

PYRO! PC Addendum

This addendum explains the changes that have been made to Pyro!PC since the User Manual was printed. The changes made to Pyro! include installation, which is now accomplished through a separate installation program rather than through the setup program as it was in earlier versions; and configuration options for personalizing Pyro! which are now executed from a pull-down menu rather than a single screen (as in previous versions). Pyro! brings you 36 fantastic new modules that will entertain for hours. The five original modules are still available.

INSTALLATION

Installation is now executed from the DOS command-line using the **INSTALL** command. The following procedures take you through the installation program.

- 1 Insert your Working Copy of Pyro! in your floppy drive. At the DOS prompt type,

A:\> INSTALL <Enter>

- 2 Enter the drive and path to which you want to install Pyro! The default is C:\PYRO.
- 3 Pyro! asks if you want to **Copy** or **Skip** copying the files to your hard drive. Select **Copy**. (If you have a previous version of Pyro!, you should select **Copy** to ensure that you will have the new interface and all the new modules.)
- 4 Verify the drive from which Pyro! is being installed by selecting the letter of the appropriate drive and then selecting **OK**. Pyro! begins copying its files to your installation drive and path.
- 5 Pyro! tells you that to operate correctly, the following lines must be added to your AUTOEXEC.BAT file:

**SET PYRO=C:\PYRO
C:\PYRO\PYRO**

These commands set the environment variable which tells Pyro! where its files are stored so that Pyro! can load each time you start your computer. The installation program

will do this for you if you so choose. Select **YES** to automatically add these commands.

NOTE: If you choose not to modify your AUTOEXEC.BAT files at this time, you must manually add the "SET PYRO" command to your AUTOEXEC.BAT and add the C:\PATH\PYRO line as well. Or, you must execute these commands whenever you want to load Pyro!.

- 6 The Pyro! main screen appears and loads its modules.
- 7 You are then asked if you would like to define a password. If you define a password during installation, you can use it to protect your screen from unauthorized waking. Pyro! accepts a 3–15 character word as the password. Confirm the password by retyping it.

NOTE: If a password is not assigned during installation, the password feature cannot be used.

- 8 The Pyro! Setup screen appears listing its modules in the scrollable window. You can configure certain aspects of some of the modules, such as turning sound on and off, setting the activity speed, etc., by selecting the **Config** button. Some modules make sounds which can be turned on or off; others are displayed at slow, medium, and fast speeds; and a few change their appearance according to time (for details on configuring modules, refer to **CONFIGURATION MENU** below).
- 9 After configuring each module, select **OK**. The "When to Sleep" screen appears listing the When to Sleep options you can configure.

Sleep Now and Sleep Never Corners — When your mouse is positioned in the **Sleep Now** corner, Pyro! immediately goes to sleep. Positioning your mouse in the **Sleep Never** corner prevents Pyro! from going to sleep even if the time delay should expire. If your system supports a mouse, click on the corner in which you want to invoke **Sleep Now** and **Sleep Never** when the mouse is pointing there. If you wish to disable mouse-activated sleeping, set both **Sleep Now** and **Sleep Never** to the same corner.

Sleep Delay, Minutes — Enter the time in minutes in which you want Pyro! to sleep after your keyboard has been inactive.

- 10 Pyro! then asks for a hot key. By pressing the hot key you invoke the sleep mode at any time. The default is CTRL- ALT-P. To select a different one, press the keys you want to use as the hot key. We recommend using CTRL-ALT as the first two keys so that it can be easily remembered.
- 11 The “When to Wake” screen appears listing the When to Wake sleeping screen options. Each option represents an action that will wake Pyro! when it is sleeping. You can choose to wake the sleeping screen when any key is pressed, when the mouse is clicked, when the mouse is moved, or when any of these three actions take place. If you defined a password, you can protect your screen from unauthorized waking by selecting the **Password typed** option. Pyro! will wake the screen only after the correct password is entered. No other waking options will work when **Password typed** is chosen.
- 12 Select **OK** when you have configured all When to Wake options. When Pyro has been installed, reboot your computer.

CONFIGURATION MENU

The Configuration menu has been altered so that the display module, waking, and sleeping options are available from the pulldown menu. (In previous versions, these options were available from a single configuration screen.)

Display Modules

This option allows you to configure and sample each module. In addition, the **Timer** option allows you to configure the length of the delay before Pyro! switches to another module during a single screen sleep.

Config

Config allows you to set various options for different modules. Some modules can be altered

to adjust the movement (speed) of their display from Slow to Medium to Fast (for example BRICK.PYR, TRACES.PYR, and WIPE.PYR modules). Some modules have a sound which can be turned On or Off (for example BEAMS.PYR, COMPUTER.PYR, and RAINFILL.PYR). Other modules change their display according to time. For example, FISH.PYR changes its background scenery between intervals of 30 seconds, 2 minutes, and 5 minutes. To configure a module, highlight the module then select **Config**. Each configure dialog is different and depends on the module.

Sample

Sample allows you to preview a module so that you can see what it will do when Pyro! goes to sleep. To sample a module, highlight the module then select **Sample**.

Timer

Timer allows you to determine the time, in minutes, that Pyro! will change to the next selected module. For instance, you can set the **Timer** so that during a single screen sleep, Pyro! changes to a different module every minute.

When to Sleep

When to Sleep allows you to configure the actions that will invoke the sleep mode. The When to Sleep function has not changed since previous versions.

When to Wake

When to Wake allows you to configure the actions that will wake a sleeping screen. The actions are:

- Any key pressed
- Mouse clicked
- Mouse moved
- Password typed
- Enter required after password

If a password was not defined during installation, **Any**

key pressed, Mouse clicked, and Mouse moved will be selected by default.

NOTE: The **Password typed** option is only available if a password was defined during installation. If this option is selected, Pyro! will **only** wake your screen when the password is typed. When **Password typed** is selected, no other action can be selected. In other words, when **Password typed** is selected, it is the only action that will wake a sleeping screen. If you select **Enter required after password**, you must press the <Enter> key after typing in your password.

To change your password, select **Password**. Pyro! first asks for your current password, then for the new one. When asked to confirm, retype your new password exactly as you did the first time.

Enable/disable Pyro!...

Enable/disable Pyro!... turns Pyro! **On** or **Off**. **On** allows Pyro! to put your screen to sleep; **Off** does not allow Pyro! to put your screen to sleep.

COMMAND-LINE SWITCHES

You can invoke the sleep mode from the DOS command-line using the /s switch as follows:

PYRO /S

This option will be useful if you want to invoke Pyro! within a batch file.

In addition, **PYRO/U** is still available. This command allows you to unload Pyro! if it is the last TSR loaded in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file.
