



*Can the new Expert cartridge
disk system broadside
WARP 25?*

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TRILOGIC'S ROCKET ATTACK

When TriLogic launched its Expert cartridge the boast was that a RAM cartridge can do anything that a ROM could do. TriLogic proved true to its word with the release of Dard's Action Replay Professional IV cartridge with WARP 25 fast disk loader. The Expert just couldn't keep pace.

Now the RAM cartridge is heading up the cart wars with a new operating system, Expert V3.2R, which includes a new program called Rocket TurboLoad which intends to take on WARP at its own high speed game.

The principal at stake is that The Expert is based on a RAM chip which can be programmed from disk or tape

but Dard's ARP IV is ROM based. This means that an update for The Expert costs the price of a new disk (\$3.99) but an update for ARP IV means the price of a new cartridge (currently \$24.95).

Although The Expert offers many more utilities, the ARP IV cartridge has an extremely fast disk loader which gives it a slight edge for some users.

Rocket TurboLoad attempts to redress the balance in its favor but how do the two systems compare?

Round One

A program was chosen which filled up 202 blocks of computer memory

(\$990-9C1FF). The saving disks were freely formatted so that the search time for both system's resellers would be the same. To use WARP all that needs to be done is to plug in the cartridge, load the program for saving, switch the cartridge in and then save. After this a loader program is required which loads as a no block boot.

The Expert is more fiddly to use. First the operating system has to be loaded into the cartridge, then the routine follows a similar path as the WARP system but its final step has to be added. A fresh disk has to be formatted, a second program (Rocket TurboLoad) has to be loaded, and the program for saving is transferred from

