PrintMaster Gold™
for Windows

Version 2.1

User's Guide

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for IBM Personal Computers

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Introduction

Welcome to the exciting world of personal publishing!

The PrintMaster Gold makes it easy to produce printing projects you'll be proud of! Simply choose from PrintMaster Gold's album of beautiful, ready-to-print designs, make any changes you want, and you're ready to print. It's really that easy!

And if that doesn't sound easy enough, you can let PrintMaster Gold's exclusive Audio Guide literally "talk you through" the selection, personalization and printing process with friendly instructions for every menu and command. Personal publishing has never been more fun!

Besides being exceptionally easy and fun to use, PrintMaster Gold's advanced rendering technology and extensive color support always delivers the *finest output possible* from your printer.

PrintMaster Gold — Features

NEW! Photo Album Makes Selection Easy. Choose from hundreds of ready-made projects ideal for both home and business—greeting cards, banners, signs, calendars, certificates, stationery, business cards, labels, and many more! Plus, any design can be quickly personalized with your choice of text and graphics—even your own scanned photos.

Exclusive Audio Guide Provides Friendly Assistance. Only PrintMaster Gold includes the amazing *Audio Guide* that literally "talks you through" your projects with helpful verbal instructions for each menu and command. The level of verbal assistance is automatically reduced with use and is easily set to any level or preference. Your computer has never been so helpful.

Advanced Rendering Technology Provides Optimized Output. PrintMaster Gold provides full 24-bit rendering that supports over 16 million colors or shades of gray in the highest resolution possible

on your printer. Whether you own a black & white or color printer, you'll always get fabulous printouts that are guaranteed to get noticed!

Gorgeous Graphics. Spice up any project with your choice of hundreds of gorgeous graphics. And since PrintMaster Gold works with all popular graphic formats, you can use clip art images from any source—even your own scanned images!

Fabulous Fonts. Communicate clearly and effectively with the most complete library of professional-quality TrueType fonts ever offered! Every font can be stretched and scaled to any size you want—from a miniature greeting card to a gigantic garage door poster. You can also add your choice of special effects to any font selection for unlimited variety!

Using this Manual

The *PrintMaster Gold User's Guide* is your personal guide to the PrintMaster Gold program. In here you'll find lots of helpful information including:
- Step-by-step instructions for installing and using PrintMaster Gold.
- Simple tutorials and sample projects make it easy for you to learn by example.
- Complete reference information for every PrintMaster Gold menu and command.
- Sample printouts of all the graphics and fonts included in PrintMaster Gold.
- Troubleshooting information just in case something goes wrong.

Quick Start

Follow the simple installation instructions in the next chapter and then read the section entitled *Using PrintMaster Gold* which describes basic key and mouse commands and provides an easy sample project to get you off to a fast start. After reading this section you'll be ready to start producing your own great-looking Signs, Posters, Banners, Greeting Cards, and more in no time!

Reference

The remainder of the manual includes complete a reference section that describes all PrintMaster Gold commands and menus. Check out the reference sections when you want to explore more of PrintMaster Gold's capabilities.

Additional Help

You can get additional information using the online help system—just press the ¡ key while PrintMaster Gold is running. The PrintMaster *Audio Guide* will provide you with helpful instructions and prompts as you use the program. To repeat the last instruction, simply click on the "Play" button at the bottom of the current menu or dialog box.

Installing PrintMaster Gold

Installing the PrintMaster Gold CD into Windows is quick and easy! Follow the steps listed below and in a few moments you'll have PrintMaster running smoothly in Windows.

Before installing, check the system requirements listed below to make sure your computer is able to work with the PrintMaster Gold.

System Requirements

The PrintMaster Gold CD performs on any computer with the following features:
- IBM PC with a 386, 486, or Pentium processor or 100% compatible computer
- Windows 95, 3.1 (running in *386 Enhanced Mode*), or Windows for Workgroups
- 4Mb or more of RAM (*8Mb recommended*)
- 8Mb or more of free hard disk space
- Double-speed or better CD-ROM drive

- Microsoft mouse or 100% compatible
- Sound Blaster or 100% compatible sound card (*recommended*)

Font Support: PrintMaster Gold includes a complete library of high quality TrueType fonts and will work with any other TrueType fonts that are installed in Windows.

Graphics Support: PrintMaster Gold provides a large selection of spectacular full color .CGM images and works with all other popular graphic formats: .PCX, .TIF, .GIF, .WMF, .BMP, and Kodak Photo CD.

Printer Support: PrintMaster Gold provides the highest resolution output possible on all black & white or color printers supported by Windows.

Starting in Windows 3.1 *or* Windows for Workgroups

Follow the step-by-step instructions listed below to install PrintMaster Gold onto your hard disk.

1. At a DOS prompt (**C:\>**), type **WIN** and press **[ENTER]** to start Windows.

2. Open the Program Manager's **File** menu and select the **Run...** item.

3. Specify the drive where the CD is located and type **PMWDEMO\INSTALL** (Example: **D:PMWDEMO\INSTALL**) for the Command Line and press **[ENTER]** or click **OK** to proceed.

4. To continue, proceed to the section entitled: *PrintMaster Installation*.

Starting in Windows 95

Follow the step-by-step instructions listed below to install PrintMaster Gold onto your hard disk.

1. Insert the PrintMaster CD into your CD-ROM drive, click on the **Start** button and select **Run** from the menu. In the run dialog, Specify the drive where the CD is located and type **PMWDEMO\ INSTALL** (Example: **D:INSTALL**) for the Command Line and press **[ENTER]** or click **OK** to proceed.

   Alternatively, you can use **Explorer** to view the CD contents, open the **PMWDEMO** directory and then double-click on **INSTALL.EXE**

2. To continue, proceed to the section entitled: *PrintMaster Installation*.

PrintMaster Installation

1. Click the **Start Installation** button or press **[ENTER]** to continue the installation.

The PrintMaster Gold *Audio Guide* will help you every step of the way with plain language instructions and answers to all your questions. As you get more familiar with the program, PrintMaster will gradually let you work on your own.

2. Click **Continue** or press **[ENTER]** to proceed.

The PrintMaster Gold Installation screen appears with the default drive and directory which you may change or accept as shown.

3. Click **Continue** or press **[ENTER]** to install PrintMaster Gold into the default directory, **C:\PMW**.

or Click the **Custom** button to install PrintMaster Gold into the drive and directory of your choice (See the section entitled, *PrintMaster Gold Installation Options* for more information).

Congratulations!

PrintMaster Gold has now been installed. To start-up PrintMaster, click the **Start PrintMaster Gold** button.

Or, to return to Program Manager click the **Exit Installation** button.

Free Fonts & Graphics!

Remember to register your PrintMaster Gold to receive a dazzling collection of designer fonts and color graphics — *FREE!*

PrintMaster Gold Installation Options

PrintMaster Gold allows you to customize your installation to fit your systems needs. After any necessary changes click **Continue** to proceed with the installation.

PrintMaster Directory

This section displays the current destination drive and directory for installing PrintMaster Gold. To change the destination for the installation click the **Set Installation Directory** button and type in a new drive and directory. Press **[ENTER]** or click **OK** to return to the main screen.

PrintMaster Workspace

Use this option to change the PrintMaster Gold Workspace. A larger workspace allows PrintMaster to access fonts and graphics quickly. A smaller work space leaves disk space free for other applications. Use your mouse to adjust this value.

Disk Space Requirements

This section provides information concerning PrintMaster Gold disk space requirements and how much free disk space is available on the selected destination drive.

Starting PrintMaster Gold

After copying the PrintMaster Gold program onto your hard disk, the installation will automatically start PrintMaster Gold. However, the next time you want to start PrintMaster Gold you will need to do the following:

1. At a DOS prompt (**C:\>**), type **WIN** and press **[ENTER]** to start Windows.

2. Open the PrintMaster Gold group and double-click the PrintMaster Gold icon.

IMPORTANT: In order to start PrintMaster Gold, the CD must be inserted into the CD-ROM drive. However, once the program is up and running you may remove the CD from the drive in order to access graphics from other CD's.

3. Press **[ENTER]** or click **OK** to proceed past the title screen.

Register for Bonus Fonts & Graphics

Registering your PrintMaster Gold now enables us to provide you with the following:

3 Great Reasons to Register
Customer Service—Free! *Access to unlimited customer service.*
New Product Information—Free! *Advanced notice of new products and upgrades.*
Fonts & Graphics—Free! *More exceptional quality fonts and graphics.*

Installing Bonus Fonts & Graphics

The PrintMaster Gold CD includes free designer fonts and color graphics that are easily installed by entering the Registration Code as follows.

1. Double-click the *PrintMaster Gold* icon to start the program.

IMPORTANT: In order to start PrintMaster Gold, the CD must be inserted into the CD-ROM drive.

2. Click the **Free Fonts and Graphics** button.

3. Type in your *Registration Code* and press **[ENTER]** or click **OK** to continue.

   Once the installation has been completed, you can then begin using your new fonts and graphics in PrintMaster Gold!

Customer Service

Should you experience any technical problems with this software, such as it failing to   operate, please contact our Technical Services Department.

Customer service often requires you to "step through the solution" on your computer, so please be at your system with the computer on-line and ready *before* calling customer service.

Requests for customer service may also be submitted via fax or mail. To enable our customer service personnel to provide a prompt and accurate response to your request, please include a complete and detailed description of the problem with *step-by-step* instructions of how to reproduce it. Printed samples often help to illustrate some problems, and it best to provide both positive and negative examples of what your are trying to achieve.

Include the following important information with your service request:
• **Product name: PrintMaster Gold CD**
• **Version number:** Located on the title screen of this application upon start-up.
• **DOS version:** To determine your version of DOS type **VER** at any DOS prompt.
• The contents of your **AUTOEXEC.BAT** and **CONFIG.SYS** files located in the root directory.
• The contents of your **WIN.INI** and **SYSTEM.INI** files located in the **\WINDOWS** directory.
• **Printer Model**

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