

# HOME CONTROL 99

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Home Control 99 : Review  
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Home Control 99 by Eagle Software is a disk based 20K program used to interface the TI to the X-10 POWERHOUSE.

The X-10 POWERHOUSE system and Corcomp's Home Sentry Interface Cartridge were reviewed in Micropendium (Dec 86) and by OH-MI/TI (Jan 87). The cartridge software as described in these articles requires only the TI console, TV and special cable but does not provide any additional features (files) when used with an expanded system (Disk, Ext. Basic, Mem Exp, and RS232).

Home Control 99 uses text exclusively to an advantage emulating the capability of X-10's software for the IBM. The user types any amount of locations and device descriptions up to the controller limitation of 256 devices. The cartridge allows 14 choices of locations and 9 choices of device types for a total of 126.

Using the software the controller is programmed for up to 128 timer events. Each timer event consists of an on, off or dim command for up to 16 devices within a single housecode (the module allows only one device per timer event).

The best feature of this program is the ability to save collections of timer events to disk as a file. This allows one to have a file for vacation, summer, winter etc.. These files may be edited, printed and downloaded to the controller.

The X-10 POWERHOUSE controller including cable may be purchased for \$19.90 + Shipping and Handling from  
DAK INDUSTRIES INC  
8200 REMMET AVE.  
CANDOGA PARK, CA 91304  
1-800-DAK-0800

The Apple Version (order no. 4379) has the correct gender connector for the TI RS232. All you have to do with this cable is to swap the wires on pins 2 and 3 on the computer end of the cable.

You can also purchase the IBM Version (order no. 4410) however you will have to change the computer end of their cable to a male connector. (Radio Shack no. 276-1547 \$2.99). DAK does not show the POWERHOUSE in their latest catalog, but it is available by calling 1-800-325-0800.

Home Control 99 is provided on a SSSD disk with documentation on hardcopy.

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The X-10 POWERHOUSE is a energy management system that allows one to control anything in the house which runs on electricity. It does this by sending signals over the normal existing house wiring to remote modules into which lamps etc. are plugged.

This is a disk based program for use with the X-10 POWERHOUSE. This program will allow the user to:

- 1-LOAD AND SAVE files to disk.
- 2-PRINT all timer events to printer.
- 3-GROUP more than one device together in the same event.
- 4-DELETE one timer event at a time.
- 5-ERASE all timer events associated with a specific location.
- 6-INSTALL up to 256 different devices.
- 7-Turn any device on right NOW.
- 8-REVIEW all timer events for a specific device at once.
- 9-DIM lights.
- 10-Choose SPECIFIC DAYS for an event to happen.

Price: \$11.00

This software runs out of X-BASIC and requires 32K Memory, RS232/2, 1 Disk Drive, and Cable. Printer is optional.

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