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**Fig. 1.** The HP 7550A 8-Pen Graphics Plotter is designed for high-throughput, unattended operation. These features allow the preparation of multiple copies of high-quality computer graphics, automated output of single charts for process monitoring, or use as a central graphics server.

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The final major customer need addressed by the HP 7550A is for a plotter for the low-cost CAD/CAM systems available today. Users of these systems want a quality A/Bsize drafting plotter with a price in agreement with the rest of their system. The HP 7550A is designed to use both polyester film and vellum paper, and liquid-ink as well as roller-ball pens. The high throughput of this plotter makes it a very good solution for producing check plots quickly, achieve this, such as replacing analog circuitry with digital circuitry whenever possible, using large-scale integration (LSI), eliminating the need for any adjustments, and performing many functions with the same components.

The single 68000 microprocessor controls every movement in the servo motors and pen-lift mechanism from commands received through the HP-IB or RS-232-C interface. It services the front panel and rotates the carousel



**Fig. 2.** The HP 7550A Plotter's sheet-feed mechanism is similar to that of a photocopier, but with much higher alignment accuracy. It can feed up to 150 sheets without reloading.

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