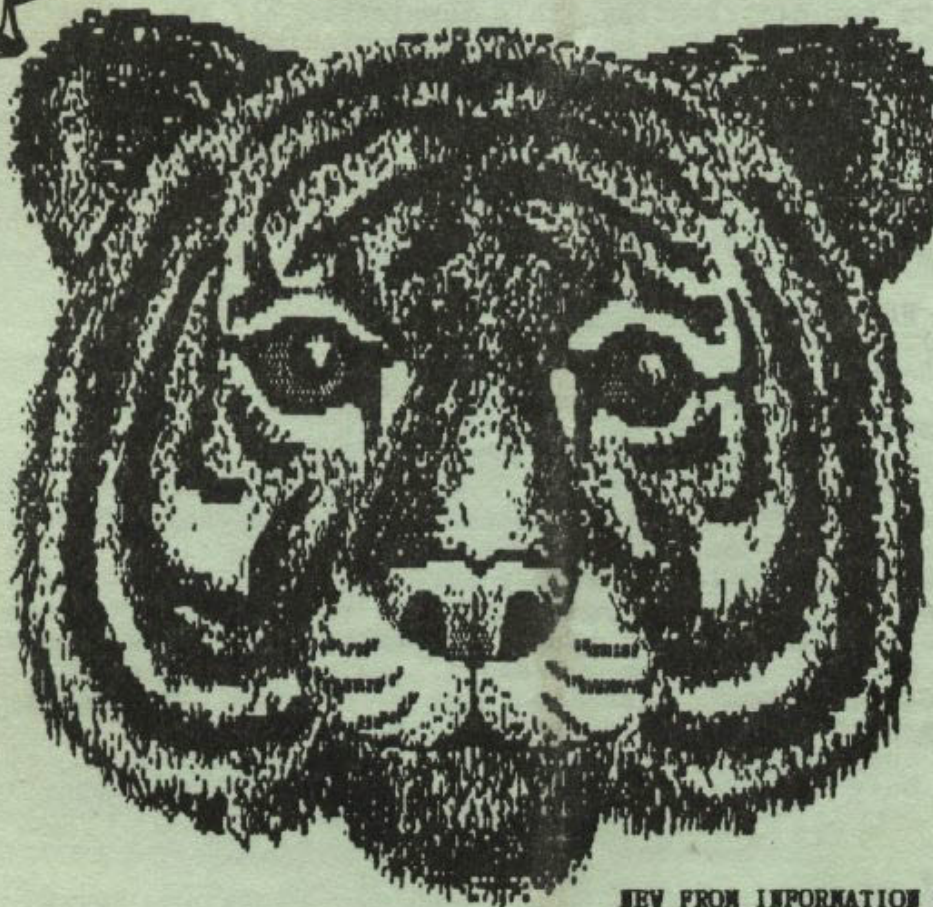




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## Beta Basic

The following comes from a Beta Basic Newsletter. As you know, The ZX Mushroom Club has the rights for distributing this newsletter. If you want it, send in R20.00 (on order form please!) for one years subscription (6 copies). If you did order the newsletter, and have not received anything yet - I'll send out everything during this month (if possible, up to #6).

This contribution was sent in by A.J. Herstel, Holland. Line numbers have been added to aid explanation, but the whole procedure was originally one line. The original replaced all uses of "1" with a variable to save memory, but it has been altered to aid clarity. Here is a modified version of the syntax description:

### NEW COMMANDS

```
md <value>,<name>
md < 0 = SAVE                >,<
md < more than 0 = RESAVE    >,<
md < 1 = DEFAULT             >,<A3
md <>,<" = DEFAULT>
```

If you type just `md` you will see at the bottom of the screen: `RESAVE 1;`

You can complete the name, omitting the trailing quotes if you like, and the program named will be ERASEd from drive 1 before the current version is SAVED and VERIFYed. If you had typed `md 0` you would have seen: `SAVE 1;` which SAVE and VERIFY without ERASE. You can alter the drive number by editing what appears at the bottom of the screen. LINE can be added, as a keyword or in lower-case letters, e.g. `RESAVE 1;"box" LINE 10`. In a program you might use `md "1";"box": LET f$="1;"box" code 65000,20": LET q=35: md q,f$`

Because you have supplied a name, the procedure does not pause to let you type one. Note that the only significance of the first parameter is wheter it is zero or none-zero.

```
1 DEF PROC md c,f$
  LOCAL p,q
  DEFAULT c=1,f$=""
2 DO WHILE NOT LEN f$
  LET f$="1;"
3 EDIT "RESAVE "((c=0)*2+1 TO ); LINE f$
  LOOP UNTIL 1
4 LET p=INSTRING(1,f$,"")+1,q=INSTRING(p,f$,"")
  DO WHILE NOT q
    LET f$=f$+"",q=LEN f$
5 PRINT #1;AT 0,1; f$(p-q TO q)
6 DO WHILE c
  PRINT #1;" ERASE ";
  KEYIN " ERASE "+f$(p-3 TO q)
7 LOOP UNTIL 1
  LET q=LEN f$-(LEN f$-q)*(INSTRING(q,f$," LINE ") OR INSTRING (q,f$,"line:))
  PRINT #1;" SAVE ";
  KEYIN " SAVE "+f$
  PRINT #1;" VERIFY"
  KEYIN " VERIFY "+ f$( TO q)
8 INPUT ""
END PROC
```

Comments: It took me a while to understand what was going on! Line 2 is equivalent to `IF f$="" THEN ...`. The rest of the DO-LOOP allows the user to supply `f$`. `LOOP UNTIL 1` means "never LOOP" - in other words, the LOOP's only purpose is to act as a marker, which can be jumped past by the DO WHILE, if `f$` is not a null string. This makes the whole loop equivalent to:

```
IF f$="" THEN
  (statements)
END IF
```

This allows termination of IF-equivalents without use of a line number. The same structure is used to add a trailing quote IF one wasn't provided (line 4), and to do an ERASE, IF the first paramater was non-zero (line 6).



Line 3 uses an interesting method of printing SAVE or RESAVE in the lower part of the screen. The multiple quote marks in line 4 could be confusing. Quote marks inside strings have to be entered twice; the INSTRING functions are just looking for a single quote mark. Line 8 is used to clear the lower screen, without waiting for input.

Mr. Herstel also came up with the idea of renumbering the procedure as line zero, but this gave him errors, because he also renumbered the original line zero as line 2. Don't do this! The original line zero must be kept as line zero, and it must be the first line in the program. Beta Basic executes the USR statement in that line by the equivalent of GOTO line 0, statement 23, after some Microdrive operations.

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# THE GAME

## Part 1

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## Part 2

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## Part 3

When loaded, you should enter the Tiptree warehouse. Arm all but one of your men with grenades, and one with a wingmaster gun. Go to entrance one with all your men, and throw grenades into the rooms with KGB agents. When they are all dead, shoot the security door with the wingmaster and kill off the three extra KGB agents. Go into the bomb room, and examine the cabinet. Then type "type number", "1251987", "examine bomb", "examine lights", "touch keys", "RYG" (no spaces, this is what Pasternak was trying to tell you in part one when he said "suetofor" - traffic lights), then quickly type "cut wire" and "R". Then wait until the timer reaches 12, and you should get a end-game message.

## Warehouse Map - part 3

I	J	Bomb Room
	KGB	
F	G	H
KGB		KGB
C	D	E
KGB	KGB	KGB
A	B	
KGB	KGB	

KGB agent here at start. An agent will be in bomb room if you haven't killed all the others before you enter.

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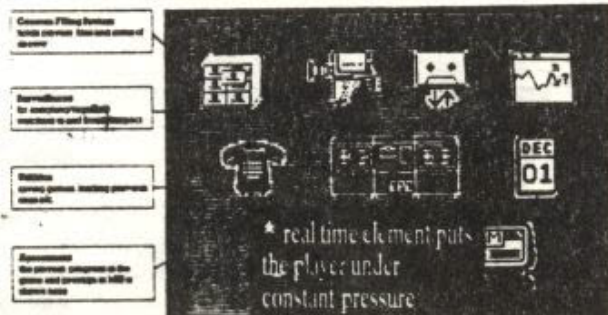
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Mr A.W. KOLLE writes "One point that was not made in your review (of the Seikosha SP1000) is that the printer supports the Epson FX80 commands completely.

Further the following comments for users of Pascal and Devpac. Switch DIP Switch 1-7 ON. Executing LPRINT CHR\$(5) is not necessary from within either Program.

"Vir U inligting sal ook ek daarvan hou indien ons nuusblaadjie weer op die ou trant aangebied kan word met minder advertensies en meer van onder andere die volgende:

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3. Onderrig in hoe 'n mens die beste programmeer soos uitleg, so min as moontlik GOTO's ens." - Mr AE DOEVENDANS

Eerstens wil ek verskoning vra - laas maand se Simple Simon is ingestuur deur H.L. Loedolff van Sasolburg (hoop ek het dit die keer reg), en die H.L. Doevendans nie.

Disc Error 4.0 Not O.K.

Ek stem heeltemal saam. Met 'n gratis nuusbrief moet mens egter 'n sekere hoeveelheid advertensies verwag. Information Enterprises het hulle egter bereid verklaar om die nuusbrief dikker te maak om sodoende meer artikels toe te laat. Alles berus egter op die lesers, en ek hoop die R10 tot R15 beloning vir artikels help om U, en al die ander lesers oor te haal om pen en papier nader te skuif.

"Is there anybody who can help with Tir Na Gog and Dun Darach? Also if anybody has a poke for Dinamite Dan I'd be most grateful." - C.W. BADENHORST

"Could you please give me some information regarding the BETA DISK INTERFACE. The information I require is can random access be used when using the BETA and a five and a quater disc drive with MASTERFILE"

a) The Beta Disk Interface can handle random access. b) Masterfile can not handle random access files, and will have to be dramatically altered.

"..... asking for help in how to get more energy to get through all the mazes on the 'Lands of Havoc' for the QL. We also have 2 QL's in the family, but can't get them to network." - Mr. KIRKIRIDIS

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Daar bestaan drie moontlikhede. Eerste moontlikheid: Hierdie is seker die maklikste metode. LRUN MDV1\_install\_bas op die Quill Cartridge, kies EDIT (van die printer dat wat vir U spesifieke drukker werk - dit sal die huidige printer dat wees) en beweeg die Cursor af tot by die eerste TRANSLATE wat niks (NONE) bevat. Druk die regter Cursor (>), en tik die volgende in: \*,8 [ENTER]. In die plek van die \* in die bevel moet 'n grafiese karakter van U keuse (bv. CTRL SHIFT a) gesit word. Druk nou F5 om die printer dat te install. Indien U nou in Quill 'n deelteken op 'n e wil sit sal U die woord as volg tik: ingee\*"nt, waar \* die grafiese karakter is soos deur U gekies. Hierdie metode is ook beter daarin dat enige karakter op die manier, tydens die intik van die dokument opgemaak kan word. Die tweede moontlikheid. Hierdie moontlikheid is beter in die sin dat wat U sien, is wat U kry. Indien mens bv. 'n deelteken i wil druk in 'n dokument, sal mens in die dokument die deelteken i tik (met CTRL 2). So ook kan mens 'n deelteken o (CTRL SHIFT 4) of 'n kappie e (CTRL 1) tik. 'n Lys van al die karakters wat so moontlik is verskyn in die handboek op pg 6 en 7 van die Concepts gedeelte. Wat nou gedoen moet word is dat die drukker instruksies sal moet ontvang om net soos met die eerste moontlikheid te werk te gaan, behalwe dat die TRANSLATE soos volg verander sal word: \*,'e,8," [enter], waar \* die karakter is soos wat U dit in Quill gebruik het



(in die geval CTRL /). Wat U eintelik hier doen is om met die eerste karakter aan die computer te sê (sien ek practice what ek preach) dat die volgende gedoen moet word: druk 'n e, doen 'n back space (BS/ code 8), en druk nou 'n ". Die derde moontlikheid is dat die karakter soos U dit wil hê alreeds bestaan in U drukker se karakter stel, en dat U die TRANSLATE as volg sal saamstel: '\*,nnn (waar \* die karakter is soos gebruik in Quill, en nnn die kode is van die karakter soos opgespoor in U drukker se handboek. 'n Voorbeeld is die 'umlaut o' wat karakter 215 in die Gemini se karakter stel is. Wat bogenoemde op neerkom is dat U sal moet

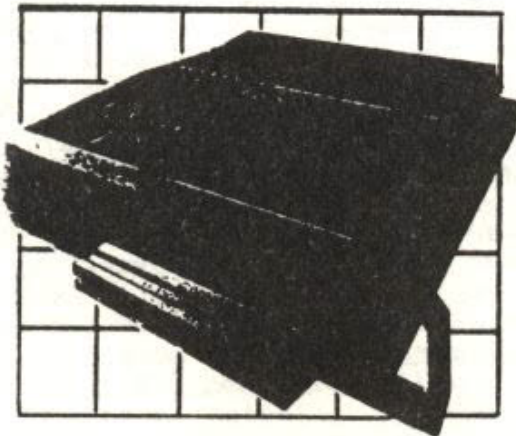
eksperimenteer en tien teen een 'n kombinasie van die drie moontlikhede sal gebruik. Probleme: Gedink dit is so maklik soos dit? Probleme sal opduik indien jy in 'n ander druk styl bv. proportional of elite druk, aangesien die back space nog steeds 'n standaard back space sal wees, en die kappie of deelteken dan nie 100% op die karakter sal wees nie, maar eerder 'n millimeter of wat te veel na links. Die oplossing hier (ek het dit nog nie self gedoen nie), is om terug te skakel na normale karaktergrootte, die deelteken karakter te druk en dan weer na die ander grootte te skakel. Ek verwag egter dat dit onaanvaarbaar sal lyk.

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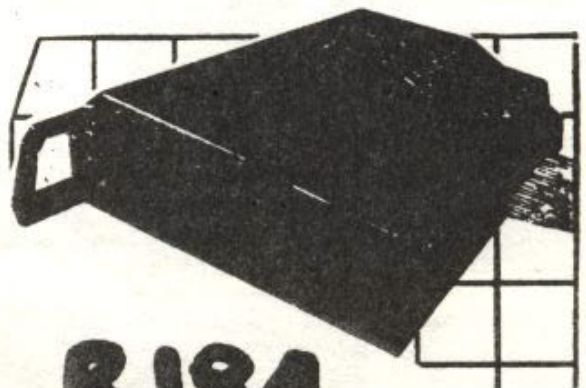
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Dear Gert,

I've just received my newsletter! Well, in connection to 'Notorious George' and that other 'mouth guy, I've just completed Dan Dare WITHOUT using any pokes!

I still feel Marvelous, as I can help 'Mouthy' with Sherlock Holmes.

Here goes: Once you've Hailed a cab and are inside it, tell the CABBIE to go to Kings Road. From there you go to the last platform and you should meet someone there. You must FOLLOW him onto the train. (the time when you catch the train should be approx. 09h15)

Ha! Now I feel even more marvelous!!!

Marvelous Mark.

```
10 REM This program helps one to
insert POKES for infinite lives into
programs saved with the Beta Disc
snapshot button.
20 REM Programs that are loaded with (
GO TO "name" CODE)
30 REM e.g. "BOMB JACK" POKE
49530, number of lives
40 CLS: INPUT AT 0,0;"NAME OF
PROGRAM"; AT 1,0; LINE f$
50 IF LEN f$ > 8 OR f$ = "" THEN BEEP
.1,30: GOTO 40
60 INPUT AT 0,0;"POKE address,
number"; AT 1,0;"address ?
"; add,"number ? "; num
70 IF add > 65535 OR add < 16384 THEN BEEP
.1,40: GO TO 60
80 IF num < 0 OR num > 255 THEN BEEP
.1,40: GO TO 60
90 LET sector = INT (add/256-63): LET
badd = sector * 256 + 16128: LET
offset = add - badd
100 LET l =USR 15363: REM: PEEK f$ CODE
50000, sector
110 IF l = 1 THEN CLS: PRINT AT
0,0;"File not found": PAUSE 40: GO TO
10
120 IF 1-70 THEN CLS: PRINT AT
0,0;"Disk error": PAUSE 40: GO TO 10
130 PRINT AT 0,0;"address"; AT
0,8;"old value"; AT 0,22; num
140 PRINT AT 2,0; add; AT 2,8; PEEK
(50000+offset); AT 2,22; num
150 PRINT #0; AT 0,0;"Are you sure you
want to"; AT 1,0;"continue y/n ?"
160 IF INKEY$ = "" OR INKEY$ = CHR$ 13
THEN GO TO 160
170 IF INKEY$ <> "Y" THEN IF INKEY$ <> "y"
THEN GO TO 10
180 POKE (50000+offset), num
190 RANDOMIZE USR 15363: REM: POKE f$
CODE 50000, sector
200 CLS: GOTO 10
```

Anton Erasmus





## SPECIFICATION AND FEATURES

# AMSTRAD

512K system unit with all circuitry on a single motherboard.  
8MHz 8086 processor.  
Memory expandable on motherboard to 640K.  
Integral colour graphics adaptor with special 16 colour hi-res mode.

Three full-size compatible expansion slots with power available in the standard unit to supply a hard disc and controller.

Choice of one or two 360K 5¼" floppy discs or one floppy with a 10 or 20 megabyte hard disc drive.

**HARD DISC VERSIONS ARE SUPPLIED WITH AN EXTRA FLOPPY DISC AND MANUAL WITH BACKUP, RESTORE AND FORMAT UTILITIES.**

Motherboard includes an RS232c serial and parallel interface with standard connectors.  
Loudspeaker with volume control.  
Battery-backed real time clock and configuration RAM.  
Socket for 8087 maths co-processor.  
Connector for light pen.

Complete with Colour Monitor or Monochrome (Grey Level) monitor.

The standard built-in colour adaptor provides all the following modes:  
Medium resolution Alpha; 16 colours, 40x25 characters.  
High resolution Alpha; 16 colours, 80x25 characters.  
Medium resolution Graphics; Three 4-colour palettes, 320x200 pixels.  
High resolution Graphics; 2 colour, 640x200 pixels.  
+ Special high-res Graphics; 16 colours, 640x200 pixels.

*This special mode is included as standard, in addition to the Alpha and Graphics modes, and allows the display of high resolution graphics (for example GEM) in 16 colours.*



GEM Paint shown here on a Monochrome monitor

- Full size QWERTY keyboard.  
Illuminated Numlock and Capslock.  
Keyboard joystick port.  
Extra DEL→ and ENTER keys.  
Adjustable legs.
- Two button Mouse with  
Dedicated port on system unit.  
Microsoft compatible MOUSE.COM plus special text operation.
- Extensive Operating Software including four diskettes.  
Compatible ROM BIOS.  
Microsoft MS DOS 3.2 Operating System.  
Compatible device drivers with RAMdrive and enhanced media flexibility.  
Wide range of compatible utilities.  
Networking and hard disc support.  
Digital Research GEM (Graphics Environment Manager) plus GEM Desktop.  
Digital Research GEM Paint.  
Digital Research DOS Plus, runs MS DOS and CP/M-86 applications.  
GEM based Locomotive BASIC 2.
- User manual.  
Covers Getting Started, GEM, MS DOS, the Utilities, DOS Plus and a summary of BASIC 2.
- DIMENSIONS  
PC1512SD System unit 372 W 384 D 135 H 6.05 Kg  
PC1512DD System unit 372 W 384 D 135 H 7.75 Kg  
Keyboard Unit inc feet 465 W 160 D 58 H 1.175 Kg.  
● PC MM Monochrome Monitor 350 W 300 D 315 H 7.43 Kg.  
● PC CM Colour Monitor 372 W 365 D 330 H 11.6 Kg.  
*All dimensions are in millimetres.*

## PC1512

### In-store Check List for the Amstrad PC1512

- 512K bytes of main memory, with a 16Bit 8086 operating at 8MHz expandable to 640K
- Standard 5¼ inch disc drive(s).
- 10 and 20 megabyte hard disc versions available.
- 80 Column display with 16 colour graphics.
- Mono or colour monitor with compatible graphics standards, i.e. monochrome monitor displays 16 grey levels.
- Quartz real-time clock with battery back-up.
- Serial and parallel interface connectors as standard with flow control over the serial interface.
- Separate port for the "mouse" which is supplied as standard.
- IBM PC software compatibility, with Microsoft MSDOS 3.2 and Digital Research's DOS Plus.
- Digital Research's GEM 'Graphics Environment Manager' software and built-in mouse pointing system supplied with "Desktop" and "GEM Paint"
- Locomotive Software's powerful new GEM BASIC2, a significant advance in the BASIC language that offers the GEM interface to BOTH the beginner and the advanced programmer.
- 3 compatible hardware expansion slots — you can upgrade to hard disc systems, modems, networks, extra printer ports, and many other hardware applications simply by plugging-in an expansion card.
- Print spooler, enabling processing to continue whilst outputting to a printer.
- Joystick port, built into keyboard.





## The Amstrad PC1512

The Amstrad PC1512 is probably the most important British Micro to appear this year. It has been a calculated gamble from Alan Sugar, designed to penetrate a new market - the big business buyers of PC's - with a machine that appeals to their cost-consciousness, a gamble that has certainly paid off!

Not only is it faster than the IBM (8 MHz), it is also a smaller box and includes as standard functions and features that have to be bought (and paid for) separately on a normal IBM-type machine.

The Amstrad PC1512 is the closest machine to the Colour Apple Mac that everyone has been requesting. What's more is that it is PC compatible and at less than half the price of the Mac.

The bundled approach to the Amstrad gives the user amazing value for money. Approximate prices of the "give aways" are as follows:

Clock	R160-00
Mouse	R360-00 (Microsoft)
MS DOS 3.2	R308-00
GEM Windowing Environment ) US	\$400-00
Datamation, Nov)	R900-00
GEM Paint	)
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TOTAL	R1728-00

### Amstrad Software

Amstrad has negotiated OEM distribution on several products that now carry the Amstrad logo. These products operate in the GEM environment and use the Mouse interface. They will retail at about half the usual price. These products include Wordstar, Reflex, Supercalc III and Sidekick.

### INFORMATION ENTERPRISES' UNBELIEVABLE UNBEATABLE PRICES

(If you are quoted lower prices and can prove it we will beat THAT price)

- \* PC1512 with single 360K floppy drive, monochrome monitor  
IE's price R2085      RRP R2995
- \* PC1512 with single 360K floppy drive, colour monitor  
IE's price R2855      RRP R3995
- \* PC1512 with dual drive, monochrome monitor  
IE's price R2525      RRP R3595
- \* PC1512 with dual drive, colour monitor  
IE's price R3250      RRP R4595
- \* PC1512 with 20 Meg Hard disk, monochrome monitor  
IE's price R3575      RRP R5595
- \* PC1512 with 20 Meg Hard disk, colour monitor  
IE's price R4345      RRP R6595

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FEATURES COMPARISON - BASIC PCS

<u>Feature</u>	<u>PC1512</u>	<u>Average Asian Sourced PC</u>	<u>Cost to bring to Amstrad Level</u>
RAM	512K	256K	+/- R180
Diskette Drive	1	1	-
Processor	8086	8088	n/a
Clock speed	8MH	4.7MH	n/a
Real Time Clock with battery back-up	Y	N	+/- R100
RS232 interface	Y	N	- R100
Parallel I/F	Y	Y	-
Mouse & mouse software	Y	N	+/- R400
User expansion slots after "standard" features fitted	3	3-4	n/a
Joystick port	Y	N	R50
Tilt & swivel adjustments of monitor	Y	N	R35
Operating Systems	MSDOS 3.2	N	+/- R300
Operating Systems and BASIC	DOS plus BASIC 2	N	+/- R300
GEM Desktop	Y	N	+/- R300
GEM Paint	Y	N	+/- R300
Full Manual	Y	N	+/- R35
RAM Disk configuration	Y	N	R50

**What the Press have to say:**

**"King of the Clones" - Your Computer, Oct 1986**

**"If there is such a thing as the perfect PC Clone, this is it." - PCW, Oct 1986**

**"Waiting list for Amstrad" - Computerworld, 26 Sep 1986**



### M C P Colour Plotter

(See April newsletter for Specifications)

NEW BUYERS WILL NOW GET THIS EXCELLENT PLOTTER FOR R579 excl. GST - THIS IS A SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF R100

AND EVEN BETTER NEWS IS IF YOU BOUGHT A MCP PLOTTER LAST MONTH, WHEN PROVIDING PROOF OF THIS SALE, WE WILL GIVE YOU A CREDIT NOTE OF R100!!!

A high resolution screen dump option is available on the new ZX PRINT interface which we advertised last month. I.E. is prepared to trade in your old ZX PRINT against the new improved version when buying a MCP Colour Plotter. You will only be required to pay in R65.



R219-00

#### 1 Basic Unit Accommodates:

- Printer
- CPU and VDU
- Storage shelf for paper or manuals.

#### ACCESSORIES:

##### 2 Paper Feed Tray

- Enables paper and manuals to be stored on separate shelves.

##### 3 Paper Catch Basket

- Allows automatic folding of all sizes of continuous stationery.

##### 4 Document Holder

- Extends the keyboard left and/or right allowing a working surface; fabricated in attractive smokey perspex.

##### 5 Multi Outlet Plug

- Accommodates printer and CPU and allows a 5 m single plug electrical connection.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### Basic Unit

600 mm W 750 mm D  
1230 mm H

##### Paper Catch Basket

450 mm W 300 mm D

##### Document Holder

250 mm W 300 mm D

##### Paper Feed Tray

550 mm W 300 mm D

##### Multi Outlet Plug

5 m Cord 3 x 15 Amp

In last months newsletter I mentioned that we'll pay between R10 and R15 (in gift vouchers) for articles which are published in the newsletter. But really, I meant ARTICLES, not articles. One "article" I received contained 21 lines, giving 8 POKES, expecting R15.00. Let me try again. We will pay R10 to R15, in Information Enterprises gift vouchers for articles published in the newsletter. This excludes hints and tips, unless they take on the format of a proper article (originals, not condensed Your Computer, Sinclair User, ZX Computng etc.!!!). A typical article will take up at least one page of the newsletter (approx. 1100 words). And please do remember that this is your newsletter, which you receive courtesy of Information Enterprises - we will not reject any free attempts!

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I READ WITH INTEREST THAT YOUR A-SA-NIA ARTICLE HAD BEEN NEARLY BANNED AND NOT WISHING TO SEE THE EDITOR OF THIS MAGAZINE INCARCERATED ( THAT'S NOT ILLEGAL, IS IT ? ). I QUICKLY DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING QL-TOOLKIT WHICH SHOULD , ONE, PROVE USEFUL AND, TWO, KEEP YOUR PEN BEHIND YOUR EAR; OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION :-

*Dan Fitzgibbons*

SPLIT - SPLITS THE SCREEN IN TWO HALVES  
 SET - RESTORES SCREEN TO NORMAL  
 CL - CL 0/CL 1/CL 2/CL 3/CL 4 VARIOUS CLS OPTIONS  
 CAPON - CAPITALS ON  
 CAPOFF - CAPITALS OFF  
 PPP - A VERY FLEXIBLE PRINT TO CHANNEL 0 OPTION. FOR EXAMPLES OF ITS USE, SEE THE PROGRAMME ITSELF  
 DR - LISTS THE DIRECTORY OF EITHER MICRODRIVE TO SCREEN  
 DEL - DELETES ANY FILE ( USE WITH GREAT CARE )  
 VIEW - A VERY USEFUL ROUTINE THAT LISTS ANY MICRODRIVE TO SCREEN BUT LEAVES ALL CURRENTLY LOADED PROGRAMMES UNAFFECTED

Last year I wrote a 'controversial' article, A-SA-NIA, which almost lead to me having more time (get that, eh?) for thinking up even more controversial articles. Now that the dust has settled, I can at last publish the one good thing that came from a whole indaba.

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31000 REMARK *****
31002 REMARK ***** TOOL KIT *****
31004 REMARK *****
31006 DEFINE PROCEDURE SET
31008   WIPE
31010   WINDOW#1,448,200,32, 15:PAPER#1,7:INK#1,0
31012   WINDOW#2,448,200,32, 15:PAPER#2,5:INK#2,0
31014   WINDOW#0,448, 40,32,216:PAPER#0,0:INK#0,7
31016   CL 4
31018   END DEFINE
31020 DEFINE PROCEDURE WIPE
31022   MODE 256:WINDOW 512,256,0,0
31024   PAPER 0:CL 1
31026   END DEFINE
31028 DEFINE PROCEDURE SPLIT
31030   WIPE
31032   WINDOW#1,224,200, 32, 15:PAPER#1,7:INK#1,0
31034   WINDOW#2,224,200,256, 15:PAPER#2,5:INK#2,0
31036   WINDOW#0,448, 40, 32,216:PAPER#0,0:INK#0,7
31038   CL 4
31040   END DEFINE
31042 DEFINE PROCEDURE CL(NNN)
31044   SELECT ON NNN
31046   =0:CLS#0
31048   =1:CLS#1
31050   =2:CLS#2
31052   =3:CLS#1:CLS#2
31054   =4:CLS#1:CLS#2:CLS#0
31056   END SELECT
31058   END DEFINE
31060 DEFINE PROCEDURE CAPON
31062   POKE 163976,255
31064   END DEFINE
31066 DEFINE PROCEDURE CAPOFF
31068   POKE 163976,0
31070   END DEFINE
31072 DEFINE PROCEDURE PPP(I%)
31074   CL 0:PRINT#0,I%
31076   END DEFINE
31078 DEFINE PROCEDURE DRIVENUM
31080   PPP 'WHICH DRIVE 1(LHS) 2(RHS)'
31082   IS=INKEY$(#0,-1):IF I%<'1' AND I%>'2':GO TO 31082
31084   DRIVE$='MDV'&I%&'_'&CL 0
31086   END DEFINE
31088 DEFINE PROCEDURE DRIVE_TITLE
31090   PPP DRIVE$&' HIT TITLE ';&INPUT#0,TITLE$:CL 0
31092   END DEFINE
31094 DEFINE PROCEDURE DR
31096   CL 4:DRIVENUM:CL 1:DIR#1, DRIVE$
31098   END DEFINE

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31100 DEFINE
31102   CL 4:DR:DRIVE_TITLE
31104   PPP HIT ANY KEY TO DELETE &DRIVE$&TITLE$:PAUSE:CL 0
31106   DELETE DRIVE$&TITLE$
31108   CL 4:DIR DRIVES
31110   END DEFINE
31112 DEFINE PROCEDURE VIEW
31114   DR:DRIVE_TITLE
31116   PPP HIT CTRL/FS TO HALT LISTING
31118   OPEN#3,SCR_448X200A32X15:CLS#3:CLOSE#3
31120   COPY DRIVE$&TITLE$ TO SCR
31122   PPP OK
31124   END DEFINE

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