
Cumana launch

16-bit processor

CUMANA has released a 16-bit second processor for the BBC micro. It uses Motorola's 68008 chip, already used in Sinclair's QL and the new Atari ST machines.

Unlike other second processor boards which plug into the Tube, the Cumana board sits inside the Beeb's case and plugs into the 6502 processor socket, with the chip relocating on to the 68008 board.

The board is supplied with half a megabyte of memory, which is not expandable at present. A double density floppy disc controller is also supplied, based on the 2797 controller chip. The operating system is the versatile OS-9 is supplied on disc and offers a degree of Unix compatibility.

Languages supplied include Pascal, C and Basic 09, and there's a range of applications software aimed at the business and scientific market. *Stylograph* is a word-processor with spellcheck and mailmerge capabilities; *Dyna-calc* is a spreadsheet and *Sculptora* database package.

The board is supplied with a single sideways ROM and costs £695 plus VAT. Further details from Cumana on (0483) 503121.