

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ 10028 How can I format a 720k floppy disk for my antique console?

Older desks like the Avolites Sapphire 96 require you to use 720K floppy disks. These have long since stopped being available and even 1.44 floppies are difficult to obtain.

If you have a 1.44 floppy disk you can make it usable in the console by formatting it as a 720k disk on a windows pc.

Windows xp removed the /f:720 switch from its format command.

However there is still a way.....

- 1) Take a 1.44 floppy.
- 2) Cover the open hole (not the sliding write protect) with a piece of dark sticky tape.
- 3) Put the floppy in the pc drive (here presumed to be the A drive).
- 4) Open a dos command window (start , run.. cmd).
- 5) Type the following command (there are 3 spaces) and press ENTER.
format a: /t:80 /n:9
- 6) Press ENTER when prompted (the format will now start).
- 7) When asked for a volume label press ENTER for none.
- 8) You can now use the disk in your console. (keep the sticky tape on).