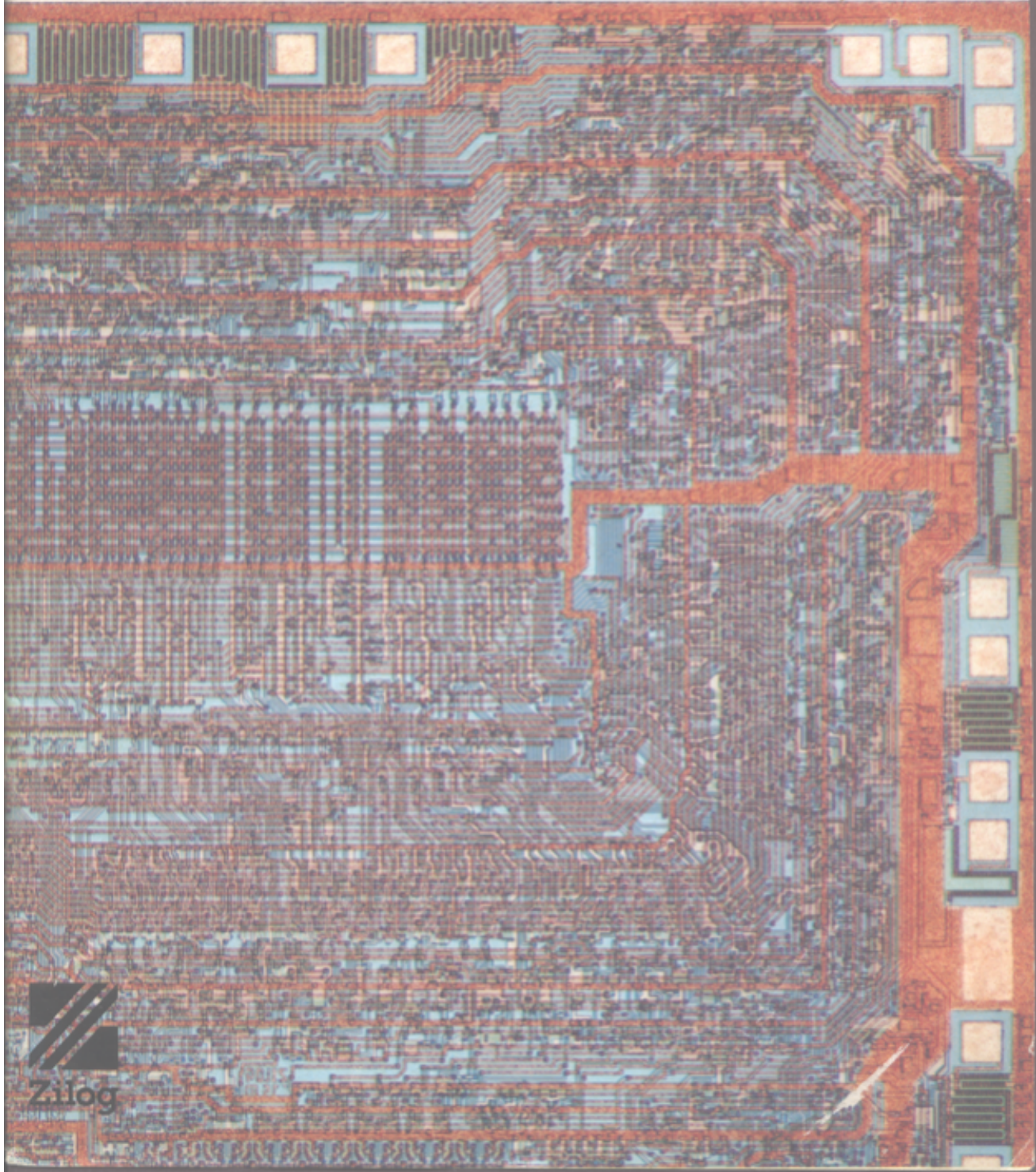


# Tandy COMPUTERS

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## Microcomputers — The Beginning of a New Era

Low-cost computing has come of age. A basic system — consisting of a Central Processing Unit, a Memory Unit, a keyboard input, and a printer or video output — is able to perform a variety of operations.

Large firms have long profited from computerizing their operations, but the only computers available have required huge outlays of cash. The microcomputer is an inexpensive solution for businesses that have wanted to computerize certain operations but couldn't, until now, afford to.

Computers bring with them a new management science that any businessman can appreciate. Computerized profit and loss statements presented on a *daily* basis alone could change "guesswork" into productive decision-making. And because it can handle complex work like statistics, trend analysis and even simulations, a microcomputer is a fantastic time-saving aid to strategic planning.

Even if its full capabilities are never used, a microcomputer can become an important addition to any business. Small businesses especially, that use the computer for bookkeeping and general accounting functions such as accounts receivable and payroll, can use the time saved by the computer for more important matters.

Of course, you don't have to be a businessman to appreciate a microcomputer. Whatever your interest in computers is, remember that computers have already helped shape our society. Your ideas and applications may develop into a whole new standard of living!

### Computer Terms You May Want to Learn

**Bus Structure** — The type of common connection among a number of locations over which information is transferred.

**Central Processing Unit (CPU)** — The principal unit of the computer which controls the processing and maintains a quickly accessible memory.

**Input/Output (I/O)** — The transmission of data from an external source (I/O device) to the computer or from the computer to an external device.

**Instruction Set** — The group of different instructions that a particular CPU is designed to execute. The more instructions, the greater the power of the processor.

**Interrupt** — A signal that forces the computer to divert from the main program to a specific address which is directly related to the type of interrupt that has taken place.

**Memory** — An electronic storage medium (the terms "memory" and "storage" are interchangeable), used mainly for retrieving information and data.

**Internal Memory** — A storage device that is an integral part of a computer and which is automatically accessible without human intervention.

**External Memory** — Off-line storage device that is not an integral part of the computer, such as magnetic-tape or disk devices.

**Random Access Memory (RAM)** — The segment of the computer's internal memory where programs or data can be stored. The contents of the memory may be changed to another program or another set of data at any time. When power is shut off, memory content is lost.

**Read-Only Memory (ROM)** — A permanent storage segment that retains memory content whether power is on or off. Like RAM, it can be read from but not altered or written into.

**Programmable Read-Only Memory (PROM)** — Similar to ROM except that its memory can be programmed, one time only, by the user.

**Erasable Programmable ROM (EPROM)** — A ROM that can be programmed by the user, erased and reprogrammed with new information. In normal use, it acts just the same as ROM — it cannot be written into.

**Peripherals** — Any machine that is used with the computer but is not part of the computer itself, such as discs, printers and terminals.

**Processor Speed (Cycle Time)** — The actual computational time necessary to process a set of instructions in the arithmetic and logic units of the computer.

**Register** — A circuit designed to temporarily store one or more words to facilitate arithmetical, logical or transferral operations.



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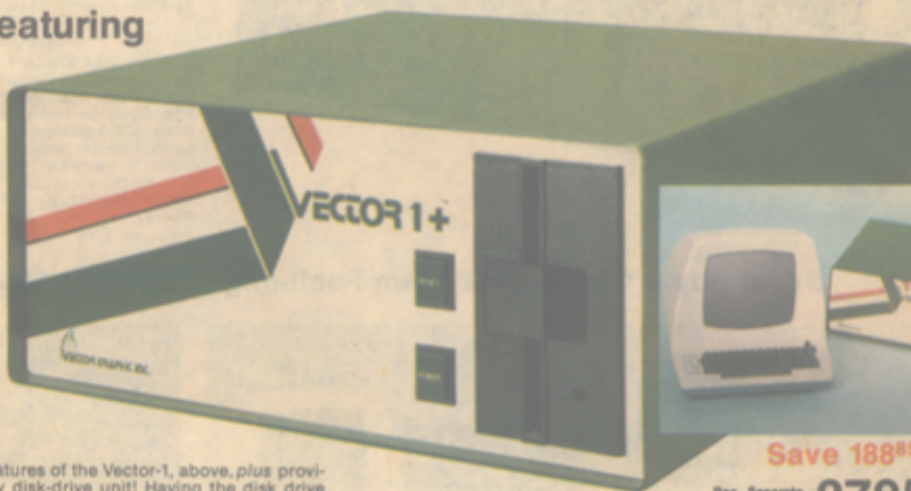
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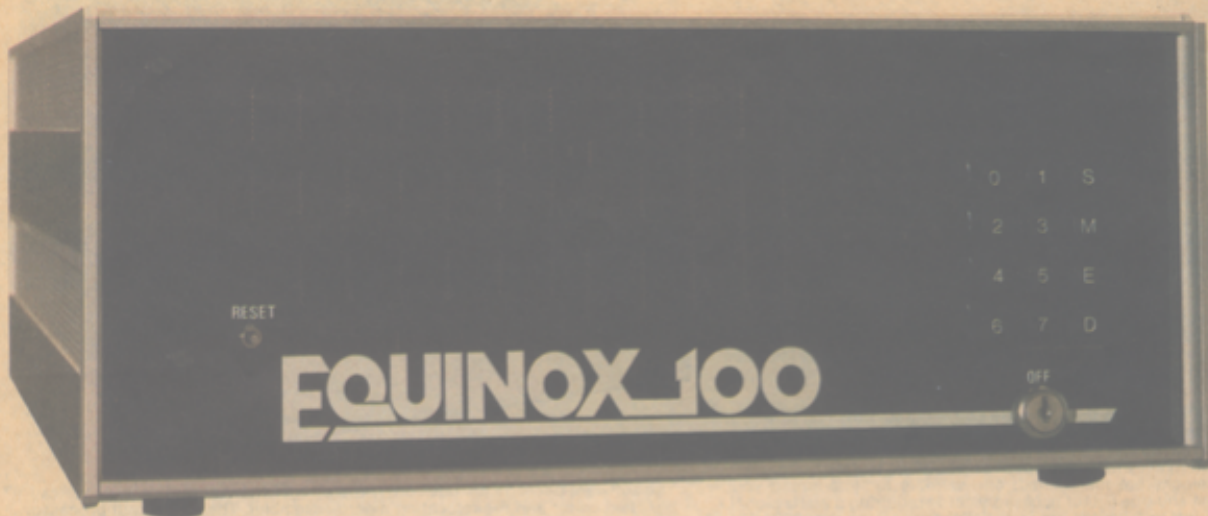
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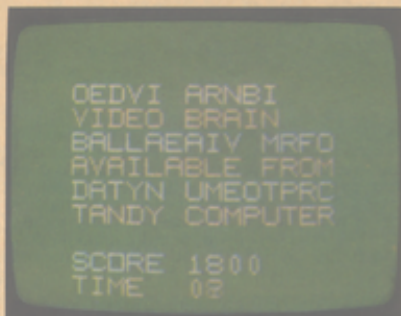
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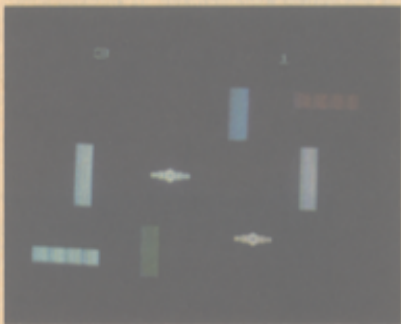
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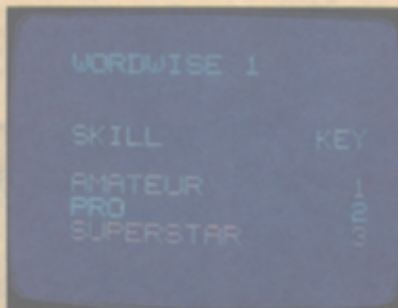
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**Intecolor 8031.** Microcomputers are known for their capability for handling an incredibly diverse range of business, control, research and financial applications. The 8031 desk top computer does all of this—in color! It features a compact 13-inch 8-color CRT and comes complete with graphics hardware and software. And it includes 12K ROM and 8K RAM, a built-in 5¼" mini-disk drive for extra storage, plus "File Handling BASIC" which lets you create, delete and retrieve program segments from storage by name.

A detachable keyboard presents the standard ASCII code. All of the display commands can be entered either through the serial input port or the keyboard. The keyboard input port has the highest priority of all inputs or outputs. The keyboard keys are optically encoded by means of photo-transistors, a light source and shutters attached to the keys. There are no switches to wear out and the unit is Radio Frequency Interference-free.

The 8031 can support a number of I/O devices, from the CRT display and the RS232C I/O to devices supplied by the user. Devices may be assigned functions by the System Monitor "S" command or by the user's program. This makes it possible to write programs which read from several different input devices and write to several different output devices of the program's choosing, without requiring any human intervention.

**BASIC 8031.** An incremental compiler which provides immediate translation and storage of user programs being input is included. This method decreases the response time of a RUN command and increases execution speed. BASIC 8031 has 24 key word programs statements, 13 editing and command statements, 18 mathematical functions, 9 string functions and 18 two-letter error messages.

BASIC 8031 is simple to learn and once learned has the facility of advanced techniques to perform more intricate manipulations or express a problem more efficiently. It provides for alpha-numeric character string, I/O and string variables, and allows user defined functions and assembly language sub-routine calls from user BASIC 8031 programs.

Computer with CRT and disk drive, 8K RAM, 12K ROM. 15½x21½x19¼". Keyboard, 2¼x18½x5½". For 120VAC. 81-1410. Shpg. wt. 73 lbs. .... 4495.00

## Whatever Your Program, It'll Look Better in Color

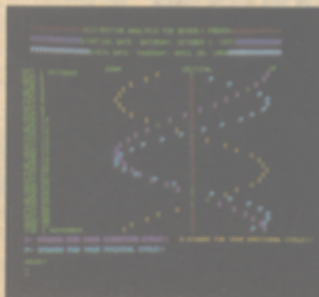


Star Trek is a good example of the games the 8031 can handle, but also demonstrates the process scientists would use in solving real world problems. The added dimension of color gives it the versatility black-and-white systems lack.

Can you beat the computer? When not using your computer for business purposes you can spend hours playing challenging games—in vivid colors. Many game programs are available or you can design and program your own.



Imagine how difficult it would be to interpret this chart if it were displayed in black-and-white. When your application calls for complex charts, the 8031's color capability is hard to beat.



Whether your applications involve international business, financial analysis, engineering or home use, color is the key to easier-to-read charts, graphs and illustrations.

# Self-Contained Computer With Megabyte Disk Memory

**IMSAI VDP-80.** A compact computer/intelligent terminal with dual floppy disk storage that fills the range of information processing needs for small businesses through major corporations.

The basic configuration consists of a 12" CRT capable of displaying 24 lines of 80 characters per line, dual PerSci floppy disks (512K each diskette), 64K bytes of RAM and a full function microcomputer-based alphanumeric keyboard with 10-key numeric pad and control keys. Memory may be expanded to 196K bytes in 16K byte increments. Under program control, the dual floppy disks are capable of storing 512K bytes each for a total of one megabyte.

The 8085-based microprocessor board comes with parallel and serial I/O ports. The input side of the parallel port handles the keyboard. The output side can be used to drive a printer or a plotter. The serial port supports the synchronous (including bisync) and asynchronous communications with programmable baud rates from 56 baud to 19.2 kilobaud.

Software provided with the VDP-80 comprises a comprehensive array of operating system capabilities within the context of high-level languages such as IMSAI's extended and commercial BASIC or ANSI Fortran IV, and Assembler with relocatable code, linking loader, file management, disk space management, etc. Protected field formatting in inverse video combined with character and line insert/delete provides the data entry and text editing capabilities required for business applications. 2K ROM monitor for debugging and diagnostic test capability. IMSAI DOS-A required. For 120VAC, 50/60Hz, 14 1/2 x 24 x 24". Factory assembled and tested.

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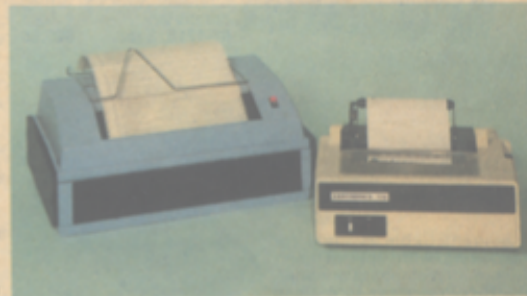
**Add a printer to your VDP-80!** Both feature up to 132 standard ASCII characters per line.

**IMSAI PTR-300B.** Tractor feed. 300 lines per minute.

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**Centronics 77B.** Pinch roll feed. Up to 130 lpm. (Interface required.)

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## Complete Video Computing Unit



**IMSAI PCS-80/30.** An integrated video computer with an intelligent keyboard, the IMSAI IKB-1. MPU speed of the 8085 is 3MHz. There's a full 3K of ROM monitor, 2 1/4K RAM and eight expansion slots on the terminated and regulated 10-slot motherboard for RAM expansion boards. Built-in 5" high-resolution (4MHz) video monitor has an extra-capacity 24x80 screen format. Graphic/edit provides graphics and text editing features with character and line insert/delete on the display. Both ASYNCH and SYNCH data transmission are provided for. Two serial ports and one fully-implemented parallel port. The keyboard is microprocessor driven and has "N" key rollover and tiered construction for a typewriter-like feel. The 28-amp power supply assures stable performance. Computer, 7x19 1/2 x 17". Keyboard, 3 1/2 x 15 x 8 1/4". For 120VAC, 50/60Hz. 81-1406. Kit Form. Shpg. wt. 38 lbs. .... 1199.00  
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## Minifloppy Computing System with Intelligent Keyboard



**IMSAI PCS-80/35.** This system features an 8085-based computer with two Shugart minifloppy disk drives built in and a microprocessor-driven keyboard. The extra-fast 8085 has an MPU speed of 3 MHz. Control Program/Monitor runs with the minifloppies. The included DIO interface board will simultaneously operate standard, double density and minifloppies. Totally compatible with all IMSAI software. 2 1/4K of RAM is provided, as are eight expansion slots on the terminated and regulated 10-slot motherboard. Optional 4K, 16K, 32K or 64K RAM expansion boards can be used. Also, there is a full 3K of ROM monitor. The IKB-1 intelligent keyboard features "N" key rollover and tiered construction for a true typewriter touch. Provides both ASYNCH and SYNCH data transmissions. The unit has two serial ports and one fully implemented parallel port. 28-amp power supply for stability. Computer, 7x19 1/2 x 17". Keyboard, 3 1/2 x 15 x 8 1/4". For 120VAC, 50-60 Hz. 81-1405. Kit Form. Shpg. wt. 37 lbs. .... 1995.00  
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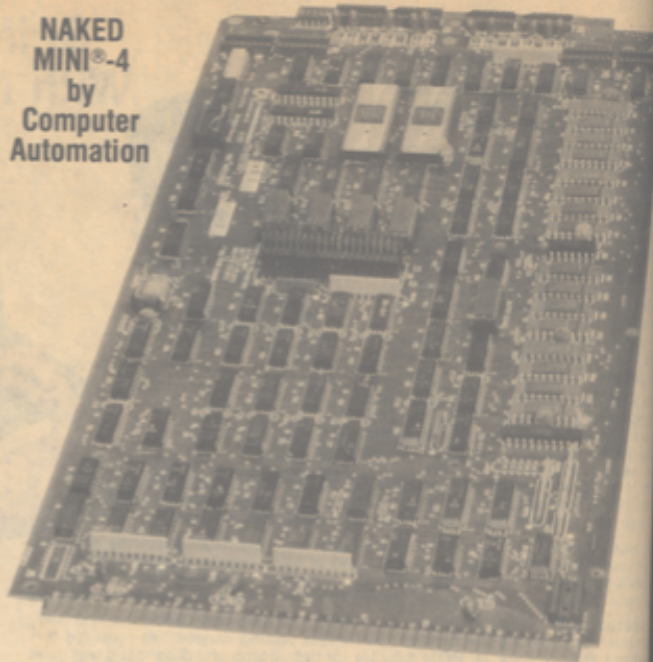
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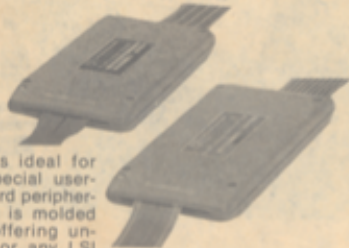


### Floppy Disk Controller



Low cost, micro-programmed controller designed to support up to four floppy disk drives. Includes Direct Memory Access, automatic error detection. Implemented on a standard half card for simple installation and operation with LSI Series computer. 87-1710. 3 lbs. ... 995.95

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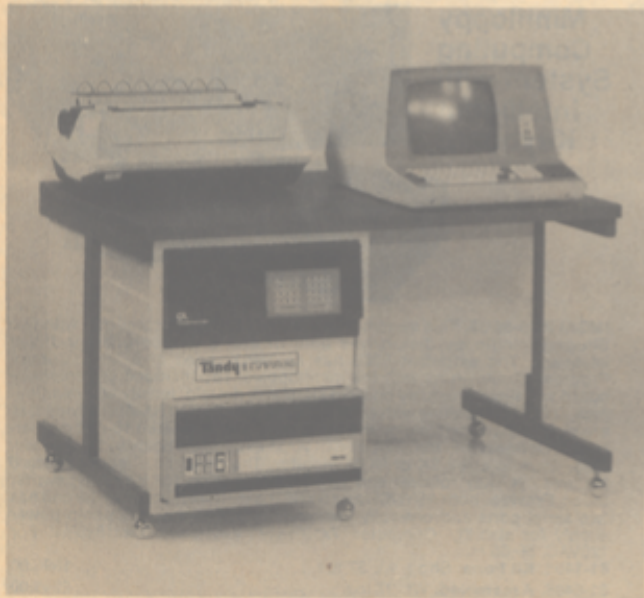


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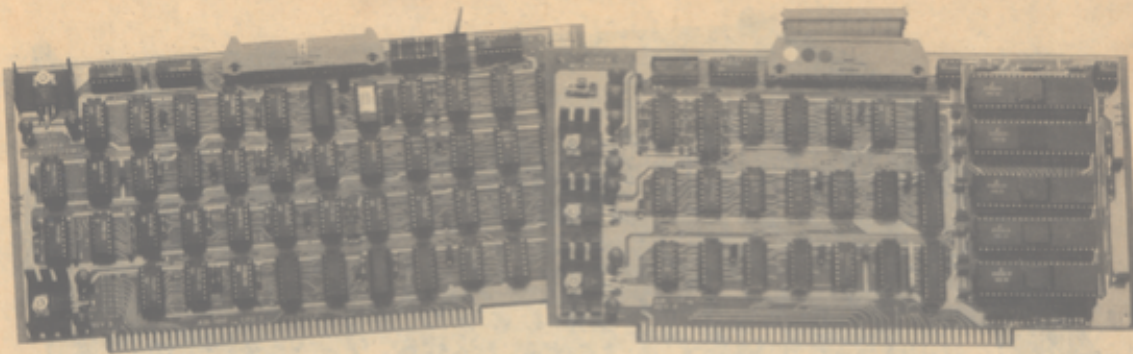
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## Boost Your Business with 16-Bit Power

**NAKED MINI-4 System.** The complete system for all your business needs! ComputerAutomation successfully links the entire minicomputer spectrum with a common system of processor architecture. It's a computerization solution conceived in totality—processors, memory, interface, peripherals, software and support linked in a continuum. Inside the NAKED MILLI card cage is the LSI 4/10, a complete, 16-bit printed circuit board that contains a high-speed processor with an 85-instruction set, 4K RAM and four Distributed I/O channels. The 4/10 includes stack registers, general-purpose registers, 64K-word direct addressing and six levels of priority vectored interrupts. Addressing modes include absolute, relative and indirect. The floppy disk controller used in the system includes automatic error detection and Direct Memory Access. ComputerAutomation's Intelligent Cable is implemented as an interface. Let our sales staff help you choose peripherals to fit your particular needs! The NAKED MINI-4 System can support a floppy disk system for ½ megabyte low-level storage—you get up to 1 megabyte with hard disk access memory storage! A video display capable of displaying 80x24 lines may also be added, along with a copy printer terminal. We'll help you form the most cost-effective system possible. And this means unlimited flexibility at a price that won't hurt your budget.

## Alpha Microsystems Updates the Famous 8080



**AM-100™.** Based on Western Digital's advanced WD-16 microprocessor, the AM-100 is a 16-bit, 2-card CPU that replaces the 8080 microprocessor in an S-100 bus type computer. It gives you the programming power and flexibility of a minicomputer while allowing a large selection of S-100 peripherals for tailoring a system to specific needs. It's the ideal system for businesses—perform daily accounting, inventory control and design problems at the same time! Hardware limitations of the 8080 have made microcomputer timesharing impractical for the personal computer enthusiast. The AM-100 puts at your command a system which easily accepts multi-tasking from a multiple user structure. In addition, the system lets you control priorities and allocate memory requirements for each job activated. There is even a security system to prevent unauthorized access to the data files. No installation problems with the AM-100—the processor interfaces to the popular S-100 bus by an

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# Sol-20 Computer by Processor Technology



- High-Level Computer Power at a Low-Level Price
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- Handsome Case Accented by Solid Walnut End-Panels

Processor Technology Sol-20. The Sol-20 kit is the complete small computer, with sophisticated hardware, powerful software and a full line of versatile peripherals. And it's easy to use! Thanks to Sol's plug-in "Personality Modules," Sol is programmed to receive your instructions the moment you turn it on. Need big-computer versatility? Sol can be tailored to accomplish virtually any task with such optional accessories as additional solid-state memory modules, the Helios II disk storage system, video monitor, joystick, printer and modules. A computer is only as powerful as its software allows it to be. Processor Technology's contribution to software excellence is Sol BASIC, a versatile, impressive collection of three versions of the most popular language ever developed. Sol is based upon the popular 8080A microprocessor, still the benchmark of computers-on-a-chip. And from the custom 85-key upper and lower case keyboard to its handsome walnut and metal cabinet, it's designed for the maximum in user convenience, flexibility and computing power.

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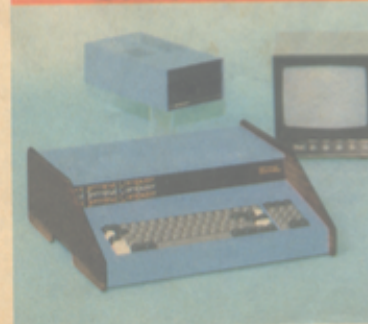
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PolyMorphic Systems' microprocessor is an 8080A type card, S-100 compatible, and features 78 instructions with 244 variations, 10 CPU registers, an addressing range of 65,536 bytes of memory and 256 ports and 8-level vectored interrupts. Addressing modes include direct, immediate, register and register direct. The Poly 88 incorporates crystal-controlled and real-time clocks, and has a software-controlled baud rate. Its outputs drive 30 TTL loads, and inputs are rated at one TTL load. Requires 8VDC and  $\pm 16$ VDC.

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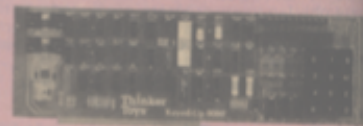
### ZPU Card



Technical Design Labs' ZPU is an S-100 compatible CPU card based on the Z-80 microprocessor by Zilog. Unmatched power is realized with 158 instructions, 696 opcodes, 22 registers, single voltage power requirements and static operation. One of two on-board clocks is a variable oscillator that lets you "fine-tune" your system. Bus lines are fully buffered to prevent static damage. Extensive use of bypass and decoupling capacitors facilitates higher clock speed operation.

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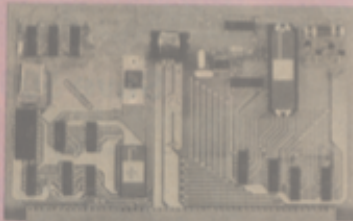
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One of the most powerful front panels available. Based on the 8080A, the Equinox 100 combines the CPU board and the front panel board into a single, intelligent, highly accessible unit with complete programming and debugging capability. The CPU is S-100 compatible with an extensive choice of peripheral components and software, including BASIC. All 8 internal registers can be accessed directly from the front panel. Large LED digits display contents of any CPU register, I/O device or memory location in concise octal format.

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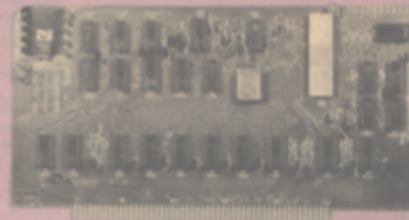
### SWTP MP-A for the 6800



The 6800 microprocessor chip is the heart of SWTP's MP-A board, which contains ROM and 128-byte scratch pad memory for the ROM. There is a full complement of 72 basic instructions, with six internal registers. Addressing modes include direct, relative, immediate, indexed and extended. The MP-A features a clock oscillator, crystal-controlled clock driver, baud generator and data bus buffers. The 6800 chip has 16 memory/peripheral address lines. Operates with single voltage requirements. The 6800 uses a 50-conductor bus.

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The CPU-1, S-100 compatible, incorporates the Intel 8080A microprocessor chip into a processor board that has a clock crystal oscillator and clock drivers, ROM monitor, automatic jump starts, parallel interface and on-board power supply voltage regulators. The CPU-1 features 78 instructions with 74 variations, a directly addressable memory of 65,024 words, 8-level hardware interrupts, and six registers plus stack pointer, program counter, accumulator and status register. Requires +8VDC and  $\pm 16$ VDC.

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# Tandy Hard Copy Printers Are Easy on the Budget

Many computer users require a permanent copy of a computer run for record keeping, correspondence, billing, financial statements or other reasons. This printed copy, or *hard copy*, can be produced by a Teletypewriter-style terminal or a stand-alone printer designed specifically as a hard copy output unit.

Printers have several advantages over Teletypewriter terminals. Since printers are output devices only, they don't tie up an input keyboard when printing. Printers are also very fast and are ideal for use as a hard copy output alongside a video terminal.

## Impact vs. Non-Impact Printers

All printers can be classified as either impact or non-impact. Impact printers produce print in the traditional way by striking a hammer against a ribbon and paper sheet. The simplest impact printers print a line character-by-character like a typewriter. A more advanced and correspondingly more expensive impact printer prints all the characters in a line of print simultaneously. These models can print up to a few thousand lines per minute.

Non-impact printers provide an even faster printing speed — up to 5,000 lines per minute. Some non-impact printers are more economical than the impact type, but their print quality is usually not as good. There are several types of non-impact printers. One kind uses heat-sensitive paper. Charac-

ters are formed by passing the paper over a row of thermal elements that produce outlines of digits and characters. Another kind prints on electro-sensitive paper. This paper is coated with a thin layer of black ink and then covered with an ultra-thin film of aluminum. An electrical pulse through a whisker-like print wire removes a small circle of aluminum and exposes a black ink dot. Characters are formed by dot patterns. Some very fast kinds of non-impact models project diagrams or characters on a video display onto light-sensitive paper. Another uses the Xerox process. Both of these methods are extremely fast (up to 18,000 lines per minute). Both are also extremely expensive.

## Selecting Your Printer

No matter what your application happens to be, if speed is necessary then chances are one of the non-impact printers that prints on electro-sensitive paper will fill the bill. You can even purchase one that can print Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in under a second. If graphics is a desire you'll be pleased to know that most printers can be used to produce crude bar graphs and simple figures under computer control. Carefully consider the merits of both Teletypewriters and printers before buying. Some applications will benefit from both a Teletypewriter terminal and a printer, while others may require only a video terminal and printer.

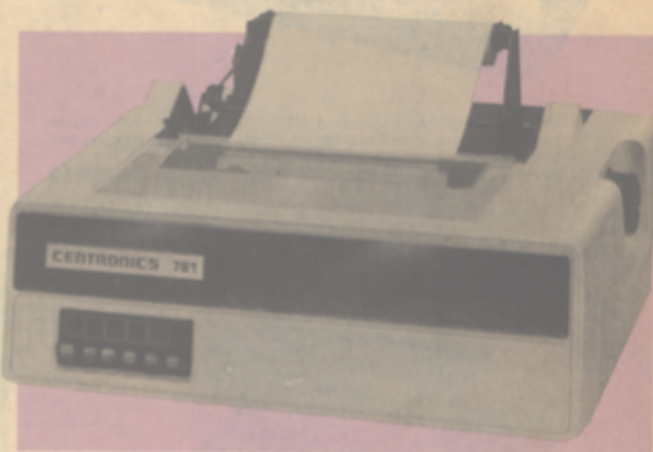
## Expand with Centronics

**Centronics 779.** An excellent serial printer from Centronics' famous 700 Series. It prints the standard 64-character ASCII set using a 5x7 dot matrix. Character per line widths of 10, 80 and 132 are selectable. Speed is 60 characters/second at 10 cpi, and 110 cps at 16.5 cpi. At the 10 cpi density, it prints 90 lines/minute with a 10-character line, and 21 lpm with an 80-character line. At 16.5 cpi, the 779 prints 130 lpm with 10, 36 lpm with 80, and 21 with the 132-character line. Format is 6 lines per inch vertical. Maximum print width is 8.0". Roll paper to 9.8" width with a 6.7" diameter and one inch core can be used. Forms handling operations include a pinch roll feed, rear mounted paper roll holder, and column scale and tear bar. The cartridge contains a continuous 3/16" ribbon, 10 yards long; a Mobius loop allows printing on upper and lower portions of the ribbon on alternate passes. Controls include print switch, forms thickness, horizontal and vertical forms positioning, print density. Data input is handled along 7-bit ASCII parallel lines. TTL compatible. 8x19 1/2x18". For 115/230VAC, 50/60Hz.

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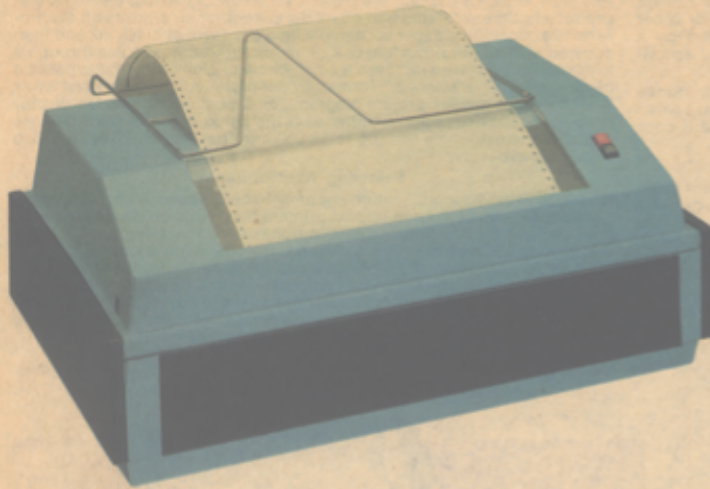
**Centronics 703.** Outstanding design and value from one of the best known names in dot matrix printers. The 703 serial printer utilizes a 7x7 dot matrix and prints the standard 64-character ASCII upper case set. Print speed is a fast 180 characters per second. Line widths of 20, 80 or 132 characters per line are software selectable. The 703 prints 370 lines per minute with a 20-character line, 120 lpm with an 80-character line and 75 lpm using the 132-character line setting. Format is 10 characters per inch horizontal and 6 lines per inch vertical. Elongated (double width) characters are software selectable. Maximum print width is 13.2". Paper from 4" to 17.3" width can be used. Positive forms handling action is made possible with use of a tractor feed for rear or bottom feed forms, a 15 inches per second slew, paper-out sensor and paper tension adjustment. A ribbon cartridge houses a continuous 3/16" ribbon, 10 yards long; a Mobius loop allows printing on the upper and lower portions of the ribbon on alternate passes. Operator controls include select/deselect, forms thickness, horizontal and vertical forms positioning, single line feed, paper empty override and self-test. An internal auto motor control turns the main motor off when no data is received. An electronic top-of-form control allows paper to space to top of form when command is received. Data input is along 7 or 8-bit parallel ASCII lines at TTL levels with strobe. 8x24 1/2x18". For 115/230VAC, 50/60Hz.

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The built-in tractor feed is adjustable for smaller sized paper than the full 132-column paper. The printer will accept paper widths ranging from 4 1/4" to a maximum of 15".

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The PTR-300 features a ribbon with a 10-million character life. When necessary, you'll find ribbon changing quick and easy. You will also like the built-in diagnostics and test features should you ever need to troubleshoot.

The printer requires an SI02-1, SI02-2 or MIO board. Power consumption is 150 watts. With operating manual. 13.3x27.6x21.4". For 120VAC. U.L. listed.  
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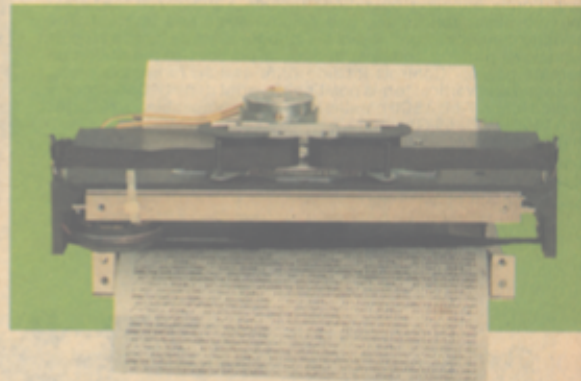
## Low-Cost Alphanumeric Line Printer

**SWTPC PR-40.** Add a 5x7 dot matrix impact printer to your system for a reasonable price. The PR-40 uses standard 3 1/2" wide rolls of adding machine paper available at most office supply stores.

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Character data is accepted as fast as one character per microsecond or as slow as you wish to send it. Its seven parallel data lines are TTL compatible and may be enabled by a single "data ready" control line or by separate "data ready" and "data accepted" handshake control lines. Compatible with all computer and terminal systems having an 8-bit parallel interface, including most "8080" based systems.

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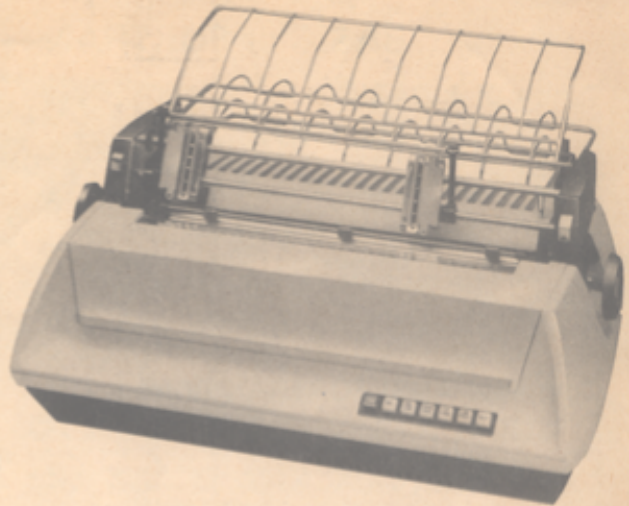
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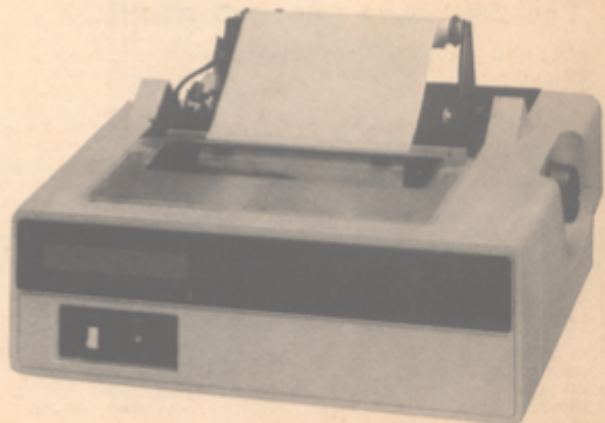
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# Operating Systems and Programs

## Disk Operating Systems

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This advanced disk operating system is designed for use with IBM-compatible diskette-based computer systems which employ the 8080 microcomputer. Functions include named dynamic files, program editing, assembly, debugging, batch processing and instantaneous program loading. An "unbundled" software package, it can be easily adapted to any 8080 or Z-80 computer system with at least 16K of main memory and one or two IBM-compatible disk drives. CP/M components include the Peripheral Interchange Program, which allows transfer of files between various devices and disk files, as well as concatenation of files on the diskettes. The editor allows preparation of programs and text using powerful context editing and display commands. The assembler is compatible with both the standard Intel assembler and Processor Technology assembly language. And, the Dynamic Debugging Tool is a monitor which allows symbolic program tracing, debugging and testing.

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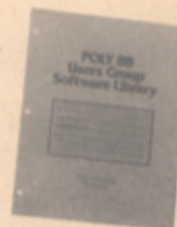
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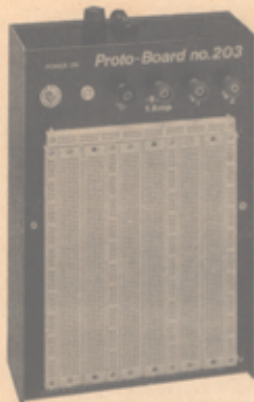
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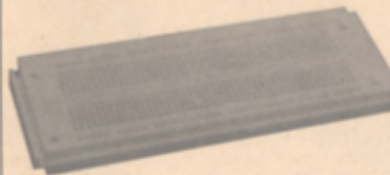
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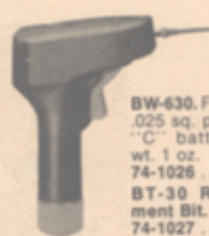
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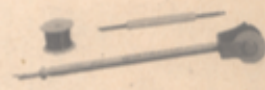
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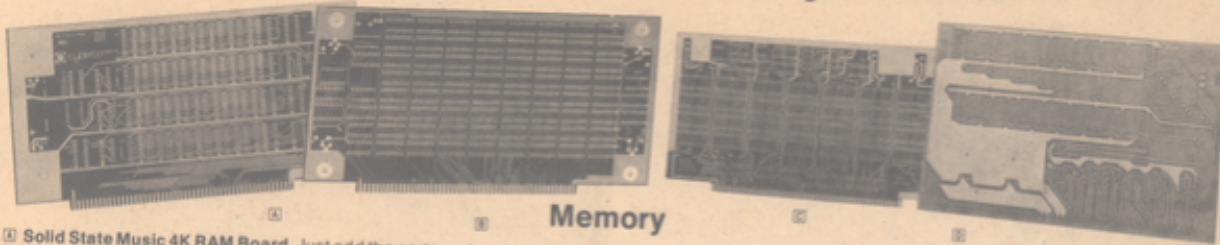
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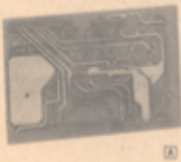
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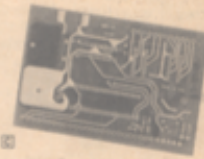
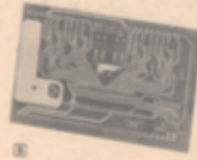
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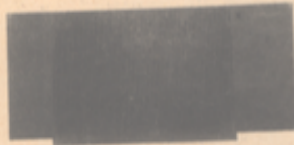
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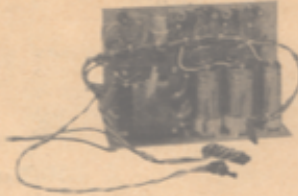
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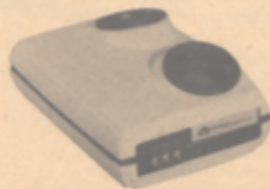
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# Input/Output—A Determining Factor

One of the most important aspects of a computer from the operator's viewpoint is its input/output (I/O) capability. And the best way to relate to input/output is to think of a pocket calculator. The input to the calculator is its keyboard. The output is its digital readout. Although other input and output devices can be used with a calculator, the machine would not be nearly as useful to the operator.

Computers, however, can be connected to a considerably more diverse range of input and output devices. Some, such as the **Teletypewriter<sup>TM</sup>** and **video terminal**, combine an input mechanism (a typewriter-like keyboard) and output device (printer or video display) in a single housing. These combination input/output devices are very handy when using a computer for such applications as higher language programming, accounting, inventory control, mathematical operations and recreation. **Magnetic tape** and **disk memories** also constitute a common input/output device since they transfer programs and data into and out of a computer.

Still another combination input/output device is the **acoustic coupler**. This device permits computers, or a computer and a remote input/output device, to communicate with one another over an ordinary telephone line. Typically, the coupler has a receptacle for the telephone's handset. Information is transmitted as an audio tone.

Many devices designed solely for input or output are also available. A particularly important input device is the **analog-to-digital (A/D) converter**. This modular electronic circuit is designed to be connected to a source of variable electrical signals, such as a thermostat, fluid level indicator, light-sensitive photocell or any of a wide variety of environmental sensors. It transforms the analog information at its input into the digital form a computer understands.

Another important input device is the **paper tape reader**. This mechanism uses a row of light-sensitive phototransistors to read the perforations in a punched paper tape. Paper tape is commonly used to quickly load programs and data into a computer.

Output devices that can be connected to a computer include **video monitors**, **printers** and **digital-to-analog (D/A) converters**. The digital-to-analog converter is the opposite of the A/D converter. It transforms digital information from a computer into a variable voltage suitable for operating analog devices like motor speed controllers, audio tone generators and a range of mechanical and electrical devices.

## Input/Output Interfacing

Computers incorporate a variety of features that enable them to communicate with the input and output devices to which their data buses are connected. Typically, the computer periodically checks to see if an input device is ready to transfer data onto the data bus or if an output device is ready to accept data from the data bus. If an input or output device is ready, the computer's processor interrupts its operation to open the data bus to the appropriate input/output devices.

However, interrupting the operation of a processor is no simple matter. The data being processed along with the status of various condition bits must be saved for use after the input/output request has been serviced. The processor then services the interrupt, retrieves the data it was processing before the interrupt and continues executing the program in its memory. Sometimes several interrupts may occur at closely spaced intervals, such as when both an input and output device notify the processor that they are ready to send or receive data. Computers usually handle this kind of situation on a priority basis with the first interrupt being serviced first, then the second and so forth.

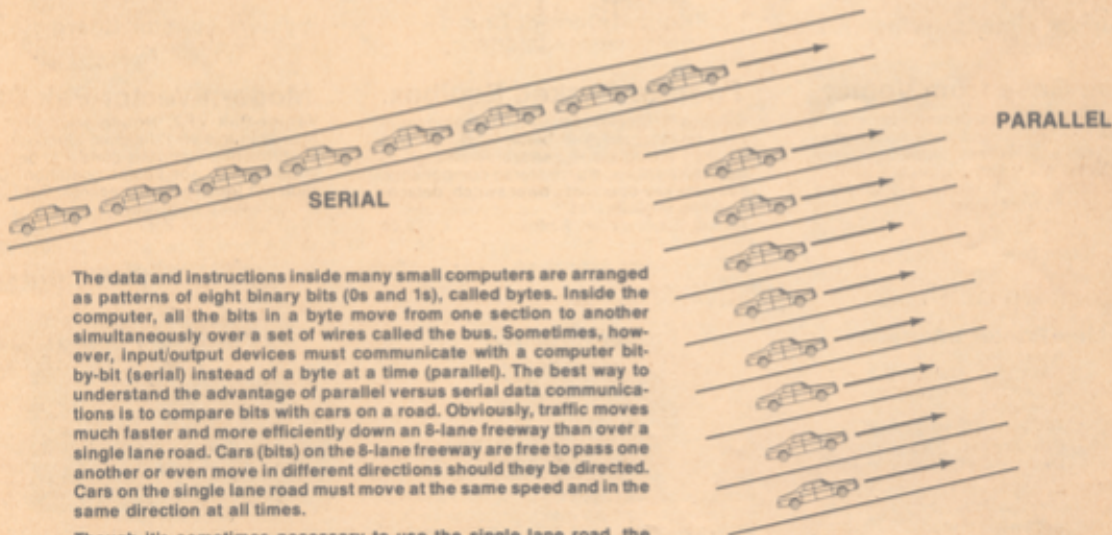
## Transferring Data

Almost all microprocessor-based computers incorporate a multiple-bit bus for transferring data into and out of the computer. This permits data to be transferred very rapidly as parallel multiple-bit words (usually 8 or 16 bits).

Often it's not possible to transfer data in parallel form a word at a time. Let's assume, for example, that two computers are to communicate with one another over a distance of several hundred feet. In such a case it's often more economical and practical to connect the two computers to a simple two-conductor cable such as an existing telephone or intercom line. The parallel data from the bus of each computer is then converted into serial form for bit-by-bit transmission down the cable.

The converter circuit in each computer also converts data arriving in bit-serial form into the parallel form necessary for the data bus.

This is only one example of transferring data between computers. You'll become more familiar with the relative advantages and disadvantages of serial and parallel data transfers as you become more involved with computers. The illustrated explanation below will help you understand some of the more important differences between serial and parallel communications.

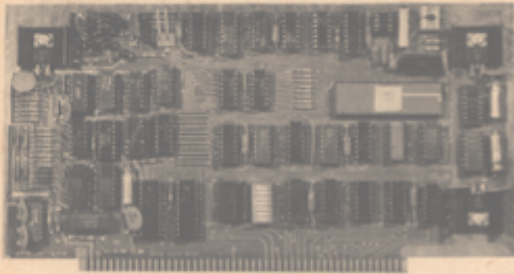


The data and instructions inside many small computers are arranged as patterns of eight binary bits (0s and 1s), called bytes. Inside the computer, all the bits in a byte move from one section to another simultaneously over a set of wires called the bus. Sometimes, however, input/output devices must communicate with a computer bit-by-bit (serial) instead of a byte at a time (parallel). The best way to understand the advantage of parallel versus serial data communications is to compare bits with cars on a road. Obviously, traffic moves much faster and more efficiently down an 8-lane freeway than over a single lane road. Cars (bits) on the 8-lane freeway are free to pass one another or even move in different directions should they be directed. Cars on the single lane road must move at the same speed and in the same direction at all times.

Though it's sometimes necessary to use the single lane road, the multiple lane freeway is much faster and more efficient.

# Add an Accessory Board to Your Computer

## Music Synthesizer Board

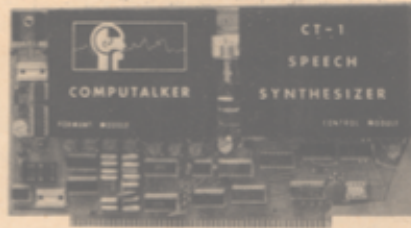


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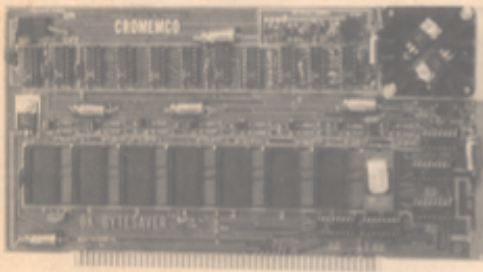
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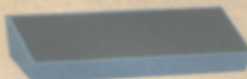
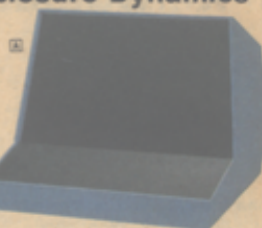


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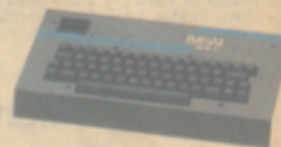
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## Backplane and Motherboards



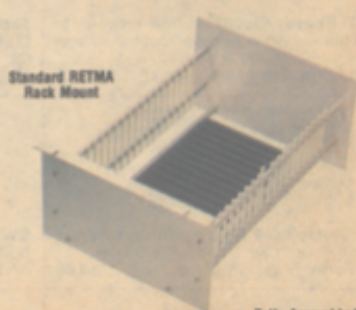
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**Vector Graphic Bit Streamer.** Two parallel ports and one serial port are incorporated in this I/O board, which employs an 8251 USART for both asynchronous and synchronous communication protocols, including IBM, BI-SYNC.  
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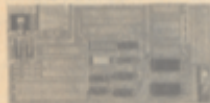


**IMSAI SMT Board.** Electrical line terminator board for connecting processor cables in system.  
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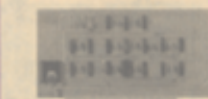
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### PolyMorphic Systems

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⊠ Smoke Signal Broadcasting's 8K EPROM board is a plug-in interface to the ICOM Frugal Floppy. It contains room for eight 2708's, or seven plus a Motorola Mikbug or Minbug II ROM. Interfaces with the Oliver Paper Tape Reader and SSB's EPROM programmer. Just plug the P-38-FF into your SWTP 6800 and your ICOM into the P-38-FF.  
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### Digital Systems

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# Memory Boards Give Your Computer More Power

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Magnetic memories like tapes and floppy disks can store more information for less money than semiconductor memories. But tapes and disks are considerably slower, at least electronically, than semiconductor memories. One reason is that tapes and disks are mechanical memories while semiconductor memories are solid state devices with no moving parts. Another is a capability called **random access**. The only way to retrieve data stored on a tape, for example, is to search the tape inch by inch and bit by bit until the desired data is located. This is called **serial access**. Random access means any stored bit or word can be addressed within some identical and fixed time limit. Apply the appropriate address code to the address input of the memory and within microseconds—or less—you can retrieve data from or load data into the memory.

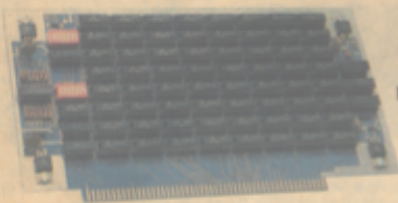
Both ROM's and RAM's store information in similar formats. Smaller memories, for instance, often store data as individual bits or as 4 or 8-bit words. Thus a 16x4 bit RAM can store 16 4-bit words and a 256x1 bit ROM can store 256 bits. Larger memories usually store data as individual bits (1024x1, 2048x1, etc.). Many memories can store more than a thousand bits. It's common to designate memories like this with a "K" factor, representing 1024 bits.

Most ROM's are loaded with a specified set of data when they are manufactured. They're called **mask-programmed ROM's**. These ROM's contain various kinds of electronically coded data and look-up tables. The IC's that produce characters on the video display of computer terminals are actually mask-programmed ROM's. Some specialized ROM's even contain the programs that enable a computer to understand BASIC, COBOL, and other computer languages.

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RAM's are either dynamic or static. Dynamic RAM's can store data for only a few milliseconds so the stored information must be periodically refreshed. Static RAM's store information as long as power is "on." Both static and dynamic RAM's have non-destructive readouts—information can be read out of a RAM without erasing it.

If you intend to expand your computer's memory, be sure that your computer's power supply can handle the additional current requirement.



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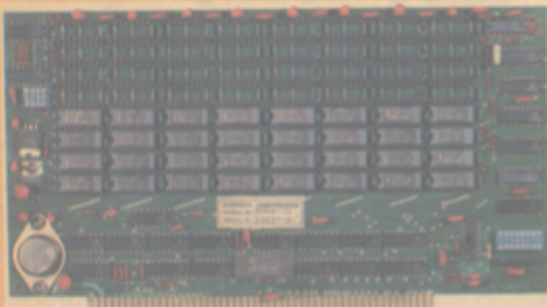
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**Solid-State Music MB-9.** Handles 4K of ROM or RAM in any 256-byte increment. Uses 2112 RAM's, handles 74S287, DM8573, 52S126 or equivalent ROM's. Programmable 0, 1 or 2 wait states, DIP switch for 4K address selection. 1K increment jump vector circuit.  
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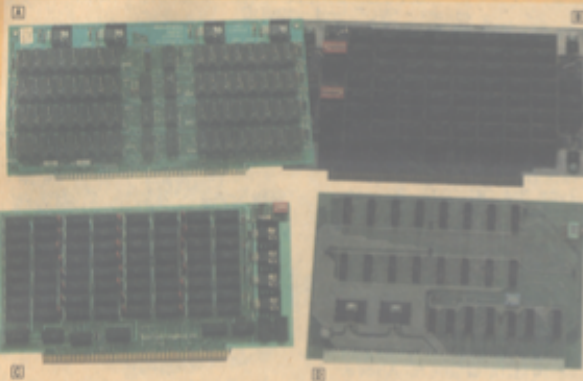
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# PROM Boards

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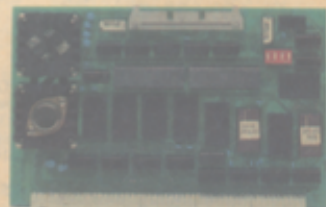
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Smoke Signal Broadcasting P-38. Provides room for up to 8 type 2708 EPROMs or any ROM or PROM that is pin and electrically compatible with the 2708. Switch selects any 8K memory location from 0000 to any multiple of 8K. For use with the SWTP 6800. Assembled. Less EPROMs. 82-832. 2 lbs. ... 179.00

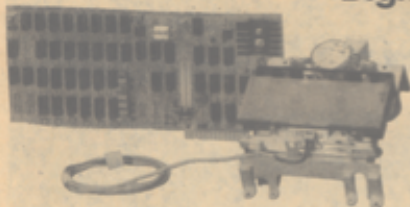
Solid-State Music MB-8. An S-100 bus-compatible PROM board for use with type-2708 EPROMs (optional). DIP switch selection of memory assignment and choice of 8K or 16K complement. Also features switch selection of wait cycles from 0 to 4 and reverse-voltage selection. 82-1651. Kit. 2 lbs. .... 84.95



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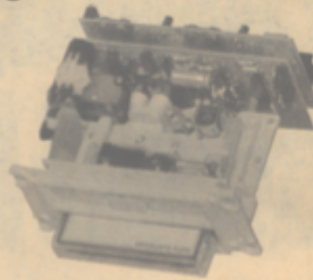
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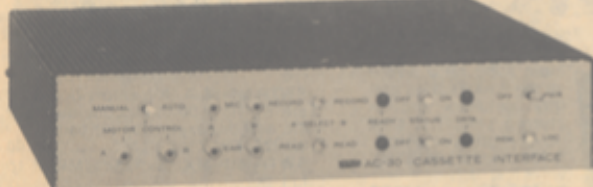


**National Multiplex 3M3A Cartridge Recorder.** Loads 8K in under 2.0 sec. Recording at 19.2 Kilobaud, playback at 50 Kilobaud. File or record searching at 50 Kilobaud and loading is automatic. Speed is 10"/sec. on record, up to 30"/sec. on playback. Records one clock track and one data track on each pass (2 passes). Built-in 120VAC power supply.  
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**SWTPC AC-30 Audio Cassette Interface.** Stores and inputs data to systems with RS232 serial interfaces and a UART circuit with accessible 16x clock frequency. FSK data format uses 1200Hz and 2400Hz at 300-baud data rate. Kansas City Methods. For 120VAC, 60Hz.  
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83-6206. Factory Assembled. Shpg. wt. 4 lbs. .... 99.95



**PerCom Data Co. CIS-30+.** Used with SWTPC 6800 Computer, the CIS-30+ allows record and playback of data using an ordinary cassette recorder at 30, 60 or 120 bytes/sec. (Kansas City). Connects to terminal and either Control (MP-C) or Serial (MP-S) interface of SWTPC 6800. Also works with 8080. Uses self clocking "Kansas City"/Biphase Standard.  
83-1203. Kit Form. Shpg. wt. 2 lbs. .... 79.95  
83-6203. Factory Assembled. Shpg. wt. 2 lbs. .... 99.95

## Cassette Interface Boards



**PerCom Data Co. Cassette & Terminal I/O.** S-100 plug-in compatible. Works with any cassette recorder. 30-240 bytes/sec. Cassette I/O and 300-9600 Baud Data Terminal I/O (RS232 compatible). Load/Dump Software included.  
83-1205. Kit Form. 2 lbs. .... 99.95  
83-6205. Assembled. 2 lbs. .... 139.95



**Tarbell Electronics Cassette Interface.** S-100 plug-in compatible. Phase encoded self-clocking requires only one channel. 27-540 bytes/sec., 1000 bytes/sec. @ 10 inches/sec. with PHI-DECK.  
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**PolyMorphic Systems Cassette Interface.** Use with any PolyMorphic system. Provides both Kansas City and PolyPhase recording methods. All PolyMorphic software is provided on PolyPhase tape.  
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# Floppy Disk Storage Devices

## Beginners Guide to Floppy Disks

Many applications for computers require a mass data storage capability. Magnetic tape offers an economical solution to the mass data storage problem, but access time is simply too long for many applications.

The disk memory neatly fills the need for a fast mass data storage memory system. The disk is a circular metal or plastic plate coated with nickel cobalt or a similar easily magnetized substance. It's rotated much like a phonograph record at several hundred revolutions per minute by a motor drive. A read/write head similar to the recording head in a tape recorder reads data from or writes data onto the magnetic surface of the disk.

The disk storage method is faster than recording tape since data is stored in concentric rings called data tracks around the surface of the disk. A series of read/write heads or a single read/write head on a movable arm give very rapid access (a few tenths of a second) to any of the dozens or hundreds of data tracks on a disk. When the selected data track is accessed, only a brief fraction of a second is required to access data anywhere on the track.

Metal disk memories can store millions of bits on one or both of their two surfaces. Some very large capacity disks are more than a meter in diameter and can store hundreds of millions of bits.

Metal disk memories, however, are expensive. In recent years a new kind of disk made from the same oxide coated plastic used to make recording tape has become very popular. These new disks are called flexible or "floppy" disks.

Floppy disks, or **diskettes** as they're sometimes called, are much smaller than the considerably more expensive metal disks. Still, they have an impressive data storage capacity. One typical floppy disk system can hold a quarter of a million bytes on its 17 centimeter diameter diskette. Any data track on the disk can be reached by a single read/write head within 0.3

second, and the entire contents of the disk can be read out in a second!

An important advantage of floppy disks is their portability. They are no larger than a 45-rpm record so they can be easily mailed, transported and stored.

### How Data is Organized on a Disk

There are two ways to keep track of where data is stored on a disk. In both, each of the data tracks is divided into one or more storage locations called **sectors**. A soft-sectored disk is organized by software while a hard-sectored disk is organized by hardware. Let's take a closer look at both methods.

**Soft-Sectored Disks.** This disk has a single hole called a sector hole near its axis that permits a simple light-sensitive cell to notify the computer each time the disk completes a revolution. A computer program automatically divides the disk into sectors. This method provides the ultimate in versatility, but the sectoring software is hard to develop and expensive.

**Hard-Sectored Disks.** Most floppy disks are hard-sectored. A series of holes around the center of the disk divides it into fixed sectors and a single marker hole provides a revolution indicator. No software is necessary and electronic control circuits automatically store data in the various sectors.

### The Cost Factor

Disk memory systems are one of the more costly computer peripherals. But in terms of data storage capacity, disk memories are considerably more economical than semiconductor RAMs. A typical floppy disk, for example, costs only 0.01 cent per bit of storage capacity. True, a disk drive and control system is more expensive than, say, a cassette recorder. But it's considerably faster, far more versatile and it can be used with dozens or even hundreds of different floppy disks.

## Floppy Disk Storage System

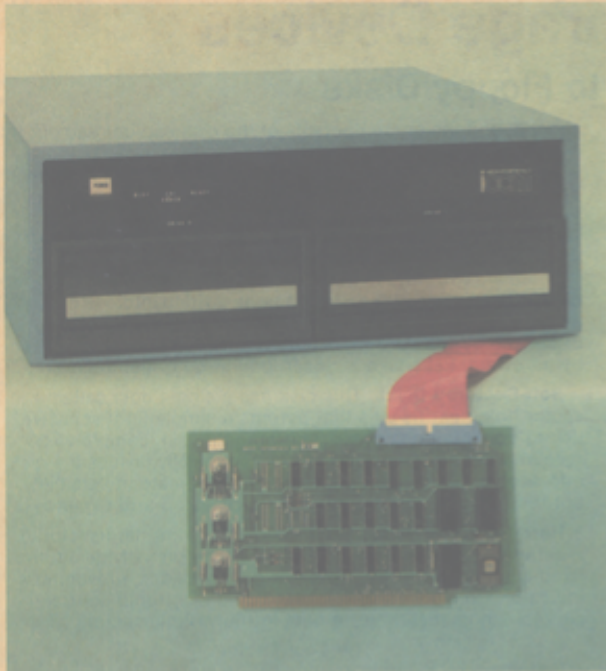
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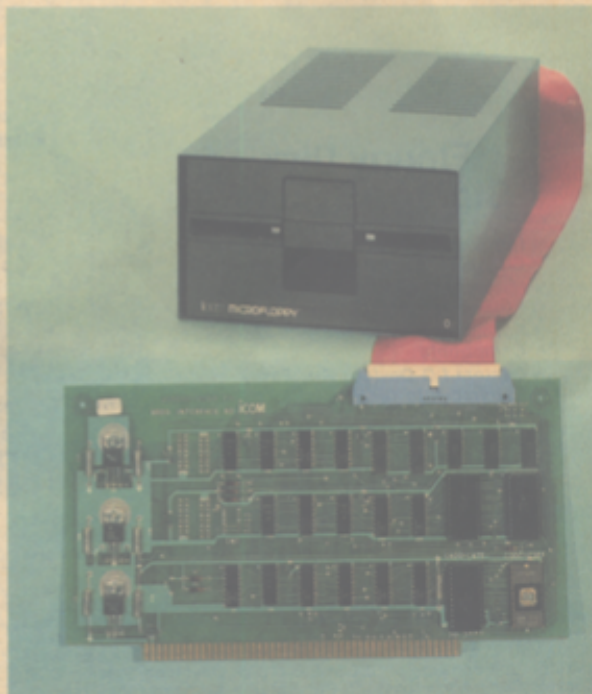
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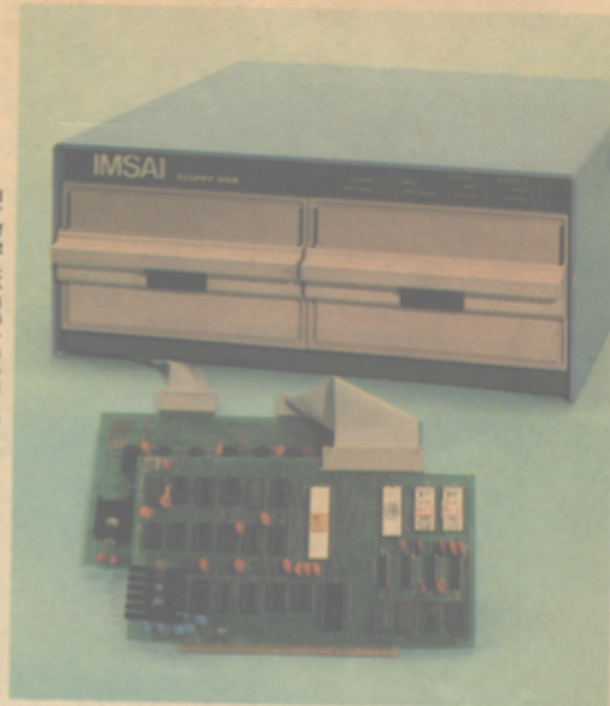
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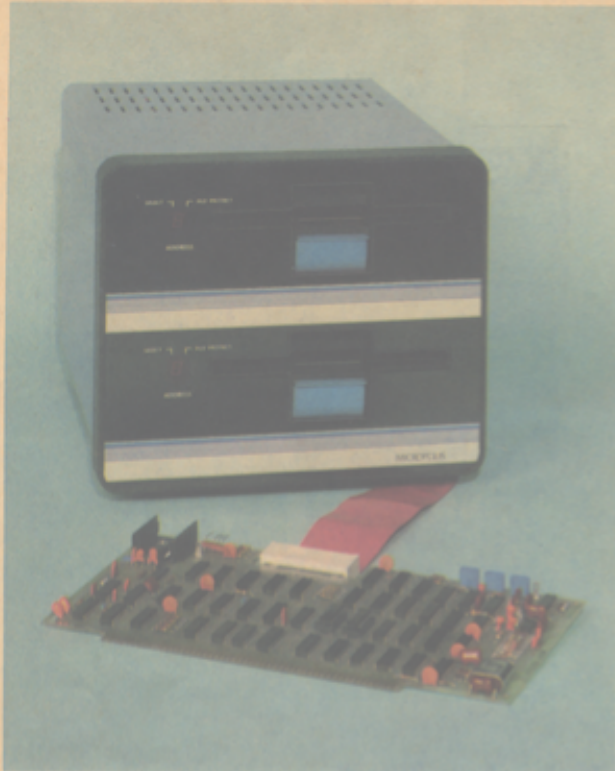
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Included is the Micropolis Disk Extended BASIC—a complete, self-contained software-package which provides total support for BASIC programming. It is designed for microcomputers with the S-100 bus and at least 24K bytes of RAM. Both sequential and random disk file access is provided. In addition to the standard BASIC commands, it includes the following statements and functions. **Statements:** LET, STOP, INPUT, PEEK IF, END, GOSUB, POKE, FOR, REM, PRINT, DIM, NEXT, READ, IN, OUT, GOTO, DATA, ON, RESTORE, DEF, FN, STRING, EXEC, DEF FA. **Functions:** INT, ABS, SGN, MOD, RND, SORT, EXP, LOG, LN, SIN, COS, TAN, ATAN, FIX, FRAC, CHAR, ASC, LEFT, RIGHT, MID, LEN, STR, VAL, MIN, MAX, REPEAT, INDEX, VERIFY, FMT.

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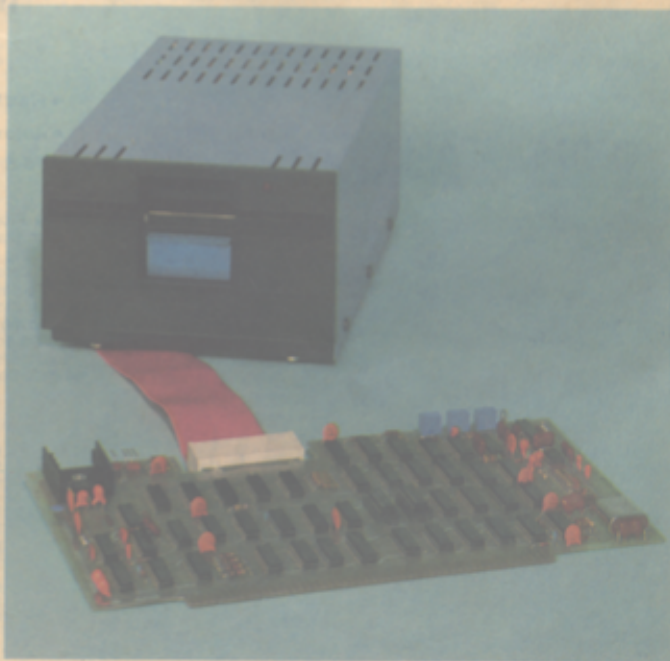
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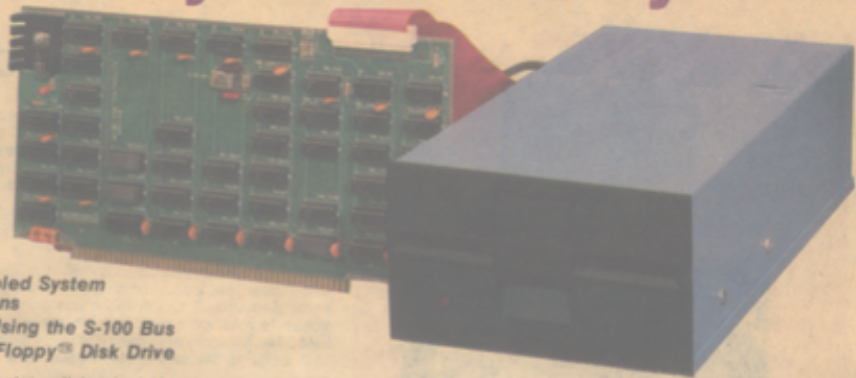
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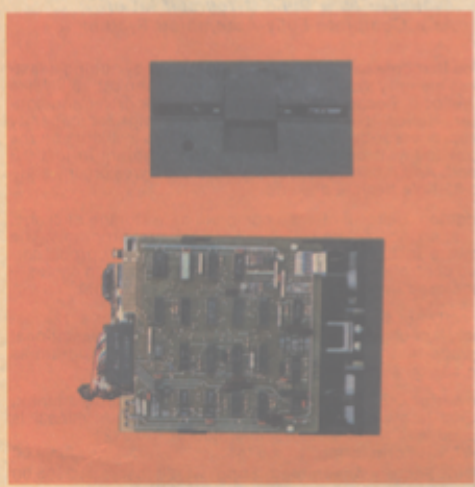
Applications for the minifloppy drive include word processing and text editing systems, mini and microcomputer program storage and power typing systems.

The SA400 is based on the proven floppy disk drive technology of the SA800. It features a unique new direct drive stepping-motor actuator, utilizing a spiral cam with a v-groove positive detent which assures precise location of the read/write head on a track. The drive employs the same proprietary glass bonded ferrite/ceramic read/write head as the SA800. AC power requirements have been eliminated through the use of a DC servo-controlled spindle drive motor. The drive is also equipped with an interface which allows upward expansion of the units within the system and future system enhancements with the large floppy drive.

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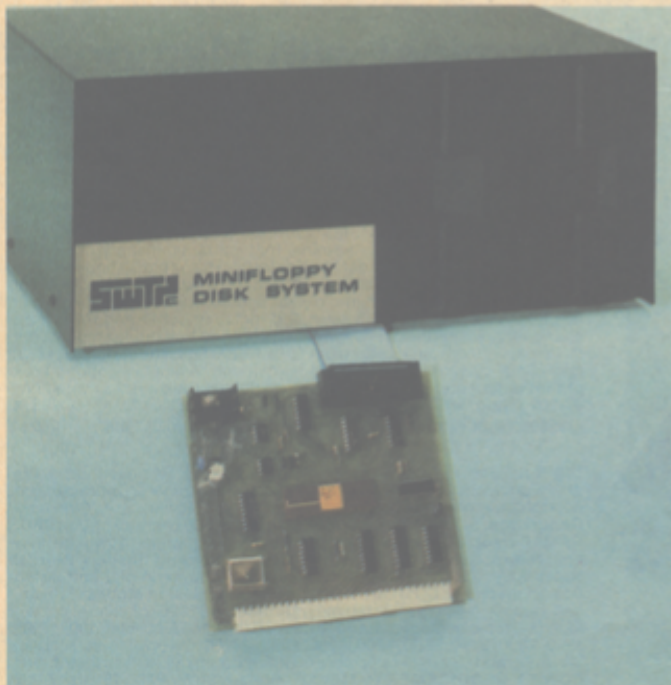
**Smoke Signal Broadcasting BFD-66.** This basic floppy disk system is completely assembled with one Shugart minifloppy drive unit and a disk controller that is plug-compatible with the SWTPC 6800 bus. And it comes complete with disk operating system software.

The software provides for a soft-sectored format consisting of 128 bytes per sector, 18 sectors per track and 35 tracks per disk. The software has direct commands to name and rename files, transfer memory-to-disk and disk-to-memory and to automatically jump to the starting location of any program loaded from disk to memory. Direct command names are RUN, GET, GETHEX, CLOSE, SAVE, DELETE, APPEND, RENAME, COPY, LIST, LINK and PRINT. In addition, the Disk File Management subroutines are available to create files under your program control.

A bootstrap PROM is included on the controller board to initiate the DOS which loads into 4K of RAM. Thus, you can be up and running from a cold start in just a few seconds. Power supply and cabinet can handle up to three disk drive units. 7x17x15". 87-1707. **Factory Assembled.** Shpg. wt. 25 lbs. .... **795.00**  
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## SWTPC Dual MiniFloppy Storage System

- Uses Standard 5¼" MiniFloppy Diskettes
- 218.8K Bytes Unformatted Storage Capacity
- Available Factory Assembled or in Kit Form

**SWTPC MF-66.** Designed for a SWTPC 6800 computer system, the MF-66 disk system comes complete with two Shugart SA-400 MiniFloppy disk drives. Also included is the floppy disk operating system and disk BASIC software. Both are provided for on diskette.

The kit is designed for easy assembly and consists of three major parts: the controller, the chassis and power supply, and the drives themselves. The drives come preassembled and require only minor jumper changes to be used. The power supply is assembled partially on a small PC board and partially through point-to-point chassis wiring. The controller is assembled entirely on a 5¼x5" circuit board that will plug into an I/O slot on the computer's mother board. Connection between the controller and the drives is made via a 34 conductor ribbon cable.

The disk controller is designed to load the head and turn on the drive motors only when necessary. When the computer requests data from the disk the motors will activate and the correct head will load. After the information has been retrieved the head will unload and, after approximately 20-30 seconds, the motors will turn off.

Includes two disk drives, disk controller, chassis, cover, power supply, cables and assembly and operating manual. 13 1/8x9 1/2x6 1/4".  
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# Video Display Terminals from Tandy

## Perfect for Computer Communications!

Video display terminals are enjoying a wide popularity today as the major input/output sources in microcomputer systems, perhaps due as much to the advent of computer games as anything else. However, computer hobbyists and professionals are finding that the combination of a video screen display and an ASCII keyboard provides an excellent means of communicating with the computer in all programs.

In introducing this section on video display terminals to the layman, we can eliminate some confusion by explaining the meaning of certain terms such as display, CRT, and monitor. A **display**, of course, is simply a visual presentation of a received signal. The screen used for this presentation consists of a cathode-ray tube, hence the abbreviation **CRT**. This abbreviation is often used alone in referring to a video display screen. A visual **monitor** and display provide the same function so, in this case, the two terms are interchangeable. But all a display or monitor can do is supply a visual means of output for the computer. The electronic video screen takes the place of, say, a typewriter that mechanically types computer output. So in order for the screen to serve as input, a keyboard must be connected to it as well as to the computer, using an appropriate interface. Some keyboards are separate from the screen, and may be purchased independently. Others are integrated with the displays to form a single unit. These units are referred to as **video display terminals**, and can be found on the next few pages.

It is rather obvious that video display terminals contain quite a bit of sophisticated electronics. Models vary in sophistication (and price), but most are designed for business as well as home use. "Standard" terminals today contain 9 to 12" CRT's that are able to display anywhere from 16 to 24 lines, with up to 80 characters per line. These specifications vary in different models. Other terminals accent these basic elements with additional features such as field protection, special cursor controls and memory capability, all suitable for particular applications.

In order to help with terminal selection, we have provided a glossary of several pertinent terms.

### Glossary

**ALPHANUMERIC** — A generic term for alphabetic letters, numerical digits, and special characters.

**ASCII** — Acronym for American Standard Code of Information Interchange. The seven-bit binary input ASCII character code is the universal standard for keyboard interfaces.

**BAUD RATES** — A baud is a unit of signaling speed derived from the duration of the shortest code element. The baud rate, then, is the measure of data flow in bits per second. Also known as **DATA** or **COMMUNICATION RATES**.

**BIT** — Acronym for Binary Digit. A unit of information equal to one binary decision.

**CRT** — Acronym for cathode-ray tube. A video CRT terminal presents data in visual form by focusing controlled electron beams on a television-like screen.

**CURSOR** — A cursor is an electronically generated line used in displays to identify where the next character will be typed. Varied functions allow the operator to manipulate the cursor across the video display.

**DOT MATRIX** — In displays, the array of individual LEDs that form numerals and letters on the screen, usually 5x7, or 6x9.

**DUPLEX** — Mode of transmission/reception in a display terminal. In a **FULL DUPLEX**, simultaneous send/receive messages can be achieved. In the **HALF DUPLEX** mode, a message can be received or sent independently, but not simultaneously.

**FIELD PROTECTION** — A display safeguard in which certain protected areas of displayed material cannot be typed over or transmitted accidentally.

**INTERFACE** — A device, e.g. formats, codes, etc., that allows communication between two or more electronic components, such as a computer and a keyboard.

**PARALLEL INPUT/OUTPUT** — This I/O method involves the transfer of bits simultaneously along several parallel lines.

**PARITY** — A method of checking the accuracy of binary numbers. In a parity check, the total number of binary 1's or 0's is always even or always odd.

**RS232** — A standard electronic interface used extensively for serial data communications.

**SERIAL INPUT/OUTPUT** — This I/O method involves the transfer of bits, one by one, along two lines.

**20mA CURRENT LOOP** — Transmission current used in applying the RS232 interface in many video display terminals.

**VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL** — General name for a keyboard/CRT display combination used in communicating with a computer.

**WORD FORMAT** — A specified grouping of data bits, stop bits and parity bits to facilitate storage and movement of data in a computer system.



## Terminal with Memory— Allows Data Storage

- *Field Protection Prevents Type-Over, Accidental Erasure*
- *Absolute Cursor Addressing Aids Editing* • 73 Keys
- *MOS RAM Memory* • *Numeric Pad* • *Full/Half Duplex*

**Soroc IQ 120.** Ideal for hundreds of professional and home applications, the IQ 120 is a high quality terminal that contains memory of its own, enabling large amounts of data to be stored. This is particularly useful if editing is required, and the IQ 120 offers a wide variety of editing functions, including automatic repeat and several erase controls. The ASCII keyboard features 73 keys, and includes upper and lower case characters. The terminal has switchable full and half duplex modes, and switch-selectable baud rates from 75 to 19,200 bps. The standard RS232 and 20mA current loop interface is included. Available options are a printer output and a block mode for additional transmission versatility. **87-202.** Shpg. wt. 47 lbs. .... 995.00  
**87-5202.** With Printer Mode/Block Mode. Shpg. wt. 47 lbs. ... 1095.00

### Specifications

**DISPLAY. Screen:** 12" diagonal, rectangular CRT, P4 phosphorus. **Display Format:** 1920 characters, 24 lines of 80 characters. **Character Set:** 64 alphanumeric ASCII characters, upper and lower case. **Character Generation:** 5x7 dot matrix. **Display Memory:** 960 character (8-bit) MOS RAM. **Cursor Control:** Forespace, backspace, upline, downline, new line, return, home, tab, absolute cursor addressing. **Display Refresh Rate:** 60Hz. **KEYBOARD:** 73 keys, including numeric pad and cursor positioning keys. **COMMUNICATIONS. Transmission Modes:** Full and half duplex (switch-selectable). **Interface:** RS232C or 20mA current loop (switch-selectable). **Baud Rates:** 75, 110, 150, 300, 600, 1000, 1200, 1800, 2000, 2400, 3600, 4800, 7200, 9600, 19200 bps (switch-selectable). **Word Format:** Switch-selectable 7 or 8 data bits with 1 or 2 stop bits. **POWER REQUIREMENT:** 115VAC, 60Hz, 130W. **WT:** 45 lbs. **SIZE:** 12½x18x21".



## Stylish Terminal is Feature- Packed

- 64x16 Display Allows Maximum Visual Impact • Two Intensity Levels
- Protected Fields for Data Formatting
- Choice of 115 or 230VAC Operation



**Informer D311.** All the features needed in a terminal are tied together in this uniquely designed, compact package. The D311 contains a 70-key ASCII keyboard, strapped for odd parity, with output channeled in a TTL serial stream. Full and half duplex modes are switchable and aid in transmission flexibility. Cursor controls include direct cursor positioning, return, home and line feed. Data characters may be entered and displayed at either of two intensity levels; those displayed at the lower level are protected against erasure during a selective screen clear. An internal 8-position selector switch selects baud rates from 110 to 9600 bps. A standard RS232 interface connector is mounted on the control unit, which includes a transformer-type power supply with taps for operation at 115 or 230VAC and for normal or low line operation. Special mounting plate is provided for fastening the D311 to a wall or desk.

17-203. Shpg. wt. 21 lbs. .... 850.00

### Specifications

**DISPLAY. Screen:** 5" diagonal, rectangular CRT, P4 phosphorus. **Display Format:** 1024 characters, 16 lines of 64 characters. **Character Set:** 64 alphanumeric ASCII characters, upper case. **Character Generation:** 5x7 dot matrix. **Cursor Control:** Forespace, backspace, upline, line feed, return, home, direct cursor positioning. **Display Refresh Rate:** 60Hz. **KEYBOARD:** 70 keys, including cursor positioning keys. **COMMUNICATIONS. Transmission Modes:** Full and half duplex (switch-selectable). **Interface:** RS232. **Baud Rates:** 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 bps (switch-selectable). **Word Format:** 7 bit selectable parity. **POWER REQUIREMENT:** 115 or 230VAC, 50 or 60Hz, 40W. **WT:** 20 lbs. **SIZE:** Monitor/Keyboard, 12x23x8". Power supply, 4½x8x8".

## Terminal Value Begins with the Lear Siegler

- Direct Cursor Addressing Gives Superior Display Control • Full and Half Duplex Modes
- End-of-Line Audible Tone Eliminates Guesswork
- Extension Interface Allows Future Add-Ons
- Modular Construction Means Easier Maintenance

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17-301. Kit. Shpg. wt. 34 lbs. .... 795.00  
17-301. Assembled. Shpg. wt. 34 lbs. .... 895.00

### Specifications

**DISPLAY. Screen:** 12" diagonal, rectangular CRT, P4 phosphorus. **Display Format:** 1920 characters, 24 lines of 80 characters. **Character Set:** 64 alphanumeric ASCII characters, upper case. **Character Generation:** 5x7 dot matrix. **Cursor Control:** Forespace, backspace, upline, downline, line feed, return, home, direct cursor addressing. **Display Refresh Rate:** 60Hz to 50Hz (switchable). **KEYBOARD:** 59 keys, including cursor positioning keys. **COMMUNICATIONS. Transmission Modes:** Full and half duplex (switch-selectable). **Interface:** RS232C or 20mA current loop (switch-selectable). **Baud Rates:** 75, 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200 bps (switch-selectable). **Word Format:** Switch-selectable to 9, 10 or 11 bits. **POWER REQUIREMENT:** 115VAC, 50 or 60Hz, 80W. **WT:** 32 lbs. **SIZE:** 13½x15½x20".



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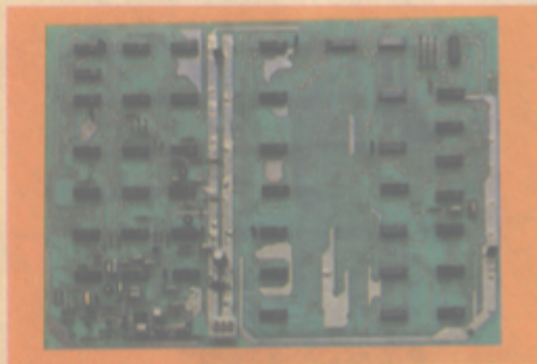
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87-201. Shpg. wt. 47 lbs. .... 1595.95

### Specifications

**DISPLAY.** Screen: 12" diagonal CRT, P4 phosphorus. **Display Format:** 1920 characters, 24 lines of 80 characters. **Character Set:** 64 alphanumeric ASCII characters, upper case. **Character Generation:** 5x7 dot matrix. **Cursor Control:** Forespace, backspace, upline, downline, line feed, return, home, direct cursor addressing. **Display Refresh Rate:** 50 or 60Hz (switch-selectable). **KEYBOARD:** 64 keys, including cursor positioning keys. **COMMUNICATIONS.** **Transmission Modes:** Full/Half Duplex, Block (switchable). **Interface:** RS232C or 20mA current loop (switch-selectable). **Baud Rates:** 75, 110, 150, 300, 600, 1000, 1200, 1800, 2000, 2400, 3600, 4800, 7200, 9600, 19,200 bps (switch-selectable). **Word Format:** Switch-selectable to 9, 10 or 11 bits with 1 or 2 stop bits. **POWER REQUIREMENT:** 115, 100 or 230VAC, 50 or 60Hz. **WT:** 45 lbs. **SIZE:** 13 1/2x19x22 1/4".



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### Specifications

**DISPLAY.** Screen: 9" diagonal, rectangular CRT, P4 phosphorus. **Display Format:** 15 characters, 16 lines of 64 characters. **Character Set:** 56 alphanumeric ASCII characters, upper and lower case. **Character Generation:** 7x9 dot matrix. **Cursor Control:** Forespace, backspace, upline, downline, line feed, return. **Display Refresh Rate:** 60Hz. **KEYBOARD:** 56 keys, including cursor positioning keys. **COMMUNICATIONS.** **Transmission Modes:** Full and half duplex (switch-selectable). **Interface:** RS232C. **Baud Rates:** 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200 bps (switch-selectable). **Word Format:** 7-8 bit, even-odd parity. **POWER REQUIREMENT:** 120 or 240VAC, 50 or 60Hz. **WT:** 17 lbs. **SIZE:** 12 1/2x12x19 1/2".

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