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WHY ARE THESE ASCII SETS INCLUDED IN THE TOOLKIT?

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on to a worksheet via the keyboard. These characters and symbols are useful and may be easily brought to a worksheet.

They can be used for graphic design and display enhancement. When you retrieve THE TOOLKIT's printer files, you'll see that these characters can even be used to control your printer!

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF CHARACTERS I CANNOT TYPE IN?

You asked for it!!

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And there are a few more...

IF THEY CANNOT BE TYPED IN, HOW DO YOU GET THEM?

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sources. While in one worksheet, you can transfer information from another worksheet. You can also "import" information from other files that are not even

THE TOOLKIT has prepared a series of worksheet files that have all of the ASCII symbols and characters. They are logically broken down into 5 files.

1.	SHADING PATTERNS	(SHADES.WKS)
2.	GREEK AND MATHEMATICAL	SYMBOLS (GREEK.WKS)
3.	LINE AND BORDER PATTERN	S (LINES.WKS)
4.	FOREIGN LANGUAGE SYMBO	LS (LANGUAGE.WKS)
5.	MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS	(SYMBOLS.WKS)

Every ACSII character in these files has been given a Range Name. If you know the symbol's range name and the name of the file where the symbol is kept, you may bring it to the screen at any time.

After placing the cursor on your new worksheet where you want the ASCII character to appear, you use the:

You will be prompted as to whether you want to combine an Entire File or simply a Named Range. You can do either. If you want the entire file, press ENTIRE FILE. If you choose to combine just one symbol, press NAMED RANGE and type in the range name. In either case, then type in the file name, whether LINES, SHADES, GREEK, LANGUAGE, OR SYMBOLS and press ENTER. The disk drive will come on and in a second or two the symbol or the entire file will appear.

HOW DO I FIND OUT THE RANGE NAME

Just retrieve one of the ASCII files you want and look at it. All of the characters are in table form with instructions to determine the range name.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THESE CHARACTERS ONCE THEY ARE ON THE SCREEN

All copying, moving, and other editing commands can be used. You can create large titles and pictures like you have been

seeing while moving around in THE TOOLKIT.

Be warned that creating "ART" with this tool is time consuming!!

HOW CAN SEVERAL DIFFERENT CHARACTERS BE PUT IN ONE CELL?

While the wordprocessing commands of 1-2-3 are weak, there is a command called / RANGE JUSTIFY that can be used. All of the symbols that you want to put in one cell must be stacked on top of each other like this example:

If the cursor is put on the upper cell (i.e. B9) and you type:

/ RANGE JUSTIFY and press ENTER twice

With the EDIT command all of the spaces can be removed.

CAN THESE CHARACTERS BE PRINTED?

Most will not print. Some printers will recognize some of the "EXTENDED SET" characters. The EPSON FX & MX will not print these characters without the use of special software which provides the printer with definitions of how to print the character.

Examine the PRINTER set-up files of to see how these special characters can control your printer. The disk label was created and printed from a worksheet that may be examined by retrieving CODESAMPLE.

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will not allow you to enter all 255 ASCII characters

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has the ability to read information from other

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has prepared a series of worksheet files that have

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