

ERASE**PURPOSE**

Erases the current screen for display terminals and goes to a new page for output devices written to a file.

DESCRIPTION

The diagrammatic graphics commands (e.g., TEXT, DRAW, CIRCLE) do not automatically clear the screen as the graphics commands (e.g., PLOT, CONTROL CHART) do. The ERASE command is most commonly used to start a new page before generating a diagram or word chart.

SYNTAX

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EXAMPLES

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NOTE

If you use the ERASE command to simply clear the screen, be aware that a blank page will be generated for the output devices written to a file (DEVICE 2, DEVICE 3) as well. For many terminals, the DEFINE command can be used to for this purpose. For example, on a Tektronix 4014 you can enter DEFINE ER ESC FF and then enter ER when you wish to clear the screen without generating blank pages in the other output devices.

DEFAULT

None

SYNONYMS

None

RELATED COMMANDS

PRE-ERASE	=	Sets the automatic pre-erase switch for plots.
ERASE DELAY	=	Sets the delay after screen erasure.
RING	=	Rings the bell (immediately).
HARDCOPY	=	Sets the automatic copy switch for plots.
SEQUENCE	=	Sets the automatic sequence switch for plots.

APPLICATIONS

Diagrams, word charts

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Pre-1987