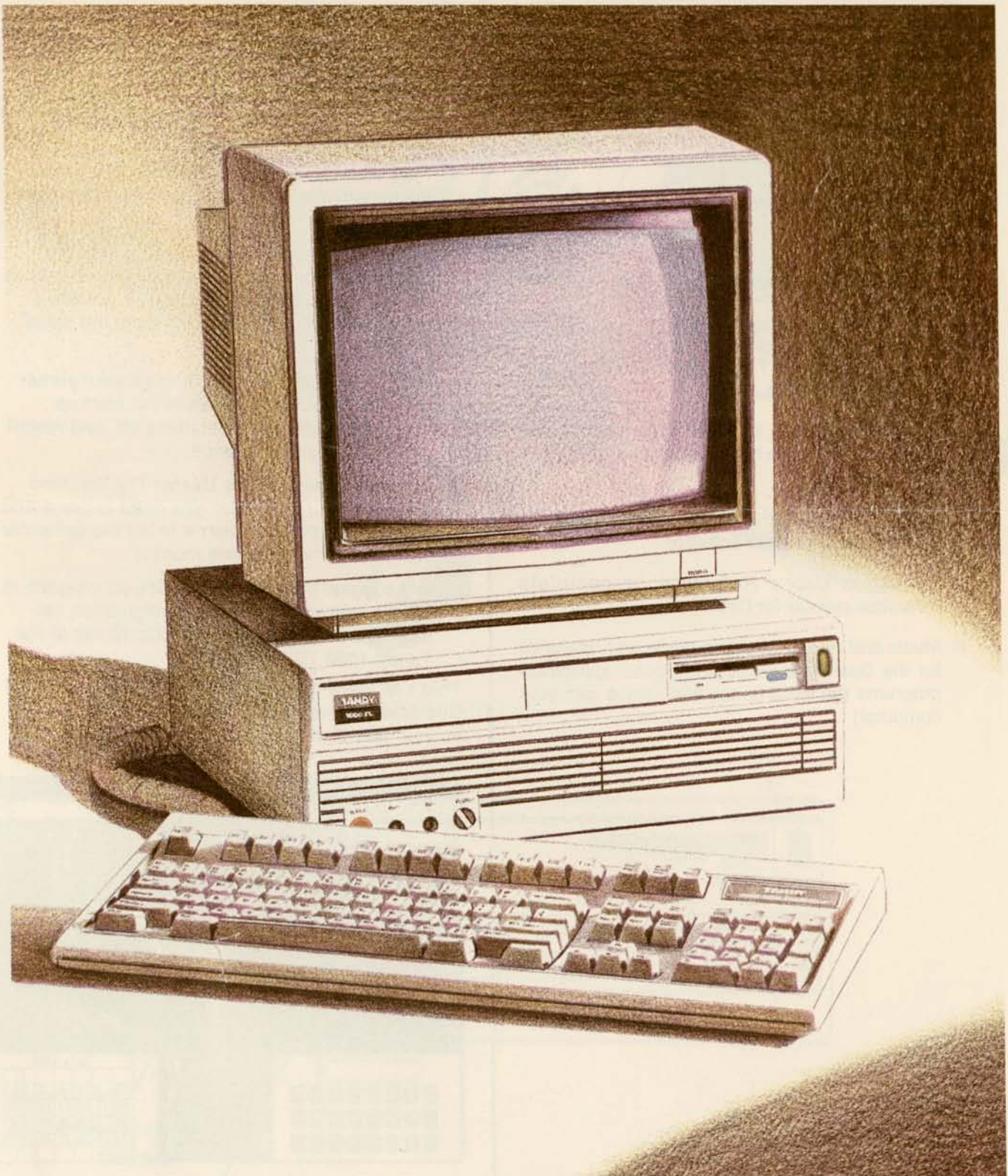


First Things First

for the Tandy 1000 TL



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It takes a lot of technology to make computers "user-friendly," and your new Tandy 1000 TL is one of the easiest-to-use computers available. Setup is as simple as unpacking the box, plugging in the hardware, and turning it on.

Checklist

After you open your box, be sure you have the following:

- The Tandy 1000 TL system unit, a powerful yet "user-friendly" computer that is also fully IBM® PC and XT-compatible
- A sleek, ergonomically-designed keyboard
- A power cord
- An MS-DOS / BASIC diskette
- 2 DeskMate diskettes
- This booklet, *First Things First*, installation and start-up instructions
- A *Practical Guide to the Tandy 1000 TL*, an owner's guide to the hardware and operating system
- *DeskMate Getting Started*, a beginner's guide to the popular DeskMate software
- *DeskMate User's Reference*, a complete reference manual for DeskMate
- *Music and Sound*, a user's guide and reference for the DeskMate Music and Sound application programs (an extra bonus that comes with your computer)

Ready, Set, Go!

If you are adding any optional equipment that goes inside the computer, such as extra drives or adapter boards, refer to your owner's guide, *A Practical Guide to the Tandy 1000 TL*, and install that equipment first.

Otherwise, simply ...

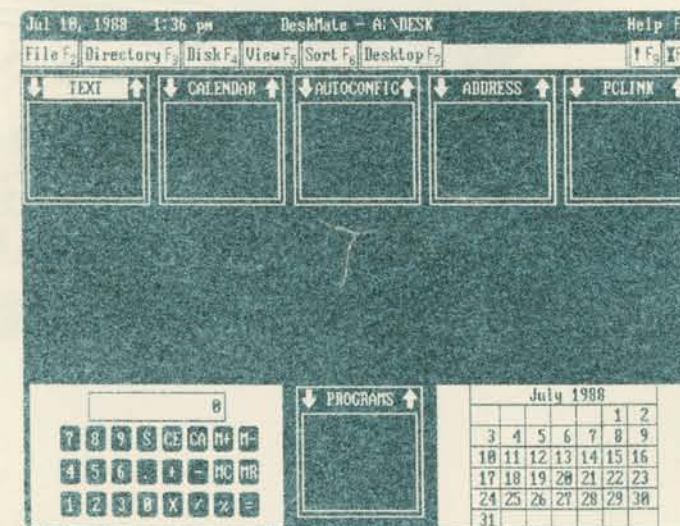
1. Plug your keyboard, monitor, and any extra equipment (like a printer or a mouse) into the computer. Be sure to refer to the manual that came with any extra equipment for installation instructions.
2. Plug your computer, monitor, and any extra equipment into 3-prong AC outlets or a power strip.
3. Turn on the monitor and the computer, first. Then turn on any peripheral equipment such as a printer. (If you plug all your equipment into a power strip, you can turn it all on at the same time.)

Note: If you inadvertently turn on your printer first, and your computer does not start up properly, simply turn everything off, and restart using the above sequence.

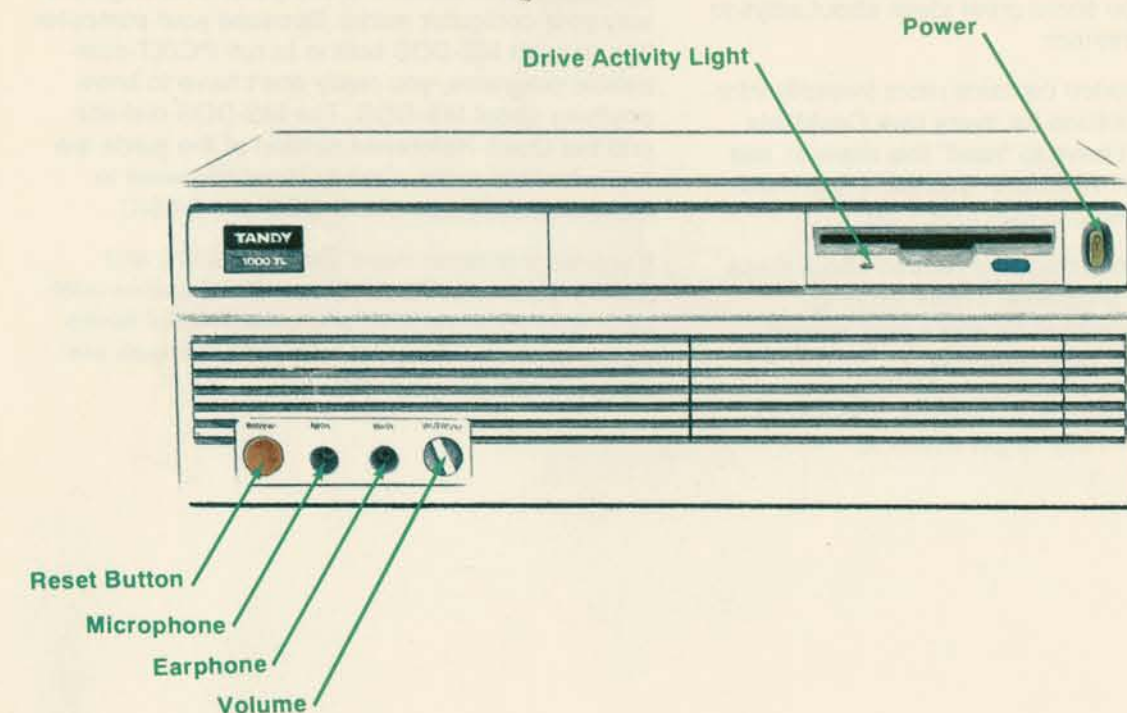
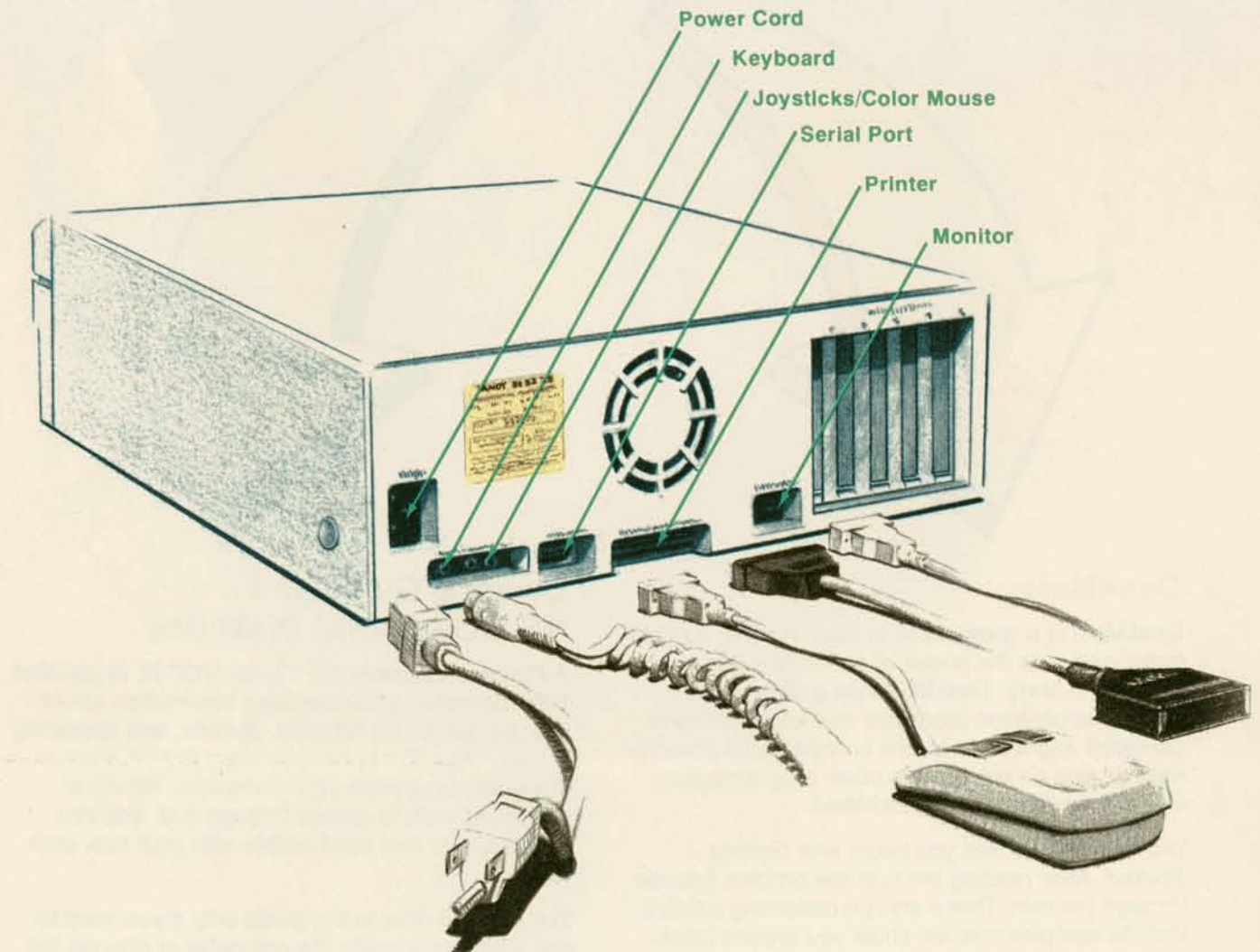
Monochrome Monitor Users: The first time you start your computer, you need to press and hold down **CTRL-ALT-SHIFT-V** to tell the computer you have a monochrome monitor.

We suggest that you run the Setuptl program to ensure that your hardware configuration settings are correct. See *A Practical Guide to the Tandy 1000 TL* for details.

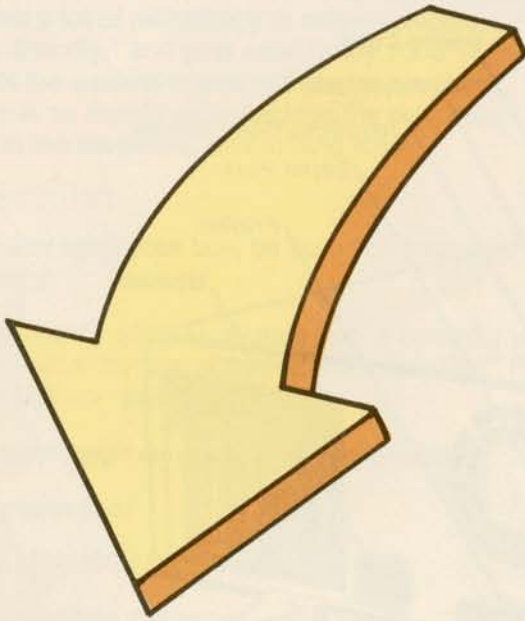
That's all there is to it! Right away you see the first DeskMate screen, the desktop. You are now well on your way to computing.



DeskMate's Desktop



Where Do We Go from Here?



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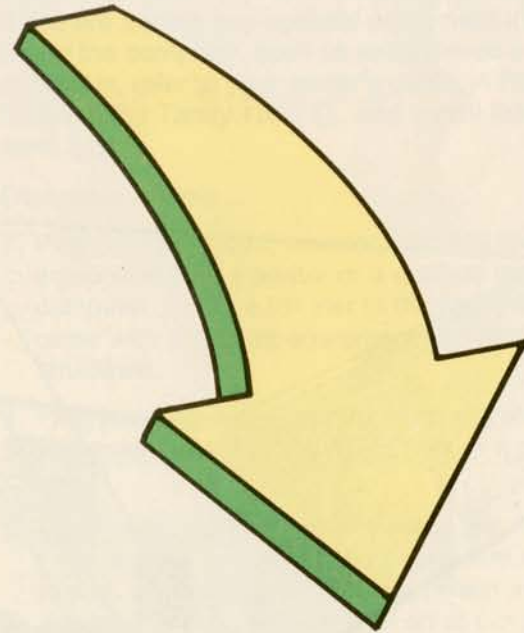
DeskMate is a great place to start. It's fun, easy to learn, and puts the power of computing into your hands in a hurry. DeskMate has a large assortment of application programs and accessories included; it might even be the only software you ever need. If you do want to run other programs, you can run most right from DeskMate.

We recommend that you begin with *Getting Started*. After reading the first few articles, browse through the rest. These short entertaining articles include samples that will show you around DeskMate and give you some great ideas about ways to use your new computer.

The *User's Reference* contains more in-depth information and instructions for every task DeskMate can do. You don't have to "read" this manual; use it like a dictionary. Whenever you can't figure out how to do something, simply look it up.

The *Music and Sound* booklet tells all about these bonus DeskMate programs. These exciting programs were designed for some very special capabilities of your new computer.

DeskMate also has on-line help with tutorials too! Simply press the F1 key to get a look at DeskMate's Help.



Owner's Guide and MS-DOS/BASIC Diskettes

A Practical Guide to the Tandy 1000 TL is just that. This illustrated guide contains information about your computer, its features, options, and operating system. You do not need to learn the information in this guide to operate your computer. However, you might want to glance through it to become more familiar and comfortable with your new computer.

You need to refer to the guide only if you want to add equipment inside the computer or change the way your computer works. Because your computer has enough MS-DOS built in to run PC/XT-compatible programs, you really don't have to know anything about MS-DOS. The MS-DOS diskette and the Quick Reference section of the guide are really for those who already know and want to make extensive use of MS-DOS and BASIC.

If you want to learn more about MS-DOS and BASIC, your local Radio Shack Store carries complete reference manuals and other helpful books on the subject. Technical reference manuals are also available for your computer.