— *3.5 inch Drive Compatibility Note* —

It has come to our attention that not all 3.5 inch IBM compatible drives can reliably read Macintosh diskettes using the Deluxe Option Board (DOB). This is due to the fact that drives made for IBM machines are designed to read and write in a particular format, MFM. Macintosh disks use a different format, GCR.   The option board allows these drives designed to read and write in MFM format to also read and write in GCR format. Not all drives are capable of doing this. There is nothing wrong with these drives. They do what they were designed to do. However, you can not use them with the option board to read and write Macintosh diskettes.

Below is a list of drives that we have tested and know whether they are capable of reading and writing GCR (Macintosh) format:

— *Compatible Drives* —		— *Incompatible Drives* —	
Virtually every 720K drive		Alps	1.44 Meg
Citizen	1.44 Meg	Mitsubishi	1.44 Meg
TEAC	1.44 Meg	Mitsumi	1.44 Meg
Toshiba	1.44 Meg	Panasonic	1.44 Meg

Here is a simple test to determine whether your 3.5 inch drive can handle the Mac format. After you have completed the installation of the option board software to you hard disk, insert a low density diskette and type:

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VERIFY ON
MFORMAT d:        (replace     with your 3.5 inch drive's letter)
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If you get no errors, your 3.5 inch drive is compatible.

If you do receive errors, you may wish to contact your dealer. Most dealers will swap out you 3.5 inch drive if it is relatively new as that drive can still be used in computers that won't need to use Mac disks. IBM uses both Alps and Toshiba drives, so your dealer should be able to replace your Alps drive with a Toshiba drive.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but there is nothing we can do to make all drives compatible. If you haven't yet purchased your 3.5 inch drive, we highly recommend TEAC drives. They are of high quality and work well with both IBM and Macintosh diskettes.

PK.EXE

PK   ANALYZE A DISKETTE TO MAKE NEW PARAM FILE.

PK/?   TECH MODE ANALYZES w/EXTRA INFO & OPTIONS

PK d:path\filename   READ a PARAM FILE; PRELIMS TO EDB.

PK d: path\filename /B BATCH FILE MODE (NO PROMPTS or DIALOGS).

PK /? Display help screen

Example of Param file contents.

DEVICE = $\emptyset$, TRACK = 39 , SECTOR = 3 , X=$\emptyset$C6h