

Welcome to the Help Program for the Microsoft **KIDS'** Catalog

Tip ➡

How to Use this Help Program

The Microsoft Kids' Catalog is a multimedia shopping catalog designed to give you quick access to a variety of information about the latest Kids' products available from Microsoft. With this catalog, you can learn all about Microsoft products by reading product overviews, features and system requirements, or by viewing demos, right on your home computer, according to your own interests and at your own pace.

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The topics in this Help Program can provide easy solutions to some commonly asked questions.

To display a Help topic:



WITH THE MOUSE

- ▶ Move the mouse pointer to the underlined Help topic,
- ▶ Click the left mouse button.



ON THE KEYBOARD

- ▶ Press TAB until you highlight the underlined Help topic
- ▶ Press ENTER.

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Accessing the Other Product Catalogs

You can also learn about different types of Microsoft products by viewing the other three Product Catalogs featured on this CD, where you'll have the chance to read product overviews and features and/or view demos about products in other categories, according to your own interests and at your own pace.

To access the Product Catalogs

1. Exit Microsoft Kids' Catalog.
2. You will be returned to the Main screen where you can choose any of the other catalogs in "Games Arena", "Productivity Central" or "Hall of Knowledge and Culture".
3. Select the world of your choice.
4. Click the Catalog button.

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Getting Around in the Microsoft Kids' Catalog

There are four buttons in the main menu of the Kids' Catalog: Introduction, Products, Help, and Exit. By clicking on these buttons with the left mouse key, you can navigate through the Kids' Catalog. When a category is selected it will be highlighted.

Choose a product to view from any of the categories by clicking on the product icon. You can then read information from any of the buttons, or view a demo by clicking **View Demo**. There will be a brief pause while the demo loads into memory. You can exit a demo and return to the Catalog at any time by pressing the ESC key on your keyboard.

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Product Information - The Three Buttons

Each product description contains three buttons which provide information specific to that product.

► **Overview**

Overview provides a general description of the product. For many of the products you can view a demo by clicking **View Demo**. There will be a brief pause while the demo is loading into memory. You may exit a demo before it completes by pressing the ESC key on your keyboard. For some products you can click on the **Install (*item*)** button to set up a trial version of the product on your local computer or copy a Shortcut to your desktop.

► **Features**

These highlights give examples of special characteristics and point out the especially cool features of the chosen product.

► **Try These!**

Try These! suggests other Microsoft products similar to the one you're viewing, or products which complement that product.

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Products Categories

To pick a product from the one of the categories, you just need to click on the category name. There are many product categories to choose from, and each category contains products which meet specific interests. And best of all - Any of these products offer hours of healthy fun and entertainment!

- ▶ **All**
All of the products featured in the Microsoft Kids' Catalog.
- ▶ **Creativity**
Products that lets your child's creative inclinations blossom.
- ▶ **Dreamworks Interactive**
Get a preview of the long awaited products from the dream team in Kids' software and you'll see what all the fuss is about!
- ▶ **Educational**
In this category you can learn about products that make learning seem like play-time!
- ▶ **Exploration**
Products for the young and the curious.
- ▶ **Magic School Bus**
Here you can see the hot new products from Scholastic as well as the one's many kids have already learned to love.
- ▶ **Hardware**
Products that make developing computer specific motor skills fun!

Related topics

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Installing and Accessing Software

Several of the products featured on the Kids' Catalog can be installed directly from the Microsoft Kids' Catalog. There are also several products which are accessible through the Microsoft Network.

The following topics provide detailed instructions for installing, accessing or playing software featured on the Kids' Catalog:

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You can use a shortcut for quicker access to your favorite programs, without having to remember where the program is located.

To manually create a shortcut to a program after it has been installed, click and hold the program icon, and then drag the icon onto your desktop and let go. This will create a desktop shortcut that you can click to start the program. You can also follow the following steps:

To create a Shortcut in Explorer using the File menu

1. Select the **File** menu on Top Menu Bar.
2. Select the **Create Shortcut** command.

Free Software

The Microsoft Kids' Catalog includes some trial software to allow you to experience some of the features our products have to offer.

The following topics provide detailed instructions for installing software featured on the Kids' Catalog:

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[Installing the 3D Movie Maker Trial Version](#)

[Installing the Creative Writer 2 Trial Version](#)

[Installing the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version](#)

[Playing the Magic School Bus Trial Versions](#)

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Installing the 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

Free on this CD is your 3D Movie Maker Trial Version. The trial version offers a taste of what the retail version of the product has to offer and lets you actually explore how the product looks and feels. Install and view this trial version by following the instructions below.

To install the 3D Movie Maker Trial Version from the Kids' Catalog

1. Select the **3D Movie Maker** product button.
2. In the Overview tab, click the **Install Software** button.

The appropriate files will automatically install onto your computer.

Note ➡

To run the 3D Movie Maker Trial Version your computer must meet the minimum [system requirements](#).

To play the 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

1. Click on the **Start** button on the taskbar.
2. Click on **Programs**.
3. Click on **Microsoft Kids**.
4. Click on **3D Movie Maker Trial Version**.
5. Follow the directions and enjoy!

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Installing the Creative Writer 2 Trial Version

Kids put your pencils and pens down, because Creative Writer 2 makes it easy to create your own original and creative masterpieces. There is a lot of cool stuff to explore. Check out the amazing drawing, painting and online publishing tools and create school or personal projects...Let your imagination go!

Free on this CD is your Creative Writer 2 Trial Version. The trial version offers a taste of what the retail version of the product has to offer and lets you actually explore how the product looks and feels. Install and view this trial version by following the instructions below.

To install the Creative Writer 2 Trial Version from the Kids' Catalog

1. Select the **Creative Writer 2** product button.
2. In the Overview tab, click the **Install Software** button.
3. Click on the Install Trial Version icon.
4. Follow the setup directions until installation is complete.

To run the Creative Writer 2 Trial Version, you must either quit or minimize the Kids catalog and/or CD Sampler.

Note

To run the Creative Writer 2 Trial Version your computer must meet the minimum [system requirements](#).

To play the demonstration version of Creative Writer

1. Click on the **Start** button on the taskbar.
2. Click on **Programs**.
3. Click on **Microsoft Kids**.
4. Click **Creative Writer 2 Trial Version**.

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Installing the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

If you're a Nickelodeon fan it's time to create and produce your own, original 3D animated "Nick Toons." Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker, from Microsoft, makes creating Nickelodeon animations easy--- Put on your "Hollywood-style Sunglasses" and prepare to put your favorite characters from "The Ren & Stimpy Show®", "Aaahh!!! Real Monsters®" and "Rocko's Modern Life®" into action.

Free on this CD is your Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version. The trial version offers a taste of what the retail version of the product has to offer and lets you actually explore how the product looks and feels. Install and view this trial version by following the instructions below.

To install the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version from the Kids' Catalog

1. Select the **Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker** product button of your choice.
2. In the Overview tab, click the **Install Software** button.
3. Click on the **Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker** Trial Version icon.
4. Follow the setup directions until installation is complete.

To play the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version, you must either quit or minimize the Kids catalog and/or CD Sampler.

Note

To run the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version your computer must meet the minimum [system requirements](#).

To play the Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

1. Click on the **Start** button on the taskbar.
2. Click on **Programs**.
3. Click on **Microsoft Kids**.
4. Click on **Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version**.

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Playing the Magic School Bus Trial Versions

Free on this CD are your Magic School Bus Trial Versions. The trial versions offer a taste of what the retail versions of the product have to offer and lets you actually explore how the products look and feel. Install and view the trial version by following the instructions below.

To Play or view the Magic School Bus Trial Versions from the Kids' Catalog

1. Select the **Magic School Bus** product button of your choice.
2. In the Overview tab, click the **View Demo** button.
3. Select the Magic School Bus product of your choice.
4. Choose to either view additional product information, or play a game or video.

Note ➡

To run the Magic School Bus Trial Versions your computer must meet the minimum [system requirements](#).

Related topics

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Locations on the World Wide Web

Many of the Microsoft Products featured on the Kids' Catalog have their own Home pages on the World Wide Web. To access these pages and multitudes of additional information about Microsoft and its products, please use the following URL:

<http://www.microsoft.com/>

Problems Viewing the Trials, Videos or Demos

Note ⇨

You can exit a trial, video or demo at any time by pressing the ESC key on the keyboard.

If you encounter other problems, exit all other applications; there may be a conflict with the Kids' Catalog, an individual demo or there might not be enough available memory.

Note ⇨

If you encounter other problems viewing the demos; you may have a hardware or video conflict; or you may need to upgrade your video driver. For more information, please contact your hardware manufacturer.

Kids' Products for the Macintosh

The following products are also available for the Macintosh:

Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia for the Macintosh

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body for the Macintosh

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Ocean for the Macintosh

Purchasing Information

For information on purchasing the products featured on this Kids' Catalog:

- Contact your local retailer, or

Note ➡

Call Microsoft's Sales and Information Center at 1-800-426-9400.

System Requirements for KIDS' Products

Detailed information about the necessary hardware and software needed to most effectively run the products featured in the Microsoft Kids' Catalog are listed in the following topics.

To view the system requirements of a product, click on the product name or press **TAB** to highlight the product name, then press **ENTER**. Use the scroll bar or press the **PAGE DOWN** key to view products not visible on your screen. To return to the Help topic you were previously reading, click **Back** on the button bar above or press **CRTL+ B** on your keyboard.

[DreamWorks Interactive Cooper McQue Breaks Through!](#)

[DreamWorks Interactive Goosebumps: Escape From Horrorland](#)

[DreamWorks Interactive Someone's in the Kitchen](#)

[Microsoft 3D Movie Maker](#)

[Microsoft 3D Movie Maker Trial Version](#)

[Microsoft Beyond the Limit: The Ultimate Climb](#)

[Microsoft Creative Writer 2](#)

[Microsoft Creative Writer 2 Trial Version](#)

[Microsoft Dogs](#)

[Microsoft EasyBall](#)

[Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia](#)

[Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia for the Macintosh](#)

[Microsoft Encarta 97 World Atlas](#)

[Microsoft Explorapedia: The World of Nature](#)

[Microsoft Oceans](#)

[Microsoft PJ's Reading Adventures](#)

[Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker](#)

[Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores in the Age of Dinosaurs](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Earth](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body for the Macintosh](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Ocean](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Ocean for the Macintosh](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Explores the Solar System](#)

[Scholastic's Magic School Bus Trial Versions](#)

Deadly Tide

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 25 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Deadly Tide Trial Version

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 11 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: PCI SVGA video with 1 MB of memory for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Joystick or other flight control recommended

DreamWorks Interactive Cooper McQue Breaks Through!

CPU: Pentium 60 or higher microprocessor
Hard Disk: 10 MB fixed disk space
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher (4x recommended)
Video: 640-480 by 256 color card and monitor
Sound: 16-bit Sound Blaster compatible board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

DreamWorks Interactive Goosebumps: Escape From Horrorland

CPU: Pentium 60 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB (16+ MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 10 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: 640x480 Super VGA monitor with 256 colors, PCI 1 MB video card
Sound: 8-bit sound card with headphones or speakers (16-bit recommended)
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

DreamWorks Interactive Someone's in the Kitchen

CPU: Pentium 60 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 20 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher (4x recommended)
Video: 640-480 by 256 color card and monitor
Sound: 16-bit Sound Blaster compatible board with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

DreamWorks Interactive The Neverhood

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor

RAM: 8 MB (16+ MB recommended)

Hard Disk: 8 MB (16 recommended)

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later

Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit sound card with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

DreamWorks The Neverhood Trial Version

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor

RAM: 8 MB (16+ MB recommended)

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later

Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit sound card with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

GEX

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor (Pentium 100 recommended)

RAM: 8 MB (16+ MB recommended)

Hard Disk: 10 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later

Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher

Video: Super VGA local bus video with 1 MB of VRAM or higher

Sound: 8-bit sound card with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Sidewinder Gamepad recommended

GEX Trial Version

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor (Pentium 100 recommended)

RAM: 8 MB (16+ MB recommended)

Hard Disk: 10 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later

Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher

Video: Super VGA local bus video with 1 MB of VRAM or higher

Sound: 8-bit sound card with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Sidewinder Gamepad recommended

Hellbender

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor

RAM: 8 MB

Hard Disk: 32 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later

Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
SideWinder 3D Pro recommended

Hellbender Trial Version

CPU: Pentium 75 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 40 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Quad-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
SideWinder 3D Pro recommended

Julia Child: Home Cooking with Master Chefs

CPU: 386SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 4 MB
Hard Disk: 6 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: Double speed CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support) or higher
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft 3D Movie Maker

CPU: 486/50 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 12 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT workstation version 3.51 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support) with local bus video
Sound: 16-bit sound card with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Microphone required to record sounds

Microsoft 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

CPU: 486/50 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 6 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support) with local bus video
Sound: 16-bit sound card with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Microphone required to record sounds

Microsoft Arcade

CPU: 386 or higher microprocessor

RAM: 2 MB
Hard Disk: 2 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: 3.5" High Density disk drive
Video: VGA (for 16-colors) or Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft Automap Streets Plus

CPU: 486DX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 3.5 MB (8 MB recommended)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later or Windows NT 4.0 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Modem: 9.6 bps (minimum); 14.4 bps or higher required for on-line components

Microsoft Automap Trip Planner

CPU: 486DX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 8 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 or later
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Modem: 9.6 bps (minimum); 14.4 bps or higher required for on-line components

The Best of Microsoft Windows Entertainment Pack

CPU: 386 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 640K plus 256K configured as extended memory
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: One 3.5 high-density disk drive and a hard disk.
Video: EGA, VGA, SVGA, 8514/A, Hercules graphics card, or compatible video graphics adapter and monitor (color monitor recommended).
Sound: Optional audio board and head phones or speakers. Audio support requires Microsoft Windows operating system version 3.1 or Microsoft Windows 3.0 with multimedia extensions.
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Beyond the Limit: Ultimate Climb

CPU: 486DX/66 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 10 MB (15 MB recommended)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 or later
Drives: Double speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Bookshelf 1996-97 Edition

CPU: 486SX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 4 MB
Hard Disk: 4.5 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft Bookshelf 1996-97 Edition for the Macintosh

CPU: Any Macintosh computer that supports a 256-color, 640x480
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 4.5 MB
Operating System: System 7.1 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher recommended
Video: (13 inch) or higher resolution monitor
Note: In place of a local CD-ROM drive, Microsoft Bookshelf may run from an AppleTalk share using a remotely mounted CD ROM or hard containing the complete Bookshelf 1996-97 CD image.

Microsoft Bookshelf Intro Edition

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor (386DX minimum)
RAM: 4 MB
Hard Disk: 2 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Video: VGA (for 16-colors) or Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Modem: 9.6 bps (minimum); 14.4 bps or higher recommended
Other: Subscription to the Microsoft Network

Microsoft CarPoint

Video: Super VGA (256-colors or more)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Devices: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device and Keyboard
Modem: 9600 bps connection to the Internet (or faster). (14.4 kbps or higher recommended)
Other: Web Browser: Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher, or Netscape Navigator 2.0 or higher

Microsoft Cinemania 97

CPU: 486SX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB for Windows 95
16 MB for Windows NT Workstation.
Hard Disk: 200 KB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT Workstation 3.51 or later

Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Windows compatible modem and online service required for online monthly update service.

Microsoft Cinemania 97 for the Macintosh

CPU: Apple Macintosh® personal computer with a Mac OS System 7 or faster processor, Power Mac® recommended.
RAM: 8 MB (11 MB available space recommended for best performance)
Hard Disk: 8 MB available space required for monthly updates
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Compatible pointing device
Input Device: Apple® compatible modem and online service required for online monthly update service.

Microsoft Close Combat

CPU: Pentium or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 20 MB
Operating System: Windows 95
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Head-to-head network or modem play requires a TCP/IP connection (9600 baud modem or higher)

Microsoft Close Combat for the Macintosh

CPU: PowerPC 601 or higher
RAM: 12 MB
Hard Disk: 20 MB
Operating System: 7.5 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Apple mouse or compatible pointing device
Other: Head-to-head network or modem play requires a TCP/IP connection (9600 baud modem or higher)

Microsoft Close Combat Trial Version

CPU: Pentium or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 30 MB
Operating System: Windows 95
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Head-to-head network or modem play requires a TCP/IP connection
(9600 baud modem or higher)

Microsoft Complete Gardening

CPU: 486/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB for Windows 95
16 MB for Windows NT Workstation.
Hard Disk: 10 MB
Operating System: Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 or higher
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers required
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft Creative Writer 2

CPU: 486/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB (16 MB optimal)
Hard Disk: 16 MB (22 MB optimal)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA for full 256-color support
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Other: Microsoft Windows-compatible modem and online service required
for e-mail and Web pages (Contact your Internet service provider for
additional details.)

Microsoft Creative Writer 2 Trial Version

CPU: 486 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB (16 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 7.7 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0
Video: Super VGA for full 256-color support
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Dogs

CPU: 386SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 0-3 MB
Hard Disk: 2.5 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later, or Windows 95
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft EasyBall

CPU: 386SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 640K (4 MB to play Pointerland)
Hard Disk: 260K (3 MB to play Pointerland)

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: One 3.5 high-density disk drive
Video: MDA, CBA, EGA, VGA, SVGA, XGA, or VESA VCI-compatible video adapter.)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Other: A 9-pin serial port that is unused by internal and external devices (9-25-pin serial adapter is available directly from Microsoft). If an unused serial port is not available, customers can order a MouseSwitch directly from Microsoft. The MouseSwitch allows both EasyBall and Microsoft Mouse or 100-percent compatible device to be connected to a single 9-pin serial port (only one device can be active at a time)

Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia

CPU: 486DX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB (for Windows NT: 12 MB)
Hard Disk: For Windows 3.1: 20 MB
For Windows 95: 15 MB
For Windows NT: 13 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1, Windows 95 or Windows NT
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA Color Monitor (640x480 resolution or higher)
For Deluxe only: Local bus video with 1 MB of VRAM or higher
Sound: Soundblaster or compatible sound card & headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: To use Encarta Yearbook, Web Links and Monthly Online Updates, you need:
- A modem (9600 bps or higher recommended)
- Access to the Internet
- 4 MB of hard-disk space, plus 1 MB per monthly download

Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia for the Macintosh

CPU: Any Macintosh® LCII (68030) or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 12 MB recommended
Operating System: 7.1 or later
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: 256-color (640X480) or higher resolution monitor
Other: To use Encarta Yearbook, Web Links and Monthly Online Updates, you need:
- A modem (9600 bps or higher recommended)
- Access to the Internet
- 4 MB of hard-disk space, plus 1 MB per monthly download

Microsoft Encarta 97 World Atlas

CPU: 486DX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB (12 MB for Windows NT)
Hard Disk: 7 MB (minimum)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: VGA 16 color support required (Super VGA for full 256-color support recommended)

Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Hayes-compatible modem required for Internet access

Microsoft Encarta Intro Edition

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor (386DX minimum)
RAM: 8 MB (6 MB minimum)
Hard Disk: 9 MB (2 MB minimum free)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Modem: 9.6 bps (minimum); 14.4 bps or higher recommended
Other: Subscription to the Microsoft Network

Note ➡

During the first installation of Encarta Intro Edition, users will experience a one-time only 5-10 minute wait while the interface software is downloaded onto the computer hard-drive (<1 MB of hard-disk space).

Microsoft Explorapedia: The World of Nature

CPU: 486SX or higher
RAM: 4 MB
Hard Disk: 8 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Expedia travel services

Video: Super VGA (256-colors or more)
Input Devices: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device and Keyboard
Modem: 9600 bps connection to the Internet (or faster). (14.4 kbps or higher recommended)
Other: Web Browser: Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher, or Netscape Navigator 2.0 or higher

Microsoft Flight Simulator 6.0

CPU: 486DX/66 MHz or higher microprocessor (Pentium recommended)
RAM: 8 MB (16 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 40 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 operating system
Drives: Double speed CD-ROM drive
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers required for audio
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended (Joystick recommended)
Other: Compatible with flight yoke

Microsoft Fury 3

CPU: 486DX/66 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: For Windows 95: 10 MB
For Windows 3.1: 14 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later, or Windows 95
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Local Bus Super VGA, 256-color display
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Joystick or other flight control recommended

Microsoft Golf 3.0

CPU: 486/33Mhz or higher microprocessor (Pentium 75 recommended)
RAM: 8 MB (16MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 5 MB
Operating System: Windows 95 Windows NT or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: 256-color Super VGA display 640 x 800 resolution(800 x 600 recommended) with 1 MB VRAM (2 MB recommended)

Sound: Sound Blaster or Compatible Sound Card (Required)
Input Device: Joystick preferred
Other: Modem or Network Card required for multiplayer feature

Microsoft Greetings Workshop

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 30 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Hayes-compatible modem recommended and required to access on-line content
Other: Windows-compatible color printer recommended

Microsoft Home Mouse

CPU: 486SX or higher
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 12 MB
Operating System: MS-DOS® operating system version 2.11 or later
To use IntelliPoint: Windows operating system version 3.1 or later
Drives: One 3.5 disk drive or 5.25 high-density disk drive
Video: MDA, CGA, EGA, VGA, SVGA, XGA, or VESA VCI-compatible video adapter
Other: 9-pin serial port

Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0

RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 13 MB (This assumes you already have an Internet provider. If you have no provider, an additional 10 - 15 MB is required to install the MSN components.)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Other: 14.4-bps or faster modem is recommended for optimum performance.

Microsoft Money 97

CPU: 386DX or higher microprocessor (486/50 recommended)
RAM: 8 MB of memory for Windows 95
12 MB of memory for Windows NT Workstation
Hard Disk: 11 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Microsoft Windows NT Workstation operating system version 3.51 or later (will not run on earlier versions of Windows)
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: VGA (Super VGA 256-Color recommended)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Modem: 2400 or higher- baud required to use Online Services and the

Microsoft MoneyZone

Microsoft Money 97 Trial Version

CPU:	386DX or higher microprocessor (486/50 recommended)
RAM:	8 MB of memory for Windows 95 12 MB of memory for Windows NT Workstation
Hard Disk:	11 MB
Operating System:	Microsoft Windows 95 or Microsoft Windows NT Workstation operating system version 3.51 or later (will not run on earlier versions of Windows)
Drives:	CD-ROM required
Video:	VGA (Super VGA 256-Color recommended)
Sound:	Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device:	Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft Mouse version 2.0

CPU:	486SX or higher microprocessor
RAM:	8 MB
Hard Disk:	12 MB
Operating System:	MS-DOS™ version 3.1 or higher (To use IntelliPoint software, you also need Windows operating system version 3.1 or later, including Windows 95, or Windows NT version 3.1 or later.)
Drives:	One 3.5" high-density (1.44) disk drive
Video:	MDA, CGA, EGA, VGA, SVGA, XGA or VESA VCI - compatible video adapter
Input Device:	A round mouse port (PS/2) or a 9-pin or 25-pin serial port (A mouse port[PS/2] 6-pin-to-9-pin serial adapter is included; coupon for a mouse port [PS/2] 6-pin-to-25-pin serial adapter is also included).

Microsoft Natural Keyboard

CPU:	286SX or higher (To use the Microsoft Natural Keyboard with Windows 95, a 486 or higher microprocessor is required.)
RAM:	4 MB
Operating System:	MS-DOS™ 2.0 or higher (To use IntelliPoint software and Windows function keys, you also need Windows operating system version 3.1 or later, including Windows 95, or Windows NT version 3.1 or later.)
Drives:	One 3.5" or one 5.25 high-density (1.44) disk drive
Video:	MDA, CGA, EGA, VGA, SVGA, XGA or VESA VCI - compatible video adapter
Port:	One PS/2™ -compatible mouse port, or one 5-pin DIN keyboard port. This keyboard is NOT compatible with a serial port.

Microsoft Network

CPU:	486DX or higher microprocessor
RAM:	8 MB
Hard Disk:	20 MB
Operating System:	Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Video:	VGA or higher-resolution graphics adapter
Input Device:	Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Other:	14.4 kbps modem (faster modems recommended)

Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker

CPU: 486/50 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 12 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT workstation version 3.51 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support) with local bus video
Sound: 16-bit sound card with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Microphone required to record sounds

Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker Trial Version

CPU: 486/50 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 6 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support) with local bus video
Sound: 16-bit sound card with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Microphone required to record sounds

Microsoft Oceans

CPU: 486 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 4 MB
Hard Disk: 0-3 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later, or Windows 95
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Picture It!

CPU: 486DX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Modem: 9600 or higher baud modem
Optional: Printers, scanners, plotters, and networks supported by Microsoft Windows (no special network version required).

Microsoft PJ's Reading Adventures

CPU: 486SX/25 or higher microprocessor (486DX/33 recommended)
RAM: 4 MB (8 MB recommended)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher

Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: 8-bit sound capability (16-bit recommended)
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Microsoft Publisher 97

CPU: 386DX or higher microprocessor (486 recommended)
RAM: 6 MB (8 MB recommended on Windows 95, 12MB recommended on Windows NT)
Hard Disk: Minimum Installation: 9.5MB
Typical Installation: 116MB for CD Deluxe;
Maximum installation for 3.5: 72MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 3.51 or later
Drives: CD-ROM drive required for CD Deluxe
One 3.5 high density disk drive for floppy version
Video: VGA or higher-resolution monitor
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Modem: 9600 or higher baud modem required for online features (28,800 baud recommended)
Other: Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or compatible World Wide Web browser required for Microsoft Clip Gallery Live and Web Site Preview.
Other: World Wide Web access required for Microsoft Clip Gallery Live (Online Service must be acquired separately, and may require a monthly fee.)

Microsoft Publisher 97 Trial Version

CPU: 386DX or higher microprocessor (486 recommended)
RAM: 8 MB recommended on Windows 95
12MB recommended on Windows NT
Hard Disk: Minimum Installation: 9.5MB (72MB Maximum)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 3.51 or later
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: VGA or higher (Super VGA 256-color recommended)
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Return of Arcade version 1.0

CPU: 486/66 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 6 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Drives: One 3.5 high density disk drive
Video: Local Bus Super VGA, 256-color display
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Other: Joystick recommended

Microsoft SideWinder 3D Pro

Other: 15 pin Gameport

Note ➡

To use the enclosed joystick driver for Windows 95 you also need:

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Hard Disk: 600 K
Drives: One 3.5 high density (1.44 MB) disk drive

Microsoft SideWinder Standard

Other: 15 pin Gameport

Microsoft SideWinder Game Pad

CPU: 486/66 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95
Drives: Double speed CD-ROM required
Video: VGA or higher, 256-color
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Sound Blaster or compatible game port

Microsoft Soccer

CPU: 486DX2 (66Mhz) or higher processor, (Pentium 75 recommended)
RAM: 8MB, (12MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 5MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: CD-ROM required
Video: Super VGA for full 256-color support (800 x 600 resolution) with 1 MB VRAM (2 MB recommended)
Sound: Sound Blaster or Compatible Sound Card required
Input Device: Gamepad preferred

Microsoft Space Simulator

CPU: 386/25 or higher microprocessor (486 or higher recommended)
RAM: 550K of conventional memory and 768K of expanded memory
Operating System: MS-DOS operating system version 5.0 or later
Drives: High density disk drive
Video: VGA (for 16-colors) or Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended
Other: Compatible with joystick

Microsoft Wine Guide

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 4 MB (8 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 3 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Works

CPU: 386DX or higher microprocessor

RAM: 6 MB (8 MB recommended)
12 MB of memory for Windows NT Workstation.
Hard Disk: 5 MB minimum to install (20 MB for complete installation)
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 operating system or Microsoft Windows NT Workstation operating system version 3.51 or later
Drives: One 3.5 high density disk drive
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device
Modem: 2400 or higher baud modem required to use Works communication tools or to access the Microsoft Network (9600 baud modem recommended).

Microsoft World of Flight

CPU: 486 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB
Hard Disk: 0-3 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later, or Windows 95
Drives: CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Monster Truck Madness

CPU: Pentium
RAM: 8 MB (12 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 35 MB minimum
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: SideWinder 3D Pro recommended
Other: Optional modem or local area network for multiplayer game play

Monster Truck Madness Trial Version

CPU: Pentium
RAM: 8 MB (12 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 20 MB minimum
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers recommended
Input Device: SideWinder 3D Pro recommended

NBA Full Court Press

CPU: 488DX2 (66Mhz) or higher processor, Pentium recommended
RAM: 8 MB (16 MB recommended)
Hard Disk: 10 MB minimum
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or later
Drives: CD-ROM

Video: Super VGA (800 x 600 resolution)
Sound: Sound Blaster or Compatible Sound Card required
Input Device: Gamepad preferred

Reader's Digest Complete Do-It-Yourself Guide

CPU: 486/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB for Windows 95
16 MB for Windows NT Workstation.
Hard Disk: 10 MB
Operating System: Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 or higher
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM or higher required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers required
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Scholastic's® Magic School Bus Series

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor
RAM: 4 MB (8 recommended)
Hard Disk: 5 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: 8-bit audio board with extended MIDI playback capability,
headphones or speakers
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Scholastic's the Magic School Bus Explores in the Age of Dinosaurs

CPU: 486SX/33 or higher microprocessor
RAM: 8 MB required for Win95 (12 MB required for Windows NT)
Hard Disk: 6 MB
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT workstation version 3.51 or later
Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)
Sound: 8-bit sound board required (16-bit recommended) Headphones or speakers required
Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Scholastic's the Magic School Bus® Explores Inside the Earth

CPU: 486SX/25 or higher microprocessor
RAM: for Windows 3.1: 4 MB required (8 MB recommended)
for Windows 95: 8 MB required
Hard Disk: 5 MB
Operating System: EITHER MS-DOS® version 5.0 or later with Windows® version 3.1 or later OR
Windows 95 OR
Windows NT 3.51
Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required
Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit sound board required (16-bit recommended) Headphones or speakers required

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor

RAM: 4 MB (8 recommended)

Hard Disk: 5 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later or Windows 95

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit audio board with extended MIDI playback capability, headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

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CPU: Macintosh LC 550 or higher with color monitor

RAM: 8 MB

Hard Disk: 8 MB

Operating System: 7.1 or higher

Drives: Double-speed CD-ROM drive or higher required

Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Explores the Ocean

CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor

RAM: 4 MB (8 recommended)

Hard Disk: 5 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later or Windows 95

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit audio board with extended MIDI playback capability, headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Explores the Ocean for the Macintosh

CPU: Macintosh LC 550 or higher

RAM: 8 MB

Hard Disk: 8 MB

Operating System: System 7.1 or later

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: 13" Color Monitor or bigger

Optional: Printer or network compatible with System 7.1 or later

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CPU: 486SX or higher microprocessor

RAM: 4 MB (8 recommended)

Hard Disk: 5 MB

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later or Windows 95

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: Audio board with headphones or speakers

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device recommended

Scholastic's the Magic School Bus Trial Versions

CPU: 486SX/25 or higher microprocessor

RAM: for Windows 3.1: 4 MB required (8 MB recommended)
for Windows 95: 8 MB required

Hard Disk: 5 MB

Operating System: EITHER MS-DOS® version 5.0 or later with Windows® version 3.1
or later OR
Windows 95 OR
Windows NT 3.51

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit sound board required (16-bit recommended) Headphones or
speakers required

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

Microsoft Interactive CD Sampler

CPU: 486/66 or higher microprocessor

RAM: 8 MB (16 recommended)

Hard Disk: 5 MB

Operating System: Windows 95

Drives: Double-speed or faster CD-ROM drive required

Video: Super VGA (for full 256-color support)

Sound: 8-bit sound board required (16-bit recommended) Headphones or
speakers required

Input Device: Microsoft mouse or compatible pointing device

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