

Chapter 1: Getting Started

Introduction

This chapter covers the following topics to get you up and running with the TOPS Pro system:

- ❖ System requirements/specifications necessary to run TOPS Pro
- ❖ Instructions on how to install the TOPS Pro software
- ❖ Instructions on how to uninstall and move the TOPS Pro software
- ❖ Contact information if you need assistance

By the end of this chapter, you will be logged into the system and ready to use the software.

System Requirements/Specifications

To install and run the TOPS Pro software, your system needs to meet the following requirements:

- ❖ **Platform:** All versions of Windows (95, 98, 2000, NT, XP, 2003)
- ❖ **Network:** Any network is compatible. TOPS Pro is not network-protocol dependent; it only needs a file server
- ❖ **Processor Required:** Any processor capable of running the installed platform. A Pentium processor of 400 MHz or better is recommended
- ❖ **Hard Disk Space Required:** 60 MB
- ❖ **RAM Required:** 128 MB, 256 MB or more recommended
- ❖ **Video Required:** 640 x 480 at 256 colors, 800 x 600 at 16-bit color or higher is recommended

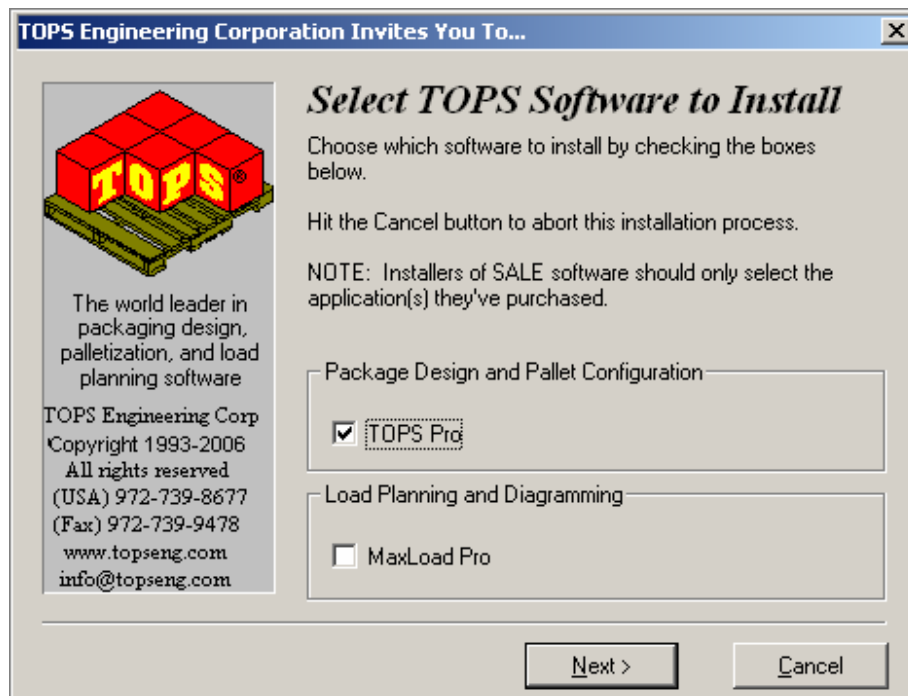
The TOPS Pro software uses 32-bit code. For import/export of data, TOPS Pro uses ASCII comma delimited text files compatible with most document management systems, spreadsheets, databases and mainframes, including Excel, Access, Paradox, AS400 and UNIX platforms.

Install TOPS Pro

For the most updated procedures to install your TOPS Pro license, please refer to the Installation Instruction inside your software CD packet.

To install the TOPS Pro software, follow these instructions:

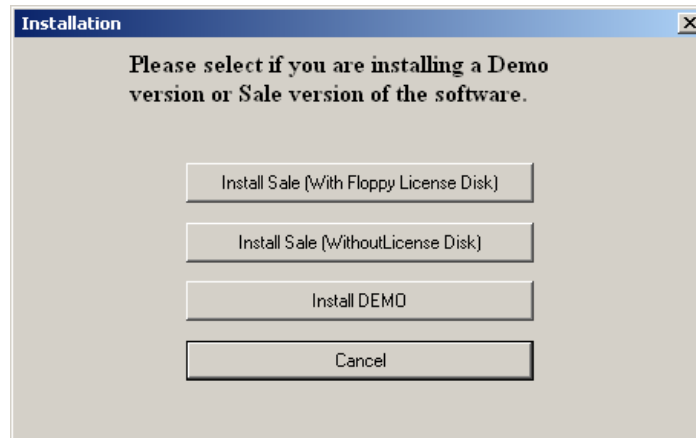
1. Close all other programs.
2. Insert the installation CD into the CD-ROM drive. The TOPS Pro installation program launches and you will see the welcome screen as shown below. Select only TOPS Pro and click on the Next button to continue.



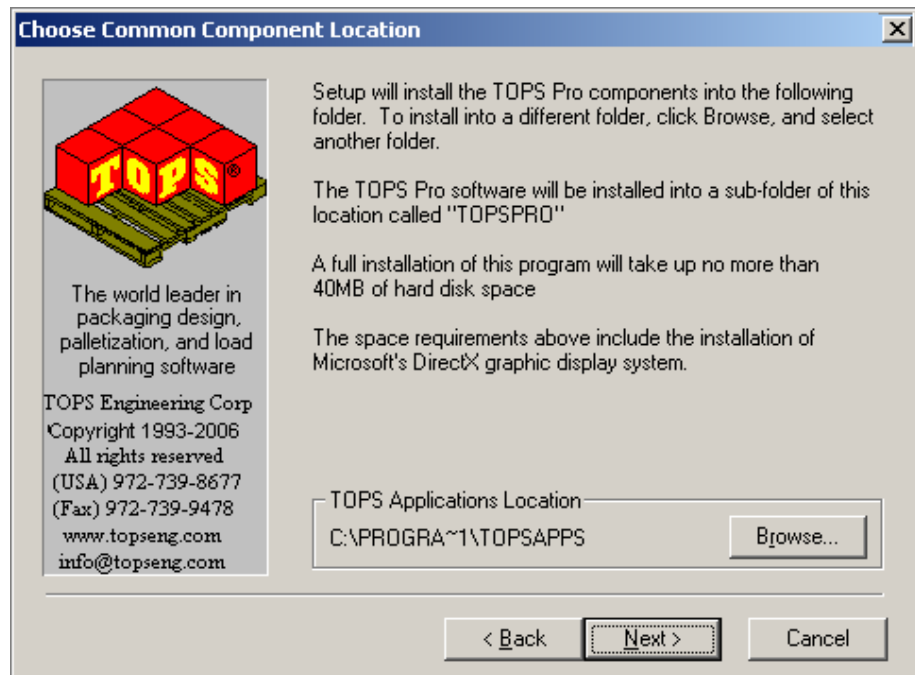
Note: If the installation does not automatically start, use the Start/Run D:\setup command, where D: is your CD-ROM drive.

3. If you receive a floppy disk with your CD, click on “Install Sales (With Floppy License Disk)” button in the next Installation screen as shown on the next page.

If you receive only a CD (for electronic license), click on the “Install Sales (Without License Disk)” button to proceed to the next step.

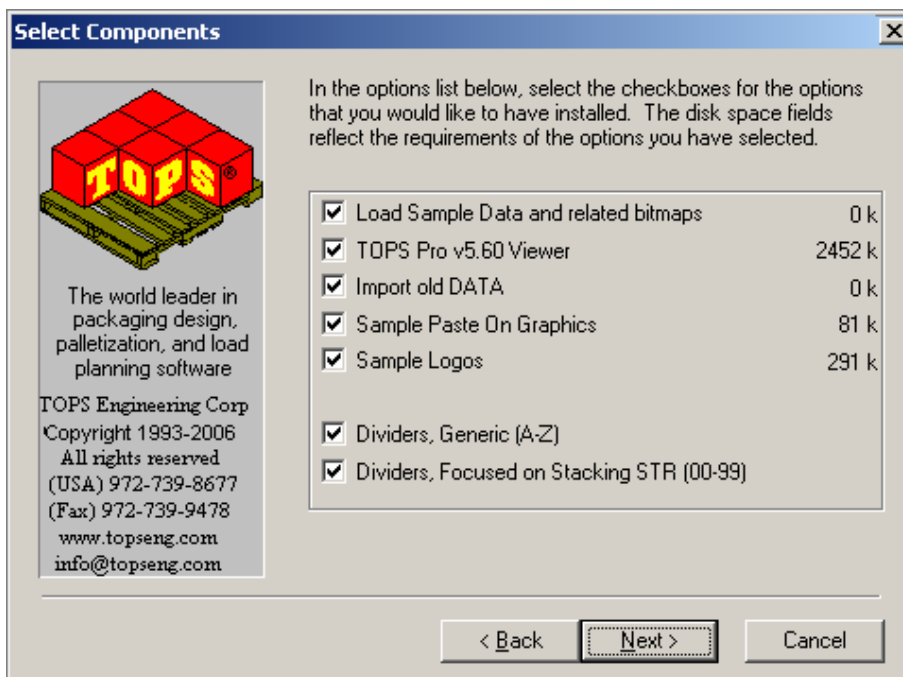


4. You will see a Welcome screen. Here you can view the Release notes or click “Next” to continue.
5. At the “Choose Common Component Location” screen as shown below, specify the folder where the software will be installed and click on the Next button.

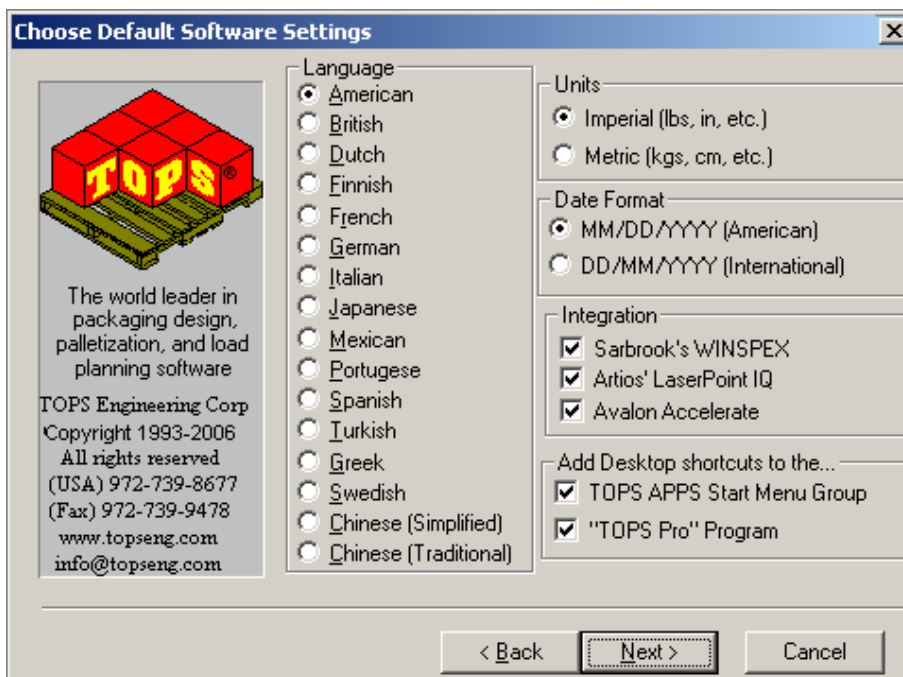


- ❖ **Stand-alone License:** Use the default folder of C:\Program Files\TOPSAPPS\ or click the Browse button to specify another folder on your computer. It is recommended to use the default folder so future upgrade will be more straight forward.
- ❖ **Network License:** Click the Browse button to select the mapped drive of the server from the client machine. **Note:** You will need to run LANSETUP or WANSETUP after installation is complete.

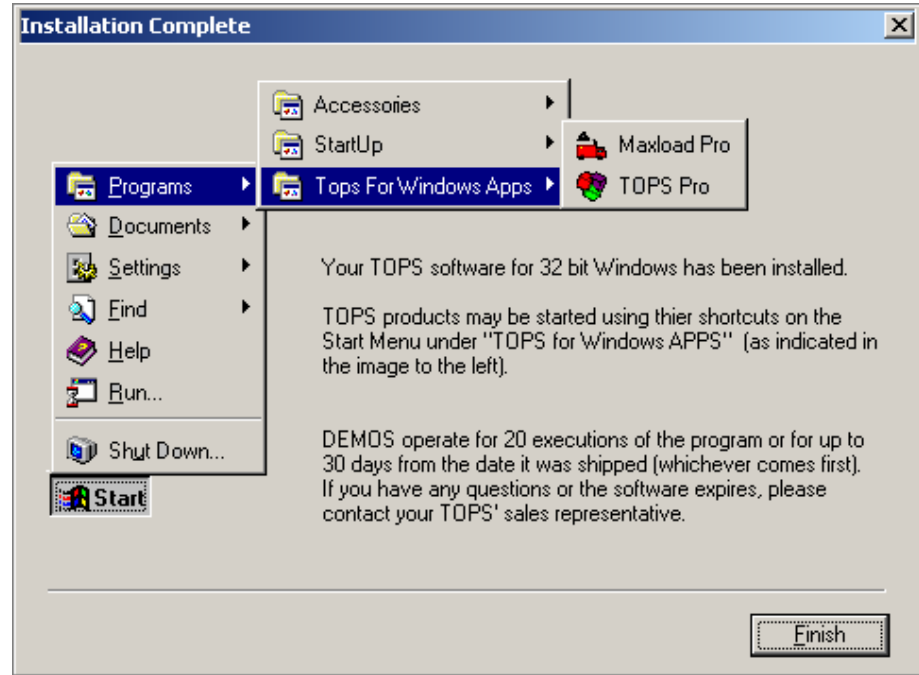
- At the “Select Components” screen, check the options that you will like to be installed. Please check ALL options and click on the Next button to continue.



- At the “Choose Default Software Settings” screen as shown below, specify the language, units of measure, date format and other options. Click on the Next button to continue.



8. The “Start Installation” screen confirms the install information. Clicking on the Next button will start the process.
9. When installation completes, you will be informed of the result as shown below. Click on “Finish” to close the dialog box.



10. If you are shipped with an electronic license, please contact TOPS at this time to set up your TOPS Pro license.

Congratulations! At this point, the installation is complete. Now you're ready to go to work with TOPS Pro.

To run TOPS Pro, go to Start | Programs | TOPS for Windows Apps | TOPS Pro or click the TOPS Pro shortcut on the desktop.

For Network Setup

All users should have full read / write access to a level up from the TOPSPRO directory on the network.

1. Make sure you have administrative rights to the workstation you wish to set up TOPS Pro
2. Permanently map a network drive to the location on the server, where you installed TOPS Pro.
3. Browse across the mapped network drive to the TOPSPRO directory.
4. Run the NETSETUP.EXE file for a LAN (Local Area Network) install and WANSETUP.EXE file for a WAN (Wide Area Network) install, respectively.

Note: Wansetup copies over all EXE, DLL files, and as much of the software as possible to the WAN user's PC. This can be done to as many machines as needed; the license limits users' access by concurrency.

NETSETUP / WANSETUP will verify that there is a valid version of DirectX installed on the local PC, create a local TOPSPRO.ini file and place it in Windows or WinNT directory. It will then create the required shortcuts for the software and place those on the desktop and under Start | Programs | TOPS for Windows Apps Menu

Note: If during the installation an error message occurs, please make note of the error and continue with the installation until it is finished. Then, call the TOPS Technical support

TOPS Pro Program Group

The TOPS Pro program group includes a number of icons. The four primary programs are:

❖ **TOPS Pro Config:** Launches the utility program for TOPS Pro, which allows you to change global defaults, perform bulk exporting, and even define and adjust your own board grades, papers and flutes. We'll refer to this icon as the Config icon.



❖ **TOP Pro:** Launches the main program. We'll refer to this icon as the TOPS Pro icon.



❖ **TOPS Pro Move License Manager:** Allows you to move the authorization of the program between the key disk and the copy residing on your system. We'll refer to this icon as the Move icon.



This icon also gives you easy access to the Reset function, in the event that you require a reset of your floppy license. You will also run this program to setup the electronic license of TOPS Pro, should your computer does not have a floppy drive.

❖ **TOPS Pro Viewer:** Allows you to view solutions that have already been generated in the TOPS Pro system. This is a view/print-only feature and does not allow any changes made to the existing analyses.



Uninstall and Move TOPS Pro

The TOPS Pro software is designed with an authorization scheme that enforces the TOPS Pro licensing agreement. You must un-install the authorization back to the original TOPS Pro floppy disk if:

- ❖ You are getting a new computer/hard disk.
- ❖ You are upgrading the version of Windows you're using (perhaps from Windows 98 to Windows XP).

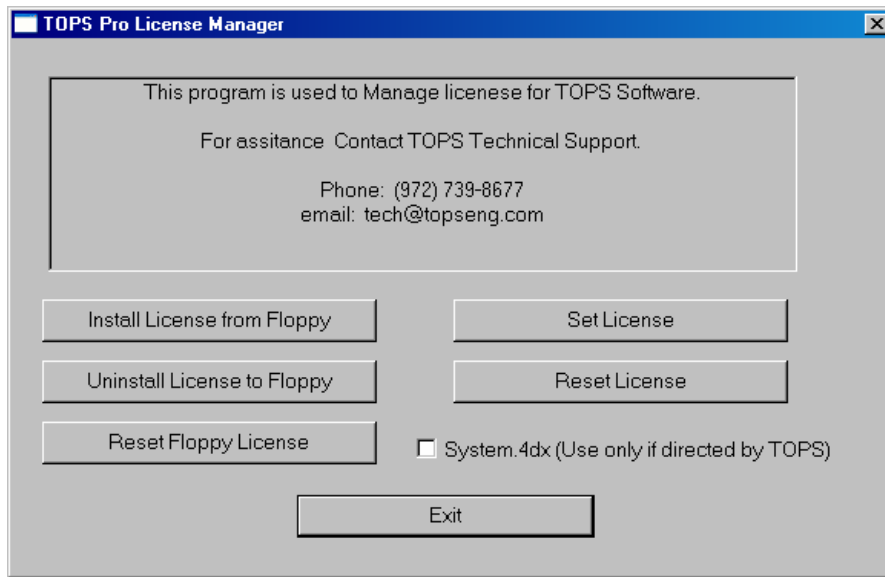
Note: Demo users do not need to uninstall the software before returning the CD; just delete the directory as outlined on the next page.

Note: In order to uninstall and move the TOPS Pro software, you must have the original registered software key disk you received from the TOPS Engineering Corporation. Please keep this key disk.

Note: For users with electronic license, please contact TOPS for assistance to move your TOPS license.

To uninstall and move the TOPS Pro software, follow these instructions:

1. Start Windows.
2. Insert the CD in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Open the TOPS Pro program group and double-click on the TOPS Move icon. The TOPS License Manager dialog box appears, as pictured below:



4. Click on the Uninstall button and follow the prompts. TOPS Pro moves the authorization from the hard drive to the floppy disk. At this point, the floppy disk is like new and can be used to install TOPS Pro on any machine using the instructions beginning on page 1-2.

To remove any stray TOPS Pro files or data from your machine, follow these instructions:

1. Delete the C:\TOPSDEMO directory using Explorer or File Manager.
2. Remove the icons from the Program Manager or the Start Menu.

Note: If you install a sale copy of the software, be sure to delete the demo software from your PC. If you want to transfer an analysis from the demo software, contact TOPS Technical Support before deleting the demo copy. Do not run a demo copy of TOPS Pro if you have a sale copy of TOPS Pro on your PC. If the two copies are different versions of the software, neither will function if you run the demo.

Contact Information

If you need to contact TOPS Technical Support for any reason, use the information below:

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