AMSTRAD CPC 464

PRICE

£239 with monochrome monitor £349 with colour monitor

DIMENSIONS

Keyboard/cassette: 565x170x70mm Colour monitor: 380x350x350mm

Z80

MEMOR

64K RAM, of which 42K is available for BASIC programs, _s32K ROM

SCREEN

Three modes with full mixing of text and graphics: 640x200 (2 colours) 320x200 (4 colours) 160x200 (16 colours) A palette of 27 colours to choose from

INTERFACES

Joysticks (2), Centronic printer port, expansion bus (disk drives), stereo sound output, monitor output

ANGUAGES AVAILABLE

BASIC (included), PASCAL (on cassette)

KEYBOARD

Typewriter-style, 74 keys DOCUMENTATION

The beginner's guide included with the machine is easy to understand. BASIC reference manual and technical reference manual are also available

STRENGTHS

The monitor and built-in cassette deck make the Amstrad a complete off-the-shelf system. It has a large memory, excellent and versatile graphics, and sophisticated stereo sound

WEAKNESSES

The cassette deck is not very robust in construction. Graphics commands in BASIC are not (as yet) up to the potential of the hardware

Future

Expansion Port

This will take add-ons, the

most notable of which is the

disk to upgrade the Amstrad

into a CP/M machine

Power On/Off Switch

Upgrade Amstrad plans to make an impact on the lower end of the business computer market by launching a disk drive. This will cost £200,

programs

which includes the standard CP/M operating system needed by most business



Colour Monitor

This socket gives out two signals: one for a monochrome

Monitor Output

signals: one for a monochrome monitor and one for an RGB colour monitor. Whichever type of monitor is bought with the Amstrad will be plugged in here

64K Of RAM

Built-In Cassette Recorder

Tape Counter

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