

AN APPLE /// SUMMER BUYERS GUIDE

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The Summer is nearly upon us and it's time to start thinking about all the great bargains out there for our Apple ///s. The universe of Apple /// products is still large and the prices are excellent compared to what new equipment and software costs today. Here are some of my hardware choices:

- * 512K Memory Upgrade (ON THREE). Sold now with options of 0K of memory, 256K and 512K. (\$159.95/\$299.95/\$399.00)
- * Seikosha Color Printer with Interface Card and Color Graphics Manager (ON THREE). At \$259.95 this is a great buy for ///ers interested in an inexpensive way to print in color.
- * Titan ///+///e (SUN REMARKETING). The Titan cards are an excellent investment in the future, allowing you the luxury of running most ///e software on your Apple ///. RAM disk software in our PD library makes it even more useful. (\$299.00)
- * Hard Disk Drives. Your Apple /// was made to sing with a hard drive. Many are still available, including 5 and 10 MB ProFiles, the Quark QC20, and the Sider 20MB (SUN REMARKETING/ON THREE). Check the papers and the back of Computer Shopper for better deals.
- * 800K Disk Drive. If a hard disk is too expensive, how about an 800K drive instead? ON THREE sells both the Apple // UniDisk drive with interface card and software (\$499.00)(or just the driver alone if you want to buy it locally)(\$50.00). A better deal may be the Central Point Software 800K drive and card with software (also ON THREE) that lets you hook up any 2 MAC 800K, 400K or Apple // 140K drives (\$399.00). Card and software alone also available (\$149.00).
- * Modem. Any modem now on the market will work with your Apple ///. One that is "Hayes Compatable" would be best. The cheap ones work just fine.
- * Trackball ///. Developed by Dale Sykora, this is a Mouse substitute that will work within ANY Apple /// application. Great for graphics programs. (ON THREE \$89.95)

On the software side of things, my choices would include:

- * Public Domain disks from AUGI, WAP /// SIG, TAU or ATUNC.
- * ThreeWorks. This is an encyclopedia of Apple /// information on four double-sided disks. Requires 3EZ Pieces or (on the Apple //) AppleWorks. (AUGI/TAU/ON THREE)
- * SUN REMARKETING sells a number of commercial Apple /// software products at discount prices. Among them is AppleWriter 2.0 that contains all the excellent manuals for the program. /// EZ Pieces recently went for \$59.00.
- * ON THREE sells a number of excellent programs, including the Desktop Manager background utility, Selector /// for hard disk users, a number of games, Draw On /// and Graphics Manager graphics programs. A new offering is Sideprint, a program that will print spreadsheets sideways. Also, for new users, the Beginners Pack is an excellent buy at \$99.00.