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Program Installation

For optimal performance of FRAN, we recommend the following:

- *IBM or IBM-compatible PC
- *MS Windows® 3.x or Windows® 95
- *486 processor or above
- *Hard disk drive with at least 5 megabytes of free space
- *3.5-inch floppy-disk drive
- *Color monitor

To install FRAN, place the program diskette in you computer's 3.5-inch drive. If you are running Windows 3.1, select RUN from the File menu and enter A:\SETUP.EXE. If you are running Windows 95, click on START from the taskbar and select RUN. Enter A:\SETUP.EXE. Follow the instructions on your screen.

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