



## ***Timex Portugal Coming to American Market!***

### ***New "Timex 2068" and Disc Drive to Lead the Way***

In an exclusive interview with the Managing Director of Timex Portugal, Bob Dyl of English Micro Connection has ascertained that the Portuguese division of Timex, which is independent of the American division, plans to enter the American market with a modified version of the 2068 along with a disc drive.

Antonio Gomez told Dyl in a recent transatlantic phone conversation of 1 1/2 hours that the new version of the 2068 combines features of both the older 2068 and the Sinclair Spectrum. Retained from the 2068 is the keyboard, ROM, joystick ports, sound, and cartridge port. Changes include a Spectrum rear edge connector, a Spectrum cartridge ROM plug-in unit, & a 9 volt power supply instead of 15 volts as on the older 2068. The new name will be the "Timex 2068" instead of the older "Timex-Sinclair 2068".

In addition to the computer, a 3" Hitachi disk drive system with interface is also ready with two different interfaces available. One interface plugs into Spectrums and the new Timex 2068 and provides 400 kilobytes of storage. The other interface shows that Portugal has not ignored those of us that already have the TS2068--it will plug into the American version. It is not clear whether the American version will need a Spectrum ROM or emula-

tor in order to work. Units of both the computer and disk drive are at the FCC now.

Our thanks to Bob Dyl of English Micro Connection for sharing this information.

### ***English Micro Connection Announces Microdrive Interface***

Bob Dyl of the English Micro Connection is helping lead the way in bringing the full range of Spectrum products to our shores. Already it is possible to get the new Spectrum Plus, Sinclair microdrives and other peripherals through EMC.

Now comes the announcement that any 2068 with a Spectrum ROM, ROM Switch, or Emulator can run the Sinclair microdrives with the use of a new MICRODRIVE ADAPTOR which sells for \$35 and is available from EMC.

Looking at Dyl's recent new catalog shows that a "Spectrum Interface System" is selling for \$130. It includes the real Sinclair Interface I, Microdrive unit, and 4 cartridges--3 of which have Tasword II, Masterfile, a game, and an introductory program. Extra cartridges are \$3 each.



So it looks like that for about \$165 (if you already have a Spectrum ROM system) a 2068 owner can have a true Sinclair Microdrive and software. In addition, EMC is now offering the Adaptor along with the EMU I for \$75 for those without Spectrum compatibility.

SUM is hoping to obtain these units for a full evaluation in the near future.

--Richard Cravy

## Loading Tasword II on the A & J Microdrive

Using the A & J Microdrive to load Tasword II takes less than 30 seconds! But to SAVE the program and files created by it requires some modifications to the BASIC part of Tasword II.

To make the changes, LOAD Tasword off tape and choose the BASIC option. DELETE lines 11, 15, 700 and 710. Now add the following lines:

```
15 POKE VAL "23609", VAL "2": CLEAR
VAL "33279": GO SUB VAL "4000":
LOAD "@tasword"CODE: CLS: LET a=USR
VAL "59061": GO TO VAL "10"
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700 CLS: LET a$="@tasword": SAVE
"@1,tasword"LINE 15
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710 SAVE "@2,tasword"CODE 54784,
10751
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1060 IF a$(1)<>"@" THEN GO TO 1100
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1070 LET a$(2 TO )=a$(4 TO )
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These changes allow you to use either cassette or microdrive for saving files. Just remember to begin files for the microdrives with @ and the number of the file followed by a comma and the file name up to 7 characters long. Files without the @ will save to the cassette. (Example: @1,sample)

To SAVE Tasword to microdrive after the above changes GO TO 1 and then select the "Save Tasword" option. Save it on a 20' cartridge with no other files on it.

To LOAD Tasword, type LOAD "@tasword" RETURN.

-- Joe Williamson

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