

ScanShark Getting Started

Insert the ScanShark CD-ROM, it should open automatically. If it does not open automatically, click START, RUN, then type (without quotes) "D:\install.exe" where D: is your CD-ROM drive.

You will see this screen:



There are eight separate programs associated with the ScanShark. Each is installed separately so that you may pick and choose which programs to install.

For most users, you should install all five recommended programs. In all cases, you must use the default installation settings.

ScanShark Data Processing: This is the database application that takes your collected data and generates various reports, archives your data and so on. *Recommended.*

Alpha-5 Runtime: This is the database that runs the ScanShark Data Processing application. Important: If you are on a Network, log-off the network so your PC operates as a stand-alone computer. *Recommended.*

Alpha-5 Upgrade: This ensures that the latest version of Alpha-5 Runtime is installed on your PC. *Recommended.*

ScanShark Communications: Sends a SKU Master file to the ScanShark for SKU and Price verification and receives your collected data. This is program is required for any ScanShark operations that uses a PC. *Required.*

Program Uploader Utility: Upgrades the ScanShark operational program. *Optional.*

Windows 98: Windows 98 users may need some additional files on your computer to run the Alpha-5 runtime environment properly. This installs the necessary files. Later versions of Windows will not require these files. *Optional.*

Windows 98 Shortcut: Installs the shortcut to the ScanShark Data Processing program. Use for Windows-98 PC's. *Optional but Recommended for Win-98 computers.*

Windows XP Shortcut: Installs the shortcut to the ScanShark Data Processing program. Use for Windows-XP PC's. *Optional but Recommended for Win-XP computers.*

Using a different version of Windows, try the Windows-XP shortcut.

Click **Exit** to close the installation screen.

Next, we will install the USB port drivers for the ScanShark.

The installation CD must be in your CD-ROM drive. This driver installation may appear differently than as shown for this Windows XP install.

Important Note: Windows XP users using Windows Service Pack-1 may experience difficulties installing the USB drivers. This is due to an error in WinXP (SP1) trying to load generic drivers instead of the specific drivers on the ScanShark CD-ROM. Other versions of WinXP as well as previous versions of Windows do not experience this error.

For WinXP (SP1) users, disconnect the cable to the Internet. This will prevent Windows from “silently connecting” and loading the generic drivers from the Microsoft web-site.

Plug in one end of the USB cable to the ScanShark and the other end to the USB port of your PC.
Note: Avoid using more than a one USB port for connecting to the ScanShark. Labels are included to mark your PC’s ScanShark USB port. Connecting to additional USB ports on your PC may require re-installing the USB drivers and may result in slower data transmission.

Turn ON the ScanShark.

From the ScanSharks’ Main Menu, select “5. Communications”, then “1. PC ↔ Shark”.

The PC will now detect the ScanShark. You will see this screen.



Leave the default settings, Click Next.



Click "Continue Anyway", the necessary drivers will be loaded.



Click Finish.

For additional copies of the various ScanShark and related manuals, click START, RUN, and type (without the quotation marks) "D:\documentation" (Where D: is your CD-ROM drive), then click OK. The latest documentation for these programs will be listed, double-click the documentation file to open.

Additional programs and useful utilities are located at "D:\Utilities"

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