

DiscPassage

CD-ROM Retrieval Software

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Installation Guide

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Congratulations!!

You have made a wise investment with your purchase of a DiscPassage product. DiscPassage products offer you state of the art personal information retrieval technology at a reasonable, fixed cost. Please take this time to complete your registration card, which will help us to serve you better.

As you use DiscPassage, detailed information on the use of the software can be found by pressing the **F1** function key throughout the program.

Please follow the installation instructions contained in this manual. It should take less than two minutes to install DiscPassage. Should you have any questions or problems, solutions to the most common difficulties follow in the troubleshooting section. If you still have problems, please call our technical support staff at 800-262-7668.

*Thank you for selecting a DiscPassage product!!
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DiscPassage CD-ROM Drive Test

Be sure your computer is properly addressing the CD-ROM reader. Test it by doing the following:

- Determine the drive letter for your CD-ROM drive (e.g. "L").
- Place the disc in the reader.
- Get to the drive by typing the drive letter, a colon, and the enter key (e.g. **L: <enter key>**).
- Do a directory (e.g. **DIR <enter key>**).
- Watch the screen as the files on the disc scroll by.

If you received an error message, please refer to the troubleshooting section at the back of this guide.

Now that your drive is tested, you will want to install DiscPassage on your hard drive:

DiscPassage Installation

Check your hard drive for free space. Programs and help files will take up about 250K of available space.

- Get to the CD-ROM drive or floppy drive, if you received a floppy diskette (e.g. **L: <enter key>**)
- Type **INSTALL** and the **<enter key>**. Follow the directions on the screen. The program will prompt you to confirm the location of the ROM drive and which video card you have installed.
- After programs have copied to your hard drive, you may start DiscPassage by going to the hard drive (e.g. **C: <enter key>**) and type **DP** and the **<enter key>**.
- The software will begin and you will receive a license agreement message. Press the **<enter key>** to assent to the license agreement and you will be able to run your DiscPassage disc.

If you had any difficulties, please refer to the troubleshooting section.

DiscPassage Special Keys

The keyboard has several special keys:

Enter executes the current selection or words you typed.

ESC Escape - leaves the current menu, document, or image and returns to the previous menu.

Arrow Keys - move the highlighted selection, or scroll through a document.

Home goes to the beginning of the document or top of the menu.

End goes to the end of the document or bottom of the menu.

PgUp scrolls the screen up one page in the document or one menu screen.

PgDn scrolls the screen down one page in the document or one menu screen.

DiscPassage Function Keys

F2 Restart - clears all word fields in the search screen and restarts your search at the first field.

F7 Print - prints the document to table currently displayed. Image printing requires a special video printer at this time.

F8 Copy - copies the text file to floppy or hard disk.

F9 Figures and Tables - accesses the menu to select images, tables, or audio associated with the document, if any are available

F10 Find - finds titles from search or words used within documents.

DiscPassage Using DiscPassage

DiscPassage first presents you with a database selection menu representing databases on the disc. Use the arrow keys to move up or down and select a database with the enter key. Status line selections are always available on the bottom line of the screen. Help is available through the F1 key. DiscPassage offers three simple ways to access information on the CD-ROM disc. Move around the top level menu bar with the arrow keys. Select a function with the <enter key>.

Search uses a simple template to enter words, wildcards or phrases (including proximity) that you want to find in the database and allows you to combine search terms with Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT, and OFF) to make your search more or less specific. You may search the complete full text, or author, subject, or title indexes if they are available. When you have formulated your search and have a number of documents found, you may view the titles with the F10 (Find) key. Select the document you would like to view by highlighting the title and pressing the <enter key>. You may print the document (F7), copy it to a floppy or hard disk (F8), view related tables or figures (F9), or find any search term used (F10). ESC returns to the previous menu.

DiscPassage Using DiscPassage

Browse helps you find a document by scrolling through lists of words or names with the number of documents that contain them. Make a selection by using the **arrow keys (up or down)**, **PgUp** or **PgDn** keys, or by typing the letters in a word. Choose a word by highlighting it and pressing the <enter key>.

Contents helps you find a document by scrolling through the table of contents, listing documents in the order they were originally published. Select an item from the contents menu by moving the **up or down arrows (or PgUp, PgDn)** to highlight an item, then press the <enter key>.

Change/Quit allows you to change CD-ROM discs or to leave DiscPassage. When changing discs, be sure to use the change disc feature, or indexes will not match! Wait for the drive light to finish before pressing the <enter key> to complete the change.

DiscPassage Troubleshooting

Nearly every difficulty is simple to resolve, so please be patient and follow these directions.

- If you were unable to log onto the CD-ROM drive (e.g. "Invalid Drive Specification"), check to be sure all cable connections are snug and that everything is turned on. Check the CONFIG.SYS file (if you don't know what that is, get a DOS expert to help) for a CD-ROM device driver. This is usually the same as the brand name on the CD-ROM reader. Check your AUTOEXEC.BAT to be sure the MSCDEX.EXE file is being run. Set the /M: switch to 16 or less. If you still haven't made it work, contact your hardware dealer for assistance on getting the ROM drive operational.
- If you were able to log onto the CD-ROM drive, but received a "CDR101 Disc Not High Sierra" message, you probably have an old version of the MSCDEX.EXE file. Test the version by running this program at a DOS prompt. DiscPassage products are made in the standard ISO-9660 format and require version 2.0 or later of the extensions.

DiscPassage Troubleshooting

- If you received a "File not found" message when you tried to run the software, check to be sure you are logged onto the hard drive and that you have already been through the software installation procedure.
- If you received a "CD-ROM Extensions not Version 2.0 or Greater", check your version of the MSCDEX.EXE program as mentioned on the previous page.
- If you received an error message such as "MENUTEXT.DAT not Found" after the software license agreement, and you were unable to run the disc, be sure you have a DiscPassage disc in the drive, and the drive is turned on, snugly connected, closed and operational. Be certain that the disc is not upside down. The shiny side goes down. Also, confirm that you have set FILES=20 in the CONFIG.SYS.
- If images don't work properly, check to be sure that your Super VGA video board has the full 512K of video memory. This is in addition to memory already in your computer.

DiscPassage CONFIG.DSP File Format

The configuration file CONFIG.DSP installs quickly in the \DISCPASS directory based on your response to the video board and drive location questions. The configuration file is laid out as follows:

ver 1.04c	Version of DiscPassage
0	Feature not currently implemented
VPARADISE	Video board supported, others listed below
E	Location of CD-ROM drive

Currently supported chipsets/(boards) are:

VTECMAR	Tseng Labs/(Tecmar)
VTSENG	Tseng Labs/(Genoa 5400, STB, Orchid)
VATI	ATI/(ATI, Viewperfect)
VTRIDENT	Trident/(Many brands)
VVIDEO7	Headland, Video7/(Video 7)

If you don't know which board you have, carefully remove the video board from the system and read the label on one of the largest chips on the board.

The CONFIG.DSP file will not be required with version 1.1, but it will allow manual override of automatic detection routines that will determine video board and CD-ROM location.

DiscPassage Technical Support

If you are still unable to get CMC DiscPassage products running, please call our technical support line at (800) 262-7668. One of our technical support consultants will try to solve your problem by phone.

If you are overseas or want to inquire in writing, our FAX is (503)639-3395.

Please feel free to call or write if you have any complaints or suggestions about the product or additional titles you would like to see. We are always looking to improve our products or introduce new titles.

Thank you for choosing a DiscPassage product!!!

DiscPassage Other Titles

These fine products are available from your DiscPassage dealer or CMC ReSearch, Inc.:

General Interest

Shakespeare	\$99.00
Sherlock Holmes	\$99.00
Multi-Media Birds of America	\$99.00
U.S. History 1600-1989	\$395.00

Medical Journals and Books

Pediatrics	\$395.00
Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal	\$395.00
Pediatrics in Review/Red Book	\$150.00
Renal Tumors of Children	\$150.00
Cancer 1988	\$195.00
Cancer 1989	\$245.00
Critical Care Medicine	\$395.00
Journal of Trauma	\$395.00
Obstetrics and Gynecology	\$395.00
American Family Physician	\$395.00
Chest	\$395.00
Year Books, 1988 and 1989 (22 books)	\$275.00

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