

Dear Adamite,

I am writing to you because I believe you may be interested in some *Coleco* prototype ADAM equipment that I recently received. I would like to trade what I have for a working high density 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " Adamnet drive. It has been suggested that I could offer these items for sale at ADAM CON V, but since I will not be able to attend, that seems a little hard to do. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

The first of the two items is a 3-1/4" Adamnet floppy disk drive. Since the first item is so unusual I have enclosed photocopies of it and its disks. It really is a 3-1/4" drive. This drive does work. I don't know if the diskettes are available anymore, but I have 10 diskettes for it. The drive mechanics were originally designed to be installed in place of the left tape drive in the Adam Memory Console. (In fact, the person who gave this drive to me had one of these installed in the console, plugged into the 8 and 9 pin jacks that the tape drives use.) The drive I have is a little more unusual in that it is encased in a prototype case that replaces the cover over the expansion card bays and connects to the ADAM through an AdamNet cable. The formatting program for the drive formats it to 256k although it can be formatted for over 270k using File Manager 3.0. The limitation in the Coleco format program was probably done so disks and tapes could be exact replacements. The drive is powered by a standard Colecovision power supply (not included). The controller is a wire wrapped prototype. After 20 minutes or so of use the "on" light goes out and the drive needs to set for a while before it can be used again. I am not sure what the problem is. I may have a bad Colecovision power supply or the wire wrap may be a problem. Either way, the value of the drive is more historical, than practical.

The second item is a prototype Adamnet external modem. Essentially it is a Hayes modem that has been put into a new ADAM type case, with a prototyped RS-232 card attached to it. I can't claim that this unit works. The Post Office bounced its box a bit hard and detached the power cables and internal circuit cards. I reattached them but the unit does not function. Even so, software to run this device is no

longer available. Like the disk drive its value is more historical than practical. For those with a bent to assembly language programming this unit may have special interest. It contains a 40 pin Motorola chip that looks like either an EPROM or microprocessor. The stick-on label obscures the center of the chip and the chip number. The label is marked RS-232 and dated 12/22/83. I am still attempting to repair the modem and get it on line. I was lead to believe that it is functional. It also uses a Colecovision Power supply for its power. Since it is an AdamNet device the regular SmartLink software won't operate it. I have found a Coleco disk that contains a program called "SmartTerminal" but I don't know if it is the correct one. I do know that "SmartTerminal" does not operate the standard Coleco internal 300bd modem.

If you have any interest in these items or have suggestions as to the best way to make these available to other interested people, please contact me. (I have contacted Mark Gordon at Micro Innovations and he has no interest in them.) Again, these have primarily nostalgic value. I am interested in exchanging them for equipment I can use. If you would like some confirmation as to the modem or myself please contact . He has seen the modem as well as other prototypes and one of a kind Coleco equipment that I have.