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Macintosh LC 550: Description (3/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple Macintosh LC 550 computer. Note that, in the U.S., this model is sold only through educational channels.

DISCUSSION -----

Overview

The Apple Macintosh LC 550 is a low cost, yet powerful all-in-one computer. Its integrated design combines logic board and monitor in a single package with stereo speakers and a microphone.

With its 33 megahertz 68030 microprocessor, the Macintosh LC 550 performs 25 percent faster than the Macintosh LC III. It supports up to 36 megabytes of memory and has a 160 megabyte internal hard drive options. As an option, you can add Apple's new internal CD-ROM drive. This new drive features tray-loading, so you'll no longer need a CD caddy.

The Macintosh LC 550 is expandable with a LC-compatible processor-direct slot.

Features

Power and Speed

- 33 megahertz 68030 microprocessor with 32-bit data bus
- Optional 68882 math coprocessor
- 4 megabytes of RAM, expandable to 36 megabytes
- 512 kilobytes of VRAM for 8-bit color standard (optional 1MB of VRAM for 16-bit color)
- Optional internal double-speed, tray-loading CD-ROM drive
- 160 megabyte hard disk drive

Convenience

- Features all-in-one design for easy setup and use
- Includes front-panel contrast and volume controls and a headphone jack, as well as a keyboard power on/off switch

- Conserves energy by reducing power consumption by more than 50 percent

Broad Expansion Capabilities

- PowerPC upgradable when upgrade becomes available
- Comes with built-in ports to support a wide range of peripherals
- Features a Macintosh LC-compatible processor-direct slot

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