Roland World of Music
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Please read this file before running Roland World of Music. You will information regarding:

* Extra information in your local language
* Sound and music file formats
* Trouble shooting

EXTRA INFORMATION IN YOUR LOCAL LANGUAGE
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In the directory COUNTRY you will find several sub directories, like

COUNTRY\GB Great Britain
COUNTRY\DK Denmark
COUNTRY\N   Norway
COUNTRY\E   Spain

These directory will contain a README.TXT file, which may include extra information for your specific area. We recommend you to read it now.

SOUND AND MUSIC FILE FORMATS
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We have included a lot of music on this CD-ROM. We have created everything in MIDI, but we had to convert (record) it in Wave format so you will be able to listen to it, even if you don't have a professional sounding MIDI card (like a Roland).

Unfortunately Wave recordings takes up an awful lot of the space even on a CD-ROM - one minute of MIDI takes up about 25,000 bytes, while the same song recorded as full quality wave eats up about 10,000,000 of your hard disk space.

We could not even use the full Wave recording quality (44 kHz, 16 bit stereo) but had to set for 22 kHz (16 bit stereo). Full quality files are so big, that a single speed CD-ROM drive will have trouble reading the data as fast as it should (in order not to have ôholesö in the music). So we had to compromise on the quality and record everything in 22 kHz stereo (most narration is recorded in 44 kHz, 16 bit mono).

We are very sorry for this loss in sound quality. Please understand, that even if most of the music are recordings of a real Roland Sound Canvas MIDI module, these low resolution recordings does not reflect the true, wonderful sound quality of these modules.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE AUDIO HI-FI RECORDINGS ON THIS CD-ROM AS WELL.

Play these tracks on your home Hi-fi CD player - and you will understand the difference!

The MIDI files corresponding to the Hi-fi Audio tracks can be found in the directory AUDIO-EX. Listen to these files on your present MIDI card or module and compare them to the Hi-fi recordings of a Roland Sound Canvas.

MIDI SOUND QUALITY
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In the music section of this CD-ROM you will find many interesting music (MIDI) softwares. These

softwares requires an installed MIDI module (or MIDI sound card). Please observe, that the sound quality you will get depends on the card you have installed. If you have a Roland Sound Canvas sound card installed, you will have full, professional quality.

If you don't have such a card installed, listen to the MIDI songs on your own sound card. An then listen to the Hifi CD tracks on this CD-ROM to compare. This is what you will get when you upgrade to Roland.

SET-UP
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The Setup routine will do the following:

A) Install DLL's in your system directory - if not already installed
  The DLL's is used by the Visual Basic Glossary, and will take up 1.43 Mb.

B) Provide your Program Manager with icons for direct access to
  Roland World of Music, DoReMiX AutoDemo, and this README file.

SYSTEM TROUBLE SHOOTING
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We have worked hard to make this CD-ROM play back without problems on your system. However, you may encounter problems if you have a

* 256 colour graphics adapter
* Slow, single speed CD-ROM (you will have to wait a lot....)
* 4 Mb RAM or a slow computer (wait, wait....)

We are sorry for this, but we hope you will enjoy the CD-ROM anyway.

Colour problems

In the Product Guide, you may encounter some unpleasant colour changes, when you go from one product to another. This is caused by an internal palette shift - implemented to provide you with the highest possible photo quality.

You can eliminate the problem by setting your graphics card to display 16 bit colours (65.000).

Sound problems

If you are encountering problems with the playback of sounds, you are probably using a single-speed CD-ROM drive, or you are running low on RAM (we recommend 8 Mb of RAM as a minimum).

If you are runing low on memory, close all applications, then re-run the Roland World of Music.

Otherwise, try running Roland World of Music from a double-speed drive.

Roland SMF Player Demo

The Roland SMF Player Demo is a DOS program. Nevertheless you should be able to run it from the Roland World of Music.
If the program refuses to start, exit Windows and install a DOS mouse driver - this will solve the problem.

Have fun!