AMDATA

"COMPARE OUR PRICES" TODAY

Yes we have revamped the whole CPC price list. Every product we sell is not only approved and tested by Amstrad PLC head office but also is the cheapest on the market at the time of this Newsletter going to press.

If you can find any of our products cheaper anywhere in the U.K. from advertisements placed in any March or April publications, the User Club will **refund the difference** on orders placed after 23rd March 1988.

Due to the huge increase in memberships at the "**Official Amstrad User Club**" we can now buy from all suppliers in vast quantities and have now opened a new warehouse to carry those stocks.

Please remember we only sell genuine products with Amstrad approval such as our Amsoft 3" Blank discs. Amstrad care for their customers and will not allow Amsoft Mail Order or the User Club to supply low quality products. When checking our prices also remember that our prices **include VAT and delivery charges.**

"MONEY BACK OFFER ON F.D.1" (2nd DISC DRIVE FOR CPC 6128)

Amstrad have just despatched the only FD1's which they had in stock direct to ourselves at the User Club.

We have decided to give **two** away this month. Simply send in your order either by post or telephone and you could be the lucky winner of a superb FD1 which are in very short supply.

The **first** order received in the post on the enclosed white order form with the words 'F.D.1 promotion' printed in the payment coupon will receive a credit voucher for the full amount **with their delivery.**

The tenth person who orders an F.D.1 by telephone as from 9.00 a.m. Friday 25th March 1988 will receive a full credit voucher **with their delivery.**

Winners will be printed in the May AMDATA but you'll have to hurry there's only 150 in stock and we are told by Amstrad that there will be a definite shortage. ORDER NOW ON (091) 510 8787.

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CPC 464 USERS

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AMSTRAD V21/23 MODEM & RS232 INTERFACE

The User Club have **two** V21/23 Modems and **two** RS232 Interfaces and we are giving them away this month!

Package 1 will be given to the first accepted order which is posted to the User Club headquarters marked 'MODEM Promotion' and the promotion starts on Friday March 25th. (The order must be sent by normal post methods. Unstamped entries will not be considered). Send in your order now and if you're the **first** order processed we will include a full credit voucher **WITH YOUR DELIVERY!**

Package 2 will be given to the **10th** order received by our Telesales staff. Simply place your order and if you're the lucky winner you too will receive a full credit voucher **with your delivery.**

Communicate now by ringing 091-510 8787 and ask for 'TELESALES'

AMSTRAD USER CLUB ... BEST PRICES ON HARDWARE... ORDER NOW FOR NEXT DESPATCHES!

DDI'S
(Disc drive for CPC 464)

Amstrad have assured us that the first shipment received in this country will be despatched immediately to the Official Amstrad User Club. We will be in FIRST to receive this product in the UK.
Order now and we will only debit your credit card once the product is sent to yourself. Hurry because we will be closing the order book on the next long awaited shipment which will be arriving very shortly.
non-members price £159.95
members price £139.95

DMP 2160 PRINTERS

In very short supply but we are promised the next delivery will be arriving at the User Club shortly. If you are considering purchasing a DMP 2160 order NOW with the User Club and we'll charge you when the printers arrive.
non-members price £159.95
members price £139.95

MP2 MODULATORS

Arriving soon! Order NOW and you will be placed on the first order schedule.
non-members price £29.95
members price £25.45

EXAMS APPROACHING? .. EASY REVISION FOR CPC OWNERS

CPC USERS

	Non Members	Members
[TAPE] MEGA 001 Mega Maths 'A' Level Self Tuition and Revision	24.00	**20.40**
[DISC] MEGA 0001 Mega Maths 'A' Level Self Tuition and Revision	24.00	**20.40**
[TAPE] PRIMAT 001 Primary Maths Course (Age 4 - Secondary School Entrance)	24.00	**20.40**
[DISC] PRIMAT 0001 Primary Maths Course (Age 4 - Secondary School Entrance)	24.00	**20.40**
[TAPE] MICENG 001 Eng Lang up to 'GCSE' Self Tuition or Revision Course	24.00	**20.40**
[DISC] MICENG 0001 Eng Lang up to 'GCSE' Self Tuition or Revision Course	24.00	**20.40**
[TAPE] MICMAT 001 Maths up to 'GCSE' Self Tuition or Revision	24.00	**20.40**
[DISC] MICMAT 0001 Maths up to 'GCSE' Self Tuition or Revision	24.00	**20.40**
[TAPE] SOFT 959 Chemistry 'O' Level Revision	14.95	**8.95**
[DISC] SOFT 1959 Chemistry 'O' Level Revision	19.95	**16.95**
[TAPE] SOFT 960 Physics 'O' Level Revision	14.95	**8.95**
[DISC] SOFT 1960 Physics 'O' Level Revision	19.95	**16.95**

CPC HOME COLLEGE
Includes: VHS Video, Program, Book, Large Manual, Voice Tape (English Foundation Level Only)

	Non Members	Members
[DISC] MMATIC 0001 Foundation Level Maths	49.99	**42.45**
[DISC] ENGLIS 0001 Foundation Level English Language	49.99	**42.45**

GREAT NEW PRODUCTS

DESERT RATS - The North Africa Campaign
(FOR CPC TAPE)

Desert Rats simulates the North Africa Campaign in 1941-42 commencing with the arrival of Rommel in Tripoli and ends with the Battle of El Alamein. The bitter campaign includes Operations Battleaxe and Crusader and the Battle of Gazala. The game is named after the men of the 7th Armoured Division who adopting a 'gerbil' as their insignia. Can you change the course of history and defeat Rommel sooner than Montgomery did at El Alamein?

Desert Rats is accompanied by a detailed instruction booklet including historical background notes of the campaign with maps and photographs. It is a fast, interactive wargame with a scrolling map and six compelling scenarios with 1 or 2 player options. CODE: DESERT 001
members £8.45 non-members £9.95

ARNHEM
(TAPE ONLY)

This tactical wargame simulates the historical 'Market Garden' operation in 1944. Montgomery's plan was to smash the Nazi occupation of Holland thereby opening the door to Berlin and ending the war. Three Allied Airborne Divisions were dropped behind enemy lines to capture vital bridges for the advancing Allied Forces. Experience the bitter conflict. Can the Allies succeed or is the bridge of Arnhem a bridge too far? Historically accurate with 5 compelling scenarios. 1,2 or 3 player game. Comes complete with descriptions and photographs. CODE: ARNHEM 001
members £8.45 non-members £9.95

BEDLAM
(FOR CPC DISC)

As a cadet in the Stellar Imperiums pilot academy, you may have thought that you were hot stuff, but the instructors had a surprise in store for you. The academy puts its trainees through one final test, the X12 fighter simulator - simply known as BEDLAM! CODE: BEDLAM 0001
members £12.75 non-members £14.99

TOUR DE FORCE
(FOR CPC TAPE)

Capture the thrills and excitement of international Grand Prix Cycling with TOUR DE FORCE. Can you master the techniques required to win each leg of the competition, defeating the champion riders and proceeding through to the next country? As the action heats up, the going gets tougher - your opponents don't like to see you in front, and by fair means or foul will try to hinder your progress. From the crack of the starter's pistol to the presentation of the coveted Yellow Jersey - experience the agony and ecstasy of international Cycling as it really happens. CODE: TOUR 001
members £8.49 non-members £9.99

NIGHT GUNNER

The air battle where only aces survive! Each different mission pushes you to the limit with enemy fighters attacking from all directions, guns ablazing; explosive 3D ground attack sorties and there's still the flight home. DISC CODE: NIGHT 0001
members £11.85 non-members £13.95
TAPE CODE: NIGHT 001
members £6.75 non-members £7.95

VULCAN
(FOR CPC TAPE)

Vulcan, by the author of Arnhem and Desert Rats, simulates the Tunisian Campaign in 1942-43 from the arrival of the 'Torch' Task Force and their race for Tunis, to the final battle of 'Operation Vulcan'. Also included are the battles of Kasserine and Mareth. The game comes with a detailed instruction booklet and includes historical notes of the campaign, maps and photographs.
GAME FEATURES: Hidden movement on a mountainous terrain, scrolling map, 5 scenarios, air attack phase, strong computer opponent and 5 armies (3 Allied & 2 Axis). For 1 or 2 players. CODE: VULCAN 001
members £8.45 non-members £9.95

BOBSLEIGH

Bobsleigh is a spectacular simulation of a fast and dangerous winter Olympic Sport. Equip your team, set up your bob and go for the perfect run. Practice on all major tracks with an unrivalled feeling of speed and cornering until you are ready for the World Cup and Olympic Games. Join the Olympic team and go for gold!

DISC CODE: BOB 0001
members £12.70 non-members £14.95
TAPE CODE: BOB 0001
members £8.45 non-members £9.95

ATF

Beyond today's technology ... ATF... Lockheed's Advanced Tactical Fighter. Climb aboard the aircraft of the century and launch across enemy territory. Attack or evade enemy forces by hugging the 3-D relief terrain.
Engage advanced on-board systems, plan your strategy and swing the balance of power to your favour. ATF is a unique combination of 3-D arcade action and military strategy, offering an unparalleled challenge. Are you prepared? YOU have been chosen to fly ATF.

DISC CODE: ATF 0001
members £11.85 non-members £13.95
TAPE CODE: ATF 001
members £7.60 non-members £8.95

FIGHTER PILOT

Only the best will become a FIGHTER PILOT ... climb into the seat of the world's most exciting aircraft and prepare for take-off. Stunning 3-D graphics, air-to-air combat, and fully aerobatic performance put the challenge of real-time flight simulation at your fingertips. Based upon the F15 USAF air superiority jet fighter.
The supreme simulation ... for those who simply want the best!
DISC CODE: PILOT 0001
members £11.85 non-members £13.95
TAPE CODE: PILOT 001
members £7.65 non-members £8.95

SPECIAL 12 PACK OFFER

Remember the 12 pack given FREE with the CPC 464? Well we've obtained a limited number of these for you, and if you missed out, or would like them for your 6128 (you'll need a tape player, of course) then order a pack now - Ring us on 091 510 8787
Originally these games would have retailed for over £100 - but we can offer these packs at just £6.95 a set in case you've forgotten the pack comprises:
X-Anagrams · Oh-Mummy · Fruit Machine · Hammer Attack · Bridge-It · The Galactic Plague · Easi-Amsword · Roland In The Caves · Sultan's Maze · Roland On The Ropes · Animal Vegetable Mineral · Timeman One
CODE: SOFT 999
SPECIAL MEMBERS PRICE: £6.95

TT RACER

TT Racer as a spectacular Motor Cycle Racing simulation that puts you on the hot seat of a Grand Prix bike.
Experience the unique thrill of racing with its stunning over-the-hand bars 3D view and state of the art solid graphics.
Set up your bike and practice hard on the 12 famous tracks, until you're ready for the challenge .... To race against the other cool professional riders for the winning flag and the World Championship.
Remember, only the fastest win in TT Racer
DISC CODE: TT 0001
members £12.70 non-members £14.95
TAPE CODE: TT 001
members £8.45 non-members £9.95

DAN DARE II
(FOR CPC DISC)

Once again the Mekon poses a deadly threat to the Human Race. He has returned, cunning as ever, to take revenge on Dan Dare and the planet Earth.
This all action, arcade game allows you to play Colonel Dan Dare, hero of a thousand space flights, backed by a full Space Fleet army or play the sinister Mekon with his evil henchmen, the Treens!
CODE: DAN 0001
members £12.70 non-members £14.95

HAVE YOU GOT A TENNER?
EVERYTHING ONLY £9.95 DURING APRIL

MASTERFILE 2
CODE: SOFT 07060
non-members price £33.00
normal members price £28.05
April knockdown price £9.95

DEVPAC
CODE: SOFT 1116
non-members price £29.95
normal members price £25.45
April knockdown price £9.95

AMSWORD ADVANCE
CODE: SOFT 1164
non-members price £23.95
normal members price £20.35
April knockdown price £9.95

PASCAL
CODE: SOFT 1155
non-members price £34.95
normal members price £29.70
April knockdown price £9.95

FORTH
CODE: SOFT 1188
non-members price £29.95
normal members price £25.45
April knockdown price £9.95

SCREEN DESIGNER
CODE: SOFT 1197
non-members price £18.95
normal members price £16.10
April knockdown price £9.95

DFM DATABASE
CODE: SOFT 1941
non-members price £18.95
normal members price £16.10
April knockdown price £9.95

PROJECT PLANNER
CODE: SOFT 1916
non-members price £29.95
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April knockdown price £9.95

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CODE: SOFT 1917
non-members price £29.95
normal members price £25.45
April knockdown price £9.95

DECISION MAKER
CODE: SOFT 1918
non-members price £29.95
normal members price £25.45
April knockdown price £9.95

CAN YOU HELP
Can you remember the letter we printed for Mrs Margaret Lawrence from Greenford in Middlesex in the November '87 Amdata? For those of you who've just joined the club we'd like to tell you that Margaret is a disabled lady who is paralysed from the neck downover. She operates her CPC6128 by the use of an emulator which she can suck. Whilst she is coping well with the word processor she still has problems in learning the computer.
Margaret has received superb help from a gentleman in Southampton but unfortunately the distance between them has enabled him to travel to Greenford only once and she finds learning on the telephone difficult. Can you help? Could you sit with Margaret and explain the computer to her? If so we would be delighted if you ring this person in need on: 01 578 8782

PERSONALISED SERVICE
When talking to staff at the User Club you will now be given the name of the staff at the end of your call and their own extension number. This will enable you to form an understanding with technical department especially and solve queries with the Telesales Staff much easier. If you don't receive the name when you call please ask who you are speaking to.

FOOT NOTE
With reference to our competition "Write the shortest does the most". Some entries are still coming in although the closing date has passed. We are therefore postponing the closing date until Monday 11th April.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

FOR SALE
An Amstrad CPC 464 Green Monitor Computer, Modulator and over £200 worth of software only £160. For further details contact: **Mr. D. McElhore, 44, Greenways, Delves Lane, Consett, Co. Durham.**

FOR SALE
Amstrad Guide to Basic Parts 1 + 11. Only £15.00 inc. p&p. (will sell separately). For further details contact: **Mr. C.R. Fisher Tel: 041 634 3089**

FOR SALE
An Amstrad CPC 6128 mono and a DMP 2000 + £150 worth of software £340 o.n.o.
For further details contact:
Peter Hall Tel: 01 554 4620

FOR SALE
An RS232 Serial Communications Interface, suitable for the Amstrad CPC 464, 664 and 6128 as new, in un-used condition. £40.00 o.n.o.
For further information contact:
Mr. J. Orgill, 14 Woodfield Drive, Swadlincote, Nr. Burton on Trent.

WANTED
Amstrad Action 1 + 2 and 6
For further details contact:
Mr. J. Rider Tel: (0602) 607975

AMSCHAT

SWAP CL-1 EAR + MIC
CL-1 cassette interface lead that the User Club supplies has a slight fault. The EAR and MIC labels have been put on the wrong way round. So if you are experiencing problems loading your tape based software on your CPC 6128 try swapping the two leads round.

COPY SUPERCALC 2 TO CPC 6128
Some of our members are still having problems making working copies of Supercalc 2 on their CPC 6128.
The procedure is as follows:
1) Format a Blank disc
2) At the CPM "A" Prompt insert the Supercalc master disc in Side 1 of the drive and type:
Submit [space] Make6128
The screen will flicker and the Supercalc preparation menu will appear on the screen.

DDI-1 AND FD-1 LEAD ARROW POINTING UP
Members who have a DDI-1 or an FD-1 disc drive, please note the following when connecting the lead into the back of the drive.
Look closely at the lead, and you will notice a small arrowhead on one side of the connecting plug.
This side of the lead must be face upwards when connecting the lead into the drive. If the lead is inserted the wrong way you will find that you can't load any discs with error messages appearing.

COPY MASTERFILE II's MASTER DISC WITH PIP
Masterfile II seems to be causing some difficulties amongst our members. This is because in the manual it tells you to copy the master disc using disckit. Well, on experimentation we have found that this does not work. However, all is not lost since the PIP command will transfer the files across no problem. All you do is type 'PIP' while in CP/M with the CP/M disc in the drive you are currently logged to. Then type A=:**, and press RETURN. Insert the original master disc when prompted for the drive 'B' disc, and the blank disc when prompted for drive 'A'. You now have a copy of your master disc.

DOES CP/M HAVE THE VIRUS?
A lot has been said about the Virus, a nasty routine that lurks inside the Commodore Amiga and infects its operating system and discs (no, this is not an April Fool). There are now rumours of a CP/M virus which grabs control of the system clock and at midnight jams the system bus and corrupts the interrupt routine. However, the Amstrad CP/M machines (CPC's and PCW's) are said to be immune due to their design. Amstrad are working on a checking program to ensure your machine is not affected.

AMSTRAD MACHINES ABROAD
Many people have asked whether Amstrad Computers bought in the United Kingdom will work overseas. Well, the power supplies in the UK versions of the machines are intended for use with a 240 Volts mains supply with a frequency of 50 Hertz. Unfortunately, most mains standards overseas are 110V at 60Hz. Its not worth risking your machine when it will not work, so therefore we advise that if you are intending to use your machine abroad you should check on that country's mains supply first.
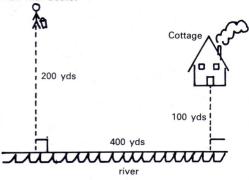
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COMPETITION

THIS MONTHS COMPETITION

This months competition was sent in by **Frank Kuhne from Bradford**, a prize for his efforts has been sent to him.

Man with Bucket

A man with a bucket needs to go to the river to fill his bucket and takes it to the cottage for his wife to wash her socks.

(i) What is his shortest route?
(ii) Prove it.

First out of our famous cut-down beer barrel will receive a £25 credit voucher to spend on anything sold at the club. When sending your competition entries please state your membership number and computer type.

LAST MONTHS COMPETITION

We received many entries to this competition and many of them were correct. The answer to competition 1 was of course:

9186
3947
64302
36744
82674
27558
36257142

First out of the cut down beer barrel and winner of competition 1 was **Mr. J. Orr from Kings Lynn in Norfolk.**

Competition 2 attracted more entries from our older members. The correct answer which adds up to £25-7-9d:-

1) A policeman - bobby	1s 0d
2) A small animal - guineapig	£1 1s
3) A singer - tenor	£10
4) A bicycle - penny farthing	1 ¼d
5) A type of hat - crown	5s
6) A leather worker - tanner	6d
7) A stone - 14lb	£14
8) Sun, moon, stars - 3 far things	¾d
	25-7s-8d

Winner of competition 2 is **Mrs. T. Thompson from Glasgow in Scotland.**

Well done to both of you your vouchers are winging their way to you now.

YOUNG MEMBERS

Following our article to find the User Clubs youngest member I can confirm to date that Julie-Anne Allen from Sherrif Hill in Gateshead who is now 6 years old is the youngest full member. We had a terrific response and some lovely letters including one from Mrs. E. Davis whose three year old grandson played games on the PC 1512 and we also received a super letter from Mr. R.M. Zachary whose two year old son Paul (Pictured above) enjoys playing the game Gatecrasher. Super Response! Thank you everybody who contributed.

LAMPOST

Mr. West of Surrey writes:-
I am an elderly user of 74 years and have a CPC 6128. My reflexes are not what they used to be, and when typing in the listings from your great magazine, the keys I press tend to duplicate before I take my finger off the key.
This is very tedious as I have to keep deleting characters thus taking twice as long to key the listings in.
Is there any special device or command I can use to slow the keyboard down.
Yours faithfully,
R. West.

EDITOR REPLIES:- I'm happy to say Mr. West that there is a command that can slow the keyboard down, therefore allowing more time for the key to be pressed before duplicating the character.
The command is Speed Key delay, repeat period eg. **Speed Key 100,100.** After typing in the command the keyboard will have slowed down and thus making it easier for you to use.
Kind Regards
The Editor.

Mr. R.W. Moses of Mid Glamorgan writes:-
I refer to the Mini-Office II cassette that I purchased from you a few months ago.
Until today, I have only used the first side of the tape because that side contains the most appropriate applications for my computer studies.
When I tried, today, to run the graphics program. I kept on getting a read error B message a few seconds after the program started to load.
It loaded after about four attempts, but since then each time I try to load it again I get read error message.
I would appreciate your advice as to what could be the cause.
Yours faithfully,
Mr. R.W. Moses
EDITOR REPLIES:- Dear Mr. Moses,
It sounds as though either your tape heads are dirty or out of alignment. These are two very common problems with tape loading systems and frequently occur across all tape-based computers. Try cleaning your tape-heads with one of our superb tape cleaning kits. Leave the heads in that position to dry for a few minutes as the cleaning fluid will wipe the magnetic coating from your tapes if they come in contact with it. Just a couple of moments will be ample time for it to evaporate.
If this does not solve your problem, I suggest you have a reputable local dealer re-align your heads. This should not cost much and will make your loading far more reliable.
Kind regards,
The Editor.

Mr. Ellis from Orpington in Kent writes:-
I am extremely pleased with the DMP 2000 printer I purchased from you last year, after the careful guidance given by your technical department. It satisfies all my needs but one. I can't seem to get a hash sign and a pound sign on the same line. I realise this is not very important but it is sometimes necessary, when word processing on my 6128. I would appreciate any help from your talented technical department regarding this matter.
Yours hopefully,
P.E.J. Ellis
EDITOR REPLIES:- First of all Mr. Ellis, thank you for complimenting our technical department. Unfortunately you cannot get the hash sign, it is part of the American Character set and the pound sign is part of the British Character Set, and only one set can be used at the same time.
Kind regards,
The Editor.

Mr. Stansfield from Dorchester writes:-
Dear Sir,
I have a CPC 464, and would like to know whether I will be able to use a Protext ROM Chip (with ROM BOX) without using a RAM expansion box. Or whether I shall need to expand the RAM memory of my computer.
Yours faithfully,
M. Stansfield
EDITOR REPLIES:- Well Mr. Stansfield. No extra RAM expansion is needed to run the Protext (chip) on your CPC 464.
The Rom Box comes complete with eight sockets to allow seven other chips to be connected.
Protext Rom Chip CODE: TEXT 0002
members £34.95 non-members £39.95
Rom Box CODE: ROMB 0003
members £30.60 non-members £34.94
Hope this information will help you.
Kind regards.
The Editor.

AMSTRAD SHOW

The next Amstrad Show is in the Great Hall at Alexandra Palace, London on May 26th, 27th and 28th, 1988. We will be there as usual and we are looking forward to seeing you. This time we are told that the show will be even bigger and better than the last one.

The coupon below is an admission voucher which will save you 50 pence at the door. Bring it to our stand with your full name, machine type and member number and we will include you in our mystery prize draw. Please fill in the voucher, and tear off corner for the mystery prize.

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