

The Greatest Paper Airplanes™

v1.0 Shareware Version

Help

Unfortunately we cannot provide technical support for this version of The Greatest Paper Airplanes. Because it is distributed freely our support group can not handle the large volume of questions. On-line help is provided by selecting Help from the menu bar or pressing F1 at any screen. The on-line help contains some information that is not applicable to this shareware version of the program. More technical tips are also provided later in this document.

Ordering more planes and other good stuff.

This version of The Greatest Paper Airplanes comes with all five darts. The other four "Wings" (five Gliders, five Jets, five SST's, and five Starships) along with a paper pad of the printed designs, sound effects and more, can be purchased direct from KittyHawk. From any screen in the application select Ordering from the menu bar or click on the question mark Ordering icon in The Greatest Paper Airplanes Group. A help screen will appear describing how to order and what you will receive.

Technical Tips

Printing

- When printing an airplane design. Make sure that your printer is setup for an 8 1/2" x 11" portrait page. Otherwise the airplane design will be stretched or squished to fit whatever page size your printer is currently setup for.

Copying to the Clipboard.

- All of the plane designs (including the square ones) are setup to be copied to a page area with the same aspect ratio as an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. It does not need to be this size but it does need to have the same height to width ratio for the design to come out correctly when folded.

Pasting into Paintbrush

- Pasting into Windows™ Paintbrush. The following assumes you have already selected the COPY button from the TGPA printing screen. When pasting into the Paintbrush application that came with Windows™, use the following steps to assure your design will come out properly:
 1. Select Options from the menu, then Image Atttributes. Make sure the Units is set to "in" or inches, and set the Width to 7.5 and the Height to 9.71. This will set the page to the correct size. Click on "OK" to accept these settings.
 2. Select View, Zoom Out and you should see your page with some gray background showing through.
 3. Select Edit Paste from the menu and you will see a cross-hatch of lines appear in your page. Click on the paintbrush tool and you should hear a beep and then the airplane design will be pasted onto your paintbrush page.
 4. You will also want to select File, Page Setup... and setup your page margins to approximately .25 top, bottom, left, and right so that the image will print on one 8 1/2" x 11" page.

Fonts not appearing properly.

If your fonts are not appearing properly either they are too small or don't seem to fit in the tabs/text boxes properly it could be one of two things:

- A. We use a unique method to draw the screens which allows the application to be run in virtually any size on your desktop without "dropping" any pictures or words. To do this we use the TrueType font scaler that comes with Windows. To correct this, make sure that your TrueType fonts are active, by opening the Windows control panel, selecting the fonts icon, click on the "TTrue Type..." button and making sure the "Enable TrueType Fonts" check box is on (checked). The same situation can occur if you do not have the Arial or Times New Roman fonts installed.
- B: This application uses a unique method to draw all of its screens. By using this method the application is device independent. In other words it can be any size on your screen no matter what resolution your monitor is running and still run without losing any graphics (go ahead and make it really small... you'll still be able to click on tiny buttons and it will run just fine). The downfall is at some sizes the Windows™ True Type font scaler may pick a little bigger font than necessary and consequently the fonts may seem to run into each other or have too big a space between words. A simple solution is to just resize the application a little bit by dragging one of your borders in or out to change the size of the window it is running in.

Keeps Giving Memory Low Messages.

- If you are getting memory low messages it usually means that there is not enough memory for the screen (picture) to be drawn. Try one of the following:
 - A. Try shutting down some of the other applications that may be running in the background, like a word processor or spread sheet.
 - B. If there are no other applications running, try to decrease the size of The Greatest Paper Airplanes window by clicking the "Restore" (up down arrow in upper left of window) button and dragging one of the window borders in to make the window smaller.

Crashes when trying to fold a plane.

- If you are getting a system failure in the folding screen, you probably have an incompatible math coprocessor. The program will automatically attempt to use this coprocessor and will succeed in most cases. If it fails on your system, open the WIN.INI file found in your \WINDOWS directory with the Windows Write program, (or any compatible word processor) and go to the section labeled [The Greatest Paper Airplanes]. You should find an entry like "Disable Coprocessor=0" if you really do have a coprocessor in your system. Change this to "Disable Coprocessor=1" and try running the program again. If you do not find this entry, your system does not have a coprocessor and the problem is probably caused by insufficient memory.