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Before You Try Using GEOS

Welcome to GEOS! Your GEOS package comes with six major applications. In addition, GEOS contains a number of small utility programs you can use at almost any time. We have also included a wide range of special “drivers” (special programs for interfacing different hardware and peripherals) which you will need depending on your computer and printer set-up.

Because of the quantity and variety of programs in GEOS, you will find that the installation procedure is somewhat longer than that of many other application programs. In brief, this procedure entails installing GEOS and three of the applications, then making backup copies of your master disks. If you *are* familiar with using graphically oriented software (i.e., with pull-down menus and icons), you may wish to complete the installation procedure right away. Use the instructions in Chapter 1, “Getting Started.”

If, however, you are *not* familiar with graphically oriented software and wish to play with GEOS right away, you can do so by following these “Quick Start” instructions:

- 1: Use the procedures on pages 1-1 through 1-9 to install GEOS and the geoPaint application program.
- 2: Create the tutorial disk by following the backup procedures described on pages 1-10 through 1-13. The tutorial disk is actually a copy of the GEOPAINT disk. (You can create the complete set of backups later.)
- 3: Use Chapter 2, “Tutorial,” to become better acquainted with GEOS and geoPaint.
- 4: When you complete the tutorial, remember to install the geoWrite and geoSpell applications and to create backups of the three disks in your GEOS package. It is very important that you install GEOS and make backup copies before attempting to use the application programs in this package.

See “General Things You Ought to Know” in the Welcome to GEOS section at the front of the manual for a key reference and the suggested order of reading for the manual.

Make Sure You Have Everything

This package should contain the following: the *GEOS User's Manual*, the GEOS Organizer (binder), two plastic disk holders, three GEOS disks labeled Disk 1, Disk 2, and Disk 3, the Interrupt Manager card (a printed circuit board), a set of tab dividers, and the Registration Card.

The GEOS Organizer enables you to safely store your GEOS disks and the manual. Place the *GEOS User's Manual* after the GEOS tab divider. The other tab dividers (geoPublish, geoCalc, etc.) are reserved for future products.

Return the Registration Card

As soon as you can, fill out and return the Registration Card to register for technical support and receive notices of new versions or enhancements of GEOS.