to produce the best result. When in doubt, prepare samples first.

on, type style, impression control, and ribbon to produce the best result. When in doubt, prepare samples in Best results with Orator and other large type style elements are obtained by using the IBM Tech III Ribbon. Trademark of the GAF Corporation.

Trademark of the Charles Bruning Co., Inc.



Valority Control Dial

This dial is used when typing with foreign language and technical typing elements.

fold the dial at the thin mark to type mall characters such as accent marks

when typing in upper case with elements containing a ten-key numerical cluster, or some foreign language elements with large characters in the keyboard positions

For a standard element, keep the dial at

If you regularly use a library, language, or trilingual typing element, your typewriter should be equipped with the dead key feature. With dead key, you can type accent marks without the carrier advancing to the next space.

To use the feature, first type the accent mark; then, type the alphabetic character. The carrier will move after the alphabetic character is typed.

You must space forward before pressing the correcting key when correcting a character on a dead key.

Dead Key Disconne

Standard correspondence elements ca also be used on typewriters equipped with dead keys through the use of the dead key disconnect feature.

To allow normal use of a dead key, set the dial at the × position when using a library, language, or trilingual typing

Set the dead key disconnect dial at the

position for a correspondence element. When the dial is set here, the
carrier will space to the next typing
position for all characters as they print.





Pull the bood toward you when you

typewriter (for example, erasing errors,



You can insert paper in the typewriter without lifting the acoustical hood. The visor is adjustable to deflect light.

When lifting the cover, pull the acoustical hood toward you, then lift the

Use a damp cloth and mild soap to clean the hood. Do not use liquid type cleaner.

Raise the legal-size extension.

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