

Apple Macintosh



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Apple Computer, Inc., founded in 1976, designs, manufactures, and markets personal computers for use in business, education, home, and scientific environments. The company's present product line consists of the Apple IIe, Apple III, Apple Lisa, Lisa 2, and Macintosh.

In January 1983, Apple introduced the Lisa, a 16-/32-bit personal computer. With the introduction of Macintosh one year later, Apple extended its family of 32-bit microcomputers. The Macintosh, aimed at business professionals and students, features Lisa's technology in a transportable, personal unit.

A \$20 million manufacturing facility located in Fremont, California has been built to handle the expected high demand for the Macintosh unit. Capable of producing one Macintosh every 27 seconds, the factory is shipping Macintosh computers for Apple's 3000 dealerships across the country.

SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

The Macintosh is based on a 16-/32-bit Motorola MC68000 microprocessor chip operating at a speed of 8M Hz. The system unit weighs 17 pounds and contains a built-in carrying handle. With the addition of a keyboard,

Current models: Macintosh.

Memory: 128KB RAM.

Storage capacity: 400KB microdiskette drive.

Workstations: 1.

Base list price: \$2,495, includes 128KB RAM, 400KB microdiskette drive, keyboard, CRT, two serial I/O ports, mouse, manual, learning disk, audio cassette, blank disk, system disk, power cord.

Typical list prices: \$3,314, same as base configuration plus printer, 300 bps modem, carrying case.

Popular options: from Apple—printer, modems, carrying case, diskettes, external drives, software.

Principal programming languages: Pascal, Basic, Assembler.

Principal applications software: word processing, graphics.

First shipment: January 1984.

Number installed to date: information not available.

Available through: 3000 authorized Apple dealers worldwide.

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The Macintosh is similar to the Lisa system in that it shows desktop drawings called icons on its smaller 9-inch black and white screen. With the mouse/pointer device, users select the appropriate icon which represents the function to be performed. However, unlike Lisa, the Macintosh cannot run integrated applications software; instead it processes one application at a time and possesses a cut and paste option for multiple applications.

The unit is equipped with an integral 9-inch screen, a 3½-inch integral microdiskette drive—with a storage capacity of 400K bytes, 128K bytes of memory, 64K bytes of ROM which contains the operating system, detached keyboard, mouse, owner's manual, learning diskette and audio cassette, blank diskette, and a system diskette. The system also contains a clock/calendar on a CMOS custom chip with a 4.5 volt user-replaceable battery backup. In addition, the Macintosh has ports for a keyboard, mouse, external disk drive, Applebus serial output for a modem, Applebus serial output for a printer, and a four-channel sound connector. Two serial ports support RS-232-C/RS-422 Applebus connections at 230 bps.

The 9-inch screen displays upper-/lowercase characters in black and white with 512-by-342 bit-mapped dots. Screen attributes include: boldface, underline, and italics. The typewriter-style keyboard has 58 keys but does not include a numeric pad or cursor control keys; the mouse controls the cursor. A numeric pad is available as an option.

The Macintosh supports the Imagewriter printer, a dot matrix printer that operates at a speed of 120 characters per second (cps) and prints both text and graphics. Type styles range from standard business lettering to old English. Other equipment options include: a numeric keypad, 300 bps and 1200 bps modems, carrying case, and external drive. ➤

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▷ Macintosh utilizes a proprietary operating system which resides in the system ROM. MacWrite for word processing and MacPaint for graphics are currently bundled with the system. Other software planned for use with the system includes: MacTerminal, for VT100, VT52, and Teletype emulation; Macintosh Pascal, language; MacAssembler/Debugger, utility; Macintosh Logo, programming language processor; MacProject, project management; and MacDraw, graphics. In addition, third party software is available for the Macintosh from Microsoft, Lotus, and Software Publications.

For further details on this system, see the Apple Macintosh report in Datapro Reports on Microcomputers. □

HARDWARE

PROCESSOR/MEMORY

Model: Motorola MC68000 (16-/32-bit, 8M Hz)
RAM: 128KB
ROM: 64KB

DISPLAY

Model: Apple CRT
Screen size: 9"
Chars./screen: upper-/lowercase
Char. type: 512 x 342 pixels, bit-mapped
Attributes: underline, bold, italics
Features: black & white screen, mouse cursor control device
Graphics: integral
Interface: integral
Price: included w/system

KEYBOARD

Type: detachable, typewriter-style
No. of keys: 58 total
Interface: coiled cable

DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE

Model: Apple microdiskette
Type: 3½" microdiskette
Capacity/drive: 400KB
Drives/system: 1
Avg. access time: —
Transfer rate: —
Interface: integral
Price: included w/system

PRINTER

Model: Apple Imagewriter
Type: dot matrix
Paper: single sheet, roll, fanfold
Char. set: 96 ASCII, plus 25 European language characters
Chars./line: 36-136
Speed: 120 cps
Interface: RS-232-C/RS-422
Price: \$495 w/system; \$595 otherwise

DATA COMMUNICATIONS

Model:	<u>Apple Modem 300</u>	<u>Apple Modem 1200</u>
Trans. mode:	half-duplex, async	full-duplex, async
Protocol:	Hayes compatible	Hayes compatible
Ports:	1	1
Speed:	300 bps	1200 bps
Line configuration:	—	—
Interface:	serial	serial
Price:	\$225	\$495

OTHER I/O

Cassette: audio cassette, included w/system

I/O ELECTRONICS

Structure: Applebus with I/O ports for modem, printer, & four-channel sound connector; I/O slots are not available

SOFTWARE

LANGUAGES

Basic: \$99
Pascal: \$99

OPERATING SYSTEM

Name: Macintosh proprietary operating system, included in ROM
Functions: memory and file management

UTILITIES

Sort: none specified
Text editor: none specified
Other: MacAssembler/Debugger, \$99

DATA/DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Name: none specified

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

Name: MacTerminal, \$99
Functions: VT100, VT52, & teletype emulation

APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS

Electronic Spreadsheet: Multiplan, \$199
Graphics: MacPaint, \$99; MacDraw, \$125
Word Processing: MacWrite, \$99
Management Sciences: MacProject, \$125
Utilities: MacAssembler/Debugger, \$99
Programming Language Processors: Logo, \$99

SUPPORT SERVICES

DOCUMENTATION

Range: user's manual, bundled

SUPPORT

Maintenance: serviced by any qualified Apple dealer

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Lease: AppleCard purchase on credit plan
Discounts: various quantity discounts
Warranties: 90-day

Software terms: MacWrite and MacPaint are bundled with the system for the introductory offer period; the programs can also be purchased together for \$195 ■