

User-Written Software for ATARI Home Computers

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SPEED-O-DISK

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INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

With SPEED-O-DISK you can easily check the speed of your ATARI 810 Disk Drive. If you get frequent "144" or "138" errors, you may well have a drive that is not operating at the factory specification speed of 288 RPM. If your drive is off by 4 RPM or more, it would be a good idea to adjust it to the proper speed.

REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

16K RAM

ATARI 810 Disk Drive

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GETTING STARTED

SETTING UP

1. Have your computer turned off. Turn on your disk drive.

2. When the BUSY light goes out, open the disk drive door and insert the SPEED-O-DISK diskette with the label in the lower right-hand corner nearest you. (Insert it in disk drive one of you have more than one drive.)

3. Turn on your computer and your TV set.

4. The program will load into your computer memory automatically. After a short READY prompt, the initial display will appear on your screen.

USING SPEED-O-DISK

The initial display gives you a brief description of the program. Also, it gives you instructions for adjusting your disk drive.

After pressing the RETURN key a second time, the speed check begins. The display tells you the measured speed of your drive and gives you an update on the speed every few seconds.

If the speed varies more than 4 RPM from the recommended 288 RPM, you may want to have the drive adjusted or adjust it yourself.

To end the speed check, press the SYSTEM RESET key.

ADJUSTING THE DISK DRIVE SPEED

****<u>CAUTION</u>****

Instructions for adjusting the speed of your ATARI 810 Disk Drive follow. Please note that you will VOID YOUR WARRANTY by attempting to adjust the drive yourself. To keep your warranty in effect, we recommend that you have the speed adjusted by an Authorized ATARI Service Center. Neither ATARI nor APX assumes responsibility for the accuracy of these instructions, or for the consequences to your equipment of using these instructions.

1. Insert the SPEED-O-DISK diskette, and have the speed check operating.

2. Remove the four round tabs on the top of the disk drive, and remove the four screws under the tabs. (See Fig. A)

3. Remove the cover.

4. Locate the plastic screw (variable resistor) in the left rear corner of the drive. (See Fig. B) Γ

5. SLOWLY turn the screw CLOCKWISE to slow the speed, COUNTERCLOCKWISE to increase the speed. Wait a few seconds between turns to allow the program to measure the new speed.

6. After the speed is correct, replace the cover, screws, and round tabs on your drive.

7. Recheck speed every 4 to 6 weeks, or when you get an excessive number of "144" or "138" errors.





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