

Interesting magazine articles

Thought I would share these with you. Went through some old mags I bought cheaply a while back at a car boot sale:

IMAC PLOY FOR NINTY

N64 BATTLES TO RETAIN MARKET POSITION

■ NINTENDO ADAPTS TO DC THREAT ■ COLOURS AND KONG TO THE RESCUE ■

Good news for us! The N64 has slashed its retail price to a very tempting £64.99! Now that's a bargain.

But whether anyone will taking up the offer is another question as sales for Mario's machine continue to drop.

The PlayStation still has a higher profile and with the launch of the Dreamcast, Nintendo have been knocked further down the pecking order. Nintendo's flagship format is now the GameBoy, sales of which has been boosted by the *Pokémon* invasion.

Near the end of October the N64 only managed to shift 2,600 units in a week compared to 17,500 GameBoys, 21,000 DCs and 25,000 PSX's. And it doesn't look as though there will be much Christmas cheer as retailers are cutting back on their amount of N64 stock.

Along with the price reduction, Nintendo are also releasing coloured translucent consoles for £74.99. But we seriously doubt making

them a different coloured will cover up the lack of software available for the machines.

The N64's big Christmas release is *DK64*, but even though software prices are dropping everywhere else, Nintendo seem to be taking a step back to the bad old days of daft prices for new games. They are releasing *DK64* at £60 as it can only be bought with an Xpansion Pak. This means that the diehard N64 fans, who probably already have the memory upgrade, will lose out.

On a brighter note the *DK64* bundle is only £109.98 which is not only a snappy price, but works out as good value.

Despite release of some excellent titles such as *Jet Force Gemini*, *Smash Bros*, *Mario Golf* and *World Driver Championship* this looks to be a long winter for the N64 and its last as a credible format. Arse!



These new N64's are clearly a good idea. Get it? Clearly. Yes? Oh never mind...



Wicked Wheels

Get the right set of wheels, and racing games'll be ace. But choose wisely, they're all a lot of dosh...



◀ Race 64 Compact

● Guillemot £49.99
Good response. Clamps to a table. Nice F1 style gear change action. Fair wheel.

▶ ASCIIWHEEL

● ASCII ● £49.99
Plays better'n it looks. Handles pretty good, response okay. No foot pedals. C-Buttons in centre.



▲ V1 Racing Wheel

● Performance ● £24.99
Wheel with a difference. Hold it in one hand. Handles okay.



Best of the rest

▲ G64 Steering Wheel

● LMP ● £59.99
New LMP steerer with fully rounded wheel. Rumbles too. One of the best wheels around.

◀ Vortex wheel

● Interact ● £49.99
Moves through 360°. Also works in 2D.



◀ Formula Race Pro

● Thrustmaster ● £69.99
Excellent wheel. Sits snug on yer knees and responds like a real car. Pedals too. Solid and responsive. Nice.

▲ Top Gear

● Spectra Video ● £69.99
Solid feel. Stacks of buttons. Smart design. Handles ace.

Out this month

▼ V3 FX Racing Wheel

● Interact ● £59.99
Always a high quality wheel. Now it rumbles. Nice.



▲ N64 wheel

● Madcatz ● £49.99
Looks snazzy, but buttons a bit plastic. Cool force pak, but it needs batteries. Boo.



F-ZERO X

92%

GASP

66%

GT64 CHAMPIONSHIP

76%

ISS 98

93%



We've tested all these Memory Paks

256K is smaller than 1 Meg. 1 Meg is smaller than 4 Meg. So the bigger the memory, the more saves you can make.



1 Meg Ultra 64 Memory Card
● Blaze ● 1 Meg
● £14.99
In six colours.



Ultra 64 256K Memory Card
● Blaze ● 256K
● £9.99
Good quality.



Memory Card Plus
● Joy Tech
● £12.99 ● 1 Meg
Up to 492 saves.



Nintendo Controller Pak
● £14.99 ● 256K
Solid quality. It's Nintendo, it's the best. Nuff said.



LX4 Memory Pak
● LMP ● £9.99
● 256K
Pricey for amount of saves. Only okay value.



LX4 Memory Pak
● LMP ● £17.99
● 1 Meg
Pricey, but loads of memory. Good buy.



N64 Memory Card
● Spectra Video
● £6.99 ● 256K
Cheap and cheerful. Hits the spot.



N64 Memory Card
● Spectra Video
● £12.99 ● 1 Meg
Big memory. Good.



1 Meg Memory
● Datel
● 1 Meg
● £14.99
Six colours. Sturdy.



4 Meg Memory
● Datel ● 4 Meg
● £29.99
Big memory.



1 Meg card
● Joytech
● £9.99
Good value card.



256K Memory card
● Joytech
● £7.99
Different colours.

Memory card
● Performance
● £14.99
● 1 Meg
Good value card.



Best of the rest

N64 Joypads We've tested all these pads out

Nintendo's official pad rules, though some may work better in fighting or shooting games.

Also, if you're a left hander, you'll find some are more comfortable.

▼ StingRay 64

● Thrustmaster
● £19.99

Looks good, but 3D Stick spins, so it slips off yer thumb loads.



▼ Superpad 64 Plus

● Interact ● £14.99

Okay pad, not much more than that. Plays pretty good. Fairly cheap.



► G64 Controller

● LMP
● £17.99-
● £19.99

In Grey, Black or Clear with red, blue or green circuit boards. Handles well.



Best of the rest



▲ Makopad

● Interact
● £19.99

Cool pad. Suits left handers. Good for shoot 'em ups.



▲ Sharkpad Pro 64

● Interact ● £22.99

Ace 3D Stick. Great for platformers.



▲ Controller Plus 64

● Joytech ● £19.99

Feels solid but 3D Stick poor. Good for Racing games, beat 'em ups. Big buttons a bonus.



▲ Trident Pro Pad

● Spectra Video
● £24.99

Looks like the Trident Pad, but isn't. Has more buttons you see!



▲ Competition Pro

● Powerplay
● £29.99

Good D-Pad and four shoulder buttons. For the professional.



▲ Superpad 64

● Interact
● £14.99

Great for left handers into fighters. Suits you, sir!



▲ Manta Ray

● Nu Gen ●
● £19.99

Name sounds ace and the controller looks the biz. Cool see through effect. Plays better'n average too.



► Official N64 controller

● Nintendo
● £19.99

They invented it. It's the very best. And it's much cheaper now!



▲ Mirage

● Wild Things ● £19.99

Ace joypad. Feels nice 'n' chunky. Response from 3D Stick and D-Pads are top notch.



▲ Trilogy 64

● Guillemot ● £19.99

It's all in the box. So you get a controller, rumble pack and memory pak all in one.



► Arcade Shark

● Interact ● £39.99

Pricy, but amazing for beat 'em ups. Love 'em. Love this!

