

# NMS8280 programmers information

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In this document all available information known is gathered concerning the programming concepts for the NMS8280. If and how this is applicable to the Sony 900P (besides the Basic commands) is unknown

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# 1 The SET VIDEO command

From the book MSX-2 Basic by A.Sickler

SET VIDEO<X>[,<Y>[,<Z>[,<XX>[,<YY>[,<ZZ> [<XXX>]]]]]

Hiermee kan men de zogenoemde superimpose-modus aangeven.

Superimpose wil zeggen, dat er beelden kunnen worden gemengd (gesuperponeerd).

De volgende tabellen geven de mogelijkheden aan:

<X> Waar komt het beeld vandaan?

- 0 Van de computer
- 1 Van de computer
- 2 Te zamen met een ander beeld (superimposed)
- 3 Van de video-input

In 0 is er geen externe synchronisatie mogelijk en in 1, 2 of 3 is er geen 'composite output' (gemengde beelden of output) mogelijk.

<Y> Hoe groot is de intensiteit?

- 0 Half
- 1 Vol

Zonder nadere aanduiding is Y gelijk aan 0.

<Z> Regelt de kleurenbesturing

- O Alleen voor output (uitvoer)
- 1 Alleen voor input (invoer)

Zonder nadere opgave wordt 0 aangenomen.

<XX> Regelt de synchronisatie

- O Intern
- 1 Extern

Zonder nadere opgave wordt 0 aangenomen.

<YY> Regelt het audiosignaal

- O Alleen van computer
- 1 Meng externe input van rechterkanaal met computer
- 2 Meng externe input van linkerkanaal met computer
- 3 Meng externe kanalen met computer

Zonder nadere opgave wordt 0 aangenomen.

<ZZ> Regelt de externe video-input

- O RGB-euroconnector
- 1 TV-connector

Zonder nadere aanduiding wordt 0 aangenomen.

<XXX> Selectie van audio/video-output van RGB-euroconnector

- 1 Wordt gekozen
- O Wordt niet gekozen

Zonder nadere aanduiding wordt 0 aangenomen.

Voorbeeld: SET VIDEO 2

Waarschuwing: deze instructie werkt alleen als de computer is voorzien van 'super imposed'.

## 2 Ports F6 and F7 and relevant VDP registers

Ports and VDP registers which are important for the video facilities as used in the NMS8280.

### 2.1 *Ports*

#### Port F6h

bit 7	self test (1 = on)
bit 6	digitize enable (0 = on)
bit 5	mix (0 = 1/2 impose)
bit 4	black / white (0 = on)
bits 3-0	unused

Thanks to Albert Beevendorp and Koen van Hartingsveldt for the information.

Note that the Basic SET VIDEO command does not control port F6 in anyway.  
Bit 5 and 6 has to be altered in combination with the SET VIDEO command.

#### F7 A/V control

b0	audio R write Low mixing off
b1	audio L write Low mixing off
b2	select video input low RGB SCART connector
b3	detect video input read low no video present
b4	AV control write low: TV
b5	YM control write low TV
b6	inverse of bit 4 of VDP register 9 (CBD), write
b7	inverse of bit 5 of VDP register 9 (TP), write

Note that the SET VIDEO command in Basic controls the I/O port F7.

### 2.2 *VDP registers*

Relevant VDP registers, controlled by the SET VIDEO command

VDP()	reg.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	0	0	DG	IEO	IE1	M5	M4	M3	D
1	1	0	BLK	IE2	M1	M2	0	SZ	MAG
9	8	MSE	LCS	TP	CBD	VRS1	VRS0	SBD	B/W
10	9	LN	0	SYM1	SYM0	IL	E/O	NTSC	DCD

DG -Digitize

IE0 -Vertical Retrace Interrupt Enable

IE1 -Horizontal Retrace interrupt Enable

IE2 -Light pen/mouse Interrupt Enable

M5/1	M5	M4	M3	M2	M1	
	0	0	0	0	0	SCREEN-1
	0	0	0	0	1	SCREEN-0 (40 chars)
	0	0	0	1	0	SCREEN-3
	0	0	1	0	0	SCREEN-2
	0	1	0	0	0	SCREEN-4
	0	1	0	0	1	SCREEN-0 (80 tekens)
	0	1	1	0	0	SCREEN-5
	1	0	0	0	0	SCREEN-6
	1	0	1	0	0	SCREEN-7
	1	1	1	0	0	SCREEN-8

D -External VDP-input

BLK -Enable/Disable Display

SZ -Sprite size

MAG -Magnify Sprites

MSE -Light pen/mouse (1=muis)

LC5 -Light pen/coincidence select (1=light pen)

TP -Transparent mode (1= color 0 niet transparant)

CBD -Color bus Direction

VRS1/0-Video RAM select

VRS1	VRS0	
0	0	16 Kb
0	1	4*16 Kb
1	0	1*64 Kb
1	1	64 Kb High Speed

SPD -Sprite disable

SYM0/1-Synchronisatie Mode

SYM1	SYM0	
0	0	Intern
0	1	Mix
1	0	Extern (Digitize)
1	1	none

IL -Interlaced Mode

E/O -Even/odd Display

NTSC -TV/Monitor Select

DCD -Dot Clock Direction

### 3 Video on and off program

A program handwritten to set the super impose on or off.  
By MSXHans, 1992.

Enter the code in a program and save as .COM file.

VIDEO ON

C5	PUSH BC	→
0E 09	LD C,9	→
06 12	LD B,18	
F7	RET 30	
00	NOP	
47	LD B,A	
00	NOP	
C1	POP BC	
3E 9F	LD A,9F	
D3 F7	OUT F7,A	
C9	RET	

VIDEO OFF

LD B,2

LD A,DF  
OUT F7,A

## 4 Pascal program to experiment with video

(requires Pascal libraries from Kari Lammassaari)

```
program setvideo ;  
  
{ experiments on using ports F6 and F7 in combination with SET VIDEO command  
  port F7 bit 6 is superimpose on (0), off (1)  
  port F6 bit 6 half (0) full (1) computer image intensity  
  
MSXHans 1999-2001}  
  
{$I grpprint.inc }  
{$I setvideo.inc }  
  
begin  
writeln;  
writeln ('test') ;  
color (15,0,0);  
  
set_video (2,1,0,1,3,1,0) ;  
readln ;  
inline ($3e/$bf/$d3/$f7);  
writeln('F7 bit 6 uit') ;  
readln;  
  
{set_video (2,0,0,1,3,1,0);  
}  
readln ;  
inline( $3e/$dF/$d3/$f6) ;  
readln;  
set_video (0,0,0,0,0,0,0) ;  
{restore ports F6 and F7 }  
inline ($3e/$ff/$d3/$f7/$d3/$f6) ;  
  
color (15,4,4);  
  
end.
```

## 5 Digitise

The NMS8280 is capable of digitizing (capture) a video image.  
This chapter shows the background and an example.

### 5.1 *Background*

Onderwerp :Digitaliseren

1. sync extern, reg9 bit5,0 bit4,1  
(=vdp(10)) F7 out bit7, 1 bit 6,0 rest 1
2. color „255 (voor screen 8)
3. a/d converter aan out f6 bit 6,0 rest 1
4. inlezen, reg 0 bit 6,1 voor minstens 1/50 sec.
5. stop lezen converter uit enz.

Information from Erik de Boer, 1989

### 5.2 *ML program*

With handwritten comments by MSXHans

L0001 EQU #0001  
 L0005 EQU #0005  
 L0007 EQU #0007  
 L000E EQU #000E  
 L0018 EQU #0018  
 L001C EQU #001C  
 L005F EQU #005F  
 L0098 EQU #0098  
 L009C EQU #009C  
 L009F EQU #009F  
 L00D2 EQU #00D2  
 LD A, #08  
 LD IX, L005F  
 LD IY, (LFCC0)  
 CALL L001C  
 LD A, (LF3E6)  
 PUSH AF  
 LD BC, LFF07  
 CALL L01E7  
 LD A, (LFFEB)  
 AND #DF  
 OR #10  
 LD B, A  
 LD C, #09  
 CALL L01E7  
 LD A, (LFAF7)  
 AND #3F  
 OR #80  
 OUT (#F7), A  
 LD A, (LFFE7)  
 OR #32  
 LD B, A  
 LD C, #08  
 CALL L01A2  
 LD IX, L009C  
 LD IY, (LFCC0)  
 CALL L001C  
 JP Z, L0138  
 LD IX, L009F  
 LD IY, (LFCC0)  
 CALL L001C  
 PUSH AF  
 CALL L01BE  
 LD A, (LFFE7)  
 AND #EF  
 LD B, A  
 LD C, #08  
 CALL L01E7  
 POP AF  
 CP #20  
 JP Z, L0149  
 AND #DF  
 CP #53  
 JP Z, L020B  
 CP #1B  
 JP NZ, L012D  
 LD A, (LFAF7)  
 OUT (#F7), A

A = Screenade  
 CALL CHGMOD  
 REG7SAV

H.REAP

register ↑  
 bit 5=0 SΦ  
 bit 6=1 SΔ

AVCSTV

bit 7=1  
 bit 6=0

} register 8

CH SNS

CHGET one character input

wait scan at

clear off } becomes bold

space bar?

Save

estate

ACVSV } alles ver  
wirken

1111 ←  
 1100 ← C  
 1101 ↑  
 1100 65

1111  
 1100  
 1101  
 1100

color φ CB input  
 00110010 / /  
 soft 11 disable  
 sprite

LD A, (LFFEB)  
 AND #CF  
 LD B,A  
 LD C,#09  
 CALL LO1E7  
 LD A, (LFFE7)  
 AND #FD  
 LD B,A  
 LD C,#08  
 CALL LO1E7  
 POP BC  
 LD C,#07  
 CALL LO1E7  
 LD IX, L00D2 TO TEXT  
 LD IY, (LFC00) ext. value  
 CALL L001C - end of program  
 RET  
 L01A2 CALL LO1BE mode register  
 LD A, (LF3DF) mode register  
 OR #40 TG an  
 LD B,A set reg  
 LD C,#00 set reg  
 CALL LO1E7  
 CALL LO1BE  
 LD A, (LF3DF)  
 AND #BF  
 LD B,A  
 LD C,#00  
 JP L01E7 wait for vertical  
 CALL LO1CF scan begin  
 AND #40 vertical  
 JP Z, L01BE wait for vertical  
 L01C6 CALL LO1CF scan end  
 AND #40  
 JP NZ, L01C6  
 RET  
 L01CF LD A,#02 read VDP status  
 DI register 2  
 OUT (#99),A  
 LD A,#BF set register 15  
 OUT (#99),A  
 EX (SP),HL  
 EX (SP),HL  
 IN A, (#99)  
 EX AF, AF'  
 XOR A  
 OUT (#99),A return in AF  
 LD A,#BF  
 OUT (#99),A  
 EI  
 EX AF, AF'  
 RET  
 L01E7 LD A,B control C  
 DI value = B  
 OUT (#99),A  
 LD A,C  
 AND #3F  
 OR #80  
 OUT (#99),A bit 6 = 0 bit 7 = 1  
bit 7 = 1

alles neu  
umstehen

} set to direct

} wait for vertical

} wait for vertical

} read VDP status

} return in AF

} control C

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EI
LD D,B
LD A,C
LD B,#00
CP #08
JP NC,L0202
LD HL,LF3DF
JP L0208
CP #18
RET NC
LD HL,LFDF
L0208 ADD HL,BC
LD (HL),D
RET
L020B LD HL,L02B0
LD DE,L02B1
LD BC,L0018
LD (HL),#00
LDIR
LD DE,L02A4
LD C,#16
CALL L0005
OR A
JP NZ,L012D — Done?
LD HL,L0001
LD (L02B2),HL
LD DE,L029D
LD C,#1A
CALL L0005
LD HL,L0007
LD DE,L02A4
LD C,#26
CALL L0005
OR A
JP NZ,L027B
LD DE,L02C9
LD C,#1A
CALL L0005
LD BC,L000E
CALL L01E7
XOR A
DI
OUT (#99),A
EX (SP),HL } write ver.
EX (SP),HL } write ver.
OUT (#99),A
EI
L025A LD B,#04
PUSH BC
LD HL,L02C9
LD BC,L0098
LD A,#35
L0263 INIR
DEC A
JP NZ,L0263
LD HL,L3500
LD DE,L02A4 — GCB
LD C,#26
CALL L0005
POP BC
OR A

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Set  
Shadow  
OF  
(conv)  
writers

write screen dump.  
to GCB

— clear workspace.

} TDDOS. create GCB.

— set DMA address.

— write random block

— set DMA address

— destination

— port 98

— 36 x 256 bytes

— write random block

GCB registers

E6 1  
E1 2  
E2 3  
E3 4  
E4 5  
E5 6  
~~E6 7~~  
~~E7 8~~  
E8 9

	JP	NZ, L027B	
L027B	DJNZ	L025A	
	LD	DE, L02A4	
	LD	C, #10	— close file.
	CALL	L0005	
	LD	B, #04	— write
	LD	HL, L02AC	leave next
L0288	CALL	L0293	on screen
	JP	C, L012D	
	DJNZ	L0288	
	JP	L012D	
L0293	LD	A, (HL)	vert file
	INC	A	on app screen
	LD	(HL), A	data dump's
	CP	#3A	
	RET	C	
	LD	(HL), #30	Screen 8 SAVE
	DEC	HL	header. 7 bytes.
L029D	RET		
	CP	#00	
	NOP		
	RST	#38	
	OUT	(#00), A	Data?
	NOP		Data address.
L02A4	NOP		
	LD	D, B	File was
	LD	C, C	SCR -- .. 5C8
	LD	B, E	
	LD	D, H	
	JR	NC, L02DB	
	JR	NC, L02DD	
	LD	D, E	
	LD	B, E	
	JR	C, L02B1	
L02B1	NOP		zero fill.
L02B2	NOP		V00
	NOP		
L02E9	— Data buffer		

	NOP
L020B	NOP
	NOP
L020D	NOP
L3500	EQU #3500
LF3DF	EQU #F3DF
LF3E6	EQU #F3E6
LF4F7	EQU #FAF7
LFCC0	EQU #FC00
LFF07	EQU #FF07
LFFD9	EQU #FFDF
LFFE7	EQU #FFE7
LFFE8	EQU #FFE8