PC Card Release Note

Software upgrade

Some changes and improvements have been made since this product was introduced, and are now being checked prior to general distribution. This revised software will be available from I September 1993. You can obtain it free of charge by returning the original Acorn PC Card Software Disc, and Windows Driyer where supplied, along with your name and address, in an envelope clearly marked 'PC Card Upgrade', to

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> Acorn Computers Limited
> Fulbourn Road
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Considerations In Use

Running DOS applications

There is a problem with the current version of the software which, under certain circumstances, may result in loss of data. However, this problem is unlikely to be encountered in normal use and can be avoided.

Using the current version of the software, when running Windows in enhanced (386enh) mode, you should not attempt to run DOS applications from within Windows itself. This operation is not supported and will cause Windows to crash, possibly resulting in loss of data from your hard disc.

It is recommended that you shut down Windows and return to the DOS prompt before starting up DOS applications. If you do need to run DOS programs from within Windows, do so by starting up Windows in standard mode by using the command WIN/s.

Certain benchmarks, such as those provided by *Windows User* magazine, attempt to run DOS applications from within Windows. Ensure that these are only run from within Windows when in standard mode.

Games software

Please note that because games are not always written following good programming practice, there is always a possibility that a particular game may not run on your PC Card. This is less likely to be the case with commercial games than with those obtained from free sources.

Using DOS hard disc partitions greater than 32MB

DOSFS, which is an integral part of RISC OS 3, does not support DOS hard disc partitions which are larger than 32MB in size. If you create a DOS partition which exceeds this size, it will not be possible to access it from the RISC OS desktop environment.

DOS partitions greater than 32MB can only be accessed from within the PC Card environment. Therefore if you wish to transfer files between a DOS partition greater than 32MB and a RISC OS-based filing system, this should be done via floppy disc(s) or another DOS partition which is 32MB or less in size. If you are unsure on how to copy files, please refer to the chapter *Files and directories* in the Welcome Guide supplied with your computer:

Windows 3 and MemoryMAX

As supplied, by default, DR DOS provides access to additional memory via the use of the MemoryMAX (MEMMAX) software. During the boot sequence you will be prompted to load this software by the command:

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Load MemoryMAX software (YIN)
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Replying N to this prompt will allow Windows to be started in enhanced mode, by entering the command

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WIN
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If you wish to run Windows with the MemoryMAX software enabled, you should ensure that Windows is started in standard mode, by entering the command:

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WIN /s
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