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Thanks,

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I think you might try first formatting your IBM disk on the IBM using the "1" (single-sided) and "8" (8 as opposed to the 9 by default sectoring) options ... format a:/1/8

Copy the software to the disk and then try running it on the Rainbow under MS-DOS. I've had considerable success doing this with non-hardware specific software, such as a C compiler and a well known Pascal compiler.

Good Luck!  
Bill Hohensee  
{pur-ee,ihnp4}!uiucdcs!hohensee  
-- or --  
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PS Going the other way (Rainbow ==> IBM-PC) does not appear to be as easy.

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For the guy who wanted to swap stuff between the IBM PC and the Rainbow, there's this neat little program for the Rainbow called MEDIA MASTER. It allows the Rainbow not only to read but also to format and write disks for at least 24 different systems including the IBM pc. The only significant restriction is that only single-sided, double density formats are available. You can get yours from MDG and Associates, 4573 Heatherglenn Court, Moorpark, Ca. 93201. Phone (805) 529-5073.

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Summary:

Tony Movshon notes in that you can take "a brand new unformatted diskette" and format it on the 96 tpi drive of the Rainbow. You may also be interested to know that you can readily convert any old diskette to "brand new unformatted" condition using one of those inexpensive (\$15) bulk tape/diskette erasers available at such places as Radio Shack. I have 96 tpi drives on my IBM PC, and I use this technique to create 48tpi formatted diskettes that I can then read on a typical 48tpi drive. I have never had any difficulty doing this, even though the format of the track must be much narrower than the 48tpi drive would normally create.

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Tom Putnam

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