

Pocket Book II

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- Since its launch in 1992, thousands of Pocket Books have been acquired by schools around the world. This success is due to the combination of in-built, ready-to-run, multitasking applications carefully designed both in terms of ergonomics and of relevance to curriculum requirements.
- Pocket Book II applications provide all the basic tools necessary for organising and recording ideas, notes and data: Write (the fully-functional word processor with its in-built spelling checker), Abacus (the Lotus 1-2-3 compatible spreadsheet), Calc (the scientific calculator), Cards (the database) and Time.
- All Pocket Books can transfer their data via the optional desktop link to the user's desktop system (whether PC, Apple or Acorn) for further analysis or presentation.
- Pocket Book II adds to this with Schedule (a diary and scheduling application) and Plotter (a graph plotter which removes the need for a separate graphical calculator).
- Pocket Book II has a screen which is twice the area of the Pocket Book's, and the bigger model has a memory of 512K.
- Performing the tasks that a laptop computer is typically used for, but at a fraction of the cost, and with the ability to fit neatly into a pocket, satchel or school bag, Pocket Book is the ideal purchase.



Pocket Book II specification

Size: 165 mm x 85 mm x 22 mm

Weight: 275g including batteries

Screen: 480 x 160 graphics screen, up to 80 characters by 25 lines. High contrast, retardation film LCD

Internal ROM memory: 2MB containing multitasking, windowing operating system, and software applications

Internal RAM memory: 256K or 512K

External expansion: Two Solid State Disks (SSDs), 63 mm x 43 mm x 6 mm. Flash SSDs require no battery back-up; capacity up to 2MB. RAM SSDs have their own lithium battery; capacity up to 1MB

Processor: 16-bit NEC V30H (80C86 compatible), 7.68MHz

Sound: Loudspeaker, with DTMF auto-dialling and digital sound playback; microphone for digital sound recording

Power: Two AA-size alkaline batteries, giving approximately 80 hours of continuous use (without using expansion upgrades), or 2 to 4 months of typical usage; standard lithium back-up battery protects RAM while main batteries are changed; optional external AC Mains Adaptor (AHA35)

Keyboard: 58-key, QWERTY layout, computer-style keyboard; 8 touch-sensitive buttons for application selection

Operating temperature: 0°-50° C

Communications options:

- Fast serial interface (1.536Mbits/sec) accepts:
- A-Link (AHA30) to allow communication with an Acorn 32-bit computer and provide direct file access
 - Parallel Link (AHA31) to allow direct printing to most parallel printers
 - PC Link (AHA36) or M Link (AHA37) to allow communication with PC compatibles or Apple Macintosh

Manual: Comprehensive, easy-to-use User Guide

Optional

Programmer's (OPL) Guide

Built-in applications

Cards -

flat-form database for storing information and other data (anything from a biology glossary to details of the planets)

Write -

fully featured word processor with outlining, variable font sizes, page layout support, and partial WYSIWYG

Schedule -

manages appointments, diary, anniversary and to-do requirements, with alarms

Abacus -

fully featured spreadsheet, compatible with Lotus 1-2-3, and with graphing facilities

Spell -

spell checking, dictionary and thesaurus; also accessible from within Write

Time -

sets the time, date and home city

Plotter -

plots and traces mathematical equations (Cartesian, polar, parametric, etc)

World -

world times, atlas, dialling codes, distances, etc

Calc -

scientific calculator

Record -

sound and voice recorder

OPL Editor -

edits and runs OPL programs; OPL is a language similar to BASIC

* A-Link requires RISC OS 3 (version 3.10 or later)

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