



PC/5000 PC/4000
Hand-Held Personal Computer

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**Important
Information**

3 1/2" Diskette Users:
3 1/2" diskette media is
available upon request.
Call 1 (800) 832-0512.

What You Should Know Before You Start

The PC/5000 and PC/4000 differ from other computers in a few important respects and there are some concepts you should understand before using them. Even if you are an experienced computer user, please take a few minutes to read the following brief information to ensure that your start with the computer is a smooth and successful one.

About Removable Modules

Removable modules offer significant advantages when using the PC/5000. (The PC/4000 does not accept removable modules.) However, you must observe a few simple rules when working with removable modules.

Do not remove or insert a memory module when the PC/5000 is powered on. Removing or inserting a memory module with power on can destroy the information in the memory module and possibly damage the memory module itself.

Do not expose the PC/5000 to environmental extremes without the removable module in place or without the latch properly seated. Failure to replace or adequately reseal the removable module can expose the PC/5000 to environmental extremes and result in damage to the PC/5000.

About Formatting Disks

Before it is shipped to you, the computer is completely tested and ready to use.

You do not need to format the disks. If you format a disk, the computer cannot operate until you restore COMMAND.COM. However, if the computer has two disks, it can boot from either disk containing COMMAND.COM.

Do not attempt to format a "Blank" memory module. If the "Blank" box is checked on the removable memory module label, the module is empty, not unformatted.

About Batteries

The computer operates completely on batteries: primary power is supplied by three "C" cell Alkaline or rechargeable Nickel Cadmium batteries; data back-up is supplied by long-life Lithium batteries.

Do not operate the computer after you see the "Low Battery" Warning. When primary power falls below acceptable levels, the computer displays the message

WARNING LOW BATTERY
Must be charged
before continuing

The computer saves the current program and program data you are working with and turns power off after approximately 10 seconds. Do not attempt to turn power on again; operating the computer under low battery conditions can produce unpredictable results. Charge or change the batteries. When you start the computer again, you see the program you were using as if the low battery condition never occurred.

Warning: Observe correct polarity when replacing batteries.
Installing batteries incorrectly can result in damage to the computer.

Never attempt to recharge alkaline batteries.

Do not attempt to operate the computer while the batteries are being charged. The Wall Charger (P/N 10135) produces the current necessary to recharge the computer; however, it is not an external power source. Attempts to operate the computer while charging the batteries can result in a "Low Battery" condition.

Turning Off the Computer with Super Shift

If you press Shift + E and the computer does not turn off, the keyboard is operating in upper and lower case mode. Press Supershift (Shift + Enter) to use the functions labelled above the keys, then press Shift + E again to turn the computer off.

Related Publications

For normal operating procedures, you should read the *PC/5000 User's Guide* (Document MC10033).

For detailed descriptions of the computer and accompanying software, refer to the *PC/5000 Technical Reference Manual* (Document MC10034).

For descriptions of how to use and program MS-DOS, refer to the *MS-DOS User's Guide* (Document MC10035) or to the *MS-DOS Programmer's Reference* (Document MC10036).

Technical Support

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