

Quantum Releases 160-MB Hard Drive

MILPITAS, Calif. — Quantum Corp. has introduced a 160M-byte, full-height, 5.25-inch Winchester disk drive, claiming it has solved the problems it encountered after bringing out its two other SCSI compatible Q200 drives.

Quantum has just started ramping up production of its half-height Q200 line, which was introduced in April, 1985. The company blamed software problems with the SCSI interface for the delayed availability of the Q250, featuring 53M bytes, and the Q280, with 80M bytes.

The new 160M-byte Q160, with a 26-millisecond access time, contains six platters, three more than the half-height, 53M- and 80M-byte SCSI drives.

Rolf Brauchler, director of marketing, said increasing the number of platters was the quickest way to get the 160M-byte drive into production. An increase in bit and track density will be featured on future higher-capacity drives, he added.

Evaluation units of the Q160, priced at \$1,495 in OEM quantities of 1,000, will be available by the end of this month, with production quantities slated for fourth-quarter availability.