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Memorex chief takes over disk drive manufacturing

Memorex president and chief operating officer Philip S. Dauber has taken charge of the company's disk drive program in order to speed up production, the Santa Clara company announced Wednesday. Wade Meyercord, who had previously been responsible for the division, has resigned, and executive vice president James C. Castle has been reassigned to handle special projects.

In addition to his duties as chief operating officer of Memorex, Dauber will directly supervise disk drive manufacturing and development operations and the company's communications product business. Dauber, 43, joined Memorex in May from its parent, Burroughs Corp.

Memorex chairman Clarence Spangle said the move was made because production of the company's 14-inch rigid disk drives hasn't grown fast enough to meet market demand. The drives are used in conjunction with mainframes and minicomputers.

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