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Macintosh SE: Description (Discontinued)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Macintosh SE computer which was discontinued by Apple in October 1990.

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh SE adds expansion and flexibility to the power of the Macintosh Plus.

Processing speed is improved 15 to 20 percent over previous models, allowing faster recalculations of spreadsheets and faster document processing. SCSI performance is up to two times faster than on the Macintosh Plus.

The Macintosh SE comes standard with either two 800K internal drives, or one 800K internal drive and one internal 20MB SCSI hard disk.

The Macintosh SE incorporates the features of the Macintosh Plus including:

- The same compact design
- A 68000 microprocessor
- One megabyte of memory (expandable to four megabytes)
- A connection for SCSI peripherals
- The Macintosh SE-Bus Expansion Slot allows for the addition of a variety of cards:
 - Accelerator cards
 - External monitor adapters
 - Coprocessor cards
 - Networking and communication cards
 - A 5.25-inch MS-DOS disk drive controller card
- Seven built-in ports, including:
 - One SCSI port
 - One drive port
 - Two RS422 serial ports
 - One sound port
 - Two Apple Desktop Bus (ADB) ports
- One megabyte of RAM, expandable up to four megabytes.
- 256K ROM, which includes support for:
 - Internal and external SCSI connectors

- Internal drives
- One expansion slot
- Apple Hard Disk 20SC
- The Hierarchical File System
- QuickDraw
- AppleTalk
- The Apple Desktop Bus

A keyboard isn't included with either configuration of the Macintosh SE. However, two keyboards -- the Apple Keyboard and Apple Extended Keyboard -- are available.

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