
Dick Smith VZ200

The VZ200 is a colour computer, with many fairly standard features, and some novelties. It has a fairly usual rubber keyboard, with each key having many functions — alphanumeric character, graphics character, keyboard (for BASIC programming) and control functions. It comes almost ready to run, plug-in the power supply, connect to a cassette recorder and a television set or monitor. The only other interfaces provided in the basic unit are an expansion bus and an input-output expansion connector. A RAM expansion pack may be attached to the expansion bus, giving an additional 16K of memory; a printer interface is available for the input/output connector to enable use of a parallel printer. Other interfaces and expansion options appear to be under development.

The VZ200 has two graphics models: 64 x 32 in 8 colours or 128 x 64 with only 4. The video display requires 2K of the inbuilt RAM, leaving 6K for programs. Sound is catered for with a music "channel". Other features include on-screen editing and inverse video.

Prices: Keyboard \$299; 16K RAM pack \$149; printer interface \$99.
