



Overview

The AppleIIgs® personal computer is the most powerful, most colorful Apple® II ever made. Combining the best of the previous Apple II computers—built-in accessory ports for easy addition of peripherals, and versatile expansion slots for system customization—the AppleIIgs provides an easy-to-use interface similar to that of the

Macintosh® personal computer. It also offers powerful features such as high-resolution color graphics, 15-voice sound capability, and the advanced 65C816 microprocessor.

The AppleIIgs features GS/OS®, an operating system developed exclusively to take advantage of the computer's hardware features. GS/OS offers high-performance capabilities such as rapid disk access and program launching, while increasing the system's ease of use.

Powerful hardware capabilities and advanced system software that puts them at your fingertips: It all adds up to the ultimate Apple II personal computer.

Features

Benefits

- Powerful 16-bit 65C816 processor

- Runs software that takes advantage of the advanced graphics and sound capabilities of the Apple II GS system.

- Compatible with the 65C02 microprocessor used in the earlier Apple II systems

- Runs virtually all existing Apple II software—thousands of programs, including the educational software used by many schools.
- Protects your investment by letting you upgrade or trade up without sacrificing software or hardware compatibility.

- 512 kilobytes of user memory (RAM)

- Allows you to work with large documents (spreadsheets, databases, and so forth).

- Seven general-purpose expansion slots

- Provides a virtually unlimited growth path.

- Seven peripheral ports

- Allows you to connect commonly used peripherals (such as disk drives, a printer, an RGB or composite monitor, a modem, and AppleTalk® network devices) without the need for special interface cards.

- One dedicated memory expansion slot

- Lets you easily expand the system memory to as much as 1.25 megabytes, using the Apple II GS Memory Expansion Kits.
- Permits expansion to 8 megabytes when higher-capacity chips become available.

- Built-in 32-oscillator sound chip

- Lets you compose for and simultaneously playback as many as 15 separate instruments, sound effects, or voices.

- Built-in speaker and standard output jack for external speakers or headphones

- Permits the sounds of music, games, educational software, and even human voices to be presented with startling realism.

- Two super-high-resolution graphics modes, offering a palette of 4,096 colors

- Lets you produce richly detailed graphics using home, school, or business applications.
- Enables the development of graphically enhanced educational and productivity applications.

Product Details

The Apple II GS personal computer features the Apple II GS System Software Version 4.0, which includes the following:

GS/OS operating system
Exclusively created for the Apple II GS personal computer, GS/OS dramatically increases the speed of both disk access and program launching. It also includes File System Translators (FSTs) that allow applications to directly access files created using other file systems, such as the ISO/High Sierra file system used by CD-ROM devices.

Finder

The Apple II GS Finder[®] has been revised extensively to take full advantage of the GS/OS operating system. In addition to providing support for disk partitions and other new features, the Apple II GS Finder is now easier to use, faster, and more informative than the earlier version.

Advanced Disk Utility

With its graphics-based interface, the Advanced Disk Utility makes it easy for you to initialize, name, erase, and partition hard disks, as well as to work with both 5.25- and 3.5-inch floppy disks.

Installer

This program allows you to update your startup disks with the latest system software. It also lets you add special system files to customize startup disks for use with your particular system configuration.

Technical Specifications

Central processing unit (CPU)

- Microprocessor: 65C816
- Clock speed: 2.8 or 1.02 megahertz; user- or software-selectable
- Address bus: 24 bits
- Data bus: 8 bits
- Address range: 16,777,216 bytes
- 16-bit registers: accumulator, two index registers, direct register, stack pointer, and program counter
- 8-bit registers: databank, program bank, and status
- Addressable memory: up to 8 megabytes of RAM (random-access memory) and up to 1 megabyte of ROM (read-only memory)

Memory

- 512K of RAM, expandable to 8 megabytes
- 128K of ROM, expandable to 1 megabyte

Text display modes

- 40 columns by 24 lines
- 80 columns by 24 lines

Graphics display modes

- Super-high-resolution
–320 dots horizontally by 200 dots vertically, in up to 16 colors per line and 256 colors per screen, from a palette of 4,096 colors
- 640 dots horizontally by 200 dots

vertically, in 4 or more colors per line and 128 colors per screen, from a palette of 4,096 colors

- Double-high-resolution (560 dots horizontally by 192 dots vertically; 16 colors)
- Double-low-resolution (80 dots horizontally by 48 dots vertically; 6 colors)
- High-resolution (280 dots horizontally by 192 dots vertically; 6 colors)
- Low-resolution (40 dots horizontally by 48 dots vertically; 16 colors)

Sound capability

- Ensoniq 32-oscillator digital synthesizer chip with dedicated 64K RAM
- Produces up to 15 voices simultaneously
- Uses internal speaker, or external speaker or headphones via audio output jack (volume is set through the Control Panel)

Character sets

- 32 letters (uppercase and lowercase), 32 special characters, 32 Mouse text characters, and 12 unique characters for each of these international character sets: U.S., U.K., French, Danish, Spanish, Italian, German, and Swedish

Keyboard

- Standard typewriter-style
- 80 keys, plus 14-key numeric keypad
- Two Apple Desktop Bus[®] connectors (one for attaching the keyboard to the computer; one for daisy-chaining additional input devices)
- Keyboard layouts (selectable through the Control Panel)
–QWERTY (Sholes)
–Dvorak
–Nine international (all those listed under Character sets, plus French Canadian)

Interfaces

- Expansion slots
–One multipurpose RAM/ROM memory expansion slot
- Seven general-purpose input/output slots for peripherals control cards, all fully buffered, with interrupt and DMA priority
- Serial ports: two 8-pin minircircular connectors (either can be used to connect Apple Talk devices); utilize SCC communications chip
- Disk-drive port: one 19-pin D-style connector (allows daisy-chain connection of up to four Apple 3.5, Apple 5.25, or UniDisk[®] disk drives)



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Technical Specifications (continued)

- Video output
 - Analog RGB, via 15-pin D-style connector
 - Composite color, via RCA phono connector
- Apple Desktop Bus port: one 4-pin mini-circular connector on back of computer
- Game I/O: 9-pin D-style connector for joysticks, graphics tablet, and others such devices
- Audio
 - RCA mini-headphone/speaker output jack with programmable volume control
 - Input/Output connector on main logic board

Operating systems

- GS/OS
- ProDOS® 16 and ProDOS 8
- Pascal
- DOS 3.3
- CP/M (with appropriate coprocessor card)

Other features

- Real-time clock (set through the Control Panel)
- Battery backup for Control Panel settings

Electrical requirements

- Line voltage: 107 to 132 volts AC; 50 to 60 hertz
- Power consumption:
 - Typical: 11 watts
 - Maximum: 60 watts
- Supply voltages:
 - +5 volts (±3%)
 - +12 volts (±6%)
 - 5 volts (±10%)
 - 12 volts (±10%)
- Maximum supply currents:
 - +5 volts: 2.5 amps
 - +12 volts: 1.5 amps
 - 5 volts: 250 milliamps
 - 12 volts: 250 milliamps

Environmental requirements

- Operating temperature: 32° to 113° F (0° to 45° C)
- Maximum temperature on power-supply case: 130° F (55° C)
- Relative humidity: 5% to 85%

Safety and EMI qualifications

- FCC Part 15 Class B Computing Devices
- CSA 22.2, No. 154-1979
- UL 114—Office Appliances and Business Equipment

Size and weight (main unit)

- Height: 4.6 in. (11.7 cm)
- Width: 11.2 in. (28.4 cm)
- Depth: 13.7 in. (34.8 cm)
- Weight: 8.72 lb. (3.96 kg)

Ordering Information

Apple II GS
Order No. A2S6010

With your order, you'll receive:

- Apple II GS personal computer with 512K of RAM and 128K of ROM
- Apple Desktop Bus detached keyboard with numeric keypad
- Keyboard cable
- Apple Desktop Bus mouse
- Power cord
- Apple II GS System disk
- Apple II GS System Tools disk
- Your Tour of the Apple II GS interactive training disk
- *Apple II GS Owner's Guide*
- *Apple II GS System Disk User's Guide*

- *Apple II GS System Tools manual*
- *A Touch of Applesoft BASIC* introduction to programming
- Informational materials on related products and services
- Limited warranty statement
- Product registration card

Apple II GS systems are now shipped with the Apple II GS Memory Expansion Card, Order No. A2B6002.

Apple II GS System Fan

Order No. A2M6004

If your Apple II GS will contain three or more expansion cards, you should also obtain the Apple II GS System Fan.