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Cassette Socket

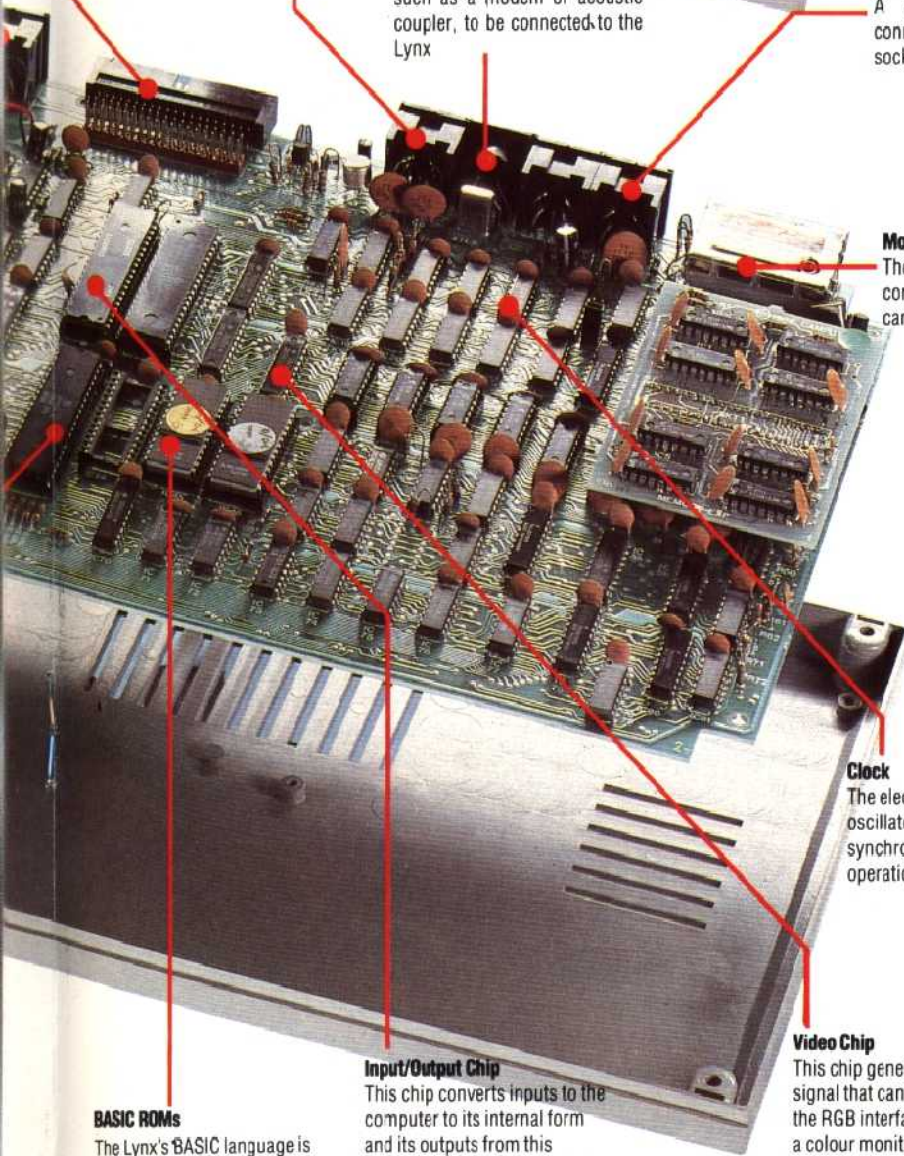
This DIN socket is where the cassette unit is connected to the computer

RS232 Port

This socket allows peripherals using serial communications, such as a modem or acoustic coupler, to be connected to the Lynx

RGB Interface

A colour monitor can be connected to the Lynx using this socket



Modulator

The signal from the video chip is converted by this to a form that can be accepted by a television set

Clock

The electronic 'beat' of this oscillator is used to time and synchronise all the computer's operations

Video Chip

This chip generates the video signal that can be fed directly to the RGB interface for display on a colour monitor and to the modulator when a television is used as the display unit

BASIC ROMs

The Lynx's BASIC language is stored permanently in this pair of ROMs

Input/Output Chip

This chip converts inputs to the computer to its internal form and its outputs from this internal form to a form suitable for the receiving device

LYNX

PRICE

£225

SIZE

350mm x 213mm x 60mm

WEIGHT

1564g

CPU

Z80A

CLOCK SPEED

4 MHz

MEMORY

48 Kbytes RAM expandable to 192 Kbytes
16 Kbytes ROM providing BASIC and monitor

VIDEO DISPLAY

Text mode of 24 rows each of 40 characters
High resolution mode with 248 x 256 dots

INTERFACES

Television connector, RGB video, Composite video, RS232 cassette connector, parallel expansion socket

LANGUAGE SUPPLIED

BASIC

COMES WITH

Aerial lead, cassette lead, power supply unit, manual, cassette

KEYBOARD

Professional, QWERTY keyboard with 57 keys and space bar

DOCUMENTATION

Although the manual provides an acceptable introduction to BASIC it lacks the kind of information that the more advanced user would want. The explanations of the Lynx's sound and graphics facilities are adequate for the beginner. But the introduction to machine code and the use of the monitor is far too sparse to have any value to the newcomer.

Unconnected topics are often grouped together. This, coupled with the lack of an index makes it difficult to locate some topics.

The illustrations are reproduced directly from sketches by the author. This is acceptable for the cartoons, but is unsatisfactory for the technical illustrations