

COLLECTORS CORNER

Greetings fellow Oric chums ! I'm not sure which order these here articles will be printed in but this is now number 10. People said Oric releases were all the same - there were few , if any variations. But here I've been showing quite a number of tapes which came in more than one guise - well ten at least anyway ! There must be more, indeed there are as I've another article lined up to do when I finish typing a load of blurb here to fill in the gap between yonder top title, and the scanned images below.

The scanner has proved to be a useful tool in bringing you the pages you have read in Rhetoric. I think it would have been a hard task ... OK it is a hard task, but it would have been even harder of we couldn't use a scanner to produce some nice pictures for you.

Right, anyway, over to the features program this time which is from Arcadia. They only produced a few titles for the Oric, namely Invaders, Mushroom Mania and Pasta Blasta. All good shoot 'em ups !

Like with most titles I assumed the Arcadia Invaders tapes were all the same. They are a little bit rare so it isn't easy to get two together in the same place to compare. But being a hopeless case, still smitten by the Oric bug, I find myself buying up Oric tapes that I don't have - and that is quite a few !. Inevitably you end up purchasing some titles that you already own so they go in the 'for sale' box which no-one is interested in. (At least I've managed to sell few of these anyway, despite my rather cheap prices !)

Occasionally you come across a nice surprise and find that the tape you already have is different to the one you already have. It may Have a red cassette label whereas your old tape label is black, in the case of PSS titles, or you may find the layout and fonts used are different as in this case with Arcadia Invaders.



Exhibit A - Original tape (?)

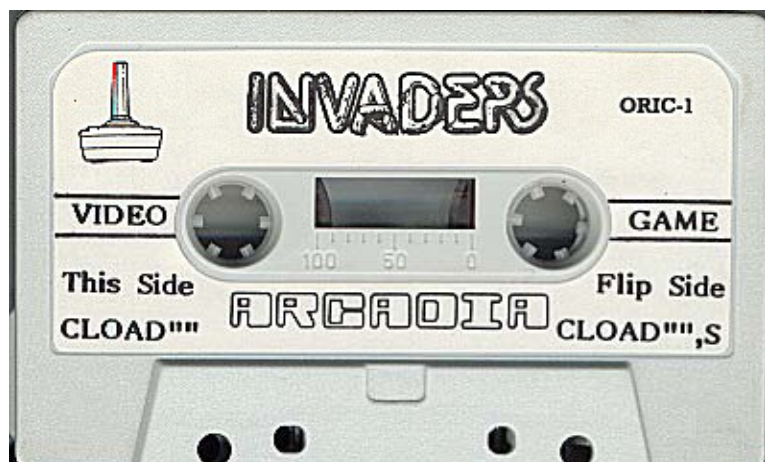
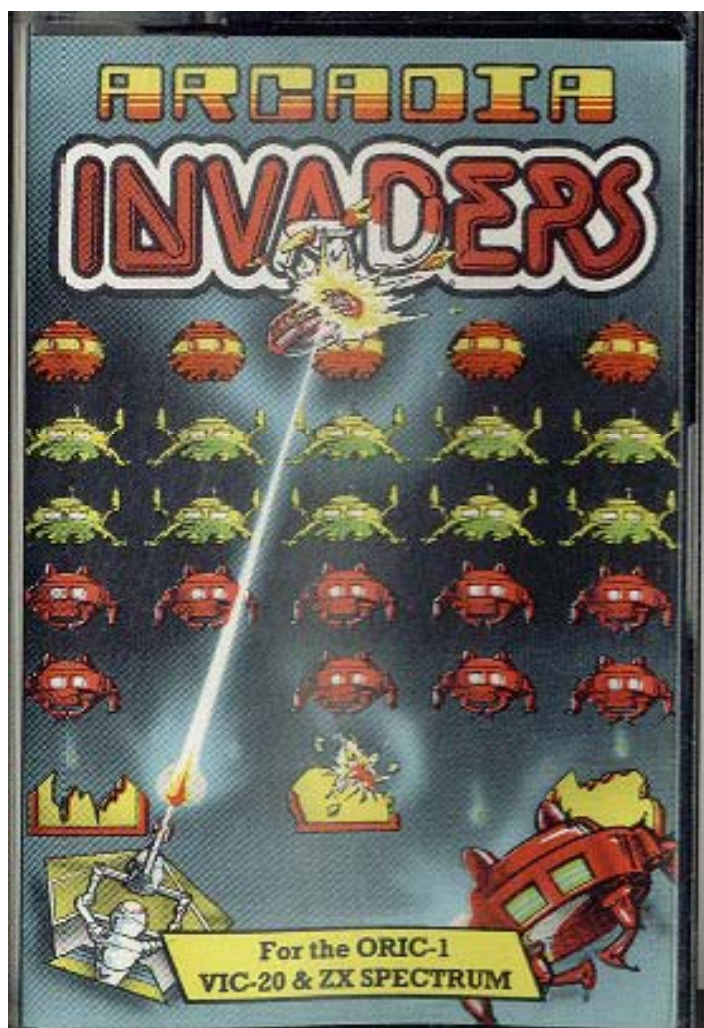


Exhibit B - Oric specific label with different font.



Note the cunning multiformat label which can be used for Oric, VIC (AKA YAK), or Speccy. Clever chaps Arcadia !!