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Read Before Installing or Using VAX BASIC
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Whether you are a new or a continuing VAX BASIC customer, take some time to read the following information about your product.

New or continuing VAX BASIC customers should receive the following:

- The media required for Version 3.3 of VAX BASIC

- User documentation for Version 3.3 of VAX BASIC

- Supplemental materials and any additionally ordered items

Installation Information

You must have VMS Version 5.0 or higher installed before you install Version 3.3 of VAX BASIC. To use the graphics capabilities of VAX BASIC, you must have VAX GKS Version 2.0 or higher installed.

Contents of This Kit

- **Indented Bill Report (BIL) and Bill of Materials (BOM)**

  Please read the BIL and BOM enclosed in this kit, and check to see that all items listed are actually in your kit. If your kit is damaged, or if you find that parts of it are missing, call your DIGITAL representative.

- **Media**

  If you have ordered media, you will find the media and the *VAX BASIC Installation Guide* in this kit. This guide supplies the information you need to install VAX BASIC on a VMS system. The number of volumes varies according to the type of media you ordered.

Type of Media	Number of Volumes
Magtape	1
TK50 cartridge	1
RX50 diskettes	3
RX01 diskettes	5
TU58 cassettes	5

- **Documentation**

  Documentation for Version 3.3 of VAX BASIC includes update packages for the following two manuals:

  - *VAX BASIC User Manual*

  - *VAX BASIC Reference Manual*

  These update packages supplement or supersede previous VAX BASIC documentation. The customer is expected to add new pages and replace changed pages in the respective manuals according to instructions included in each update package.

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- **Software Product Description (SPD)**

  Your SPD provides an overview of the VAX BASIC kit and its features.

- **Software Performance Report (SPR)**

  Use this form to report any problems with VAX BASIC (provided you have purchased warranty services).

Release Notes Information

The release notes for the latest installed version of VAX BASIC contain:

- Important installation-related information

- A summary of technical changes, new features, differences, known problems, corrected errors, performance enhancements, documentation errors, restrictions, and incompatibilities

You can read the release notes before installing VAX BASIC by invoking VMSINSTAL and following the instructions in your product's installation guide. You can locate the release notes after installing VAX BASIC by typing the following command at DCL level ($):

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$ HELP BASIC RELEASE_NOTES  RET
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