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From: darkman@darkcityproductions.com Date: Mon Jun 3 04:09:46 EDT 2002

Subject: Hu card converter...

Ok, I am sure we have all been over this topic before. But, I have to bring this up.

I can't get over the demand there is for Hu Card converters (you know, to play Japanese Hu cards on your US system). It seems every time I turn arround, someone is asking me where they can get one. I don't really have much to tell them.

I have learned recently that playthegames.com (I think) claims that they will have NEW Kisado adapters soon. How they are getting these, I have no idea... but they want \$79 each... Hummm and I thought when I payed \$30-\$40 for mine it was expensive.

Now to my point. I have heard different things from different people... Some say the guy who made the Kisados, can no longer make them because he can no longer get the "Hu card slots..." or something along those lines. I have seen just about every converter that has surfaced. I just don't understand why someone can't make some new ones, and fairly cheaply. After all... any part can be made right? Even though Hu Cards, and their slots are not

standard by any means, can't something else be "adapted" for our needs? I can't help thinking, that if enough people put their heads together a new converter could be made, and be sold for around the \$40 price again.

Do share your thoughts....

DarkMan @ www.darkcityproductions.com PC Engine & other stuff.

From: megamind@starband.net

Date: Mon Jun 3 12:54:12 EDT 2002

Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

The tooling costs to tool the plastic for the connector and then the tooling to

form the pins will cost about US\$10K. I have thought about doing this in a factory

in China, but I don't have any assurances that I can even begin to recoup the cash outlay.

After the tooling is completed. It would actually cost less than \$25 to get these into the country, assuming that the shipment is around 5000 units.

If somebody is willing to collect and escrow the money and coordinate the many potential customers of such a device, I would be willing to do the project to make

these. I think a minimum of 2500 units need to be made to make this a reality.

Keith Lee

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This sure would be cool. But I just would not know where to start on how to get the money, plus my wife would not approve. (I know, she is crazy don't you think?)

Now to find potential customers, that is different story. People would buy them off my website. (ok, so thats not many) However, I bet if we spoke with large online video game shops to see if they were interested in the product... I am sure we could gather a lot of potential customers. I know converters always go for over \$100 each time one is placed on ebay. (if you ever see one) so, the demand is there. How high of a demand? That is yet to be seen. 2500 units does sound like a lot. How many USA systems were manufactured anyway?

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From: harperr@pilot.msu.edu

Date: Mon Jun 3 15:42:00 EDT 2002

Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

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That would be a good place to start. NCS and Video Game Depot would be good candidates.

From: brentb@digitaleclipse.com Date: Mon Jun 3 16:02:22 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

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Digital Eclipse North

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From: possumtoy@earthlink.net

Date: Mon Jun 3 16:34:44 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

TZD ONLY sells original merchandise, no boots, used, or unofficial products. This falls under the heading of a boot+unofficial, so it would not be appropriate to contact TZD.

Curtis Bathurst http://www.possumtoy.com

On Monday, June 3, 2002, at 01:02 PM, Brent Boylen wrote:

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From: Wedgerog1@aol.com

Date: Mon Jun 3 17:56:13 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

I bought my kisado from them. They also used to sell a number of other non-official converters, including the green diving board ones and a black one that, while more aesthetically pleasing, sucked.

-Joe R.

From: possumtoy@earthlink.net Date: Mon Jun 3 18:18:02 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

They currently, online, make a big fuss about not doing it. I wish they did. They try to make it sound like a feature... "ALL OUR PRODUCTS ARE NEW!" or something like that, but the truth is, and I admire them for this... but the truth is that they're liquidating old stock, which is certainly getting limited.

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From: diskounter@aol.com

Date: Mon Jun 3 18:30:12 EDT 2002

Subject: HuCard Slips Still Available!

If anyone is interested in HuCard slips, here are our prices:

HuCard slips - Pricing for U.S. orders. Other orders - please include address for shipping.

For quantities of 10 or less, \$.50 each, plus shipping. For quantities of 25 or more, \$.35 each, plus shipping.

Shipping for up to 50 is \$4.00 Priority Mail, and \$.25 for each 25 thereafter.

Brian Satinover, DisKounters - www.diskounters.com

From: diskounter@aol.com

Date: Mon Jun 3 18:44:59 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

After working with Keith for years, I would assume DisKounters would probably have an exclusive (hopefully) or be the primary source if such an item ever was developed. We have worked hard to get the parts needed to find out if it was possible to re-create such a converter (or make a new one).

I would prefer TZD NOT to get them. At one point, they were nice with us, but decided to cut us off and become extremely rude. I would prefer to work with other companies that I can trust.

I also have had over 100 people contact me about such a product. I have a list of emails (and still taking a list) for those wanting a converter. BIG PROBLEM - most people told me they are ONLY WILLING TO PAY \$30, since that is what we were selling Kisados for. I even mentioned to a few we were considering such a project, but once I said the cost could be \$50 - \$75 due to our overhead costs, many complained "but the kisado was only \$30 so thats all I am willing to spend". Not one person, but 15 - 20.

If people would be willing to stretch their pocket books to about \$50...it might be a little easier...but still tough. Again, costs must be recovered...and it does not look like that will happen (at least within a few YEARS).

Remember, Keith and I brought the list Turbo Slips that were virtually identical to those original slips...and we have not covered costs from that project.

Best bet is to get the word out...find out HOW MUCH and HOW MANY...I would love to get emails from people telling me how much they are willing to spend on a converter...and would continue compiling a list.

If the numbers get there, we might be able to order. After all, we are collectors too, and it would be a nice addition to the TG hardware lineup (10 years or so after the system was introduced). Brian Satinover, DisKounters - www.diskounters.com

From: darkman@darkcityproductions.com Date: Mon Jun 3 18:50:37 EDT 2002

Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

At 04:34 PM 6/3/2002 -0400, you wrote:

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But TZD used to sell converters...

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From: ethylene@viclink.com

Date: Tue Jun 4 00:41:22 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

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What is a boot?

Now-I-will-type-meaningless-words-so-the-ever-wise-Turbo-List-mail-filter-le ts-my-post-in.

From: possumtoy@earthlink.net Date: Tue Jun 4 00:58:24 EDT 2002 Subject: Re: Hu card converter...

| What is a boot? |
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| "Boot" is short for 'bootleg.' Something in the grey/black market. |
| Curtis Bathurst http://www.possumtoy.com |
| On Monday, June 3, 2002, at 09:41 PM, ethylene wrote: |
| <pre>> turbo-list@joyce.eng.yale.edu ></pre> |
| Turbo List Information The Turbo List Home Page has the most inclusive lists of cheats for PCE and TG games anywhere on the web. http://joyce.eng.yale.edu/~bt/turbo> cheats for all the details. |
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