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Before You Install VAX DBMS Version 4.2

This package contains the VAX DBMS software and installation instructions.

Before you install VAX DBMS on your VMS operating system, do the following:

- Read the Bill of Materials. Check to see that all items listed there are in your kit. If any items are missing, contact your Digital representative.
- Make sure VMS Version 5.3 or higher is installed on your system. However, you must have VMS Version 5.4 or higher installed on your system to use the two-phase commit protocol.
- Make sure VAX CDD/Plus Version 4.1 or higher is installed on your system.
- Make sure you have converted to VAX CDD/Plus before you install VAX DBMS Version 4.2. Digital recommends that you extract all schemas, subschemas, storage schemas, and security schemas to a DDL source file by using DBO/EXTRACT/OLD_CDD as described in the *VAX DBMS Release Notes*.
- Make a backup of all your databases *before* installing VAX DBMS Version 4.2 and *before* converting these databases. Once you convert databases to Version 4.2 format, you can never access those databases with a lower version of VAX DBMS. Keep the backup files available until you are sure the conversions to the new format are successful.
- Read the *VMS VAXcluster Manual* if you are installing VAX DBMS in a VAXcluster environment. VAX DBMS in a VAXcluster environment allows concurrent, multiple-processor access.
- Read the *VAX DBMS Release Notes*.
- Read the *VAX DBMS Installation Guide* carefully for important information about the installation kit and prerequisites, the installation procedure, related VMS system parameters and disk space requirements, and VAXcluster considerations.

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