

SPOT IBM REFERENCE CARD

BEFORE STARTING:

First Spot has to know a little bit about your computer. To inform the game exactly what kind of hardware you have and how you prefer the game to run, you must first run the installation program that has been supplied with the game, using the following procedure:

- 1) Insert the Spot program disk into the floppy drive of your computer.
- 2) Select that drive (For example, even if you are running a floppy disk in drive A, you must type A: in the drive directory).
- 3) Type **INSTALL** and press **ENTER**.
- 4) You will see a series of prompts on the screen, listing the options relating to video displays, input devices, sound options, and whether or not you wish to install the game on your hard disk drive. Use the arrow keys to move the selection cursor to whatever option you want to select, and press **ENTER**. If you change your mind, or make the wrong selection, use the arrow key to move back up the screen and reselect the correct option.
- 5) At any time, you may rerun the Install program to change any of these selections by pressing **ESC**.

LOADING FROM A FLOPPY DISK DRIVE:

- 1) Load **DOS**
- 2) At the **A >** prompt, insert the Spot program disk, then type **SPOT** and press **RETURN**.

LOADING FROM A HARD DISK DRIVE:

At the **C >** prompt, change to the Spot directory, then type **SPOT** and press **RETURN**.

Example: **CD SPOT <RETURN>**
SPOT <RETURN>

GAME CONTROLS

The game can be controlled either with a mouse, joystick or keyboard. You may play with any combination of the control devices.

MOUSE:

The mouse will always be able to move the hand. Move the hand around with the mouse to point at the various boxes on the screen.

- FIRE** — Left Mouse Button
- FIRE 2** — Right Mouse Button

JOYSTICK:

The joystick will always move the hand around in the direction that the joystick is being pushed.

- FIRE** — Left Fire Button
- FIRE 2** — Right Fire Button

KEYBOARD:

The arrow keys will move the hand around in the direction indicated on the arrow.

- FIRE** — Enter
- FIRE 2** — Space Bar

EXTRA KEYBOARD COMMANDS

Some keys can act as shortcuts to various screens. Please look below for specific examples.

At the Main Title Screen:

- Q Quits to DOS screen
- S Start a game
- E Edit board
- O Go to options

At Edit Board:

- Y Symmetry on/off.
- U Undo
- E Exit
- S Shake

At the Option Screen:

- E Exit

At the Play Board:

- Q Takes you into pause mode (only at the beginning of a turn)

From anywhere in the game:

- F1 Turns music on/off
- F2 In VGA, switches off moving background at play screen

SOUND SUPPORT

If you are using a slow machine, you may want to select no sound as an option from the setup program. Some of the sound drivers take up quite a bit of CPU time due to the amount of data we send to them.

KEYBOARD SUPPORT

On the old style Tandy 1000 keyboards, please use the number keys and not the arrow keys as indicated.

SPOT'S REMEDY TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF:

- 1) The game won't start. — Make sure you run the Setup program first and check that you have made the correct selections. Remember: Even if you are running from a floppy disk, you must type in the drive directory you are in. For example, if you are running a floppy disk in drive A, you must type A: in the drive directory.
- 2) The setup program says "error writing configuration file." — You have to type in the drive and directory of where your Spot disks are, even if you are running from a floppy.
- 3) The game plays slow. — On slow 4.77 Mhz machines, it plays real slow when you select a sound card. You may want to consider not selecting a sound card if you want your game to play faster.
- 4) You get an error "Program too big to fit in memory." — Take out any TSR programs from your config.sys and autoexec.bat files, this program needs 640k to run and by jove, it's going to get it.
- 5) You are using keyboard commands at the Option Screen and you are getting no response when you press Fire 1 (ENTER) and Fire 2 (SPACE BAR) — Press and hold down keys for a response.