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Tatung - Einstein

A brute of a machine and I have two of the beasts. Both work and the one still in its original, rather weathered, box. Tricky to store I have to say. The one unit I have out all the time and do use it quite frequently. Gets switched on once a day for a play and to keep the 3" drives fluid. These are the only 3" drives in the collection that I have not had to replace.

Big, did I say these are big. And I mean big. The plan area has to be the biggest of any machine. Convenient if you want a desk space size platform to place tons of stuff on. I have a SONY Trinitron on mine and still have space for oodles of sturff.

I do like the Einstein. It runs CP/M off a 3" which feels like home given my many years on the 9512 with Mallard. There is something very reassuring about the steady click and odd vibrating head of a 3" drive that you don't get with any other computer. I know instinctively of the health of the drive and transfer of data from the noises it makes. Kinda talks to you.... seriously.

Anyway here is the Tatung out of the box, and please don't ask me to get the computer out again for a while. It's really heavy.

Tatung Einstein built in Telford Shropshire would you know. Whilst the computer runs a thing called XTAL/DOS this is compatible with CP/M. The computer is a programmers dream. It really is. This is the easiest computer like ever to have serious play time with. And the results are instant and appear with the text on screen. Makes running and testing stuff so easy. Having the drive on tap also makes the constant saving of files a dream. The computer can even assemble Z80 it is that versatile.

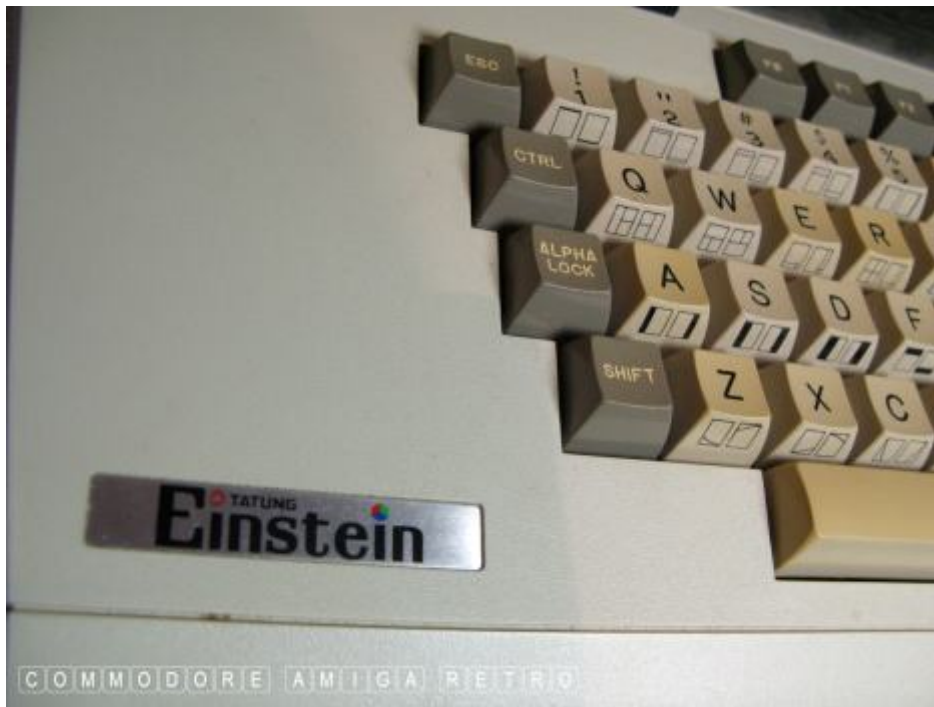
The computer was used by many in the days to program other systems.

Tatung Einstein TC-01 made by Tatung in 1984
Has a full stroke QWERTY style keyboard with 51 keys and 8 function.
Uses a Zilog Z80 A running at 4 MHz
The RAM is 64 KB with 44KB free for the user. ROM is 8KB expanded 32KB.
Screen 256 x 192 dots and 16 colours.
Cost about £500 in the day making it a touch expensive.

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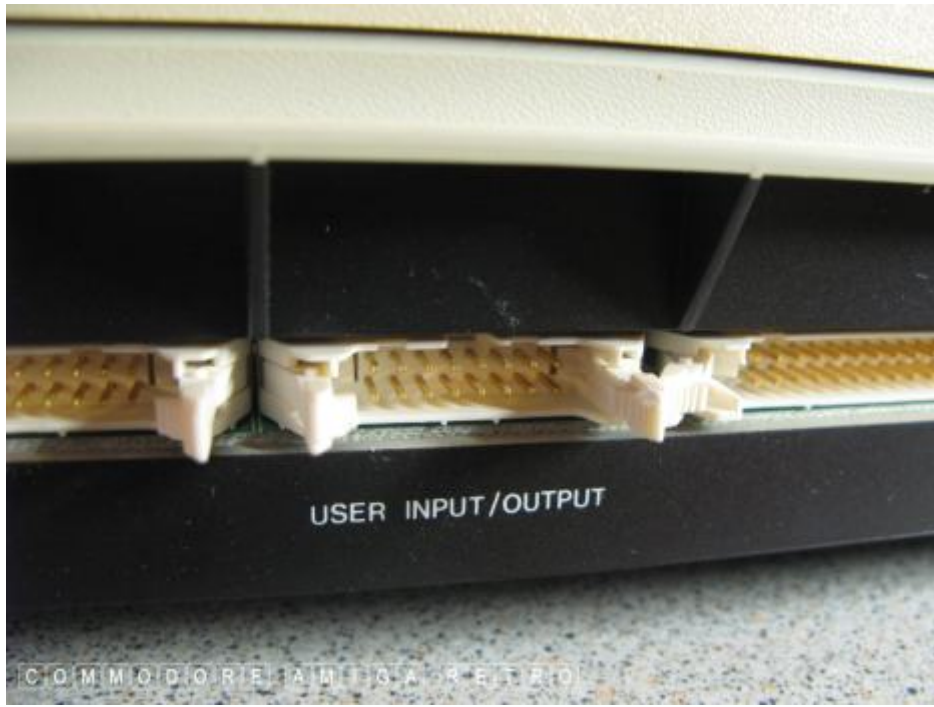
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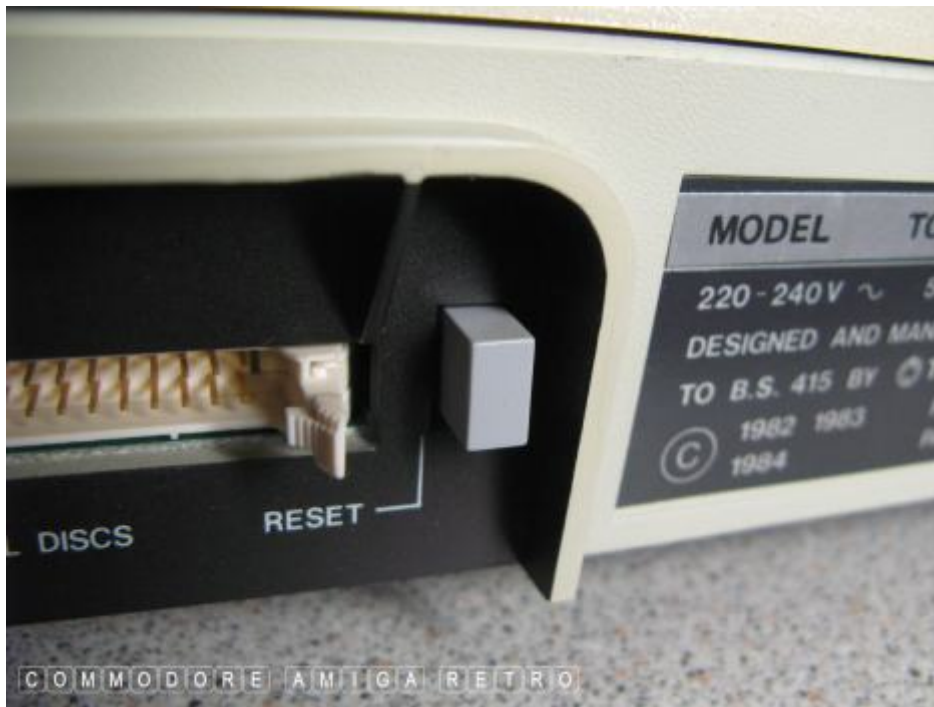














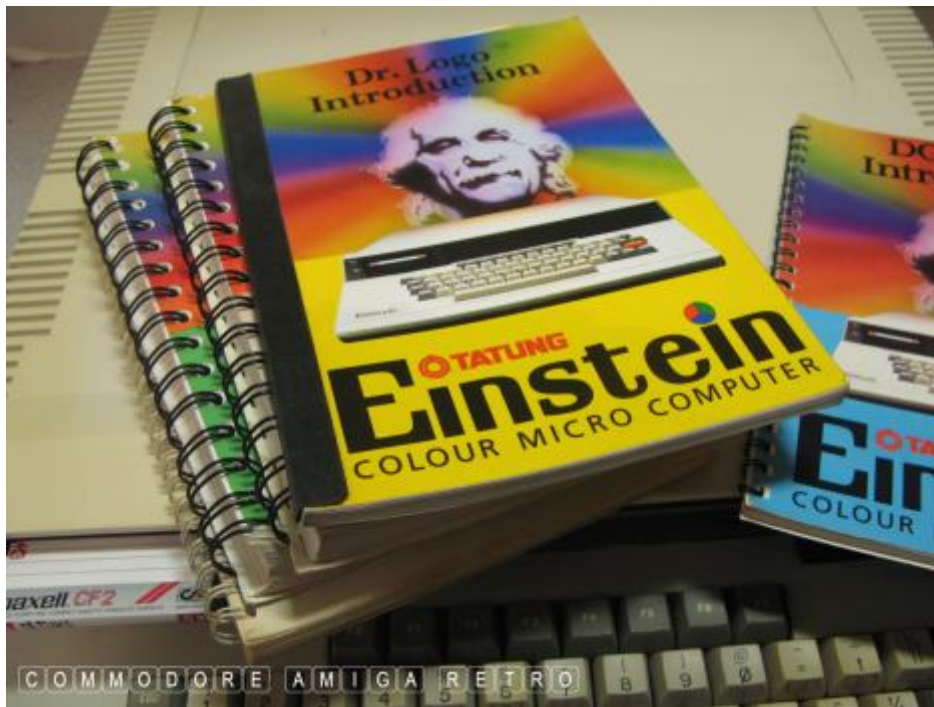
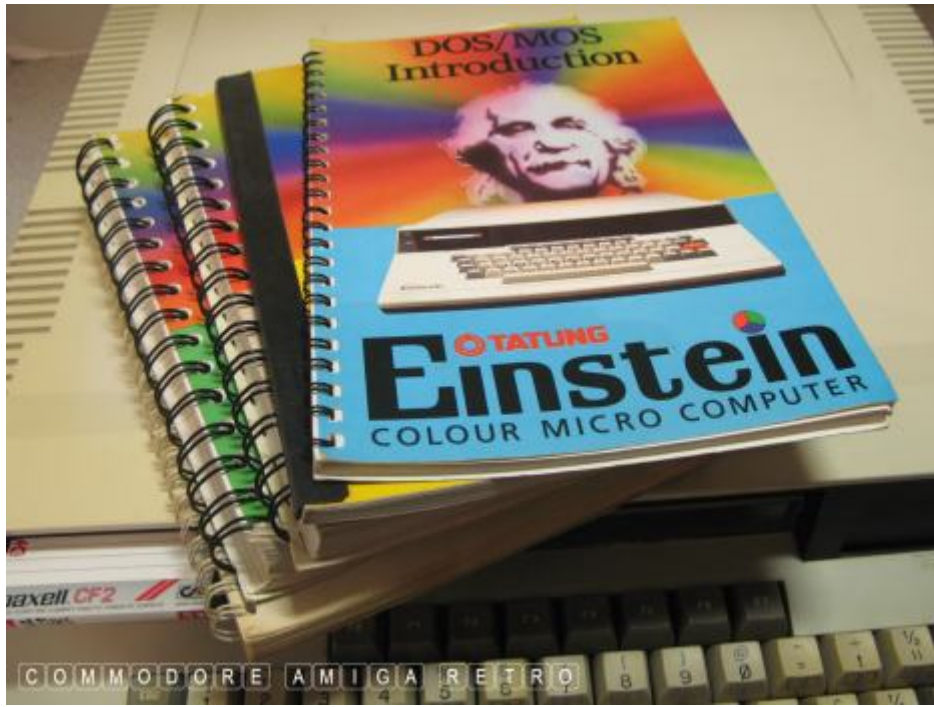


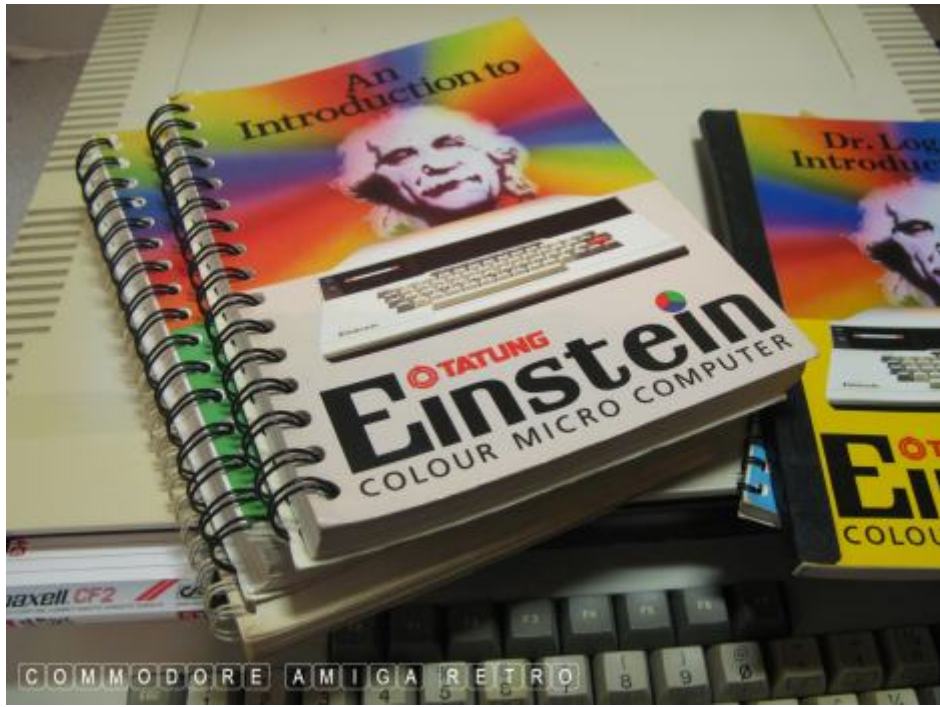




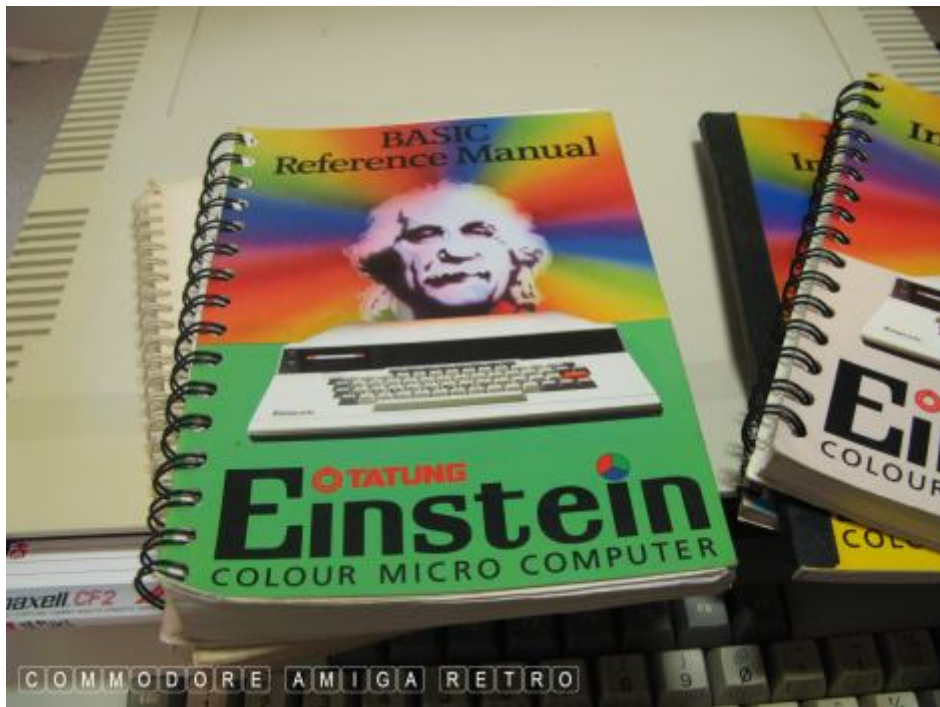








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The second Einstein on the Trintron



Used daily



Shares the TV with an Amiga 500 fitted with an internal Viper HD control card



The Amiga is on and lurking below.. Seriously

Believe it or not there are ten computers in that last picture... Again, seriously

BBC-B, 2 x Texas, 520ST, 9512+, ZX81,
Notebook, 2 x 48K, A500



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