

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR AMSTRAD USERS

CPC 6128 USERS

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Some of our products make use of the [Esc] key. If you experience difficulty using this key, hold down the [Control] key and type '[' whenever you need to use [Esc]

### PCW 8256 USERS

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Some of our products make use of the [Esc] key. This key is called [Exit] on the PCW 8256.

Some of our products make use of the [Control] key. This key is labelled [Alt] on the PCW 8256.

THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT - Very Important Note

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This product only runs under the CP/M or CP/M Plus operating systems. Either one of these must be loaded before you can begin to use it. Please refer to the documentation you received with your computer to establish how you do this. On the Amstrad CPC-6128 you must call CP/M from within BASIC. On the PCW-8256 you must load a special diskette. On other systems, CP/M may already be up and running when you turn your computer on.

As a general guide, if you see the A> prompt displayed on your screen it usually means that the correct operating system is up and running.

FROM THIS POINT ON AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THIS MANUAL WE ASSUME YOU ARE OPERATING IN EITHER THE CP/M OR CP/M PLUS OPERATING ENVIRONMENT.

## A HELPFUL HINT

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If you have not already done so, we strongly recommend that you take just a little time now to familiarise yourself with the basics of CP/M or CP/M Plus. It will be of immense help to you - because whatever application programs you are using, over time you will need to know precisely how to:

- (1) Format and copy diskettes (using the "DISCKIT", "FORMAT" or "COPY" programs).
- (2) Copy files (using the PIP program - this is the one you need to make a copy of your ScratchPad Plus Master diskette).

and (3) Find out information about diskette files (using the "SHOW", "DIR" or "STAT" programs).

## BEFORE YOU START

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The diskette supplied is your Master diskette. Make a working copy of this diskette and then store the Master diskette away in a safe place.

The Master diskette is **not a bootable diskette**. This means if you put it in drive A: and then turn your computer on, some error messages will be displayed and you may damage the diskette.

For convenience, we suggest you make a **bootable** copy of your Master diskette. To be able to do this you will first need to understand how to format a blank diskette (with systems tracks) for use with CP/M or CP/M Plus. If you are not sure how to do this, please refer to your Operating System Guide or consult with your computer supplier.

## Copying Your Master Diskette

To make a working copy of your Master diskette you must have properly formatted at least one other diskette (see above). Please ensure that this is available before you begin. Then, to see how you copy information from one diskette to another, make sure that your operating system is loaded and the A> prompt is displayed. Then follow the steps below:

STEP 1 - Type 'PIP'

STEP 2 - Press [Return]

*The following message (or similar) will appear on the screen:*

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CP/M 3 PIP VERSION 3.0
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If your computer has only one diskette drive (drive A:) put your Master diskette in it and have your formatted diskette ready. If your computer has two diskette drives put your Master diskette in drive A: and your formatted diskette in drive B: then:

STEP 1 - Type 'B:=A:\*. \*[V]'

STEP 2 - Press [Return]

**Note:** PIP is a CP/M utility program which enables you to copy files from one diskette to another. For further information on PIP refer to your Operating System Guide.

*If your computer has two diskette drives it will copy all the files from the diskette in drive A: onto the diskette in drive B: and return you to the A> prompt. If your computer has only one diskette drive it will copy the files across section by section alternately displaying the following questions at the bottom of the screen:*

Please put the disc for B: into the drive then  
press any key

(Take out the Master diskette and put in the formatted diskette) and press any key

Please put the disc for A: into the drive then  
press any key

(Take out the formatted diskette and put in the Master diskette) and press any key

Repeat the above procedures until all the files have been copied and the asterisk is displayed. Pressing [Return] will take you back to the A> prompt.

In either case when the A> prompt appears on the screen once again, the copying procedure is complete. Now label the copy you have made identifying it as your working copy and use this diskette from now on. If anything untoward happens which makes this diskette unusable you can always run through this procedure again to make another working copy.