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6.1.3 IGES

The **IGES** command subwindow, shown in Figure 6.1.12, allows you to convert drawings to and from IGES (Initial Graphics Exchange Specification) format. Expert's IGES conversion software is based on Release 4.0 of the IGES specification.

- **To convert an Expert drawing to IGES format**

When you convert an Expert drawing to IGES format, the system creates and names a formatted file on the local disk, thus letting you write the file to another system for use with IGES-compatible graphics software. You can write IGES files to magnetic tape with the Output Server Tool, to a VAX with the RS232C Tool, to a floppy disk with the Executive window, or to a network File Server with the File Tool. (These Expert tools are described in Chapter 6 of *Using Expert*.) The IGES version of a translated Expert drawing called *filename.dwg* resides on the local disk as *filename.dwg.IGES*. Because IGES files are quite large, you should not keep them on your workstation disk unnecessarily.

- 1) Select **IGES** in the **System** window to call up the window shown in Figure 6.1.12.
- 2) Enter the drawing name in the **Local file name:** field. You can either type the name in the field, or press both mouse buttons to choose from a menu of drawing and IGES file names. You do not need to include the *.dwg* extension as part of the entry.
- 3) Select **Expert Drafting to IGES**. The system creates the IGES version of the drawing and stores it on your local disk with the *.IGES* extension. Each drawing page becomes a separate IGES drawing entity.

You can control details of Expert to IGES conversion by altering the entries in the [IGES] section of your User.cm file. Chapter 6, Section 6.9 of *Using Expert* explains how to find and edit your User.cm file.

Producing a CALS-compliant IGES File

Expert can produce IGES files that meet CALS (Computer-Aided Acquisition and Logistic Support) requirements for Class 1 documents. During Expert to IGES conversion, Expert refers to the **CALS class:** entry of the User.cm to determine what kind of CALS filtering is needed.

If the value after **CALS class:** is *1*, Expert tailors your IGES files to meet the CALS requirements for a Class 1 document (technical illustrations). During the conversion, Expert filters out any objects not acceptable in a Class 1 document. Points disappear from the IGES version of the drawing, and dimension objects are interpreted as ordinary lines and text.

If the **CALS class:** entry is missing, or if the value is anything other than *1*, the system converts the drawing without performing any CALS filtering.

System

Adding End of Line Characters After IGES Records

Some systems require an end of line character after each record in an IGES file. You can use the **EOL:** entry in the User.cm to supply the character or characters preferred by the system that will be reading your IGES files. The **EOL:** entry can have the following values:

- EOL: CR inserts a carriage return character after each IGES record in the output file.
- EOL: CRLF inserts a carriage return and a line feed after each IGES record.
- EOL: LF inserts a line feed only.
- EOL: none creates the file without any end of line characters.

If the **EOL:** entry is missing or invalid, Expert creates the file without any end of line characters.

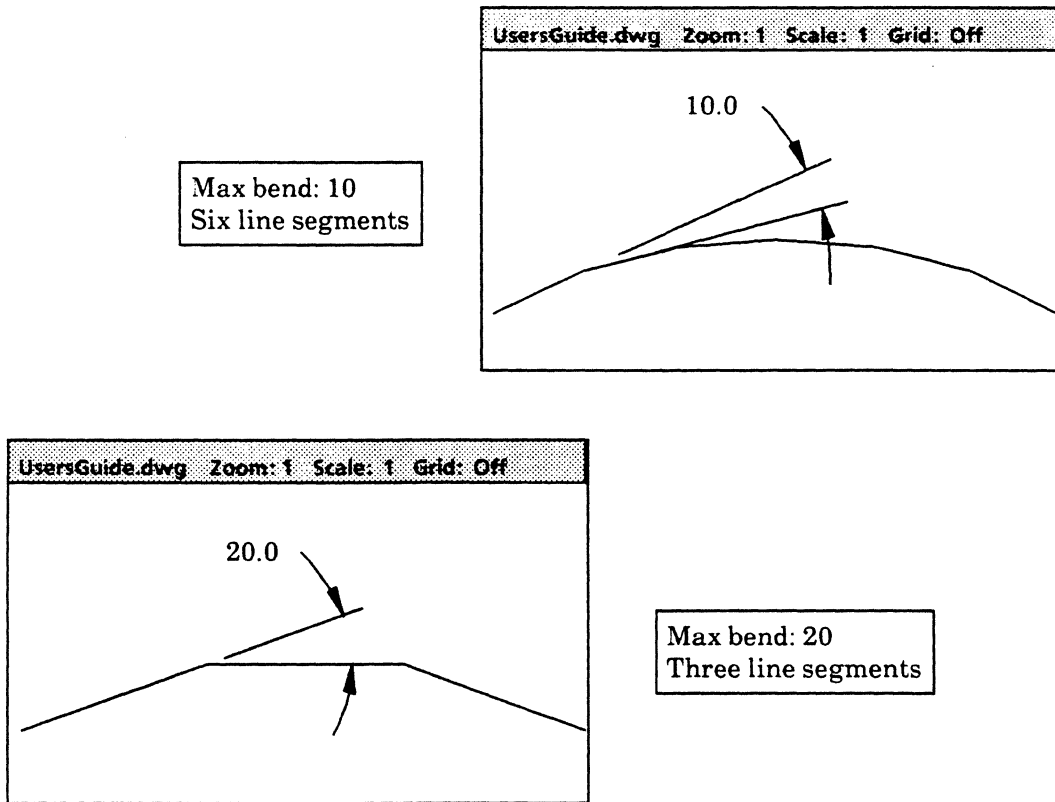


Figure 6.1.13
System commands
Approximating spline curves

- **To convert an IGES-formatted drawing to Expert format**

- 1) Move a copy of the IGES file to Expert. You can retrieve IGES files from magnetic tape with the Output Server Tool, from a VAX with the RS232C Tool, from a floppy disk with the Executive window, or from a network File Server with the File Tool. (These Expert tools are described in Chapter 6 of *Using Expert*.) If the name does not contain an *.IGES* extension, you must rename it with the *.IGES* extension on retrieval.
- 2) Select **IGES** in the **System** command window to call up the window shown in Figure 6.1.12.
- 3) Enter the name of the IGES file in the **Local file name:** field. You can either type the name in the field, or press both mouse buttons to choose from a menu of drawing and IGES file names. You can omit the *.IGES* extension.
- 4) Select **IGES to Expert Drafting**. The system creates the new version of the drawing on your local disk, assigning each drawing entity to a separate page, and stores it with the *.dwg* extension. If the system has difficulty reading the IGES file, the message window describes the difficulty and gives the position in the IGES file at which it occurred. When conversion is complete, you can open the new drawing through its design folder.

You can control details of IGES to Expert conversion by altering the entries in the [IGES] section of your *User.cm* file. Chapter 6, Section 6.9 of *Using Expert* explains how to find and edit your *User.cm* file.

Approximating spline curves

IGES drawings may contain spline objects; Expert drawings do not. The **Vectorize splines:** entry in the *User.cm* controls the treatment of splines during IGES to Expert conversions. When the value after **Vectorize splines:** is *true*, Expert will convert a spline curve in an IGES file to a cluster of line segments which approximates the shape of the curve. Anything else will cause spline objects to be ignored.

When **Vectorize splines:** is *true*, the **Max bend:** entry in the *User.cm* controls how closely the system approximates spline curves during IGES to Expert conversions. The value after **Max bend:** is the maximum bend angle (in degrees) between adjacent line segments. A low number will cause Expert to create many small line segments in areas where the curve is tight. A large number will cause Expert to approximate the curve less exactly, with fewer line segments. (See Figure 6.1.13.) The system ignores any number between 1.0 and 0, and uses the absolute value of negative numbers. If the **Max bend:** entry is missing, or if it does not contain an acceptable value, the system uses a maximum bend angle of 5.0 degrees.

System

IGES to Expert Mapping

Some IGES entities can not be converted to Expert. These include all solids; curved surfaces and unbounded planes; offset curves and curves on parametric surfaces; certain entities used in finite element analysis; and some structure entities. In addition, IGES defines some fill patterns that cannot be reproduced in Expert. Expert maps these fill patterns to the closest available substitute.

All other IGES entities are converted, as shown in the following table. (Note that although information about intercharacter spacing found in an IGES file is stored with the resulting Expert drawing, this information does not affect the display of Expert text.)

IGES to Expert Mapping

IGES Entity	Expert Object
Geometry Entities	
Circular arc	Circle or Arc
Composite curve	Referenced Drafting objects
Conic Arc	Ellipse, Parabola, or Hyperbola
Copious Data	Clustered lines
Plane	
-Bounded hole	Clustered boundary geometry
-Bounded plane	Clustered boundary geometry
Line	Line
Parametric Spline Curve	Clustered line
Point	Point
Transformation matrix	Used in processing graphic entities.
Flash	Clustered lines
Rational B-Spline Curve	Clustered lines
Connect point	Point
Annotation Entities	
All	Clustered text & geometry

IGES to Expert Mapping, continued...

IGES Entity	Expert Object
Structure Entities	
Line font definition	Line font definition
Subfigure definition	Used in processing graphic entities.
Network subfigure definition	Used in processing graphic entities.
Associativity instance	
-Group	Used in clustering geometry.
-Views visible	Used in processing graphic entities.
-Group without back pointers	Used in clustering geometry.
-Single parent	Used in clustering geometry.
-Ordered group with back pointers	Used in clustering geometry.
-Ordered group without back pointers	Used in clustering geometry.
-Planar associativity	Used in clustering geometry.
Drawing	Used in processing graphic entities.
Property	
-Fill property (obsolete)	Creates solid or slant left area fill if referenced boundary is closed.
-Name	Used to name entity.
-Drawing size	Changes default page width & height. Default is exact fit around existing geometry.
-Drawing units	Changes default drawing units taken from Global section.
-Intercharacter spacing	Stored with referenced text object.
User properties	When reading IGES files created by an Expert Drafting system, Expert uses this information to reset the default text font.
Singular subfigure instance	Used in processing graphic entities.
continued...	

IGES to Expert Mapping, continued...

IGES Entity	Expert Object
Structure Entities, continued...	
View	Used in processing graphic entities.
Rectangular array subfigure instance	Used in processing graphic entities.
Circular array subfigure instance	Used in processing graphic entities.
Network subfigure instance	Used in processing graphic entities.

6.2 Plot

The **Plot** commands direct specified drawing pages or portions of a drawing either to a local output device or through the Ethernet to networked remote plotters or printers. Bring up the **Plot** command window by selecting **Plot** from the top-level command window or its pop-up menu or by pressing the **PLOT** key. See Chapter 7 of this manual on the use of the Expert Illustrator.

Expert provides formatting for Versatec electrostatic plotters as well as for Hewlett-Packard, CalComp, and Houston Instrument pen plotters. Formatting is also available for Gerber photoplotting and for Interpress printers. Note that you may also use the RS232C Tool described in Chapter 6 of *Using Expert* to send a plot request through an optional RS232C port to a pen plotter. Detailed procedures for checkplotting and photoplotting appear in the *Expert Printed Circuit Board Design* manual. Before attempting to plot a file, check with your system administrator for instructions on the use and location of your plotters.

To plot a drawing, you must specify an output format and indicate whether you are plotting a file or files, a drawing view, or only objects you choose by dragging a selecting rectangle around them. Expert supports *Hewlett-Packard 7475, 7580, and 7585* formats; as well as *CalComp 925 and 945*; *Houston Instrument 695, 41, and 42*; *Versatec Random Format (VRF)* and *One-dimensional Compacted Raster format (1dRas)*; *Gerber*; *COMp80*; and *Interpress*. In addition, you may also specify a plot scale, the number of copies, the maximum size of the output image, the name of the output file, and whether or not you wish to plot only selected objects. If you are plotting by file, you must indicate the names of the files you wish to plot and the pages to plot.

Selecting **Plot: to local file on disk** creates a formatted file on your local disk that you may later write to a magnetic tape, send through the RS232C port, or send through the Ethernet for use with compatible output devices. The **Plot: to local plotter** command sends the drawing directly to a Versatec plotter attached to the workstation's parallel port. **Plot: to RS232C** sends the drawing to a pen plotter attached through an RS232C port. The remaining commands let you plot directly or in compacted raster format to the networked Versatec plotters whose numbers and types are listed in the related fields. Selecting **Inquire** directs your workstation to list plotter numbers (or names) and corresponding plotter types in the fields following the **Plot:** commands.

Commands Top level Units: inches Zoom: 1 Page: 101			
Expert Drafting			
Point	Area	System	Style
Line	Cut	Describe	Views
Box	Corner	Dimension	Plot
Circle	Duplicate	Select	Library
Curve	Transform	Drawing	Applications

Plot

Commands	
Plot: to local plotter	V-80
Plot: to local file on disk	CalComp 925
Plot: to RS232C	CalComp 945
Plot: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Plot: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Plot: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Plot: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Plot: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Scale: <input type="text" value="1"/> Copies: <input type="text" value="1"/>	
Plotting method: <input type="text" value="files"/>	
Selected only: <input type="text" value="no"/>	
Pages: <input type="text" value="all"/>	
Files: <input type="text" value="files to be plotted"/>	
Output name: <input type="text"/>	
Show scale	
Output size	
Width: <input type="text" value="6.5"/> Height: <input type="text" value="9.0"/>	
Page orientation: <input type="text" value="portrait"/>	
Inquire	
Done	

Figure 6.2.1
Plot commands
Output options

6.2.1 Capturing Graphics

The following procedures describe three methods for determining which drawing objects will appear in your plot: plotting *by file*, plotting *by drawing view*, and plotting *within a rectangle*. All methods use the **Plot** command window shown in Figure 6.2.1.

- **To plot drawings by file**

When you plot a drawing *by file*, the drawing may be closed and saved on your workstation's disk, or open on your display. The plot reflects the current state of the drawing. All layers are visible; all objects, selected or not, appear in the plot. Plotting by file allows you to plot several drawings with one command.

- 1) Call up the **Plot** command window shown in Figure 6.2.1.
- 2) Set the **Plotting method:** field to **files**.
- 3) Select inside the **Files:** field and type the name of the drawing or drawings to be plotted. You may omit the *.dwg* extension. If you wish to plot more than one drawing, you can describe them to the system in three ways:
 - (a) Enter a list of drawings with the names separated by spaces. The list may extend beyond the edge of the parameter frame.
 - (b) If the files you want to plot have similar names, use the asterisk (*) or pound sign (#) as a wildcard character. The * stands for any number of characters, including 0; the # stands for exactly one character. For example, entering **floorplan* in the **Files:** field tells the system to plot all drawing files whose names end with the characters *floorplan*. *Floorplan#* tells the system to plot all drawing files whose names consist of the characters *Floorplan* followed by a single additional character. (*Floorplan.dwg* would not be included.)
 - (c) Create a text file in a file window in which you list files by either or both of the methods described above. Type an @ in the **Files:** field, followed immediately by the name of the text file, as in *@drawinglist.txt*. When you list file names in a text file, Expert does not automatically add the *.dwg* extension; you must supply it. Do not use carriage returns. Chapter 3, Section 3.5.1 of *Using Expert* explains the use of file windows to create text files.

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- 4) Enter the number of the drawing page you want plotted in the **Pages:** field. If you are plotting directly to a Versatec plotter you can specify several pages at once. Be sure to separate digits in the **Pages:** field by spaces; do not use commas. To plot all pages enter **all** in the **Pages:** field. If you are plotting a list of files the system plots only the specified pages of each file.
- 5) If you are plotting directly to a Versatec plotter, enter the number of copies you want printed in the **Copies:** field. Otherwise, the system will ignore this field and plot one copy of each drawing page.
- 6) Set the **Page orientation:** field to **portrait** for normal orientation; set it to **landscape** to rotate the plotted image 90 degrees. Be aware that the system will overrule your decision if necessary to make the plot fit on the page.
- 7) *If you are plotting from a displayed drawing,* set the **Width:** and **Height:** fields according to the image area of your output device and the page orientation you selected in Step 6. This will allow you to scale your output automatically.

Select **Show scale.** The system asks you to confirm over a drawing view. It sets the **Scale:** field to the largest scale that will allow the entire drawing page to fit within the image area you defined in the **Width:**, **Height:**, and **Page orientation:** fields. You may enter a different value if you prefer.

- 8) *If you are not plotting from a displayed drawing,* set the **Scale:** field to the scale at which you want the drawing or drawings to be plotted.
- 9) If you are plotting a single file, you can specify a name for the resulting plot file by typing it into the **Output name:** field. (Direct raster plotting does not create a plot file.) Expert automatically includes the extension characteristic of your output format; do not enter it here. If you leave this field blank, the system names each plot file with the drawing name (including *.dwg*) followed by the appropriate extension.
- 10) Proceed to one of the output procedures in Section 6.2.2. The message window records your progress as the system creates your plot or plot file.

- To plot a drawing view

Plotting by *drawing view* allows you to plot a drawing page as it is currently displayed in a particular drawing window. Only objects on visible layers appear in the plot. If you wish you may plot only selected visible objects.

- 1) Before you start, display the page you want to plot in a drawing window.
- 2) Call up the **Plot** command window shown in Figure 6.2.1.
- 3) Set the **Plotting method:** field to **drawing view**.
- 4) If you are plotting directly to a Versatec plotter, enter the number of copies you need in the **Copies:** field. Otherwise, the system will ignore this field and plot one copy.
- 5) Set the **Page orientation:** field to **portrait** for normal orientation; set it to **landscape** to rotate the plotted image 90 degrees. Note that the system will overrule your decision if necessary to make the plot fit on the page.
- 6) If you wish to use the **Show scale** command, set the **Width:** and **Height:** fields according to the image area of your output device, and select **Show scale**. Confirm with the mouse over the view you want to use. The **Scale:** field shows the scale at which the drawing must be plotted to fit into the image area you have specified in the **Width:**, **Height:**, and **Page orientation:** fields. You may select inside the **Scale:** field and type a different value if you wish.
- 7) Set the **Selected only:** field to **no** if you want to plot all objects in the drawing view. Set it to **yes** if you want to plot only the objects which are currently selected.
- 8) You can specify a name for the resulting plot file by typing it into the **Output name:** field. (Plotting directly to a raster device does not create a plot file.) Expert automatically includes the extension characteristic of your output format; do not enter it here. If you leave this field blank, the system names the plot file with the drawing name (including *.dwg*) followed by the appropriate extension.
- 9) Decide where you want to direct your output, and follow the appropriate output procedure in Section 6.2.2.
- 10) When the mouse-shaped cursor appears, confirm over the drawing view you wish to plot. The plot shows the drawing page as it appears in that view, at the scale shown in the **Scale:** field.

Plot

- **To plot objects within a rectangle**

Plotting *within a rectangle* lets you plot a rectangular portion of any drawing page. Only objects on visible layers appear in the plot. If you wish you may plot only selected visible objects within the rectangle.

- 1) Before you start, display the drawing page from which you want to plot in a drawing window.
- 2) Call up the **Plot** command window shown in Figure 6.2.1.
- 3) Set the **Plotting method:** field to **within rectangle**.
- 4) If you are plotting directly to a Versatec plotter, enter the number of copies you need in the **Copies:** field.
- 5) Set the **Selected only:** field to **no** if you want to plot all objects within a rectangular area. Set it to **yes** if you want to plot only the objects within the rectangle that are currently selected.
- 6) You can specify a name for the resulting plot file by typing it into the **Output name:** field. (Direct raster plotting does not create a plot file.) Expert automatically includes the extension characteristic of your output format; do not enter it here. If you leave this field blank, the system names each plot file with the drawing name (including *.dwg*) followed by the appropriate extension.
- 7) Set the **Page orientation:** field to **portrait** for normal orientation; set it to **landscape** to rotate the plotted image 90 degrees. Note that the system will overrule your decision if necessary to make the plot fit on the page.
- 8) If you want to use the **Show scale** command, set the **Width:** and **Height:** fields according to the image area of your output device, and select **Show scale**. Confirm with the mouse over the view you want to use. The **Scale:** field shows the scale at which you must plot to fit the entire drawing page into the image area you have specified in the **Width:**, **Height:**, and **Page orientation:** fields. You may select inside the **Scale:** field and type in a different value if you wish.
- 9) Decide where you want to direct your output, and follow the appropriate output procedure in Section 6.2.2.
- 10) When the mouse-shaped cursor appears, move the cursor to the area you wish to plot. Press and hold down the left mouse button. Then draw the mouse in any direction to display a flashing rectangle over a portion of the drawing. Once the rectangle encloses the area chosen for plotting, release the left mouse button. The plot shows the portion of the drawing included in the rectangular area.

If you are creating an Interpress plot file, as you extend and retract the rectangle the system uses the information in the **Width:**, **Height:**, and **Page orientation:** fields to compute the scale at which the objects within the rectangle must be plotted to fit the image area. The system displays this value in the **Scale:** field and asks you to confirm with the left mouse button before plotting. For any other kind of plot, the system scales the plotted portion of the drawing by the value entered in the **Scale:** field.

6.2.2 Directing Output

This section describes three ways of directing output: creating a plot file on your workstation's disk, raster plotting to an Versatec electrostatic plotter, and plotting through the RS232C port to a pen plotter.

To format a drawing to Hewlett-Packard, CalComp, Houston Instrument, VRF, COMp80, Interpress, or Gerber format, see • **To create a formatted plot file on the local disk**. To plot directly to a Versatec electrostatic plotter, or to create a plot file in One-dimensional Compacted Raster format, see • **To plot in raster format**. To plot via the RS232C port to a Hewlett-Packard, Houston Instrument, or CalComp plotter, see • **To plot through an RS232C port**.

Refer to Section 6.2.3 below to see whether or not you need to change the sections of your User.cm file that pertain to the output device you will be using.

- **To create a formatted plot file on the local disk**

- 1) Select a format option in the **Plot: to local file on disk** field. Select either **HP 7475**, **HP 7580**, **HP 7585**, **CalComp 925**, **CalComp 945**, **HI 695**, **HI 41**, **HI 42**, **COMp80**, **Gerber**, **Interpress**, or the **VRF** format corresponding to your plotter model.
- 2) Select **Plot: to local file on disk**, and complete the plotting procedure you chose from Section 6.2.1. When you have done so, the system creates the new file, adding an extension to the name you placed in the **Output name:** field (or to the drawing name) to indicate the new file's format. For example, formatting a drawing called *drawing.dwg* to HP 7475 format results in a new file called *drawing.dwg.hp7475*. Note that plotting does not alter the original drawing file.

Interpress and **VRF** files plot automatically when you create them. If you have difficulty producing VRF or Interpress files, make sure that your User.cm contains the name of your plotter after **Host:** in the [OutputServerTool] section and the name of your laser printer after **Interpress:** in the [HARDCOPY] section.

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Plot

You write Gerber, CalComp 925, and COMp80 files to magnetic tape using the Output Server Tool. You can also use the Output Server Tool to send VRF files to Versatec plotters. You send Hewlett-Packard, Houston Instrument, and CalComp 945 files to a local plotter using the RS232C Tool. You can send an Interpress file to a printer using the Executive window. (For instruction on the use of the Output Server Tool, RS232C Tool, and the Executive window, see Chapter 6 of *Using Expert*.)

Use the full drawing name, including its extensions, (for example, *Drawing.dwg.cal925*) when referring to plot files in Expert tool windows. The extensions *.hp7475*, *.hp7580*, and *.hp7585* designate Hewlett-Packard plotter formats, while *.hi695*, *.hi41*, and *.hi42* designate Houston Instrument formats. The *.cal925* and *.cal945* extensions designate CalComp formats. Expert uses the *.photo* extension for Gerber format, *.comp80* for COMp80 format, *.VRF* for Versatec Random Format, and *.ip* for an Interpress file.

- **To plot in raster format**

The **Plot:** and **Plot to local plotter:** commands allow you to perform raster plotting. If you have a Versatec electrostatic plotter connected to your network by an Output Server, or connected to your 8010 workstation by a 290 Personal Plotter Interface Unit, you can plot Expert drawings directly, without creating a formatted plot file. If your electrostatic plotter is connected to the network by a Plot Server rather than an Output Server, the **Plot:** command creates a plot file in One-dimensional Compacted Raster format, which you can send to the plotter using the Output Server Tool. (See Chapter 6 of *Using Expert*.) The file name extension for a compacted raster file is *.1dRas*.

You may prefer to plot using VRF format. *VRF* (Versatec Random Format) plots a file more quickly. However, the VRF format plots text with vector fonts, which may not exactly duplicate what you see on your display, and represents grey-filled areas as black or patterned. To plot a VRF file, use the **Plot: to local file on disk** command, and set the format to **VRF**.

- a) To plot to a *network plotter through an Output Server:*

- 1) If you do not see the name of the plotter you want to use in the **Plot** command window, select **Inquire**. The system searches for available Output Servers and updates the contents of the **Plot:** fields. Only idle plotters will appear in the updated fields. The **Plot:** fields will contain names and plotter models if you have a network Clearinghouse, numbers and plotter models otherwise. You may also type the name or number of the desired plotter in one of the **Plot:** fields.
- 2) Select the **Plot:** command opposite the name of the plotter you want to use, and complete the plotting procedure you chose from Section 6.2.1. When you have done so, the plot passes directly to the plotter, in raster format.

b) To plot to a *network plotter through a Plot Server*:

- 1) If you do not see the name of the plotter you want to use in the **Plot** command window, check your HOSTS.TXT file. (See *Using Expert* Appendix 8.2.) The **Plot:** fields will contain the names and plotter models of all plotters listed in the HOSTS.TXT file.
- 2) Select the **Plot:** command opposite the name of the plotter you want to use, and complete the plotting procedure you chose from Section 6.2.1. When you have done so, the system creates a plot file in One-dimensional Compacted Raster format, with the file name extension *.1dRas*. You can use the Output Server Tool to send this file to the plotter.

c) To plot to a *local electrostatic plotter*:

- 1) Set the **Plot: to local plotter** field to the appropriate plotter type.
- 2) Select the **Plot: to local plotter** command, and complete the plotting procedure you chose from Section 6.2.1. The plot passes directly to the plotter, in raster format.

• To plot through an RS232C port

- 1) Set the format field of the **Plot: to RS232C** command to either **HP 7475**, **HP 7580**, **HP 7585**, **HI 695**, **HI 41**, **HI 42**, or **CalComp 945**, to correspond to your plotter type.
- 2) Select **Plot: to RS232C**, and complete the plotting procedure you chose from Section 6.2.1. The system creates a formatted file on your disk and sends it to your plotter. You may also use the RS232C Tool, as described in *Using Expert*, to communicate with local pen plotters.

6.2.3 User.cm Settings for Output Devices

Expert refers to certain parameters in the User.cm file when it communicates with output devices. This section describes the parameters which affect the appearance of your plots. Other User.cm parameters involving output devices are described in *Using Expert*.

If you need to change default values in the User.cm, load the file into a file window and set the parameters as needed. (You can find instructions for editing a file in a file window in *Using Expert*, Chapter 3, Section 3.5.) Spell and capitalize parameter values exactly as they are shown here.

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Hardcopy Parameters

When you output a drawing to a Hewlett-Packard, Houston Instrument, or CalComp pen plotter, a COMp80 machine, an electronic printer, or a Gerber photoplotter, Expert refers to the [HARDCOPY] section of your User.cm file for parameters which affect the appearance of your drawing. These parameters and their default values are shown in Table 1 below.

Parameter	Default Value
Interpress:	The Name of Your Print Server
Lines:	fill
Pen plotter dashes:	false
Fill areas:	true
Pen plotter fonts:	false
BWSpool:	false

User.cm settings
Hardcopy parameters

Interpress: should be followed by the name of your printer. Check this entry if you have difficulty printing Interpress files.

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