

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO SINCLAIR SOFTWARE



If there is such a thing as a comprehensive pocket guide to Sinclair Software – this is it! *Sinclair User* has compiled this free handbook for its readers to act as a guide through the maze of programs on the market.

The catalogue is slap bang up to date, featuring all the programs for the Spectrum 48K, Spectrum Plus, QL and the new Spectrum 128 which have been reviewed in *Sinclair User* since the spring of 1984.

Over 600 titles are included.

All the *Sinclair User* Classics, those games given the highest accolade our editorial team could dream up, are highlighted.

This guide, giving you a star rating for each game, advises what to buy, how much it will cost to do so, and what type of screen activity you have just been flogged.

How have we done it? Skill and monumental talent apart, we have divided the software into the usual divisions of Simulation, Traditional, Practical, Business, and more, have taken the larger groups of Adventure and Arcade games and broken them down into their natural divisions of maze, graphics, text, levels and ladders.

The number of the issue in which each game has been reviewed is also included in the listing, so that further information about each one can easily be accessed. (Back issues are available at a previously unheard of, bargain prices ... ed).

Many of the main software houses with address details are also included at the back – some with potted histories.

But that's enough of all that. Keep this booklet safe; carry it with you wherever you go – safe in the knowledge that when it is not busily imparting invaluable information, it will keep that little patch of your body underneath right-hand back pocket very warm.

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ADVENTURE

ADVENTURE GAMES rely on a player's ability to solve problems posed mainly within the framework of fantasy or science fiction plots. You are asked to act out the role of the hero or heroine, taking information from text or graphic descriptions of the locations through which you travel.

Text

Bored of the Rings 5* £5.95
Silversoft 40

High camp satire from teenage cult writer Fergus McNeill. The funniest thing ever put on a Spectrum, Bored leaves Tolkien, adventure games, rock music and the whole Sinclair industry bruised and battered. Ferociously witty, and 100K plus of adventure for your money too.

Confidential 4* £6.95
Radar Games 38

Crystal Quest 5* £0.99
Pocket Money 43

Curse of 7 Faces 3* £8.95
Imperial Software 37

Dead at Controls 2* £6.95
Artic 41

El Dorado 4* £1.99
Atlantis 39

Faerie 3* £1.75
8th Day 35

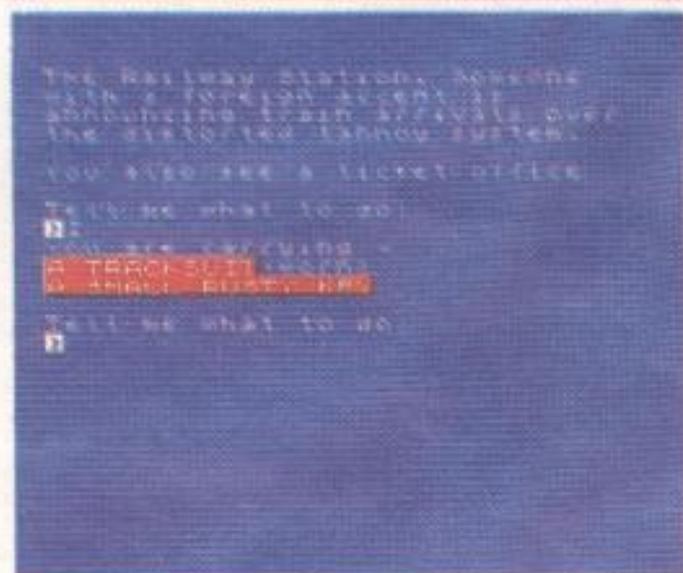
Fantasia Diamond 4* £7.95
Hewson 27

The Final Mission 4* £5.50
Incentive 33

Gremlins 3* £9.95
Adventure Int. 39

Hampstead 5* £9.95
Melbourne House 33

Text-only and shows its age, but still very funny. You start on the dole, your ambition to 'attain' Hampstead by a mixture of social climbing, fraud, and outright theft. Perceptive and witty, it's also tough to beat. Watch out for Justin Perrier and his old Wykehamist tie!



The Helm 4* £2.50
Firebird 41

The Hollow 4* £5.50
Gilsoft 49

Ice Station Zero 3* £1.75
8th Day 34

Jericho Road 4* £5.75
Shards 27

Key of Hope 4* £7.95
Games Workshop 40

King Arthur's Quest 2* £7.95
Hill MacGibbon 34

Madcap Manor 5* £5.50
Gilsoft 44

Malice in Wonderland 3* £5.95
Sentient 39

Morden's Quest 5* £6.95
Melbourne House 43

Op. Nightingale	3*	£6.95
Softly Softly		42
Orc Slayer	3*	£5.50
Gamma Software		32
Pay Off	2*	£5.95
Bignose		44
The Prince	4*	£7.95
CCS		34
The Prisoner	3*	£5.50
Spoof Software		35
Project X	4*	£3.25
Compass Software		35
Return of Joystick	3*	£4.95
Delta 4		40
Scoop	3*	£2.99
Sentient Software		39
Secrets of St. Brides	5*	£6.95
St Bride's		43

Wacky girls-own adventure from the real-life school in Ireland where the 1930s never ended. Trixie Trinian's delightful progress through the mysterious school captures the atmosphere perfectly.

Se-Kaa of Asslah	2*	£1.99
Mastervision		31
Sherlock	5*	£14.95
Melbourne House		31

A tour-de-force of fiendish difficulty from Hobbit-writer Philip Mitchell. Excellent routines for inputting English sentences, including interrogating suspects. Not only must you solve the crime but also convince bumbling Inspector Lestrade. The story comes close to the skill of Conan Doyle himself, with an authentic Victorian atmosphere.

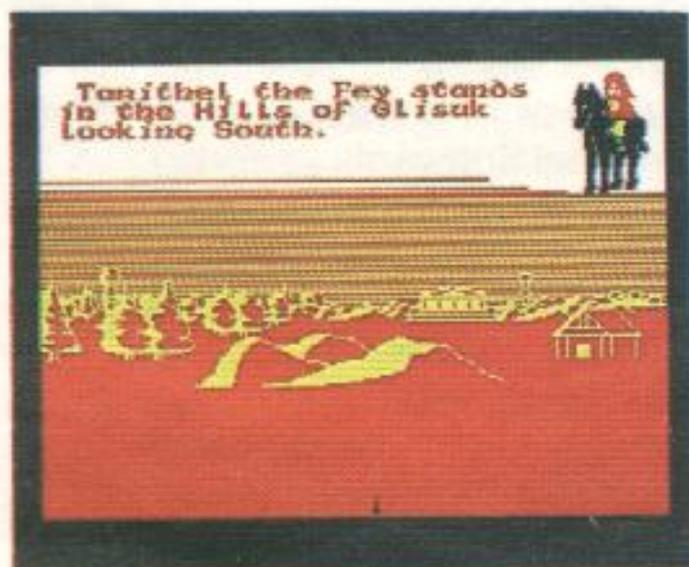
System 15000	5*	£9.95
Craig Communication		32

A hacker's paradise – your Spectrum becomes a terminal to a private business network. The task – to hack your way into the international banking system and restore \$2m to your pal's company from under the noses of the Mafia. Total realism, right down to telephone dialling codes. Shamefully neglected by the trade.

Time Sanctuary	2*	£7.95
Lothlorien		48
Timesearch	3*	£3.95
Millenium		42
Underworld	3*	£4.95
Orpheus		38

Graphics

Ashkeron	3*	£5.95
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Danger Mouse in the Black Forest Chateau	4*	£6.95
Creative Sparks		36
Doomdark's Revenge	5*	£6.95
Beyond		41



Massive adventure/strategy sequel

to **Lords of Midnight**. Incredibly complex, with 48,000 possible screens of atmospheric landscape to explore. Form alliances with elves, giants, dwarves, barbarians and icelords as you raise an army fit to defeat the evil Sharoth. Just working out who's who and where can become an obsession.

Dun Darach 5* £9.95
Gargoyle 41

Lovingly crafted from strands of Celtic myth, **Dun Darach** fuses superb animation with complex visual problems to produce a convincingly realistic quest adventure. Subsidiary quests involve you in the life of the enchanted city. A dozen characters help and hinder. Utterly compelling, and a triumph of atmosphere.

Emerald Island 4* £6.95
Level Nine 38

Erik the Viking 2* £9.95
Level Nine 34

Eureka 3* £14.95
Domark 34

Fourth Protocol 5* £12.95
Century/Hutchinson 40

Espionage adventure based on Forsyth bestseller. Commies infiltrate CND, you race to find the traitor and disarm the nuke. Set tails on suspects, cross-reference files, authorise phone taps. Then load side two and race to find the bomb.

Frog Face 4* £5.95
Positive Image 32

Ghoules 4* £7.50
IMS Software 35

Heroes of Karn 3* £5.50
Interceptor 38

Hobbit 5* £14.95

Melbourne House

Jewel of Power 4* £9.50

Slogger Software 39

Jewels of Babylon 2* £5.50

Interceptor 37

Legend 3* £14.95

Century Software 35

Lord of the Rings 5* £14.95

Melbourne House 47

Part one of the trilogy, more accessible than **Sherlock** and more sophisticated too. Tolkien's great tale is faithfully served by Philip Mitchell, though the plot does not always follow the same route. Control up to four characters at once, but don't be surprised if you find them a handful!

The Magic Sword 3* £8.95
Database Publishing 36

Marsport 5* £9.95
Gargoyle 45

Mindshadow 2* £7.99
Activision 48

Neverending Story 4* £9.95
Ocean 46

Merlock the Mede 1* £5.95
Terminal Software 46

Murder Hunt 4* £2.50
Bodkin Software 48

Peter Pan 3* £9.95
Hodder and Stoughton 33

Phineas Frogg 4* £7.95
Mirrorsoft 42

Quest for Holy Grail 4* £1.99
Mastertronic 46

Red Moon 5* £6.95
Level Nine 42

Classic fantasy adventure from Level Nine. Pete Austin's legendary

packing routine ensures lots of text and pictures to go with it. More than a flavour of role-playing, **Red Moon** offers a believable magic and combat system as well as the usual vicious Austin plot and problems.

Based on the Runequest role-playing scenario.

Return to Eden	4*	£9.95
Level Nine		34
Robin of Sherwood	5*	£9.95
US Gold		43
Runes of Zendos	3*	£7.95
Dorcas Software		35
Runestone	5*	£7.95
Firebird		48
Sec. Diary of A. Mole	3*	£9.95
Mosaic		45
Shadowfire	5*	£9.95
Beyond		39
Sorderon's Shadow	5*	£9.95
Beyond		43
Souls of Darkon	3*	£7.95
Taskset		47
Subsunk	4*	£2.50
Firebird		41
Swords and Sorcery	4*	£9.95
PSS		47
Tales of Arablan Nights	4*	£5.50
Interceptor		41
The Talisman	4*	£7.95
Games Workshop		38
Terrormollnos	5*	£6.95
Melbourne House		42

Riotous sequel to **Hampstead**. This time the target is the Costa Del Watneys. Shepherd your horrible family around the seedy sights of Spain. Just getting to the airport is a nightmare – watch, impotent, as the shaving foam explodes in your suitcase. Hilarious.



Tinderbox	1*	£4.99
Gremlin Graphics		43
Tir Na Nog	5*	£9.95
Gargoyle		34
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CRL		32
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Level Nine		48
The Wild Bunch	2*	£2.50
Firebird		34

ARCADE

MOST ARCADE games take their plots from games which are played in the arcades. For instance, **Way of the Exploding Fist** from Melbourne House uses elements from the original arcade game **Kung Fu Master**.

Levels and Ladders

Big Ben Strikes again	3*	£6.95	Aladdin's Cave	3*	£3.95
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Booty	4*	£2.50	Alcatraz Harry	2*	£1.99
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The Edge		37	Electric		33
Chuckie Egg II	3*	£6.90	Chocolate Factory	3*	£9.95
A&F		39	Hill MacGibbon		40
Crusoe	3*	£6.00	Confuzion	4*	£6.95
Automata		32	Incentive		39
Dynamlite Dan	5*	£6.95	Cosmic Wartoad	4*	£7.95
Mirrorsoft		42	Ocean		48
Jet Set Willy II	3*	£6.95	Costa Capers	2*	£7.95
Software Projects		41	Firebird		47
1985 The Day After	2*	£1.99	The Covenant	2*	£6.95
Mastertronic		47	PSS		41
Pitfall II	3*	£7.95	Custard Kid	3*	£4.95
Activision		35	New Generation		45
Popeye	4*	£6.95	Exodus	2*	£2.50
MacMillan		43	Firebird		34
Roller Coaster	4*	£5.99	Frankenstein 2000	2*	£6.95
Elite		47	Icon		41
Skooldaze	5*	£5.95	Ghost Rider	2*	£6.99
Microsphere		36	Positive Image		33
Spellbound	4*	£5.95	Giant's Revenge	2*	£6.95
Beyond		31	Thor		33
Starbike	3*	£6.95	Gilligan's Gold	3*	£5.90
The Edge		34	Ocean		33
Transformers	4*	£7.95	Go To Hell	3*	£6.99
Ocean		48	666		41
Zoot	5*	£2.95	Gt. Fire of London	3*	£3.99
Bug-Byte		46	Rabbit		45
Zorro	3*	£7.95	Gyron	5*	£9.95
US Gold		49	Firebird		38

Mapping games

Abu Simbel Profan.	4*	£7.95
Gremlin Graphics		42

A tour-de-force of perspective graphics with a fiendish strategy game, **Gyron** is for brainboxes only.



You must negotiate a vast maze with huge rolling balls and lethal guard towers. Some found it pretentious, others compelling. The programmers make no concessions to commercialism and the result is a unique and intriguing game.

Hellchopper	2*	£2.50
Firebird		40
Impossible Mission	4*	£7.95
US Gold		45
Knockout	2*	£6.95
Alligata		42
Kosmic Kanga	3*	£5.95
Micromania		30
Lazy Jones	2*	£6.95
Terminal Software		37
Locomotion	4*	£2.50
Mastertronic		40
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Monty Is Innocent	4*	£6.95
Gremlin Graphics		37
Monty on the Run	4*	£7.95
Gremlin Graphics		43

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Nodes of Yesod	4*	£9.95
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Paws	4*	£6.95
Artic		42
Potty Professor	4*	£6.95
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Riddler's Den	5*	£7.95
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Ring	2*	£5.95
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Robot Messiah	3*	£7.95
Alphabatim		46
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Saboteur	5*	£8.95
Durell		46
Sabre Wulf	5*	£9.95
Ultimate		29
Saimazoom	3*	£7.95
Silversoft		41
Sir Lancelot	3*	£5.95
Melbourne House		34
Snapple Hopper	3*	£5.95
Macmillan		39
Sorcery	4*	£5.95
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Soul of the Robot	3*	£1.99
Mastertronic		46
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Creative Sparks		43

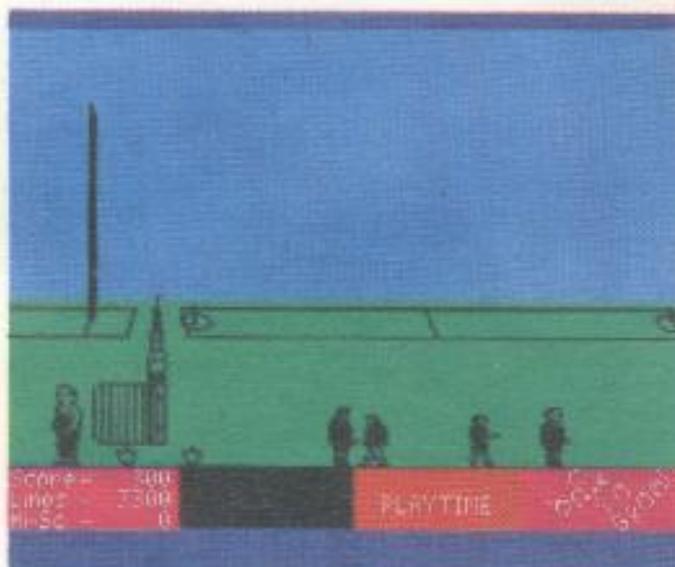
Strangeloop	5*	£5.95
Virgin		32
Talos	4*	£7.95
Silversoft		43
Technician Ted	4*	£5.95
Hewson		34
Temple Terror	3*	£1.99
Atlantis		49
That's the Spirit	4*	£7.95
The Edge		42
Therbo	2*	£5.50
Arcade Software		37
Toy Bizarre	3*	£7.99
Activision		38
Valley of the Dead	2*	£0.99
Central Solutions		43
Wizard's Lair	4*	£6.99
Bubble Bus		38
Wizard's Warriors	2*	£1.99
Mastertronic		37
Wiggler	4*	£5.95
Romantic Robot		37
Xavior	3*	£5.95
PSS Software		37
Zenji	4*	£7.99
Activision		34

Quest

Action Biker	1*	£1.99
Mastertronic		42

Back to Skool	5*	£6.95
Microsphere		45

Brilliant sequel to Skooldaze with nutty problems and a full cast of teachers and pupils all with minds and motives of their own. Witty graphics and mayhem with catapults and water pistols tempt you to abandon the quest for the sheer fun.



Caesar the Cat	4*	£8.95
Mirrorsoft		27
Cauldron	5*	£7.99
Palace Software		38
Dragonfire	3*	£6.95
Cheetahsoft		32
Everyone's a Wally	4*	£9.95
Mikro-Gen		38
Glug Glug	3*	£5.95
CRL		27
Grumpy Gumphy	5*	£7.95
Gremlin Graphics		45
Hellfire	4*	£6.95
Melbourne House		37
Mighty Magus	2*	£6.95
Quicksilver		35
Spellbound	5*	£2.99
Mastertronic		46



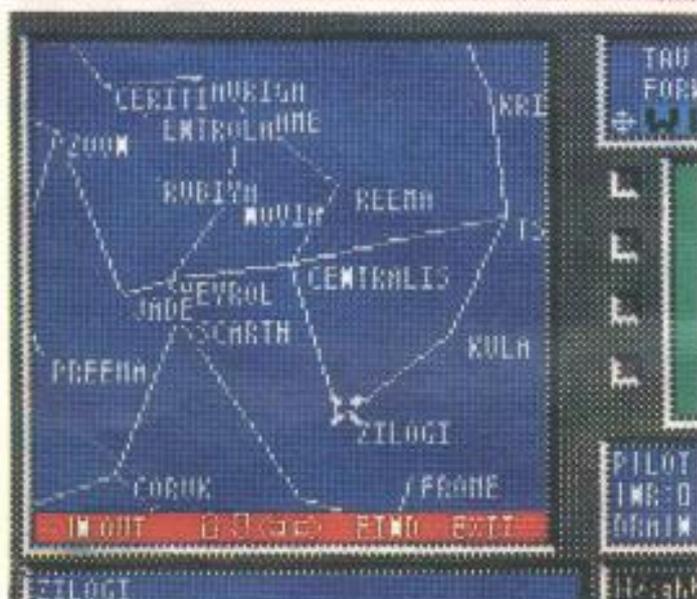
Super arcade-adventure with the emphasis on witty problems as Magic Knight sets off to rescue weird wizard Gimbal. **Spellbound's** a budget game that knocked expensive competition out of the window. Pull-down menus for precise actions coupled with lots of arcade style dodging means there's something for everyone in a bright, bouncy romp.

Spy Hunter	4*	£9.95
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Stage Coach	4*	£6.95
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Travel with Trashman	4*	£5.95
New Generation		33
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Witch's Cauldron	4*	£6.95
Mikro-Gen		37

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Buck Rogers	2*	£7.95
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Micromega		27
Cylu	4*	£2.50
Firebird		42
Death Star Interceptor	1*	£7.95
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Glass	4*	£7.99
Quicksilva		40

Laserwarp	3*	£6.95
Mikro-Gen		34
Metabolis	4*	£6.95
Gremlin Graphics		42
Moon Cresta	3*	£6.95
Incentive		38
Tachyon Command	1*	£6.95
Century Software		35
Tau Ceti	5*	£9.95
CRL		46



Soft opera at its best. Explore the cities of an automated planet in a near-perfect game which sucks you inexorably into its grim, bloody world. Excellent graphics of bristly buildings with night and day shadow effects create an atmosphere sustained by a program which even provides a scratchpad for notes.

XCEL	3*	£7.95
Activision Prog Tec		45

Simulation Strategy

The Biz	4*	£6.95
Virgin		38
Elite	5*	£14.95
Firebird		44

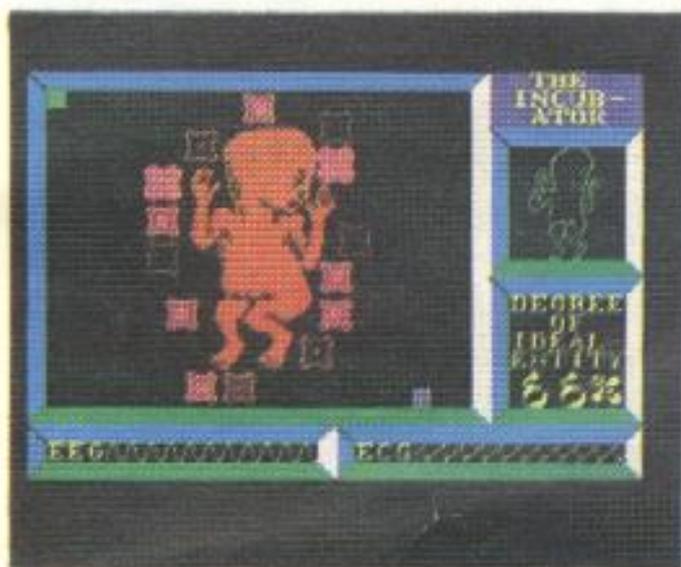
Some say it's the best game ever written. A majestic odyssey through

2040 star systems as you trade and fight your way from Novice to Elite star pilot. Secret missions add to the fun. Brilliant wire-frame graphics and an utterly convincing scenario which can fuel your imagination for months.

Evil Crown	1*	£9.99
Mind Games		44
Hacker	4*	£7.95
Activision		45
Mugsy	4*	£6.95
Melbourne House		29
The Rats	5*	£7.95
Hodder & Stoughton		43
Starion	4*	£7.95
Melbourne House		39
Whodunnit	4*	£2.99
CCS		30

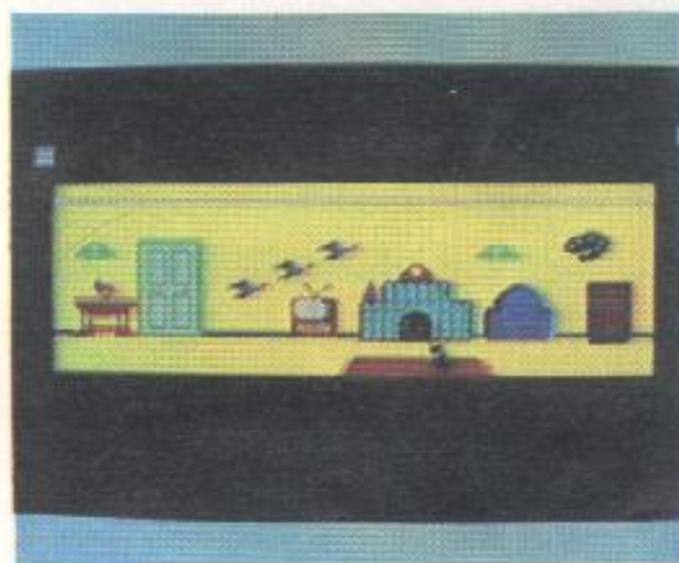
Strategy

2112 AD	4*	£7.95
Design Design		48
Archon	2*	£10.95
Ariolasoft		39
Chaos	4*	£7.95
Games Workshop		38
Deus Ex Machina	5*	£15.00
Automata		33



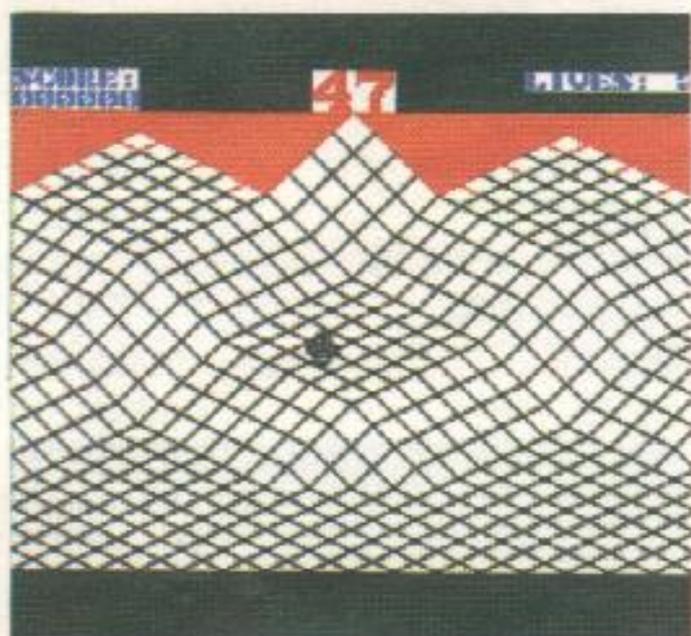
No buff should miss this multi-media extravaganza. A fully synchronised sound track accompanies your efforts to protect your humanity from sperm to grave. Frank Zappa meets agitprop and pop-art on the Spectrum screen.

Benny Hill's		
Madcap Chase	3*	£6.95
DK'Tronics		49
Caesar's Travels	2*	£7.95
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Enigma Force	5*	£9.95
Beyond		47
Frankie goes to		
Hollywood	5*	£9.95
Ocean		40



Extravagant multi-faceted attempt to capture the Frankies' style and energy. Place symbolic arcade games hidden within dull suburban houses. A murder mystery provides adventure elements, but most will choose their favourite arcade number and plug away at that. Technically excellent with window effects and slick designs – a heady brew of pleasure and politics.

Friday the 13th	2*	£9.95
Domark		49
Gerry the Germ	3*	£7.95
Firebird		49
Give my regards to		
Broad Street	3*	£7.95
Argus		40
Gyroscope	5*	£7.95
Melbourne House		45



Five screens of **Marble Madness** require split-second timing as the gyroscope careers along a switch-back of ramps and cliff edges. Breathtaking graphics support a game of fiendish difficulty. The gyroscope behaves like the real thing, skidding over bad surfaces and hurtling down slopes.

Herbert's Dummy Run	4*	£9.95
Mikro-Gen		38
Hunchback II	3*	£6.95
Ocean		37
Hypa Raid	3*	£1.99
Atlantis		49
Jack & the Beanstalk	3*	£5.95
Thor		31
Kokotoni Wilf	3*	£5.95
Elite		33

Magic Roundabout	3*	£6.95
CRL		34
Potty Pigeon	3*	£6.95
Gremlin Graphics		35
Psytron	5*	£7.95
Beyond		29
Quazatron	5*	£8.95
Hewson		50



Derived from but surpassing the C64 game **Paradroid**, **Quazatron** is a multi-level game mixing strategy and action in equal doses. Fight the alien robots and cannibalise them for the spare parts you need to survive. Zapping is not enough when your enemy is also your energy source!

Sir Fred	5*	£9.95
Mikro-Gen		47
Software Star	2*	£6.95
Addictive Games		37
Super Pipeline II	3*	£7.95
Taskset		41
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System 3		48
West Bank	3*	£7.95
Gremlin Graphics		47
William Wobbler	2*	£9.95
Wizard		47

Yabba Dabba Doo	2*	£7.99
Quicksilva		49
Zoids	4*	£7.95
Martech		48

Tie-In

A View to a Kill	4*	£10.99
Domark		40
Airwolf	2*	£6.95
Elite		36
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Creative Sparks		33
Ghostbusters	4*	£9.99
Activision		36
Minder	4*	£9.95
DK 'tronics		39
Rambo	3*	£7.95
Ocean		48
Rocky Horror Show	3*	£8.95
CRL		41
Roland's Rat Race	4*	£6.90
Ocean		41
Rupert/Toymaker's Party	4*	£7.99
Quicksilva		44
Spy Vs Spy	5*	£9.95
Beyond		42
Terrahawks	3*	£6.95
CRL		32
Thunderbirds	5*	£3.95
Firebird		46

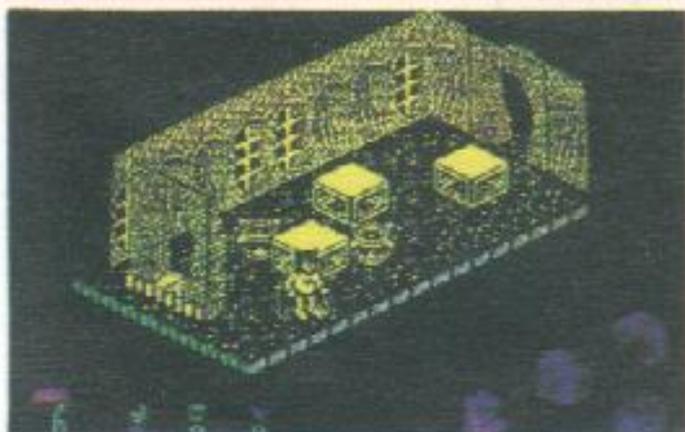
Three Dimensional

Ad Astra	4*	£5.95
Gargoyle		27
Allen 8	5*	£9.95
Ultimate		37
Astro-Clone	5*	£7.95
Hewson		44

3D Arcade adventure with a difference – you'll have to play a mean

game of Defender before you even get to sample the delights of destroying the Seiddab bases.

Avalon	5*	£7.95
Hewson		32
Batman	5*	£9.95
Ocean		50

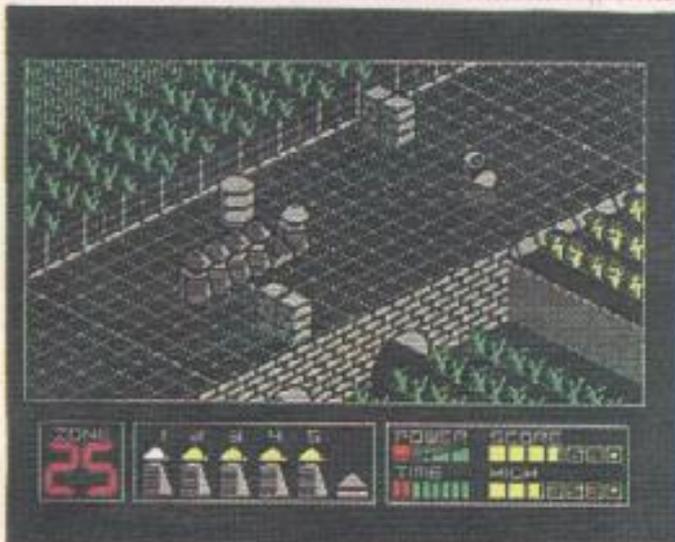


One of the very few character spin-offs with real class, **Batman** follows the tradition of **Fairlight** and **Movie**. A 3D arcade adventure with lots of traditional bat-gear to play with which makes effective use of colour throughout. Compelling stuff even if you'd prefer to let Robin die.

Blue Max	3*	£7.95
US Gold		37
Chimera	5*	£3.50
Firebird		44
Critical Mass	4*	£8.95
Durell		45
Dragonorc	4*	£7.95
Hewson		38
Fairlight	5*	£9.95
The Edge		45

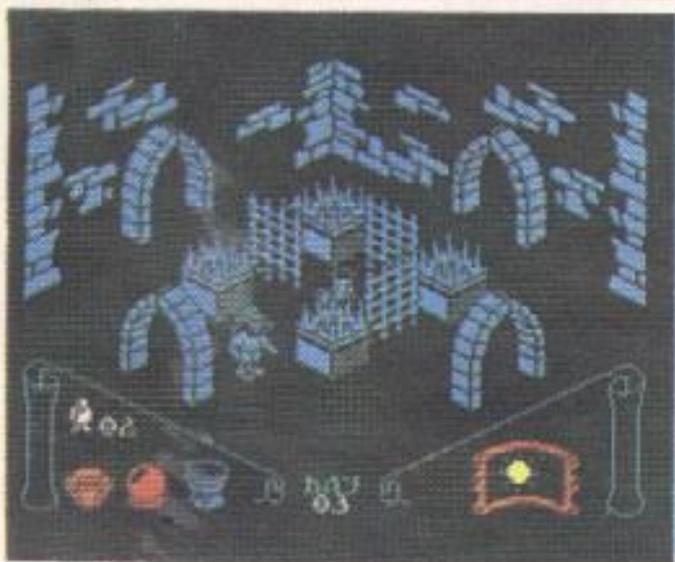
Broke the Ultimate graphics supremacy with a 3D arcade adventure where the castle looks like a castle, the hero like a hero, and even the objects have individual weights. The plot is less original – rescue wizard, find quest objects – but the execution stunning.

Falcon Patrol II	3*	£6.95
Virgin		40
Forbidden Planet	5*	£7.95
Design Design		48
Gunflight	4*	£9.95
Ultimate		48
Gyroscope	5*	£7.95
Melbourne House		45
Highway Encounter	5*	£7.95
Vortex		41



Unusual concept – push a bomb along a straight road packed with aliens – married to next year's graphics by master programmer Costa Panayi. Solve the problems as you zap, but watch out – your extra lives may dwindle as you play.

Knight Lore	5*	£9.95
Ultimate		35



Ultimate's finest hour, a 3D arcade adventure which had the critics lavishing their praise on the Ashby-de-la-Zouch team. Movable objects, visual problems and an array of ferocious monsters set the style which launched a thousand imitations. Few passed muster, but **Knight Lore** remains a classic of the genre it created.

Movie	5*	£7.95
Imagine		48
Nightshade	5*	£9.95
Ultimate		43
Rasputin	4*	£2.99
Firebird		47
Skyfox	4*	£8.95
Ariolasoft		49
Starquake	5*	£7.95
Bubble Bus		44
Vectron	2*	£7.95
Firebird		48
Zombie Zombie	4*	£6.95
Quicksilva		33

War

Beach Head	4*	£7.95
US Gold		33
Beach Head II	3*	£7.95
US Gold		47
Commando	5*	£7.95
Elite		47
Death Wake	3*	£7.95
Quicksilva		48
Falklands Crisis	2*	£9.95
Llainlan Software		37
Rambo	3*	£7.95
Ocean		48
Sky Ranger	5*	£5.95
Microsphere		38

BUSINESS

THERE ARE a surprising number of word processors, accounting packages, and databases available for the Spectrum. The machine is highly regarded by those who run small businesses and computer performance outweighs machine size, look, and shape.

Banker	3*	£8.50
Andic Software		37
Bizzicom	1*	£14.95
Merlin		40
Classic Book Keeping	3*	£46.00
Manx Tapes		43
Decision Maker	3*	£14.95
Collins		41
Electric Office	2*	£4.50
Fisher Software		36
Entrepreneur	3*	£14.95
Collins Soft		42
Histogram	3*	£10.95
Transform		44
Home Budget	3*	£5.95
Kuma Computers		32
Invoicing/Accounts	4*	£25.00
Transform		32
Letta-Head	3*	£7.50
Bradway Soft		43
Lifeline	2*	£14.95
William Stuart		37
Micro Office	3*	£14.95
SD Micro		45
Mini Office	4*	£5.95
Database Pubs		38
Money Manager	3*	£6.95
Creative Sparks		33
Profile 2	3*	£13.95
McGraw-Hill		35
Projector 1	4*	£13.95
McGraw-Hill		35

Sales Ledger	4*	£32.00
Hestacrest		32
Spectext	4*	£13.95
McGraw-Hill		35
Statistics II	1*	£6.90
Bridge		40
Stock Manager	4*	£19.95
OCP		41
Superfile	3*	£14.95
Transform Ltd		39
Survey II	3*	£10.00
Lobos		40
Tasprint	4*	£9.90
Tasman		37
Tasword	5*	£13.90
Tasman		31
Unitrust program	3*	£12.00
Michael Slatford		39
Unlstat	3*	£60.00
University Software		38
V-notch	3*	£12.95
Transform		46
VaTrack	4*	£48.75
Morley Davies Ass.		34
Word Manager	5*	£12.95
OCP		44

EDUCATIONAL

THERE ARE very few educational packages available for the Spectrum and the quality of those is generally poor. Two years ago the machine was part of the Micros in Schools scheme where educational establishments could get discounts on computers and software recommended by the government.

Biology	4*	£7.95
Longman		34

PRACTICAL

IF YOU want help with repairing your car, casting your horoscope, or managing your health this section is for you. Not much on offer so far, but this is the area where computers will have a real future influence on our homes and lives.

Astrocalc	3*	£11.50
Astrocalc		38
Astronomer	4*	£9.95
CP Software		40
Car Cure	1*	£9.95
Simtron		40
Computer Xmas Card	2*	£2.99
Virgin		46
Design Your Own		
Garden	1*	£14.95
Blandford Press		40
Know Your Personality	3*	£9.95
Mirrorsoft		34
Love Oracle	3*	£14.95
Solar Publishing		35
Magic	4*	£8.95
Macmillan		44
Microfitness	4*	£8.95
VO ²		36
Screenplay	4*	£8.95
Macmillan		45
Spacescan	2*	£5.95
Macmillan		40
Vega-Table	4*	£6.75
Vega		28
Your health	2*	£7.95
HiSoft		47

PUZZLE

Flix	4*	£5.95
Softricks		35
Hareraiser	2*	£8.95
Haresoft		33
Mazecube	3*	£6.95
PAL		27
Rothmans football		
Quick Quiz	1*	£8.95
Cassell		46
S Henry's Pop Quiz	4*	£5.95
Bellflower		46
Think!	5*	£7.95
Ariolasoft		47

SIMULATION

THE SIMULATION section covers a wide range of games which simulate elements of real life – such as war and sport – or simulate as closely as possible conditions which the author believes would exist in extraordinary circumstances, such as in outer space. Simulations are mainly published as games but some products, such as flight simulators, can be treated more seriously.

Real Life

Endurance	5*	£7.95
CRL		46
Heathrow Int. ATC	4*	£7.95
Hewson		36
Juggernaut	3*	£9.95
CRL		41

Red Arrows	4*	£8.95
Database		43
747 Flight Simulator	2*	£7.95
DACC		38
Southern Belle	4*	£7.95
Hewson		41

SPORT

American Football	4*	£9.99
Mind Games		34
Barrington's Squash	3*	£9.95
New Generation		40
Bryan Robson League	2*	£19.95
Paul Lamond		43
Football Manager	4*	£6.95
Addictive Games		29
Formula One	5*	£7.95
CRL		38
Pacey, gripping simulation of managing a Grand Prix racing team. Hire drivers, build cars, control the tactical decisions in each. Addictive played solo, magic with friends, it's the best manager-type simulation on the market.		
Frank Bruno's Boxing	4*	£6.95
Elite		42
J Capes Strong Man	3*	£15.95
Martech		29
Golf	4*	£5.95
Virgin		29
Grand National	4*	£6.95
Elite		39
Grand Prix Manager	1*	£6.95
Silicon Joy		36
Howzat	4*	£4.95
Wyvern		29
International Rugby	2*	£7.95
Artic Computing		45
Jack Ch'ltan's Fishing	3*	£37.95
Alligata		42

Match Point 5* £7.95
Sinclair 30
Superb simulation of tennis which is virtually impossible to win at the fastest level. Never mind. Realistic graphics and a full range of shots make this not only essential for tennis fans but one of the very best sporting games around. Even the ball boys get in on the act!

Nick Faldo's Open	3*	£9.99
Argus		42
Pole Position	3*	£7.95
Datasoft		43
Run for Gold	3*	£7.95
Five Ways		43
Show Jumping	4*	£7.95
Alligata		49
Steve Davis Snooker	4*	£7.95
CDS		35
Super Brat	2*	£1.99
Atlantis		44
Surf Champ	5*	£12.00
New Concepts		46
A real oddity, using a model surfboard place over the keys. Programmed with obsessive accuracy, you actually push down on the surfboard as a real surfer would to perform the complex manoeuvres of the champions. Beautiful graphics of breaking waves round off a difficult but rewarding simulation.		
Turbo Esprit	5*	£7.95
Durrell		50
Car-chase simulation with a proper road network for a change, and a driver's eye view to boot. The car handles like a real one and there are other motorists to worry about.		

By far and away the best driving simulation, with an exciting quest to go with it.

Video Pool	3*	£5.95
OCP		39
Way of the Exploding Fist	5*	£8.95
Melbourne House		43
Winter Games	5*	£7.95
Epyx		48
Winter Sports	2*	£9.95
Electric Dreams		47
World Cup Soccer	3*	£8.95
MacMillan		45
Yacht Race	5*	£6.95
Five Ways		43

TRADITIONAL

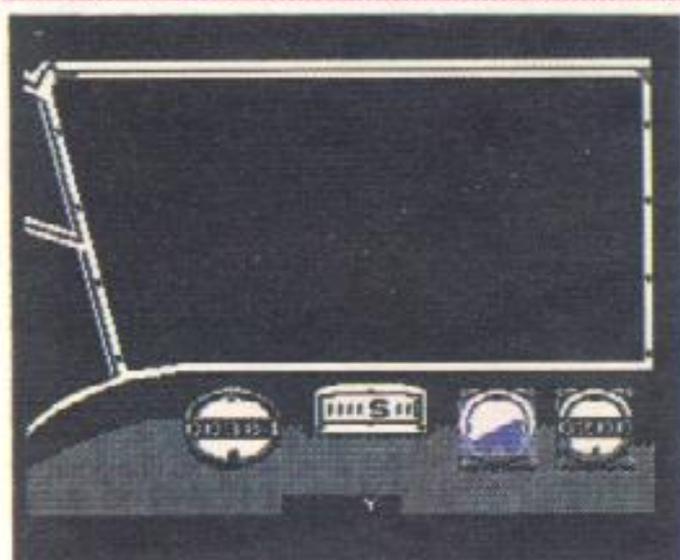
IF YOU want to play games such as Backgammon and Chess against a computer opponent then this section is for you. Many traditional games work well on computer and in some, like Othello, a good program can prove far stronger than a human opponent.

Chinese Patience	4*	£1.99
Atlantic		44
Cluedo	3*	£9.95
Leisure Genius		41
Double Dealer	4*	£6.50
MFM Software		31
Monopoly	2*	£6.95
Leisure Genius		42
Scrabble	5*	£9.95
Leisure Genius		41
Yatzee	3*	£5.95
CP Software		30
ZX Draughts	4*	£9.95
OCP Software		30

ZX Reversi	4*	£6.95
CP Software		31

War Games

Arena	5*	£9.95
Lothlorien		47
Arnhem	5*	£8.95
CCS		40
Atram	3*	£19.95
PD Visual Marketing		35
Austerlitz	3*	£9.95
Mikro-Gen		47
Battle of Midway	3*	£9.95
PSS		40
The Bulge	4*	£9.95
Lothlorien		34
Confrontation	4*	£7.95
Lothlorien		34
Confrontation Scen.	4*	£5.95
Lothlorien		34
Dam Busters	5*	£9.95
US Gold		43



The atmosphere of the nightly bombing raids across Europe is captured well in a complex simulation of the Dam Busters' mission. You play all the crew of the famous Lancaster. Separate views and a variety of opponents make for an absorbing and atmospheric game.

Desert Rats	5*	£9.95
CCS		48
Overlords	5*	£6.95
Lothlorien		38
Panzadrome	4*	£7.95
Ariolasoft		46
Spitfire 40	5*	£9.95
Mirrorsoft		49
Their Finest Hour	5*	£9.95
Century Communications		44
Tomahawk	5*	£9.95
Digital Integration		45

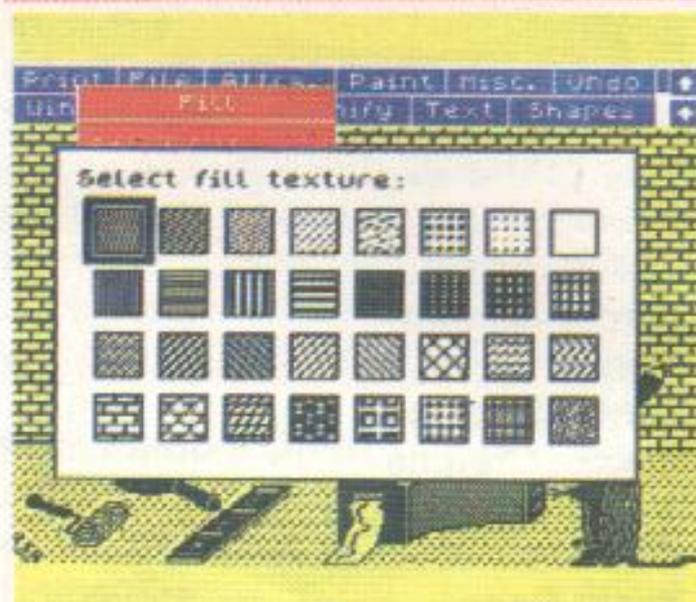
Quite simply the best flight simulator on the Spectrum. Pilot the world's most advanced helicopter in dogfights, ground attacks and aerobatics. options include five different scenarios, cloud ceilings, wind, night or day, and training modes. The detailed landscape has mountains, buildings, trees and targets. In short, it's got the lot.

Viking Raiders	3*	£2.50
Firebird		34
Waterloo	4*	£9.95
Lothlorien		46

UTILITY

A LARGE number of Spectrum owners like to write programs for their machines in Basic and machine code. Utilities can be merged with those programs to produce better and faster graphics or a greater range of sound. There are also utilities which make machine code programming easier to do.

The Artist	5*	£12.95
Softechnics		42



A excellent graphics package with all the usual facilities plus a few on top. A compressor routine economically stores pictures, and you can also animate them. The powerful overlay command allows you to duplicate designs anywhere on the screen. Menu-driven, powerful, comprehensive.

Animator 1	5*	£14.95
Softcat Software		49
Art Studio	5*	£12.95
OCP		43



With a vast variety of drawing

routines and preset textures, this icon-driven graphics program is even more powerful than **The Artist** when drawing straight screens, and easier to use too. It lacks the **Artist's** extra facilities, but is still the better choice for designing detailed screens without too much sweat.

Assembler	2*	£9.95
Roybot		40
Beyond Basic	3*	£9.95
Sinclair Research		31
Character Generator	2*	£1.99
Pulsonic		30
The Colt	4*	£12.95
Hisoft		45
Friendly Face	4*	£12.95
Friendly Face		32
HURG	4*	£14.95
Melbourne House		27
Illustrator	5*	£14.95
Gilsoft		37
Laser Compiler	3*	£9.95
Ocean IQ		49
Light Magic	4*	14.95
New Generation		40
M Code Tutor	4*	£14.95
New Generation		31
Mcoder III	4*	£12.95
PSS		45
Operation Caretaker	3*	£9.95
Global		43
The Patch	5*	£5.99
Gilsoft		44

The complete adventure-writing package. **Quill** sets it up, **Illustrator** puts in the pictures, and **Patch** allows the two to run together on a split screen. This is one of the only

utilities that could actually make you money. Five *Sinclair User Classics* were written using the system; who knows, yours could be next!

Spectrosim	2*	£7.95
Shiva Software		31
Spectrum Forth Conv.	5*	£7.00
Zero Plus		40
Supercode II	4*	£9.95
CP Software		31
Varitalk	3*	£5.00
ITS Software		39

Wham! Music Box	5*	£9.95
Melbourne House		45

This easy-to-use music package will make your Spectrum sing in two-part harmony, and turn 128 music into a user-definable doddle. Routines can be compiled and saved for use in programs. Professional software uses Music Box and so should you – it's simple, fun, and sounds great.

ZX Spect Assembler	2*	£7.95
McGraw Hill		31

QL

DESPITE THE slow take off of the QL computer many companies

have put their faith in it. There are still not enough products to justify individual classification but here is a list of products we have reviewed. Few of the games do the machine justice but the QL does have some Classics of its own.

Adder Assembler	4*	£34.95
Adder Publishing		37
Archiver	4*	£16.95
Eidersoft		45
Area Radar Control	1*	£10.95
Shadowsoft		39
Blackjack	1*	£19.95
Quest		41
Bridge Player	4*	£18.95
CP Software		44
Cartridge Doctor	5*	£21.95
Talent		40
Cosmos	5*	£14.95
Talent		45
Crazy Painter	2*	£12.95
Microdeal		45
EVA	2*	£12.99
Westway		40
Express Coppee	3*	£9.00
Total Computability		43
GraphiQL	5*	£34.95
Talent		39
GST Assembler	4*	£39.95
Sinclair Research		37
Home Finance	5*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		44
Hopper	1*	£14.95
Microdeal		42
Hyperdrive	3*	£14.95
English Software		42
ICE	5*	£59.95
Eidersoft		46
Integrated Accounts	5*	£89.50
Sinclair Research		45

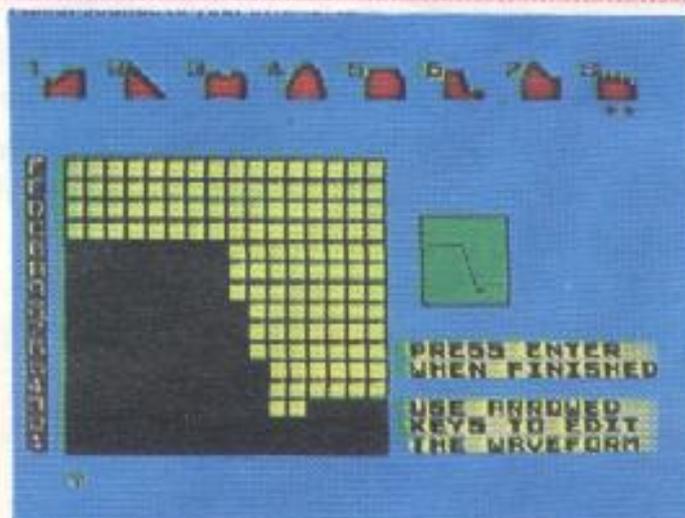
Keydefine	4*	£9.95
Pscientific		46
Land of Havoc	3*	£19.95
Microdeal		41
MonQL	4*	£19.95
Hisoft		41
Pascal	4*	£39.95
Computer One		35
Pascal	5*	£89.95
Metacomco		40
The Pawn	5*	£19.95
Sinclair Research		46
QDraw	3*	£14.95
Psion		46
QL Agenda	1*	£19.95
QSoft		40
QL Bank Accounts	2*	£8.00
KJ Gouldstone		42
QL C Dev Kit	5*	£99.95
Metacomco		45
QL Cash Trader	5*	£69.95
Sinclair Research		39
QL Caverns	5*	£10.95
Sinclair Research		40
Knight Flight	3*	£14.95
Real Time Software		48
Pro Fortran-77	5*	£99.95
Prospero		49
QL Chess	5*	£19.95
Psion		34
QL C Compiler	3*	£59.95
GST		41
QL Entrepreneur	2*	£34.95
Sinclair Research		46
QL Fictionary	4*	£12.95
Sinclair REsearch		48
QL Flight Simulator	4*	£19.95
Microdigital		47
QL Gardener	2*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		41
QL Match Point	5*	£14.95
Psion		43

QL Meteor Storm	1*	£12.95
Sinclair Research		44
QL Monitor	4*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		43
QL Paint	5*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		49
QL Payroll	4*	£63.25
TR Comp Systems		46
QL Reversi	2*	£12.95
Sinclair Research		44
QL Reversi	1*	£12.95
Softschool		44
QL Toolkit	5*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		39
QSpell	4*	£19.95
Eidersoft		42
Quillmerge	3*	£.50
Pitch Associates		36
Super Backgammon	2*	£15.95
Digital Precision		39
SuperBasic Extns	4*	£34.95
HiSoft		43
Supercharge	5*	£59.95
Digital Precision		48
Super Sprite Generator	3*	£34.95
Digital Precision		43
Touch 'n' Go	2*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		43
Transact	4*	£34.95
Dialog Software		47
Typing Tutor	3*	£19.95
Computer One		37
Sketchpad	3*	£14.90
Sigma Research		45
Star Firebirds	2*	£7.95
Insight		46
Super Arcadia	1*	£15.95
Digital Precision		47
The Wanderer	5*	£24.95
Sinclair Research		49
Zkul	4*	£19.95
Talent		35

128 SOFTWARE

THERE IS still very little 128 software available and much of what there is consists of 48k programs rewritten to take advantage of the machine's sound chip. The list gets longer by the day but here is a comprehensive list of what is available now.

128 Music Box	5*	£9.95
Melbourne House		50



A powerful music synthesiser, from Melbourne House, which can output your symphonies using the Spectrum 128's three-channel sound chip. You can create music using the on-screen editor, play it back or Save it to tape for later use.

Daley's Supertest	4*	Free
Ocean		49
Gladiator	5*	£9.95
Domark		49
Lode Runner	3*	£9.95
Software Projects		49
Never Ending Story	4*	Free
Ocean		49

Rocky Horror Show	3*	£9.95	Technician Ted	5*	£7.95
CRL		49	Hewson		49
Sweevo's Whirled	4*	£9.95	Three Weeks in P'dise	5*	£10.95
Gargoyle		49	Mikro-Gen		49

ADDRESS BOOK

A & F Software, Unit 8, Canalside Industrial Estate, Woodbine Street East, Rochdale, Lancashire OL16 5LB

Abacus Software, 21 Union Street, Ramsbottom, Nr Bury, Lancashire.

Activision, Activision House, 23 Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3 2PN

Addictive Games, 7a Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6HE

ADS, 8 Bronchurch Street, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO0 8RY

Adventure International, see US Gold

Alligata Software, 1 Orange Street, Sheffield S1 4DW

Argus Press Software, Liberty House, 222 Regent Street, London W1

After a shaky start as ASP Software the company, backed by the Argus magazine publishing group, has grown.

By acquiring several other houses including Quicksilva, Bug-Byte, and Lothlorian. It has also published a series of strategy games under the Mind Games label, including **American Football** and **Alien**. Quicksilva has just released **Max Headroom** while Lothlorian's latest title is the adventure **Time Sanctuary**.

Arcade Software, Technology House, 32 Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 0DG

Ariolasoft, Ashpalt House, Suite 105-106, Palace Street, London SW1E

Arnold Wheaton, Parkside Lane, Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 5TD

Artic Computing, Main Street, Brandesburton, Sheffield YO25 8RG

Automata UK, PO Box 78, Southsea, Hampshire PO4 9SL

Axis, Brookfield Avenue, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3LN

Beau-Jolly, 19A New Broadway, Ealing, London W5

Betasoft, 92 Oxford Road, Mosely, Birmingham B13 9SQ

Beyond, Wellington House, St Martins Lane, London, WC2

One-time golden boys of the software world. Launched in a blaze of publicity with **Psytron** an excellent arcade/strategy title which in turn was quickly followed by Mike Singleton's classic adventure **Lord of Midnight**. Recently the momentum has been lost, and the **Superman** title licenced from First Star in the US (they also did **Spy vs Spy** for Beyond) has yet to appear. Previews of the game have been dismal and Beyond definitely seems, for the moment, to have lost its way.

Bridge Software, 36 Fernwood, Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire

Bubble Bus Software, 87 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1RX

Calpac Computer Software, 108 Hermitage Woods Crescent, St. Johns, Woking, Surrey

Campbell Systems, 57 Trap's Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1TD

CCS, 14 Langton Way, Blackheath, London SE3 7TL

CDS Micro Systems, Silver House, Silver Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN1 1HL

Century Communications, Brookmount House, 62/65 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4NW

Chalksoft, 17 Willowslea Road, Northwick, Worcester

Cheetahsoft, 24 Ray Street, London EC1R 3DJ

Clever Clogs, Liberty House, 22 Regent Street, London W1

Collins, 18/20 Stephenson Way, North Gower Street, London NW1

Collins Soft, Grafton Street, London W1

Compusound, 32/33 Langley Close, Redditch, Worcester B98 0ET

CP Software, 10 Alexandra Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire HG1 5JS

Creative Sparks, Thomson House, 296 Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire

CRL, 9 King's Yard, Carpenters Road, London E15 2HD

Cross Software, 72 Swanshope, Burney Drive, Loughton, Essex

CSP Systems, 213 Stanbeck Road, Leeds

DACC Ltd, 23 Waverley Road, Hindley, Wigan, Lancashire WN2 3BN

Delta 4, The Shielding, New Road, Swanmore, Hampshire SO3 9PE

Design Design, 2 Ashton Way, East Herrington, Sunderland

Digital Integration, Watchmoor Trade Centre, Watchmoor Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3AJ

Digital Precision, 91 Manor Road, Higham Hill, London E17

DK'tronics, Unit 6, Shire Hill Ind Est, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11

Domark, 204 Worple Road, London SW20

Durrell Software, Castle Lodge, Castle Green, Taunton TA1 4AB

Dymond Software, 22 Hospital Road, Annan, Dumfriesshire DG12

Dynavision Production Studio, PO Box 96, Luton LU3 2JP

East London Robotics, St Nicholas House, The Mount, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5HN

Eastmead, Eastmead House, Lion Way, Camberley, Surrey GU16 5EZ

Edge The, 31 Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 8LH

Eidersoft, The Office, Hall Farm, North Ockenden, Upminster, Essex

8th Day, 18 Flaxhill, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside LU6 7UH

Electric Abacus, Oaklands House, Solartron Road, Farnborough, Hants

Electric Dreams, 31 Carlton Crescent, Southampton

Elite Systems, Anchor House, Anchor Road, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands WS9 8PW

Elm Computers, 59 Bateman Road, East Leake, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 6NN

Englefield Software, High House, Mill Street, Buxton, Norfolk

English Software, 1 North Parade, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester

Fawkes Computing, 41 Wolfridge Ride, Alveston, Bristol BS12 2RA

Felix Software, 19 Leighton Avenue, Pinner HA5 3BW

Firebird Software, Wellington House, St Martins Lane, London WC2

Games Machine, 40 Fretherne Road, Welwyn G.C., Herts

Gamma Software, 12 Milverton Road, London NW6 7AS

Gargoyle Games, 74 King Street, Dudley, West Midlands

GCE Tutoring, 40 Brinners Hill, Widner End, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

Gemini, Gemini House, Exmouth, Ex8 4RS

Gemtime Software, 16 Ben Ledi Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife KY2 5RP

Genesis Productions, 30 Great Portland Street, London W1N 5AD

Gilsoft, 30 Hawthorn Road, Barry, South Glamorgan, South Wales

Global Software, 33 Shelgate Road, London SW11 1BA

Gremlin Graphics, Alpha House, 10 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FS

Griffin & George, Frederick Street, Birmingham B1 3HT

GST, 91 High Street, Lonstanton, Cambridge CB4 5BS

Harlequin Software, 43 Osprey Park, Thornbury, Bristol BS12 1LY

Hartland Software, 32 Ivor Place, London NW1 6DA

Heinemann Computer Education, 22 Bedford Square, London WC1

Hessel, 15 Lythan Court, Cadwell Crescent, Sunningdale, Berkshire

Hestacrest, PO Box 19, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 0DG

Hewson, 56B Milton Trading Estate, Milton, Abingdon

One of these firms that has been around since the dawning of micro time. Andrew Hewson began by writing computer books and even a few programs for the ZX81. **Heathrow Air Traffic Control** was an early best seller and an enviable run of successes followed: **3D**

Seiddab Attack, Fantasia Diamond, Avalon, Technician Ted, AstroClone, Southern Belle and now **Quasatron**. A strong label.

Hilton Computer Services, 14 Avalon Road, Orpington, Kent

Hisoft, 180 High Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1AT

Hodder & Stoughton, PO Box 6, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent

Homestudy Ltd, Treleigh Woods Farm, Treleigh, Redruth, Cornwall

Icon Software, 65 High Street, Gosforth, Tyne and Wear NE3 4AA

IMS Software, 143/145 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W13 9AV

Image Systems, 34 Lynwood Drive, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7AB

Imagine (84), 6 Central Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Impact Software, 2 New Street, Cullompton, Devon EX15 1HA

Incentive, 54 London Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 4SQ

Inform Software, 3 Treesdale Close, Birkdale, Southport PR8 2EL

Interceptor Micro, Lindon House, The Green, Tadley, Hampshire

JRS Software, 19 Wayside Avenue, Worthing, Sussex BN13 3JH

Kosmos Software, 1 Pilgrim Close, Harlington, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 6LX

Kuma Computers, 12 Horseshoe Park, Pangbourne, Berkshire

Learning Systems, 11 Warwick Court, Princes Drive, Harrow, Middx

Leisure Genius, 3 Montague Row, London W1H 1AB

Level Nine, 229 Hugenden Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Arguably this country's top adventure publisher with games such as **Lords of Time**, **Emerald Isle** and **Return to Eden**. **Red Moon** is its most recent hit. The company has also produced games for Mosaic including **Adrian Mole** and **Erik the Viking**. It began producing text-only adventures and now adds graphics. By keeping the graphics simple the adventures are wordy and atmospheric. Level Nine has a strong following with the adventure-playing fraternity.

Llainlan Software, Pontyberem, Llanelli, Dyfed, Wales

Llamasoft, 49 Mount Pleasant, Tadley, Hampshire

Longman, Longman Group, Longman House, Harlow, Essex CM20

Lothlorien, 56a Park Lane, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1RE

Macmillan Software, 4 Little Essex Street, London WC2R 3LF

Manor Software, 24 Manor Gardens, London SW20

Manx Tapes, Garey Veg, Glen Audlyn, Ramsey, Isle of Man

Martech Games, 9 Billingburgh Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20

Mastertronic, (as for Mastervision)

Undisputed king of the budget software houses. The company started with a range of £1.99 games which included **Clumsy Collin**, **Action Biker** which was released with the blessing of KP, the nut manufacturer. Other hits followed, **Finders Keepers**, **Formula 1 Simulator**, **BMX Racers** and **One Man and his Droid**.

Since then the company has launched its Mad range, which retails at £2.99. One of the first releases on that label was **Spellbound** a game which still attracts a lot of interest particularly for those keen on collecting pokes. Many of Mastertronics budget titles are now challenging full-price games for originality and programming skill.

The company's latest Mad game is the first original graphic adventure for the 128 called **Knight-Tyme**.

Mastervision, Park Lorne, 111 Park Road, London NW8 7JL

McGraw Hill, Shopping Hangers Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire

Melbourne House, Castle Yard House, Castle Yard, Richmond TW10

It began as a computer book company and by producing software for the TRS 80 and first came to public attention with the acclaimed graphic adventure **The Hobbit**, released way back in 1982. It was packaged with JR Tolkien's book and became an instant bestseller. The company releases few titles, often of very high quality. The **Hobbit** follow-up, **Sherlock**, was extraordinarily complex. Recently, the first part of its **Lord of the Rings** trilogy was released – to a muted reception. It produced the number one selling title for 1985 in **Way of the Exploding Fist**, the first of a whole genre of martial arts titles. **Rock and Wrestle** for the Spectrum has been delayed after disappointing reviews for the C64 version.

Metacomco, 26 Portland Square, Bristol BS2 8RZ

Microdeal Ltd, 41 Truro Road, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 5JE

Microbyte, 19 Worcester Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire

Microdeal, 41 Truro Road, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 5JE

Micromega, 230/236 Lavender Hill, London SW11

Microsphere, 72 Rosebery Road, London N10 2LA

Mikro-Gen, 44 The Broadway, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1AG

One of the very earliest established software houses took off with the creation of Wally Week the bumbling hero of most of its big-sellers. The Wally games include **Automania**, **Herbert's Dummy Run** and **Everyone's A Wally**. Recent launches include **Battle of the Planets** and **Shadow of the Unicorn** which includes a ROM interface with room for a Kempston-compatible joystick.

Mind Games, Liberty House, 222 Regent Street, London W1

Mirrorsoft, Freepost BS 4382, Paulton, Bristol, BS18 5BR

Monitor Software, Suite 11, 526-8 Watford Way, London NW7

Monolith (see Beyond)

Mosaic, 187 Upper Street, London N1 1RQ

New Generation Software, FREEPOST, Bath BA2 4TD

Newsoft, 12 White Broom Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Oasis Software, 12 Walliscote Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon

Ocean Software, 6 Central Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Easily the UK's largest software conglomerate. Believes in the splatter technique of software releases – a lot of titles, are of very top quality, but some duff programs too. Specialises in Film and TV tie-ins which have included **Frankie goes to Hollywood**, **Transformers**, **Street Hawk**, **Knight Rider** and **V**. Ocean has received a lot of bad publicity for advertising products before they are ready. **Street Hawk** was advertised at various times during last year but the game has yet to appear. Ocean acquired the Imagine software label last year and has produced a series of Konami arcade game conversions, including **Yie Ar Kung Fu**, **Ping Pong**, and **Movie**. **Daley Thompson's Decathlon** remains its most famous title (On the Ocean label).

OCP, 77a Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire SL9 8PQ

Odin Software, The Podium, Steers House, Canning Place, Liverpool

Orpheus Ltd, Unit 1, Church Farm, Hatley St George, Nr Sandy, Beds.

Palace Software, The Scala, 2nd Floor, 275 Pentonville Road, London

Penguin, 536 King's Road, London SW10

Phoenix Publishing, 14 Vernon Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire WD2 2JL

Positive Image Software, 129 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow

Print 'n' Plotter Products, 19 Borough High Street, London SE1 9SE

PSS, 452 Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry CV6 JDG

Pulsonic, Warwick Distribution Ltd, 3 Standard Road, Park Royal, London NW10 6EX

Q-Soft, PO Box 90, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN5 5RN

Quest International Computer Systems, Gillingham House, 38-44 Gillingham Street, London SW1

Quicksilva, Liberty House, 222 Regent Street, London W1

Rabbit (see Virgin)

Radar Games, 53 Flavel Street, Woodsetton, Dudley DY1 4NU

Realtime Software, Prospect House, 32 Sovereign Street, Leeds LS1

Runesoft, Charnwood House, Crossgate Drive, Nottingham NG2 TLW

Saga Systems, 2 Eve Road, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4JT

Sentient Software, Branch House, 18 Branch Road, Armley, Leeds

Scisoft, 5 Minister Gardens, Newthorpe, Eastwood, Nottingham NE16

SCR Adventures, 190 Shelborne Road, Tottenham, London

SD Microsystems, PO Box 24, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 0AE

Shadowsoft, 70 Gooseacre, Cheddington, Bedfordshire

Shards, Suite G, Roycroft House, 15 Linton Road, Barking, Essex

Silversoft, London House, 271/273 King Street, London W6 9LZ

Soft Tech, 31 Lampits, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

Softek International Ltd, 12/13 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8LH

Softel, 5 Durward Drive, Glenrothers, Fife KY6 2LB

Software Farm, 3rd Floor, 16 Charlotte Street, London W1

Software Projects, Bear Brand Complex, Allerton Road, Woolton, Liverpool, Merseyside L25 7SE

Spectadraw, 1 Cowleaze, Chinnor, Oxfordshire OX9 4TD

Spectrasoft, Capital House, Market Place, London W3 6AL

Spoof Software, 58 Railway Road, Urnston, Manchester M31 1XT

St Bride's, Burtonport, County Donegal, Ireland

System Three, Davis House, 29 Hatton Garden, EC1N 8DA

Talent Computer Systems, Curran Building, 101 St James Road, Glasgow G4 0NS

Taskset, 13 High Street, Bridlington, Yorkshire YO16 4PR

Tasman Software, 17 Hartley Crescent, Leeds LS6 2LL

Temptation Software, 27 Cinque Ports Street, Rye, East Sussex

Terminal Software, 1st Floor, Parsonage Chambers, 3 The Parsonage Manchester, M3 2HB

Thor Computer Software, Erskine Industrial Estate, Liverpool L6 1AP

Timedata, 16 Hemmells High Road, Laindon, Basildon, Essex SS15

Transform, 41 Keats House, Porchester Mead, Beckenham, Kent

Tutorial Software, 'Vilands', Glasllwch Lane, Newport, Gwent NP1

Ultimate Play the Game, (See US Gold)

A company which plays its up-and-coming releases close to the chest. In its first eighteen months it took the software world by storm with each release advancing Spectrum software standards. It peaked with the incredible 3D **Knightlore** and though since then it has produced a series of 3D games including **Nightshade** and **Gunfight**. The company seems to have lost its fighting edge. Recently became part of the same software empire as US Gold.

Unicorn Micro Systems, 312 Charminster Road, Bournemouth BH8

University Software, 29 St Peters Street, London N1

US Gold, Unit 10, The Parkway Industrial Centre, Heneage Street, Birmingham B7 4LY

Vega Space Systems, 28 Watford Road, St Albans AL1 2AJ

Virgin Games, 2-4 Vernon Yard, London W11

Vortex Software, Vortex House, 24 Kansas Avenue, off South Langworthy Road, Salford, M5 2GL

Woosoft, 5 Andrews Close, Robertsbridge, Sussex TN32 5PB

Wyvern Software, 2 Prince Building, George Street, Bath BA1 2ED

