

Figure 3. THE 16-CHARACTER ANSI SET FOR ENCODING TRACK 2 AND TRACK 3

BITS				Character Set
b_4	b_3	b_2	b_1	
0	0	0	0	Ø
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	2
0	0	1	1	3
0	1	0	0	4
0	1	0	1	5
0	1	1	0	6
0	1	1	1	7
1	0	0	0	8
1	0	0	1	9
1	0	1	0	:
1	0	1	1	;
1	1	0	0	<
1	1	0	1	=
1	1	1	0	>
1	1	1	1	?

Notes: b_5 is an odd parity bit.

b_1 is the LSB, encoded first.

4 bits
+ 1 parity bit

5 bit characters