

PRELIMINARY OPERATION MANUAL - QL DISK

CHAPTER TWO

MAKING USE OF SUPER-TRAN.DOS (Disk Operating System).

In general, the structure of command entry is the same as it is for microdrive. The input of commands has been largely determined by the QL's operating system, QDOS. Several points, only briefly documented elsewhere, should be observed:

1. Ordinarily, filenames must start with an alpha character. Likewise, filenames must not contain spaces between individual components of the name.
"SAVE FLD1_fred_bas" is correct.
"SAVE FLD1_fred bas" is incorrect.

However, in some circumstances, it is permissible to utilise otherwise unconventional filenames by enclosing the drive and filename within inverted commas:

--- SAVE 'FLD1_123 FRED BAS'
will produce a file of that name. Conversely, when the file is next loaded, the drive and filename must be enclosed in inverted commas again.

1.0.0 OPERATION OF THE DISC DRIVE

NOTES:

1. It is suggested that, until you become familiar with the operation of Dattel QL Disk, you should perform the various operations and commands on a new disk.
2. n = the drive number (either 1 or 2).
3. media_name is the name given in the formatting of a disk volume.
4. file_name is the name given to each file saved or transferred to a disk drive.
5. The convention followed throughout this manual:
[#ch] is an optional command.
(**) indicates a command which is analogous to the SuperBASIC.

Using the general commands:

1.1.0 Formatting a new disk:

Command : FORMAT
Syntax : FORMAT FLDn_media_name
Action :
Parameters :

1.2.0 Initialisation

Command : INIT
Syntax : INIT FLDn_media_name
Action :
Parameters :

1.3.0

Command : DNAME