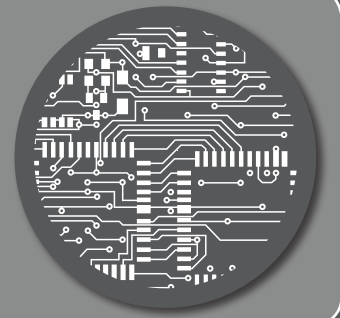


SINCLAIR ZX



Introduction

The ZX81 was a home computer produced by Sinclair Research and manufactured in Scotland. It

was launched in the United Kingdom in March 1981 as the successor to Sinclair's ZX80 and was designed to be a low-cost introduction to home computing for the general public. It was hugely successful and more than 1.5 million units were sold before it was eventually discontinued.

Referred to during development as the ZX81 Colour and ZX82, (2) (3) the machine was launched as the ZX Spectrum

by Sinclair to highlight the machine's colour display, compared with the black-and-white of its predecessor, the ZX81. (4) The Spectrum was ultimately released as eight different models,



ranging from the entry level model with 16 kB RAM released in 1982 to the ZX Spectrum +3 with 128 kB RAM and built in floppy disk drive in 1987; together they sold in excess of 5 million units worldwide

Ian Edwards

"One year the St Pauls computer club built a micro-chip and put it on top of a mini so it was a mini-micro. That was the first float I got involved with building. Next year I wanted to go one better and we built a seven times scale Sinclair Spectrum. It was fantastic!"

Phil

The first computer I had was the ZX 81 and later the Spectrum. Remember the little rubber keys and the excitement of actually programming your own game? Fantastic.



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