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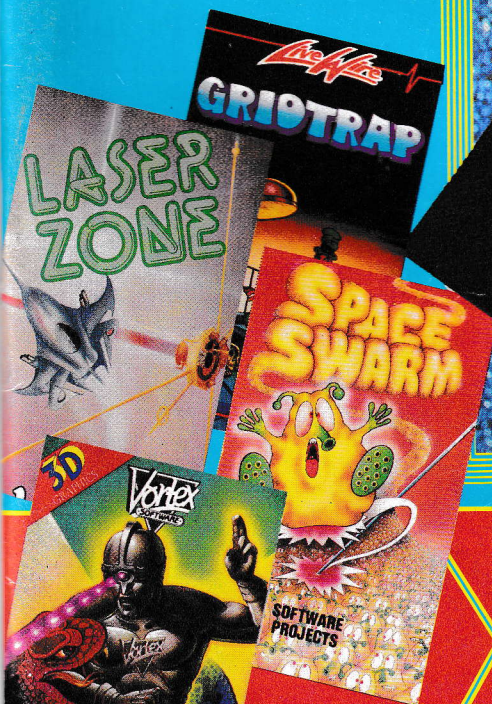
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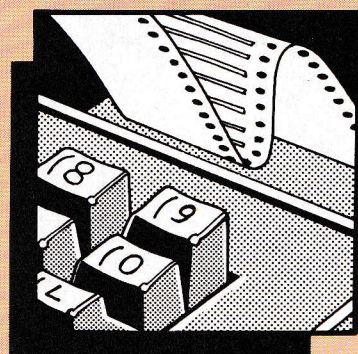
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Factfile is our guide to buying a microcomputer. We have included all computers which cost less than £500. In order to help you through the decision computer jungle, we have put the most important specifications for each of the micros into a clear format so you can see at a glance which one has the features you are looking for. The layout also makes it easier to compare different manufacturer's machines without having to wade through the reams of brochures supplies by them.

Factfile sorts it all out for you! Just look down the

price index to discover what is available in your range and then consult the facts given for each. The section is presented alphabetically.

Since most peripherals are made to interface with lots of different micros, we have not included information as to whether the micro's manufacturer produces items specific to the machine. Various Printers, disk drives etc. will be reviewed in our add-ons section throughout the year. Specific information can be obtained by contacting the manufacturer directly.

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FACTFILE PRICE INDEX

MICROS UNDER £500 (prices given in chart are recommended retail. For average selling prices see under machine)

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 SV318

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BBC Model B
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Hardware Factfile

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STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K, 48K
Screen Size	28 X 40
Expansion Sockets	Yes
Tape Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
R.R.P.	£99.95, £139.95
Average Price	£99.95, £139.95

SINCLAIR ZX SPECTRUM

Sinclair Research,
Stanhope Road
Camberley, GU15 3PS



STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size	16K, 48K
Screen Size	24 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	ROM packs, Bus connector, joystick, socket
Tape Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
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R.R.P.	£99.95, £129.95
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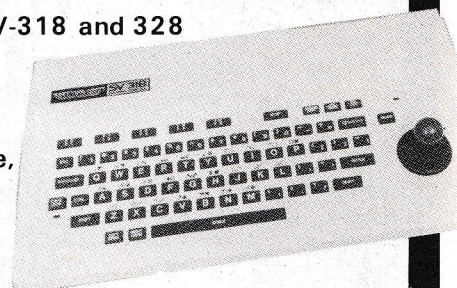


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Memory Size (RAM)	64K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	N/A
Tape Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	28K
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Average Price	£249.95

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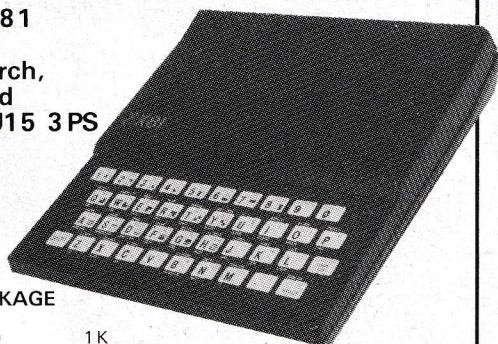


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Memory Size	318	328
Screen Size	32K	80K
	40 lines of 24 char.	40 lines of 24 char.
Expansion Sockets		
Tape Included?	Yes	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No	No
Size of BASIC		
R.R.P.	£226	£305
Average Price	£226	£305

SINCLAIR ZX 81

Sinclair Research,
Stanhope Road
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STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	1K
Screen Size	34 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connections
Tape Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
R.R.P.	£39.95
Average Price	£39.95

TEXAS TI99 /4 A

Texas Instruments,
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STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K
Screen Size	34 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	ROM pack, BUS connector, joystick, socket
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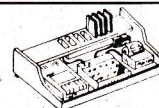
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