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***Read Before Installing or Using VAX BASIC* Version 3.4**
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Whether you are a new or a continuing VAX BASIC customer, please take time to read the following information about your product.

Installation Information

VAX BASIC Version 3.4 requires VMS Version 5.0 or higher.

If you are installing VAX BASIC Version 3.4 on a newly-licensed node or cluster, you must first register a License Product Authorization Key (License PAK) using the License Management Facility (LMF). The License PAK may be shipped along with the kit if you ordered the license and media together; otherwise, it is shipped separately to a location based on your license order.

If you are installing VAX BASIC Version 3.4 as an update on a node or cluster already licensed for this software, you must register the Service Update PAK (SUP) that is included in your Service Update Kit. If you already registered a License PAK or a SUP for this product on this node or cluster, you do not need to register the SUP.

If you are installing an update of VAX BASIC but lack a service contract, call your Digital representative for instructions on how to get a License PAK.

See the *VMS License Management Utility Manual* for registration instructions.

Previous versions of VAX BASIC do not need to be installed before this version.

Release Notes Information

The release notes for VAX BASIC Version 3.4 contain important installation-related instructions and a summary of technical changes, new features, differences, known problems, corrected errors, performance enhancements, documentation errors, restrictions, and incompatibilities.

You can read the release notes before installing VAX BASIC by invoking VMSINSTAL and following the instructions that start the installation procedure. You can also read release notes following the installation of VAX BASIC by typing:

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$ HELP BASIC RELEASE_NOTES
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Contents of This Kit

- **Indented Bill Report (BIL) and Bill of Materials (BOM)**

  Please read the BIL and BOM enclosed in this kit and check to see that all items listed are actually in your kit. If your kit is damaged or any items are missing, call your Digital representative.

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- **Media**

  If you ordered media, you will find the media and the *VAX BASIC Installation Guide* in this kit. Consult the *VAX BASIC Installation Guide* for information about installing VAX BASIC on your system.

- **Documentation**

  Depending on your order, this kit may include copies of the following VAX BASIC documentation:

  Programming with VAX BASIC Graphics
  VAX BASIC Reference Manual
  VAX BASIC Syntax Summary
  VAX BASIC User Manual

  Note that the *VAX BASIC Installation Guide* is included with the media.

- **Product Authorization Key (PAK)**

  The PAK contains information necessary to register VAX BASIC before you install it.

- **Software Product Description (SPD)**

  The SPD provides an overview of the VAX BASIC kit and its features.

- **Software Performance Report (SPR)**

  Use this form to report any problems with VAX BASIC, provided you have purchased warranty services.

- **Software Update Survey Card**

  By completing this card after you install VAX BASIC, you provide valuable feedback to Digital on installation quality. Your feedback helps us to understand customer needs and improve our products.

A Final Note

Digital prides itself on responding to customer needs. In order to continue serving you, we need your comments. Each manual contains preaddressed, postage-paid Reader's Comments forms at the back. If you find errors in a manual or want to make comments about it, please fill out one of these forms and send it to us.