

# LOAD 10.666K EVERY SECOND

This is the ultimate disk drive for the C64. It can load in seconds, 64k in under six seconds in fact. It should cost around £100. But you can win your very own brand new DD-001 3.5" disk drive because TIB Plc, the manufacturers, have given us three of them to give away.

TIB have come up with a sleek 3.5" unit which for speed plugs into the user port rather than the usual slow old serial connector. It houses a fast Japanese drive unit, loads a 64K game in around six seconds, and the disks can hold up to 720K of data. The trick is that the disks are not the old C64 format we know and love to hate, but in fact the same format as the MS DGS disks used by IBM PC clones.

So in addition to fast loading you can, as a side benefit, transfer files from PC 3.5" disks too. TIB have been making cartridges for over a year now, and they've used this knowledge to make the DD-001 very simple to use. Switch on your computer and if there is a formatted disk with a game or program on it in the drive, it will load automatically, and literally in seconds. If there is no disk in the drive, the system will start as normal, but the drive system will be inserted between \$D000 and \$D600. (NB: The system can be moved if you need that space for a program.)

Sequential files are not handled as normal, but can be loaded using a jump block. Information about the jump block is in the documentation along with the drive. The disk formatting commands are basically the same as any normal disk, except you refer to the unit as device 9 rather than the usual 8. So, to format a disk, for example, you type:

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OPEN 15,9,15
PRINT#15,"N:<disk name>"
CLOSE 15
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Formatting takes about 1 minute and 50 secs. That too, is much faster than the 1541 and clones. Although mostly it has uses in program development, for fast loading and saving and high capacity, there are some games on 3.5" format already, some of which are included in the pack. And the good news is that TIB have already been in touch with major UK games producers, and there has been considerable interest in supporting the drive, as it has all the benefits of speed and freedom from piracy that a cart has, but without the production hassles.

**Answer 3 simple questions correctly and win one of three revolutionary 3 1/2" disk drives.**

- \* **Ideal for programmers, quick back-up/load!**
- \* **Read IBM PC compatible 720 kilobyte disks!**
- \* **Commercial games software already available!**



## We've got 3 TIB DD-001 disk drives and one of them could be yours

All you have to do is answer each of the following questions correctly. When you're absolutely certain that you're destined to win one of these valuable and powerful tools, send in your answers on the back of a postcard. Convince yourself that nothing can go wrong, that you've just been given a gold karma card and your credit's good, keep smiling and write 'em down before you forget 'em.

Grinning like a madman on the verge of a milk bottle, address the postcard or envelope to:

Everybody Needs New Heads Now  
Competition,  
Commodore Format,  
29 Monmouth Street,  
Bath,  
BA1 2AP

Listen:

Do it before October 17. In fact, do it now. Think of your new heads. Don't do it if you work for Future Publishing or TIB. You don't count. Do it even if you thought the bit about being destined to win was naff or if you think one head is enough. Don't moan at us if you don't win.

Here come the questions:

1. Why is ribbon cable so called?
2. What is the actual disk made of?
3. What do SS, DS, SD, DD and HD stand for?

Try as many times as you like but you can only win once. Believe it.