



SUPER EXPANDER

High Resolution Graphics Pack.
Commands include: Paint, Draw,
Circle, Colour, Point and many
more. Includes additional 3K RAM.



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I. INTRODUCTION

Your Super Expander cartridge is the most versatile cartridge you can buy for your VIC 20 Personal Computer. It adds an entirely new set of color, graphics plotting, music and function key commands to your VIC's vocabulary . . . AND . . . adds 3K extra memory (RAM) so you can write and RUN larger programs! With this cartridge you can plot graphic shapes, "paint" colors on the screen, easily redefine the VIC's programmable function keys, write music . . . and more.

The commands and functions which are listed below work just like BASIC commands. For example, you can type in the command POINT1,50,50 and hit RETURN and the VIC will plot a point at that position on the screen.

In addition, most of the new commands are pre-assigned to the special function keys on the far right side of the VIC keyboard. You can enter these commands simply by pressing the function keys, for one-key programming efficiency.

Also, you should note that all BASIC commands will work normally with the VIC Super Expander commands. The only exception is the IF . . . THEN statement. If a Super Expander statement follows the word THEN it should be separated by a colon (:). Here are the right and wrong ways to enter a program line using IF . . . THEN:

RIGHT

IF X = 1 THEN:SCNCLR

WRONG

IF X = 1 THEN SCNCLR

Programs created with Super Expander's special statements will not work on a machine without the Super Expander plugged in.

Finally, the extra 3K memory expansion is provided automatically when you plug in the Super Expander . . . you will see the screen come up with approximately 3000 extra bytes of memory when you turn it on.

GETTING STARTED

1. Turn on your television set.
2. Turn your VIC 20 off.
3. Insert the cartridge.
4. Turn the VIC 20 on.
5. Your Super Expander is now activated and you may write programs in BASIC using the special commands, statements and functions listed below.

II. USING SUPER EXPANDER GRAPHICS

A few special notes are in order before you begin working through the manual. To begin with, it should be noted that for purposes of graphics plotting, the Super Expander cartridge divides the screen area into 1024, by 1024 coordinates. For example, if you type POINT1,512,512 you will draw a point at the very middle of the screen. These are "pseudo-coordinates" which means the VIC accepts inputs based on 1024x1024 dot coordinates and scales the plotting down to the VIC's actual screen size/resolution.

A full range of graphic instructions is automatically added to your VIC's standard BASIC instruction set when you plug in the Super Expander cartridge. These instructions are listed and explained below.

NOTE: WHEN WORKING WITH GRAPHICS THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT PARAMETERS WHICH YOU MUST INCLUDE AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR PROGRAM. These set up the graphic screen so you can plot, include characters mixed with graphics, etc. The two graphic commands you should begin your program with are: GRAPHIC and COLOR. GRAPHIC sets the VIC in the "GRAPHIC MODE" you want to use, and "COLOR" specifies the colors you will be working with.

INSTRUCTION

EFFECT

GRAPHIC	Prepares the screen for graphics
SCNCLR	Clears a graphic screen
COLOR	Select screen, border, character, and auxiliary colors
REGION	Select character color
DRAW	Plots a line between two points
POINT	Plots a single point
CIRCLE	Draw a circle, ellipse, or arc
PAINT	Fill in an enclosed area in a color
CHAR	Puts text on the graphic screen
SOUND	Set 4 tones and volume all at once

FUNCTION

RETURN VALUE

RGR(x)	Current graphic mode
RCOLR(x)	The value in a color register
RDOT(x,y)	The color of a point on the screen
RPOT(x)	The position of the game paddle
RPEN(x)	The position of the light pen
RJOY(x)	The position of the joystick
RSND(x)	The value in a sound register

GRAPHIC n

This sets up the graphic screen and activates the graphics instruction set. There are 5 different GRAPHIC modes, which are activated by typing GRAPHIC and the number, as an instruction in your program.

Example:

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1Ø GRAPHIC 2
2Ø COLOR 1, 2, 3, 4
Type RUN and hit RETURN.
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Value of n	Mode
Ø	Text mode (normal)
1	Multi-color mode
2	High resolution mode
3	Mixed multi and high-res
4	Return to text mode

Mode Ø is the VIC's normal text mode. Once the mode has been changed, the GRAPHIC 4 statement is used to return to this mode.

In mode 1, there are 8Ø points across a line, and 16Ø lines. Each point is drawn in one of the 4 color registers: screen color, border color, character color, or auxiliary color. A point placed in the screen color is invisible, since it is the same as the background; this can be used to erase other points. Points drawn in either the screen, border, or auxiliary colors will change instantly when these colors are changed. The character color is associated with each specific 4 dot by 16 dot space of the screen. This means that if a dot is plotted in that space in a character color, all other points in that space that were drawn in the character color will change to the new character color.

In mode 2, there are 160 points across a line, and 160 lines. The points are half as wide as in mode 1, and therefore give twice as fine resolution to the screen. However, the color resolution is more limited. Dots can be plotted only in a character color. Within each specific space on the screen, which is an 8 by 8 dot area, there can be only one character color, so you can only have dots in that color displayed on the screen.

Mode 3 is a mixture of modes 1 and 2. When the character color is less than 8, the plotting is done in high resolution. When the character color is greater than 7, multi-color mode is in effect.

Mode 4 returns the screen to text mode from a graphic mode. **WARNING:** if the VIC was already in text mode, this will mess up the VIC until you turn it off and then on again.

SCNCLR

This statement clears the entire graphic screen. It may be typed directly or included in a program line.

COLOR sc, bo, ch, au

This sets up the 4 different color registers. The variables here have these limits:

sc = 0 to 15

bo = 0 to 7

ch = 0 to 7 normal, 8 to 15 multi-color

au = 0 to 15

The colors are:

0	black
1	white
2	red
3	cyan
4	purple
5	green
6	blue
7	yellow
8	orange
9	light orange
10	pink
11	light cyan
12	light purple
13	light green
14	light blue
15	light yellow



NOTE: in GRAPHIC 3 mode, character color numbers greater than 7 set multi-color mode. In this case, the actual character in that space is the color number minus 8.

EXAMPLE: COLOR 1, 2, 3, 4

REGION c

This works like the COLOR statement, except that only the character color is affected.

EXAMPLE: REGION 7

DRAW c, x1, y1 TO x2, y2 [TO x3, y3 . . . TO xn, yn]

or

DRAW c TO x1, y1 [...]

This allows you to draw lines in the screen. The variable c is the color of the line, on the following chart:

c	High-res	Multi-color
Ø	screen	screen
1	character	border
2	character	character
3	character	auxiliary

The x and y variables are the coordinates of the end-points of the line. The values of X and Y can be from Ø to 1Ø23. An X value of Ø is the left edge of the screen, and X=1Ø23 is the right edge, and the Y values determine the up-and-down position. The values from Ø to 1Ø23 are scaled down to the actual (16Ø by 16Ø or 8Ø by 16Ø) size of the screen.

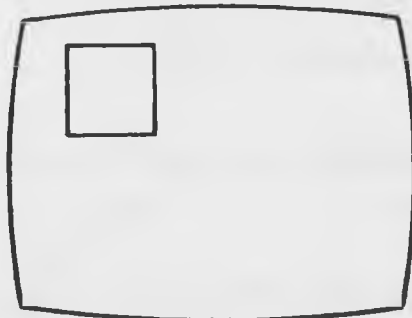
EXAMPLE 1: DRAW 1, 0, 0 TO 100, 100

EXAMPLE 2: DRAW 1, 0, 0 TO 0, 100 TO 100, 100 TO 100, 0 TO 0, 0

EXAMPLE 1



EXAMPLE 2



POINT c, x, y

or

POINT c, x1, y1, x2, y2, ---, xn, yn

This sets a point or points on the screen in the specified color. The points are given in the 0 to 1023 form.

EXAMPLE 1: POINT 1, 500, 500

EXAMPLE 2: POINT 2, 500, 500, 600, 600, 700, 700

CIRCLE c, x, y, rx, ry [,as,ae]

Where: c is the color register (see chart in DRAW statement) in which the circle is drawn

x and y are the coordinates of the center of the circle

rx and ry are width and height of the circle

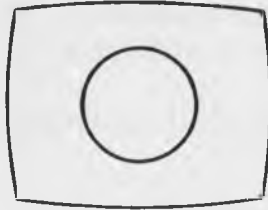
as and ae are the optional starting and ending angles of the arc, in gradians (0 to 100 degrees in a full circle)

EXAMPLE 1: CIRCLE 1, 511, 511, 300, 400

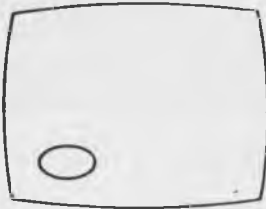
EXAMPLE 2: CIRCLE 1, 200, 900, 100, 100

EXAMPLE 3: CIRCLE 2, 500, 600, 200, 300, 10, 70

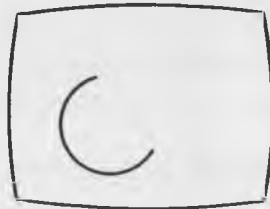
EXAMPLE 1



EXAMPLE 2



EXAMPLE 3



PAINT c, x, y

This paints an enclosed area in a color. *c* is the color register, and *x* and *y* are any point within the area to be painted. Each area can only be painted once. Because of the color limitations of some GRAPHIC modes, some nearby shapes may be distorted by this operation. If an area is bounded by multi-color mode areas, it must be PAINTed in the multi-color mode.

EXAMPLE: 10 GRAPHIC 1
20 COLOR 1, 7, 0, 10
30 CIRCLE 2, 511, 511, 200, 300
40 PAINT 3, 511, 511
50 PAINT 1, 511, 0

CHAR ro, co, "text"

This will put normal text on a graphic screen. The ro and co variables are the row and column on which the text is to appear. The text can be any string variable or text inside quote marks. Text should only be displayed when in the high-resolution mode, or the mixed mode, but never in multi-color mode.

EXAMPLE: CHAR 1, 1, "HELLO THERE"

SOUND s1, s2, s3, s4, v

This sets all 4 sound "speakers" and the volume control all at once. The S1 value is put into register 1. If its value is less than 128, no sound will play from that speaker. The volume can range from 0 (off) to 15. This lets you create multi-speaker sound effects.

EXAMPLE: SOUND 225, 225, 225, 0, 15

RGR(x)

This function reads the graphic mode that was set with the GRAPHIC command. The value of x can be from 0 to 255, and doesn't effect the result.

EXAMPLE: X = RGR(0)

RCOLR(x)

This reads the color from any of the 4 registers, depending on the

value of x on the following table:

X	COLOR REGISTER
Ø	screen color
1	border color
2	character color
3	auxiliary color

EXAMPLE: X = RCOLR(2)

RDOT(x, y)

This reads the color value of a dot on the screen. The values of x and y are the coordinates of the point, and the color value returned is the register of the color on that space.

EXAMPLE: X = RDOT(511, 511)

RPOT(x)

This reads the value of the paddle. If x = Ø, paddle X is read, and if x = 1, paddle Y is read.

EXAMPLE: 1Ø GRAPHIC2:COLOR11,6,6,6,
2Ø X=RPOT(Ø):Y=RPOT(1):J=RJOY(Ø)
3Ø IFJ=12THEN:SCNCLR
4Ø IFJ=4THEN:REGION2
5Ø IFJ=8THEN:REGION6
6Ø POINT2,X*4,Y*4:GOTO2Ø

RPEN(x)

This reads the screen coordinate of the light pen. If $x=0$, the X coordinate is returned, and if $x=1$, the Y coordinate.

EXAMPLE: $X = \text{RPEN}(0)$

RJOY(x)

This reads the value of the joystick. The x variable must be between 0 and 255, and has no effect on the outcome.

EXAMPLE: 10 GRAPHIC2:COLOR11,6,6,6,:X=170:Y=170
20 J=RJOY(0)
30 X=X+((JAND4)=4)-((JAND8)=8)
40 Y=Y+((JAND1)=)-((JAND2)=2)
50 POINT3,X*3,Y*3:IFJ=128THEN:SCNCLR
60 GOTO20

RSND(x)

This reads the value of any of the sound registers, depending on the value of x from this chart:

x	sound register
1	sound 1
2	sound 2
3	sound 3
4	sound 4
5	volume

III. WRITING SUPER EXPANDER MUSIC

The Super Expander's music writing mode lets you play notes directly by typing on the keyboard, or, more important, by using the PRINT statement in your BASIC PROGRAMS. It is "interrupt driven", which lets music play while the program proceeds with other tasks. It is designed primarily for playing of music, as opposed to sound effects, and makes writing programs with chords much easier.

Music mode is entered by holding down the CTRL key and hitting the **left arrow** (←). When you type this in quotes in a program a "reverse f" should appear. This is a special symbol that shows you where music mode is included in your program. Now any key you type will be interpreted by the music package, until the RETURN key is hit. Here are the characters recognized by music mode:

Character	Effect
P	Screen echo on
Q	Screen echo off
V	Volume selection
S	Sound register selection
O (the letter O, not the number)	Octave selection
T	Tempo selection
R	Rest for 1 beat
C, D, E, F, G, A, B	Play note
#	Play the next note sharp
\$	Play the next note flat
RETURN	Ends music mode

When PRINTING strings of these characters, the semicolon (;) can be used to prevent the RETURN character from ending music mode.

The screen echo is normally off. Any characters recognized by the music package are not displayed on the screen. However, when the echo is turned on, they appear normally.

Some of the letters recognized by music mode must be followed by a single digit. Here is a table of these letters and their associated numbers:

Letter	Numbers	Value of numbers
V	Ø to 9	Ø is quietest, 9 loudest
S	1 to 4	Speaker no.
O	1 to 3	1 is lowest, 3 is highest
T	Ø to 9	Tempo

The tempo is selected according to this chart:

Tempo number	Beats per minute	Duration of note times 1/60 second
Ø	9ØØ	4
1	6ØØ	6
2	45Ø	8
3	3ØØ	12
4	225	16
5	15Ø	24
6	112.5	32
7	56.25	64
8	28.	128
9	14.	255

Each sound register has 3 complete octaves in its range. However, since register 2 is one octave higher than register 1, the three octaves are different. When playing notes in different sound registers, be sure that the octaves used are chosen correctly.

Here are some examples of strings that play music (the reversed f symbol means hold down the CTRL Key and type the left arrow key at the top left corner of the keyboard).

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10 PRINT "ALL THE SAME NOTE [CTRL] [←] T7 V9 S1 Ø3 C S2 C  
S3 Ø1 C"  
20 PRINT "SCALE [CTRL] [←] T3 V9 S2 Ø1 CDEFGAB Ø2  
BDEFGAB Ø3 CDEFGAB"  
30 PRINT "CHORDS [CTRL] [←] T5 V9 S1 Ø3 C S2 E S3 Ø1 G";  
40 PRINT "S1 Ø3 D S2 Ø2 #F S3 Ø1 B";  
50 PRINT "S1 Ø3 E S2 Ø2 A S3 Ø2 C"
```

IV. PROGRAMMABLE FUNCTION KEYS

There are 8 functions that can be accessed with the function keys along with the SHIFT key. These are pre-assigned to the following:

Key	Text
f1	GRAPHIC
f2	COLOR
f3	DRAW
f4	SOUND
f5	CIRCLE
f6	RUN + RETURN
f7	POINT
f8	LIST + RETURN

Any time you hit these keys, the characters with which they are programmed enter the input buffer exactly as if you had typed them in yourself. Each key can be programmed with up to 128 characters, using the KEY command.

KEY **or** **KEY n, "string"**

The word KEY all by itself makes the VIC display a list of all 8 function keys and their current value. This is formatted on the screen so the contents of the strings can be edited by moving the cursor up to the string, making the desired change, and hitting RETURN, just like editing a program. You can change any key in the KEY MENU by changing the information inside the quotation marks and hitting return or by typing the KEY command using the format shown in the example below.

When followed by a number, this command changes the string value of the key to the new value. This can be up to 128 characters, including cursor and color controls, the RETURN (CHR\$(13)), or any other character. The keys can be changed under program control as well.

EXAMPLE: KEY 1, "ISN'T IT AMAZING?"

V. 3K MEMORY EXPANSION

When the 3K cartridge is used to expand the VIC-20, the BASIC program area is changed so it starts at location 1024 (\$0400).

Note that with the 3K cartridge plugged in, only on-board memory (4096-8191 or \$1000-1FFF) can be used as VIC screen and hi-resolution graphics areas.

SUPEREXPANDER PROGRAM EXAMPLES

PROGRAM 1

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5 REM TRIG PLOT DEMO
10 GRAPHIC2
11 SCNCLR
15 SC=INT(RND(1)*16):CH=INT(RND(1)*8):IFSC=CHTHEN15
20 COLORSC,SC,CH,1
30 AM=RND(1)*400+100
40 FR=RND(1)*100+50
50 AD=RND(1)*PI*2
60 TA=INT(RND(1)+.3)
70 IFTA=1THENAM=RND(1)*100+50:FR=RND(1)*200+50:CT=INT(RND(1)+.5)
80 X=0:GOSUB200
90 DRAW1,X,Y:Y0=Y
100 FORX=10TO1024STEP20
110 GOSUB200
120 IFABS(Y-Y0)>600THEN:DRAW1,X,Y
130 DRAW1TOX,Y:Y0=Y
140 NEXT
150 FORX=1TO2000:NEXT
160 RUN
200 Y=AM*SIN(X/FR+AD)/COS(TA*(X/FR+AD)):IFCT=1THENY=-Y
210 Y=512+Y:IFY<0THENY=0
220 IFY>1023THENY*1023
230 RETURN
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PROGRAM 2

```
5 REM 3-D PYRAMID
10 GRAPHIC2:COLORO,7,1,12
20 FORI=1TO5:READX(I),Y(I),Z(I):NEXT
100 FORI=1TO5
105 YY(I)=Y(I)
110 XX(I)=X(I)
111 ZZ(I)=Z(I)
120 POINT2,500+(200*XX(I))/(YY(I)+200),500
130 NEXT:XC=0:YC=220
160 A=A+20:R=A/57.29
165 FORI=1TO5
170 XX(I)=(X(I)-XC)*COS(R)+(Y(I)-YC)*SIN(R)+XC
180 YY(I)=(Y(I)-YC)*COS(R)+(X(I)-XC)*SIN(R)+YC+100
185 AX(I)=(300*XX(I))/(YY(I)+300)+500:AY(I)=(300*ZZ(I))/(YY(I)+300)+500
190 NEXT
191 SCNCLR
195 FORI=1TO4
200 DRAW2,AX(5),AY(5)TOAX(I),AY(I)
210 NEXT
220 DRAW2,AX(1),AY(1)TOAX(2),AY(2)
221 DRAW2,AX(3),AY(3)TOAX(4),AY(4)
222 DRAW2,AX(3),AY(3)TOAX(1),AY(1)
223 DRAW2,AX(2),AY(2)TOAX(4),AY(4)
999 GOTO160
1000 DATA-200,20,190,-200,420,190,200,20,190,200,420,190,0,220,-800
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PROGRAM 3

```
5 REM GRAPHIC DEMO
6 REM KINETIC STRING ART ADAPTED FROM BYTE ARTICLE
10 GRAPHIC2
20 COLOR0,0,5,5
30 FORL=0TO500STEP40
40 CIRCLE2,511,511,L,500-L
50 NEXT
55 GOSUB900
60 Q=RND(1)/2+.25
70 FORL=0TO500STEP40
80 CIRCLE2,511,511,L,500-L*Q
90 NEXT
100 GOSUB900
110 Q=RND(1)/2+.25
120 FORL=0TO500STEP40
130 CIRCLE2,511,511,L*Q,500-L
140 NEXT
150 GOSUB900
220 FORL=0TO2*PI STEP PI/25
230 CIRCLE2,511+400*SIN(L),511+400*COS(L),75,100
240 NEXT
250 GOSUB900
260 FORL=0TO2*PI STEP PI/50
270 CIRCLE2,511+400*SIN(L),511+400*COS(L)/(L+1),75-L*10,100-L*13
280 NEXT
290 GOSUB900
300 GRAPHIC1:DIMA%(200,3):FORL=1TO5:SC=INT(RND(1)*8)
301 BO=INT(RND(1)*16):IFBO=SCTHEN301
302 CH=INT(RND(1)*8):IF(CH=SC)OR(CH=BO)THEN302
303 AU=INT(RND(1)*16):IF(AU=SC)OR(AU=BO)OR(AU=CH)THEN303
304 COLORSC,BO,CH,AU
310 X=INT(RND(1)*1024):Y=INT(RND(1)*1024):X1=INT(RND(1)*1024)
315 Y1=INT(RND(1)*1024)
320 C1=0:C2=0
330 FORM=0TO200
340 IFC1<1THENC1=5+INT(RND(1)*10):RE=INT(RND(1)*3)+1
350 IFC2<1THENDX=INT(RND(1)*81)-40:DY=INT(RND(1)*81)-40:DA=INT(RND(1)*81)-40
355 IFC2<1THENDB=INT(RND(1)*81)-40:C2=15+INT(RND(1)*10)
360 X=X+DX:Y=Y+DY:X1=X1+DA:Y1=Y1+DB
361 IF(X<0)OR(X>1023)THENDX=-DX:X=X+DX*2
362 IF(Y<0)OR(Y>1023)THENDY=-DY:Y=Y+DY*2
363 IF(X1<0)OR(X1>1023)THENDA=-DA:X1=X1+DA*2
364 IF(Y1<0)OR(Y1>1023)THENDB=-DB:Y1=Y1+DB*2
365 C1=C1-1:C2=C2-1
370 DRAW0,A%(M,0),A%(M,1)TOA%(M,2),A%(M,3)
380 DRAWRE,X,Y,TOX1,Y1:A%(M,0)=X:A%(M,1)=Y:A%(M,2)=X1:A%(M,3)=Y1
390 NEXT:NEXT
400 GOSUB900
899 GRAPHIC4:COLOR1,3,6,6:PRINT"HOPE YOU LIKED THE SHOW!":GOSUB900:RUN
900 FORD=1TO2000:NEXT:SCNCLR:RETURN
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PROGRAM 4: KANGAROO

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10 GRAPHIC2:COLOR1,1,6,0
15 CIRCLE2,512,750,150,180,25,50
20 CIRCLE2,512,750,100,200,55,60
21 DRAW2,470,680TO360,680TO360,750
25 CIRCLE2,512,750,100,200,93,10
30 CIRCLE2,420,950,100,30
35 CIRCLE2,400,930,100,30,40,85
40 DRAW2,512,950TO1000,950
50 CIRCLE2,1000,50,1000,900,25,32
60 CIRCLE2,512,512,75,100,55,70
80 DRAW2,585,525TO585,600
90 DRAW2,490,350TO490,410
100 DRAW2,534,350TO534,410
110 CIRCLE2,512,270,60,80,45,30
117 CIRCLE2,485,260,2,5
118 CIRCLE2,535,260,2,5
120 CIRCLE2,450,320,70,30,2,75
125 CIRCLE2,385,310,7,7
130 DRAW2,500,200TO450,100TO425,150TO475,200
140 DRAW2,550,200TO600,100TO625,150TO565,215
150 DRAW2,534,410TO685,560TO535,710
160 DRAW2,534,485TO620,560TO535,650
170 CIRCLE2,535,680,23,30
180 DRAW2,440,480TO390,560TO460,640
190 DRAW2,430,550TO490,620
200 CIRCLE2,475,630,20,25
210 CIRCLE2,360,600,25,30,40,25
220 CIRCLE2,335,625,30,15,5,75
230 CIRCLE2,340,555,10,30
240 CIRCLE2,370,555,10,30
250 CIRCLE2,355,610,2,5
260 DRAW2,375,635TO425,685
270 DRAW2,355,635TO370,685
280 CIRCLE2,360,685,10,10
290 CIRCLE2,555,825,85,110,30,80
300 POINT2,512,542,492,512,532,572,552,602,472,482
310 CIRCLE2,400,900,400,500,88,0
320 CIRCLE2,400,900,500,600,81,0
330 DRAW2,480,400TO0,400
340 DRAW2,0,300TO400,300
350 DRAW2,800,950TO800,1023
360 DRAW2,900,950TO900,1023
380 CHAR6,1,"LIONEL"
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