

Quantum Confirms Winchester Delay

MILPITAS, Calif. — Quantum Corp. has confirmed that deliveries of its Q200 half-height, 5.25-inch Winchester disk drive will be delayed by 4 to 5 months as a result of difficulties in developing an integrated controller.

Delays in the establishment of accepted SCSI interface standards by the industry have also contributed to the hold-up, according to the firm.

Quantum said last April, when the drive was introduced, that evaluation units would be available this month, with volume production beginning in December. As a result of the development problems, evaluation units will not be available until March, with volume production to begin in April.

James G. Watson, vice-president of marketing, said despite the delay, the two versions, when shipped in April, will meet initial product specifications, including a data transfer rate of 1.25 MB per second and an average access time of 30 milliseconds. The Q250 drive has 53 MB of formatted capacity, while the Q280 has 80 MB of storage.

Only one unidentified Quantum customer will be affected by the availability delays, Mr. Watson said.

Mr. Watson said the setback will result in less revenues for Quantum during the fourth quarter ending March 31, 1985, than had been expected.