KRACKER JAX / INSTRUCTIONS

Kracker Jax is one of the easiest utilities to operate that you'll ever own. Each parameter has been extensively tested, and we are convinced that absolutely NO bugs exist in our software. However, there is a fact you should be aware of.

Sometimes, a major software house will release several versions of the same program, the only difference between versions being the copy protection scheme used. If you follow these instructions and are still unable to back up your software, odds are that the version you're trying to copy differs from the version that we used to create that specific parameter. Fortunately, this is a fairly uncommon practice.

To use your Kracker Jax disk, just follow these steps in order:

1- First, turn your printer OFF and unplug ANYTHING that may be in your cassette port, such as a Datasette or, more likely, a printer interface.
2- Load the Kracker Jax disk as follows: LOAD"*",8,1 and hit RETURN.
3- From the menu, select option C for "Three Minute Backup".
4- Using Three Minute Backup, copy your original disk.
5- When the "Backup Complete" prompt appears on the screen, remove the copy from the drive, turn your computer OFF and then back ON, and reload Kracker Jax as in Step 2.
6- Use the RETURN key to flip through the screens until you find the desired parameter. Select the parameter using the appropriate function key.
7- When the parameter is loaded, remove the Kracker Jax disk, insert the copy you just made, and press RETURN.
8- When the "Finished" prompt appears, remove the backup disk.

That's it - you're done! Congratulations; you've just mastered Kracker Jax!

KRACKER JAX / TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Kracker Jax is a whole new breed of archival software. We know that many of you will have a technical interest in just what we do and how we do it. We hope this section helps.

Do I need to buy anything else to use Kracker Jax? Only blank disks. While other utilities may require you to purchase an expensive "Master Program" to use their software, each Kracker Jax disk is completely self-contained.

How can I learn more about how Kracker Jax works? By writing in BASIC, we've left the Kracker Jax parameters completely open to your inspection. Those of you with a technical interest may list the parameters out and cross-reference the code with your 1541 / 1571 User's Guide.

Why use Kracker Jax instead of a regular copy utility? When you make a backup with a regular copy utility, you end up with a perfect copy of the program - and of the copy protection, which can rattle the drive head, mis-align your disk drive, and be a source of load problems. A Kracker Jax backup is devoide of any and all copy protection. You wind up with a fast, smooth loading, absolutely clean copy of your valuable software.

Why can't I use a nibbler utility with the Kracker Jax parameters? Simple - a nibbler duplicates the protection as well as the program itself. The "Three Minute Backup" utility doesn't.

Will the parameters run independent of the menu? Sure - in fact, if you want to save a little time, you can even load a parameter directly from the directory.

What if I have a problem with my Kracker Jax disk? No problem - with our 90 day unconditional warranty, we'll be glad to replace any original Kracker Jax disk that's defective or has been damaged. Just return it to: Kracker Jax, PO Box 6216, Vancouver, WA 98668. Send $2.00 to cover handling, and we'll send your new Kracker Jax disk within 48 hours.

Hey, you guys didn't create something this good all by yourselves, did you? Well, no, not really. We'd like to thank Mike Henry of Basement Boys Software and Bruce Hammond of Starpoint Software for their permission to use "Three Minute Backup". Without the use of this outstanding utility, we would have had to re-invent the wheel.