



The Disk Drive

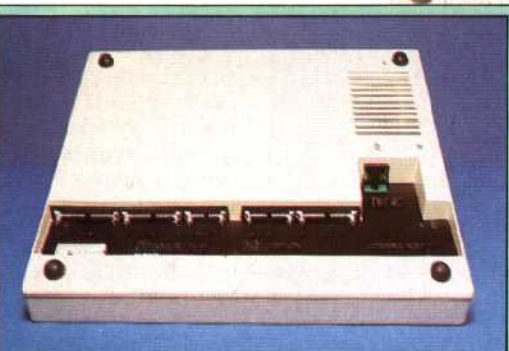
The single disk drive for the BBC micro is a very attractive 'extra' but costs around £260 and stores only 100 Kbytes, making it a rather expensive peripheral. However, cheaper drives are available from other sources and should be considered

Foreign Chips

If you look carefully at the chips, you will see that the manufacture of microprocessors is a very international affair. The BBC Model B contains chips made in Malaysia, Japan, Portugal, Scotland, and the USA

Interface Chip

Versatile interface adaptors such as this MOS Technology 6522 look after the interfacing to external devices. Although they are not processors, these chips are as sophisticated as the microprocessor itself



Peripheral Sockets

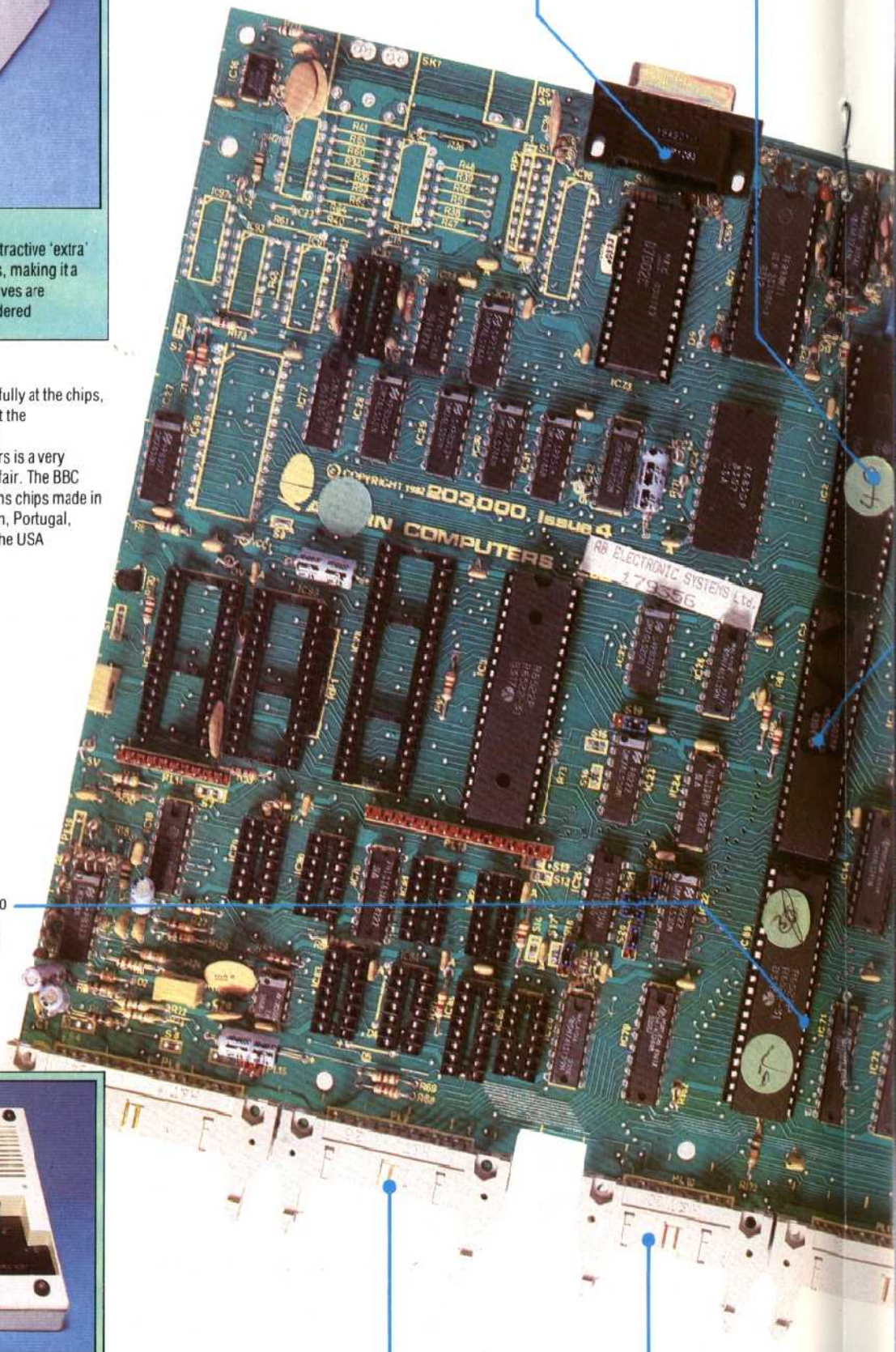
A view of the underside of the BBC Model B, showing the sockets where the peripherals may be connected

Analogue Input

This enables the computer to read a voltage from a non-digital piece of equipment such as a heat sensing device. It is mostly used in the laboratory or for experimentation work

Video Controller

This chip takes information from the user memory and converts it into a video signal for display



Printer Port

This is where any printer using a parallel signal, is plugged in

User Port

For experimentation with digital devices and home-built logic circuits