

ReadMe File

Installing Video for Windows:

This program requires Microsoft Video for Window 1.1 be installed to show video. If you do not already have Microsoft Video for Windows 1.1 (or later) installed, or are not sure, just double click on the Install VfW1.1 icon located in the Explore America! group.

Share must be loaded:

Share.exe, which installs file-sharing and locking capabilities on your hard drive, must be loaded for Explore America! to function properly. If you receive an error message concerning **share.exe** you must include **share.exe** in your **config.sys** file and reboot your computer.

The line below should be included in the **config.sys**:
install=c:\dos\share.exe /F:5100 /L:500

What to do if the install program aborts with the error "Can't Copy VBRUN300.DLL to windows\system":

This error can happen because of out-of-sync copies of VBRUN300.DLL. To correct the problem simply rename the file VBRUN300.DLL in your windows\system directory to something else and try the install program again.

How to Rename VBRUN300.DLL in Windows:

Double click the File Manager icon located in the Main group. Using the drive icons in the upper portion of the File Manager window select the drive that contains the windows directory. Locate the yellow folder in the left side window scrolling through directory names if needed. Double clicking on the windows directory will expand the directory to display its sub directories. You should see a sub directory called system. Click on system. The right window will now display all the files in the windows\system directory. If you don't see any files or see a small number change the files to view using the View menu command. In the window on the right half of the screen, locate the file VBRUN300.DLL and single click on it. Select the File menu command then underneath File select Rename. The Rename dialog box will appear with the From: text box filled in with VBRUN300.DLL. Click on the To: text box and enter VBRUN300.SAV. Hit OK. The file VBRUN300.DLL has been renamed to VBRUN300.SAV. Run the program install again.

How to Rename VBRUN300.DLL in DOS:

From the DOS command line the VBRUN300.DLL file can be renamed by using the following commands:

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cd \window\system <enter>  
ren vbrun300.dll vbrun300.sav <enter>
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On startup the program fails and reports an out of date THREED.VBX or another file with the extension of .VBX:

Sometimes earlier software installations placed old versions of VBX controls in the windows directory. All copies of VBX controls should be in the windows\system directory and not in the windows directory. Since older controls were often installed in the windows directory they are loaded before any newer controls of the same name installed in the windows\system directory

If you get this error delete or rename the specified file so that the correct version can be loaded

from the windows\system directory.

Pictures appear, but the quality seems poor:

The images in Explore America! are of photographic quality, and require a video driver that uses at least 256 colors. If you click on Windows Setup (usually in the Main program group) and the first line (Display) says "VGA", you are probably using only 16 colors. Please consult your video display card's manual for instructions regarding installing a display driver for Windows which supplies more colors.

Another problem regarding video display sometimes occurs when specifying the large font option available with some drivers. This option, which is essentially a modification of the small fonts option, does not always follow perfectly the conventions used in the Windows environment and can be problematic. If you experience video difficulties and are using this option, try switching to small fonts.

General failure to read the disc (I/O errors):

CD-ROM discs are optical media, and are susceptible to dust and debris on the data side of the disc. If you encounter this type of error, try cleaning the disc. Do not use any solvents which are not specifically intended for use on compact discs. Often, simply rubbing the disc with a clean, non-abrasive cloth is sufficient.

Another situation which can cause this type of failure is an attempt to access the disc while it is initializing in the drive. When you insert a disc into your CD-ROM drive, you may notice that the light on the front of the drive comes on for a few seconds. This indicates that the drive is initializing the disc. An attempt to access the disc during this initialization can cause an I/O error. While this will not damage the disc or the drive, it can make the Windows environment (regarding the CD-ROM drive) unstable. If this happens, exit and restart Windows. Always try to wait until the drive is done initializing before attempting I/O operations.