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## ACROBAT READER

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## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

We recommend a 486 with 8MB of RAM; 256-color card (24-bit looks better on graphics); and a double-speed CD-ROM drive (although Acrobat will run on a lesser system--see the Help files included with the Acrobat Reader). Even with the above system, certain documents may be slow (some extremely slow). We're working with Adobe to optimize our future CD's for speed. Our documents utilize a high number of Graphics which may slow down your system.

Many of you have already given us feedback and told us what problems you're having with the VB-CD through our CompuServe forum and by fax, and we've gained some insight into how people are using the first release. So we'd like to share some tips that will help you get the most out of your VB-CD:

## Navigating through Back Issues:

Some people found reading the pages of the back issues difficult. Here's the easiest way to use Acrobat-based documents: Use the "hand tool" on the Acrobat toolbar. When the hand tool is selected and placed over text that is "threaded", an arrow appears in the hand. Clicking on threaded text then resizes it to fit on the screen, and subsequent clicks will navigate through the rest of the article. Here are two other tips for easy navigation of the back issues: clicking on the small box at the

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end of the articles will return you to that issues' Table of Contents, and pressing <Ctrl> + <-> takes you back one view level.

### **Problems with Acrobat installation:**

**\*\*0003\*\*** Error: Acrobat needs at least five MB of space on the drive containing the TEMP directory. Stacker drives, RAM drives and drives with less than five MB available will generate this error. Try disabling RAM drives, and installing to uncompressed drives with five MB of free space to eliminate this error. Windows NT: Acrobat doesn't work on Windows NT. Adobe expects to ship the NT reader in mid-1995.

### **Catalog On Disk Database Installation:**

There is a problem when trying to run the Catalog on Disk database from within Access. These problems can be solved by installing the Access runtime (launch SETUP.EXE from within the CATALOG\SETUP\DISK1 directory). When it asks you to locate the database file, browse to the CATALOG\DATA directory on the CD-ROM and select the file VBPJCDB2.MDB. If you want to run the database from within Access, you can do so by changing the READ ONLY attributes of the database.

### **Displaying Large Images:**

If your system is slow at displaying large images from the VBPJ back issues, you can speed up your display by choosing not to view large graphics. Here's how: From the Edit Menu select Preferences\General and uncheck the box "Display Large Images".

### **HOW DID WE DO IT?**

Most of our magazine files exist as Adobe Pagemaker documents on the Macintosh. We also use Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. We used both the Adobe Exchange product and the Adobe Distiller product to make these files.

### **FOR MORE HELP:**

Leave a message in the VBPJForum on CompuServe (VB-CD/Books Section), or send email to Andrew King 74737,2202.

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