

README DOCUMENT FOR PC GAMER CD-ROM VERSION

Minimum Configuration

For reasonable performance when running the PC Gamer CD-ROM, we recommend your computer be at least a 486/33 with a minimum of 4 megabytes of RAM and an additional 4 megabyte swap file.

You need at least 4 megabytes of hard disk space to install the PC Gamer CD-ROM.

Running the PC Gamer CD-ROM Under Windows 3.1

When running the PC Gamer CD-ROM under Windows 3.1, you must have SHARE.EXE installed. To install SHARE.EXE, type "share" at the DOS prompt before you start Windows 3.1, or add it to your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. This is not necessary for Windows for Workgroups, Windows 95 or Windows NT.

Tips for Running Demos

Free up memory. If a demo won't install or run, try freeing up some memory. Make sure that other applications or games aren't running. If you're running Windows 3.1, you may want to increase the amount of virtual memory that is available. Also, make sure that you have as much conventional memory available as possible. It's a good idea to run memmaker to free up memory if you haven't already done so.

Select default options for demos whenever possible. We tried to anticipate as broad a range of installation options for demos as possible. However, we cannot guarantee that we've covered all cases. Therefore, we recommend that you choose the defaults provided whenever possible.

Don't install other products while running demos. You should not install other products at the same time you are running a demo on the PC Gamer CD-ROM. PC Gamer keeps track of system files modified by the demo installation in order to uninstall properly. If you install another application while using the PC Gamer jukebox, demos may not uninstall correctly.

Tips for Optimal Visual Display

If graphics corrupted, check your video driver. If graphics on the PC Gamer CD-ROM appear corrupted, or you experience general protection faults in your video driver (extension .DRV), there is probably a bug in your video driver. Contact your video display manufacturer to obtain an update to the driver.

If text distorted, decrease monitor resolution. Text on the PC Gamer CD-ROM may appear distorted if your computer monitor resolution is set to 1024x768 or higher. For best results, we recommend you set the monitor resolution to 640x480 or 800x600.

If opening video flickers, change video card refresh rate. If the opening video flickers when you start up the PC Gamer CD-ROM, you can correct it by increasing or decreasing the refresh rate of your computer's video card. When video is displayed, the memory on the video card is accessed by the video card as well as your computer's main processor. At certain refresh rates on slower video cards, these two may interfere with each other. This causes the video to flicker or snow to appear. To eliminate the flicker or snow, increase or decrease the refresh rate. The appropriate refresh rate depends on your system configuration.