Amiga Mail News

CBM, Inc. Announces ''Power Up'' Savings on New Amigas

Commodore Business Machines, Inc., Commodore's U.S. sales subsidiary, announced that the company's newest and most technologically advanced systems, the Amiga® 4000 and the Amiga 1200, will be available at major cost-savings through its ''Power Up'' program. This offer begins January 1, 1993 and runs through March 31, 1993.

The Amiga 4000-25/120 plus ASDG Art Department Professional™ and Electronic Arts DeluxePaint IV™ AGA will be available for a combined MSRP of $2693, a savings of $1500 (if these items were sold separately). The A4000 was introduced in September 1992 as Commodore's premier multimedia computer.

The Amiga 1200 plus SoftWood Inc.'s Final Copy 1.3™ and Electronic Arts DeluxePaint IV AGA, will be available at a combined MSRP of $599, a savings of $600. Both the A4000 and the A1200 feature Commodore's new Advanced Graphics Architecture™ (AGA) chip set that enables users to display and animate graphics in multiple resolutions at up to 256,000 colors from a palette of 16.8 million colors.

Important to note is that the ''Power Up'' software programs listed with the A4000 and the A1200 are not packaged with the systems. Customers will receive these software packages within 30 days, at no additional cost, directly from Commodore after receipt of proof of purchase and a completed CPU Warranty Card. All ''Power Up'' software offers are designed to support the (AGA) chip set design.

The A4000 comes standard with a 120MB hard drive, 6MB of memory, a dual speed high-density floppy drive, and CrossDOS software which enables users to read and write to MS-DOS formatted floppy and hard drives. The A1200, the lower cost, entry level member of the AGA based family, is the company's newest 32-bit personal computer. Other features include a low-profile design, CrossDOS and PCMCIA expandability.
''Since their introduction, both the A4000 and the A1200 have been widely publicized as the newest standard setters for video and multimedia users. Now through the ''Power Up'' program, these Amiga systems are being offered at substantial savings. This program is an excellent opportunity for multimedia users to purchase outstanding Amiga equipment at competitive prices,'' commented David Archambault, director of business marketing.

Commodore Announces AmigaVision Professional

Commodore Business Machines, Inc., Commodore's U.S. sales subsidiary, announced it is now shipping AmigaVision™ Professional, a new implementation of the Commodore icon-based authoring tool.

AmigaVision Professional builds and expands on the visual programming environment used in earlier versions of AmigaVision. One of the many new product features is the ability to display Advanced Graphics Architecture™ (AGA) based screens, which is key to users of the new Amiga® 4000 and Amiga 1200 AGA computers.

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Among other new features are full support for the CDTV® player, including playback of CD-ROM based CD-XL motion video files; speed and memory improvements; and enhancements to the authoring environment. In addition, a freely redistributable Runtime Module has been included, enabling flows created in AmigaVision to be played back without loading AmigaVision.

AmigaVision Professional has a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of $399.00. The product is an attractive option as an authoring and presentation package for interactive courseware designers and developers; educators for classroom, administrative and interactive learning applications; kiosk and point-of-information displays; user friendly front-end interfaces to complex data processing networks; as well as business, government and educational presentations.

Current users of AmigaVision can upgrade to AmigaVision Professional for only $99.00, plus shipping, by contacting CommodoreExpress™ at 1-800-448-9987. Users will be required to return their original AmigaVision disks to CommodoreExpress within ten days to receive the $99.00 upgrade price.

CBM, Inc. Features New Amiga Systems and Applications at CES

Commodore Business Machines,Inc. featured and demonstrated a full range of Amiga® products at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) from January 7-10, 1993. Commodore's presentation at CES focused on consumer multimedia applications and retail kiosk systems. Product demonstrations included the new Amiga 1200 and 4000 Advanced Graphics Architecture™ (AGA) based machines, the entry-level Amiga 600, the Commodore Dynamic Total Vision (CDTV®) player, and a variety of peripheral products.

Also included in Commodore's booth were six third-party developers who demonstrated a number of sophisticated Amiga multimedia applications for the home and professional user. The following is a list of the developers and a brief description of their products shown in the booth.

The Miracle Piano Teaching System™ from The Software Toolworks, Inc., is the first piano which teaches users how to play, has 1,000 piano lessons with fun and exciting video games and popular songs. The system comes with built-in stereo speakers, AC Adapter, and earphones. The keyboard has velocity-sensitive keys, a sustain pedal, and full MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) compatibility. It can produce over 100 exciting digital music instrument sounds. The Miracle, with its three components--software, a 49-key keyboard, and a cable connection to the user's computer--has a suggested retail price of $479.95.

G-Lock™ from Great Valley Products (GVP), is a very affordable, high quality, versatile genlock that rivals even the most expensive genlocks on the market. Compatible with all Amiga models, this feature-packed unit is completely software controllable through its user friendly control panel software, or through ARexx or the CLI. It can accept two composite on one Y/C input, and provides composite, Y/C, RGB or YUV outputs at all times. Many adjustable parameters affecting the incoming video are available and full support is provided. G-Lock lists in the U.S. for $449.00.

AmiLink/CI (Consumer Industrial) from RGB Computer & Video is a derivative of AmiLink™, RGB Computer & Video's professional desktop video editing system. CI offers cuts and A/B roll editing with the power of professional post-production systems. It also offers complete interface to the Video Toaster™ and control of up to six source and one record Panasonic AG 1960.

Video Director from Gold Disk is a videotape editing system for camcorder enthusiasts and professionals. Familiar VCR style controls make it easy to select and catalog videotaped moments or ‘‘clips’’. Clips from multiple tapes can be arranged in any order desired and VideoDirector will control a camcorder and VCR to produce a cleanly edited tape. VideoDirector includes a special Smart Cable serial port interface for controlling most popular VCRs and camcorders.

St. Clair Interactive Communications designs and develops custom interactive kiosk systems for a broad range of applications, including retail information and merchandising systems and customer service programs. The company featured several of their Amiga-based kiosk systems, such as the K-Mart Coupon Center™, in the booth.