



**Read Before Installing or Using VAX BASIC**  
**AA-EY30C-TE**

Whether you are a first-time or a long-time VAX BASIC user, please take a moment to look over the following information about your product.

**Installation Information**

You must have VAX/VMS Version 4.5 or higher to install Version 3.1 of VAX BASIC. To use the VAX Source Code Analyzer (SCA), you must have Version 1.0 or higher of SCA installed. To use the graphics capabilities, you must also have VAX GKS Version 2.0 or higher installed. If you are using VAX GKS Version 3.0 or higher, please read the VAX BASIC Version 3.1 release notes for important changes that affect the use of some VAX BASIC graphics statements. If you plan to use VAX BASIC graphics on a VAXstation, please refer to the VAX GKS Release Notes for the required software. Previous versions of VAX BASIC do not need to be installed before this one.

When using the *VAX BASIC Installation Guide* to install VAX BASIC, note that installing the VAX LSE templates is no longer an installation option as documented. The LSE templates for VAX BASIC are now installed when you install VAX LSE Version 2.0.

**Release Notes Information**

The release notes for the latest installed version of VAX BASIC contain brief descriptions of new features, corrected errors, restrictions, known problems, and incompatibilities with previous versions.

You can read these release notes before installing VAX BASIC by invoking VMSINSTAL and following the installation procedure up to step 4. You can also read the release notes after the installation of VAX BASIC by entering the BASIC environment and typing HELP RELEASE\_NOTES at the Ready prompt.

**Contents of This Kit**

- **Bill of Materials (BOM)**

Please read the BOM enclosed in this kit and check to see that all items listed there are actually in your kit. If your kit is damaged, or if you find that parts of it are missing, please 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 manual supplies the information necessary to install VAX BASIC on a VAX/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**

All customers will receive update pages for the *VAX BASIC User Manual*. See the release notes for information on the other manuals in the documentation set.

- **Software Product Description (SPD)**

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

- **Software Update Survey Card**

Your completion of this card after you install your VAX BASIC kit provides valuable feedback to DIGITAL on installation quality. Your feedback allows us to understand customer needs, and enables us to make any necessary improvements.

- **Software Performance Report (SPR)**

This form allows you to report any problems with VAX BASIC, provided you have purchased warranty services.

### **A Final Note**

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