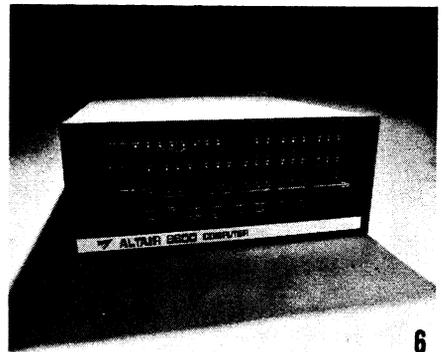
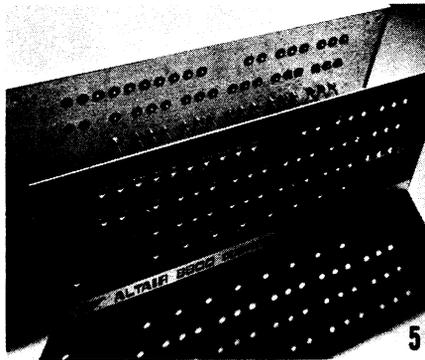
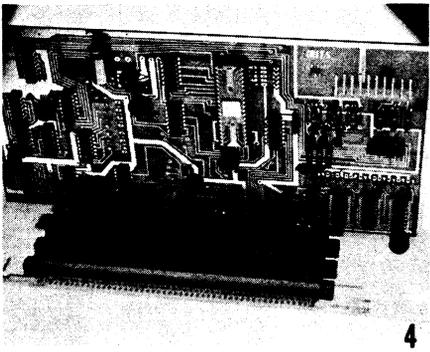
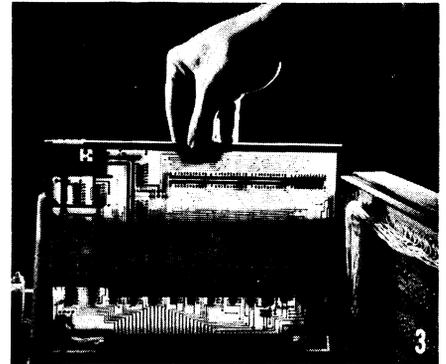
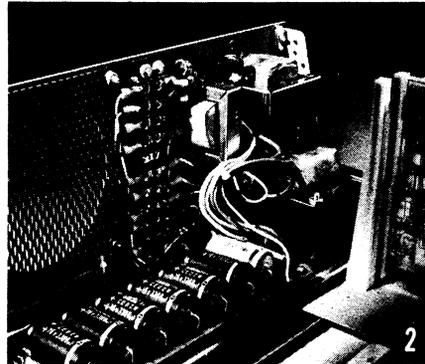
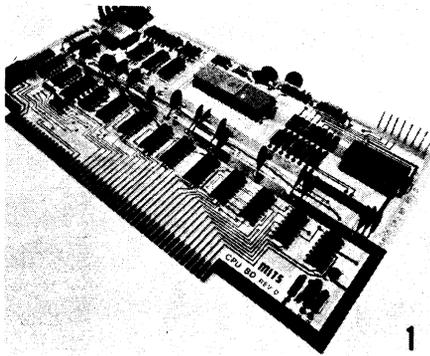


# MIT'S ALTAIR COMPUTER

See also our advertisement in E.A., August, '75.



## 1. Central Processing Unit (CPU) Board.

This double-sided board is the heart of the Altair. It was designed around the powerful Intel 8080 microprocessor—a complete central processing unit on a single LSI chip using n-channel silicon gate MOS technology. The CPU Board also contains the Altair System Clock—a standard TTL oscillator with a 2.000 MHz crystal as the feedback element.

**2. Power Supply.** The Altair Power Supply provides two +8, a +16 and a -16 volts. These voltages are unregulated until they reach the individual boards (CPU, Front Panel, Memory, I/O, etc.). Each board has all the necessary regulation for its own operation.

The Altair Power Supply allows you to expand your computer by adding up to 16 boards inside the main case. Provisions for the addition of a cooling fan are part of the Altair design.

**3. Expandability and custom designing.** The Altair has been designed to be easily expanded and easily adapted to thousands of applications. The basic Altair comes with one expander board capable of holding four vertical boards. Three additional expander boards can be added inside the main case.

**4. Altair Options.** Memory boards now available include a 256 word memory board (expandable to 1024 words), a complete 1024 word memory board, and a 4,096 word memory board. Interface boards include a parallel board and 3 serial boards (RS232, TTL and teletype).

Interface boards allow you to connect the Altair Computer to computer terminals, teletypes, line printers, plotters, and other devices.

Other Altair Options include additional expander boards, computer terminals, audio-cassette interface board, line printers, ASCII keyboards, floppy disc system, alpha-numeric display and more.

**5. All aluminum case and dress panel.** The Altair Computer has been designed both for the hobbyist and for industrial use. It comes in an all aluminum case complete with sub-panel and dress panel.

**6. It all adds up to one fantastic computer.** The Altair is comparable to mini-computers costing 10-20 thousand dollars. It can be connected to 256 input/output devices and can directly address up to 65,000 words of memory. It has over 200 machine instructions and a cycle time of 2 microseconds.

Available as kit & assembled.

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It is the realization of that day when computers are accessible to almost anyone who wants one. The heart (and the secret) of the MITS ALTAIR 8800 is the INTEL 8080 processor chip. Thanks to rapid advances in integrated circuit technology this one IC chip can now do what once took thousands of electronic components (including 100's of IC's) and miles of wire.

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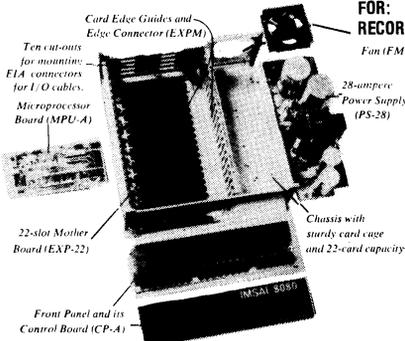
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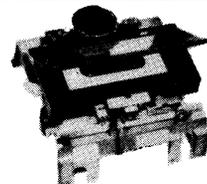
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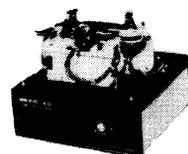
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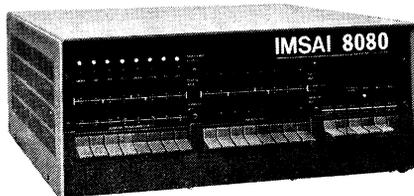


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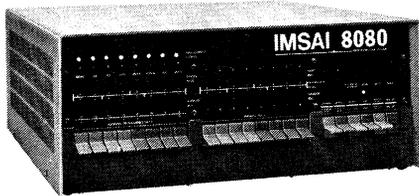
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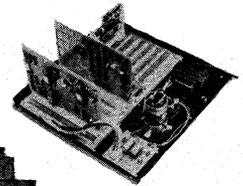
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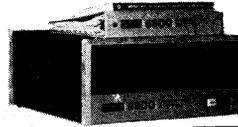
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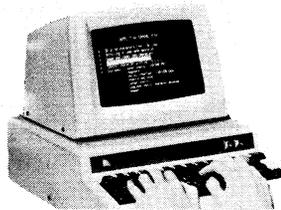


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## New SWTP terminal



Paris Radio Electronics, distributors of Southwest Technical Products systems and peripherals, has advised that it now has stocks of the new CT-64 terminal kit. An assembled CT-64 is shown above, complete with the matching SWTP 10MHz monitor.

The CT-64 stores and displays either one of two pages, each consisting of 16 lines of either 32 or 64 characters. The number of characters per line is jumper programmable, and a jumper may also be used to change the terminal from 50Hz to 60Hz operation. The full 7-bit upper and lower case ASCII character set is displayed, with either white-on-black or black-on-white operation.

An interesting feature of the CT-64 is that all 32 ASCII control characters are decoded, with some 21 decoder outputs available for user-defined control tasks.

Other features include optional control character printing, screen reversal on individual characters for highlighting, and selectable page mode/scrolling mode operation. The basic CT-64 is designed for parallel data input, but a serial interface option is available, as is an ASCII keyboard.

The matching CRT monitor shown above offers bright, well-focused character display. The 10MHz video bandwidth ensures optimum character resolution with 64-character lines.

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