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# BUILDING YOUR OWN COMPUTER WON'T BE A PIECE OF CAKE.

(But, we'll make it a rewarding experience.)

Chances are you won't be able to assemble the Altair 8800 Computer in an hour or two. But, that's only because the Altair is a real, full-blown computer. It's not a demonstration kit.

The Altair Computer is fast, powerful, and flexible. Its basic instruction cycle time is 2 microseconds. It can directly address 256 input and 256 output devices and up to 65,000 words of memory.

Thanks to buss orientation and wide selection of interface cards the *Altair 8800* requires almost no design changes to connect with most external devices. Up to 15 additional cards can be added inside the main case.

The Altair Computer kit is about as difficult to assemble as a desktop calculator. If you can handle a soldering iron and follow simple instructions, you can build a computer.

You see, at *MITS*, we want your experience with our kits to be rewarding. That's why we take such pains to write an accurate, straight-forward assembly manual. One that you follow step-bystep. (We leave nothing to the imagination.)

Some electronic kit companies are experts at cutting the corners. They promise you the sky and deliver a box full of surplus parts and a few pages of faded instructions run off on their copying machine.

We're experts at **not** cutting the corners. Our *Altair Computer* has been designed for both the hobby and the industrial market. It has to be constructed of the finest, quality parts. And it is.

That's why we give you double-sided boards, gold-plated connectors, a 10 Amp power supply (enough to power 15 additional cards), toggle switches and an all aluminum case complete with sub-panel and detachable dress panel.

That's why we give you three manuals (Assembly, Operator's and Trouble-shooting) in a hard-cover, 3 ring binder plus an Assembly Hints manual.

Buy our computer and we'll automatically make you a member of the Altair User's Group. You'll have access to a whole range of custom software designed exclusively for the Altair 8800.

We're quite serious about making computer power available to you at a price you can afford.

## **BASIC ALTAIR AND OPTIONS**

The basic *Altair 8800 Computer* includes the CPU, front panel control board, front panel lights and switches, power supply and expander board (with room for 3 extra cards) all enclosed in a handsome, aluminum case.

Options now available include 4K dynamic memory cards, 1K static memory cards, parallel I/O cards, three serial I/O cards (TTL, RS232, and TTY), octal to binary computer terminal, 32 character alpha-numeric display terminal, ASCII keyboard, audio tape interface, floppy disc system, and expander cards.

Software now available includes an assembler, text editor and system monitor.



### PRICE

Altair 8800 Computer: \$439.00 kit \$621.00 assembled

### SAVE \$45.00!

For P.E. readers only! The Basic *Altair 8800 Computer* plus 256 words of static memory. \$542.00 value. Now, only \$497.00. Check the appropriate box in the coupon below.\*

Warranty: 90 days on parts and labor tor assembled units. 90 days on parts for kits. prices and specifications subject to change without notice

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