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The Samsona Ultimate Audio CD System
Users Guide

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Introduction

Welcome to the Samsona Ultimate Audio CD System, the most powerful software package that brings your music and audio CDs to life. The Samsona Ultimate Audio CD System (SUA-CD hereafter) is much more than a CD-playing software. Its a whole new way to explore all of the possibilities of your CDs.

In addition to basic CD player features, you can schedule when to play a CD, continuously loop through the songs, program your to play your favorite songs, and more. In the registered version, you can even keep track of your CD collection, password-protect certain songs that younger audiences shouldnt listen to, and note what memories a song triggers. And radio DJs can please record companies by synchronizing which songs to play on the air with the records companies suggested release date for a given song.

Samsona offers a rich, visually-appealing user interface that resembles home CD systems--at a fraction of the cost and with dynamic features that you the user wants. Whats more, Samsona offers helpful user documentation, product update/upgrade information and generous technical support to registered users, discounts on upgrades, and, when possible, input on future features. The SUA-CD system is so powerful yet easy to use and affordable--which is why you do not have to pay more for a CD player that takes up space or settle for generic audio CD software that cannot deliver the quality features discriminating CD collectors demand. Again, thank you for becoming a satisfied Samsona customer.

Before Running Setup

The SUA-CD system needs certain features in your computer to help make your CD listening enjoyable and fun. The following hardware specifications should be present:

- ·An IBM-compatible machine with a processor of 486 or better
- A hard disk with a minimum 1.2 Meg of space available
- A CD ROM drive capable of playing audio CDs and is Sony-compatible (recommended)
- 8 Meg of memory (16 Meg recommended. 4 Megs will work, but the sculpted buttons will be somewhat slow)
- A 3.5 floppy disk
- VGA Monitor (Super VGA recommended, but VGA looks great, too)
- Windows 3.1 or better (preferably in enhanced mode), and DOS 6.0 or better (SUA-CD not tested on Windows 3.0 or DOS version under 6.0)
- ·A mouse

Most importantly, make sure to have a CD in the CD ROM drive! Otherwise, an error will occur: Unable to Open Device.

Software Registration

SUA-CD and SDA-CD are commercial packages, though we do offer an unregistered version which you may have downloaded from a major online service or BBS. On Compuserve, GO SWREG. The ID is **9579**. You may register the software with that online service, or send a check or money order in the amount of $12.95 (plus $4.00 for shipping and handling in the U.S. ($4.50 for Canada/Mex, $5.00 elsewhere) for diskettes mailed to you and any applicable sales taxes) to:

The Samsona Software Company
Software Registration Division
P.O. Box 810044
Dallas, Texas 75381-0044

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The README.TXT File

The README.TXT file contains up-to-the-minutes updates and revisions that you should read before proceeding any further.

To Run Setup

There are two options, depending on how you received your copy of SUA-CD:

1)   If you downloaded the self-extracting file itself, copy or move that file (MUSICCD.EXE) to any subdirectory you create and click on the file in File Manager. Do not run it from the root C:\ or A:\, or whatever youve labeled your drives.

2)   If you have a disk copy, simply type A:\SETUP in Program Manager and follow the instructions.

Installation Notes

If, when you run SUA-CD or SDA-CD, you get an error message, Unable to Play CD Device, please make sure the MCI CD Audio Driver has been added to your list of drivers in Control Panel of the Program Manager (see the next paragraph). Also, make sure you CD Rom drive is properly installed and working.

To add the MCI CD Audio Driver, do the following:

1) Click the Main Program Group in Program Manager
2) Click Control Panel
3) Click Drivers
4) Click Add
5) Click [MCI] CD Audio
6) If prompted for a Windows diskette, insert it in the appropriate floppy drive now. Windows will handle the rest.

Technical and User Support

The SUA-CD and SDA-CD systems have been tested for the utmost quality assurance and customer satisfaction in mind. If you should encounter any difficulties with the software package, please feel free to send me a note at:

Compuserve: 74462,32

Internet: 74462.32@compuserve.com

Postal: P.O. Box 810044, AttnL: Cust. Service, Dallas, Texas, 75381-0044

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Getting Started

We are happy to have you as a customer, and hope you enjoy your new audio CD system. Before running the application, make sure to have an audio music CD in your CD-ROM drive. Non-music Digital and multimedia CDs are not compatible with Samsona audio CD software products, though no errors will occur. Also, you will need VBRUN300.DLL, which can be found on many forums in Compuserve and throughout the Internet.

Features of Your SDA-CD System

The SDA-CD product line includes the following features commonly found on music CD players:

- ·Play
- Pause
- Restart
- Stop/Eject
- A timer to play a selected song at a scheduled time
- ·21 one-touch, available song/track buttons--no more awkward list boxes to wade through!!
- ·7 programmable tracks
- ·A state-of-the-art, floating 3D remote control for use while working on other applications. The remote control gives you the power of the full system with far less screen real estate!
- ·LED-style status display windows
- Sculpted, 3-D look and feel
- ·A slick CD power off button

New Products

The SUA-CD System

In addition to the features of SDA-CD, the next product level, theSUA-CD system, will include the following features:

- ·A continuous loop button to continuously play the CD without interruption. Yuo can also continuously play your favorite song
- ·Radio DJ programming capabilities
- Parents song rating function with password protection for adult songs
- Can program up to 21 tracks
- Personal notes and memoirs on each song stored in your database
- ·Ability to bleep out profanity and rate each song based on content, similar to movie rating. In addition, you can password protect certain adult songs to keep younger ears from listening
- ·No registration reminders

Scheduled Release Date: Summer 1996

Holders of Power

This is the ultimate game of money, power, world politics, intrigue, and crime. No other business game packs more fun, excitement, and, if desired, complexity into a very graphical business simulation. Take charge of your own business and financial empire by eliminating the competition one way or the other, and making lots of money any way you can. But be careful, for every act you commit can have a reaction that can have repurcussions throughout the nation, and even the world!

We will offer Holders of Power in two editions: Domestic and International. The Domestic edition taxes your business acumen at the United States level, where you interact with your corporate officers to keep them in line, where news media hounds tap you for news, and even blackmail you at times, and where political lobbying can have benefits, or disasters. You will concern yourself with the IRS, the Federal Reserve, and other government agencies depending on what side of the law you are on. The way you make your money can make or break you.

The International edition will encompass all of the features of the Domestic edition, but on a worldwide basis. You will deal with the United Nations, Interpol, and the military establishments of nations. You will set up secret, numbered accounts and activate major currency movements that could possibly destablize entire nations and wreak havoc on your asset holdings around the globe. The world economy, and every appendage attached to it, could hinge on your decisions and reactions to news events.

Scheduled Release: Late Summer 1996.

Playing Your Samsona CD System

The SUA-CD automatically starts playing your CD as soon as you start the application. The Play button (green right arrow) is the farthest to the left and has a green arrow. Click this button to play your CD.

The Pause button (two black bars) allows you to pause the CD at a specific position within a song track. Click Play to resume.

The Restart button (left black arrow with bar) plays the current song at the beginning, regardless of the current position. Thus, if you are in the middle of a song and click this button, the song will start over from the beginning.

The Continuous Loop button (black circle) continuously loops through the entire CD, from the first song to the last one. Not available in unregistered versions.

The Stop button (red square) stops playing the CD and ejects the CD from the caddy. When you insert any CD, SUA-CD instantly starts playing it.

The Track Buttons

There are 21 track buttons clustered under the Select Track Number label. In unregistered versions, only seven of these tracks are available at any one time. Once the seventh track has been played, SUA-CD will thank you for using the system and power itself off. In Registered versions, all 21 tracks are available.

The LED Output Display Window

At the top of the SUA-CD graphical interface, just below the Samsona logo and name, is the display window. It gives you a status of the current environment, telling you the title of the CD if known, the total number of tracks, the time length of the current song (track), and the amount of time that has elapsed since playing the song.

The Current Track Number Display

As an added visual cue, SUA-CD comes equipped with an output display labeled, Current Track Number. This also lets you know that SUA-CD is working properly as the number displayed here should always match the currently depressed track button.

Setting A Time for CD/Favorite Song to Play

In deluxe registered versions only, you have the convenience of specifying when a CD should play and at what track number. This is nice when you are planning parties and need definitely start the CD at a particular time, regardless of where you might be in your house or wherever. For instance, if you know your early guests will arrive at 9 p.m., and

you need to fix party food and drinks at 8:55 p.m., simply set SUA-CD to play at 9 p.m., leaving your hands free to prepare the food and drinks.

To use this feature in registered versions, click the H button to increment the hours, and click the M button to increment the minutes. If you need to do other things in other applications, you can explicitly tell SUA-CD to minimize itself by clicking the Minimize on Setting button, or you can simply clicking the window minimize button in the top right corner of the window (Windows 3.1). If you are using Windows 95, SUA-CD will minimize itself when you click this button.

CD Power Off

Click this button when you are finished using SUA-CD.

The Remote Control

Both Samsona CD products now offer a convenient, powerful remote control that is available anywhere while Windows is running. The remote control contains most of the essential features of the main system, and always remains on top of any application in which you are working. However, if at any time you do not want the full remote control to display, simply click the Samsona button at the bottom of the control. The form will then shrink to display only the forms caption (Remote), the LED-style display window, and the Samsona button. If you still feel you do not want the control to display at all, click the right mouse button and select Minimize.

The remote control contains 21 song track buttons. Click any track you would like to hear. The button with the green arrow is the Play button. The button next to it is the Pause button (two square bars). The button below the Play button is the Restart button (one arrow, one square). The button below the Pause button is the Continuous/Loop button. Finally, the larger button with the red square is the Stop/Eject button.

To power off the application from the remote control, simply click the right mouse button and select Power CD Off.

Tip: To exit either of the Samsona CD systems from the remote control without clicking the right mouse button, double-click the Samsona button at the bottom.

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