

PLAYER'S CHOICE

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Technical Stuff

For a **Player's Choice** game to work, there are a few things your computer must have.

- ✓ The processor has to be a 386SX or better. Basically, any computer with "386", "486", or "Pentium" in its name should do just fine. The system speed should be at least 33MHz (megahertz).
- ✓ You must have a CD-ROM drive.
- ✓ You must have a version of DOS (Disk Operating System) numbered 5.0 or higher. Almost all 386, 486, and Pentium computers include DOS in the standard software package.
- ✓ There has to be a lot of free conventional memory. To find out whether you have enough, consult the following list, then type **mem/c** and press **[Enter]**. Somewhere in the mess of information that pops up will be a line something like, "Largest executable size." That's what tells you how much you have. (Note that if it's listed in bytes, you need to divide by 1024 to find out how many Kb it is.)

Space Kids.....575 Kb

Phantom.....580 Kb*

RR Tycoon575 Kb

Football.....580 Kb*

F-19.....384 Kb

DragonSphere575 Kb*

* with full sound, may require more

- ✓ There also has to be free EMS (expanded) memory. The **mem/c** report should also tell you how much of that you have available. (Note that one Mb is 1024 Kb.) You'll need:

Space Kids	1.6 Mb	Football	1.5 Mb
Phantom	1 Mb	F-19	None!
RR Tycoon	None!	DragonSphere	1 Mb

- ✓ Since the installation program will copy parts of the game onto your hard disk, you must have some empty storage space on your hard drive. When the flashing cursor on the screen is right next to "**C:**" (it's called the **C:** prompt), type **dir** and press **[Enter]**. One of the last things listed will be how much hard drive space you have free. You'll need:

Space Kids	5 Mb	Football	8 Mb
Phantom	2 Mb	F-19	5 Mb
RR Tycoon	1.5 Mb	DragonSphere	12 Mb

- ✓ The graphics must be VGA quality or better (SVGA is better). Only **Railroad Tycoon** and **F-19** will work with CGA and EGA.

This part is optional, but it's easier to play if there's a mouse attached to the computer. (We mean the input device; please do not strap pets or vermin to the keyboard.) The mouse driver must be MS Mouse version 8.01 or higher, or something fully compatible with this. To play **F-19** and **Football**, it helps to have a joystick.

If you think you have all of these, but still have a problem running the game, please contact MicroProse Customer Support for assistance.

Conflicts with Other Programs

If you run any *Player's Choice* game at the same time as other programs are running, there could be weird problems. (Don't worry, nothing the game does can damage your computer; the problems we're talking about are the game not working correctly.) To help avoid this, we've listed them here. Please note that this list includes only the possible problems we know about. Since no test procedure can ever be totally complete, you may run into undiscovered problems. Please consult with Customer Service (410-771-1151) if you do.

This game has **not** been tested under Microsoft Windows; therefore we suggest you do not use it with Windows. Trust us—it won't work.

We strongly recommend that you not have any Terminate-and-Stay-Resident programs (TSRs) loaded into memory when playing. Not only will they decrease the amount of free memory available, thus slowing the game, but weird things could happen. The manuals that came with your computer should tell you how to remove any TSRs.

Installing the Game

Before you can play, the installation program must copy some files onto your hard disk. To have it do so, follow these instructions:

- ✓ Turn on your computer. The Microsoft CD-ROM Extension should load when the computer starts up. (If you have problems installing, this extension may not be loaded. Check your computer manuals for instructions on making it load itself.)
- ✓ Open the CD-ROM drive, place the **Player's Choice** CD in there, and close the drive.
- ✓ Type the letter of your CD-ROM drive (usually **D**), followed by a colon, then press **[Enter]**. This makes the CD-ROM your "current" drive.
- ✓ Type the word **menu** and press **[Enter]**. After you've read the introductory message, press **[Enter]** again to go on to the **Installation** screen.
- ✓ At the **Installation** screen, click the left mouse button (the **LMB**) on the **Install Game** button to begin the automated installation.
- ✓ As part of the installation, you will need to tell the program what type of sound card you have in your computer. (It will try to guess, but it's not always right.) Simply click the **LMB** on the correct type. (If you don't know what kind of card you have, check the manuals that came with your computer system. If you still don't know, go with the program's guess or use the **No Sound** option until you do find out.)

- ✓ Depending on what kind of sound card you have, the program may ask you to choose some technical stuff (like IRQ, DRQ, or DMA). The installation program automatically makes the best guess as to which setting you should use for each. Unless you know better, just press **[Enter]** to accept each choice the program made. (If these settings don't work, read the manual that came with the sound card. The folks who built the card know how to make it work.)

***Note:** Those of you who are technically oriented may want to configure your sound set-up whether you're asked to or not. Go right ahead. There's a button on the Sound screen just for that purpose. If you call Customer Service with a problem, they also might ask you to configure the sound set-up.*

- ✓ After you save the sound set-up, the program might present you with one or more messages. These are for information only. Just press **[Enter]** to make them go away and get on with the installation. Click on the **Main Menu** button to continue.
- ✓ At the **Installation** screen, click the **LMB** on the **Read Me** button if you want to see details of any last-minute updates to the game.
- ✓ Click the **LMB** on the **Exit** button to finish the installation process.
- ✓ At the **Game** menu, click the game button to play or the **Exit** button to go back to DOS.

Once the automated installation and set-up are complete, the game is ready to play.

To start the game from DOS:

- ✓ Make sure that the **Player's Choice** CD-ROM is in its drive.
- ✓ Make sure that the CD-ROM drive is "current".
- ✓ Now simply type **menu** and press **[Enter]** to reach the **Game** menu.

Have fun!

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