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Newton MessagePad: Description (7/93)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the functions and capabilities of the Newton MessagePad.

DISCUSSION -----

The Newton MessagePad uses Newton intelligence and communications technologies to help you do the following:

- Take notes
- Make a quick sketch
- Format and print letters
- Share and synchronize information with your personal computer
- Send a fax
- Receive pages and messages
- Tap into on-line services or electronic mail
- Exchange business cards with a colleague via built-in infrared technology

Newton weighs less than a pound, and is smaller than a VHS videocassette.

You can leave your notes handwritten or let Newton read your handwriting and transform it into typed text. If you prefer, you can type words using an on-screen keyboard. Drawings, handwriting and printed text can all be displayed on the same screen.

The Newton MessagePad can find a phone number and dial the phone for you, fax a note, format a letter, and even set up a lunch appointment.

The Newton MessagePad comes with built-in applications that include a notepad, to-do list, datebook, and name file to get you started. You can customize your Newton MessagePad to include Apple and third-party software and hardware additions.

FEATURES

Built-in Applications

- Let you capture, organize, and communicate information
- Allow free-form notetaking
- Track tasks via a to-do list that helps you assign priorities
- Let you create name files with a business-card look for hundreds people
- Help you plan monthly, weekly, and daily calendars
- Include information and productivity tools (such as time-zone maps, calculator, and currency-exchange formulas)

Communications Capabilities

- Send notes or messages, schedule appointments, or exchange business cards with other nearby Newton users via built-in, infrared beaming technology
- Print formatted letters and notes to serial and parallel printers
- Send faxes anywhere with an optional compact fax modem
- Receive and store wireless paging messages with the optional Newton Messaging Card
- Share information and keep files synchronized and updated with personal computers running Microsoft Windows or with Macintosh computers (requires Newton Connection Kit)
- Tap into electronic mail and on-line services with an optional compact fax modem

Intelligent Assistance

- Knows how you work and actively assists you in completing tasks
- Assists you in making phone calls, faxing, finding information, sending electronic mail, printing, scheduling meetings, and completing to-do lists

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