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PRESENTS

# VECTREX

## HOME ARCADE SYSTEM

VECTREX, the brand new, unique Home Arcade System from Milton Bradley is an astounding breakthrough, an entirely new home entertainment system that is independent of the home T.V. VECTREX actually gives you the real arcade experience – the same graphics, sound and game play – and is fully portable as it contains its own display screen. VECTREX has been exclusively designed and engineered to duplicate real arcade game play. Here we will be endeavouring to explain just what it is about this new machine that makes it's video game playing power and it's Personal Computer potential so exciting.



### THE VECTREX UNIT

**VEM 8200**

Vectrex is a self contained system, housing a microprocessor and display unit as well as a built-in Mine Storm game. This aspect of it's design is one of it's unique and convenient features which lets you use it independently of the family T.V. set. The Vectrex unit itself has only two controls, an on-off switch / volume control and a reset button. However, it does feature a small arcade-style control panel which lifts out from a neat housing area underneath the screen. This panel has a 360° self centering joystick and four concave action buttons which have different functions according to the game being played. The control panel is connected to the main Vectrex unit by means of a coiled telephone type cable to give maximum player freedom. The short joystick controller on the panel typifies current developments in joystick technology as research has indicated that the shorter stick is preferred by game players who find it gives them greater control over objects on the T.V. screen. Also, the short throw of the control buttons provides a very rapid response to firing, thrusting, bombing etc.

# £ 129

## HERE ARE SOME OF THE FEATURES THAT MAKE VECTREX UNIQUE...

### VECTOR GRAPHICS

Vectrex uses advanced display technology to achieve brilliant high resolution imagery and superb game play never before possible. Unlike the conventional T.V. which updates the entire picture on the screen every time a movement is made, the vector graphics in Vectrex only update the area which has changed. Because of this, much quicker animation and movement are possible. Furthermore, objects on the screen appear much crisper than on a conventional T.V. These 'Vector Graphics' are used in several arcade games such as Asteroids and Battlezone, to give you incredibly high resolution and quality. At this point, affordable vector graphic technology is limited to monochrome displays, and that is what is found in the Vectrex Arcade System. Colour is provided by translucent plastic overlays which pop in front of the screen. These come with the games, and although in many cases the displays are all one colour, in some games up to 3 colours are found on the overlays. In any case, the speed of the Vectrex action soon makes you forget whether you are playing in colour at all!

### ARCADE QUALITY SOUND

On most self contained game systems, sound is provided by a series of electronic boops and beeps and buzzes. Not so on the Vectrex system. The sound rivals that of the best computer and coin-op games and in several cases, even includes music. In addition to arcade quality sound, Vectrex has an inbuilt voice capability. The first game to take advantage of this facility is SPIKE, where you must rescue the girl from her evil captors. Because the voice is already built-in to Vectrex, you don't need to buy any add-ons to make the sound work.



### BUILT-IN MINE STORM GAME

Mine Storm is the game which comes built-in to the Vectrex unit and it automatically appears when you switch the machine on. You start this 'Asteroids' type game with a small ship in the middle of the screen. The joystick control is used to control the ship and 3 buttons are used to fire your weapon, provide forward thrust and escape to a different part of the screen using hyperspace. The object of the game is to navigate safely through a field of space mines, alien ships and saucers and other nasty objects. The game gets *more difficult* as you progress. The speed and detail of this game has to be experienced!

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Vectrex has a powerful 64K computer built-in when you buy it and to make full use of it's potential, a **COMPUTER KEYBOARD** is being developed. In addition a word processing package is under development for the business minded Vectrex owners. Also, for the budding artists among you, Vectrex are bringing out a **LIGHT PEN** (pictured right), which will be the first peripheral available and will represent a unique step for video gamers. The pen, which can be used in conjunction with special light pen cartridges, allows you not only to draw pictures on your screen, but by drawing several pictures in sequence, it is possible to create your own animated cartoons. You can also vary the speed of the cartoon characters you have created.

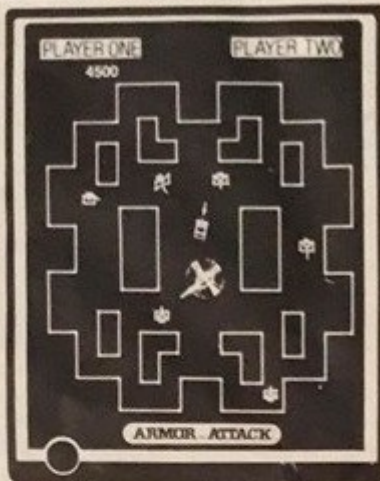


We hope that the text so far has given you an idea of what Vectrex is all about. The remaining six pages have been devoted to describing the cartridges which are currently available for the system. Many of them are arcade titles and you will find that some of the two player game variations require you to purchase an additional control panel for 'head to head' action. This accessory is available from Silica Shop for £23.95 (ref VEC 8160). We will be pleased to keep all Vectrex owners up to date with all future releases, so if you have a friend who owns the system, then please feel free to pass our name on.

# 4K CARTRIDGES

Armour Attack, Berzerk and Blitz are all Standard 4K Cartridges priced £19.95 each.

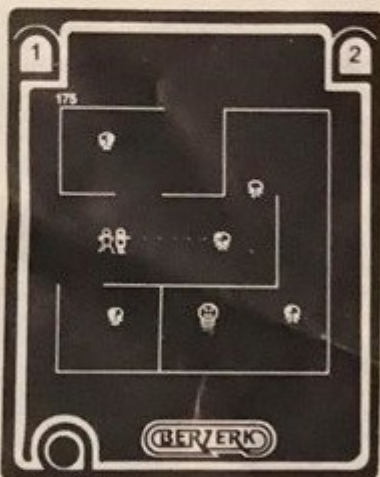
## £19.95



### ARMOR .... ATTACK

VEC 8124 £19.95

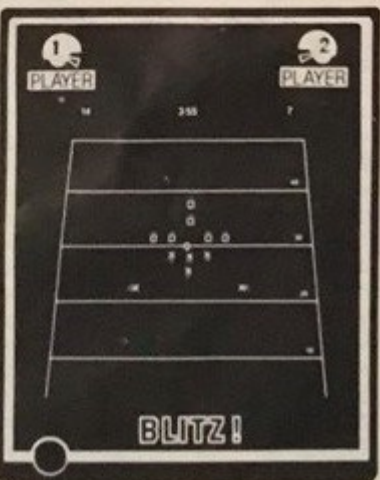
Manoeuvre your jeep through the streets and alleys of an occupied town. Hide from the enemy tanks behind buildings and launch your own surprise attack! But beware of the deadly helicopter flying overhead ... no place is safe from this treacherous enemy. Armor Attack is a game for one or two players and features three variations where your aim is to destroy the enemy tanks and helicopters before you are destroyed yourself. In Game 1, your jeep will appear on the screen in a maze of buildings, giving you a clear picture of all obstacles. Your joystick is used to rotate your jeep and you have the added feature of being able to 'fine tune' your movements using buttons 1 and 2 on your controller panel. The third button on your controller is your thrust control and the fourth is your fire button. In Game 2, you play as Game 1 but with no 'fine control' advantage. This makes the game more difficult as it means you can't rotate your jeep only slightly. Game 3 features a blind maze, as the buildings are not drawn on the screen. All of the above games can be played by one or two players, each having his or her own jeep.



### BERZERK

VEC 8123 £19.95

Manoeuvre your humanoid through mazes of robot-filled rooms, where even the walls are death to touch! Your survival depends on your speedy reactions in destroying the robots before they get you and on your manoeuvring skill as you keep your humanoid from coming into contact with a wall, as they are all electrified. As you destroy one group of robots, another will attack you and there is even more danger when Evil Otto comes on the scene. He can jump the maze walls and squash you if you linger too long in one spot! Evil Otto cannot be destroyed by your bullets, so your only hope is to run into the next maze. If you are hit by a robot or Evil Otto, you will lose a man and be transported into another maze. Each robot that you manage to destroy is worth 50 points. If the whole maze is cleared, you will receive a bonus of 10 points for each robot that was in that maze, which can be from 1 to 11. You start each game with three humanoids and can earn a bonus humanoid for every 5000 points you score. Berzerk is an adaptation of the popular arcade game and has all the excitement of the arcade version.



### BLITZ!

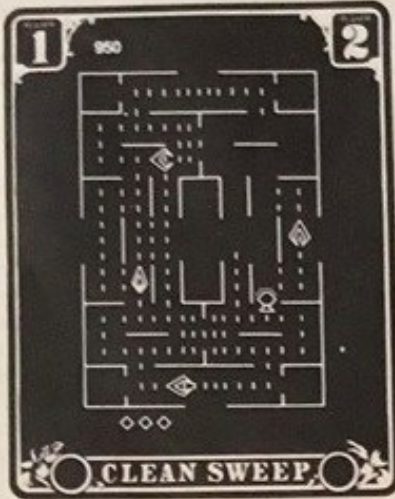
VEC 8131 £19.95

Enter the fast, tough world of American Football. Experience all the excitement of a real game as your team's top player. Run, pass, kick field goals and go all out for a touchdown. Play against the computer or get an extra hand control unit and invite a visiting player to join you for a showdown! Vectrex bring you not only a fast action game, but also an education of the most popular sport in America. The object of the game is to score touchdowns by moving your forwards up the field, 10 yards at a time in 4 or fewer 'Downs' (Scrummages), which occur when a player has been tackled by the defence. If the attacking side does not manage to make up 10 yards in 4 downs, then the ball is lost to the opposing team. The team with possession scores a touchdown when it carries the ball across the goal line into the opponent's end Zone. Vectrex offers you a choice of three games, each operating in the same way, but with variations in speed and difficulty. The buttons on your control panel give you full control over your players and the detailed instructions that come with this cartridge help to give you an understanding of the game.

# 4K CARTRIDGES

Clean Sweep, Cosmic Chasm & Hyperchase are all Standard 4K titles priced at £19.95.

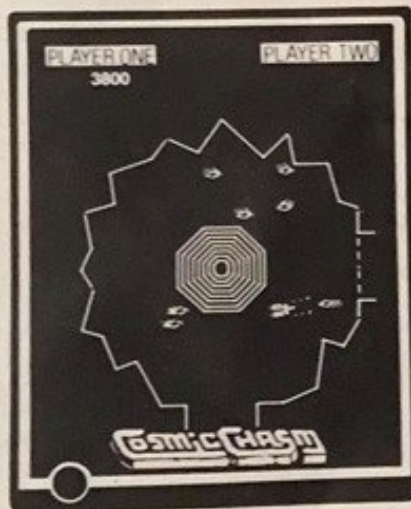
## £19.95



### CLEAN SWEEP

VEC 8122 £19.95

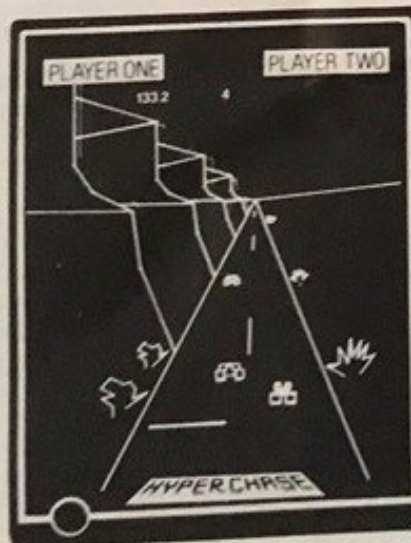
Evil bank robbers have just tried to burgle your bank. The dynamite they planted caused an explosion, leaving the bank in a terrible mess. The corridors create a maze, with money strewn everywhere. Use your joystick to manoeuvre your vacuum cleaner through the bank to sweep up the money. The joystick can move your vacuum up, down, left or right through the corridors in the maze. Your vacuum cleaner bag is limited as to what it can hold and you will see it grow larger as time passes. Eventually it will not be able to hold any more money and you will have to deposit it's contents in the vault in the centre of your screen. Picking up the money with your cleaner is not as easy as it sounds. The thieves have returned one by one to try and destroy you. You must avoid them if you can, or become 'supercharged' by passing through certain areas in the maze, at which time you can turn on the thieves and destroy them. There are four areas in which you can become supercharged, and these are in each corner of the screen. When you have used a supercharging area, you cannot use it again until you have swept up all the money in that level of the bank.



### COSMIC CHASM

VEC 8126 £19.95

Can you save the galaxy by blowing up the alien inhabited planet, and get off the planet before you explode too? You must find your way through the deep underground maze, while battling with the Planet Protectors. If you can get to the centre, plant your bomb and try to find your way out. It's only a matter of seconds before the planet goes BOOM! Your mission in this one or two player game, is to penetrate an alien planet, travel through it's underground maze and place a bomb in the planet's power structure in the centre cavern. First, you will be shown a map of the planet's caverns and passages. A blinking light on your screen will indicate the cavern where you will enter the planet. Once in the first cavern, use your joystick to direct your ship and your fire button to blast away at the Protectors. One of the control buttons is a drill which you must use to get through to the next cavern. After travelling through various caverns, you will finally reach the centre cavern. Now plant your bomb and get out by the quickest possible route before it explodes. You then go on to the next and more difficult mission.



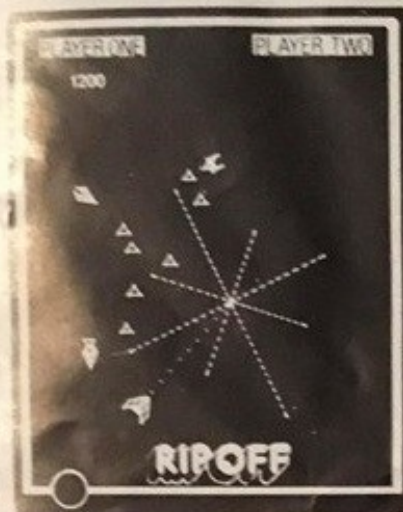
### HYPERCHASE

VEC 8128 £19.95

Watch out for the barriers! You're behind the wheel of your formula one racing car about to start the world's toughest Grand Prix. Shift through all four gears as you try to stay alive through city streets and country lanes! At the beginning of the game, your car will appear at the bottom of the screen, turned on and ready to go. At the top of the screen is your gear number and at the bottom is your car's speedo. Using the four buttons on your controller, you can change up or down through four gears, make your car accelerate, or slam the brakes on when the going gets tough. The joystick on your controller enables you to control the position of your car on the track. There are two game variations of HyperChase, for one or two players. In game one, you play against the clock. Your goal is to drive the course in as little time as possible. Each crash wastes valuable time, but you are allowed an unlimited amount of crashes. In game two, your goal is to score as many points as possible. You gain points for speed and miles travelled over the course before losing five racing cars. If you reach 15,000 points, you will be awarded an extra car.

# 4K CARTRIDGES

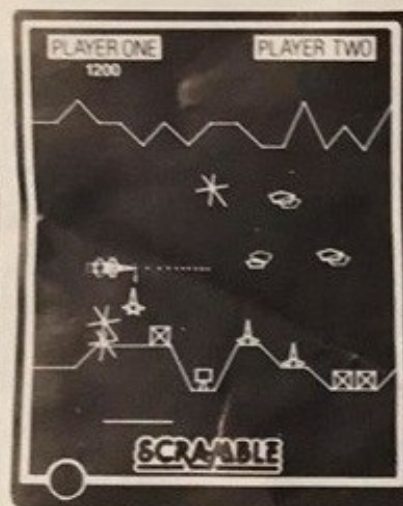
Rip Off, Scramble and Solar Quest are all Standard 4K Cartridges priced at £19.95. **£19.95**



## RIP OFF

VEC 8129 £19.95

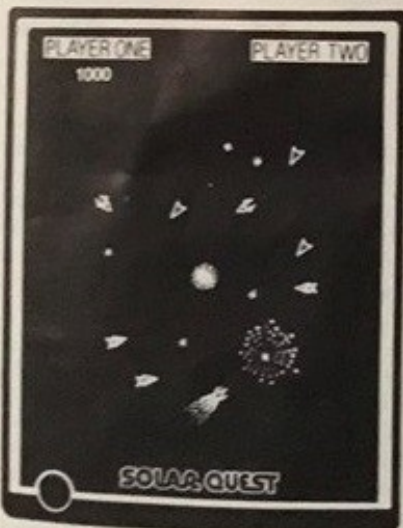
Beware of scavenging pirates trying to steal your precious fuel cells! The more pirates you destroy, the faster their successors become. Guard your tanks carefully, you are always outnumbered! You can select any of 16 different games in this adaptation of the arcade title. Your pirate destroying ship will appear on the right hand side of the screen. In two player games, a second ship will appear on the left. Your fuel cells will be in the centre of the screen and you must guard them from the pirates who may appear anywhere on the screen. There are six different types of pirate, each new type being faster and more cunning than the last. As well as stealing fuel cells from you, they also fire lasers at you. Different numbers of each pirate will appear depending on whether you are playing a one or two player game. If you are hit by a pirate, or collide with a pirate or the other ship (in a two player game), you will disappear. After a brief delay, you will return from the side on which you first entered. To play the two player variations of Rip Off you will need an extra hand control unit. You score points for each pirate you destroy.



## SCRAMBLE

VEC 8120 £19.95

Watch out for that next mountain! Manoeuvre your ship over rough terrain in an effort to destroy the enemy base. Careful piloting alone won't get you to your destination, you must brave rockets, UFO's, flamoids and some very tight tunnels. Few people have ever seen the enemy base, let alone destroyed it! Will you be one of the select few in successfully reaching the end of this highly popular arcade game? Scramble is a one or two player game with three difficulty levels. At the start of the game, your ship will immediately come into view on the left hand side of the screen, facing a landscape which features fuel tanks and mystery bases, as well as being a launching pad for missiles. When the game starts, your ship will pass over the landscape and you must negotiate your path carefully so you don't crash into the terrain below, or fall victim to the missiles launched at you. You will score points for shooting down missiles as well as bombing the mystery bases below. On this scrolling screen game, the terrain is constantly changing, featuring different pathways and perils for you to face, as you strive to reach the enemy base.



## SOLAR QUEST

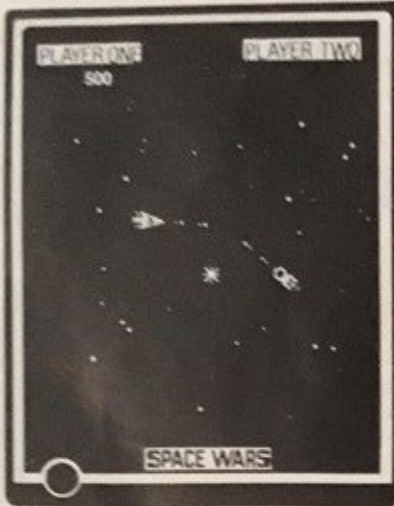
VEC 8121 £19.95

Solar Quest from Vectrex features all the excitement of the real arcade version! How many types of allied vessels will you be able to destroy? Seven different types are after you and your task is to destroy them and then attempt to rescue the survivors before they float into the sun. But don't fly too close to the sun, it's high temperature can destroy you. Solar Quest can be played as a one or two player game. At the start, a group of aliens will fly onto the screen. You must try to destroy the alien ships before they collide with you, by firing rockets at them. You can destroy many aliens at the same time by using a 'Nuke', which you fire and then explode when it reaches a cluster of aliens. Once an alien vessel is destroyed, it's survivor will remain and float towards the sun in the centre of the screen. You can earn points either by destroying the survivors before the sun destroys them, or by picking them up before they reach the sun. As the game progresses, faster and more deadly types of aliens will enter the field. In addition to your armoury of weapons, you also have a Hyperspace button to help you get out of a tricky spot.

# 4K CARTRIDGES

Space Wars, Starhawk and Starship are 4K Standard Cartridges priced at £19.95 each.

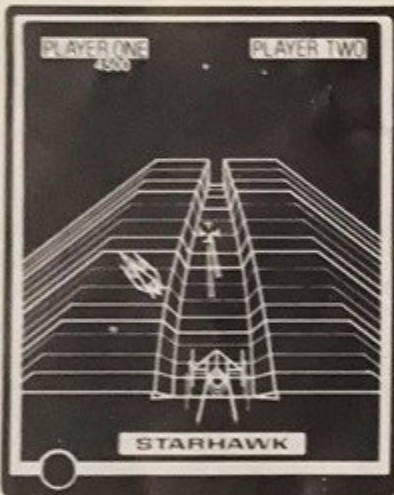
## £19.95



### SPACE WARS

VEC 8130 £19.95

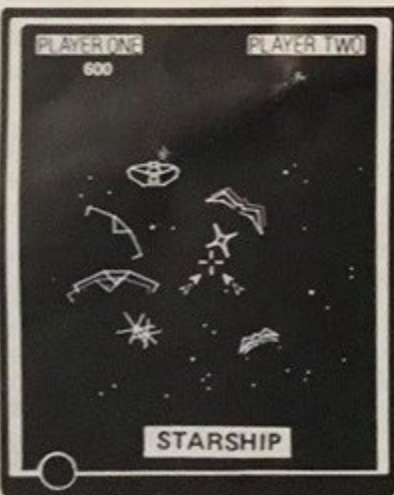
You need all the concentration you've got as you're plunged into a hostile universe. Beware of the sun's deadly gravity as you embark on a fight to the finish against the enemy! Space Wars is a battle between 2 opposing space ships in a hostile spacefield. Each round begins with your ship appearing on the right of the screen and your opponent on the left. In a 2 player game, the left and right positions are controlled by their respective joysticks. In addition to thrust and fire buttons on your control panel, you also have a hyperspace button which will help you out of a tricky spot. As you move around in space, beware of the meteorites which appear. These can destroy you on collision, although you are unable to destroy them. There are seven variations of Space Wars, each with a different combination of ship speed, skill level and the strength of the sun's gravity, which pulls your ship towards the centre of the screen. The stronger the gravity, the more thrust you will need to keep your ship away from the sun. If you let your ship get pulled right in by the sun's gravity, it will collide with the sun and be destroyed.



### STARHAWK

VEC 8127 £19.95

All the excitement of the real arcade version is captured in Vectrex Starhawk. Fasten your seatbelt and get down to the task of defending the sovereignty of your planet. Be careful not to blink, you might miss one of the alien vessels! Your mission is to fly over your planet, protecting your comrades from alien ships trying to infiltrate your world. Use your joystick to aim your gunsight, and use your fire button to launch missiles. You have only 60 seconds to prevent as many enemy craft as possible from getting through. In a two player game, both players play simultaneously and you will therefore need the extra hand controller. In these games, you play as a team protecting the planet against the aliens. Every few seconds an enemy Command Ship will signal its presence and appear. If you destroy it, the planet's rotation speeds up, your gunsight gets larger for 5 seconds and you will receive double points for any other alien ships destroyed. A bonus is awarded for every 10,000 points scored and ships will come into view more frequently. However, your aim will have to improve after each bonus as the ships become more difficult to hit.



### STARSHIP

VEC 8125 £19.95

Welcome Captain, to your command on the Star Ship. Travel through 9 space sectors, each more dangerous than the last, or take a shortcut through the Black Hole. But be careful, the aliens are hiding in space, waiting to destroy you at every turn! Star Ship can be played by one or two players alternately, so there is no need for the extra hand control unit. As Captain of your Star Ship, you view the action from behind the windshield of your craft. Use your joystick to manoeuvre your ship through space in search of the enemy and when you find them, use your fire button to despatch lasers at them and at the torpedoes they launch at you. You also have the advantage of being able to activate protective shields if you are unable to shoot down or avoid enemy fire. If you destroy all the ships in the first sector, you move on to the next sector which has ships which are faster and more deadly than the last fleet. Once you have cleared through 8 sectors, you enter the 9th and most dangerous sector, where you will face the dreaded Mothership. At the beginning of each game you have 3 ships and will receive a bonus ship every time you destroy the Mothership.

# 6K CARTRIDGES

As these cartridges have only just come in, we don't yet have drawings of the screens. **£22.95**

## BEDLAM

**BEDLAM VEA 8134 £22.95**

Your home galaxy has been invaded by alien colonists hoping to claim all inhabited worlds as their own. You've been given the ultimate responsibility of protecting your galactic neighbours from the invaders. Blasting the aliens using your powerful anti-molecular cannon transports them thousands of light years away where they will cause no further bedlam. But beware, the invaders will be increasingly ruthless! So, the future of the galaxy rests with you, good luck! You are provided with 3 anti-molecular cannons per game and unlimited ammunition. You can earn bonus cannons for high scores. Your cannon will be destroyed whenever an alien hits you. After a hit, you will be returned to the same galactic sector, where you must eliminate all the remaining aliens before progressing to the next and more challenging sector of the galaxy you defend. The shape and challenge of each sector will change during the game. As you progress to more difficult levels, sectors will rotate, shrink and pulsate. Can you face the challenge?

## WEBWARP

**WEB WARP VEA 8136 £22.95**

Enter a galaxy of the future, filled with real adventure and danger, a place unlike anything you have imagined before. You become the Hawk King, a creature capable of incredible speed and power as you attempt to capture the creatures that inhabit the speeding Web of Fantasy. All 20 creatures are protected by guardians and the dreaded Cosmic Dragon and each will become progressively more difficult to hunt down. Will you become one of the few to hunt down and capture the elusive twentieth creature? As you begin, you'll meet squadrons of guardian Drones that protect each of the creatures. You must eliminate them with your blaster, or avoid them in flight. If you get past the Drones you must use your capture rod to catch the fantasy creature which appears. As soon as you have captured a creature, a square portal will appear in the web, leading to your trophy room where you keep all the creatures you capture. When you have placed your catch in the trophy room, you are transported back into the web in search of further creatures.

# 8K CARTRIDGES

Just arrived into stock, these new 8K titles are very good. Spike even speaks for itself! **£29.95**



## FORTRESS OF NARZOD VEA 8132 £29.95

Long ago, in times of magic and adventure, the evil wizard Narzod gained the power to enslave all mankind and won supremacy of the earth from the good wizards. You are the only honourable wizard left with the knowledge to harness the forces of good to destroy the sinister fortress of Narzod. But beware, he has guarded his realm against your attack with deadly creatures of darkness. Beware the Mystic Hurler as you approach the Fortress of Narzod! There are 3 skill levels in this game for one player, or two players taking alternate goes. Your goal is to successfully travel three roadways leading to the fortress, then destroy the powerful Mystic Hurler who acts as the guardian to Narzod himself. Once the Mystic Hurler is destroyed, the Fortress of Narzod and all the evil it contains will disintegrate before your eyes. Like all good adventure games, Fortress of Narzod features plenty of obstacles for you to overcome before you can reach your final objective. You set out on your mission in a hovercraft, scoring points for destroying enemies. You're provided with 6 hovercrafts for each game as well as an unlimited supply of ammunition.



## SOCCER VEA 8135 £29.95

Take the ultimate soccer challenge, without ever leaving your seat! Play with a friend, or tackle the computer in an action packed game that takes all the concentration, strategy and split second reactions of the real thing! Get ready for the big match! There are three levels of difficulty in Vectrex Soccer, each can be played by one player against the Vectrex computer, or by two players (with an extra hand control). Each team has three players on the field and one goalkeeper who remains in his goal area. The joystick controls the player (either attacking or defending), which you have selected to control by using the select buttons which are on the control panel. Vectrex Soccer has all the features you would expect in a real game. Passing, throw-ins and tackling are all part of this fast paced game which is played with the aid of a scrolling screen for an even more realistic effect. The game consists of two three minute halves. (Halves are indicated at the bottom of the screen). If there is a tie at the end of the two halves, there is sudden death extra time. Once in sudden death, the game will continue in three minute periods until one of the teams scores a goal.



## SPIKE VEA 8137 £29.95

The first in the range of Vectrex voice cartridges, this game can be played by one or two players, although you take turns to play, so the extra control unit is not required. The dastardly villain Spud, has kidnapped our heroine, the lovely Molly and taken her far away to his secret hideout. Spike, our courageous hero and Molly's true love, races to her rescue. He'll be relying on your skills and split second timing to help him in his quest to save her. Avoid the dangerous creatures as you manoeuvre Spike along the treacherous path to Spud's hideout. If you're successful, Spike will rescue Molly and the two will live happily ever after – until Spud strikes again that is. In the game, there are three catwalks connected by a moveable ladder. Above the top catwalk, Molly has been imprisoned inside a cell. To help Spike rescue her, you must guide him to the top catwalk with the help of the ladder. You will also have to retrieve a key to unlock Molly's cell. It will appear in different places, so keep a sharp look out! The game is often interrupted by various calls such as 'Help Spike!' from Molly and 'Darn it' from Spud when he has been beaten.