



Video Backup System 3.0

User interface

The VBS 3.0 software is compatible with all Amigas and requires AmigaOS 2.x/3.x or higher. VBS is now even easier to use and has a completely redone 2.0-look user interface. You can customize it by means of font and screen mode-requesters. VBS can also run on the Workbench-screen.

Speed

There are new backup modes for Amigas with an 68020 or higher CPU (A1200, A2500, A3000, A4000). The first one gives a speed improvement of a factor 2 compared to V1.5, without data compression. The typical throughput in this case is 85MB per hour, for a total of 340MB per 4-hour video tape! The other new mode adds data compression to this, and is up to 3 times as fast as V1.5 (depending on the compression ratio achieved). With 130MB per hour, 520MB will fit on a 4-hour tape.

VBS 3.0 can read and write V1.5 backups without problems.

Partial Restore

In 3.0, it is no longer necessary to replay the entire backup when only a few files are to be restored. After VBS has read the directory tree structure from the VCR, the tape can be fast forwarded if the desired file is far away from the beginning. During Restore and Verify, VBS displays on the screen which file and directory it is currently working on.

Counter type

VBS now supports VCRs having a numeric instead of a real-time counter.

Settings

VBS now has a requester for the following settings:

- Counter type (Numeric/Time).
- Video Connection Check (on/off).
- Use Public screen (on/off).
- Beep after backup (on/off).
- Log file/Report directory.
- Fonts for user interface and Visual Header.
- Screen mode.

Batch Backup

The Video Backup System now lets you define a list of backups to be made. Previously, it was necessary to manually make a separate backup for each hard disk partition. With VBS 3.0, you simply enter the desired partitions in the batch list. VBS will then successively make separate backups for each one of these partitions. The batch backup can be programmed to start either at a specific time-of-day or directly.

If desired, the software can give an audio signal when the backup(s) are ready.

Installer

Installation of VBS 3.0 on you hard drive is done using the Commodore Installer: user friendly and trouble-free.