Basic/Four Business Computers

New Product Announcement

Basic/Four Corporation expanded its line of small business computers early in 1978 by adding the entry-level Model 200 and introducing the Model 610 as a more powerful successor to the Model 600.

MODEL 200: This single-terminal, non-expandable packaged system consists of a CPU, 32K bytes of MOS main memory (including 8K bytes of user memory), a fixed-media disk unit with a storage capacity of 10 million bytes, a 1920-character video display terminal, a 120-character/second bidirectional printer, and a 2.5-million-byte magnetic tape cartridge unit. The system comes complete with nine preprogrammed accounting application packages. The only option offered by Basic/Four for the Model 200 is a table for use as a VDT desk or work surface.

The Model 200 package can be purchased for \$29,000 or leased for 66 months at a cost of \$638 per month, excluding maintenance. Maintenance charges are \$225 per month.

The 200's accounting software includes modules for inventory control, order processing, purchasing, payroll, general ledger, accounts payable, sales analysis, fixed assets, and accounts receivable. The packages are separated into modules and sub-modules that are selected based on parameters supplied by the user.

According to Basic/Four, the Model 200 is designed to be installed by "paratechnicians." The company defines a paratechnician as "a person who is trained in accounting applications, knows how to assist in the selection of modules and parameters, can help with the conversion from existing procedures to the System 200, and train operators to run the system."

MODEL 610: Introduced in January 1978 as a replacement for the Model 600, the 610 provides greater memory capacity and faster throughput than the Model 600 and offers up to 105 million bytes of disk storage. The Model 610 also features an enhanced operating system, BFC's EASY inquiry/reporting system, the Tri-State Language Processor, a disk subsystem organized around a programmable bipolar LSI processor, and a spooling capability.

The minimum Model 610 configuration includes a CPU with 40K bytes of semiconductor memory, one video display terminal, one 35-million-byte disk drive, and a 165-cps printer. A maximum 610 configuration includes a CPU with 96K bytes of memory, three disk drives totaling 105 million bytes, eight VDTs, and two printers. Magnetic tape cartridge units are optional, as are 150-, 300-, and 600-lpm printers. □

MODEL 610 PRICES

	Purchase Price	Monthly Maint.
610 Basic system including CPU with 40K bytes of main memory (8K user), one 35-megabyte disk drive, one VDT, one 165-cps bidirectional printer, one BOSS system pack, and asyn- chronous communications feature	\$51,400	\$454.00
610-A Basic 610 system with additional 8K user memory (48K total)	52,600	469.00
610-B Basic 610 system with additional 24K user memory (64K total)	54,800	484.00
6400 Tape cartridge drive	4,000	45.00
2530 35-megabyte disk drive	15,000	110.00
1305 32K memory board	3,900	50.00