

THE NEW ARCHIMEDES 400/1 SERIES



The Acorn Archimedes computer systems set new standards of productive performance combined with ease of use. Now the new Archimedes 400/1 range of powerful desktop workstations provides a flexible choice for the serious computer user. Sharing the award-winning Acorn RISC Machine central processor, the models of the Archimedes 400/1 series offer you a range of specifications with the advantage of easily fitted upgrade options. As a result, you can now select the Acorn Archimedes model best suited to your immediate needs and budget, with the security of knowing that all your future requirements can be met by progressively upgrading your Archimedes system.

ARCHIMEDES 400/1 SERIES

At the heart of all Archimedes computers is the world-beating Acorn RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) processor providing unprecedented performance in a desktop microcomputer. The new Archimedes 400/1 series workstations benefit from Acorn's latest technological developments, including a 10% increase in the already amazing processing speed, and feature the new Acorn RISC Operating System (RISC OS).

Acorn RISC OS takes advantage of the processing power of the Archimedes system to give you the most straightforward way of controlling computing tasks. Directing your Archimedes system with the windows, icon, mouse and pointer interface makes the system easy to learn, and yet this ease of use is accompanied by exceptional productivity. The routine operations involved in managing your computer environment are accomplished quicker than you would have believed possible. Newcomers and professional computer specialists alike benefit from the ease and speed of the RISC OS user interface.

Not only is the Archimedes RISC OS system fast in use and easy to learn, it can do several things at once as a matter of course. For example, you can be working within a software application, call up a text editor in a window and write some notes or a memo without leaving the application. With software that takes advantage of RISC OS, you can then import the text you have written (or graphics or data created in other programs) into the main application you are running.

ARCHIMEDES 410/1 SYSTEM

The Archimedes 410/1 system, entry model of the new Archimedes 400/1 range, is a powerful, versatile computer with the capacity to run an enormous range of applications. Standard features include the Archimedes three-button mouse, 103-key 'enhanced PC' style keyboard,

and both serial and parallel interface ports for connection to printers, modems and peripherals. The Archimedes applications software suite includes programs that quickly introduce you to the RISC OS way of working and help you make the most of your system.

A full 1 Mbyte of RAM is standard, and the RISC OS operating system is held in the 0.5 Mbyte of ROM making more RAM available for applications and data. A total of 4 Mbytes of additional RAM for really large computations, can easily be added at a later date, and all the RAM in the Archimedes 410/1 computer is fully addressable by the operating system so no special software or reconfiguration is required if you upgrade.

Together with the 3½ inch disc drive, using durable rigid-cased diskettes that store 800 Kbytes of programs or data in self-compacting format, the memory capacity of the Archimedes 410/1 computer allows you to run large complex programs without excessive disc swapping.

Built-in graphics display controllers allow you to choose from a range of colour and mono monitors to suit your budget and the applications you wish to run, and to upgrade to a higher specification monitor without buying an additional graphics card. Similarly, a hard disc controller is built in so that you can easily add a hard disc at a later date, and the expansion backplane allows you to fit up to 4 special purpose expansion cards.

ARCHIMEDES 420/1 SYSTEM

The Archimedes 420/1 computer combines all the features of the 410/1 model with two important additions.

- Internal 20 Mbytes hard disc. (Formatted)
- 2 Mbytes RAM as standard.

As soon as you become familiar with the benefits of using a computer with a hard disc, you begin to think of it as an essential. Not only do you have all your programs 'to hand' so that you can load any you choose without disc swapping, you also find they load much more quickly. The fast hard disc complements RISC OS by keeping all your programs and data within quick pointing range of your mouse.

If you run really memory intensive programs, such as desktop publishing, complex spreadsheets, or graphics applications, you will appreciate the additional memory capacity of the 2 Mbytes of RAM in the Archimedes 420/1 computer. Large documents, pictures and calculations can be manipulated more quickly. You also benefit from the larger RAM as you acquire more software capable of running simultaneously with RISC OS, and you are secure in the knowledge that you can easily add even more RAM, up to a total of 4 Mbytes, at a later date if you wish.



ARCHIMEDES 440/1 SYSTEM

The Archimedes 440/1 model is the flagship of the 400/1 range, featuring:

- 50 Mbytes hard disc. (Formatted)
- 4 Mbytes RAM as standard.

The hard disc and the greater RAM of the 440/1 offer the same benefits as those of the 420, but more so. Whereas the 20 Mbytes hard disc of the 420/1 offers more than sufficient storage for many users, you may wish to build up large banks of data, or keep a great selection of software readily available.

Similarly, the 4 Mbytes of RAM of the Archimedes 440/1 computer provides the space for the most demanding of professional users running large applications and several processes simultaneously.

ARCHIMEDES 400/1 SERIES EXPANSION OPTIONS

The Archimedes 400/1 series allows you to choose the specification that best suits your requirements and budget, with the security of knowing that upgrades and expansions can be added progressively as your needs evolve. The 410/1 base model can be upgraded to the full specification of the 440/1 model, and all the Archimedes system options and expansion cards are compatible with all models of the 400/1 range.

Monitors:

You can choose from a range of monitors. The most popular is the Archimedes Colour Monitor, which gives superior display to the standard colour monitor offered with many PCs. It has 640 × 256 resolution and analogue input to handle the 4096 colour palette that the computer provides. Alternative monitors, including high resolution multi-scan colour, ultra-high resolution mono, and low-cost composite mono units, do not require different graphic cards.

Hard Discs:

You can add a hard disc to the Archimedes 410/1 computer – the controller is already fitted as standard. An external hard disc interface option will be available to add further hard disc storage to all 400/1 series models.

PC Emulator:

The software PC Emulator loaded from disc enables the Archimedes computer to run an enormous library of MS-DOS programs written for IBM-compatible computers. After loading the emulator, you can simply insert an IBM-format disc and run the program from DOS. If your Archimedes computer has a hard disc, you can reserve part of it as a DOS partition for your MS-DOS programs and files.

Networking:

An optional internally-fitted Econet module provides instant connection to this widely used low-cost networking system. An Ethernet expansion card will be introduced to allow connection to the 'industry-standard' networking system.

Expansion Cards:

The 400/1 series expansion backplane has four slots, all available for expansion cards. (Note that disc, display and standard communication port controllers do not use expansion card space.)

I/O Expansion Card for specialised communication and control functions, such as scientific instrumentation, or non-keyboard input systems.

ROM Expansion Card for specialised system development.

Floating Point Co-Processor Expansion Card (to be introduced) will speed highly intensive mathematical computation.

MIDI Expansion Card providing a standard control interface for electronic musical instruments. There is also a Midi upgrade to the I/O expansion card.

SCSI Expansion Card (to be introduced) will give access to multiple external peripherals such as hard discs and streaming tape together with printers, optical discs, scanners and other 'industry-standard' peripherals.

SUMMARY SPECIFICATIONS

| | 410/1 | 420/1 | 440/1 |
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| Acorn RISC Machine 32-bit CPU – Typically 4 MIPS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic RAM | 1 MB. | 2 MB. | 4 MB. |
| Maximum Memory | 4 MB.* | 4 MB.* | 4MB. |
| ROM | 512 KB. | 512 KB. | 512 KB. |
| 3½" Floppy Disc Drive | 800 KB. | 800 KB. | 800 KB. |
| Built-in Hard Disc Drive (Formatted) | Upgrade Option | 20 MB. | 50 MB. |
| Monitor Resolution – Standard Colour – Multiscan Colour – High-Resolution Mono | 640 × 256 640 × 512 1152 × 896 | 640 × 256 640 × 512 1152 × 896 | 640 × 256 640 × 512 1152 × 896 |
| 103-key Keyboard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3-Button Mouse | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Two-Channel Stereo Sound with Headphone Jack | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serial Interface Port | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Parallel Interface Port | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Expansion Slots (free) (includes 1 co-processor port) | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Econet Port (Module optional) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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