

Comparison of Features for TCC's Tibetan Word-Processing Software as of August 5, 2001

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Operating System	DOS	Windows '95 onwards	Windows '95 onwards Macintosh	Windows '95 onwards
Another Program required?	WordPerfect for DOS 6.x Of 6.0a/b/c and 6.1/6.2 only 6.0b/c and 6.1/6.2 will work	Corel WordPerfect for Windows 8 and above	Microsoft Word for Windows '97 and above Microsoft Word for Macintosh Office 2001 and above	No other software required
Installation	No installation program. Very difficult but you get a significant reward from taking the trouble.	No installation program. Installation is easy; takes about five minutes.	No installation program but installation is exceptionally easy; copy one file and click two menu items.	Standard windows installer provided. Installer does installation and all setup automatically
Standard fonts with program	TibetanMachine TibetanCalligraphic TibetanAmdris DzongkhaCalligraphic	TibetanMachine	TibetanMachine TibetanMachine Web	TibetanMachine
Optional fonts for purchase	TibetanClassic	TibetanCalligraphic TibetanClassic DzongkhaCalligraphic	TibetanCalligraphic TibetanClassic DzongkhaCalligraphic	TibetanCalligraphic TibetanClassic DzongkhaCalligraphic
Documentation	Complete book > 100 pages	Complete book > 100 pages	Complete book > 150 pages documents both Windows and Macintosh	All documentation in inbuilt help file. Over 200 pages. Hypertext and images etc. Very professional.
Tibetan Keyboard	Three keyboard layouts TCC#1 TCC#2 User-defined	One keyboard layout Standard TCC#1	Three keyboard layouts TCC#1 TCC#2 User-defined	Three keyboard layouts TCC#1 TCC#2 User-defined
Tibetan Keyboard customizable?	Yes, using WP's features. Ranges from easy to moderately difficult	Yes, using WP's features Moderately difficult.	Yes, by editing a simple text file. Very easy to do, complete instructions	Yes, by editing simple text file. Very easy to do, complete instructions
Maps of keyboard layout?	Yes, very clear, contained in documentation	Yes, very clear, contained in documentation	Yes, very clear, contained in documentation	Yes, pops up as a window over the main application.

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Spelling Checker?	Yes	No	No	Yes
Pecha production possible?	Yes, completely.	Yes, completely.	Minimal. Word lacks the features needed for authentic pecha production. However text could be typed in it and exported to Pagemaker, etc. We do not have templates for pecha except for the WordPerfect-based programs. Use TibetDoc and WordPerfect for Windows together or WordPerfect for DOS alone	No. However TibetDoc is an excellent means for typing, correcting, and storing text which will then be transferred to another application for pecha making. E.g. to WordPerfect. We recommend this approach for people planning to use WP for pecha making.
Pecha Templates included?	Yes, several sets of very high quality templates are included with very thorough documentation. Templates give full control over all aspects of pecha.	Yes. Same as DOS program.	No	No
Pecha-making documentation	Outstanding.	Very Complete.	Some but Word doesn't have the graphics features needed for authentic pecha production	No
Special aids for pecha making?	Yes, several very effective programs to automate text correction and pecha production are included.	Yes but less than the DOS version. One of the programs from DOS, for automating text correction is available.	None	None
Export Tibetan text to another program?	Possible using TibetDoc as the converter. From there, text can be saved in RTF format for other programs.	Yes. Since patch 3 for WP 2000 (WP version 9.0.0.738) Tibetan text is exported in all save formats. The most reliable format is RTF. Clipboard copy and paste now works too (though in some cases paste special using RTF might be necessary.)	Yes. Save in nearly any Window's program format will allow that file to be read into another Window's program. Use of TibetanMachine Web fonts allows interchange between Macintosh and PC.	Yes. Export using RTF, WordPerfect for DOS, or WordPerfect for Windows.

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Import Tibetan text from another program?	Converter for ACIP transliterated text available.	Not directly. Text imported from WP6 into TibetDoc can be imported correctly though	If written using our Word keyboard or TibetDoc program originally, yes. Use of TibetanMachine Web fonts allows interchange between Macintosh and PC.	Yes. Import from WP6 for DOS
Special features for Tibetan?	Special search features. Special pecha-making features. Spelling checker very well worked out. Ultimate text print quality due to exceptional kerning built in which is not possible in Windows.	One text correction automation feature.	Keyboard itself has many special features. E.g., it remembers the active font prior to use of the Tibetan keyboard and automatically returns to it, etc.	Yes, several. This is the easiest to use program for typing Tibetan text. Searching is particularly excellent. Creation of special, long stacks is very easy, etcetera.
Mixed text?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support for transliterated Sanskrit diacriticals?	Yes through the Diacritics! add-on in Palatino font	Yes through third-party fonts	Yes through third-party fonts	Yes built into the program. Searching, etc., all functional. Easy to use keyboard for diacriticals included.
Access to unusual characters in the extended Tibetan character sets?	Yes via WordPerfect's Ctrl-W	Yes via WordPerfect's Ctrl-W	Yes. The latest version has a complete and very easy to use system for entry of any Tibetan character in the fonts.	Yes, very effective, custom-built method. This program has the most superior search features for Tibetan of any program.
Search for Tibetan in word-processor?	Yes, via special custom method. Effective and easy to use.	No special method but it is possible	No special method but it is possible	Yes, very powerful and very easy to use. Any combination of any text and formatting can easily be searched
Write in special, protected format for distribution?	No	No	No	Yes. Ideal for producing and archiving Dharma texts. No other program has this feature.
Output to Adobe Acrobat possible?	Yes, via a postscript driver. Use Xerox Docutec or Tektronix Phaser for colour	Direct create within program	Direct create within program	Direct create within program

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Cost?	Contact Distributor	Contact Distributor	Contact Distributor	Contact Distributor