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### THANKS!

Thank you for purchasing Hometime's Weekend Home Projects CD-ROM. We have tried to make this CD-ROM as easy as possible to use, and hope that you will enjoy this product and find it useful and informative.

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### HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

To use this CD-ROM product you will need a CPU with a 486 processor 25mhz or faster with at least 8 MBs of RAM, a hard drive, 256 color accelerated video adapter, a color monitor, a 100% Windows compatible sound card, a double-speed CD-ROM drive (300K/sec data rate) , a mouse and keyboard. In addition you will also need DOS 5.0 or higher, Windows 3.1 or higher and software drivers for the above-mentioned hardware (e.g. MSCDEX.EXE ver. 2.2 or higher, video, audio and mouse drivers.) This program is not currently compatible with Windows NT.

While it is possible to run the program on a less capable machine than specified above, (e.g. a 386/33), it is not recommended as there will be performance degradation such as excessively long load times and jerky video.

#### BASIC OPERATION

To install the Hometime application icon into it's own group window, use either the RUN command located under the FILE menu in the Program Manager or use the File Manager to locate the SETUP.EXE program located at the root level of the CD-ROM. Double click on the icon and the installation process will begin. You will be presented with a box asking if you wish to install Quicktime for Windows. If you don't have this program or are unsure if you do, click the YES button. Hometime's Weekend Home Projects CD-ROM requires Quicktime for Windows in order to playback video and audio. After the installation process is complete you will be asked to restart your computer. Please do so before starting the Hometime application.

To use the Hometime's Weekend Home Projects CD-ROM, simply double click on the HOMETIME icon in the Hometime Group window. You will see a disclaimer (our lawyers made us do it), click anywhere on

the text to indicate that you have read it and the opening animation and prologue will start. You may click anywhere to skip this and jump right to the main menu. Click on any of the subjects and explore the contents.

Use the control bar located at the bottom of each video segment to control the video playback. You can pause, restart, advance, rewind or jump to any part of the video, control frame by frame playback and adjust the volume using this control bar.

Clicking on a line in the Sub-menu window, located on the left of the screen, will allow you to jump to a particular video or if viewing text (Tools, Materials, Tips) to a sub-topic.

You can click on the Hometime logo at any time to get a 3.5 minute musical dissertation on the joys of home improvement. You can also jump to a general 'help' section or view the credits from here.

#### --Taking Notes--

You can use the notepad feature of the product to write/save/print small notes to yourself. But you must first 'Save' the note before leaving and jumping to the Main Menu or to another subject. The notepad will not save your notes when you leave the current subject. The notepad has a limit of 32,000 characters per file.

During our testing we have noticed that the notes window behaves erratically on some machines. (like refusing to scroll or only one line is visible at a time, etc.) Closing and re-opening the notes window appears to fix this problem.

#### --Printing--

To print text from within the Hometime application you must first have a printer attached to your computer. The printer must be specified as the default printer using the Windows 'Printers' control panel. If you need assistance in setting this up, please consult your Windows User's Manual. You will not see the standard Windows print dialog box and the screen may flash momentarily during printing, this is normal and not a cause for alarm. If you are printing to a dot-matrix printer, the program may run slower until the printing job is complete.

When printing a note or shopping list file the program will first ask you to save the text file to your hard disk before printing. This is a feature that will allow you to re-edit the file at a later date from within the program or using some other text editor like the Windows Write or Notepad applications. You must select a location and name the file or use the default name, however, if you use the default name it will replace any file that is similarly named in the chosen location. You must also choose a location other than the CD-ROM.

#### --Materials Calculator & Shopping List--

Measure your intended work area and enter the measurements, in inches only please, into the appropriate boxes and click the button. The results will be automatically added to the shopping list feature. The formulas used in calculating the results are based on general rule-of-thumb guidelines and the measurements entered into the calculator. As it is not possible to cover every situation please read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before purchasing materials to ensure that you are purchasing the correct quantity.

#### --Product Sources--

Use this directory to help locate manufacturers who might have information to send you or might direct you to a local dealer. We have tried to verify the information in the directory and it is correct up to the time of production. But addresses and telephone numbers change frequently. If you have trouble locating a company through this listing, please do not call our Technical Support. We suggest you try 1-800-555-1212 to see if the company has a toll-free number.

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

--No Video--

Check to make sure that the QTW directory is on your hard drive and that the pathname is specified correctly in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. If you cannot find the directory or are unsure, re-install the program using the SETUP.EXE program located at the root level of of the CD-ROM. Make sure to click on the YES button when asked if you wish to install Quicktime.

--Jerky Video--

Check to make sure that the CD-ROM drive you are using is a double speed drive, or a drive that is capable of at least 300K per second data transfer. Also check to make sure that you are using the latest version of drivers for your particular CD-ROM drive.

Make sure that there are no other applications running in the background.

--No Sound--

Make sure that the correct drivers for your audio card is installed and that the correct pathname and load sequence is specified in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. Please consult the User's Manual of your audio card for instructions.

If you are using external speakers, make sure that they are plugged into the correct port on the back of your CPU and that there is power to them and that the volume control is turned up.

--Slow scrolling or screen refresh--

Set your monitor to 256 colors using the utility supplied with your video adapter.

--Notes Window Behavior--

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Thanks again and please look for our ever expanding line of innovative CD-ROM products for your home and health.

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