

## To Use Disk Programs

If the program is an assembly language program, i.e. a BIN type file, use the LOADM command to load the program into the computer and then use EXEC to begin.

If the program is a Basic program, i.e. a BAS type file, then use the RUN command.

Remember to always enclose the filename in quotation marks.

## The Proper Care of Diskettes

The floppy diskette is a widely used and reliable storage media. However, the diskette is made of delicate materials. Since, you store programs and important information on the diskette, it is important to pay careful attention to how you handle it.

First, the diskette is very sensitive to heat and sun. The outside cover is actually made of a material that shrinks when exposed to heat. For this reason, be very careful not to leave your diskette in the sun or expose it to heat.

Secondly, the diskette is easily bent or folded. When a diskette is creased, it will not set properly in the disk drive and therefore can not be read. When transporting your library of diskettes, protect them in a carrying case or box. Also, when sending diskettes through the mail, protect them by putting them between two pieces of cardboard (cross-grain if possible). This way, they cannot be bent by the mail service.

Third, a very common mistake is made when labeling the diskette. Do not use a ball point pen or any sharp pointed object to write on the diskette label. A sharp point will press through to the magnetic media on which your data is recorded and leave a permanent impression. This can leave the diskette unreadable, thus leaving you without access to your valuable information. Use a felt pen and do not press hard onto the diskette when writing on your label.

Lastly, remember that the diskette is a magnetic medium. Keep it away from magnetic fields created by video monitors, televisions, magnets, etc. They can erase or change the data on your diskette!

To summarize the key points of diskette care:

- \* Do not expose the diskette to sun or heat.
- \* Protect the diskette from possible folds or bends.  
(Take special care when packing diskettes for shipment.)
- \* Use a soft point to write on diskette labels.
- \* Keep the diskette away from magnetic fields.

### Diskette Copy Protect Notice:

Unfortunately, the increase in software piracy has forced us to use copy protect processes when manufacturing some of our software. In particular, you cannot copy most of our game software. However, most of our utilities and application software can be backed up. If there is a write protect tab on the disk, it is copy protected. DO NOT try to write to the disk, you will likely lose the program that was on it. If there is no write protect tab, you should be able to make a backup copy of the disk and keep the original in a safe place while you use the copy for your work. If the disk is copy protected, you may even get an error when just doing a 'DIR'. However, the method we use has been extensively tested, and we are confident that you will be able to 'LOADM' the program and it will in fact automatically begin executing.

Since you may not be able to make an extra copy of the program, the next question is always: What do I do if the disk gets damaged? Our policy on this is as follows: We will repair or replace damaged disks for no charge during the first 90 days if you include a copy of your receipt, showing purchase date. After 90 days, there is an eight dollar charge. In either case, you MUST return the ORIGINAL diskette. All return shipping and handling charges are included.



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