

FORMATTER (15c)

This program enables the user to format blank 5 inch mini-floppy* diskettes for use with the CompuColor II.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Load the formatter program by inserting the diskette and hitting the "AUTO" key. Remove the formatter immediately to avoid accidentally formatting it.

After the program has loaded the following will be displayed:

COMPUCOLOR DISKETTE FORMATTER
FORMAT OR READ CHECK?>

If "F" is entered the program will format a disk. Entering "R" performs a read check on a previously formatted diskette. The read check will not destroy any information on the disk. Formatting a diskette will destroy ALL previous data. If you wish to return to BASIC, type "E".

After "F" or "R" is entered the program will display:

PREFER TO USE
CN RESET

*This does exist
but requests that
the formatter disk
be reinserted.*

DRIVE NUMBER?>

Enter "0" to format and/or read check a disk on the internal drive or "1" for an external drive. The format/read check will begin immediately after "0" or "1" is hit.

A read check is always performed regardless of the option selected. Any errors detected are displayed according to the following format:

T01S01 or T26S08

The numbers following "T" and "S" indicate the respective track and sector (in hex) where an error occurred. There are many kinds of errors and it is impossible for the user to determine which type occurred. Although the system can tolerate some errors it is recommended that the user re-format a diskette if any errors occur. Once a disk has been successfully formatted it can be initialized and used for programming and file storage in the CompuColor II.

*The CompuColor II does not use the optical hole placed on diskettes. Therefore either soft or hard-sectored diskettes may be used.