

# ATARI® *T*RANSLATOR

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**T**he ATARI Translator lets you run all software designed for ATARI computers on your ATARI XL Home Computer. Because of enhancements to the internal software of the ATARI XL-series computers, certain software programs designed by non-ATARI programmers for use with previous models are incompatible with our new models. The ATARI Translator makes most of these programs compatible with the ATARI 600XL™, 800XL™, 1200XL™, 1400XL™, and 1450XLD™ Home Computers. The Translator converts, or translates, the codes in software designed for the ATARI 400™ and 800™ Home Computers into instructions your ATARI XL computer can understand and follow. With the ATARI Translator, you gain access to over 2,000 programs available for ATARI Home Computers.

## Loading The Translator

Your diskette contains two versions—one on each side—of the Translator program. You should always use the version on side A first. Only after you've tried—and failed—to run a non-ATARI program on version A should you try the version on side B.

**1** Turn on your disk drive, and, after the BUSY light goes out, insert the ATARI Translator program diskette—with side A up—into your disk drive.

**2** Turn on your computer to load the ATARI Translator into your computer.

**3** Remove the Translator diskette when the TRANSLATOR prompt appears on your TV screen, then go to step 4 (to load a program on diskette) or step 5 (to load a program on cassette).

NOTE: If your computer has built-in BASIC and the application software user's guide instructs you to remove any cartridges from your computer, you must disable BASIC by pressing the OPTION key on your computer when you turn your computer on. Hold OPTION down until the "One moment please" prompt appears on your screen.

## Loading A Program On Diskette

**4** Insert the application diskette in your disk drive, then press SELECT on your computer to load the software into your computer.

NOTE: If you have an ATARI 1450XLD Computer, you can use its built-in disk drive to load the Translator program into your computer, but you can't use the built-in disk drive to load the application software—you must load the software from an external disk drive connected to the serial I/O port on the back of your computer. Follow the above instructions to load the Translator program (from either the built-in or external disk drive) into your computer. Insert the application diskette into the external disk drive—it must be configured as drive No. 1—and press SELECT to load the program.

## Loading A Program On Cassette

**5** Insert the cassette tape into your program recorder. Press and hold the START key down, then press SELECT. When your computer beeps, press PLAY on the program recorder and RETURN on the computer to load the program.

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If your application program still fails to load properly, re-insert the Translator diskette—with side B up—into your disk drive, then repeat the above steps. (Don't forget, you must turn your computer off, wait five seconds, then turn it back on again to clear your computer's memory and load the alternate version of the Translator.)

You can now use your application program according to the instructions provided in its the user's guide. You can't use the HELP key or, if your computer has them, the special-function keys (F1, F2, F3, and F4). With one exception (the RESET key), all the other keys perform as usual.

When you use side A of the Translator diskette, the RESET key works as it normally would—pushing it restarts the application program at its beginning. You can't use the RESET key with the version on side B, however. To reset a program after using version B, you must turn your computer off and reload the Translator, then reload the application software again.

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