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BYLINE FACT SHEET

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Reports and business documents that incorporate text and graphics
- Overhead presentations
- Price lists
- Inventory reports
- Budgets
- Sales and marketing communications documents
- Newsletters
- Data-driven directories
- Resumes

GENERAL FEATURES

- Directly imports and exports the following word processing file formats: MultiMate 3.3, MultiMate Advantage 3.6, MultiMate Advantage II, WordPerfect 4.1 and 4.2, WordStar 3.3 and 4.0, XyWrite II and XyWrite III, and ASCII.
- Automatically exports changes made in Byline to the original word processing file.

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- Directly imports the following file formats: dBASE III PLUS .DBF and .NDX, Lotus 1-2-3 and Symphony worksheets and graphics, MacPaint, PC Paintbrush, PC Paintbrush Plus, Windows Paint and scanned images produced by DEST, Microtek, Hewlett-Packard and Datacopy scanners.
- Imports dBASE III PLUS database files into pre-styled forms for database publishing.
- Provides access to DOS without quitting or reloading.
- Context-sensitive help included.
- Zoom feature magnifies the page.
- Shortcut commands allow experienced users to bypass menus.
- Automatic dating, time stamping and page numbering.
- Supports keystroke files for easy storage and recall of commonly used command sequences.
- Context-sensitive function keys and prompts.
- Changeable screen display allows simultaneous spec sheets and WYSIWYG on screen; full-screen image of the page.

PAGE DESIGN FEATURES

- Page, text and photo formatting instructions are defined in spec sheets enabling storage and re-use of these instructions.
- Find and replace or copy layouts for easy spec sheet field modification and template creation.
- Supports several units of measurement including inches, centimeters, millimeters, points and picas.
- Available type fonts include Swiss, Times, Courier, Bookman and dBASE Elite, a special type style for database publishing.
- Special characters such as bullets, hollow bullets, and TM and © symbols work with all fonts.
- Type sizes range from 8 to 144 points.
- Repeating characters may be used for special rules and leaders.
- Leading is specified in whole points.
- Automatic kerning for more readable text.

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- Provides line art draw capabilities, such as vertical and horizontal rules, repeating characters, borders and rectangles.
- "What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get" (WYSIWYG) page formatting allows users to view layouts before printing.
- Autoflow capability automatically flows text to predefined elements on another page or across document for total document control.
- Multiple left and right master pages allow for automatic formatting of repeating text and graphics.
- Note file feature provides non-printing page and document comment files.
- Three levels of headlines can be placed within running text.
- Automated running headers may be set for right and lefthand pages.

GRAPHIC FEATURES

- Cropping and sizing of graphics by percentage reduction or by eye.
- Imports graphic files not supported directly through a camera utility.

TEXT EDITING

- Text editing capabilities include move, copy, find and replace, and interfile move and copy.
- Text styles include boldface, italics, underline, superscript, subscript, strikethrough and hidden.
- Sophisticated table handling allows for convenient editing of tabular data.
- Search and replace.

PRINTING

- Allows installation of up to four printers at one time.
- Provides document portability across a range of supported printers without reformatting.
- Print options include printing a document in its entirety or in individual pages.

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- IBM PC, PC/XT, Personal Computer AT and 100 percent compatibles; 80286 and 80386 microcomputers.
- Minimum 384K bytes of RAM.
- Two 360K-byte floppy disk drives or one floppy and one hard disk drive (hard disk drive required for dBASE link).
- Display adaptor compatible with IBM Color Graphics (CGA 640x200), or Hercules, Hercules Plus or Enhanced Graphics (EGA 640x350).
- PC-DOS or MS-DOS 2.0 or higher.
- Supports a variety of printers including H-P LaserJet, H-P LaserJet Plus, H-P LaserJet II, Apple LaserWriter and others using a PostScript driver. Also supports a wide range of 9- and 24-pin dot matrix printers including Epson, Okidata and the IBM ProPrinter.

PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

- \$295 suggested retail price.
- Available at Ashton-Tate's more than 5,500 authorized dealers nationwide.

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