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Owner's Manual

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Chapter 1 Introduction

- AR Editor (ARE) is software that allows you to use your computer to edit the data contained on the PC cards used with AR Series devices.
- Data can be edited very simply just use the mouse to change the AR settings data and AR-format phrase data on the screen. You can also record memos for cards and phrases, further simplifying editing and management of your data.
 - * AR devices cannot be used to check memo data; memos are viewable only on computers.
- This software allows you to use your computer to efficiently manage all your AR data. It includes a convenient backup feature, which makes use of your computer's storage devices for backing up the AR data you have stored on PC cards. Such backups can later be used to restore the content of your PC cards, using the AR data in the backups that have been placed on your computer's storage device.
- The software features functions for converting WAV file data to phrase data that can be used on AR devices, as well as for converting AR-format phrase data to WAV files. In addition to taking WAV files created on a computer and converting them to AR phrase data, you can also convert AR phrase data to WAV files, edit them using a WAV file editor, then reconvert the data back to AR format. In this way, by combining the power of WAV file editing on a computer with AR Series devices, you can enjoy a much higher level of control over your content.
- Additionally, by installing the optional board (AR-NT1) in the AR-3000, allowing the unit to be connected to a LAN using TCP/IP, you can then use FTP applications to transfer files over the network. Combining this functionality with ARE allows data on a remote AR-3000 to be edited and exchanged as desired.

Use this software to put AR Series devices in service in an even greater variety of applications.

1-1) Operating Environment

PC card interface

PC card reader/writer, PC card adapter

CPU

Pentium or higher

OS

Microsoft Windows 98/Me/NT4.0/2000

Compatible Data

Data on cards used on AR-3000/200/2000/100/1 devices

- * Functions available only on the AR-3000 and AR-200 cannot be used with the AR-2000, AR-100, and AR-1. For this reason, the parameters for such functions cannot be selected when editing data on cards used with AR-200/100/1 devices.

Functions Available Only on the AR-3000/200 (Parameters That Cannot Be Selected with the AR-200/100/1)

Display Auto Off, Equalizer settings, Volume Thru, Line Thru settings (Line Thru Volume, Fade In, Fade Out), Busy settings (Phrase Playback), AR-LINK settings, Control Input settings (Control Terminal Recording), MIDI settings (MIDI messages received, MMC Mode, MTC), phrase data (Fade In, Fade Out, Loop), Phrase Combination (Song Phrases)

1-2) Installing the Software

This software requires no special installation procedure.

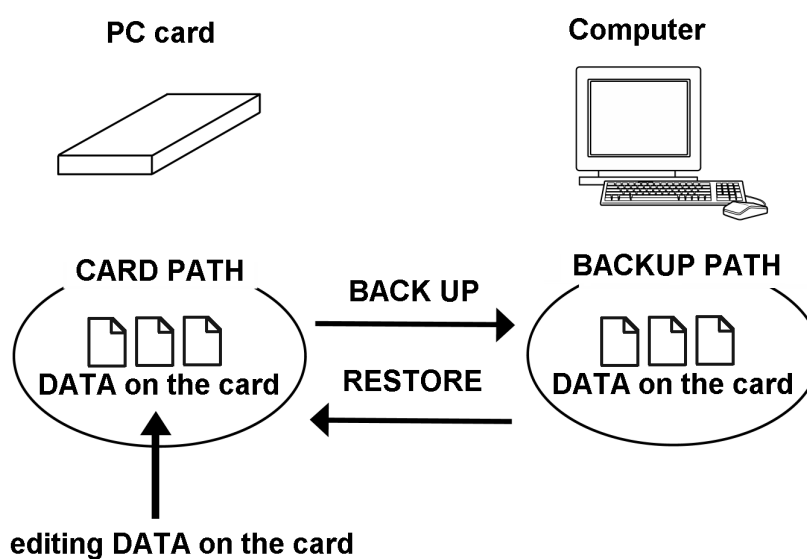
Copy the ARE.EXE file to the computer to be used.

1-3) Principles of Editing

When carrying out editing tasks, the location of the data to be edited with ARE (the card path) and the location on the computer where the card data is to be stored (the backup path) must be specified before the data is loaded. Specifying the PC card as the card path, and the computer's hard disk as the backup path permits simple copying (backup) of PC card data to the computer and copying (restoration) of data on the computer back to PC cards. Furthermore, if you want to restore PC card data to its original condition, for example when deciding to start some editing over again, the data can be recovered simply by restoring the data backed up on the computer to the PC card.

Note:When managing card data, handle all files on each card as a complete set. The AR may not function correctly if only a portion of the files are copied or deleted.

The following figure illustrates the general concept of the card path and backup path.



Schematic Illustrating Card Path/Backup Path

For the card path, specify the folder containing the AR's data (with AR-3000/200 cards, this is the `_AR3TDIR.CNF` folder on the PC card).

For the backup path, create a separate backup folder on your computer, and then specify that folder.

For effective utilization of ARE's functions, use the following process for editing with the cards.

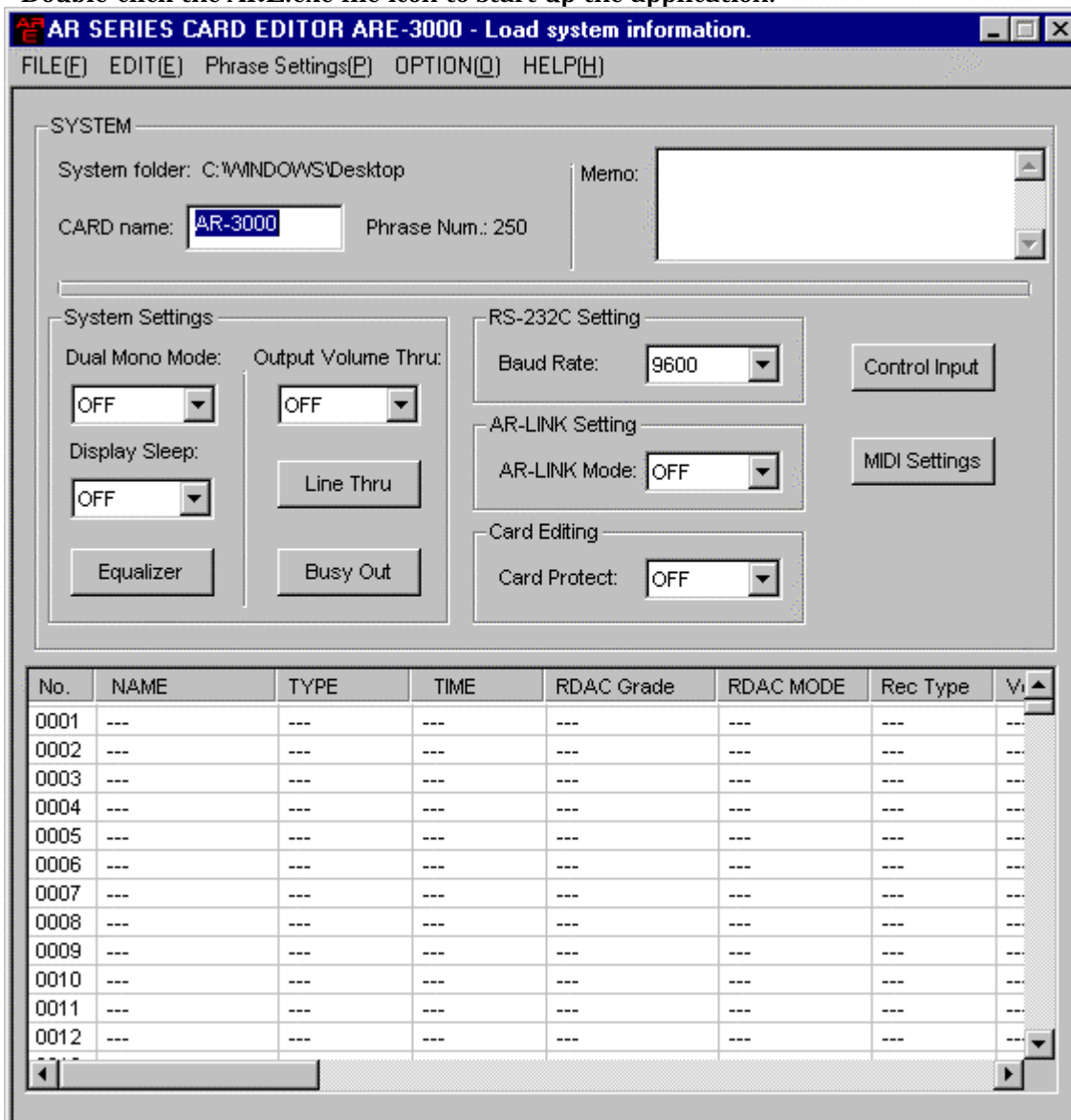
- Start up ARE.
- |
- Specify the card path.
- |
- Specify the backup path.
- |
- Back up the card.
- |
- Load the card data.
- |
- Perform the editing.
- |
- Clean up the card data.
- |
- Saved the edited data and quit ARE.

For a concrete example of this procedure, please refer to the next chapter.

Chapter 2 Instructions for Running ARE

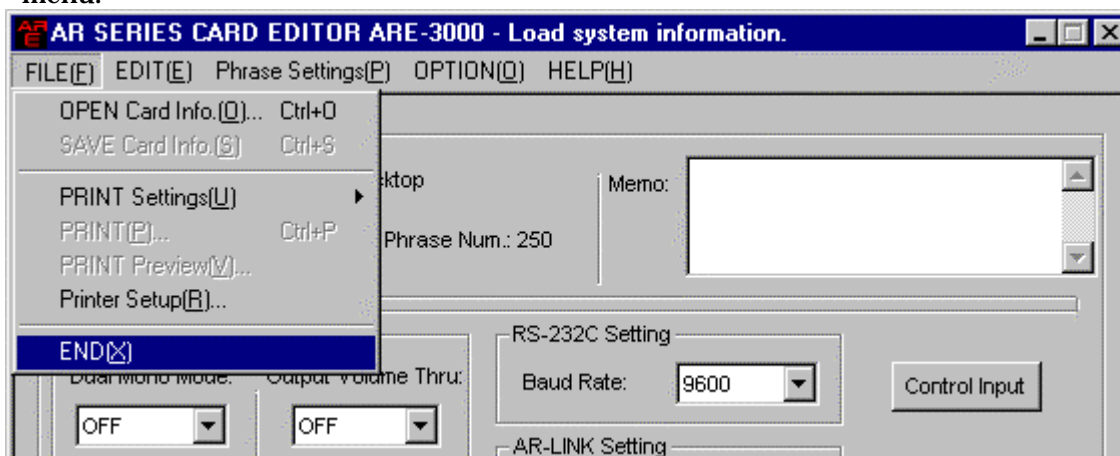
2-1) Starting Up the Application

Double-click the ARE.exe file icon to start up the application.



2-2) Quitting the Application

To quit the application, click the [x] button on the screen or select [END] from the [FILE] menu.



* When quitting, if any data has been changed, a confirmation message appears, asking whether or not the changed data is to be saved. Click [Yes] if you need to save the data; click [No] if the data need not be saved.

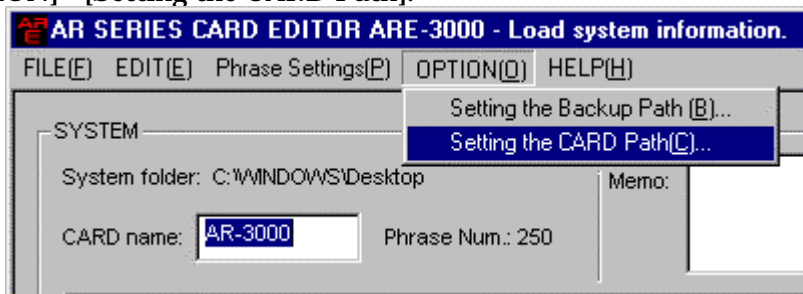
2-3) Setting the Card Path

First, set the card path.

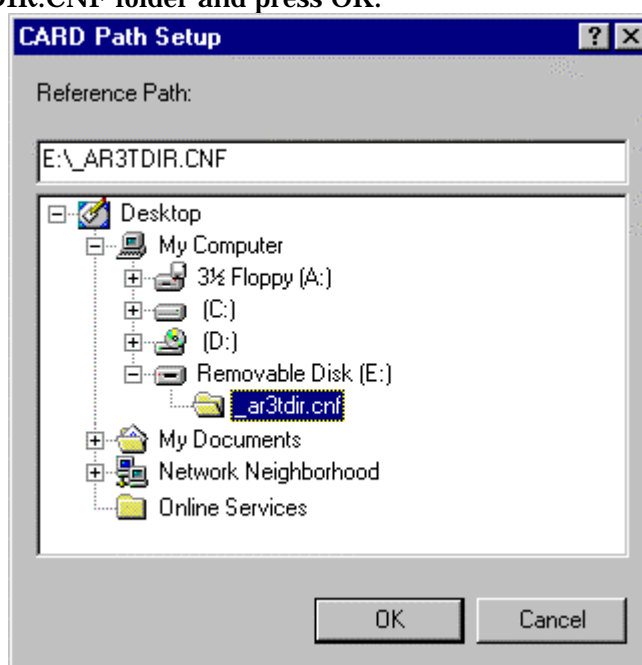
For the card path, select the folder named `_AR3TDIR.CNF` on the PC card.

The `_AR3TDIR.CNF` folder is the folder where AR-3000/200 data is stored (data for the AR-2000/100/1 is stored in the root folder on the PC card, so select the PC card root folder as the card path for those devices).

1) Select [OPTION] - [Setting the CARD Path].



2) Select the `_AR3TDIR.CNF` folder and press OK.

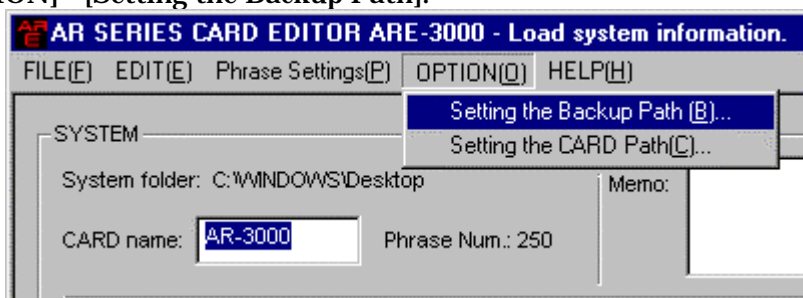


2-4) Setting the Backup Path

Follow the procedure below to set the backup path.

1) On the computer, create a folder that is to be used for backup.

2) Select [OPTION] - [Setting the Backup Path].

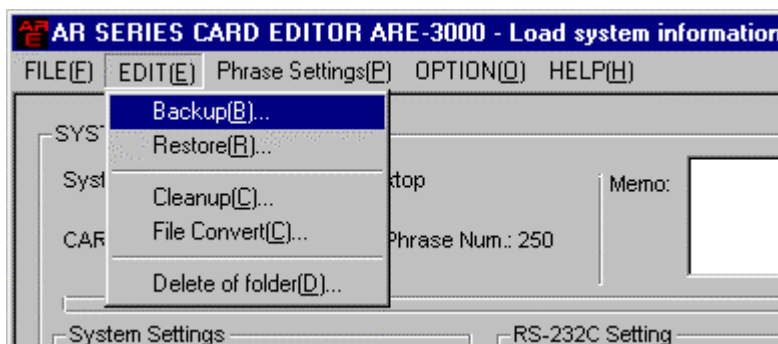


3) Select the backup folder that was created.

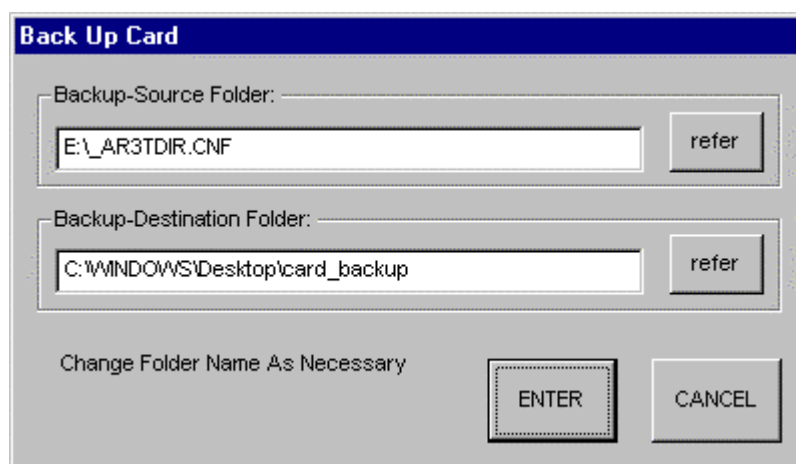
2-5) Back Up the Card

In order to save the contents of the card as is to the computer, copy all of the card data from the card path to the backup path.

- 1) Select [EDIT] - [Backup].



- 2) The card path and backup path set previously are indicated as the copy source and copy destination, respectively. Press the Start button to begin copying the data.

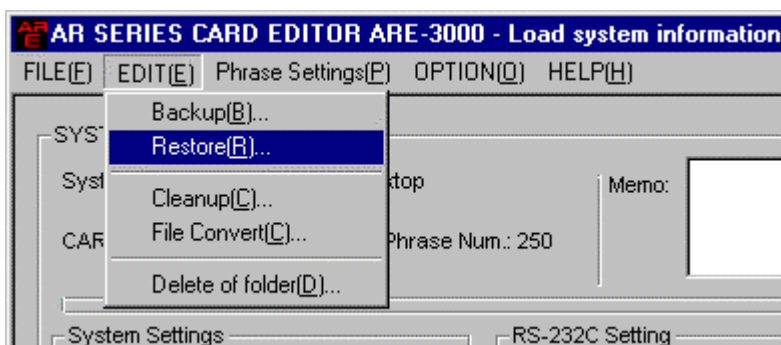


2-6) To Restore the Card

If you want to have edited data be reverted to the data as it was when backed up, or want to copy AR data that has been managed on the computer to a PC card, you can use the Card Restore function to overwrite the card path data with the backup path data and restore the PC card content to its previous condition. The same sort of process is used for restoring and backing up cards.

- * When restoring data to PC cards, be sure to format the restore-destination PC card on the AR-3000/200 beforehand so that the backup path data and the number of managed phrases match.

- 1) Select [EDIT] - [Restore].



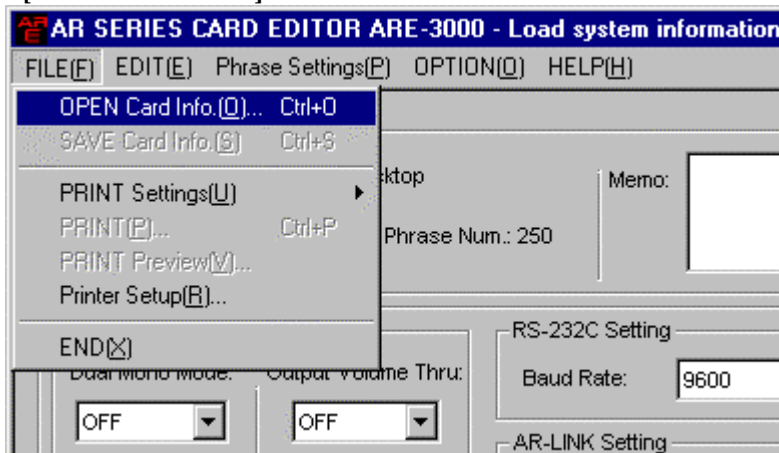
- 2) Press the Start button to begin copying the data.

2-7) Loading Card Data

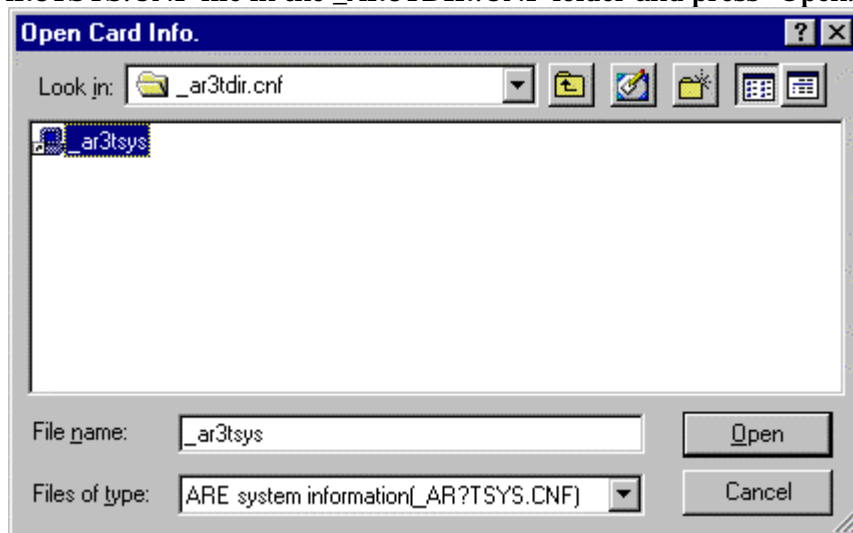
Load the card data to be edited into ARE.

Load the _AR3TSYS.CNF file residing in the folder selected in the card path (when using an AR-2000/100/1, load the _AR2TSYS.CNF file residing in the folder selected in the card path).

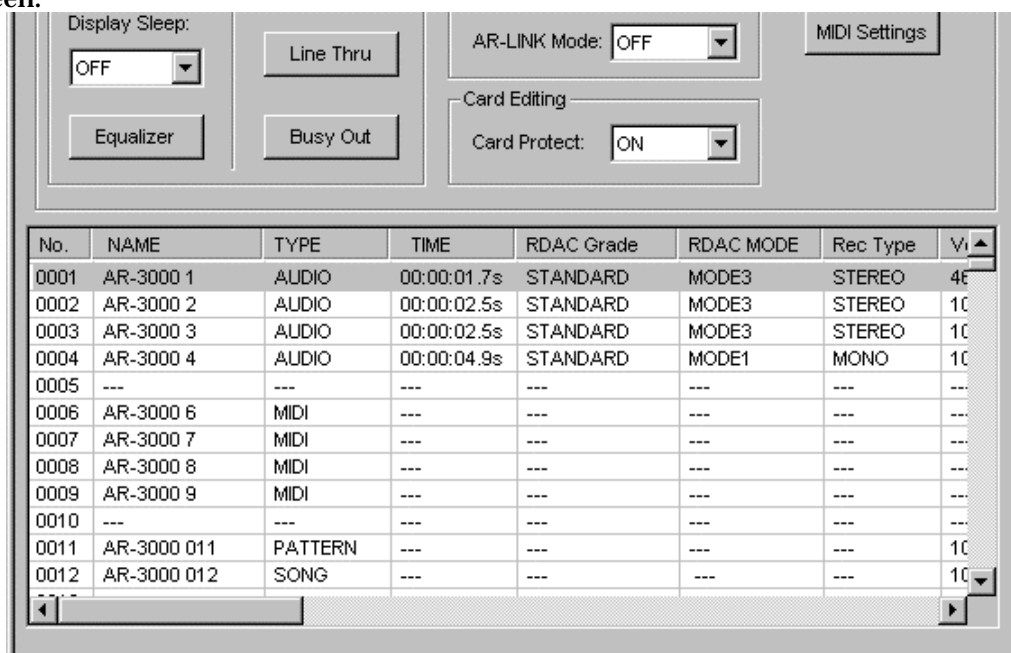
1) Select [FILE] - [OPEN Card Info.].



2) Select the _AR3TSYS.CNF file in the _AR3TDIR.CNF folder and press "Open."

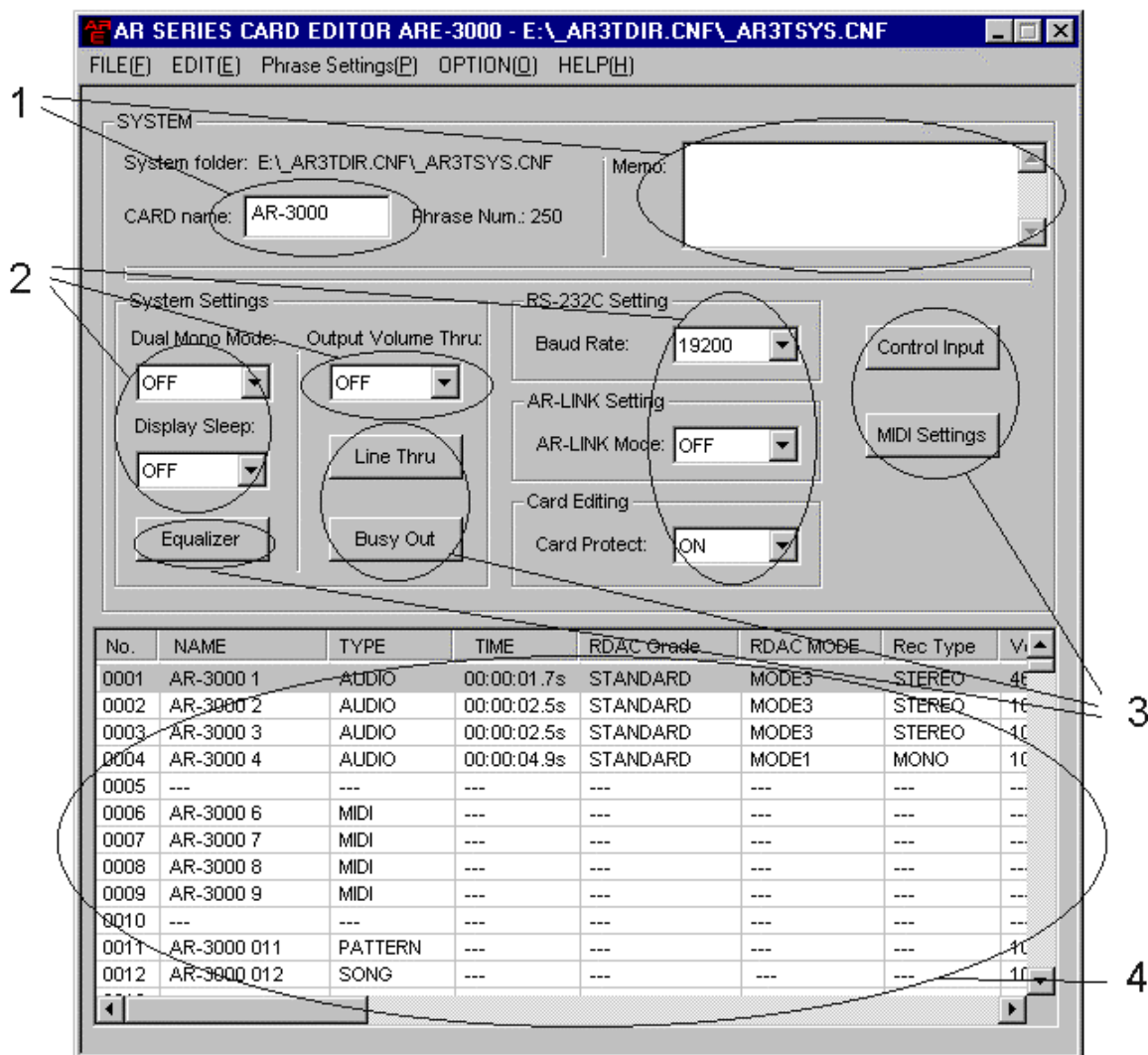


3) Information for the system and phrase data in the card data being loaded appears on the screen.



2-8) Editing Procedure

For descriptions of the settings, refer to your AR-3000 or AR-200 Owner's Manual.



1. Click in the text box and enter the card name (up to eight characters) and memo content (up to 800 characters).
2. Click the dropdown button and select the setting you want to edit from the list.
3. For each setting, click the setting's button, select the content using the dropdown menus, check boxes, and other tools, then click the Setting button. When selecting phrases in Direct Playback, Count Playback, and other dialog boxes, select phrases by double-clicking on the item to be set, then click the Setting button.

4. After selecting the phrase you want to edit, select the content to be edited from the [Phrase Settings] menu.

Double-clicking on an item that is used in a particular phrase opens the [Phrase Setup] dialog. After making the necessary settings, click the [ENTER] button. If you double-click on an item that is not used in the phrase, the [Phrase to make] dialog opens. Select a created phrase, click the [OK] button, double-click on the selected No. parameter, then after making the settings, click the [ENTER] button; when finished creating the phrase, click the [ENTER] button.

Right-clicking on a parameter for the phrase you want to edit brings up the same content as that in the [Phrase Settings] menu; select the content to edit.

Note) Undo (a function that restores settings to their former status) is not available when editing with ARE, so backing up the data prior to editing is recommended.

2-9) Steps Required When Quitting the Editing Process

With the AR-3000, the phrase data for each phrase and the settings data for all phrases have differing formats.

During operations such as copying phrases and converting WAV files to AR files, content regarding the settings data for all phrases may end up no longer matching the phrase data count.

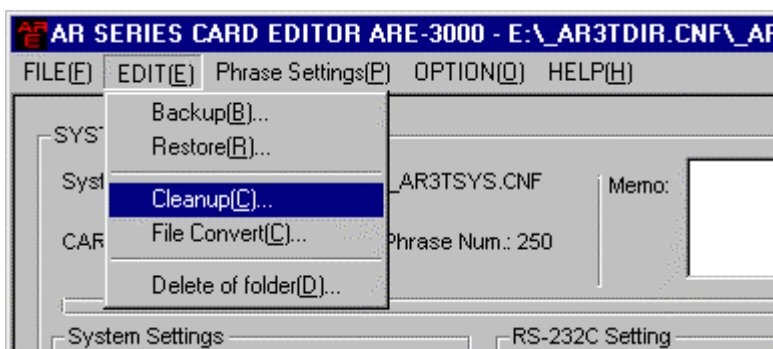
ARE includes a Cleanup function to prevent such conditions. Running the Cleanup allows correction of any inconsistencies that exist between the phrase data in each phrase and the settings data for all the phrases.

When you have finished editing all of the data, be sure to carry out the card cleanup procedure that follows to ensure consistency in the card's data.

Note) Cleanup works on the data in the folder specified as the card path.

When cleaning up data after loading and then editing card data in a location other than the folder specified as the card path, first specify that folder as the card path before carrying out the cleanup.

1) Select [EDIT] - [Cleanup].



2) Press the Start button to begin the card cleanup.



3) A confirmation dialog appears when the cleanup is completed; click [START] to return to the Card Editor window.

Chapter 3 File Convert Function

This section describes how to use the function for converting WAV files and AR-format files.

3-1) Creating AR Phrase Data from WAV Files

You can create MODE1, MODE2, MODE3, LINEAR, and H-LINEAR AR files from 16-bit and 14-bit WAV files.

- * WAV files in an audio format other than PCM cannot be converted.
- * RDAC-Grade is determined by the WAV file sampling frequency. WAV files using a sampling rate that is not supported by the AR (such as 11.025 kHz) cannot be converted.
- * The stereo/monaural type is determined by the type used in the WAV file.

When converting files, a new AR file is created without any changes being made to the original WAV file.

Conversion is non-reversible. Changes in audio quality after conversion can be checked by reconverting AR files back to WAV files.

Important Note

The RDAC-Grade and RDAC-Mode for certain AR Series models may be incompatible. When converting files, first check the AR model being used, and edit for the applicable RDAC-Grade and RDAC-Mode.

RDAC-Grade Compatibility Chart (By Device)

		AR-3000 / 200	AR-2000 / 100	AR-1
RDAC-Grade	S-HIGH(48kHz)	O	X	X
	HIGH(44.1kHz)	O	O	X
	STANDARD(32kHz)	O	O	O
	LONG1(22.05kHz)	O	O	X
	LONG2(16kHz)	O	O	O
	ANNOUNCE(8kHz)	O	O	O

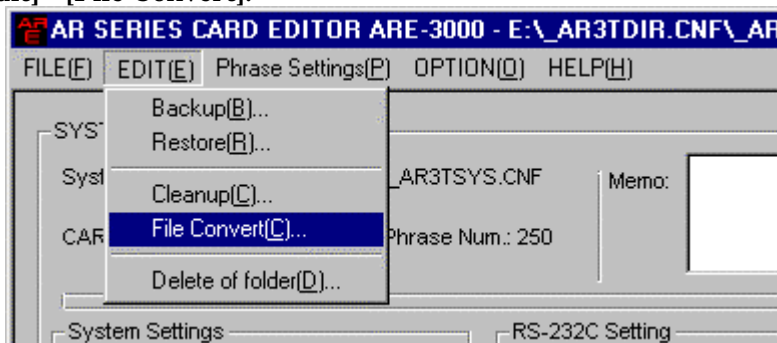
O: Compatible X: Not Compatible

RDAC-Mode Compatibility Chart (By Device)

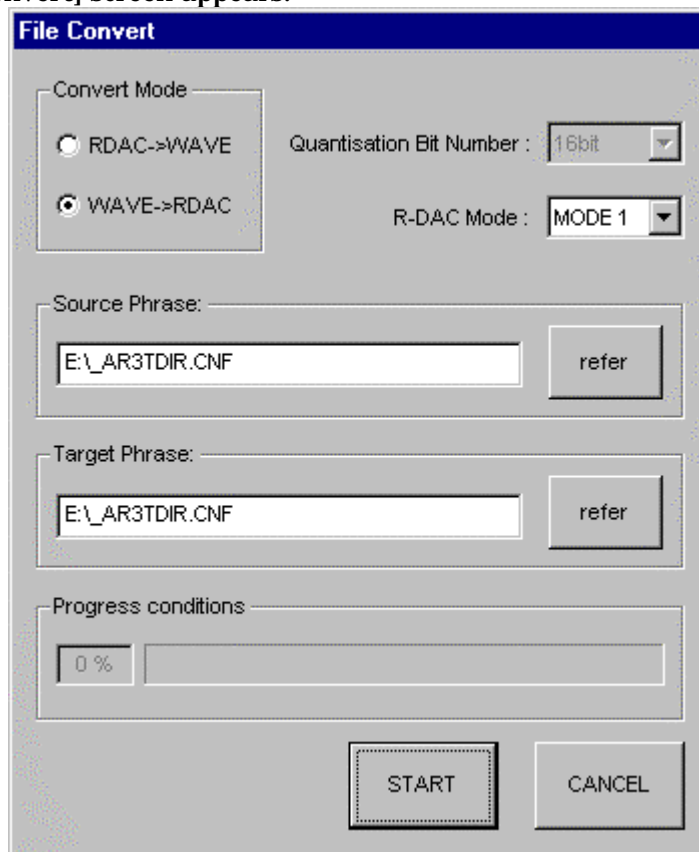
		AR-3000 / 200	AR-2000 / 100	AR-1
RDAC-Mode	H-LINEAR(24bit)	O	X	X
	LINEAR(16bit)	O	O	O
	MODE3	O	X	X
	MODE2	O	O	O
	MODE1	O	O	O

O: Compatible X: Not Compatible

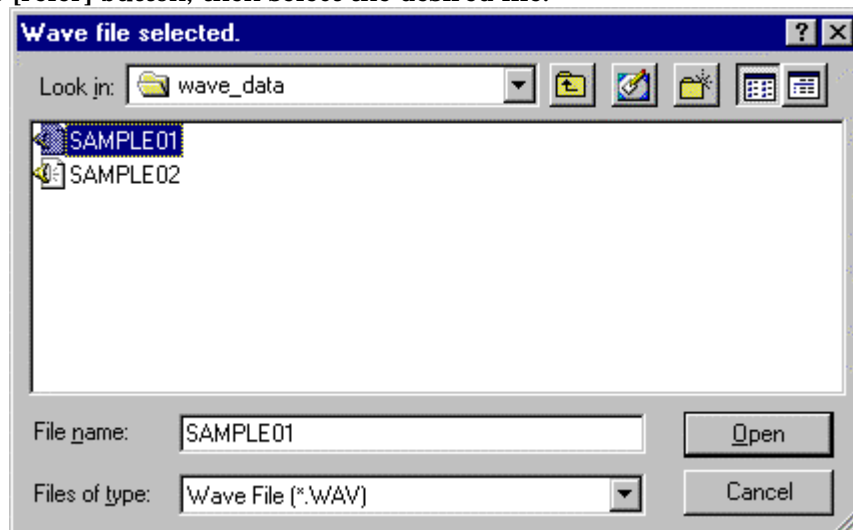
1) Select [Edit] - [File Convert].



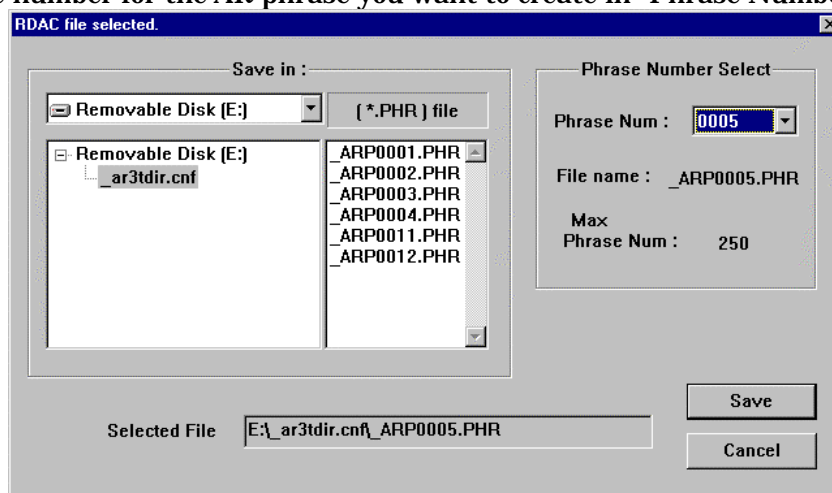
2) The [File Convert] screen appears.



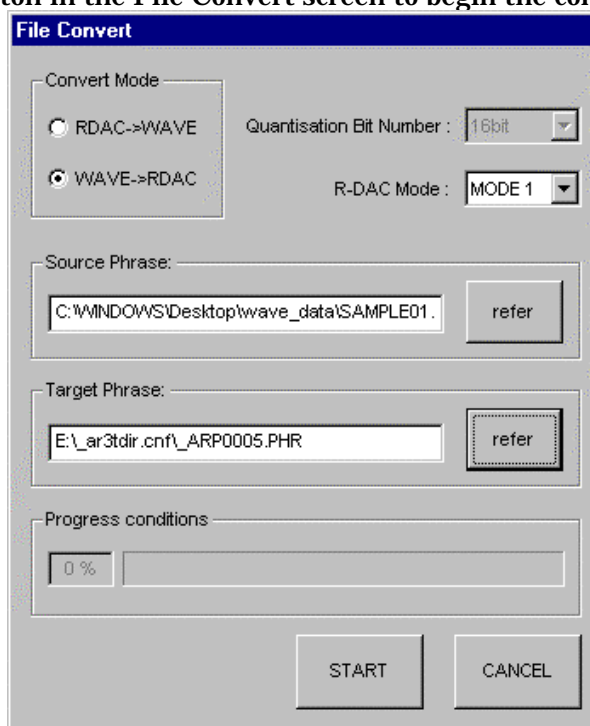
3) Specify the folder containing the WAV file you want to convert as the “Source Phrase”.
Click the [refer] button, then select the desired file.



- 4) Specify the folder for the AR file you want to have converted as the "Target Phrase".
 Click the [refer] button, then select the desired file.
 Specify the folder by means of "Save in."
 Select the number for the AR phrase you want to create in "Phrase Number Select."



- 5) Press the [Start] button in the File Convert screen to begin the conversion.



When the conversion is completed, the program returns to the Card Editor window.

- 6) Register the converted AR phrase file as a card phrase.
 - When the conversion-destination phrase folder holds card data
 Even if card data in the conversion-destination phrase folder is selected, the data is not registered as a phrase for that card. To register an AR phrase file created with File Convert as a card phrase, set the conversion-destination folder as the card path, and run cleanup.
 - When the conversion-destination phrase folder does not hold card data
 To register an AR phrase file created with File Convert as a phrase for any desired card, first load the data for the selected card. Next, after selecting the AR phrase file created with File Convert as the copy source, and specifying whatever phrase you want as the copy destination, carry out a Phrase Copy.

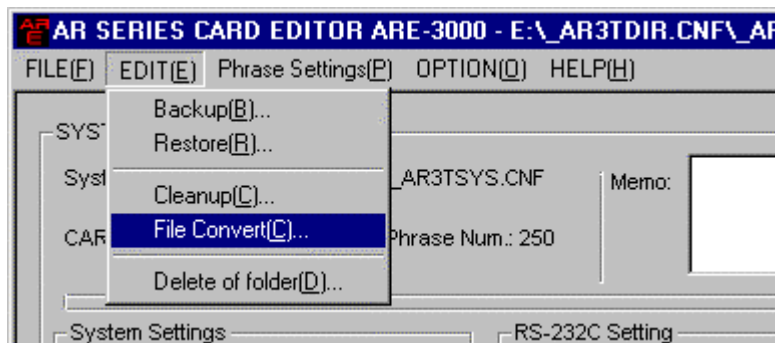
Creating AR phrase files with File Convert does not result in the data being registered as a card's phrase.

3-2) Creating WAV Files from AR Phrase Data

You can create new WAV files from AR phrase data.

- * The sampling frequency is determined by the phrase's RDAC-Grade.
- * The stereo/monaural type is determined by the type used in the phrase (the stereo or monaural type is the same as that of the original data).

1) Select [Edit] - [File Convert].

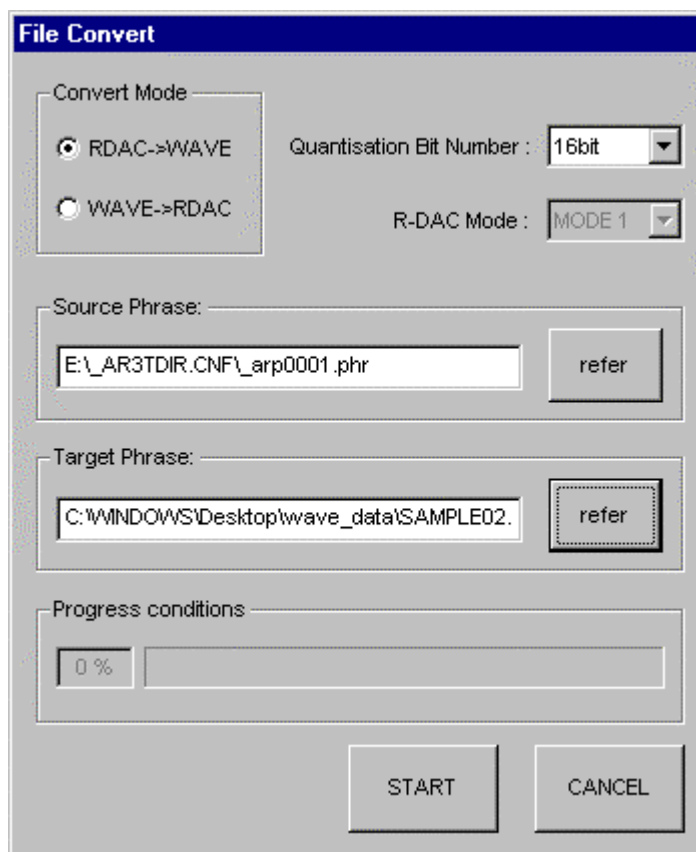


2) The [File Convert] screen appears.

Select RDAC>WAV as the “Convert Mode” and the WAV file's bit count as the “Quantisation Bit Number”.

Enter the AR file (_ARP****.PHR) and the WAV file as the “Source Phrase” and “Target Phrase”, respectively, then press the [START] button.

***** indicates the phrase number.



When the conversion is completed, a new WAV file is created, and the program returns to the Card Editor window.

Chapter 4 How to Edit Data on an AR-3000 Connected to a LAN

Installing the optional board (AR-NT1) in the AR-3000 permits connection of the unit to a LAN using TCP/IP.

This FTP (file transfer) function is used over a LAN, allowing AR-3000 data to be obtained by the computer. After the data has been edited as desired, the FTP (file transfer) function can then be used to transfer the data to the AR-3000, thus allowing you to make changes in AR-3000 phrases at will, from a remote location.

To use this function, the following steps need to be carried out:

- 1) Use FTP to load the data from a remote AR-3000 to the computer.
- 2) Edit the data on the computer.
- 3) Use FTP to transfer the edited data to the remote AR-3000.

For a more detailed description of the procedure, refer to each of the following steps.

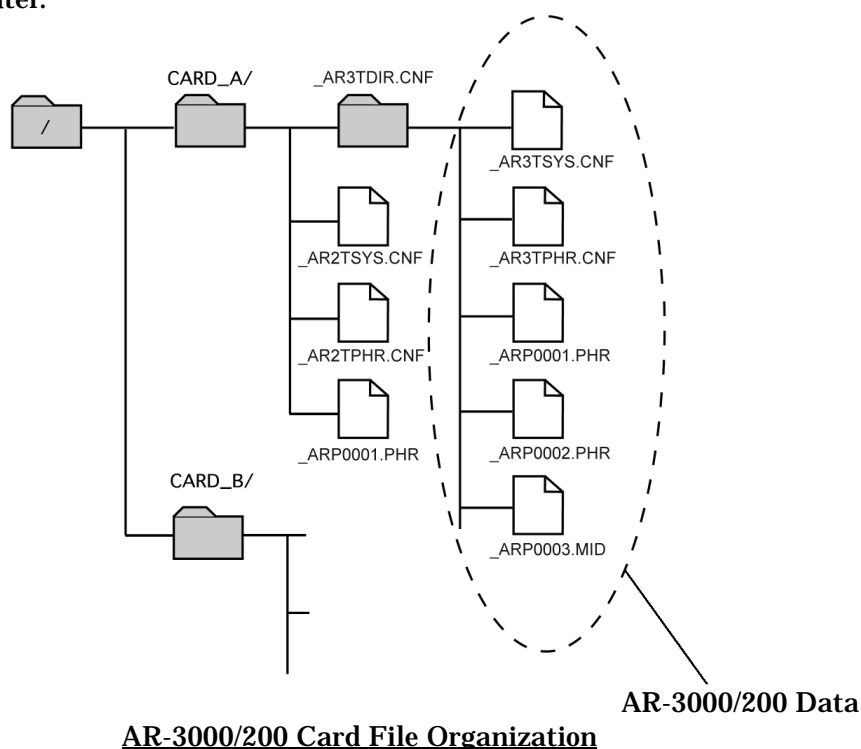
4-1) Using FTP to Load Data from a Remote AR-3000 into the Computer

First, an FTP connection must be made between the AR-3000 and the computer.

For instructions on making the FTP connection, refer to the AR-NT1 reference volume "FTP Reference."

When transferring AR-3000 data to the computer, all of the files in the _AR3TDIR.CNF folder shown below must be downloaded.

Either create a new _AR3TDIR.CNF folder on the computer and copy all of the files in the AR-3000's _AR3TDIR.CNF folder to the new folder; or, just copy the entire _AR3TDIR.CNF folder to the computer.



4-2) Edit the Data on the Computer

ARE is used to edit the downloaded data.

When editing, specify the new _AR3TDIR.CNF folder on the computer as the card path.

Refer to "Chapter 2, Instructions for Running ARE," then edit the data.

Be sure to carry out the card cleanup after editing the data.

4-3) Use FTP to Transfer the Edited Data to the Remote AR-3000

Transfer the edited data from the computer to the remote AR-3000.

Delete all of the files in the remote AR-3000's _AR3TDIR.CNF folder, then transfer all of the files in the new _AR3TDIR.CNF folder on the computer.

Chapter 5 When Editing AR-2000/100/1 Data

You can also edit AR-2000/100/1 data with the AR-3000.
In this case, first check the limitations below before editing.

5-1) Limitations

- Specify the directory containing the `_AR2TSYS.CNF` file for the card path.
- Cards used with the AR-3000/200 (cards on which the card data is organized in accord with the AR-3000/200 file structure) cannot be edited as AR-2000/100/1 cards. When editing cards such as AR-2000/100/1 cards, always use the AR's Card Convert function to convert the cards to AR-2000/100/1 card format.
 - * ARE-3000 does not feature the Card Convert function.
- When restoring AR-2000/100/1 data, format the restore-destination PC card with the AR-3000/2000 beforehand so that the units of restored data and the number of phrases managed are the same.

