Fact Files: PDAs

Amstrad Pen Pad PDA600

Amstrad, 169 Kings Rd., Brentwood, Essex, CM144EF, England 011-44-277-228888.

Estimated price: \$399 with 128K RAM. Options: Serial cable, \$30; serial cable with Centronics adapter, \$60; backup and restore software with serial cable, \$75.

Weight: .88 pounds.

Batteries: Uses three standard 1.5-volt or AA pen-size alkaline batteries. Average life of 40 hours.

CPU: 20-MHz Zilog Z8S180.

Display: 240 by 320 pixels, .28mm dotpitch reflective LCD measuring 2.88 by 3.62 inches.

Circle 452 on reader service card

Apple Newton MessagePad

Apple Computer Inc., 20525 Mariani Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014; 800-776-2333, 408-996-1010.

Estimated street price: \$699 with 640K RAM. Newton Communications System (includes 2,400-bps send/9,600-bps receive fax modem), \$799; Newton **Professional Communications System** (includes 2,400-bps send/9,600-bps receive fax modem and Macintosh or PC software for Newton Connection Kit Pro), \$899.

Weight: 0.9 pounds.

Batteries: Uses four 1.5-volt or AAA batteries. Average life of 5 to 32 hours. CPU: 20-MHz ARM610.

Display: 240 by 336 pixels, reflective LCD measuring 3.96 by 2.83 inches.

Operating system: Newton Intelligence. Circle 453 on reader service card

▶ Dauphin DTR-1 Desktop Replacement

Dauphin Technology Inc., 377 E. Butterfield Rd., #900, Lombard, IL 60148; 800-782-7922, 708-971-3400.

Estimated street price: \$2,495 with 4MB RAM, 20MB hard disk, and 9,600-bps fax/2,400-bps data modem.

Options: Replacement battery, \$89;

external 3.5-inch floppy disk drive, \$199; 2MB upgrade, \$199; 40MB hard disk, \$200; Ethernet card, \$299.

Weight: 2.5 pounds.

Batteries: Uses one nickel hydride battery. Average life of 2.5 to 3 hours. CPU: 25-MHz Cyrix 486SLC.

Display: 640 by 480 pixels, 16-gray-scale backlit VGA measuring 6 inches diagonal. Supports external 800 by 600 pixels on a Super VGA monitor.

Operating system: DOS 6.0, Microsoft Windows 3.1, and Microsoft Windows for Pen Computing preinstalled. Supports IBM's PenDOS and AST Research's PenRight! Circle 455 on reader service card

► AT&T EO 440 Personal Communicator

EO Inc., 800A E. Middlefield Rd., Mountain View, CA 94043; 800-458-0880. List price: \$1,999 with 4MB RAM. Options: AC adapter, \$99; 7-hour battery, \$99; EO keyboard, \$99; Plantronics headset, \$119; floppy disk drive, \$199; 4MB RAM, \$299; 5MB SunDisk, \$395; 8MB RAM, \$499; 10MB SunDisk, \$595; cellular module, \$799; 20MB SunDisk, \$995.

Weight: 2.2 pounds.

Batteries: Uses one nickel cadmium battery. Average life of 4 hours. CPU: Hobbit.

Display: 640 by 480 pixels, 110 dot-perinch reflective LCD measuring 5.9 by 4.3 inches.

Operating system: GO Corp.'s PenPoint. Circle 456 on reader service card

Fuiitsu 325Point

Fujitsu Personal Systems Inc., 5200 Patrick Henry Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95054; 408-764-9443.

List price: \$2,295 with 4MB RAM. Options: Fujitsu keyboard, \$95; 4- to 8hour nickel hydride battery, \$110; offline battery charger, \$125; external 3.5inch floppy disk drive, \$350; 2,400-bps data/9,600-bps fax, \$350; 4MB JEIDA

expanded memory card, \$395; 1.8-inch 42MB hard disk, \$550; 8MB JEIDA expanded memory card, \$750.

Weight: 3.35 pounds.

Batteries: Uses one nickel cadmium battery. Average battery life of 2.9 to 7.6

CPU: 25-MHz AMD386SXLV.

Display: 640 by 480 pixels, 0.30-mm dotpitch, 16-gray-scale backlit transreflective supertwist VGA LCD.

Operating system: GO Corp.'s PenPoint. Circle 457 on reader service card

GRiD PalmPAD

AST Research Inc., 16215 Alton Pkwy., P.O. Box 57005, Irvine, CA 92619-7005; 714-727-4141.

List price: \$2,495 with 2MB RAM.

Weight: 2.9 pounds.

Batteries: Uses one nickel cadmium battery. Average life of 4 hours.

CPU: 9.54-MHz NEC V20.

Display: 640-by-400 CGA backlit transreflective LCD.

Operating system: DOS 5.0, PenRight! Circle 458 on reader service card

► Tandy Z-PDA

Tandy Corp., 700 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102; 817-390-3011.

List price: \$699 with 1MB RAM. Options: AC adapter, extra pens, infrared interface, modem, PC Link software, PCMCIA SunDisk Flash ROM, PCMCIA SRAM card, serial cable, serial-parallel cable, pager. Prices unavailable at press time.

Weight: 1 pound.

Batteries: Uses three 1.5-volt or AA standard pen-size alkaline batteries. Average life of 100 hours.

CPU: Intel 8086-compatible processor by Casio.

Display: 320 by 256 pixels, 0.30-mm dot pitch reflective LCD measuring 3.15 inches by 3.94 inches. (4.75 inches diagonal).

Operating system: GeoWorks' GEOS. Circle 459 on reader service card