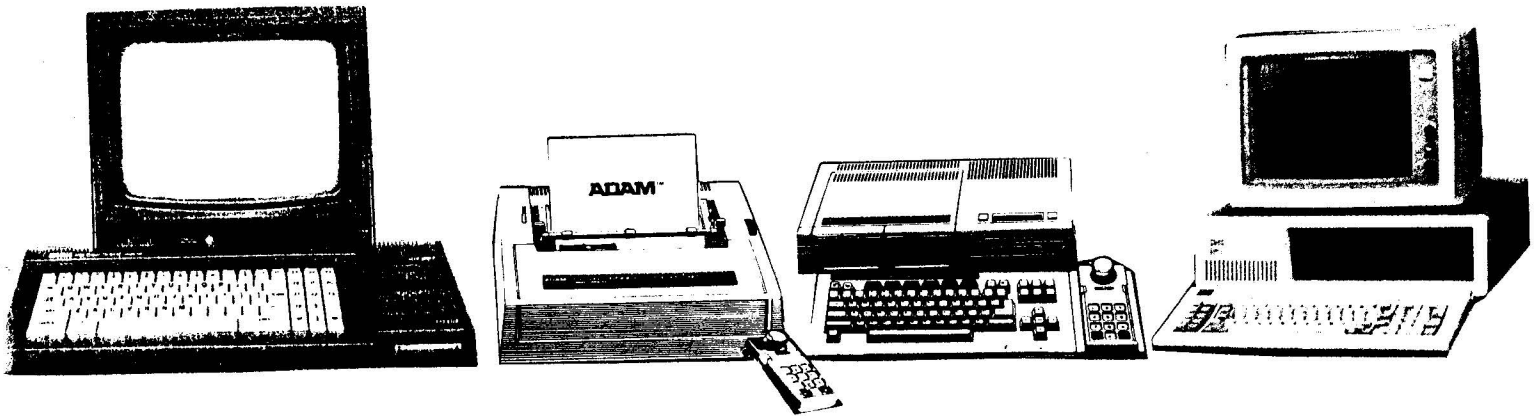


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WE VALUE OUR MEMBERS, AND TRY SERVING THEM AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE SERVED.

//////////////////////////////// EDITORIAL //////////////////////////////////

by Buck

This is the start of a new calendar year, so let us again wish all members and others of the world:

A H A P P Y, H E A L T H Y, P R O S P E R O U S, N E W Y E A R

T o Y o u a n d Y o u r s

From all of us here at ADAMLAND

This is a time for the making of resolutions, and reflecting upon the happenings, the happiness, or lack of it, the sins of commission as well as the sins of omission, during the past twelve months.

In retrospect, we believe that we have done very well for our members, under the existing circumstances. We slip up occasionally, but do our best to keep this from happening. We are coming nearer to solvency, than in the past three years, and will continue trying to get our heads above the water, as it were.

We strive to do what is the best for the majority of our members, while not ignoring the minority. We are constantly trying to find, and to fill their needs, within the economic and practical limitations.

Our accomplishments are many, our shortcomings are few, and we will do our best to minimize these.

We believe that we have done more for ADAM than any other group. We know of no other group who has entrusted financial efforts any where near ours. We know of no group which has produced or developed greater items for ADAM than we.

Our resolutions for the coming year must now be combined, sine we no longer support just ADAM, but AMSTRAD and IBM-Compatibles as well.

We do not, can not take all the credit ourselves, here at the HQ, but we must say that without the help of you, and you, and you, our valued members, and your support, it would not have been possible.

It will be our goal, as usual, to do our best by and for each computer we support, and to add whatever material and services possible.

This we dedicate, to some of the finest people on this earth:

O U R V A L U E D M E M B E R S !

+++++ G R O U P N E W S +++++

by A. Suzuki

The Group meeting this month was a washout (oops! A snow-in) Yup, we were snowed in with all the passes and roads closed. Snow Adam's apple deep to a tall Arapaho. Not enough were present to make a quorum, and the only visitors were people from this town, needless to say. Ennyhoo, (second generation Japanese-American for ANYHOW, brotha), here is the latest:

As you may be aware, we were closed for a month, and Buck had two deaths in his family, in rapid succession. He had to travel thousands of miles, airline, had flights cancelled, got one round trip from Denver to Rapid City S.D., and to Casper Wyoming, then back to Denver, without LANDING! Ice, Packed snow and frozen fog were the reasons.

Buck added a new machine, dedicated to producing ADAM Digital Data Packs. It is quite a thing. It makes (formats, or records and rewinds a standard ddp) in less than two minutes! Cost? Quite a few yen, friends. He also came up with a buffer which allows the use of two parallel printers, at the SAME TIME! This will allow some printed outputs to be done in half the time. These are two really needed devices, and will help us and our membership immensely.

New software ordering forms will be sent out with each order of a catalog disk, and more will be sent with each returned software order. Please USE THESE FORMS when ordering software. No signed form, NO SOFTWARE WILL BE SENT, money will be returned. We need these forms to help protect us from problems with public domain programs which may turn out not to be public domain. It is difficult or well near impossible to tell, and with thousands of programs, games, etc., we simply cannot devote the time required to write about each program, disk or ddp, even if we knew where to write. Help us to help you.

All the programs, etc., available on disk will now also be available on our new ddp's, there will be an added charge of \$4.95, over the disk price, for programs on ddp. Our software catalog will be available on ddp, as well as disk.

We are warranting that our new ddp's are at least as good as the blank formatted ddp's furnished with ADAM. Those that sell for \$7.95 in the discount stores. We will soon be offering a special data only ddp, which will hold not the standard 250 pages of double spaced data, but 375 pages. This is the equivalent of more than both sides of a double sided double density disk, all on one side.

We wanted to vote funds to help keep the K.A.U.G. afloat, but since a quorum was not present, it could not be done. Buck donated \$50.00 as starter for a survival fund. Let's open some of those purses, and help this good group. Send any donations to "ADAMLAND" K.A.U.G. Survival fund. We guarantee every penny will be donated to them. Do it now!

AMSTRAD CPC6128

The Amstrad CPC 6128 is the newest of the Amstrad CPC computers, as well as the Amstrad CP/M operating systems used by the other computers the CPC 6128 comes with CP/M+ the advanced version of the most popular 8 bit operating system in the world.

Not only will the 6128 play games written for the CPC 464 and CPC 664, it will run all the famous CP/M business programs such as Dbase II and Wordstar.

In addition to the standard 64K Ram found in the Amstrad CPC 464 the CPC 6128 has a second bank of 64K ram which can be used by an addition to Locomotive Basic to store whole screens and strings.



General: This computer is a multi-purpose RGB or Monochrome computer, with many features standard, which are very costly on other machines. Read the following very carefully:

Specifications: Z-80 A processor running at 4 MHz

RAM 128 K, upgradable to as high as 2+ Megabytes, with our memory upgrade board.

ROM 48 K of ROM containing BASIC, the operating system and disk extensions.

AY-3-8912 sound generator chip. 3 voice, 8 octaves.

| DISPLAY | MODE 0 | MODE 1 | MODE 2 |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| COLORS | 16 from 27 | 4 from 27 | 2 from 27 |
| Hor dots | 160 | 320 | 640 |
| Vertical | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Characters | 20 | 40 | 80 |

(will print up to 136 characters)

Graphics, with up to 27 colors. Computer Aided Design (CAD) with line color, block color, paint-in ability, all standard. You can actually compose up to five different screens, and overlay from two to five at once!

STEREO SOUND OUTPUT, music capability, mono speaker built in. Compose your own, play other music.

DISK DRIVE. One 3 inch drive built in, second drive optional, drive specifications:

Conforms to Hitachi-Panasonic standard. 12ms step rate, 30ms settling time.

Both sides of disk used, 180K per side, 360K total, 9 sectors per track, SS Double Density.

Uses both System Format, and Data Format.

Will accept added cassette recorder, in addition to Disk Drives.

CENTRONICS PARALLEL PRINTER OUTPUT. Epson Compatibles are ideal.

KEYBOARD: 74 keys, qwerty style, numeric keypad cursor, copy cursor, return, enter, caps lock, tab, escape, delete, clear, control, four directional keys, 10 function keys (F1 thru F10)

MONITOR 13 inch RGB 640 X 200 resolution, standard. 27 color capability.

EXTERNAL SOCKETS. 1 for added disk drive, 9 pin for joystick, 5 pin for cassette, Centronics Parallel Printer, and PCB edge connector for expansion slot, plus stereo socket.

Other additions, up to 256 additional 16K ROMS (THAT IS OVER 4 MEGABYTES OF ROM!)

MANY OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE! (Light Pen, Full stereo, others)

BUNDLED SOFTWARE and MANUALS: WORDSTAR DELUXE, AMSDOS, EASIAMSWORD, LOGO, CP/M 2.2, CP/M PLUS.

Utilities, HELP, Programming Utilities, Demonstration Pack, MICROSOFT MULTIPLAN, SUPERCALC 2, AMSTRAD

USER'S MANUAL (approx 300 pages), Shows you just about everything this computer can do.

FAST! The AMSDOS word processor is the easiest to learn, and the fastest I have ever seen! This is a most marvelous computer, capable of right off-the-shelf operations that would require hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in other computers. The entire computer is easy to operate, easy to learn, capable of a great deal of complex operations without forking over a lot of money. An ideal computer choice for 80% of the computer users. We use two here at ADAMLAND.

Just check the listings, and see what each of the programs would cost you, and what a good 640 X 200 RGB monitor would cost! (middle 300's). Price, as above \$695.00, LET'S TALK TRADE! WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR OLD ADAM, ACCORDING TO HOW IT IS EQUIPPED.

OUR NEW DIGITAL DATA PACKS

WHAT IS YOUR DATA WORTH ??

Our New DIGITAL DATA PACKS are specially prepared SONY HF (or equivalent) db+ types, of the highest quality, produced under ideal conditions on the latest ADAM dedicated equipment.

We believe these DDP's to be the finest available, anywhere, at any price.

FEATURES:

Hard, clear plastic outside box. (storage case).
Clear plastic cassette (you can see the quality).
Finest tape base available, low stretch factor, temperature resistant.
Newly developed magnetic particles for perfect, error free reproduction.
Lubricated surface, for long head life.
Grooved track, low friction roller tape guides.
Adhesive label for cassette, peel-easy type.
Additional directory listing card.

Warranted full LIFETIME, free replacement if product ever is defective!

We offer two preformatted types of "blank" DDP's:

CENTER DIRECTORY, the most commonly used.

RIGHT DIRECTORY, for recording SUPER GAMES, Loong programs.

All of our programs, utilities, games, etc, are furnished on these same packs, whenever possible.

Price of DDP's: \$5.95 each, minimum order-6 (Sold to members only!)

(SPECIFY: CD or RD for directory type, mixing O.K.)

Further discounts available for quantity buyers (100 or more DDP's)

You may buy cheaper, you will not buy better!

As always, we strive to produce the very best, not the cheapest.

IT'S ADAMLAND FOR THE BEST "ADAM" PRODUCTS!

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NEW PRODUCTS FOR UPGRADING THE ADAM COMPUTER

THE SUPERSWITCH: Pushbutton select from any combination, such as two computers and a VCR, to one monitor or TV. ADAM cable goes to switch, monitor cable supplied. Usable with more than one computer, work on one while the other is printing, or watch a "1" rated movie from the VCR, all without changing cables! SS-3, \$21.95 + \$3.50 HIS, CONUS.

ARE-2 RESOLUTION ENHANCER: Works with Stand-Alone and Expansion Module. Improves readability of text, graphics & colors. Removes blurs, smears, ghosts, etc.. No internal connections. Includes Gold End cable. #ARE-2 \$79.95, +\$10.00, HIS.

DS-QUAD DENSITY "SUPER-DISK" DRIVES FOR ADAM: 800K per disk, 1.6 MB total. TWO drives in low, slimline cabinet, three surge protected outlets on rear for computer, etc.. Front mounted switch controls everything. Self contained power supply, plus documentation & software. Supports CP/M formats, ADAM DOS, another DOS can be added later. #DD-1.6-1, \$599.95 + \$15.00 HIS, CONUS

DESK MONITOR CABLE: Special "GOLD END" desk cable for ADAM, with gold plated ends for low loss, perfect connections. Stops clutter, helps keep picture clean. 3 ft, \$6.95 + \$2.50 HIS, CONUS. 6 ft, \$9.95 + \$3.50, HIS, CONUS

CLOCK-CALENDAR-DATE-IMPRINTER (temporarily discontinued, because of lack of member response. Everyone "SAID" they wanted it, we made it, then they didn't buy it!) If interested, WRITE!

ADAM RAM 64: ADAM compatible 64K Mem upgrade, installs in slot #3. Extends storage in SmartWRITER, adds to SmartBASIC, allows multitasking in ADAMCALC(printing while working). Very valuable for CP/M, indispensable for lengthy programs, speeds up ADAM. We think ours is best on the market! #AR-64, \$69.95 + \$5.00 HIS, CONUS

ADAM EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY: Replaces ADAM's, which is contained in the printer, thus allowing the use of a different printer. Simple connection. #AEP5, \$69.95, + \$10.00 HIS, CONUS

BIG MEMORY: New 2 + MEGABYTE memory upgrade for ADAM! Supplied with 256K of 41256 C type chips, user upgradable to 2 + Meg. On the same card with INTERFACE CONNECTION FOR HARD DISK! With documentation, installation software, etc., #BM-2 Meg, \$399.95, + \$7.50 HIS, CONUS.

CABINET, POWER SUPPLY, EMI FILTER, etc., for all the ADAM board upgrades! Complete with power cable. Power supply on slide-in/out card! MULTI-FUNCTION EXPANSION CABINET, #MFEC, \$119.95, + \$15.00, HIS CONUS

LIGHT PEN FOR ADAM! Paint directly on screen, do graphics, logos, erase, select from menu with it, use as free-hand cursor, do design work, (CAD) make cartoons, make banners, signs, figures, etc. With interface, software, instructions. THREE MODELS! Economy, Master & Professional CORDLESS! #E-1, \$89.95, #M-1, \$169.95, #PC-1, \$259.95. All + \$5.00 HIS CONUS

NUMERIC KEYPADS FOR ADAM! For you heavy number users. Keypads adapted to ADAM, sit at the right side of ADAM keyboard. Convenient! We must install this for you! #NKP \$49.95 + \$7.50, HIS CONUS

VOICE RECOGNITION-RESPONDENT for ADAM! Talk to ADAM, as well as have him talk back! Find out all about the APPLE, EVE and the Serpent!. WATCH NEWSLETTER! Should be ready sometime this fall, or early winter.

NEWWORD WORD PROCESSOR FOR ADAM! This will solve the deadly "ADAM BUMP" and the other shortcomings of ADAM's word processor. It is ALL HARDWARE, and once installed on the board, will be the "default program" coming up at "power-up". Extremely simple commands, just about as flawless as any program available, anywhere. Also ready this fall or early winter.

MORE NEW PRODUCTS

ADAM and ?? PRINTER BUFFER: THE FINEST AVAILABLE! Our latest printer buffer lets you dump up to 42 pages of text or graphic into the buffer, freeing the computer to do other work, while the printer does "it's thing". Panel indicators show amount of information in the buffer, and amount remaining as it is used. Has a BYPASS feature, allowing bypassing the buffer temporarily, printing new data from the computer, then returning to the information in buffer. Also has a COPY feature, allowing direct selection of the number of copies. A READY LED and a PRINTER ERROR LED, which will show if the printer is out of paper, "hung up" or not in the "ON" mode, or awaiting further command. This model can be used with either series or parallel dot matrix printers, NOT ADAM's OWN PRINTER, as well as MOST COMPUTERS! It CAN be used with the Coleco ADAM printer, but the cost is greater than that of a modern printer, and with the ADAM printer, there is no provision for graphics. Upgradable to 256K, or as high as 512K, by us. Upgrading not required for most purposes. Horizontal model currently being produced, 7 1/2 inches wide, 2 3/4 inches high, 4 1/2 inches deep. You may need series or parallel interface, and cables. We must know what computer you intend to use, as well as the printer type and model. The interfaces and cables are optional. Color & styling matches ADAM, IBM, etc.. #APB-2-64H, \$179.95, + \$10.00, HIS CONUS

HOW ABOUT A "LAP TOP" ADAM? Get this effect with a Loooooooooooo cable, from keyboard to memory console. Just tell us how long. Think of the convenience! Sit in your easy chair, stretch out on the floor, or, work from your bed. NOW you do not need to be tied to ADAM by such a short umbilical cord. (example, 10 ft \$10.95, + \$2.50 HIS)

ADAM-IBM COMBINATION? You bet!! Now your ADAM can use IBM programs, with all the windowing, colors and multitasking abilities that combining the two systems will allow. You lose none of the capabilities of ADAM, gain a great deal from the ability to run MS-DOS. Each system can be run independently of the other if you prefer, since ADAM can respond to its own commands, and respond to MS-DOS commands as well! ALL your drives are immediately converted to respond to either ADAM commands or IBM commands!. Our true 16 bit (NOT 8/16) system is currently available, and operates at 6 Megahertz. The result is a machine which is FASTER than a TURBO-XI, and fast as a GOOD AT! You can use CP/M2.2, CP/M 3, (CP/M +) CP/M 80, or CP/M 86, BASIC, MS-DOS and many many others. 100% Text compatible with IBM, will run many IBM programs, except those which are hardware dependent. These will require software patches, or hardware additions. Includes piggy-back module, interface cable, motherboard, 256K RAM \$599.95 + \$15.00 HIS, Three manuals inc.

THIS CONVERSION UNIT IS NOT LIMITED TO BEING USED WITH ADAM! It can be interfaced with almost ANY computer which uses the I-80 family of chip as the CPU. If you are interested in using it with another computer, WRITE, and we will tell you about it. Most are extremely simple to interface.) AMSTRAD is EASY!

MULTIFUNCTION EXPANSION CABINET: Newest shipment has arrived. Listen to these features: Ideal for IBM-ADAM, Big Mem, etc..

Color: IBM Beige.....Neoprene feet.....Ventilated front panel. Fully Fan cooled with ROTRON "WHISPER" fan....Heavy duty IBM style power cord.....Cutout for system reset switch....Heavy duty front mounted Rocker Power switch, with panel indicators.... Front panel cutout, can be covered or used as desired....Power supply on a slide-in edge connector card, heavy duty, supplies +5 v-5 Amps, -5 v-.1 Amp, +12 v-0.45 A and +24 v-2 Amps. Plenty of power for all the expansion boards we have now or planned. Plenty of room too.....Best EMI line filtering setup you are ever likely to see.....Flip two locking levers and power supply slides out (couldn't be easier). This is a truly professional piece, in looks, performance and adaptability. Ideal for the person not dead sure what he/she will be using in the future. The beautiful box is here, what & how you put in it is up to you.

#MFEC-1, \$119.95, + \$15.00 HIS, CONUS

Cabinet LESS POWER SUPPLY #MFEC-1-LPS, \$69.95, + \$15.00 HIS CONUS

POWER SUPPLY ONLY #MFEC-PS, \$64.95, + \$7.50 CONUS

(Makes an excellent power supply for ADAM, in case yours fails, or use it for many other projects. We can furnish easy conversion information for it to deliver other voltages) This is the finest power supply of its type we have ever seen. All the above come with detailed documentation, including both pictorial and schematic diagrams, repair info, if later needed, parts lists, where obtainable, crossover indices, etc. DO NOT DELAY ON THESE ITEMS! WE DO NOT KNOW IF WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET MORE! Comparable cost nearly \$600.00!

MORE PRODUCTS FOR ADAM

ORIGINAL ADAM DISK DRIVES, RFE.....\$249.95.....+ \$10.00 HIS
ORIGINAL ADAM MODEMS.....\$149.95.....+ \$ 7.50 "
PRINTER RIBBONS Mylar Multistrike....each..... 5.95 6 for \$32.50 + \$2.50 HIS
PRINTER RIBBONS NYLON Extra Long Life.each..... 5.50 6 for \$30.00 + \$2.50 HIS
COLOR RIBBONS, for ADAM Blue Yellow Brown Green
 Red Purple (Mix Match or all same) 9.75 6 for \$55.00 + 2.50 HIS
DIGITAL DATA PACKS The best available.each..... 5.95 10 for 50.00 + 2.50 HIS
PRINTWHEELS, LONG LIFE (not like some).each..... 7.95 10 for 72.50 + 2.50 HIS
DISKS (5 1/4 in) LIFETIME WARRANTY! With Tyvek
 envelopes, Labels, Hubs, write protectors.. 7.95 for 10 + 2.50 HIS
FURTHER DISCOUNTS FOR LARGE QUANTITIES ! ! ! ! !

MINIMUM ORDER \$15.00! MINIMUM ORDER \$15.00 MINIMUM ORDER \$15.00
ALL PRICES AND ALL SPECIFICATIONS ON ANY ITEM WE SELL SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!

HERE IS THE SHARPEST BUY YET FOR YOU DYED IN THE WOOL, 24 Karat COMPUTERATORS OUT THERE!! (Look, Mum, I Coined a WORD!)

THE BRIEFCASE PORTABLE / TERMINAL

A computer/terminal you can carry in your briefcase, and from anywhere in the world that there is a telephone, you can:

ACCESS: Your computer at home, to enter or retrieve information.

From home, you can access your computer at work.

Any modem equipped computer, information service, database.

Any telex or TWX machine, access DOW-JONES with single keystroke!

Get the latest electronic mail, stock market reports, etc.

Send electronic mail.

Push the LOCAL key, use as regular computer, compose, edit, save, review, etc.

Upload to any other computer. Use as battery-operated portable on bus, train, plane, in car, in terminal.

Out "status symbol" your computer friends.

Features Twin LCD Display, one showing Status, Bat cond, etc., one for data, etc, has its own memory, Expansion Interface, etc.

300 baud modem built in...Operates on AC or self contained Ni-Cad rechargeable batteries!!

Recharger included!... Built in text editor! Separate function keys.

NO PROGRAMMING!....Straightforward Language, NO codes to learn....

Separate Command keys...Nearly two dozen files of memory!

Memory Non-Volatile! (holds when computer is turned off!) does not lose or erase it until you do, manually!

Built in clock-calendar-date imprinter, calculator, print, display, send math or final figure!

73 key keyboard, with 37 double purpose keys!

10 1/2 inches long, 5 inches wide, 1 3/4 inches deep!

64 Page Instruction manual.

More features than we can describe, in an unbelievably small, compact package. Even comes with modular phone cord & plug.

Portables go at all prices, ranging from well over a thousand, to perhaps \$600. Well, this jewel is not \$600, not \$500, not \$400, \$300 or even \$200, but an incredible \$129.95! Yes, that is correct, one hundred twenty nine bucks, ninety-five cents!

You will NEVER beat this price! (Was built by a major manufacturer, not "4N" but similar).

THESE ARE BRAND NEW! ONLY 22 OF THEM LEFT!

If you are likely to be where there is no accessible modular phone plug in, we have acoustic couplers, to fit telephone handsets, in a butter-soft brown vinyl zipper pouch for only \$19.95, NO HIS if ordered with computer, \$2.50 HIS without. This little beauty is being sold, complete, for the price of a full featured modem, which it has! IF YOU MISS THIS BUY, YOU WILL REGRET IT!

=====QUESTIONS & ANSWERS=====

by Da Guru

The following are representative of questions asked us many times a month.

Q. Your NEWWORD word processor. Is it like Smartwriter?

A. We certainly hope not! It IS a word processor, and in that respect is similar to Smartwriter. It is a Word Processor, not a Word Mangler. It has none of the faults of Smartwriter.

Q. Is your word processor 80 columns?

A. The word processor does not determine the number of columns, other hardware does. Our WP is capable of up to 132 columns if so desired.

Q. Where & how is the word processor installed?

A. It is installed on ADAM's motherboard, and must be done by us, since another Eprom must be burned.

Q. What is the cost and availability of the word processor?

A. It is not yet in production, we have just the prototypes here, and so have not arrived at the final price. Available soon.

Q. Does it get rid of the deadly "ADAM BUMP" which moves text when & where you may not want it?

A. You betcha!

Q. On your 80 column card, is it compatible with ADAM's EOS, and CP/M?

A. Yes.

Q. How & where is the 80 column card installed?

A. This is determined by whether the single 80 column card is used, or the combination card, which has Hi Resolution and RGB added. If it is the simple card, on the motherboard. If it is the combination card, it must be installed externally, with a connecting cable.

Q. Cost & availability?

A. Not ready for production, so we cannot set price. Ready soon.

Q. What is the IBM Emulator, and what does it look like?

A. First, it is not really an emulator, since it does not emulate, but actually turns ADAM into an IBM command responsive computer. When its

installed. ADAM will respond to either it's own EOS commands, IBM-MS DOS commands or a mixture of the two, at your choice. ALL Drives, Digital data drives, etc, will all respond to these commands. It also will operate under CP/M + (CP/M 3) CP/M 80, and CP/M 86, as well as BASIC. Looks: a small piggy-back board with several chips replaces the present

Z-80, then the Z-80 plugs back into this small board. A cable connects with the CO-Processor, which has a bunch of chips and 256K added RAM. NO BOX. We suggest you use our #MFEC cabinet, for professional looks.

=====QUESTIONS & ANSWERS=====

Mo ub it by Da Guru

- Q. Does the Ibm Co-Processor show an 80 column display in IBM mode?
- A. Once again, the size of the display is dependent upon several factors. The IBM-Co-Processor can show 132 columns, or print as many columns as you desire, up to 255, sideways. If ADAM is not equipped with an 80 column card, You are limited to ADAM's 31 column, or 40 or 72 with special software patches.

Q. What is Separated Video?

- A. Just that. Instead of all signals being combined into one (composite), The signals are never combined, but are sent to the monitor separately.

Composite contains the signals, products of these signals, sums of these signals and various other "trash" signals which cloud the resolution. Separated Video provides much "cleaner signals" and usually results in a 50% increase in resolution (readability). ADAM looks fine on a monitor with separated video, especially so with our circuit, which eliminates or greatly lessens the right hand ghost which remains with other systems.

Q. Why is ADAM's resolution so poor that only a TV can be used as a monitor?

- A. This is not necessarily true. ADAM was deliberately designed to be able to use the family TV as a monitor. However, a good multipurpose monitor, such as the TEKNIKAS we use, show a beautiful display with ADAM, even in the composite mode. ADAM can of course, be converted rather easily to separated video, and, more expensively to RGB. Coleco's original intention was to make a number of upgrades available, such as RGB, 80 col, High Resolution card, greatly increased memory, more video Ram, even stereo audio, but when great numbers of computers were returned for service, not necessarily with real problems, but with little ones, and things that could have been explained by computer store personnel, instead of the toy store personnel, they gave up. Of course dolls made them a lot more money, at a much less outlay, and seldom required "crying chip" replacement under warranty.

Q. Does the IBM-Coprocessor expand ADAM's memory?

- A. The IBM-Emulator comes with a self-contained 256 K RAM. This can be used by itself, or added to whatever RAM you have in your ADAM. It is made so that additional RAM boards may be attached to it, or additional RAM may be added to IBM. You may add at either end! It is amazing at the actual speed-up of operations of ADAM, after a large amount of memory is made available, and the CO-Processor again adds to that speed, giving ADAM the speed of a very good IBM-AT.

===== QUESTIONS & ANSWERS =====
More yet by Da Guru

- Q. Do you have a disk drive controller which would allow the use of low cost drives from Qume-Hitachi-Panasonic-Mitsubishi, etc.?
- A. No, we cannot be all things to all people in all directions, supplying everything for which there is a need. Someone mentioned that Eve Electronics has been working on one, and so have we. In the press of other things, it has been put aside. We had a manufacturer make up combination controllers, drives, etc, for us, and the result has been less than satisfactory, to say the least. We find that the small company, such as we, does not have sufficient "clout" to keep people from running over us roughshod, failing to keep manufacturing schedules, delivery schedules, and adhering to the specifications we had presented to them are only part of the problem. If they get larger orders, or an order from another company who may present larger orders, they leave us out. That friends, is only a small part of the today's version of the computer rat race. If Szretter can get it done, power to him. We are still fighting delivery and quality control. We DO have hope of getting it all ironed out.
- Q. I am accustomed to a regular keypad on my keyboard at work, then when I get home, it is a fumbling problem with lots of numbers on ADAM. I understand that you have a keypad conversion, what is it like?
- A. Our keypad conversion must be installed by us, and it sits at the right side of the ADAM keyboard, where it belongs, and a cable runs from it, into the ADAM keyboard. You have the option of both systems being in operation at all times so you may use either.
- Q. How easy is your ADAM-IBM CD-Processor to install?
- A. It not difficult at all, for someone who can read and follow instructions, who is adept in the use of very small soldering tools and desoldering tools. It definitely is no job for a rank amateur. Too hot an iron, poor desoldering techniques can wreak havoc, and most certainly will void your warranty. Be careful, be certain. Some primary programming is necessary, but not much. The EPROMS which have paper tabs on them must NOT have the tabs removed! They will self-erase when subjected to light! They may become erratic in operation because of being opened to the light, even if they do function
- Q. How easy is your ADAM Big Memory board (2+ megabytes) to install?
- A. About the same as the above precautions apply.
- Q. What other additions, upgrades, etc., to ADAM do you plan to have in the near future?
- A. Let me check the crystal ball, oh shucks, I guess it has blown a chip. We will add what we can, when we can. Several more in the offing.

//////////////////////////////////// THE MONITOR //////////////////////////////////////
by the computer snooper

TANDON, who has made a great number of computers for Radio Shack, has lost a great deal of money in the last two years, nearly 300 million last year alone. They have also manufactured disk drives and hard disk drives under their own name, and for many computer manufacturers. Now they are throwing their hat into the U.S. microcomputer ring with a fine line of micros. More information on this in next month's issue.

HYUNDAI, of Korea, who is known in this country for their low-priced car, has released their "Blue Chip" line of computers for sale in the U.S. They are being sold by some of the large chains, among these are Target, WalMart and others.

Being curious (no smart remarks, please), we checked their one model out. We found it to be an almost identical copy of a six year old IBM-PC. A very "standard" type of machine. Checked four stores which handled it, not one of the clerks could even tell me the operating speed! At the selling price \$699.00, one drive, and the balance of what it offers, it is befitting that it be sold in stores by unknowledgeable people, where it will be purchased by unknowledgeable people. By the time you equip it to do what you would like it to do, you could have bought a good XT clone, and for less money, our ADAM-IBM Co-Processor will run rings around it.

"BIG BLUE," IBM, set the standards, then laid back, resting on its laurels too long. However, to lead, one must continue leading the troops, not gradually allow them to assume command. The IBM bus system is one of the best add on systems, but other companies have carried it to new highs. IBM did not attempt to keep upgrading their product, and so it eventually arrived at the point where many "clone" manufacturers were producing faster, more reliable, more versatile machines, for a truckload less money. IBM, now losing money hand over fist, has been shutting computer plants all over the landscape. Also the latest rumor has it that BIG BLUE is going to try "closed architecture" in an effort to stop cloning, and to keep others from supplying boards at lower than IBM prices. Experience shows that if they try this, and at the same time, abandon the "home or personal computer" market, (re the latest utterances from the Temple of BIG BLUE) and aim only at the business market, we may well be seeing the sun setting on BB.

Have you checked the prices on their latest entries? Whew! They most certainly are priced out of my league! Over FIVE GRAND just to get inside the door!

COMPAQ, to mention only one of an entire pack, with the latest 32 bit generation, is way ahead of BIG BLUE in released late technology. Many of the 8/16 and true 16 bit clones are far better than the IBM's they are supposed to be emulating.

In this dizzying race for more, bigger, fancier, it is comforting to realize that a GOOD 8 bit machine, well engineered and equipped, will do just about anything that the vast majority of computers will ever need to do, and for a whole lot fewer shekels.

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It had reached a full 8 pages, in compressed type, and was expected to TRIPLE very quickly.

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With selections into what seems astronomical figures, this appears to be the only way of handling this situation. We have, or will have, every known program for ADAM, and many transported from other formats.

We thank you for your continued support.