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**ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES MULTIMATE ADVANTAGE II  
PRINTER ENHANCEMENT PACK**

**Enhancement for MultiMate Advantage II  
offers WYSIWYG preview, printer and font  
selection and Bitstream typefaces**

**TORRANCE, California, March 23, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate**

Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced the MultiMate Advantage II Printer Enhancement Pack ("PEP"), software that offers enhancements and new features, particularly for laser printing, for MultiMate Advantage II word processing users. The software will begin shipping to the Ashton-Tate authorized reseller network on March 28, 1989.

With a suggested retail price of \$30, the Printer Enhancement Pack features a full graphics preview option, menu-driven printer and font selection, the Bitstream Fontware Starter Kit including soft fonts, and an enhanced pull-down menu system. It also includes a new lightbar selection feature for "point-and-shoot" choice of documents, files and paths.

At the same time, Ashton-Tate announced a reduction in the upgrade price from previous versions of MultiMate to MultiMate Advantage II. Offering a \$90 savings, the \$65 upgrade price includes a copy of the Printer Enhancement Pack.

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"The Printer Enhancement Pack is the direct result of feedback from many of our corporate customers, especially those using laser printers," said Bill Lyons, vice president of Ashton-Tate's PC Applications Division. "We believe this enhancement delivers the features our customers have asked for, while significantly adding to MultiMate's capabilities."

### Product Features

As an enhancement to MultiMate Advantage II, PEP includes:

- Simplified installation  
Menu-driven install provides easier and faster software and printer installation.
- Bitstream Fontware Starter Kit  
An installation kit specifically designed for PEP, and Swiss and Dutch screen fonts in 8, 10, 12 and 14 point (plus Courier in 12 point), offer added flexibility in printed output.
- Improved font selection  
Virtually all internal fonts, cartridge and soft fonts are supported for Hewlett-Packard and compatible laser printers. As a result, any combination of internal, cartridge and soft fonts (up to 26 different fonts) can be used in one document.
- Enhanced, WYSIWYG preview  
Users now have graphics-based preview of full-sized, reduced-size and side-by-side views of facing pages in a document. Preview provides WYSIWYG ("what you see is what you get") display, with screen emulation of typefaces and type size.
- Expanded menu system  
Pull-down menus now display most MultiMate functions plus keystroke combinations for accessing functions outside of the menus. This makes learning and using MultiMate easier and faster.

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These enhancements add to MultiMate's power without changing the familiar main menu and keystroke combinations. Current MultiMate users who have seen PEP have been impressed with the new laser printing capabilities and the ease-of-use offered by the expanded menu system.

Price, Availability

The Printer Enhancement Pack carries a suggested retail price of \$30 and will begin shipping on March 28, 1989. It may be obtained directly from Ashton-Tate by calling (203) 289-6300 or (800) 2-ASHTON, or through Ashton-Tate authorized resellers.

The Printer Enhancement Pack requires a copy of MultiMate Advantage II and 384K to run. Documents created in previous versions of MultiMate can easily be used with PEP.

Ashton-Tate Corporation markets best-selling business application software for DOS, Macintosh and OS/2 environments. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, graphics, decision support integrated software, desktop publishing and spreadsheets. The Tate Publishing division offers third-party software applications as well as books and periodicals. The company also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations, and government agencies.

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