

CD-ROM Sampler, Spring 1994

A Taste of Erotica

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Welcome to The CD-ROM Sampler! Please glance over these paragraphs, and if you have any questions call us!

INSTALLATION:

The CD-ROM Sampler requires Apple's QuickTime for Windows, which is included on the disc.

To install the Sampler, run the **INSTALL.EXE** program in the root directory of the CD-ROM. The installation is completely noninvasive and consists only of creating a program group and icons in the Program Manager which point to the CD-ROM drive applications.

The Quicktime MOVIE PLAYER is left in your New Machine program group. Use this to view any *.mov files on the CD-ROM individually.

OPERATION:

First "turn on" the set by clicking on the top center button. Use the left and right arrow buttons on the bottom of the interface to scroll through the available titles. When you find one you like, hit the PLAY button on the bottom right for a demonstration. The red bead on the right side of the screen slides vertically to control the volume. To exit the program, hit the power button again on the top center of the set, or hit the ESCape key at any time.

Please note that all of these demonstrations packed into such a small space are running with abbreviated performance. You will find that the actual products, developed with tools more appropriate and specific to their requirements, are faster and more responsive than the sketches that have been assembled here.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

To use the Sampler you should have a 386-25DX or better CPU with 8-bit (256 color) graphics, a sound card, Microsoft Windows 3.1 and DOS 5.0, and a mouse. Your PC should have at least 4MB of RAM, and a CD-ROM drive.

Be sure Windows is using a display driver that will provide 256 colors. This product is not designed for 16-color displays (eg., the standard Windows VGA driver). If your colors look bad, run Windows Setup to install the display driver provided by your

video card manufacturer that supports 256 colors (any resolution).

Certain high-resolution video cards may require updated driver software for correct operation of QuickTime for Windows. Please contact your video board manufacturer to see if newer driver software is available.

Operation will be a little faster, the window will be physically largest, and best results are expected, if you use 640x480 resolution rather than anything higher. If you operate in 1024x768 resolution, you may find that the "small fonts" driver works better than the "large fonts" driver (or, less frequently, vice versa, depending who wrote the drivers).

If you have problems reading any of your CD-ROMs check the CD-ROM for any scratches or finger prints. Use a soft cloth to wipe from the center to the edge. CD-ROMs are more vulnerable to damage than audio CDs, so always place them in the jewel box or CD caddies whenever possible.

Video play is improved by caching from the CD-ROM drive. The DOS 6.2 version of SmartDrive includes a CD cache which works well. To use it, start smartdrv.exe from your autoexec.bat and include the following line in your config.sys file:
device=c:\dos\smartdrv.exe /double_buffer
See your DOS manual for more details.

Should you have a problem with a Sony CD-ROM drive (such as the CDU-31A which ships with many Gateway multimedia systems) which uses the SLCD.SYS driver, you should get an update of this driver if you have any version prior to 1.71A.

If memory managers such as QEMM or 386 MAX are used and the program does not work, sometimes the creation of a system boot disk which loads only the necessary devices, all loaded low, will fix the problem.

If you have a Packard Bell System with a Headland Technology Video Card, your system's video may look displaced or elongated. This is because the Headland Technology drivers are incompatible with QuickTime. One of two things can be done:

- 1) Call Microsoft and get the Microsoft 640x480 256 color driver and hope you have the 1MB video card on your system. If you have the 512k card then this option will not help you.
- 2) Get a new video card. The Headland Technology card, while compatible with some video, is not compatible with all. Cards proven compatible such as the Trident, Diamond or Cirrus video cards are rather affordable, and provide compatible drivers on included diskettes.

Technical support is available from 9:am to 5:pm PST at (310) 998-9147.

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