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British astrological software

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Version 7 Update for Amstrad PCW 8256/8512 users

We are pleased to announce that version 7 of our Astrocalc calculation programs is at last available - and well worth the wait! This version has many new features, the major ones being listed below.

- 1) 1 minute accuracy for the planets from about 2500 BC to 2500 AD.
- 2) A screen wheel with symbols, aspect lines and aspect grid (see page 4 for example) - replaces the square one and printer wheel previously used.
- 3) A simple, fast and effective batch input method.
- 4) The option to save as much natal data to research files (in various formats) as you wish.
- 5) Storage of lunar phases information on disc for much faster processing.

Other additions and improvements include heliocentric positions, a Draconic option, the ability to correct and 'step back' on data entry, the option to show true or apparent positions, aspects in the minor planets routine (natal only), aspects to the node and vertex and control over the lining up of the printing, etc. The gazetteer now contains about 1800 towns and can be accessed from wherever you need latitudes and longitudes, and UK and Irish users can also input Road Atlas Grid references coordinates. In addition the Julian date input, user-defined orbs and sidereal zodiacs are standard features, orbs are shown to 1 decimal place and the planetary positions can be similarly shown - except for minor planets.

Many of the above items can be user-defined and switched on or off as required. To do this there is a special separate configuration program which can be used as little or often as required. In most cases once you have set up your desired house system, the orbs, etc., you will not need to use it again and it can be deleted from your working copy.

To accommodate version 7 we have made certain alterations to price schedules shown BEFORE the current May 1988 catalogue. Registered post is £1.40, express £1.65 and the cost of update has been increased to £7 but disc charges have been dropped (but see below). The Remark Sorter program now costs £7, the Ephemeris print program is £18.50 and the Astrotutor 1 £12.50. The prices of the A1 to A8 range of programs for version 7 are all INCREASED by £7 and there are new combinations A11, A19 and A20. Combinations A9 and A10 have been deleted but can still be updated.

The cost of updating from any previous version or combination to the version 7 equivalent is normally always £7, provided that you send back your existing disc(s), plus an additional £7 if you want the new version 7 Ephemeris print. Unfortunately, with the Amstrad PCW 8256/8512 disc space is limited and it is not possible to put everything on to a single A drive disc. The 3 inch discs are also still relatively expensive. In addition we have tried to simplify and improve the operation of the programs, especially for dual disc drive owners, and organised it so that all calculation programs are on one disc and any other programs are on a second disc. By other programs we mean the Autogaz, Summertime update, any Astrotutor, Biorhythms, I Ching, Chartmaster, Notepad, Remark Sorter, Hindu Astrology, Handwriting Analyser, etc. Minor improvements have been made to many of these programs too.

We are therefore asking you - for this particular update - to send back your original disc(s) plus £7 if you have just a single disc program, or £9 where 2 discs may be involved or £16 if you want the Ephemeris print program updated. Further details are given on the enclosed update order form which should clarify everything. If it doesn't give us a ring.

*New programs include
Midpoint Trees, Graphics Progressions and Graphic Transits*

Extracts from our catalogue as applicable to version 7 on the PCW are given below.

A1 £25

Natal longitudes, declinations, Aspects, Mean & True Node, Vertex, Qualities, Elements, Equal, Koch and Placidus house systems, the cusps and positions of the planets and angles, screen wheel with aspect lines and aspect grid, batch input, research file creation facilities, user-defined orbs, sidereal and Draconic options, etc.

A2 £40

As A1 + Day-for-a-year progressions giving the progressed positions, Mutual Aspects, Progressed to Natal & Lunar aspects by month; plus Monthly Transits (1 to 60 months) giving exact date for major aspects for Mars to Pluto transits, & Daily Transits (1 to 35 days) giving major aspects for all planets. The Transit period of 1 degree influence is also shown.

A3 £50

As A2 plus Direct Chart Synastry giving the ability to process 2 charts fully then compare for aspects & house positions.

A4 £57

As A3 plus Composite & Relationship charts including the progressed charts.

A5 £47

As A2 plus Harmonics - lists of harmonics & single charts with mutual aspects & harmonic to natal aspects.

A6 £52

As A2 plus Midpoints. Includes lists of Midpoints in various sorted orders, Solar Arc Directions and Transits to Midpoints, orb & dial changes & Natal Midpoints aspects.

A7 £47

As A2 plus Solar and Lunar Returns. Includes relocation and precession options.

A8 £77

A program giving all the features of A1 to A7. *W*

A11 £110

As A8 plus true solar arc, all transits, minor planets, 8 house systems, decimal harmonics.

A19 £127

As A11 plus all progressions (includes tertiaries), harmonics (not Harmonic Chart Analysis), lunar phases, gazetteer, summertime update

A20 £142

As A19 plus Harmonic Chart Analysis, Midpoint Trees, File Service and Ephemeris Print programs.

£10 Harmonic Chart Analysis. Uses Harmonic orbs: measures every aspects's strength: gives aspect-strength for each planet: reports all 3-planet configurations, with strength, user options for orbs, aspects, etc. Links to A1 or larger programs and depends upon it (included with A20).

£11.50 File Service Program. For viewing and manipulation of the charts stored using the Chart Storage and Filing System.

£12.50 Midpoint Trees. Printer only. A SEPARATE calculation program specially written by Mike Harding including a manual explaining the use of midpoints. Links to the A1 or larger program and depends upon it (included with A20). Will print out midpoint trees, sorted lists of direct and indirect midpoints. Can also give cardinal, fixed, mutable sort and an aspectarian. As taught by the Faculty of Astrological Studies. A must for all serious students.

£16 each or £24 together Graphic Progressions and Transits.

Printer only. Program produces a large printed graph showing the actual movements of the planets as lines which cross to produce aspects with the natal chart.

Finally we would like to thank all our customers again for their continued support. We are already planning ahead for the 1990's. A synastry package to complement Starword and Transits Forecaster plus improvements to the latter should also become available during 1989 plus a research program.

For those who are interested in the programming side of things, the creation of the screen wheel is by courtesy of Bob Mitchell who wrote the routine (also used on the IBM and the Atari ST), and David Wilson Computronics (tel 0665 89395), who have an excellent little extension to MALLARD BASIC called DWBASIC. This comes on a disc called 'Supercharger', costs only £13.95 and includes many other useful little programs and programming tips. They also have many other useful programs.

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