

NEW POWER MAC SPECIAL EDITION !!!

Apple Redesigns G3s!



Apple has revolutionized its Power Macintosh G3 lineup with four new units that replace all existing desktop and minitower G3 models. The new G3 "Blue and White"s lack SCSI, floppy drives and serial ports but offset this with 2 USB and 2 Firewire ports. USB made its first appearance on the iMac and there are already many peripherals available including removable drives and scanners. Firewire is a much faster, hot-pluggable interface that can connect up to 63 devices including other computers (Firewire won't be used for full blown networking because of cable length limitations).

The new G3's are available in 300, 350 and 400MHz models starting at \$2500 CDN. Choices include 6 or 12 GB hard drives and CD or DVD ROM drives. An internal ZIP is also available. There are two removable media bays designed only for the internal CD or DVD Drive and the internal ZIP. Both are ATAPI drives. The Internal hard drive can be a 6 or 12 GB ATA drive or a super fast 9 GB Ultra SCSI 2 LVD drive running off an internal PCI card.

Video acceleration is fantastic with the new ATI Rage 128 chip. RAM is either 64 or 128 MB stock and is expandable to a full Gigabyte! (RAM is different than earlier G3s so you can't migrate the old stuff to your new machine).

There are two extra hard drive bays on the bottom of the case but at this time these must be attached by means of an internal SCSI PCI card. (If you have the SCSI LVD model you are already set).

Keyboard and mouse are iMac standard USB models but you can connect your older ADB units to the single ADB port.

Apple has also redesigned and renamed its displays. The new Studio Display series replaces the ColorSync monitors and sport translucent plastics to match the new G3 Blue and White and a tripod base to store your keyboard under.

<http://www.apple.ca/powermac/>

New Coloured iMacs!



Apple has spruced up the iMac increasing its might and offering in a palette of five new colours (Blueberry, Strawberry, Lime, Grape, and Tangerine). The new model drops infrared networking support but gains a 6 GB hard, a 266 MHz processor, and most importantly a lower price: <\$1,900.00 CDN.

<http://www.apple.ca/imac/>

Iomega ZIP 250!

Iomega has a new ZIP drive that can read and write to 250 MB cartridges as well as the old 100 MB size. The new model is SCSI only but a USB version seems likely. Price is about \$200 U.S.

QuicKeys 4.0!

CE Software will ship a new version of QuicKeys in March for an upgrade price of about \$40 U.S. The new version offers a new feature set as well as increased compatibility with Mac OS 8.5.

Internet Explorer/Outlook Express 4.5!

Microsoft continues its strong support of the Mac that started with Office 98 for Mac in the release of the new Internet Explorer browser and Outlook Express mail client. Version 4.5 offers increased feature sets that focus on increasing convenience. It starts with folder drag installation (just like Office 98) and goes all the way through to specialized web page printing capabilities. It even has built in Sherlock support for Mac OS 8.5. Check it out at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/mac/>

Stuffit Deluxe and Expander 5.0.2

Aladdin Systems has worked out the bugs in its latest release of the compression utility Stuffit. The updater for the commercial Deluxe is now online and fixes various Mac OS 8.5 problems. Likewise, Stuffit Expander (the freeware expansion product) is also available on-line:

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/deluxe/dlx502update.html>

<http://www.aladdinsys.com/expander/index.html#mac>

Apple/GV 56K Modem Updaters 1.1.3

Apple's new modem updaters support the internal modem which came with PowerMacintosh G3 (Desktop or Minitower, or Power Macintosh 6500 series computers. They DO NOT support the modem in the iMac or the new Power Macintosh G3 (Blue and White). Unlike the 56K modems that ship with the PowerBook G3 Series or the iMac, the Apple/GV 56K modem DOES NOT support both the V.90 and K56flex protocols at the same time.

- Apple/GV 56K Updater 2.200 - installs the V.90 protocol

- Apple/GV 56K Updater v1.001 - installs the K56flex protocol

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