

**Serial Interface Board**

This board, fitted with a suitable port, allows communication between the computer and a serial device such as a printer

**RF Port**

The computer can be connected to an ordinary television set via this port

**RGB Interface**

This interface enables the computer to be connected to a colour monitor to take full advantage of the machine's graphics capabilities

**Metal Casing**

This encloses the whole of the circuitry of the machine. It is intended as a heat sink, and a Faraday cage to reduce outside interference and to provide some protection for the electronics. It also accounts for the machine's weight!

**Expansion Slots**

Permit the addition of further expansion boards and interface with external devices such as modems

**Disk Drives**

The 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " floppy disk drives allow the machine to be run under MS-DOS. The Compaq portable is available with either a single drive or with twin drives

**COMPAQ PLUS****PRICE**

£2,524 for twin disk, £2,064 for single disk

**DIMENSIONS**

480×400×200mm

**CPU**

Intel 8088, 4.7 MHz

**MEMORY**

256K RAM, expandable to 640K

**SCREEN**

Text: 25 rows of 80 columns.  
Graphics: 640×200 pixels

**INTERFACES**

Centronics type parallel printer, RGB and an RF jack. There are also expansion slots enabling other interface boards to be fitted

**LANGUAGES**

BASIC loaded from the system master disk

**KEYBOARD**

47 typewriter-style keys, 14 control keys, 10 function keys and 10 calculator function keys

**DOCUMENTATION**

Three manuals are provided: an operation guide, MS-DOS reference guide and BASIC reference guide. Of these, only the operations guide takes you step by step through the procedures. Beginners may find that they will need to purchase further manuals for tutorial purposes

**STRENGTHS**

The machine is sturdily built and has proven compatibility with the IBM PC

**WEAKNESSES**

The weight of the machine puts it more in the 'transportable' class. The Compaq Plus is also in danger of being superseded by newer technology