# TRIAD 512K SRAM Upgrade User's Manual





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### **1. Congratulations!**

Thank you for purchasing the **TRIAD 512K SRAM Upgrade**, another one of the fine products offered by Cloud-9. This product was designed to be used with the Tandy Color Computer 3 exclusively.

Literally this is a 'COOL' upgrade. The following comparison data was collected during testing and benchmarked to our own 512K SIMM Upgrade board. The results are below:

Standard CoCo 3, 6809, running the MTEST512.BAS from Cloud-9 Meter : Fluke 87 True RMS Meter Temperature Probe: ES EST-67 IR non contact

Ambient Temperature	7	8°F		
	TRIAD 512K		Cloud-9 512K SIMM	
Test Data	data		Upgrade	
Memory Test Cycle Count	1040	~2 hrs	1040	~2 hrs
Memory chip temperature	87.4	° F	166.8	° F
Regulator Heat sink(base)	150.8	° F	171.6	° F
Average Current draw, CN6p2	21.82	mA	543	mA
		sq.		sq.
Circuit Board area	4.898	inches	9.72	inches

Comparison data	
Memory Temperature reduction	-89.41%
Regulator Temperature reduction	-22.22%
Current reduction	-95.98%
Circuit Board area	-49.61%

Note: The TRIAD yields an 89.41% temperature reduction and a >95% reduction in power!!!!!!!

The CoCo 3 has gone GREEN !!!

# 2. Installation

The following is a step by step instruction guide on how to install your new **TRIAD 512K SRAM Memory** board into your system. Before you start, make sure that you have the AC power plug removed from the wall. If a multi-pack is present, make sure that the power is removed before removing it from the CoCo's cartridge port. Make sure that you have a static free area when performing this installation.

The TRIAD 512K SRAM Upgrade requires C65 and C66 to be clipped.

#### **Required Tools**

- 1. Phillips screwdriver
- 2. Lead cutter
- 3. Standard screwdriver or IC Puller

#### **Inventory List**

- 1. Qty 1, TRIAD 512K SRAM Memory board assembly
- 2. Qty 1 512K Memory Test 5.25" disk
- 3. Qty 1, Manual

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Remove all screws on the bottom of the computer. Note that the shorter screws are removed from the front of the computer by the keyboard.
- 2. Locate and remove four memory chips labeled IC16, IC17, IC18, IC19.
- 3. Locate and remove(cut) the small capacitor labeled C66 located just above the top memory chip IC18.
- 4. Locate and remove(cut) the small capacitor labeled C65 located just below the bottom memory chip IC17.
- 5. Insert the **TRIAD 512K SRAM Upgrade** board into the header sockets. J6 will be in alignment with CN6, J5 with CN5 and J4 with CN4.
- 6. Please refer to Figure 1. Installation should appear like this.
- 7. Close the cover and replace the screws that were removed in step #1. Watch the screw lengths; the longer case screw go to the rear.



Figure 1

## **3.Operation**

#### Software - Memory Test

Enclosed is a utility that will test the memory. From Disk BASIC type the following command:

RUN"MTEST512" <ENTER>

This utility will check the memory blocks \$00-\$37. To exit this program, press any key and hold until exit. The program will loop until you press a key.

In the event that the memory should have to be replaced, please contact Cloud-9 via the email, <u>support@cloud9tech.com</u>.





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