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TEX-COMP INTRODUCES NEW TI-99/4A COMPATIBLE EXPANSION PERIPHERALS AND COMPUTER---THE TC-99/9

Granada Hills, California, May 31, 1985--Tex-Comp TI Users Supply Company of Granada Hills, California, the leading national retailer of products for users of the TI-99/4A home computer system has announced a new line of enhanced peripherals for the TI-99/4A, and a totally new 128K TI compatible computer, the TC-99/9.



Tex-Comp TC-2

These new products which were previewed at TI User Group meetings in Southern California just prior to the opening of the June 1985 CES Show in Chicago, are the outgrowth of a development project that was conducted totally in secret to avoid "the premature spreading of rumors that tend to get distorted," said Jerry Price, vice president of Tex-Comp, a graduate engineer who personally directed this entire project. "We did not want to make any announcements until we had a viable product ready to sell and a game plan for further development."

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The new product line is based on an all new expansion enclosure which while distinctive, follows the current low profile design trend utilized by industry leaders such as IBM for their PC models.

The primary product now ready for shipment, is the TC-1, which comprises this new expansion enclosure equipped with a heavy duty, fan cooled regulated power supply, two double sided-double density drives, and a rear panel of six spike and surge protected accessory outlets which are each controlled by a separate switch on the front panel. This version was primarily designed as a compliment to the 9900 Micro Expansion System by Corcomp which Tex-Comp believes is the best TI-99/4A compatible full expansion system available. The TC-1 when combined with the Corcomp 9900 Micro Expansion provides the TI-99/4A user with state of the art equipment with built-in disk storage capacity equal to eight of the original TI single sided drives.

Tex-Comp also displayed the TC-2, which is a special order unit in which the electronics from the TI speech synthesizer and the Corcomp 9900 Micro Expansion system are built into the TC-1. This configuration provides a complete self-contained expansion system that can be located remotely from the computer console and will be available in the \$800 range.

Tex-Comp also will supply on special order, the TC-3 which adds a total of 128K of memory to the TC-2 configuration and will sell for under \$1000.

Saving the best for last, Tex-Comp lifted the wraps on a complete 128K TI compatible computer it developed--The TC-99/9. It is based on the TC-3 128K configuration with the addition of a TI processor board modified for a 40/80 column display and to accept the new Wico smart keyboard which includes a 10 key pad and a built in trac-ball.

The TC-99/9 is a 128K fully compatible computer which when hand made and tested in small quantities should be available for under \$1500. In designing and developing these products, Tex-Comp worked closely with industry leaders including Corcomp, Texas Instruments, Wico, and JMR Electronics.

In introducing these products, Tex-Comp made it quite clear that it has no plans to produce the TC-3 or TC-99/9 products except on a special order basis since they make "little or no sense for the typical 99/4A user" inasmuch as none of the presently existing TI software can access the extra memory. Tex-Comp has polled the leading TI software developers including Navarone and Pike Creek who agree that there is no present incentive to develop 128K or greater software for a "super" 99/4A since it is doubtful that a sizeable installed base will ever develop.

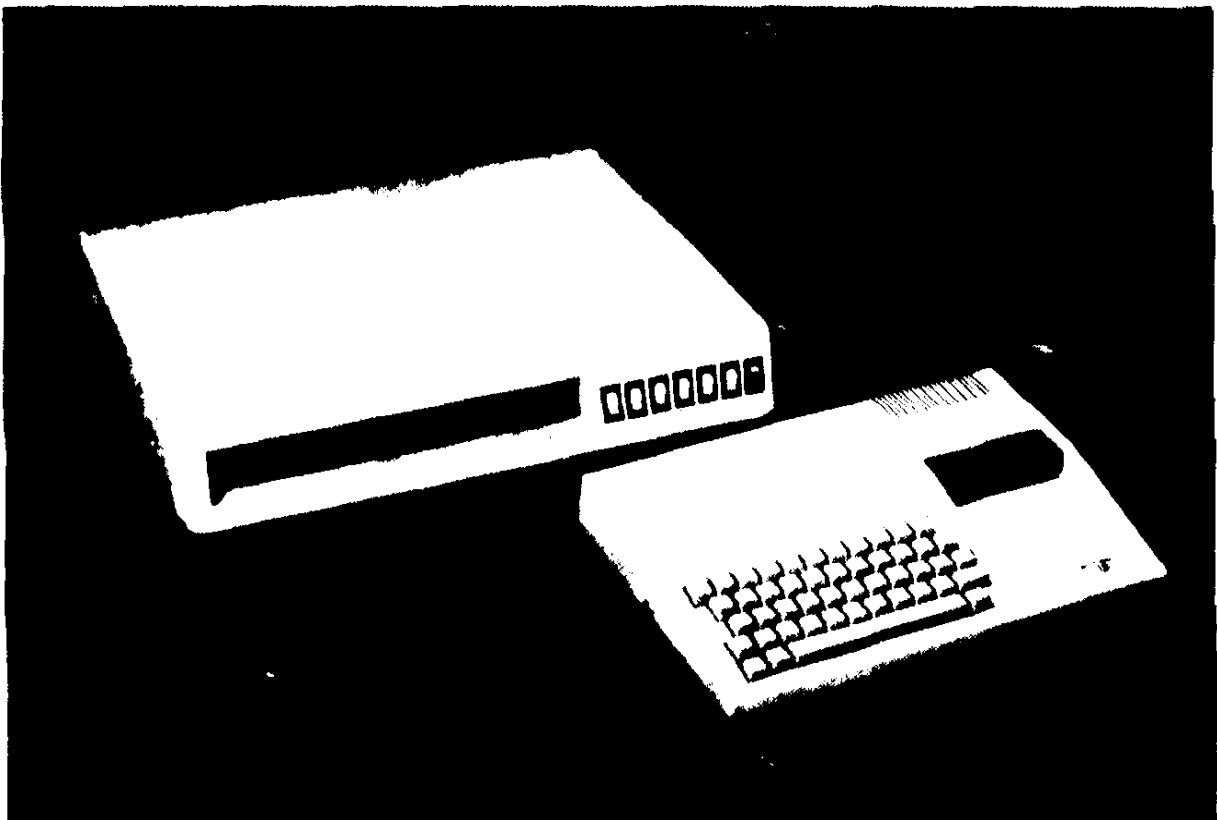
Tex-Comp also displayed a prototype of its experimental TC-4, which is a 48K stand alone accessory which allows present TI-99/4A software to be run on an IBM or TI PC computer. This accessory permits the owner of a sizeable 99/4A software library to be able to move into a IBM or compatible PC without having to keep two systems set up.

Tex-Comp feels that this is the most practical approach for a TI-99/4A user who actually requires the additional memory and speed of a PC. Tex-Comp is quick to point out however, that the current 48K TI-99/4A provides more than enough computing power and speed than 99 percent of the current TI users require. Recent studies have shown that the majority of IBM PC purchasers for home and small business applications never come even close to using even the basic memory capacity of the unit.

The Tex-Comp TC-1 is available for immediate delivery at \$449.95. As a special introductory offer, the TC-1 can be purchased with the Corcomp 9900 Micro Expansion system for \$699.95 and for an additional \$100, Tex-Comp will also include the black and silver TI-99/4A computer console and the latest version of the TI speech synthesizer.

The TC-2, TC-3, and TC-99/9 will be maintained on a special order basis and interested parties should contact Tex-Comp's special order department in writing to arrange a purchase of any of these models.

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