

## READ ME FIRST

### This Document Contains Important Information

The BBS-PC diskette in this package is in a special configuration. At this time DO NOT follow the procedures in the manual unless you have enough experience to completely initialize and set the parameters, for the BBS-PC program, to your own specifications. We highly recommend that you obtain some experience with the program before you try setting it up to your own specifications.

Please use the following instructions to begin using BBS-PC in the shortest possible time.

**NOTE:** These configurations are to get you started with BBS-PC. They are not a substitute for reading the manual. As you read the manual and gain experience running BBS-PC you may wish to change this configuration. Do so slowly so that you can test each change to see how or if it will affect your system.

# ALL FLOPPY BASED SYSTEMS

Make two (2) copies of your BBS-PC distribution diskette. Use the BBS-PC distribution diskette only for making copies. Use only your copies when working with BBS-PC.

## SINGLE DRIVE SYSTEM

These instructions setup BBS-PC to store all its files on DF0:

The BBS-PC diskette sent with the program has little space left for messages or files. To free up some "disk space" you are going to delete some files which are not required while running BBS-PC. Remove all utility files (see page 128) from one of the copies of BBS-PC. This diskette will now become your working diskette so label it "working copy - BBS-PC" and label the unchanged copy "backup copy - BBS-PC".

BBS-PC is now ready to be run on a one disk system. Have your Amiga running with the DOS prompt on the screen. Insert the "working copy" diskette in the DF0: drive. Simultaneously press the three key combination:

**[CTRL] [AMIGA]<sub>LEFT</sub> [AMIGA]<sub>RIGHT</sub>**

You will hear the disk drive working for a few moments and then see a prompt for the date and time. Shortly after answering this prompt the BBS-PC "waiting for call" screen should appear. If the "waiting for call" screen does not appear please read SETUP PROBLEMS at the end of this sheet.

## DOUBLE DRIVE SYSTEM

These instructions setup BBS-PC to store the files uploaded to the system on DF1: and all other files (including the upload/download index files) on DF0:.

The BBS-PC diskette sent with the program has little space left for messages or files. To free up some "disk space" you are going to delete some files which are not required while running BBS-PC. Remove all utility files except BBSINIT.COM (see page 128) from one of the copies of BBS-PC. This diskette will now become your working diskette so label it "working copy - BBS-PC" and label the unchanged copy "backup copy - BBS-PC".

You will also need a formatted diskette to use for additional file storage. If you do not have a blank formatted diskette then please use Amiga DOS to format one now.

Be sure your Amiga is running with the DOS prompt on the screen. Insert the blank formatted diskette in the DF1: drive. Insert the BBS-PC diskette labeled "working copy" in the DF0: drive. Now type:

**BBSINIT -U [ENTER]**

You will be prompted:

**Drive/path #1:**

Please respond by typing:

**DF1: [ENTER]**

You will now be prompted for:

**Drive/path #2:**

Since you are only specifying one drive path respond by pressing:

**[ENTER]**

Which will end BBSINIT and return you to DOS.

BBS-PC is now ready to be run on a two drive system. Have your Amiga running with the DOS prompt on the screen. Insert the "working copy" diskette in the DF0: drive. Simultaneously press the three key combination:

**[CTRL] [AMIGA]<sub>LEFT</sub> [AMIGA]<sub>RIGHT</sub>**

You will hear the disk drive working for a few moments and then see a prompt for the date and time. Shortly after answering this prompt the BBS-PC "waiting for call" screen should appear. If the "waiting for call" screen does not appear please read SETUP PROBLEMS at the end of this sheet.

## SETUP PROBLEMS

**INDICATION:** The screen is blank except for a header that says :

**BBS-PC**

**4.04**

**PROBLEM:** The modem configuration is incorrect. Please see the section on modem configuration..

**INDICATION:** The screen being displayed is a CLI (Command Line Interface) screen. This was preceded by a brief display of the screen with the BBS-PC header (mentioned above).

**PROBLEM:** A file that should have been left intact has been deleted or changed. You must start over with new copies of BBS-PC.

# MODEM CONFIGURATION

If you were referred to this section your modem's configuration is probably not correct. Appendix B in the manual is about setting up modems and has specific information on several types and general information that applies to many modems. If you are using a Hayes Smartmodem™ or Smartmodem 1200™ set the switches as indicated on page B-2. If you have a Hayes compatible modem your modem manual should contain the information necessary to emulate the switch settings on page B-2.

BBS-PC requires that the DATA CARRIER DETECT (DCD), also called CARRIER DETECT (CD), be set to *follow* carrier. This means that the CD signal will be "turned on" when your modem is "connected" with another modem. It also means that the CD signal will "turn off" when your modem is not "connected" with another modem. If the CD signal from the modem is *forced* on (always on) it will not work with BBS-PC.

CD is a signal from the modem to the computer. Going the other way is a signal called DATA TERMINAL READY (DTR). This is another signal that you do not want *forced* on. BBS-PC uses DTR to tell the modem to hang up the phone. If DTR is selectable do NOT set it to *forced* on (or forced true).

Some modems pretend DTR is always true and provide other ways to terminate a call. Look at the "Type Function" list (page B-3) to find the correct modem "type" setting for one of these modems.

If your modem must be set by sending it commands. You can enter these commands by using the "M: Change modem defaults" command from the SYSOP Maintenance module. To get the program started, while the modem is not set to the correct configuration, use the command:

**BBS-PC! -C: [ENTER]**

at the DOS prompt (see page 18 in the BBS-PC manual).

Once you have reset your modem's switches and/or the "modem default" settings within BBS-PC, return to the proper section and try starting the program again.