



Research on the internet returned information about Kilt Dale Ltd, apparently this company was one of the largest tape duplication factories dedicated to software. At this point I realized these tapes must have been pre production samples for quality control purposes or something similar. Now, what really called my eyes was the date printed on the tapes:



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« on: 14:20, 26 March 14 »

Hi all,

This is Ed from Spain, usual reader of this forum but never posted before. I'm very excited about this being first post and to share the following story with you all.

I travel with frequency to the UK mainly for business, and usually take the opportunity to buy things here and there related to my hobbies. During my last trip to London I took the opportunity to collect a lot of ~100 Amstrad CPC tape games from a very nice guy somewhere north east of London city.

The lot consisted in a mix of interesting and uninteresting titles, about a quarter of them being incomplete (missing inlays etc..). The games were presented to me in a box which wasnt very convenient for me to carry all around London's public transport 😊, so placed them in couple of semi transparent supermarket plastic bags and took off to my hotel. As an anecdote, I must admit that while on transit I got a few looks from random people, I guess I was being judged as an odd guy with a ton of old tapes in the year 2014 😊, nothing you see everyday.

Now, to the interesting part of the story. Back home and once I had the time to go over the tapes to file them in my inventory list, I came across a set of 4 tapes with no inlays that looked remarkably odd. The tapes contained known Amsoft launch titles and were labeled as "prepod sample" but belonged to a company I never heard of before "Kiltdale Ltd", here's a photo:

Eureka! 7th of June 1984. the tapes are dated before the official first launch of the Amstrad CPC 464 in the market, 21st of June 1984. Some testing on the tapes returned positive results, the games are what the label reads and the work, the game is recorded identically on both sides of each tape.


I haven't verified if the games are any different to the ones officially published with the launch of the Amstrad CPC 464, but I will put some more time in comparing them.

Has any of you seen tapes like this ones before? Do you have any information about Kiltdale Ltd or know anything about pre production sample tapes? Do you have additional information that may help understand the source or nature of the tapes?

Thank you all for reading.

Ed

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Re: Amstrad 464 pre official release tapes found!!!

« **Reply #1 on:** 18:06, 26 March 14 »

Hi Ed!

This is incredible! (and btw welcome to the forums 😊) and, yes, I want to buy those tapes for 1€ each ;-)

I have never seen cassettes like that and I think your assumption that you got your hands on some pre-production samples is just spot on.

Maybe you could record a wav of each of the tapes and post them here so that we can have a load"" in our favourite emulator? 😊

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and I don't want to be a 664 anymore! :_(

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« **Reply #2 on:** 18:20, 26 March 14 »

I will dump them when I have a chance.

Is there a way of doing this with a unmodified 464? Or I need to find a cassette player with an output?

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