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With TURBO TAPE a standard Commodore cassette unit can LOAD, SAVE, and VERIFY programs as fast as a 1541 disk drive! Though TURBO TAPE speeds up tape operations by up to 7 times (even more with truly long programs), no modifications to the tape deck or the computer are required.

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

To load TURBO TAPE place the enclosed cassette in the tape unit and type LOAD, then press RETURN. When the tape stops moving and the flashing cursor reappears type RUN.

GETTING STARTED

If you've just bought TURBO TAPE you'll probably want to convert some of your favourite programs so that they load at high speed. Programs cannot be loaded in turbo speed unless they have been saved using TURBO TAPE.

The normal way to start up TURBO TAPE is to type SYS 49152, then press RETURN. However, at this stage you want to be able to LOAD at normal speed, but LeT. at high speed. There's a slightly different way to do this, so to LeT. in the this SYS 49152 (spot the difference!). When you're ready to start loading programs at high speed simply do it type SYS 49152.

USING TURBO TAPE

There aren't any new commands to learn. Just type LOAD, or press RUN-STOP/STOP to load and run a program. You can specify the program name if you want to, but it's usually simpler to leave it out.

Saving is just as easy. Type SAVE followed by the program name, for example SAVE "TEST". The only difference you'll notice is the length of time that it takes! It's always a good idea to verify programs that you save if you don't have another copy - just type VERIFY. Once again you can ask the program name if you wish.

When you load or verify a program in turbo speed the screen is not turned off - and so let you know that something is happening, the screen border flashes as the program loads.

ANY PROBLEMS?

TURBO TAPE is ideal for saving and loading programs that you write yourself, or type in from books or magazines. However, you may be unable to make copies of some software which you buy. I'cautiously most commercial programs already incorporate a turbo loader, so only a small proportion of your software will need to be saved at high speed.

Programs that you save at high speed can only be loaded by using TURBO TAPE - so it's a good idea to load up TURBO TAPE when you first switch on your computer.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

TURBO TAPE occupies 8K bytes of memory from 49152 to 49496 (part of the 8k block of memory that is not used by BASIC). It interrupts the LOAD and SAVE vectors, but these can be reset by pressing RUN-STOP and RESTORE simultaneously.