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PostScript ***Magic***(tm) 2.0 Copyright (C) 1989 Advantage Computer

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REQUIREMENTS: You must have an 80286 or 80386 machine with at least 1 MB of memory and a hard disk with at least 3 MB of free disk space. All applications from which you want to print files must be able to print to a PostScript printer.
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Welcome to PostScript Magic. With this program you can print PostScript files on virtually any printer. With a 300 dpi resolution printer such as the HP Deskjet or Laserjet you can have output quality as good as the Apple Laserwriter or other $3000 PostScript laser printers.

This program was originally developed by a company named Terra Systems. Advantage Computer has purchased the product and is releasing it as shareware. Any person familiar with a product called PC PostScript will find that the shareware version of PostScript Magic is very much the same. However, the registered user version of PostScript Magic has been significantly improved, especially in the areas of on-line help and ease of use.

Much of the use of the program is apparent through on-screen directions. Still, a detailed manual will be necessary for most people to fully exploit the power of this program.

As distributed the program is fully functional. You may print graphics at the highest resolution of your printer. I have given only a Times-Roman font family. As a registered user you will receive 38 additional fonts which include Courier, Helvetica, Palatino, Avante-Garde, Bookman, Helvetica Narrow, New Century Schoolbook, Zapf Chancery, Lucretia and Zapf Dingbats. You will find all of these fonts to be of the highest quality and can be printed at any point size.

Registration includes an improved version of the program, the manual, and 38 additional fonts for $39. A collection of high quality business forms may be purchased for $20. Please include your name/company name and address for orders of the Business Forms Collection. Registered users will be given the opportunity to purchase future upgrades for $8 each. Registrations should be sent to:

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****************************** **INSTALLATION** ******************************

To install the program correctly you must create a directory named *'PSPC'*. Within that directory create four subdirectories, '*S*', '*V*', '*TEMP*' and '*SPOOL*'. Copy all of the included files into the directory *'PSPC'*. Copy all files with an extension of .s to the subdirectory '*S*'. Copy all files ending in the extension .v to the subdirectory '*V*'. Make the addition of this line to your autoexec.bat:

path=c:\pspc
set pspc=c:\pspc

That's it.

****************************** **OPERATION** ********************************

Most users will want to print a file created by another application. Alternately, persons familiar with the postscript programming language could print their own files from within the interactive postscript section of this program.

In order to print a file created by a program such as Ventura Publisher you must first configure your application to print using a PostScript driver. Then you must request the application to print to a disk file instead of a printer port. After you have exited the application enter PostScript Magic to print the disk file to your printer. *** Note *** If you register, you will receive a manual which details the use of PostScript Magic with many of the popular applications available today.

PostScript Magic comes configured for the HP Deskjet as default. If you have another printer then you must first run the Configure option under the main menu. Next choose the Select Printer option. You will be presented with a list of available printers. If your printer is not listed you will need to determine if your printer emulates one of the included printers.

If your application has no method of sending output to disk file then you may use PCapture from within PostScript Magic to capture that output to disk file.

Individual instructions for printing files created with many popular commercial applications are included with the printed manual (available with registration). These applications include Ventura Publisher, Pagemaker (and Windows based apps.), First Publisher, Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, and many others.

EXAMPLES: Their are four demo files included with the program. They are named demo1.ps, demo2.ps, demo3.ps and demo4.ps.

To print a file named DEMO1.PS located on drive and directory C:\SAMPLES:

Select PRINT
Select PRINT FILE
Select FILE NAME
Type "C:\SAMPLES\DEMO1.PS"
Select Y for Yes

The file will now be printed.

To print the four demo files located on drive and directory C:\SAMPLES:

Select CHANGE SEARCH STRING
Type "DEMO?.PS"
Select PRINT FILE
Select -C-
Select SAMPLES
Select PRINT ALL...
Select Y for Yes

The files will now be printed.