The Amazing Spectacular Ordinary Bottle

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IMPORTANT!

The installer application will place the file "DRIVE.TXT" in the VMCD directory of the hard drive you select. This is a one character text file which contains the drive letter of your CD ROM DRIVE. If you alter your system configuration, or cause any changes which will alter the drive letter of your CD ROM DRIVE, either update this file yourself, or run the installer again to make the proper changes.

CONFIGURATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Memory

The interactive story book requires at least 4Mb of real memory and at least a 2Mb swap file. A larger swap file will improve performance for some machines.

Video Cards

Visionary Media interactive story books and other multimedia programs requires video software drivers and hardware that fully support Windows 3.1 standards. The two lists below show video systems that have been tested and found to be compatible. Installing the latest available video ROM and software is generally recommended. Contact the video card manufacturer for information.

The following cards have been tested and give good results:

Video card	Bus Type	DRIVER Date	Rev	Notes
ATI Graphics Wonder	VLB	3/19/93	2.3	
ATI Graphics Xpression	VLB	6/13/94	1.1	Note 1
Compaq QVision 1024/I	ISA	1/18/94	7.40	
Diamond Viper	PCI	9/27/93	3.01	Recommended
Diamond Viper	VLB	9/17/93	2.01	
Genoa Windows VGA 24	VLB	8/8/93	1.7	
Headland Video 7 RAM II VGA	ISA	5/15/92	3.10	
Hercules Graphite Pro	VLB	12/29/93	2.21	Note 2
IBM XGA-2	MCA	11/12/93	2.11	Note 3
Number Nine 9GXE64	PCI	6/22/94	1.19.04	Recommended
Orchid Fahrenheit 1280	ISA	8/10/92	3.0	
RasterOps PaintBoard PC	ISA	3/25/93	3.10	Note 2
Spider Black Widow	VLB	1/20/94		Recommended
Trident 8900C	ISA	9/23/92	3.10	
Trident 9000C	ISA	7/8/93	VC4.5(WC1.6)	Note 2

Note 1: Set DeviceBitmaps=OFF in the Windows SYSTEM.INI file [MACH] section after card software installation if using this driver version.
Note 2: Use in 256 color mode only.
Note 3: This card does not draw extremely wide arcs properly.

The following additional video cards have been tested and give good results:

Video card	Bus Type	DRIVER Date	Rev	Notes
Actix ProStar VL	VLB	8/18/93	1.42	Note 1
ATI Graphics Ultra	ISA	3/19/93	2.3	
ATI Graphics Ultra Plus	ISA	4/25/94	2.3	
ATI Graphics Ultra Pro	VLB	4/25/94	2.3	
ATI Graphics Ultra Pro	ISA	4/25/94	2.3	
Blackship Color DesignerA3	VLB	7/8/93	1.32	
Diamond Speed Star Pro	ISA	2/17/94	1.08	
Diamond Speed Star VGA	ISA	4/14/92		
Diamond Stealth 24	VLB	6/3/94	3.00	
Diamond Stealth Pro	VLB	10/6/93		
ELSA Winner2000 Pro	PCI	6/23/94	1.22	
Hercules Dynamite Pro	ISA	12/1/93	2.10	Note 2
Hercules Dynamite Pro	VLB	12/1/93	3.00	
Hercules Graphite Power	ISA	4/6/94	2.10	
IBM XGA Display	MCA	11/12/93	2.11	Note 3
Matrox MGA Power Graphics	PCI	3/28/93	1.42	
Media Vision ProGraphics 1280	VLB	9/15/93	1.01	
Media Vision ProGraphics 1024	VLB	4/15/94	1.5	
Mitac MVA-CL5428-1MB	VLB	3/15/94	V1.43	
Number Nine 9GXe Level 10	ISA	2/9/94	V3.11	Note 4
Number Nine 9GXe Level 11	VLB	2/9/94	3.10.061	Notes 4, 5
Number Nine 9GXe Level 14	VLB	4/7/94	3.15	Note 4
Number Nine 9GXE64	VLB	6/22/94	1.19.04	Recommended
Orchid Celsius	VLB	10/1/93	1.32	Recommended
Orchid Fahrenheit 1280 Plus	VLB	3/1/94	rel 7	Note 6
Orchid Fahrenheit VA	VLB	4/29/93	5.01	
Orchid Kelvin 64		PCI	3/14/94	1.1
Orchid Kelvin 64		VLB	2/23/94	1.21
Orchid ProDesigner IIS	ISA	3/1/92	2.0	
Paradise WD90c33	VLB	6/28/93	1.2	
Standard 1Mb-24X	ISA	3/19/93	1.30	
STB Horizon VL Pro	VLB	6/29/93	1.3	
STB Lightspeed	PCI	12/1/93	1.1	
STB Pegasus	VLB	11/29/93	1.3	
TrueVision Bravado 8	ISA	1/15/92		

Note 1: Driver version 1.53 sometimes hangs when playing certain transitions. Driver version 1.42 is recommended.
Note 2: Does not always properly display QuickTime digital video in 16 bit (thousands) and 24 bit (millions) color modes
Note 3: Does not draw extremely wide arcs properly.
Note 4: There is sometimes sound break-up or distortion during complex transitions using most sound cards.
Note 5: The cursor sometimes disappears when using a large virtual desktop.
Note 6: Video snow appears during some palette transitions

Sound Cards

Visionary Media interactive story books utilize sound mixing and playback effects. Pleasing sound effects and sound start-up response time depends on the capabilities of the card and the

performance of the system. The following sound cards have been tested and are compatible:

Sound Card	Notes and comments
Compaq Business Audio	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster Pro	Note 2
Creative Labs SoundBlaster 16	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster AWE32	
Gateway 2000	
IBM M-Audio	Driver version 1.3 - Note 1
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum	
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum 16	
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum 16 Pro	
MicroSoft SoundSystem Version 1	
MicroSoft SoundSystem Version 2	
Orchid SoundWave 32	
Reveal Forte 16	
Roland Rap-10	

Note 1: IBM computers that have the M-Audio sound card should use driver version 1.3 or higher for best results. Older versions of this driver don't play some sounds in interactive multimeida applications or AVI movies. The version 1.3 driver does not pass the 16-bit sounds tests. Testing revealed that 8 bit sounds are corrupted when played after a 16-bit sound. At the time these release notes were written, version 1.3 (dated 1/10/94) was the most recent driver available from IBM.

Note 2: Sound Blaster Pro II card owners may experience some low level "high pitched" background noises while some sounds are playing. Testing has revealed some unusual results with Creative Lab's most current sound drivers. This "high pitched" background noise does not appear on Creative Lab's sound drivers of 1992 or early 1993 vintage.

Operating Systems

Visionary Media interactive story books have been extensively tested on Windows 3.1 and Windows 3.1.1.

COLOR DEPTH CONSIDERATIONS

Visionary Media interactive story books work best at an 8-bit color depth and no higher than a 800 x 600 screen resolution on 14 inch monitors (higher resolutions will yield acceptable results on larger screens).
To check your current color depth setting use the control panel application provided with your video driver or use the Windows Setup program in the Main program group.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Contact Resource International Publishing's technical support service if you are experiencing problems, or contact Visionary Media, Inc. directly via CompuServe in their support forum. At a CompuServe "GO prompt" type "COMART," then enter Section 16 - Visionary Media. On-line tech support questions will be answered within 24 hours. You may also contact Visionary Media's authors and illustrators in this section.