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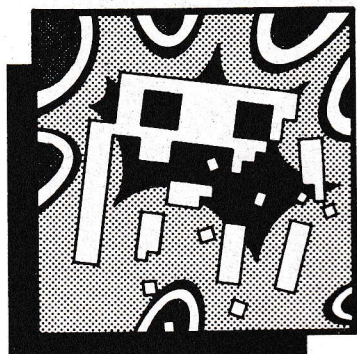
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# Software Reviews

## REVIEWS

**Title:** Stock Car  
**Format:** Tape  
**Software House:** Micropower, Northwood Hse, North St, Leeds LS7 2AA  
**Price:** £7.95  
**Machine:** BBC Model B

"Stock Car" is the BBC version of the pub classic that was a hit just after Breakout but it has been improved out of all recognition by the use of multi-coloured characters, smooth and realistic animation and realistic sounds. For those unfamiliar with the game, let me explain. You control a stock car and must compete over a certain number of laps against other manic drivers.

Simplicity itself, or is it?

In this version you have many options including one or two player, number of laps, choice of race tracks, variable skid, oil patches and the choice of four gears. Difficulty arises from the fact that the other cars tend to bump you off the track and oil patches send you whizzing off in totally wrong directions. As I said earlier, graphics, animation and sound are

all excellent. A variety of nice touches such as sound on/off hall of fame etc. are of course available.

Although the concept of this game is simple, it is incredibly addictive and has just the right amount of frustration element (especially two player games). The slick presentation is well up to the very high standard of other Micropower games and the sheer addictiveness makes this game a must for all arcade game freaks. **S.S.**

### STAR TABLE

Screen display	* * * * *
Addictiveness	* * * * *
Ease of use	* * * *
Overall	95%

**Title:** Space Panic  
**Format:** Tape  
**Software House:** Solo S/W Ltd, 95 B Blackpole Trading Estate West, Worcester WR38 TJ  
**Price:** £7.95  
**Machine:** Sharp MZ700

A good game with joystick option, which is an unusual feature of MZ700 software. The graphics are good and the game is guaranteed to

cause frustration! This soon turns to determination, however — not to beat your latest score, but to get your own back on those beastly things

which eat you from the head downwards (jelly babies' revenge??). After hours of playing I found it as entertaining as at the beginning.

An excellent game and super value. **RGC.**

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