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## Earth Explorer: Technical Specifications (2/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article provides the technical specifications on the Earth Explorer compact disc for Macintosh and Windows.

DISCUSSION -----

Technical Specifications:  
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Major topics

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Climate: the sun, water, wind, oceans, and more  
Biosphere: ecosystems, plant and animal communities, and more  
Human impact: land use, energy consumption, attitudes toward nature, and more  
Future: environmental law, technologies, careers, and more

Articles

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- 443 articles, all verified for accuracy by the AAAS
- Hierarchical arrangement for easy access to general or detailed information
- Each article includes photos, graphics, quotes, thought-provoking questions, and/or video clips
- Specified words are linked to a glossary

Data sets

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- 21 sets of environmental data on such topics as rainfall, population, whaling, and pollution
- Up to five graphic displays for each data set, including maps, color graphs, timelines, and interactive graphics

Hot Topics

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- Lively discussions of 21 environmental issues such as endangered species, urban transportation, biodiversity, and nuclear power
- Entertaining "first person" format in which fictional characters describe their dilemmas
- 16 different arguments on each issue

#### Explore

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- 12 interactive animations on such topics as ocean currents, famous naturalists, the food chain, and energy usage
- Ideal introduction to environmental concepts for younger children

#### System requirements—Macintosh

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- Apple Macintosh or PowerBook computer with 68030 or higher processor, or Apple Power Macintosh computer
- 5 MB of RAM
- Macintosh system software 7.0.1 or later
- Hard disk
- 12-inch or larger color monitor (at least 256 colors)
- CD-ROM drive (double-speed drive recommended)

#### System requirements—Windows

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- IBM-compatible computer with 25-MHz 80486 or higher processor
- 8 MB of RAM
- Windows 3.0 with Multimedia Extensions, or Windows 3.1
- Hard disk
- 12-inch or larger color monitor
- Video card capable of displaying at least 256 colors
- CD-ROM drive (double-speed drive recommended)

#### Ordering Information

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##### Earth Explorer for Macintosh, retail version

In the U.S., Order No. M3781LL/A

- One CD-ROM disc containing Earth Explorer, HyperCard, and QuickTime software
- User's manual

##### Earth Explorer for Macintosh, school version

In the U.S., Order No. M3782LL/A

- One CD-ROM disc
- Teacher's guide with lesson plans
- User's manual

##### Earth Explorer for Windows, retail version

In the U.S., Order No. M3783LL/A

- One CD-ROM disc containing Earth Explorer, HyperCard, and QuickTime for Windows software

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- User's manual

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