

VIC-20 Software Packages

Dear dealer,

Below is a list of software packages that we expect to be available for the VIC-20. Since this list is subject to change, please do not send in any orders. We shall be informing you of an actual VIC-20 software package list, and when you can place your first orders. Software packages will be in two different forms; (i) VIC Cartridges (ROM packs), and (ii) Cassette tapes. I cannot specify a pricing structure for this software at this moment, but if you consider that the VIC ROM packs will consist of one or two ROMs mounted on a printed circuit board in a plastic housing with metal nameplate attached, and a cassette tape will be simply a tape, plus the packaging costs for both mediums, and consider that more sophisticated packages written entirely in machine language will be in cartridge form, and BASIC, less sophisticated programs will be on cassette, you may be able to form your own idea of pricing.

Cartridge Packages:

(All of the game cartridges and tapes allow the player to use either joystick or keyboard controls.)

V. INVADERS - We obviously couldn't resist this one. It is very similar to the PET version, with better sound and colour, high resolution graphics. A great Christmas stocking filler.

JUPITER LANDER - This program puts you in charge of a lunar module, which you must land on the red, jagged surface of Jupiter. You can thrust at varying angles to adjust your vertical and horizontal momentum. Larger amounts of points can be achieved by landing on more hazardous landing platforms. You keep playing until you run out of fuel.

DRAW POKER - No details.

SUPERSLOT - A slot machine program. No details.

NIGHT DRIVE - This program simulates driving along a winding narrow road at night in perspective. Excellent graphics. Very addictive.

VIC WRITER - A fully featured wordprocessor for the VIC-20. No details available.

CHESS - A chess program far superior to any other chess game on a microcomputer. Great graphics.

(Certain other "arcade" quality games have been written for the VIC-20 but I cannot released details of which ones because negotiations are still in progress. I will obviously inform you of these as, and when I get details.)

PROGRAMMERS AID PACK - This has every conceivable command for writing and debugging programs, including all of the usual FIND, CHANGE, DELETE, RENUMBER, HELP, AUTO commands. It also has a machine language monitor (this is not built into the VIC-20 as on the PET), which is far more powerful than the PET monitor including a tiny assembler backwards and forward scrolling memory dump, disassembler, ASCII dump etc.

VIDEO SUPPORT PACKAGE - This gives the VIC-20 extra commands for plotting high resolution graphics and lines, and PAINTing shapes. It also allows the programmer to assign text to the VIC's function keys, making this text shoot out of the cursor when a particular function is pressed. Other commands allow you to read the joystick, light pen and paddle readings, set the colours in the VIC-20, and play music with the VIC's 3 voice, white noise, and volume control capability.

Cassette packages:

6 Packs:-

Games and recreation - Including ROCKET COMMAND, BLUE MEANIES, and CAR CHASE. No more details as yet.

Math Improvement Games- Including SPACE MATH, TIC-TAC ARITH. No more details as yet.

Business/Calculation - Including statistical analysis programs, forecasting etc. No details as yet.

Each of the above programs included in a six pack will be sold seperately as well.

Regards,

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