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Appendix to the Atari 800XL Operator Manual

1. On unpacking your ATARI 800XL computer please ensure that you have received the following items:

    o   800XL
    o   Power Transformer (Part No. CO 61763-34)
    o   Atari 800XL Owners Guide
    o   BASIC Reference Guide
    o   Warranty Registration Card
    o   ISC Guide
    o   A Note Regarding Software

2. **Channel 2/3 Switch**

    This switch is not used in the UK and has been disconnected. The television signal from your computer is on Channel 36 so as to ensure compatibility with the U.K. television system.

3. **Power Transformer**

    The power transformer provided (type CO 61763-34) is supplied complete with a 13 amp mains plug for your convenience. Should it become necessary to change the plug, please ensure that the correct plug connections are made i.e. blue to the neutral connection, and brown to the positive or live connection. The power transformer is double insulated so there is no ground or earth connection. The transformer is a 5 volt unit specifically designed and constructed for use only with the 800XL. The power transformer is connected to the computer via a 6 pin DIN plug. You will find 2 DIN sockets on the back of the computer. The transformer must be plugged into the left hand one (will not actually fit into the right hand one which is for use with the television monitor).

4. **Television**

    Your Atari 800XL will work with most U.K. standard PAL I televisions. It is not compatible with the PAL B/G or NTSC (American) television systems as used abroad. If you wish to use your Atari abroad please contact Atari Customer Relations for advice.

5. **Television Picture or Sound Distortion**

    a. Check that the T.V. has been tuned onto channel 36 accurately.

b.   If your television set has automatic frequency control (AFC), you may find that switching it off results in improved picture quality.   On some televisions the AFC is switched off by opening the door which provides access to the tuning controls.

c.   Please note that both the quality of T.V. colours, and the clarity will only be as good as the T.V. itself, so if a problem of this nature is encountered a test on another T.V. is recommended. For the highest quality, a television with direct Audio and Video inputs can be used.   Please consult your television dealer for full details.

d.   Video Recorders use the same television channel (36) as your Atari 800XL. To obtain optimum results it is important to ensure that the two units do not interact. To prevent interaction either:

        i)   Avoid having both your Atari and Video recorder in use together.
Or ii)   Avoid having both units connected to your television simultaneously.
Or iii)   Readjust your Video recorder to another channel.

e.   In some areas (generally near Airports) problems may be experienced with interference from Radar systems. The interference take the form of a "line" across your television screen every seven seconds. Should this occur, contact your local Atari Independent Service Centre (please refer to your ISC handbook for addresses and locations). This ISC will be able to retune your computer to another channel.

6.   If you require any further information, please contact our Customer Relations/Product Support Department on Slough (0753) 24561.

The following corrections apply to those programs listed on page 9 of the Atari 800XL Owners Guide.

o   Program One

Line 70 should read as follows:

70   PLOT RL,LL

o   Program Three

Lines 70 and 90 should read as follows:-

70   POSITION 1,7:PRINT   6;"IS A
        FLASHY PERSON"
90   FOR FLASH=0 TO 14

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A NOTE REGARDING SOFTWARE

The Atari 800XL has built-in Atari BASIC, this must be 'disabled' in order to load most machine code programs. This is done by pressing the OPTION and START keys whilst turning on the computer.   These buttons can be released once the computer has emitted its 'BEEP'. It is **NOT** necessary to hold the OPTION key during the duration of the load.