

Oric Atmos

Released: 1982

Discontinued (UK): 1984

Re-launched in France: 1984 - discontinued, 1987

Here we present an Oric Atmos[1] for your entertainment, loaded with the winning entries of the annual *10-LINE BASIC PROGRAMMING COMPETITION*[2].

The Oric Atmos is an upgrade to the original Oric-1. This is one of the lesser-known machines of the 8-Bit Computing Era.

But yet, it persists as a retro- enthusiasts playground.

This computer was released originally to compete with the ZX Spectrum and Commodore C64 systems, originally in the UK - but eventually found more favourable conditions in the personal computing market in France, where its compatability with Minitel was considered beneficial, and in Eastern-bloc nations where clones (Pravetz 8D) were produced for the many fans of the 6502 CPU.

In spite of its weak performance on the market in the 80's, the Oric-1 and Atmos machines still have devoted fans in the contemporary retro-computing scene.

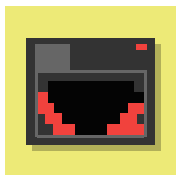
This system has consistently been the winner of the *10-LINE BASIC PROGRAMMING COMPETITION* - demonstrating that, no matter how obscure the machine, someone will find a pleasing use for it...

Please see additional Operating Instructions for guidance on how to use this system.

Links:

[1] - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oric#Oric_Atmos

[2] - <https://gkanold.wixsite.com/homeputerium>



Operating Instructions

The Oric Atmos can be turned off and on again - like all good computers should.

You can use the *Power Switch* for this, or you can disconnect and reconnect the “*barrel connector*” on the back of the machine.

If you need *help*, ask for the Attendant.

Once you have reset the machine, you will be presented with the “**Ready**” prompt, indicating that the Oric Atmos is ready for commands - you could, for example, immediately start writing your own BASIC program.

To explore some of the games, type this command and then press RETURN:

CLOAD”

(Don’t forget the “ symbol!)

Select a program from the list with the arrow keys and then press RETURN to load the game.

Programs with names beginning with “**10**” are entries from the *10-LINE BASIC PROGRAMMING COMPETITION*, which you can **CLOAD**”, **LIST** and **RUN** if you are *Ready*!

Feel free to make modifications to the BASIC listing if you feel inspired!

There are also some other games in the list for you to explore which are not part of the *10-LINE BASIC PROGRAMMING COMPETITION* - and we will occasionally add some of the *new* games being written for the Oric, also ..

Some interesting instructions you can give: **EXPLODE**, **CLOAD**”, **LIST**, **RUN**, **INK 5**, **PAPER 0**, **ZAP**, **INK 3**, **POP**, **CALL #C000**, **SHOOT**, **INK 2**, **PING**