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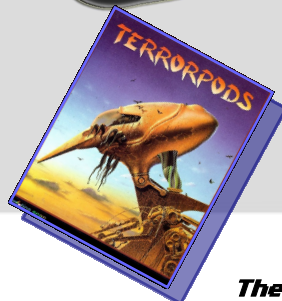
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Latest tech news from
Computer Graphics '90



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WELCOME

Welcome to the first official Amigos podcast magazine.



I have utilised my old retro Amiga magazine collection to undertake the task of covering the best news, reviews and adverts from over the years and altogether Amiga goodness.

Utilising the 'Back in the day' magazines of Amiga Computing, Amiga Format, CU Amiga covering November and December 1990.

Hopefully this will become a monthly production and your comments are always welcomed.

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CDTV DELAYED



The Computer Entertainment Show in September spilled the beans with Steve Franklin taking centre stage at the Commodore breakfast press launch regarding the status of the Commodore CDTV.

The Amiga based CD-rom machine was originally scheduled for a September launch, but delays were inevitable. Franklin laid out his plans for the machine; Commodore are only initially releasing around

1,500 to 2,000 CDTV's to selected developers, companies and members of the media in the next few weeks.

The plan is to let them do the beta testing and major bug finding, with their efforts being rewarded by giving them a 'gracious discount' on the price.

With the finished product being available from 'mid-February' and more than 40 specially written pieces of software available.

Commodore are hoping to sell around 350-500 thousand machines within the year.

With an estimated 140 titles being available by that time. Not just straight Amiga conversions, but unique CD-rom based titles such as encyclopedias and interactive libraries.

Franklin also hinted that the CD-rom drive may become available to existing Amiga owners, depending on demand.

The CDTV was in fact released March 1991 at a cost of
£499 (UK)
\$999 (US)



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CHRISTMAS BUNDLE

The Amiga has been re-bundled for the Christmas period.

The 'Screens Gem' Pack comes complete with the following games:

- Days of Thunder
- Back to the Future II
- Shadow of the Beast II
- Nightbreed
- Deluxe Paint II

Commodore expect sales of around 130k units.



DRIVE FOR 500

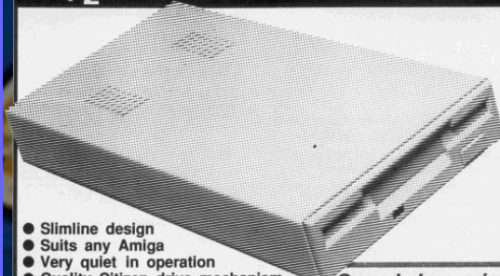
Leading American manufacturer of hard disc systems for Amiga's, 'Supra Corporation' have announced the new **SupraDrive 500XP** for the Amiga 500.



Using micro-power drive mechanisms which consume less than 4 watt of power, the 500XP combines a complete hard drive system, up to 8Mb RAM and many configurable options.

Utilising auto-booting SCSI interface it can bring advanced performance to the 500. The cost... \$679 for the 20Mb version.

3 1/2" EXTERNAL DRIVES



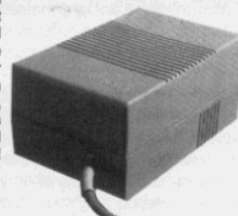
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AMIGA STARS IN ROBOCOP 2

Watch out in the new movie Robocop 2 for the Amiga. Watch the scene where Robocop injects a virus into a computer to foil the baddies. When the baddies try to stop him they encounter a digitised Robocop; with the animation courtesy of an Amiga alongside DigiView, Pixmate, DeLuxe Paint III and Elan Performer.



BITMAP BROTHERS BREAK..

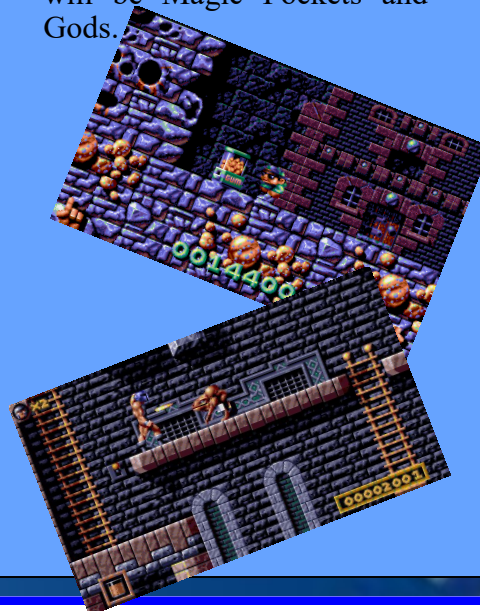


Bitmap Brothers much rumoured break with Mirrorsoft has finally been confirmed.

The Speedball and Xenon II team are forming their own label, named '**Renegade**' with Rhythm King records.

The new label will give recognition to programmers, the same way bands receive acclaim for records.

The first titles from renegade will be Magic Pockets and Gods.



Magic Pockets tells of a kid with exceptional pockets, from which he has to retrieve lost toys in a multi-directional scrolling playfield game.

Gods tasks Hercules and features an intelligent system that allows game characters to interact with players.

Gods will arrive in early 1991 with Magic Pockets following in the spring.

NEW TEST DRIVE GAME

ACCOLADE

Accolade are underway with their latest Test Drive game.. **Test Drive 3**

Sheldon Safir, Accolade's product Development Manager states, "it uses filled polygon graphics and a wealth of features not seen before, like cars that are still in development stages".

It will also be released on CDTV amongst other CDTV titles being released Accolade are attempting to take the products away from the computer and into the living room.

DOMARK

Clare Edgeley from Domark had several things to tell at the latest press launch.

For starters they are converting a host of Atari coin-ops, one of which is the fast **Stunrunner**, and judging from the demos we saw it could well be worth waiting for.

It seems Atari is helping them with coding by supplying actual game graphics.

Other games being converted include Hydra, Thunder Jaws and Skull & Crossbones.

To add, the Freescape system used in Dark Side and Castle Master games will soon be released to the general public.

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MONITORS

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ACTION!

Datel Electronics have released a Mk II version of their Action Replay cartridge that allows you to stop software in its tracks and grab graphics and sounds and tinker with all sorts of things.

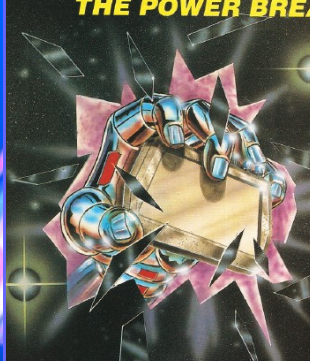
It now saves music and picture files (IFF), has a new 128k operating system, auto-fire manager, disk monitor, DOS commands and comes in a version for the 2000 as well. A snip at £59.99 (2000 version costs £69.99)

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AMIGA 1500 MAKES SURPRISE DEBUT

In an unexpected move Commodore have launched a new addition to the Amiga range: The A1500 Personal Home Computer (PHC). Basically an A2000, but with two floppy drives and a hard drive.

It comes with a full megabyte of memory, a 1084S Monitor, Deluxe Paint 3, The Works, Their Finest Hour, Populous and Sim City - the latter two also include their expansion disks. The book 'Getting the Most Out of Your Amiga' is also included as an invaluable aid for any new Amiga owner.

The 1500 PHC costs £999, cheaper than the 2000 for what is arguably a better package, especially since it has all the same expansion slots.



NEW GUNSHIP

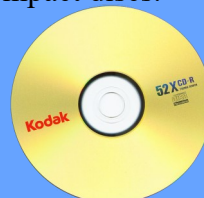


MicroProse have confirmed that they are working on a new Gunship game for 1991, a sequel to the best selling helicopter simulator, Gunship. It will be titled 'Gunship 2000' and features the next generation of assault helicopters, using current technology projected a decade into the future. The PC version will be released in June next year with an Amiga version hot on its heels.

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KODAK CD

Eastman Kodak Company has announced a new photographic system, jointly developed with Philips, which can scan 35mm pictures taken with ordinary cameras and write these images onto compact discs.



These pictures can then be played back on a television using the new Kodak Photo CD players manufactured by Philips. These special CD players can also be used to play ordinary audio CD's. The Kodak CD's can also be played on the forthcoming Philips CDi players.

The first Photo CD player is expected to cost round £300 with the Kodak CD's estimated to be around £9 each.

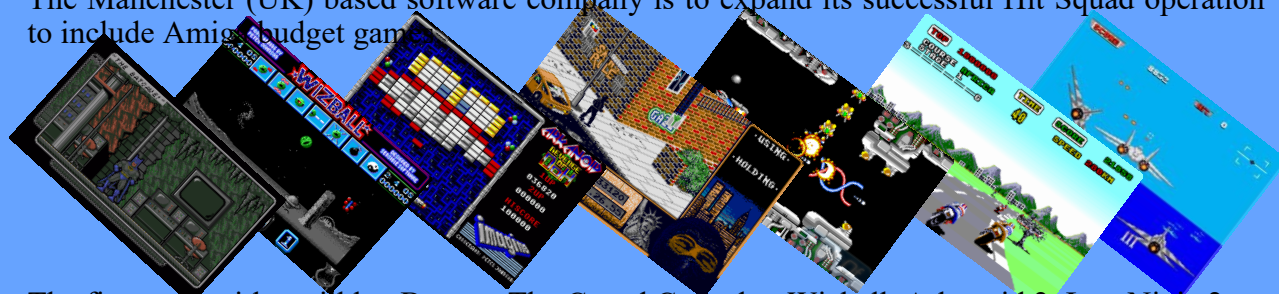
COIN-OP LICENSES



The Sales Curve have snapped up the rights to a fistful of Tradewest's coin-op licenses and original games. These include Double Dragon III: The Sacred Stones, Solar Jetman, Asylum and Brute Force.

BUDGET TITLES

Ocean have announced plans to release a series of 16-bit budget titles next month. The Manchester (UK) based software company is to expand its successful Hit Squad operation to include Amiga budget games.



The first seven titles will be; Batman The Caped Crusader, Wizball, Arkanoid 2, Last Ninja 2, R-Type, Super Hang-On and Afterburner.

Not to be outdone, **Electronic Arts** have also moved into the 16-bit budget arena with 'Star Performers' with a new range of titles including; Interceptor, Ferrari Formula One, Keef the Thief and Powerdrome.

WRATH OF THE DEMON™

You are on a quest to rid the land of an evil Demon and his men, rescue the princess, and restore order to your kingdom. Your quest will run through swamps, forests, temples, and cities before reaching your ultimate enemy... the Demon himself.

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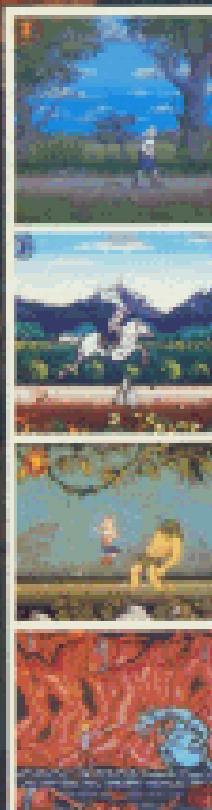
- Large Well-defined Characters
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- 20 Different Movements
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- Save Game Option
- Arcade Game Quality

Superb gameplay and control of characters makes this a stunning graphic adventure in every sense.

Available for Amiga, Atari ST, IBM PC and C64.



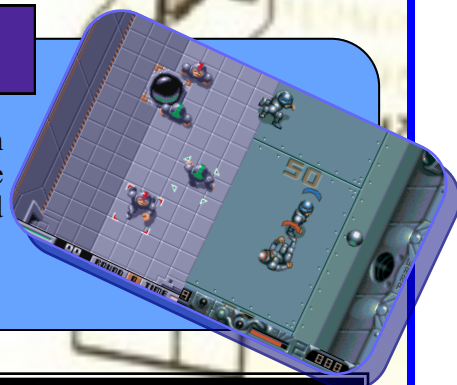
ReadySoft Inc.



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SPEEDBALL 2

The Bitmap Brothers last game for Mirrorsoft promises to be even bloodier than its predecessor, as the violent future sport makes a welcome return in Speedball 2. The player acts as both player and manager and can select individual players to build the best team possible. Speedball 2 is out in December 1990.



COMMODORE SALES

Commodore International's latest figures show profits dropped from \$51.3 million last year to a mere \$1.5 million (year ending June 1990) although total sales were only down from £939.7 million to \$887.3 million.

Commodore Int'l have said that their massive drop in profits is due to adverse exchange rates, rising costs and a 6% drop in sales as emphasis was moved from the C64 to the Amiga. With Amiga sales showing a 40% increase in the first quarter, with total sales up 10% in the same period.

Meanwhile Commodore UK announced that their turnover rose to £75 million from the previous year's £43 million. With sales in France, Italy, Denmark and Holland also said to have risen. In the UK, Commodore claim to have installed an Amiga base of more than 345k machines with a prediction of 1/2 million by the end of year.

Despite this, the UK operation has seen a number of departures including Financial Director Mike McGeeham and Systems Products Manager Jennifer Perry.

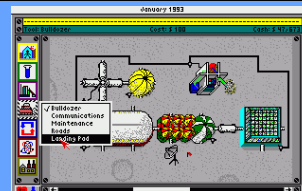
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MOONBASE



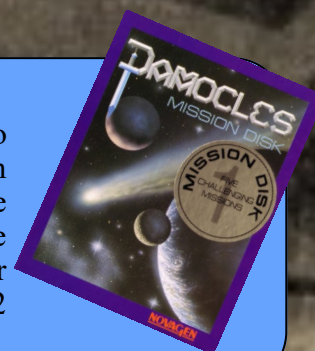
Think of 'Sim on the Moon' as Mindscape have snapped up the rights to *Moonbase*, a sim which lets you create a self-sufficient colony on the moon.

Having to juggle multi-billion dollar budgets, construct space hotels, mine materials, maintain communications and build power stations are just some of the tasks that you need to undertake. The Amiga version will be heading your way sometime in the new year.

MORE DAMOCLES



Get Novagen's superior graphic adventure follow-up to Mercenary out again as they are releasing two new mission disks; offering ten new missions based in the same environment. The missions have a novel structure combining special game saves and text displays for mission briefings. Mission 1 should be in the shops now with Mission 2 following in January 1991, both priced at only £10.





VIRTUAL AMIGA

Imagine an Afterburner game in which you dodge 'real' missiles. Well at the recent Computer Graphics '90 exhibition at London's Alexandra Palace, the prototype of the next generation cyberspace coin-op was being showcased.

Not only do the Virtuality games look futuristic but the hardware deck you play them on is verging on sci-fi as well.



Looking like a Sega hydraulic coin-op, you sit in a bubble chair while a cybervisor is lowered onto your head. You use this head-mount to view computer generated images through stereophonic colour LCD screens. Turn your head and the digital view tracks around with your eyes, giving you a 360 degree view of a world of polygons, sprites and digital data.

The showcased game was based around a Harrier vertical take-off jump jet. With

realistic representations of trees, rivers, valleys and mountains whilst you blast enemy fighters out of the sky.

Leicester-based 'W Industries' have developed the world's first Virtual Reality (VR) arcade game system using advanced custom-designed hardware and software, utilising Amiga technology to enable the production of an affordable VR system.

Over the past few years, people like VPL and Autodesk in America have been developing VR applications for military, scientific and commercial use.

Even Nolan Bushnell, father of video gaming and co-founder of Atari, is reportedly developing a consumer VR toy due within the next two years.

The Virtuality system prices start at £20,000 with 'test' sites around the country within the first three months of 1991.

However taking into account the ever decreasing price of silicon chips, it shouldn't be that long before these ultra real coin-ops are licensed for a home-based VR video game system.



EXPALITY SPEC

Expalitty is a multi-processor, multi-media computer system developed by 'W Industries' using both custom-designed and off-the-shelf technology. The system is a low cost, high performance engine which provides computer generated images, multi-channel sound and motion outputs for Virtuality.

Mass storage is provided using CD-ROM and hard disk to enable the use of large databases for simulated virtual worlds.

An Amiga 3000 provides the quadraphonic sound and some auxiliary functions with the player utilising proportional joysticks to steer vehicles and themselves around the Virtuality worlds.

With the system networked, giving you the option to link up to 10 Virtuality decks for multi-player games.

Expalitty Tech Spec:

- CPU: 2x TMS 34020, 2x 30482, MC68030 all running at 25-33Mhz
- Storage: CDROM, 300Mb Hard Disc
- 0.5M EPROM Flash for Loading
- Performance: 30,000 independent polygons with an update up to 50Mhz
- Fully configurable up to 1024 x 768 resolution with 4 visual channels.
- Memory is typically 2Mb Graphics with 16Mb core system RAM (16Gb possible).



AMIGA TOP 10 (UK)

Nov 1990

- 1 Corporation (Core Design)
- 2 Kick Off 2 (Anco)
- 3 Shadow of the Beast 2 (Psygnosis)
- 4 Yogi's Great Escape (Hi-Tech)
- 5 Targhan (Action 16)
- 6 Midnight Resistance (Ocean)
- 7 Shadow Warriors (Ocean)
- 8 Lost Patrol (Ocean)
- 9 Shadow of the Beast (Psygnosis)
- 10 Italia 90

Dec 1990

- F19 Stealth Fighter (Microprose)
- Advanced Fruit Machine (Codemasters)
- Treasure Island Dizzy (Codemasters)
- Yogi's Great Escape (Hi-Tec)
- Targhan (Action 16)
- Kick Off 2 (Anco)
- Corporation (Core Design)
- Cadaver (Mirrorsoft)
- Drum Studio (Action 16)
- Captain Blood (Action 16)



MUSIC TOP 10

UK

- 1 Iron Maiden – Bring Your Daughter.. To The Slaughter
- 2 Vanilla Ice – Ice Ice Baby
- 3 Cliff Richard – Saviour's Day
- 4 Enigma – Sadeness Part 1
- 5 John Travolta & Olivia Newton John – Grease Megamix
- 6 The Rightout Brothers – You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'
- 7 The Farm – All Together Now
- 8 Madonna - Justify My Love
- 9 Snap! - Mary Had A Little Boy
- 10 MC Hammer - Pray

US

- Stevie B - Because I Love You
- Madonna -Justify My Love
- Bette Midler - From A Distance
- Wilson Phillip - Impulsive
- DNA ft. Suza Vega - Tom's Diner
- Damn Yankees – High Enough
- Whitney Houston – I'm Your Baby Tonight
- George Michael – Freedom
- UB40 – The Way You Do Things You Do
- Ralph Tresvant – Sensitivity



FILMS

Some of the films released in December 1990:

- Home Alone
- Edward Scissorhands
- The Rookie
- Look Who's Talking Too
- Mermaids
- Bonfire of the Vanities
- Kindergarten Cop
- Alice
- Godfather: Part III
- Green Card



NEW AMIGA GAME RELEASES

NOV/DEC 1990

- Team Suzuki (Gremlin)
- Voodoo Nightmare (Palace)
- James Bond
- Final Conflict (Impressions)
- Hill St. Blues (Krisalis)
- Brides of Dracula (Gonzo Games)
- Win-A-Billion (Impressions)
- E-Swat (US Gold)
- Rogue Trooper (Krisalis)
- Xiphos (Electronic Zoo)
- Car-Vup (Core Design)
- Z-Out (Rainbow Arts)
- Nine Lives (ARC)
- Wrath of the Demon (Readysoft)

HE'S BACK... TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT

ROBOCOP 2

**EVEN IN THE FUTURE OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT, THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM
FOR IMPROVEMENT.**

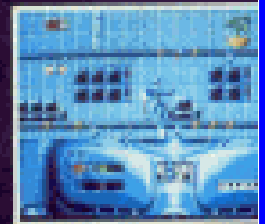
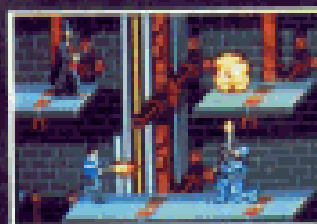
The future is a rough place, Detroit is a bankrupt city torn apart by the decadent forces of the Old Man and corrupt corporation. If you want to die - then walk the streets, if you want to live - then pray for the return

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'BACK IN THE DAY' REVIEW SCORES

| | |
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| Amazing Spider Man | 77% (AF) |
| Atomic Robokid | 86% Star (CUA) |
| Badlands | 46% (AF)/(AC) |
| Battlemaster | 83% (AF) |
| BBS Jane Seymour | 78% (AC) |
| Betrayal | 75% (CUA) |
| Buck Rogers | 84% (AF) |
| Cadaver | 82% (CUA) |
| Captive | 83% (AF) |
| Car-Vup | 90% Star (CUA) |
| Codename Iceman | 91% Gold (AF) |
| Distant Armies | 81% (CUA) |
| Dragonflight | 76% (AC) |
| Eco Phantoms | 92% Gold (AF) |
| Elvira | 70% (AF) |
| European Super League | 80% (CUA) |
| F-19 Stealth Fighter | 84% (CUA) |
| Final Battle | 74% (AF) |
| Final Conflict | 78% (AC) |
| | 91% Gold (AF) |
| | 78% (AC) |
| | 91% Gold (AF) |

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| Fool's Errand | 70% (AF) |
| Future Basketball | 43% (AF) |
| Future Classics | 75% (CUA) |
| Globulus | 78% (AC) |
| Golden Axe | 85% Star (CUA) |
| Gremlins II | 78% (CUA) |
| Helter Skelter | 79% (AF) |
| Immortal | 87% (AF) / (AC) |
| Indianapolis 500 | 91% Star (CUA) |
| James Pond | 78% (AF) |
| Killing Game Show | 92% Gold (AF) |
| Legend of Billy Boulder | 85% (AF) / (AC) |
| Loom | 81% (AF) |
| Lotus Turbo | 77% (CUA) |
| M1 Tank Platoon | 92% Gold (AF) |
| Mannix | 68% (AF) |
| Mean Streets | 85% (AF) / (AC) |
| Monty Python | 87% Star (CUA) |
| Necronom | 89% (AF) |
| | 71% (AF) |
| | 69% (AF) |
| | 88% (AF) |
| | 82% Excellence (AC) |
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| New York Warriors | 65% (AF) |
| Night Shift | 86% (CUA) |
| Nightbreed | (AC) |
| Nitro | 82% (CUA) |
| Omnicon Conspiracy | 81% (CUA) |
| Operation Harrier | 64% (AF) |
| Operation Stealth | 83% Excellence (AC) |
| Oriental Games | 72% (AF) / 70% (CUA) |
| Pang | 87% (AF) |
| Paradroid '90 | 88% (AF) / (AC) |
| Powermonger | 95% Star (CUA) |
| Prophecy 1 | 85% Excellence (AC) |
| Rank Xerox | 69% (CUA) |
| Rick Dangerous 2 | 92% Gold (AF) / |
| Robocop 2 | 89% Star (CUA) |
| Rogue Trooper | 83% (CUA) |
| Saint Dragon | 65% (CUA) |
| Satan | 82% (AF) |
| Shadow of the Beast II | 77% (AF) |
| Shockwave | (AC) |
| | 86% Star (CUA) |

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| Simulcra | 79% (AC) |
| Spiderman | 84% (CUA) |
| Spy Who Loved Me | 80% (AF) / |
| Super Off Road Racer | 76% (CUA) / (AC) |
| Team Yankee | 80% (AF) |
| Torvak the Warrior | 81% (AF) |
| Total Recall | 80% (CUA) |
| Vaxine | 69% (AF) |
| Voodoo Nightmare | 77% (CUA) |
| Wings | 85% (AF) |
| Wings of Fury | 75% (AF) |
| Wolfpack | 85% Star (CUA) |
| Xiphos | 79% (AF) |
| Z-Out | 84% (AF) / (AC) |
| | 83% (AF) |
| | 80% (AF) / (AC) |
| | 89% Star (CUA) |

Scores taken from Issues in:
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SYSTEM OVERVIEW

AMIGA 500



Priced at £499 (UK)/\$699 (US) it was released in 1987 and ran its course of life until mid 1992. In October 1989, the price was dropped from £499 to £399 (UK) and was bundled with the 'Batman Pack'. This helped Commodore sell more than one million A500's in 1989. Then in 1991, the A500+ replaced the original A500 (512k Chip, OCS, Workbench 1.3). This was an enhanced A500 (1Mb Chip, ECS, Workbench 2.04) bundled with

the 'Cartoon Classics' pack for £399 (UK).

Mid-1992 saw the A500 replaced with the A600 followed later in the year by the A1200.

Utilising the Motorola 68000 CPU running at 7.093Mhz (PAL) and 7.15Mhz (NTSC), with 32-bit internally but using 16-bit data bus and 24-bit address bus, thus providing a maximum of 16Mb address space, altogether with 512k of upgradeable RAM.

The A500 was made of numerous custom chipsets such as 'Denise' for graphics, 'Paula' for Audio and 'Agnus' for DMA control.

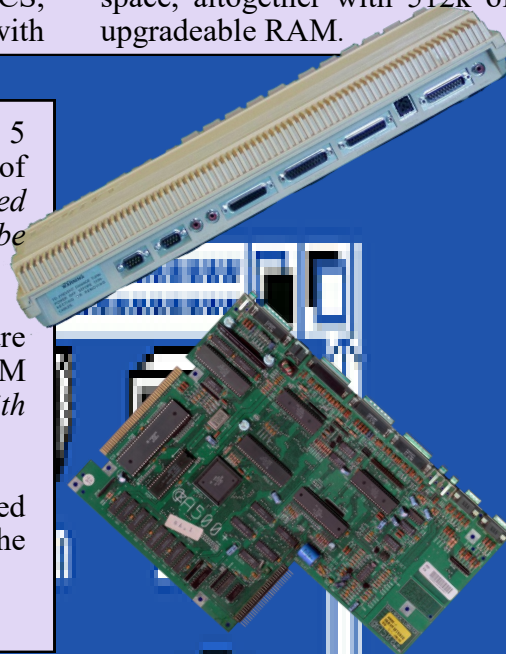
OCS chip (1.2/1.3) or ECS (1.3/2.04) chipsets.

Early models used the same chip as that of the A1000, allowing graphics to be displayed in multiple resolutions and colour depths from 320 x 200 (32 colours) to 704 x 576.

It also allowed up to 5 bit-planes and a palette of 4,096 colours (*HAM allowed for 4,096 colours to be displayed on screen at once*).

Audio produced four hardware mixed channels of 8-bit PCM (*up to 28Mhz, 56Mhz with DMA disabled*).

The standard A500 required floppy disks to boot into the OS (Workbench).



The **A520 adapter** used the rear port allowing TV sets to display Amiga graphics and providing a standard UHF RF output (as well as composite video output via three RCA connector). The modulator also allowed audio connection to stereo output with a Y-Cable.



The most popular **A500 expansion** was A501 circuit board that installed underneath (trap door).

It contained 512k RAM (Slow RAM) and a battery real time clock (RTC).

Although expansions were limited to the side expansion or trap door.





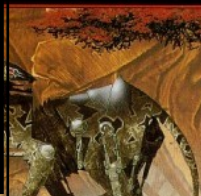
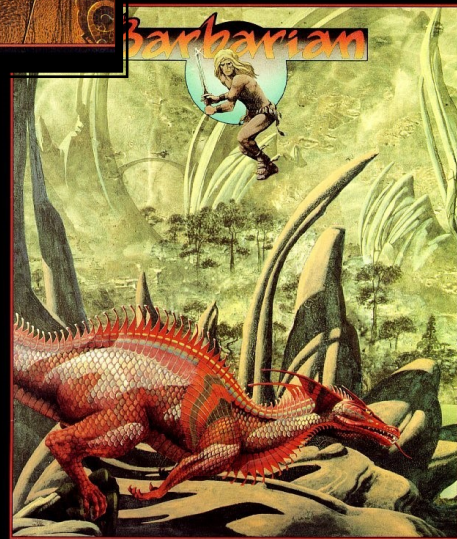
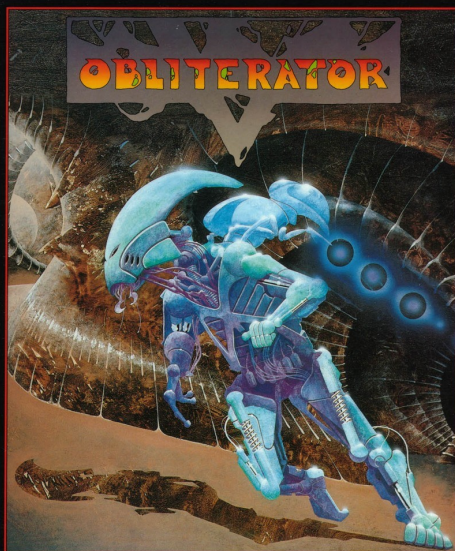
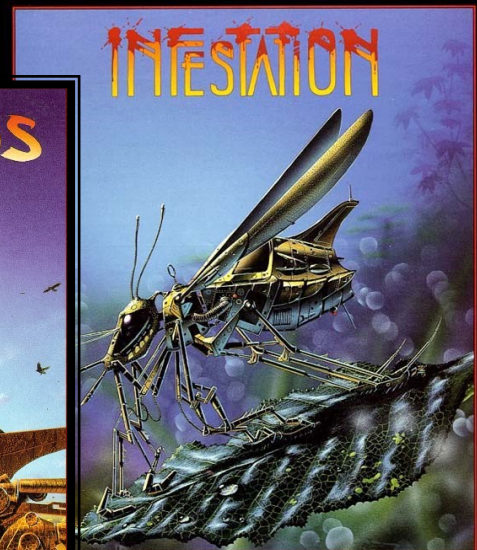
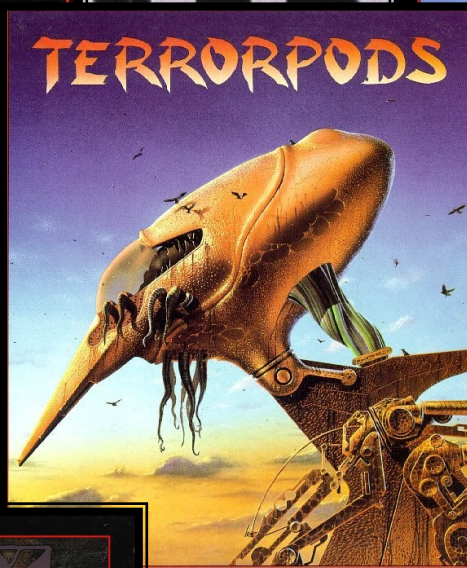
AMIGA BOX ART



Game Box Art was a large part of the Amiga memories. It told a story before even opening the game box that held the treasure of floppy disks (in some cases many many floppy disks).

Each issue we will showcase some of the Amiga's artists and musicians and their art they showcased for many games; Amiga and other systems. This issue we take a look at **Roger Dean's** work. Famous for his **7ΔYK10Δ1Δ** links and his portfolio of many Amiga classics such as Terrorpods, Chrono quest, Obliterator and many others.

Although **7ΔYK10Δ1Δ** is long defunct and has since been absorbed into Sony.





Other Artists include Tim White (Amnios), Peter Andrew Jones (Blood Money, Stryx), Melvyn Grany (Captain Fizz) and Ian Craig (Menace, Nevermind).



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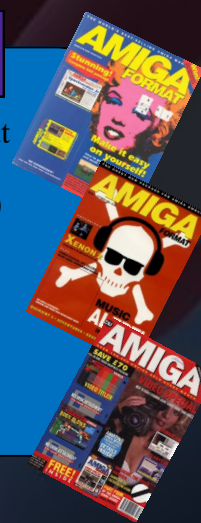
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