

AMSTRAD

INSTRUCTIONS

DISC MASTER

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"Discmaster" is the result of requests from the public to produce a product of similar capabilities to our infamous "Disc Director" which is available for the CBM 64.

The finished article is the work of Dave Lucas and Kelvin Bishop who operate under the name of "DRAYSOFT".

Disc backup is the main aim of "Discmaster" and the result is the "Duplicator" program which at the time of writing has not been known to fail. It is unlikely that this will continue to be the case, but as and when the disc protection schemes become more sophisticated then updates will become available.

OPERATION

To boot up the menu of "Discmaster" use the command:

 RUN"DISC (RETURN)

This will load and display the main menu.

The options can be loaded by pressing the appropriate key, ie. 1-4.

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Pressing "1" will load and run the "DUPLICATOR" program. You are then presented with an option to use either a single drive or twin drive set up. Press "1" for the former or "2" for the latter. It is then just a case of following the screen prompts to make a perfect backup of your protected discs. There is no need to format the disc to receive the backup.

NOTE: The term "Source Disc" refers to the original that you wish to copy and the term "Destination Disc" refers to the blank disc that you wish to copy onto.

Pressing "2" will load and run the "Extended Catalogue" program. Once loaded simply insert the required disc in the drive and press any key. An extended CAT will be done that will give you the name, file type, start address and length in bytes of all programs with the obvious exclusion of headerless files.

Pressing "3" will load and run the "Menu Maker" program. This allows you to create a loading menu on your own discs. At the prompt insert the disc to receive a menu and press any key. After a few moments the name of the first of the files on the disc will be displayed along with a prompt "Include in menu (Y/N)". Press "Y" to include a particular program in the completed menu or "N" to not include. This process will be continued for all the programs on the disc. Once all the required titles have been selected you are prompted to insert the "Discmaster" disc and press a key. More information will be loaded then at the next prompt insert the disc to receive the menu and press a key once more, the finished menu will be saved to the disc.

The completed menu can be used by typing the command:

 RUN"MENU (RETURN)

Pressing "4" will load and run the "Recover" program. At the prompt insert the disc and press any key. The disc will be searched and any previously erased programs will be shown along with a (Y/N) prompt. At this point you can decide whether or not to reinstate a program to the directory. (Bear in mind that this can only be done if enough free space exists on the disc).