

# File Selection

Most internal commands (like **COPY**, **DIR**, etc.) work on a file or a group of files. Besides typing the exact name of the file you want to work with, you can use several shorthand forms for naming or selecting files and the applications associated with them. Most of the features explained in this section apply to **CMD.EXE** commands only, and can not be used to pass file names to external programs unless those programs were specifically written to support these features.

The file selection features are:

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