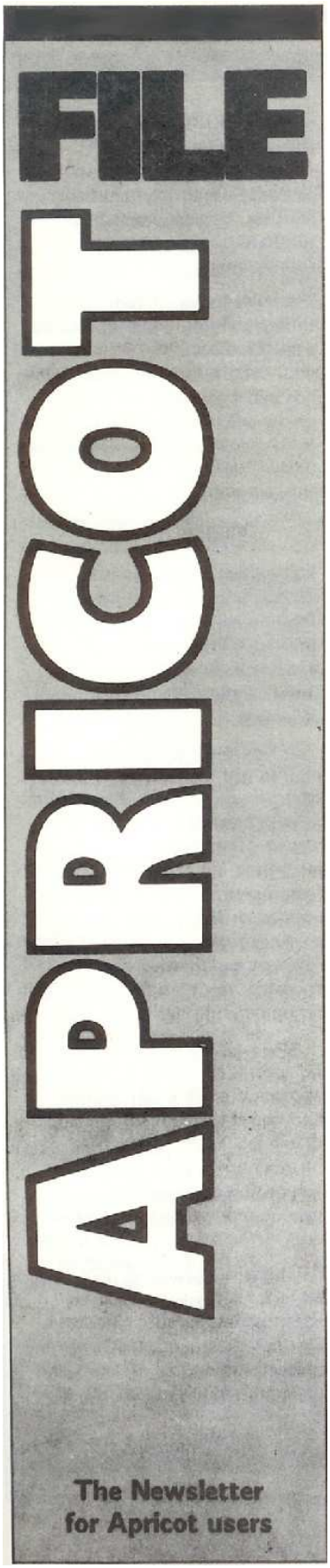
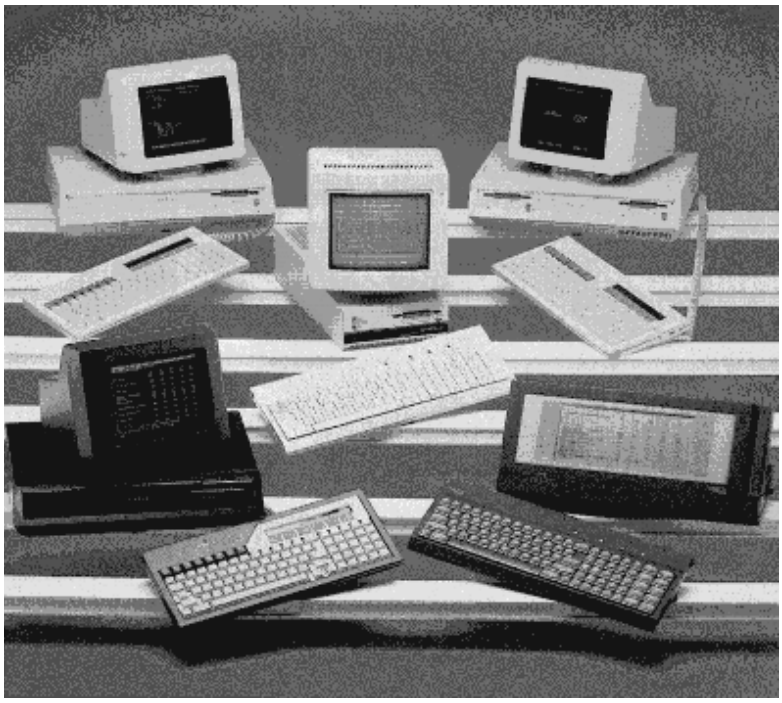


Apricot PC286 Announcement



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	Normal Upgrade £	Offer Price £
Wordperfect 4.1 to Wordperfect 4.2	139.91	**97.75**
Wordperfect 4.2 to Wordperfect 4.2	97.75	**57.50**

Sentinel Software plc, Wellington House, New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1PY.
Tel 0932 231164.

Lotus 123 V.1A to Lotus 123 V.2.01	200.00	**140.00**
Lotus Symphony V.1.0 to Lotus Symphony V.2.0	278.00	**125.00**

Lotus Development (UK), Consort House, Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4. Tel 0753 840281.

Supercalc 1 to Supercalc 4 Rel.1.1	322.00	**228.85**
Supercalc 2 to Supercalc 4 Rel.1.1	212.75	**148.35**
Supercalc 3 to Supercalc 4 Rel.1.1	184.00	**113.85**

Computer Associates plc, Edinburgh House, 45-51 Windsor Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 2EQ. Tel 0753 77733.

dBase II to dBase III+ 1.1	281.75	**171.35**
dBase III to dBase 111+ 1.1	166.75	**113.85**

Ashton Tate Upgrades, P.O. Box 2, Twyford, Reading, RG10 9NW.
Tel 0734 341310.

Delta 4 (any) to Delta 4.3	189.75	**113.85**

Compsoft plc, Compsoft Manor, Farncombe Hill, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2AR. Tel 04868 25925.

Apricot Accountant to Apricot Accountant V.36 single user	86.25*	**63.25***
Apricot Accountant to Apricot Accountant V.36 multi-user	287.50*	**172.50***
Pulsar to Apricot Accountant V.36 single user	115.00*	**80.50***
Pulsar to Apricot Accountant V.36 multi-user	345.00*	**172.50***

*Prices shown are per module

Pact Associates, Lygon Court, Hereward Rise, Dudley Road, Halesowen, West Midlands, B62 8AN. Tel 021-503 0022.

All prices include VAT and carriage

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June 13th, 1988

PC286 UPGRADES

Dear PC/Xi user

We recently sent you details of our latest pricing and options for upgrading your Apricot PC/Xi.

I am now writing with details of a special software upgrade offer for all PC286 upgrades ordered during June.

Normally your move to IBM compatibility and a wealth of new software would add substantially to your upgrade cost.

However, your existing investment in Apricot software can give you the latest IBM compatible versions at a fraction of the current cost.

Apricot has negotiated special software upgrade prices with the major software houses whose packages were widely sold on PC's and Xi's - the enclosed leaflet gives you full details of the special prices.

To take advantage of this special offer,

* place an order on your Apricot re-seller for the PC286 upgrade

* call us on 021-585 5076, quoting your order no., the name of your re-seller, and the software upgrades you require.

But hurry, this offer closes on June 30th 1988.

We will send you the special software upgrade voucher(s) by return. Simply complete the voucher and return it with your Apricot master disk and cheque (all prices include VAT and carriage) to the appropriate software house to arrive no later than June 30th 1988.

Your Apricot re-seller will arrange for your machine to be upgraded.

Yours sincerely

Simon Nieboer
Director, PC286 Division

APRICOT PC286 ADVANCE PLAN



TURN YOUR APRICOT PC INTO A SUPERFAST, AT-COMPATIBLE FROM JUST £699

WHAT IS APRICOT PC286?

Under the unique Apricot PC286 Advance Plan, any existing Apricot PC or Xi can now be upgraded to a superfast, AT-compatible – the Apricot PC286.

This high performance upgrade features the Intel 80286 processor running at 10MHz, 1Mb RAM, one 720k double-sided 3.5" floppy drive and up to 20Mb of fast-access Winchester disk storage. Hercules compatible mono graphics are fitted as standard as well as an above memory mapper which will allow you to break the 640k limit imposed by MS-DOS and use up to 2Mb of fast on-board memory. And, you can also connect your PC286 to a powerful Apricot networking system, because the new mother-board features support for a LAN module – a simple plug-in option.

WHY APRICOT PC286?

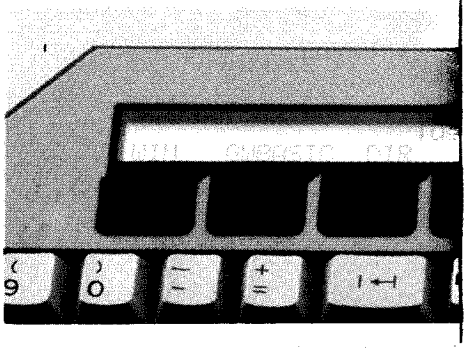


PC286 gives you all the power and performance of current Apricot XEN-i products but retains the many well-praised features of the PC/Xi, such as the neat footprint, exceptional portability and the unique MicroScreen.

Applications software will run much faster too (up to 4 times your current speed) and, with instant access to the world of IBM AT compatibility, you will have a lot more software to choose from.

A wide range of product options are also available with PC286, including a fast access 20Mb Winchester drive and a choice of new monitor, keyboard and expansion products.

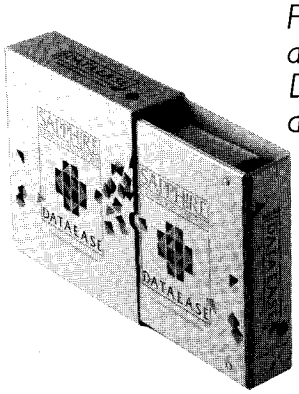
All this (and more) for less than half the price of comparable 286 computers available today.



THE SOFTWARE TO DO THE JOB

In moving up to PC286 you will need access to IBM compatible software capable of maximising the potential of your new system. Your Apricot Systems Centre will help you here.

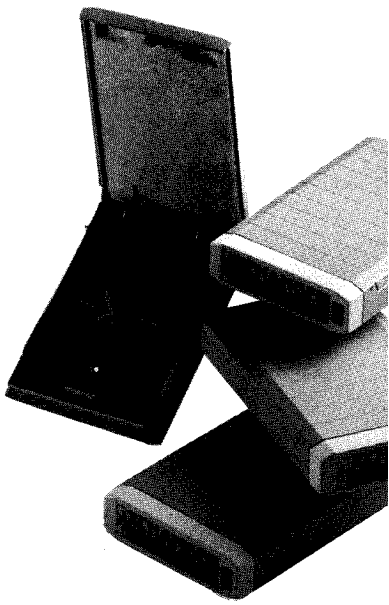
For starters your PC286 arrives complete with MS-DOS 3.3, GW BASIC and full documentation.

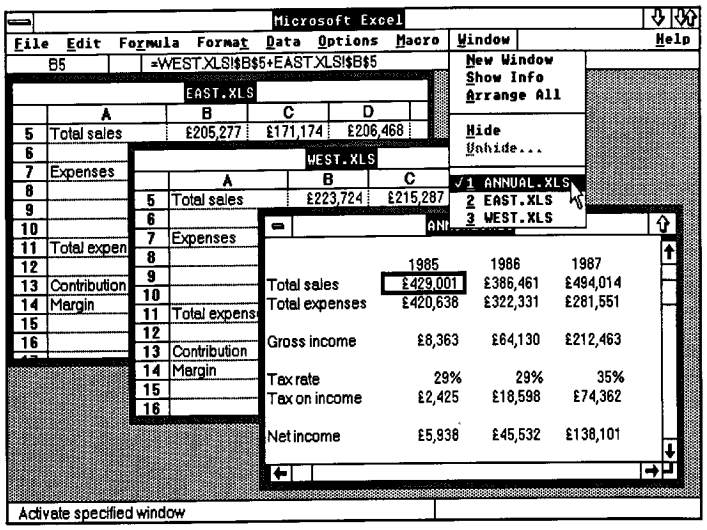


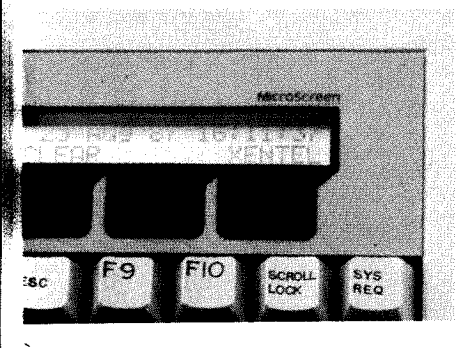
Also available is an optional Windows pack containing the Windows 2 multi-tasking environment and a range of applications programs including MS Write, a graphics word processor; MS Paint, a graphics program; and a suite of personal productivity tools.

Your Apricot Systems Centre can also supply a full range of software upgrades to assist you in transferring to IBM compatible systems as well as information on many new software applications.

Before you upgrade, your Apricot Systems Centre will advise you on the necessary back up procedure to ensure that your existing datafiles are copied and can be used with the new IBM compatible version.







PC286 PRICE LIST

Prices are for fully working systems including cpu, keyboard and mono green monitor.

The upgrade involves only the minimum of external change to your system.

The main components are a new surface-mount, 286 mother board; new keys and modifications to the standard PC or Xi 9" or 12" monochrome monitors.

Each machine will be subjected to extensive testing after conversion and a 3 months warranty is provided.

Prices shown exclude VAT.

FROM:	TO: £	OR £
Apricot PC with twin single-sided floppy disk drives.	PC286 LAN workstation with one 720k double sided floppy drive and Omninet 11 LAN chip. **£799.00**	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£999.00**
Apricot PC with twin double-sided floppy disk drives	PC286 LAN workstation with one 720k double-sided floppy drive and Omninet II LAN chip. **£799.00**	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£999.00**
Apricot Xi-5, with 5Mb hard disk and one single-sided floppy drive	PC286 with 5Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£699.00**	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive. **£999.00**
Apricot Xi-5, with 5Mb hard disk and one double-sided floppy drive	PC286 with 5Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£699.00**	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive. **£999.00**
Apricot Xi-10, with 10Mb hard disk and one single-sided floppy drive	PC286 with 10Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£699.00**	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive. **£999.00**
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Apricot Xi-20, with 20Mb hard disk and one double sided floppy drive	PC286 with 20Mb hard disk, one 720k double-sided floppy drive **£699.00**	

OPTIONAL EXTRAS		PRICE £
MONITORS	12" MDA mono green phosphor monitor 720x350	199.00
	14" MDA mono paper white monitor 720x350	299.00
	14" VGA colour monitor 640x480*	599.00
	*Requires Apricot VGA adaptor card and XP-i expansion box.	
KEYBOARDS	Apricot XEN-i 102 key ATE keyboard	99.00
	PC286 keyboard adaptor	15.00
ANCILLARY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	VGA adaptor card	299.00
	XP-i expansion box	199.00
	Additional mono monitor upgrade	20.00
	LAN module	99.00
	Windows software suite including Apricot trackerball mouse, Windows 2 and applications	199.00
	On-site upgrade service per machine	99.00
	80287 maths co-processor	299.00
	1Mb additional RAM module	349.00

SPECIFICATION

The specification of PC286 underlines the performance increase your Apricot will show after the upgrade.

PROCESSOR
Intel 80286 running at 10MHz
Optional Intel 80287 floating point processor

MEMORY
1 megabyte RAM as standard

MEMORY EXPANSION
Up to 2 megabytes on board
Up to 10 megabytes total (using the Apricot XP-i expansion box)

MASS STORAGE
Floppy Disk: 3.5" 720K double sided drive
Hard Disk Options:
3.5" internal hard disk drives:
5 megabytes (existing drive)
10 megabytes (existing drive)
20 megabytes

PORTS
RS232C synchronous serial port (25-way 'D')
Centronics Parallel port (undirectional 36-way Female)
External floppy/drive (34-way IDC)
IBM compatible mono video connector (9-way 'D')
Apricot mono video inline adaptor
Apricot Trackerball Mouse connector (not available on optional ATE keyboard)
Apricot VX-Net connector
Keyboard connector
XP-i unit connector

OPTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
Apricot TripleX Modem (requires XP-i unit)
Communique

HARDWARE EXPANSION
Optional XP-i external expansion unit - 3 full size IBM AT compatible expansion slots

KEYBOARD
Relabelled existing Apricot keyboard
Optional Apricot XEN-i keyboard with 102 keys incl. 10 function keys and 6 MicroScreen Keys
Optional Apricot VX ATE keyboard with 102 keys incl. 12 function keys

SOUND
1 tone channel

MONITOR RESOLUTIONS
Monochrome MDA
720 x 348 (graphics mode)
Colour VGA 640 x 480 (VGA graphics mode)
Monochrome monitors use integral display electronics. VGA colour monitor requires VGA adaptor card and XP-i expansion box

POWER SUPPLY
65W internal power supply

NETWORKING
Optional on-board Apricot VX-Net networking processor, tap cable and tap box

INCLUSIVE SOFTWARE
MS-DOS 3.3, GW-BASIC

COPYING DATA FILES
Providing your existing application software is upwards compatible, you will be able to use your datafiles within the latest IBM version of your application software.

To help you make a smooth transition to your new IBM compatible software, Apricot supply full instructions together with a disk containing the software you need to back up your existing data ready for the PC286 conversion.

When your Apricot is converted, the same easy to use software will restore your data files onto your new PC286. And there will be an even larger range of additional IBM compatible applications available to you.

For further details contact your Apricot Systems Centre.

WARRANTY
Any Apricot PC or Xi upgraded to PC286 specification carries a three month parts and labour warranty, implemented via the return of the machine to a specified Apricot Systems Centre.

If the user has an existing maintenance contract on the system, he should contact that organisation to advise them of the change in specification.

Any attempt to repair will void the warranty.

Apricot recommends all its users to take out a Maintenance Contract - details of which are available from your Apricot Systems Centre.