ShortCircuit User's Manual

TealPoint *SOFTWARE*

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Introduction

Thank you for trying ShortCircuit by TealPoint, the addictive puzzle action game for PalmOS handhelds.

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This PalmOS file archive contains the following files:

Program files:

TEALSHRT.PRC	The ShortCircuit program file
TPSETUP.EXE	Windows easy-installer program

Document files:

SHRTDOC.PDF	This document in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format
SHRTDOC.HTM	This document in HTML format (sans images)
SHRTDOC.PRC	This document in TealDoc format
REGISTER.HTM	TealPoint Registration form in HTML format
REGISTER.TXT	TealPoint Registration form in text format

Installing

PALMOS

On a Windows PC you can also use quick setup installer by double clicking on the **TPSETUP.EXE** installer program, and following the on screen prompts.

For other systems:

1) Install Program

Use the Palm Install Tool that comes with your organizer to install the program file **TEALSHRT.PRC**. The Palm Install Tool can be found as an icon along the left hand side inside the Palm Desktop program on your desktop computer. Instructions on how to use the Palm install tool are in the Palm Handbook or electronic manual that came with your Pilot, PalmPilot, Visor, CLIE, or WorkPad.

2) Install Documents

You can optionally also install **SHRTDOC.PRC**, a copy of this document in Palm "Doc" format suitable for reading with a Doc reader like *TealDoc*.

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Open the File Manager and double-click on the shortcircuit_x.xx.x_arm.hxp install file. Follow the on-screen prompts.

Terms used in this document

Hardware Buttons:
The four physical buttons (e.g. date, address, todo, and memo) typically located in a row at the bottom of your handheld

Scroll Up/Down Buttons:
The physical rocker switch at the bottom center of the handheld

Five-way control:
On newer handhelds, a 5-way control replaces the scroll up/down buttons, adding left and right movement and a center select button.

Graffiti:
The special letter-like symbols you write to enter text with your stylus.

Graffiti Entry Area:
The rectangular area at the bottom of the display screen where you can write letters in graffiti.

Silkscreen Buttons:
The four printed circular tap areas (Home, Menu, Calculator, and Find) to the left and right of the graffiti drawing area.
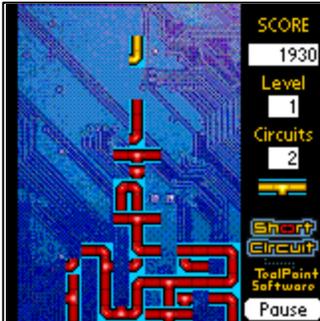
Menus:
The drop-down menus you get when tapping on the silkscreen menu button, or tap on the title bar (if present) on a device running PalmOS 3.5 or higher.

Chapter 1 – Game Play

ShortCircuit by TealPoint is a simple but challenging game that combines special orientation and connectivity skills with fast as furious arcade puzzle play.

Overview

ShortCircuit is a race against the clock. The player has to quickly manipulate and connect sections of power conduit "tiles" as they drop down into playing field. As each new piece enters the playfield in sequence, a preview of the next piece appears to the right.

Objective

To goal is to connect falling pieces into squares, rectangles, or any closed regular or irregular shape, creating loops of conduit called "circuits".

When a circuit is completed, the pieces in the circuit explode, earning points, taking out adjacent conduit tiles, and clearing space for more pieces to follow.

Challenge

The player can rotate each piece or slide it left or right, but it advances downwards by itself at a steady pace. As the game proceeds to higher and higher levels, the speed at which the pieces fall increases, as does the challenge involved in orienting and placing the pieces before they land.

When the pile of dropped pieces reaches the top of the screen, the game is over.

Scoring

Points are awarded as follows:

> *Connecting a conduit piece to another* – 10 points
> *Completing a closed circuit of pieces* – 100 points per piece

An addition, the following bonus points are awarded at the end of the game.

> *Closing a circuit with more than 14 tiles* – 500 point MegaCircuit Bonus per circuit
> *Clearing the screen of all pieces* – 1000 point Screen Clearing Bonus

Levels

The game level and fall rate increases every 10 circuits completed. When starting a new game, you can chose one of three difficulty levels, determining the starting level of play:

> *Easy* – *Starts at level 1, no bonus*
>
> *Medium* – *Starts at level 4, bonus 40000 points*
>
> *Hard* – *Starts at level 7, bonus 70000 points*

As the game progresses to upper levels, new pieces get added into the mix, adding a new dimension to gameplay. **(New in 1.04)**

Chapter 2 – Controls

Selecting controls (PalmOS)

Controls	
App Button 1:	▼ Move left
App Button 2:	▼ Rotate CCW
App Button 3:	▼ Rotate CW
App Button 4:	▼ Move right
Rocker Up:	▼ Rotate CCW
Rocker Down:	▼ Drop piece
Rocker Left:	▼ Move left
Rocker Right:	▼ Move right

[OK] [Cancel]

The "Controls" drop down menu allows you to map the in-game functionality to a handheld's 5-way control rocker (if present) and up to 4 of the device's application buttons.

The following game actions are available:

- Do nothing
- Move Left
- Move Right
- Drop Piece
- Rotate Clockwise
- Rotate CounterClockwise
- Pause Game
- Toggle Sound

Appendix A – Products

Visit us online for our complete product line, including:

SHORTCIRCUIT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softshrt.htm)
A new twist on gameplay fused from your all time action puzzle favorite games, connect falling conduit pieces into explosive loops in this frantic race against the clock.

SUDOKUADDICT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softsudo.htm)
Sudoku Addict brings to your handheld the addictive worldwide puzzle craze that has displaced crossword puzzles in many newspapers in Great Britain and Japan.

TEALAGENT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softagnt.htm)
Get news, movie times, stock quotes, driving directions, web pages and more without need for a wireless connection. TealAgent fetches and formats web-based content for offline viewing.

TEALALIAS (http://www.tealpoint.com/softalia.htm)
Free up memory and make the most of external expansion cards. Placeholder 'Alias' shortcut files automatically find, load, and launch apps and data from external SD cards, increasing free main memory.

TEALAUTO (http://www.tealpoint.com/softauto.htm)
Track and graph automobile mileage, service, and expenses with TealAuto, the complete log book for your car or any vehicle. Extensive customization options and unmatched in features and functionality.

TEALBACKUP (http://www.tealpoint.com/softback.htm)
Backup your valuable data with TealBackup, supporting manual and automatic backups to SD/MMC/CF cards and Memory Stick, backups through HotSync, and optional compression and encryption.

TEALDESKTOP (http://www.tealpoint.com/softdesk.htm)
Launch applications with TealDesktop, the themed replacement for the standard system launcher screen with tabs, multiple card folders, drag and drop, and more

TEALDOC (http://www.tealpoint.com/softdoc.htm)
Read, edit, and browse documents, Doc files, eBooks and text files with TealDoc, the enhanced doc reader. Extensive display and customization options; TealDoc is unmatched in features and usability.

TEALDIET (http://www.tealpoint.com/softdiet.htm)
Shape up your life with TealDiet, the diet, exercise, and personal tracking application for mobile devices. Lose weight, build more muscle, and live healthier with TealDiet.

TEALECHO (http://www.tealpoint.com/softecho.htm)
Improve your Graffiti text input speed and accuracy, seeing what you write with TealEcho digital "ink". No more writing blind!

TEALGLANCE (http://www.tealpoint.com/softglnc.htm)
See the time, date, upcoming appointments and todo items at power-up with TealGlance. The TealGlance pop-up utility and key guard comes up when you power up, letting you see your day "at a glance."

TEALINFO (http://www.tealpoint.com/softinfo.htm)
Lookup postal rates, area codes, tip tables, schedules, airports, and info from hundreds of free
TealInfo databases. Create you own mini-apps; a handheld reference library.

TEALLAUNCH (http://www.tealpoint.com/softlnch.htm)
Launch applications instantly with the TealLaunch pop-up launcher and button/stroke-mapping
utility. Map applications to button presses and pen swipes so you can get to your apps quickly.

TEALLOCK (http://www.tealpoint.com/softlock.htm)
Secure and protect your handheld with TealLock, the automatic locking program with encryption
and card support. TealLock has unmatched features and customization options for personal or
corporate use.

TEALMAGNIFY (http://www.tealpoint.com/softlens.htm)
Save your eyesight with TealMagnify, an ever-ready magnifying glass that works with most any
program. TealMagnify lets you enlarge the screen for those times the text is too small to read.

TEALMASTER (http://www.tealpoint.com/softmstr.htm)
Replace Hackmaster with TealMaster, the supercharged 100%-compatible system extensions
manager. TealMaster adds enhanced stability, configuration and diagnostic features and
PalmOS 5.0 hack emulation.

TEALMEAL (http://www.tealpoint.com/softmeal.htm)
Save and recall your favorite restaurants with TealMeal, the personal restaurant database. With
TealMeal's handy sorting and selection options, never ask "where to eat" again.

TEALMEMBRAIN (http://www.tealpoint.com/softmemb.htm)
Stop crashes and monitor your memory use with TealMemBrain, the application stack stabilizer.
TealMemBrain boosts your stack space on OS3 and OS4 handhelds, eliminating the major cause
of system instability.

TEALMOVER (http://www.tealpoint.com/softmovr.htm)
Beam, delete, rename, and copy files with TealMover, the file management utility for SD/CF/MS
cards. TealMover lets you see, move, modify, hex edit, and delete individual files.

TEALMOVIE (http://www.tealpoint.com/softmovi.htm)
Play and convert high-quality video and synchronized sound with the TealMovie multimedia
system. TealMovie includes a handheld audio/movie player and a Windows
AVI/MPEG/Quicktime converter program.

TEALNOTES (http://www.tealpoint.com/softnote.htm)
Insert freehand graphics anywhere with TealNotes "sticky notes" for Palm OS. TealNotes can be
inserted into memos, to-do lists, address book entries--almost anywhere you currently have
editable text.

TEALPAINT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softpnt.htm)
Paint, sketch, or draw with TealPaint, the all-in-one mobile graphics paint program and photo
editor. Highlights include 25 tools, 32 patterns, 49 brushes, zoom, hires, layers, multi-undo, and
JPEG/GIF/BMP support.

TEALPHONE (http://www.tealpoint.com/softphon.htm)
Supercharge the address book with TealPhone, the contacts replacement with superior interface
and options. Highlights include enhanced display, search, phone-dialing, groups, and linking.

TEALPRINT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softprnt.htm)
Print text and graphics to IR, serial, and Windows printers with TealPrint. With numerous
connection options, TealPrint, is the all-in-one text and graphic printing solution.

TEALSAFE (http://www.tealpoint.com/softsafe.htm)
Store your passwords, credit cards, PIN numbers, and bank accounts in the TealSafe data wallet.
With maximum security and encryption, TealSafe is a must for features and security.

TEALSCRIPT (http://www.tealpoint.com/softscrp.htm)
Replace or restore Graffiti with TealScript, the text recognition system you can customize. Unlike
other systems, you can make or change your own strokes for better speed and accuracy.

TEALTRACKER (http://www.tealpoint.com/softtrac.htm)
Track time and expenses with a fast, easy to use interface that requires minimal effort. Generate
reports and export data to a spreadsheet. TealTracker is your personal time clock.

TEALTOOLS (http://www.tealpoint.com/softtool.htm)
Improve productivity with TealTools pop-up Palm Desk Accessories. TealTools includes a popup
calculator, clock/stopwatch, preferences panel, editing panel, memopad, and a file/backup
manager.

Appendix B – Revision History

Version 1.04 – July 24, 2007

- Updated game pieces and recalibrated scoring to improve overall game play
- Added new pieces that get added as game progresses to upper levels
- Improved look with new game piece colors and rendering

Version 1.03 - November 9, 2005

- Added compatibility with new Palm Z22 handheld

Version 1.01 - November 18, 2004

- Added workaround for system bug on Tapwave Zodiac that prevented screen refresh after screen rotation

Version 1.00 - November 1, 2004

- Initial Release

Appendix C – Contact Info

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Appendix D – Registering

Registering allows you to use the program past the 30 day expiration period and turns off registration reminders.

Currently, you may register by snail mail or online with a credit card and a secured server from the store where you downloaded the software. For the first option, send the following information on a sheet of paper separate from your payment.

- Product Name
- E-Mail Address
- HotSync User ID (Pilot Name Required for Passkey generation. It can be found on the main screen of the HotSync application on the Pilot as "Welcome _____" or in the corner on a PalmIII or higher)
- Check (drawn off a US Bank) or Money Order for ($14.95 US). No international checks or money orders please.

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