TOTAL DISTORTION™
MUSIC VIDEO ADVENTURE GAME

Welcome! This demo will give you a sneak preview of Pop Rocket's ambitious **Music Video Adventure Game**. Please keep in mind that although this demo is very large, it only gives you a peek at the 500+ megabytes of highly interactive media on the actual Total Distortion CD-ROM.

System requirements for this Demonstration:

IBM PC or compatible with
• 486 SX processor running at 25 Mhz (minimum), 33 Mhz or better recommended
• DOS 5.0 or better
• Microsoft Window 3.1
• QuickTime for Windows 1.1.1 (included)
• 2 megabytes of FREE & AVAILABLE RAM or greater (4 megabytes total RAM is a minimum, 8 megabytes total RAM is recommended)
• A double-spin CD-ROM drive
• An MPC compatible sound card
• A SuperVGA display card supporting 256 colors in 640x480 mode
• Color monitor

The above specifications describe an entry-level MPC (Multimedia PC) Level 2 machine. Performance may be unacceptable on a machine with only 4 megabytes of RAM. Please attempt to free up as much memory as possible before running the demo. Using Virtual Memory under Windows may help you run the demo with less memory, but with degraded performance.

PLEASE QUIT ALL OTHER WINDOWS APPLICATIONS BEFORE OPENING THE DEMO! For best results, please close (quit) any other applications that may be running (such as word processors, databases, etc.). **EVEN IF YOU HAVE PLENTY OF RAM AND A VERY FAST MACHINE**, other applications open in the background can slow down performance and animation, so be sure to close them all.

If you do not have QuickTime for Windows 1.1.1 installed, certain QuickTime animation will not play. However, you can still view a majority of the demo without it.

This demo folder contains:

1. An animated demonstration that contains selected animated examples, voice narration, and a sampling of simulated game play.

2. Text information (in this document) on TOTAL DISTORTION and Pop Rocket, Inc.

Installation Procedure:

1. Insert the Total Distortion Demo CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive (assumed to be drive D: in the example command given below).

2. Run Microsoft Windows, and select the "Run" command from the "File" menu.

3. Type in **D:\SETUP** into the command line and click on the OK button. (If your CD-ROM drive has a different drive letter than D:, substitute the correct drive letter.)

4. The **SETUP** program will install QuickTime for Windows and create a new program group and program item for the Total Distortion Demo. Just double-click on the new TD icon, and sit back and enjoy the demo.

WE REPEAT: PLEASE QUIT ALL APPLICATIONS BEFORE OPENING THE DEMO! For best results under Windows, please close (quit) any other applications that may be running (such as word processors, databases, etc.). EVEN IF YOU HAVE PLENTY OF RAM AND A PENTIUM MACHINE, other applications open in the background WILL slow down performance and animation, so be sure to close them all.

VIEWING THE DEMO:

To start the demo, double click on the TD demo icon. (To fast forward through the initial start-up screens click anywhere in the demo window.)

When the demo menu appears you can choose one of four options - "Total Distortion Snapshots!", "Show Me the Game!", "Give Me More Information, Please!", and "Quit This Demo Now!". If you don't choose any of these options, the presentation will go into "auto-demo" mode beginning with the Total Distortion Snapshots section.

Within each section, you can advance through the TOTAL DISTORTION Demo manually or you can let the demo run by itself.

To view the demo manually, click on the screen at any time. A navigation tool will pop up in the lower right corner of the screen. To advance to the next section simply click on the right arrow. To return to the previous section, click on the left arrow. To return to the main menu, click on the red "M" in the middle of the navigation tool.

If left unattended, this presentation will go into "auto-demo" mode.   You can resume manual control at any time by clicking your mouse anywhere on the open demo window.

Pop Rocket's TOTAL DISTORTION
the all-original "Music Video Adventure Game" on CD-ROM!

Featuring the work of Joe Sparks, Kent Carmical, and Maura Sparks!

TOTAL DISTORTION DESCRIPTION

TOTAL DISTORTION™, Pop Rocket's first CD-ROM title for Macintosh and Windows, represents a completely new category of entertainment software- The MUSIC VIDEO ADVENTURE GAME. Total Distortion incorporates a unique blend of adventure gaming, music video making, creative activities, character dialog, original music, 3D exploration, and pure weirdness.

TOTAL DISTORTION is a bizarre, incredibly amusing and completely engrossing multimedia experience in which you will explore a full color 3D world filled with awesome graphics and animation, intense music, and innovative software devices that allow you to quickly assemble music videos. You will navigate to far-out locations where you'll interact with radical adolescents, underground punks, metal heads and Gothic mutants.

TOTAL DISTORTION is also a game that tests your creativity, powers of observation, curiosity, and business savvy. Take on the role of an "Adventurous Music Video Producer" who travels to another plane of existence in search of fresh material. After gathering songs, video clips, and sound effects, you'll need to create music videos. Television producers back on planet earth are eagerly awaiting to make a deal with you- IF they like your work.

You'll beam music videos back to planet earth and your bank account will grow. If you fail, the power will burn out in your "Personal Media Tower," the food supply will dry up, and you'll be stranded in the Distortion Dimension! The gaming system within Total Distortion is unique, rewarding creativity and intellect with fame and fortune. Games are user configurable, you can set the goal, danger, and difficulty levels.

KEY FEATURES:

• **Huge interactive world!!!** - Complex puzzles, exploration, creative activities, and gaming!!

• **Full Color 3D Navigation!** - "Walk" through a huge movie-like world!!!

• **Elaborate, detailed graphics and animation!!**

• **Giant Soundtrack!** - Mood music, sound effects, and over 50 all original songs!!

• **Total Distortion Video Sequencer!!** - Get creative and make mini music videos! Share them with your friends!!!!

• **Adventure Gaming!!!** - Explore the dimension, find and carry items in your guitar case, gain wealth, develop relationships with characters, battle the sinister and deadly Guitar Warriors, encounter traps, and more, while struggling to maintain levels of physical energy, mental energy, and life force!!!!!

• **Virtual Rock Stars!** - Wild characters rock out and sing their own songs!!

• **Conversation!** - Talking characters will remember you, and you can talk back!!!

• **Media Overload!!!** - Deranged books, fun games, bizarre radio programs, and supernatural stage shows!!

• **Interactive Devices™!** - Software within software! Play with radios, video games, magic books, loud guitars, and more!!!

TOTAL DISTORTION is the first CD-ROM in a line of Music Video Adventure Games under development at Pop Rocket, Inc.

System Requirements for the Macintosh Version of the actual game:

Total Distortion (the actual game) works on the Apple Macintosh LCIII ®, Macintosh II ®, Macintosh Quadra™, Performa™ and PowerPC™ family of computers. Requires System 7 or greater, a Macintosh compatible CD-ROM drive, 8-bit Color Monitor 12" or greater and 4 megabytes of free RAM. For optimal performance use System 7, 68030 processor or better, and a minimum 5 megabytes of free application RAM.

System Requirements for the Windows Version of the actual game:

Total Distortion (the actual game) works on a 486SX33 with SVGA(256 color) graphics and 8 megabytes of ram. For optimal performance use a 486DX50 or faster processor.

ABOUT POP ROCKET

Pop Rocket, Inc., located in San Francisco, was founded in December, 1991 to develop and publish innovative interactive media products. Since then Pop Rocket has earned the reputation as a leading-edge developer of interactive media. An early beta version of Total Distortion has already won three New Media Invision Multimedia awards, and has received significant press coverage from a wide variety of sources including Business Week, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and Mix Magazine.

Pop Rocket's President, Joe Sparks, formed Pop Rocket shortly after co-developing the pioneering and popular interactive CD-ROM, "Spaceship Warlock™". The company is teamed by a talented staff of experienced multimedia developers and marketing professionals from the music recording and software industries.

TOTAL DISTORTION AVAILABILITY

Total Distortion for the Macintosh and for Windows will be available in early 1995 at all key retail stores selling software nationwide. In addition, Total Distortion will be sold in Japan and throughout Europe.

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