



## Microsoft pulls the plug on Windows 98

Microsoft have recently announced that effective July 11, 2006, Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition, and Windows Me (and their related components) will transition to a non-supported status. After this date, Microsoft will no longer provide any incident support options or security updates. Microsoft is not offering a custom support agreement for these products.

What this actually means is that whilst you can carry on using these operating systems as normal any further discovered security problems will not be corrected. The biggest security problem about at the moment is an attack via the internet which enables information from one PC to be transferred to another PC without the users knowledge. Another danger is where malicious code deletes data from the PC it attacks. If you never connect to the internet with your computer then this will cause you no problems - but it is now becoming increasingly rare for this to be the case.

### How will this affect the average Gravograph customer?

If you decide to take the route to update your PC's operating system to say Windows XP (the current OS available from Microsoft) then some programs and equipment will not work. These incompatible items may be made operational with updates provided by the manufacturer but in some cases this will not be possible and newer versions will have to be purchased.

No Gravograph machine is affected by this incompatibility but a few software programs are.

These are, primarily, the old DOS program Open Software, CasMate and Gravostyle 2 which do not operate under either Windows 2000 or XP.



If you are still using one of these programs or have any other concerns about using your Gravograph equipment / software with a new PC or operating system then please contact either your local representative or the Technical Support Department on 01926 88 44 33 at Gravograph's Leamington Spa office for advice on the options available to you.

*[Click here for link to Microsoft website](#)*

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