ZX81
ASSEMBLY
INSTRUCTIONS

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IMPORTANT:
Read through the instructions before you start assembly.

If anything seems unclear or difficult, contact us for advice before going ahead.

1. PREPARATION
You will need a clean, dry and well lit workspace in which to assemble your kit. If possible, try to find somewhere where the parts can stay undisturbed in case you do not finish the kit all at once. It is a good idea in any case to split the work up - say assemble the circuit board one evening and put the case together the next evening. You will need these tools
(a) A light electric soldering iron, say 15 to 25 watts with a fine tip
(b) Fine gauge solder with resin flux core; NOT acid flux.
(c) A pair of sharp sidecutters.
(d) A ‘Pozidriv’ screwdriver with a No. 1 point.
(e) A medium size ordinary screwdriver and/or a 4B spanner.
The following items are optional, but useful -
(a) A magnifying glass for examining solder joints and looking for short circuits,
(b) Some desoldering braid or other solder removing tool. Better still, take care that you put the components in right the first time - removing them can be very difficult.
(c) A piece of foam is useful to stop components falling out when you turn the board over to solder them.

2. PRECAUTIONS
There are not many integrated circuits (I.C.s) in the kit, but they are all fairly expensive items and most of them are susceptible to damage from static electricity. There is no cause for worry if a few precautions are taken:-
(a) Use the sockets supplied with the kit- never solder the I.C.s direct to the board - and keep the I.C.s in their protective packing until you are ready to plug them in.
(b) Never insert or remove the I.C.s or do any soldering with power applied to the computer.
(c) Use a soldering iron with a properly earthed bit.
(d) Carpets and clothing of man-made fibres, and synthetic soles on shoes, are prone to building up a static charge. Earth yourself by touching a large object, preferably metallic, prior to touching the I.C.s. If you do get a shock, try changing your clothes or going barefoot (seriously')

3. COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION
Before you start assembly, check the components against the component list (section 8) and make sure you know what each part is. We have tried to cover all different markings of the components, but variations are possible.
Note in particular that the computer's memory maybe supplied either as two 18 pin I.C.s (IC4a & IC4b) or as one 24 pin device (IC4), and that assembly is necessarily different for each version. Some components need to go in one particular way round -
(a) The I.C.s have one end identified by a notch, and/or a spot or dimple next to pin 1 (See fig. 1) Note that all the ! C s face the same way on the board, i.e. with their notches towards the edge connector.
Although the I.C. sockets do not need to go any particular way round, you may like to put the bevelled corner at the notch end of the I.C. position as a reminder, since the semicircle printed on the board will be covered by the socket in some cases.

(b) The diodes (prefix D) have their + end identified by the band painted on the body - or in the case of components with several bands, the + end will be the widest band. This corresponds to the flat bar of the symbol printed on the board. (See fig. 2).

(c) The electrolytic capacitors (C3 & C5) will have a + or - symbol printed on them, and the + wire is usually longer. (See fig. 3).

(d) The transistors (prefix TR) go in the board as shown by the picture printed at their positions - i.e. with their rounded corners facing the edge connector.

(e) The jack sockets and modulator need to have their business ends (i.e. where the plug goes in) facing outwards, away from the components. This should be obvious by inspection of the board and case.

(f) The regulator (REG) and heatsink need to go in a particular way round - just follow fig. 4.

(g) The keyboard connectors KB1 & KB2 have their pins offset from their centre line, and KB1 goes the opposite way round to KB2. Make sure that in each case the body of the connector covers up the component number on the board. (See fig. 5).

(h) The resistor packs (prefix RP) have a 'common' end marked with a white dot. This should go at the end marked with a 'C' on the board.

(i) The single resistors, the rest of the capacitors, and the filter X1 may be put in either way round.
4. CIRCUIT BOARD ASSEMBLY

The circuit board will be supplied with one side printed with all the component locations - this is the side the components go. This printing is reproduced as fig. 6 (See reverse side of sheet) since some of the markings will be covered by components. All soldering is done on the other side which is coated with a green solder resist - this keeps the solder away from where it is not needed. The exception is the edge connector area which should be kept free of solder to ensure reliable connection to the RAM pack or printer if they are used. We suggest you assemble the components in the following order, although it is not compulsory -

(i) Resistors, capacitors and 1C sockets - do not plug the IC.s in yet.
(ii) The diodes and transistors.
(iii) The 'large' components: the sockets, keyboard connectors, modulator, the regulator and heatsink.
(iv) Finally plug the IC.s into their sockets.

The general procedure for each component:-

(a) Identify the part and its position on the board and insert it into the appropriate holes, bending the leads if necessary. (But see later). In the case of components with a number of pins, make sure that they have all gone through their holes.
(b) Hold the part in position - if you bend its leads to do this, do not press them flat onto the board as this will make them difficult to cut and will encourage short circuits.
(c) Solder all the wires on the 'green side' of the board and, if they are long, trim them with the side cutters. No lead should stick out more than about 3mm or V from the solder side.

Some components need more detailed explanation:-

(a) The capacitors are represented by a capacitor symbol on the board, rather than a box as the rest of the components are. Fig. 7 explains how they fit in the board relative to the symbol.

(b) There are four oblong boxes labelled R7-R10, R11-R14, R18-R22 and R23-R26. These all contain a row of resistors standing 'on end' as in fig. 8. Take care when mounting these: the length of bare wire up the side should not be allowed to short against anything else
(c) IC2 and IC4 have two different sized boxes printed on the board use only the holes corresponding to the smaller box.
(d) As previously mentioned, IC4 may be in either one or two packages. Only the appropriate 1C sockets will be supplied, so make absolutely sure you know which version you have got before proceeding.

IMPORTANT:- If you have the 24 pin 4118 in your kit, a short wire link should be inserted in the holes at position L1 Use a component lead off-cut for this. DO NOT do this if you have two 18 pin 2114s, and do not put anything in position L2.
(e) When mounting the regulator, do not bend its leads too close to the plastic. Bolt it down firmly with its heatsink before soldering.
(f) Put the modulator's wires through the holes marked "Fr/UK1" and "UK2". Put each lead through the hole it is nearest to: do not cross them over. Do not try to bend the thick pins on the modulator: hold it in place by hand whilst soldering. The black card trim is a push fit over the aerial socket.
(g) The I.C.s will have their pins splayed out slightly and you may need to push them inwards slightly, e.g. by pressing against a flat surface, before they will fit the sockets. Make sure that each pin has in fact gone into its respective socket and that none are curled up under the I.C.
5. TESTING
The completed board should now be checked very thoroughly for stray blobs of solder, dry joints, leads not trimmed, etc. Also make doubly sure that all components are in the right place and the right way round, and that the "stand up" resistors are not touching anything else. If everything seems in order, the board may be tested before you put it in the case. Rest the completed assembly on an insulating surface (e.g. these instructions) making sure there are no wire offcuts or similar trapped underneath. The keyboard's "tails" may now be plugged carefully into their connectors: the one with 5 stripes goes into KB1, the one with 8 stripes goes into KB2. These "tails" are quite fragile, so handle them gently. The keyboard itself should sit (the right way up) just in front of the circuit board.- Do not remove the backing paper from the keyboard at this point.
You may now connect the computer to the T.V. and power supply and try it out-see the main instruction manual for details.
Once you are sure the computer is working correctly, put it in its case - see section 7. Do not strain the keyboard connections unnecessarily by using it uncased.

6. FAULTFINDING
Experience with the ZX80 has revealed that the majority of faults on kits are due to bad soldering. If your computer does not work, switch it off and CHECK IT AGAIN. If you find a bad joint or short, shame on you! You should have checked more closely the first time. If you are sure the fault is in the circuitry, try these tests--
(a) If the computer does not work at all, leave it on for a couple of minutes and feel the regulator - it should be getting warm. If not, check the power supply, and that the plug is in the right socket (the one nearest the keyboard). Otherwise, look at the connection to the T.V. and make sure it is tuned in properly-try between channels 33 and 39 UHF.
(b) If the computer works and then goes off, and the regulator gets very hot, it isn't bolted to the heatsink properly.
(c) If the cursor appears on the screen, but the keyboard will not enter, check firstly that the keyboard "tails" are properly in their connectors, and not twisted in anyway. Also make certain that the diodes and the keyboard connectors are all the right way round.
(d) If the screen goes clear but there is not a cursor, try disconnecting the power supply and waiting a few seconds before trying again.
(e) If horizontal black and white stripes pass through the picture, suspect the power supply. If you are using your own supply, it may need to be better smoothed (if the computer is otherwise working) or of a slightly higher output. See the power supply specification (section 9).

7 CASE ASSEMBLY
(i) Take the case top - the part with the raised "Sinclair" logo and "ZX81" printed on it - and feed the "tails" of the keyboard through the slot at the top right hand corner of the keyboard recess. Do not remove the backing paper from the keyboard yet, just locate it in the recess: see fig. 9. Hold the keyboard temporarily in place with a rubber band or a little sticky tape.
(ii) Hold the circuit board as in fig. 10 with the keyboard connectors next to the slot with the "tails" poking through. Plug the "tails" into their respective connectors as shown in the diagram, and turn the board over so that the components face into the case top behind the keyboard.
NOTE. Special attention must be made to ensure that the correct length of screw is used in the correct hole. The short screws are yellow in colour, the long screws are black in colour. Fig. 11 shows where
these locate Serious damage will result if the long screws are inserted in the wrong holes.
(iii) Locate the board on the pillars in the case, make sure the jack sockets are behind the holes in the side, and screw it into the case. Only two holes need screws in them at this point - Fig. 11 tells you which two; the others are for the case bottom fixing. Since the screws will have to form their own threads in the plastic, they may be a bit stiff to turn the first time therefore it is essential that the proper screwdriver should be used. An ordinary flat screwdriver will almost certainly slip, and may cause damage to the circuitry when it does. See the list of tools given in section 1
(iv) Turn the case the right way up again, peel the protective paper off the back of the keyboard and stick it into its recess in the moulding (the keyboard is self adhesive - no extra glue is necessary). It would be as well to position the keyboard correctly the first time, to avoid damaging it by continual relocating. Locate the top edge of the keyboard against the top edge of the recess, and stick it down carefully, working gradually towards the lower edge. Have a dry run first if you are in any doubt. Do not try to stick the whole surface down in one go.
(v) After checking that the keyboard connections are still securely in place, locate the bottom half of the case and screw it to the top with the remaining five screws. Finally the rubber feet plug into four of the recesses, over the screw heads. Fig. 11 shows the location of screws and feet.
(vi) Give the computer a final check, and start using it. ...

8. COMPONENT LIST
Note that some components are marked on the circuit board, but shown as "not used" in this list. Do not put anything in these positions.
(a) Resistors.
All resistors have four colour bands: the fourth may be gold or silver.

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R11 470 Q  
R12 470 fi  
R13 470 £2  
R14 470 £2  
R15 220K Red Red Yellow  
R16 1K Brown Black Red  
R17 1K  
R18 1K  
R19 1K  
R20 1K  
R21 1K  
R22 1K  
R23 1K  
R24 1K  
R25 1K  
R26 1K  
R27 1K  
R28 680Q Blue Grey Brown  
R29 1M Brown Black Green Fourth band may be yellow  
R30 Not used  
R31 Not used  
R32 Not used  
R33 4K7 Yellow Purple Red  
R34 220Q Red Red Brown

(b) Resistor Packs

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<td>IC2</td>
<td>2364</td>
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<td>Z80A or D780C-1</td>
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<td>MK4118</td>
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or

or
IC4b uPD2114LC-1 18 pins
REG 7805 5 Volt regulator
TR1 ZTX313
TR2 ZTX313
D1-D8 * 1N4448 Colours: Yellow, yellow, yellow, grey
or 1N4148 Yellow, brown, yellow, grey
or 1S44 2 Yellow bands
Some diodes may have their number printed on them instead.
D9 Not used
X1 CDA 6 BMC 3 lead ceramic filter

(e) Other components
Modulator type UM1233
3 off 3.5mm jack sockets for power, ear and mic.
2 eff 40 pin 1C sockets
or 1 off 24 pin 1C sockets
or * 1 off 24 pin and 2 off 18 pin 1C sockets
KB1 5-way keyboard connector
KB2 8-Way keyboard connector
Modulator trim (black card)
Ready made flat keyboard
Aluminium heatsink
4BA nut, bolt and washer for fixing regulator and heatsink
Printed circuit board
2 Case halves
4 Rubber feet
7 Self tapping Pozidriv screws - 3 Black (long), 4 Yellow (short)

9. POWER SUPPLY
If you wish to use your own power supply with the ZX81, it should conform to these specifications -
D.C. only - positive to the tip of the 3.5mm jack plug. Need not be regulated, but should be well
smoothed.
Voltage - between 12 volts maximum and about 8 volts minimum (depending on smoothing) when on
load.
Current - not less than 600mA, or 1 2A of the printer is to work from the same supply.

10. SERVICE
We will repair your completed ZX81 kit for a fixed fee of £10 00 We cannot assemble your kit for you,
nor can we start work until the fee is received. In exceptional cases, say if the t.C.s have been
damaged by being put in the wrong way round, we may ask for an additional payment.
On the other hand, if the trouble was due to faulty components supplied by us we will reissue the full
service fee. We strongly advise you, therefore, to be very certain that you have checked the computer
thoroughly for mistakes before returning it: see also the hints in section 6.
If you do return your ZX81, pack it well and enclose a note giving your name and address, and
explaining the symptoms of the trouble and any tests you may have done. Please return to this
address:

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Cambridge
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1 OF TKS SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS FOR USER FORT

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<td>40p 74LS47 16 pin DIL Header Plug</td>
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**SHAPED LEDS**

- **Green**: V532p 31p
- **Pink**: V530p 27p
- **Yellow**: V533p 30p
- **Red/Orange**: V518p 76p
- **Pink**: V540p 27p
- **Yellow**: V543p 30p
- **Green**: V522 PB 42p
- **Yellow**: V553 PB/L 42p
- **Pink**: V550 PB 36p
- **Pink**: V520/p 27p
- **Green**: V522p 31p
- **Yellow**: V523p 31p
- **Pink**: V320p 27p
General ITotes:

ITote the positions of the plug-and-socket switches (see Appendix A) and the numbering of the possible positions of the 5 connector plugs. Five distinct ranges of positions correspond to different selection functions described in detail below. There should normally be one plug in each of these ranges.

- MBSA (MemoryBoard §tart Address select; 1 .
- Selects the position in the 64K address space of the ZX81 microprocessor of the
- Normally set to 27.30 that memory runs from address upwards.
- ZES (ZX81 (IK) RAM select) 10 .
- Selects distance above MBSA of the IK RAM on the ZX81 board thus allowing it to be placed diately above the memory on the memory board without any gaps and used normally.
- BS (S (Memory) Board Block Size data); 19
- Must be set if more than 8K on memory board. Set if 8K or less on memory board.
- TRS (Total RAM Select) 25
- Enables or Disables Address Line 15 to MBSA decoder.

Switch settings

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Examples:

Software Configuration

1. ZX81 with original 1KRAM still on ZX81 board with Incremental containing one 2K RAM chip. No external memory. 3 11 2^>23 25
2. ZX81 with original 1K RAM still on ZX81 board with Incremental containing full 16K of RAM. No external memory. 3 18 21,23 25
3. ZX81 with 16K add-on pack and original 1K RAM still ZX81 board with Incremental containing 2K of RAM. 5 2^ 21,23 26
4. ZX81 with 1K RAM still on ZX81 board and 48K external add-on memory with Incremental containing 8K of memory to give the maximum possible directly addressed RAM (56K = 6*, C = 8K ROM) 2 18 22,24 26
General Notes;

All 5AM pack add-ons of 16K or over known to us (except for our own) have a built-in disable of the original IK RAM on the ZX81 board. Hence it is not possible to use the IK RAM on the ZX81 board if such an external memory is in use. As well as this it is necessary to roade the Incremental RAM selection agree with the main ram -ie the ZE plug must be set for dibble (see Appendix B).

Also, it should be understood, that the decoding for the IK and 16K RAMS that exist in the ZX81 is only partial and ignores bit 15 of the address. If the total RAM is not more than 16K it is as a result of this necessary to mask bit 15 of the address to the Tp'sTr decoding and this is the purpose of positions 25 and 26 on the plug-and-sookei switches. Clearly, if more than 16K RAM exists on the system it will be necessary to usa bit 15 to differentiate between 16K blocks. Please refer to Appendix B for Jaoatlog's setting abbreviations.

Note - In the following table of switch settings NCroeand- No eh-iage from the correct setting for Incremental memory running on its own,

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<td>18</td>
<td>NG</td>
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| 32K RAM packs | | | | |
| e.g. Audio Computers. Pins 3 and 14 of 1C3 "on| Audio Computer board should be directly connected to place second (16K$ half of 32K at top of memory (ie from address *" to 64K so that Incremental memory can be placed in between the halves giving 48K of continuous memory. | 5 | 18 | 0\ | 26 |

| 48K RAM packs | | | | |
| e.g. Jefflo-4&sl. The remaining 8K of the ^-1^ =^A=ao&CTw<<J-j340a, between the 6K ^60M srni ii< 4GK KAH can be occupied by the Ino3reni©fital board with the following switch settings to give the majoimusB possible directly addresed EAL. of 56K, | 2 | 18 | 22,4 | £$ |

| 6K RAM packs | | | | |
| Sinclair? Others? The Incremental can be placed iramGdiately above as follows. | 4 | 18 | 2£,24 | ?5 |

Others

Please call us for advice on any other packs th-it vnn ^@r
\n\n
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Extracting chips from their sockets.

Take your time. The danger is that you are exerting a lot of force and suddenly one end of the chip comes away bending the remaining pins drastically. For this reason it is a good idea to lever the chip out with a screwdriver or pencil thus avoiding sudden men. Care should be taken when levering not to damage the tracks under the socket (if the socket is of the open window type), it is usually possible to actually lever on the socket. Note that the chip "body is extremely rugged - it is the pins which are fragile and which will stand only so much bending back and forth."

Insertion of chips into their sockets.

This is more difficult than extraction. Again, do not hurry. It is possible to align the pins to the socket holes (ie getting them straight in line with the right distance between the rows) by grasping the chip firmly by the ends between your thumb and forefinger and pressing a row of pins flat down on the table being careful to avoid sudden slips. Once the pins are reasonably well aligned the chip should be placed in the socket (the right way round!) with the pins located in the holes in the socket plastic (not yet in the connectors). It can then be jiggled into place keeping a close eye for caught pins which are starting to bend.

Pin numbers of chips.

By convention, with the chip on the table before you standing on its pins with the indentation at the end of the chip body away from you, the pins are numbered starting at J at the far corner on the left, down the left side and back up the right side to the far right hand corner. It is frequently disastrous to insert chips the wrong way round in their socket. ADD apply power.
You will require a small conventional screwdriver, a small Phillips (cross headed screwdriver) and the ZX81 manual.

Refer to Appendix A for description of board layout.

Remove all leads and attachments from your ZX81.

Place ZX81 on table before you as for normal use.

Turn ZX81 over as though it were the front cover of a 'book,

Peel off the footpads located at the HI, SW, and SE corners of the bottom of the ZX81.

Completely loosen the five small recessed bolts which are now visible and lightly replact footpads to avoid losing the three corner screws.

Lift of the bottom of ZX81 case and put it aside.

Remove the two additional bolts now visible, remembering that position.

Note that the ZX81 board is now attached to the keyboard half of the case by just a thin ribbon cable which you must take care not to damage. We do not recommend that the ribbon be removed from its socket on the ZX81 board and there is no necessity to do this if thes instructions are followed.

Taking care not to strain the ribbon cable, turn the ZX81 board (not the case) over as though it were the top card on a deck (i.e., the heat sink (big rectangle of metal) goes under the board and away from you).

Turn to the chapter in the ZX81 manual entitled 'How the computer works' which contains a picture of what now lies before you. Note the positions of the CPU and the IK RAM.

Take the memory board and find the positions of the ROM CS and the RAM CS depicted thereon. With these depictions uppermost and towards you, position the memory board over the ZX81 board with the 40 protruding pins lying directly over the CPU on the ZX81. This is the position of fitting which you should now remember.

If the Sinclair IK RAM is socketed (rather than soldered to the ZX81 board) then remove it and put it aside, (see section entitled 'Hints and Tips' for advice on removal and insertion of chips)

Remove CPU from ZX81 and insert it into memory board, making sure to match indentation at end of CPU body with paint spot on memory board.

Remove the 14BA. bolts (there are 4) and washers from their guides on the memory board. Note - you could fit the memory board directly in this position but this would necessitate the removal of the ribbon cable from its socket in order to turn the board assembly back on its tummy for reassembly of the case. - Instead make sure you know the position of fitting before going on to next step.

Swivel the ZX81 heat sink to the extreme right to be sure of clearing the memory board when fitting. Do not forget to move it back later!

Turn ZX81 board back on its tummy (i.e., components downward).

Turn ZX81 (including case) round 180 degrees so that heat sink is away from you.

Lift ZX81 board with left hand slipping memory board underneath it and around the ribbon cab. and into position with the other hand (i.e., so that pins are directly under ZX81 CPU socket).

Carefully insert pins into ZX81 CPU socket with even pressure from thumbs on CPU body - Be extremely careful to be sure that all 40 pins are going in straight and are not bending. Do not insert too far into the socket - the correct depth of insertion will be automatically attained on fitting the four bolts.

PTO
Having fitted the memory board to your ZX81, now remove anything you may have put in to the expansion port. Then -

(i) Turn on your ZX81 and wait a few seconds for the cursor to appear,

i IF the cursor came up as normal THEN GOTO (iv).

(iii) The cursor hasn't come up so try turning on ZX81 a couple more times. If still unsuccessful the problem is almost certainly a bad connection between the memory board and the ZX81 board. So -

IF you have a multitester
Test all 40 pins of the GPU connect through to the ZX81 board.
Test all 4 bolt guides connect to track on ZX81 board.
Check that washers are not causing shorts on ZX81 board.

IF all connections seem OK then it is likely that there is a fault in the memory board <o GOTO end - testing failed,

IF you do not have a circuit tester then remove the memory board and check that no pins are bent over. If they are it may be possible to straighten it again without breakage. If one breaks then there is nothing for it but the soldering iron.

*, iv) Find out the contents of RAMTOP (see ZX81 manual if interested) as follows -

Type in

PHIHT PEEK 16389

the result will come up on the screen and should be checked against the table below. Note that if the original 2K RAM has been removed from the ZX81 board that the RAMTOP value should be 4 less than the figure in the table. If this is the case and RAMTOP is correct then you may plug in the removed 2K chip (if it is in place) to the first available socket on the memory board - at the same time you ought to move the plug selecting the 2K plug to disable (position 18) to avoid the 2X81 decoding fighting the memory board decoding and consuming unnecessary current.

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IF RAMTOP does not correspond to the number of memory chips then

Jote the actual value obtained

Obtain the value of location 16388 (type in PRINT PEEK 16388 to get this) and note Call us.

end.
Position the four bolts and washers back into their original positions except that now of course they pass through corresponding holes in the ZX81 board. Note that if they do not push in freely they may be lightly screwed in.

Engage the bolts in the nuts soldered to the ends of the bolt guides to take the memory firmly up to the ZX81 board establishing a rigid structure and firm electrical connector between the bolt guides and the ZX81 board track. Check that the washers are not causing shorts on the ZX81 board (this can happen if the ZX81 board coatings are worn away - the washers are there to prevent such wear from the bolt heads.)

(Note that it is possible in this situation to fit the top three memory chips next to the CPU (ie it is not necessary to separate the memory board from the ZX81 board in order to them))

IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!!!I !!!!!!!!
IMPORTANTFMM!!!!!!!!F!ii'f!
DO NOT FORGET TO KOVE THE HEAT SINK BACK as follows - Swivel the heat sink hard up againai the protecting pin on the memory board - Failure to do this can cause a disastrous short on the ZX81 board!

Position the board assembly snug into the ZX81 case top ensuring that the fourcase lugs have cleared the holes provided for them in the memory board.

Refit the two bolts securing the ZX81 board to the keyboard half of case (in the correct positions).

(Note that in this situation the first five memory sockets are accessible as well as all 26 positions of the plug-and-socket switches).

Replace the bottom half of ZX81 case - the securing of the five bolts can be postponed till testing is successfully completed).

Test (see section on testing).

REMOVING
Remove all leads from ZX81.
Remove bottom of ZX81 case (see 'Fitting').
Remove the two bolts securing board assembly to keyboard half of case.
Remove the four 15BA. bolts & washers securing the memory board to the ZX81 board.
Place a medium size screwdriver between memory board and ZX81 CPU socket and carefully Lever the boards apart- sure not to bend pins as they come out of CPU socket. Make sure that the point of the screwdriver pushes on the ZX81 CPU socket and not on board tracks which might be so damaged,

FITTING OF ADDITIONAL MEMORY CHIPS,
Remove ^11 leads and attachments from ZX81 and remove bottom of case (See 'Fitting').
Note that the memory sockets are numbered from 1 to 8 (see Appendix A) and will normally be filled in that order.

IF the sockets 1 to 5 are already filled THEN
Carefully place whole assembly with keyboard uppermost and move keyboard to expose memory sockets (do not strain the ribbon cable). Support the board with fingers as you plug in the memory chip to the first available socket (see Hints and Tips).
ELSE IF sockets 1 to 5 are not all filled then sir-rfv -l''~ ^ ^^-t-- ^-- ^--
When all is well, Insert the diode and transistor the correct way around as indicated in fig 1. Finally insert the 4 ICs, again consult fig 1 for polarity. ICQ Inserted the Wrong way art pund will almost certainly be destroyed when the board is plugged in so be particularly careful here.

When construction is complete, plug in the board, and apply power to the ZX. Again the machine should operate as normal if not, check that the ICs are correctly inserted, and that there are no board shorts.

Once the board is functioning there are many tests and experiments that may be performed including full frequency range audio output. See article in Personal Computer World (October and November 1981). But here are some introductory notes:

Output Fort

Connection to the port are shown in fig 2. There are 8 separate output channels, and they may be controlled with a single poke statement! POKE 25000, X for the ZX80 or POKE 11000, X for the 81. X may be any integer between 0 and 255. With X=Q all output lines are set to logic low, whilst 255 sets all high. To set any one channel high while leaving the remainder low, the following valuaa should be used:

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Thus the command POKE 25000, 16 (or POKE 11000, 16 on the 81) will set channel 4 high, leaving the others low. Setting a high output on a number of channels is achieved by combining the values. Thus POKE the value 12 (=9+4) will set channels 2 and 3 high.

When a channel goes high it may be used to trigger a variety of devices. Fig 3 shows LED indicator lamps attached to channels zero and one. To light these, execute POKE 25000, 3 (or POKE 11000, 3 on the ZX81). Belaya may be controlled from each channel as shown in the application notes, and sound output may be produced by connecting a high impedance (e.g. 65 ohm) loudspeaker to the output plug as in fig 4. The following programs will produce blips on the loudspeaker:

```
10  EB ZX80 BLEEP
20  FOR A = 1 TO 100
30  POKE 25000,A
40  POKE 25000,0
50  HRT A
10  HEM ZX81 BLEEP
20  FOR A = 1 TO 100
30  POKE 11000,A
40  POKE 11000,0
50  NEXT A
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To produce a higher frequencies and more interesting effects it is necessary to use a machine code subroutine, and complete programs for this on both ZX80 and 81 are given in the application notes, and in PCW.

Conflation

Begin construction as follows! Insert and Bolder in the 6 1C Sockets, putting in the largest ones first. Next Bolder in the 2 3 way edge connector, but if the board is for use with the ZX81 do not trim short, the wires protruding through the underside of the board, because these will be used for connecting the RAM pack extender card, (this is not possible on the ZX80). Hot* that the edge connector should have a plastic plug at pin 1. Be very careful not to bridge adjacent tracks when soldering this socket. To reduce the risk of this you can leave unsoldered any pins that don't appeal to Join up to a track on the underside of the board. Insert the two capacitors and resistors, and Bolder these.

Next solder the through connections at all the remaining holes that have solder pads on the upper side of the board except

**EITHER** the three marked 'A' if the board is for use with a ZX81 (note that the third 'A' is somewhat obscured by the edge connector)

**OH** the two marked B if it is for a ZX60. The through connections require a piece of wire to be passed through the board, and carefully soldered both sides before clipping off.

At this point, and before inserting the ICs or the diode and transistor, plug the board into the ZX80/81, and plug the power plug into the computer. The cursor should appear, and the ZX should work normally. If it does not, there is a short circuit somewhere on the board - probably between a pair of adjacent tracks. The short can be traced (after unplugging the board) using a multimeter on the ohms range, or other continuity tester (e.g. battery and bulb) - or you can Bsearch visually. If it is a solder bridge then you must re solder the point, but you may find that you can oleir the short by passing small screwdriver blade between the offending tracks.

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The following is provided:

- Double Bided FOB
- IOB labelled 1 - 4
- Diode (IN9-14) (glassy)
- Resistor (1K)
- Capacitors (100n) (round and flat)
- 14 Pin Dil Sockets
- 16 Pin Dil Sockets
- 20 Pin Dil Sockets
- 23 x 2 0 1" edge connector
- 16 Pin Header Plugs
- 2S2926 (green) Translator
- HAH pack extender card (ZX81 only)

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Input Port

Connections to the input port are shown in fig.5. Again there are 8 separate channels, and they may be read with a single PEEK statement. The command PHIHT PEEK (25000) on the ZX80, or PBIST PEEK 11000 on the 81 will print a value between 0 AND 255 representing the state of the 8 lines. If any line is held at logic low it will contribute a zero to this figure. If it is at logic high it will contribute a value corresponding to the data on the POKE table above. Thus if channels zero and 7 are high, but the rest low, the value printed by the PEEK statement will be 129 (=128+1), and BO on.

The circuit of fig.6 shows a single push button connected to channel 7. When the button is pressed, channel 7 will go high - otherwise it is kept low by the resistor to ground.

To test the status of the switch, use an expression such as B.B J IP PEEK (25000)>127 THEN GO TO 100 (ZX80)
or IP PEEK 11000 7 127 THIS GO TO 100 (ZX81)
This will cause a jump to line 100 if the switch is closed. Note that if nothing is connected to any channel, it will resume a high state so that PEEKing the port with nothing connected should produce a value of 255. If it does not, then all board connections should be checked.

Further applications details are given in the applications booklet.

BAM Pack Extender Card

Once the port is working satisfactorily on both Input and output, the extender card should be soldered in. This allows the simultaneous use of the RAM pack and port board on the ZX81, though this is not possible on the ZX80. The extender card solder is to the rear of the edge connector to effectively extend the extension plug at the rear of the ZX81. See Figs 7 and 8. To wire up the card, first bend the edge connector pins towards each other so that the card just fits between them. Then position the card between them as in Figs 7 and 8. The card should be positioned with notch outwards (i.e away from the main port board), and exactly at right angles to the port board. How carefully solder the upper and lower pins to the extender card, keeping the card at right angles to the main board.

When you have checked that there are no solder bridges, you should be able to plug the RAM pack into the extender card, and the port onto the ZX81. To use this tandem arrangement satisfactorily, the ZX81 and extensions should be kept on a flat surface to avoid poor contacts through flexing of the board. If the system fails to operate with the HAM connected, try flexing the arrangement and reinserting the power plug. All boards should be inserted as far as they will go.

Note when using the RAM pack as well as the port board you will not be able to drive so many external devices (lamps, relays etc) with the output port. If in doubt, check that the ZX81 is not getting too hot.

Errata

There are two major corrections to the circuits issued in the applications booklet and in PCW.

1. In all applications using the high impedance loudspeaker, this should be connected via a 10 mfd capacitor to earth as shown in fig 4 of the attached sheet, and not directly to the positive supply as in PCW.

2. In all applications of the solid state buzzer, this should be connected between the particular channel that it is used with, and the positive supply (pin 16), rather than earth (pin 9). The polarity of the buzzer should also be reversed, so that its red lead is on the positive supply. It will function as connected in the applications circuit, but it works more effectively as described here.

Loudspeaker

A suitable loudspeaker for audio output may be obtained from Technomatic Limited at 50p + P&P + VAT.
NOTE!!!

Top 3 Memory Chips are different way round from CPU!!! Be sure to match indentation at ends of chip bodies with point spot on board.

Top 6th of memory
ZX81 KEY MODULE

Key Module PCB (fit under keyboard)

Computers PCB (underside)

WARNING: Ensure that the POT is not going to touch the holes when fit.

Pin 1 of 10K POT requires filing to fit holes. (Adjust to change speed of repeat)

N.B Take care not to move.

2.0m wire soldered to l.c. into socket.

ZX81 KEY MODULE...

Kit: Solder sockets and other components into positions shown.

Plug in the two IC's, checking notched end is as indicated. Solder two wires under board.

Connections to computer:

( remove ZX81 bottom, remove feet and unscrew.) connect the nine wires as in diagram to the underside of the computer's PCB, soldering to terminals.

Use short, stiff wires. The module will fit inside case.

Test all keys to make sure they repeat and adjust pot to give required speed.

Parts

1. P.C.B
2. 14 pin chip
1. 16 pin chip
1. 14 pin socket
1. 16 pin socket
2. 33µF capacitors
2. 1K resistors
1. 4K7
1. 10K pot
2. IN4146 diodes

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PLEASE NOTE! - the position of the 40 protruding pins protected by the clock of polystyrene foam. We suggest that this protection be retained until actual fitting. Also we strongly recommend the fitting and testing of the memory board as supplied before carrying out any adjustment to switch settings, plugging-in extra chips etc. Finally, from "bitter experience, we think it aorth reading the instructions right through before doing anything else.

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16419 | 4023 | SC.ADDR |
16420 | 4024 | DF.SZ |
16421 | 4025 | LASTX |
16422 | 4026 | T.ADDR |
16423 | 4027 | DLSP |
16424 | 4028 | X.BTB |
16425 | 4029 | X.BTB |
16426 | 402A | D.PILE |
16427 | 402B | OLDMPC |
16428 | 402C | D.PILE |
16429 | 402D | STDMP |
16430 | 402E | STDMP |
16431 | 4030 | T.ADDR |
16432 | 4032 | SC.ADDR |
16433 | 4034 | RAMTOP |
16434 | 4036 | COORDS |
16435 | 4038 | X.BTB |
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16476 | 406D | D.PILE |
16477 | 406E | D.PILE |
16478 | 406F | D.PILE |
16479 | 4070 | D.PILE |
1647A | 4071 | D.PILE |
1647B | 4072 | D.PILE |
There are fundamental differences between machine code programming and BASIC programming. One of the most fundamental differences is that of line numbers.

As you know, every BASIC instruction in a program must be preceded by a line number, so that the computer knows in which order to execute them. If no line number is given, the computer will interpret the instruction as a command and will execute it immediately.

In machine code, there are no line numbers. Also, the M600/31 will not allow you to use machine code instructions as commands, they MUST form part of a program. The instructions are executed in the order that they are stored. For example, if the computer had just finished executing the instruction which was stored in location 3000, it would then go on to execute the instruction held in location 3001. It will continue in this way until it receives an instruction telling it to do otherwise.

Unlike BASIC, it will NOT automatically stop when it reaches the end of the program. It will plough right on through the addresses, and every time it finds a number which is not zero it will simply treat that number as a code for some instruction and try to execute it. Usually this will result in what is called a CRASH.

ABOUT CRASHING

Crashing is the same we give to what happens when your (up until now at least] moderately well-behaved) Sinclair machine unwittingly tries to execute something it shouldn't, or if there is a drastic mistake in your machine-coding which will
RE7.7 KEYBOARD CONSTRUCTION NOTES.

FireU check the contents of your kit, which should contain the following:-

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<td>40</td>
<td>Clear key* covers</td>
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<td>Legend Set</td>
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Fit sixteen short wire links as shown on fig 1, then fit two long wire links which should have sleeving. Put the 40 keywitches into place. Note that the pins in the switches are offset from the centre, and if you try to put the switches in the wrong way round the switch body will foul the wire links.

Having placed the switches, put a sheet of card over them, turn the printed circuit board over and solder the switches. Check that all the switches are resting firmly on the P.C.B. and are straight.

Fit the 40 white keytops and push on firmly. Take the legend set and place it on a firm card. Using a Steel rule and a sharp knife, cut out the letters using the edge markers as guides. You may prefer to draw faint lines and use scissors.

Using your computer or handbook as a guide, place the legends one at a time on the keypad and push on the clear plastic top.

If you have purchased the RE77B connector solder the ribbon cable to it (4 of the wires are unused and may be removed). If you do not wish to use a connector the cable may be soldered to the PCB. The completed keyboard may now be fitted to your ZX80 or ZX81. First study the connection details for your computer. (Fig 2 and fig 3) (More details on figs 4 and 5)

Carefully solder the ribbon cable to the computer PCB as indicated. The ribbon cable may now be run out of the case underneath the PJYM pack connector. Recheck all your soldering, then test your computer and new keyboard.

Fold your keyboard cable under your ZX80/81. Push the computer to the back of your desk with your new keyboard in front. This way you have no untidy twists in your cable.
Fitting Keyboard to ZX80 and ZX81

**Fitting to ZX81**

**Fig. 1**

- [Diagram of ZX81 showing component side and existing keyboard connectors]
- **Fig. 2**
  - **Existing keyboard connectors**
  - **Solder wires to underside of board**

**Fig. 3**

- **ZX80 (Cover removed)**
  - **Top side**
  - **Keyboard edge finger numbers**

- **Fig. 4**
  - **Underside ZX81 PCB**
  - **Ribbon cable** (after connecting to ZX81, feed through slot in case bottom before soldering to keyboard)

**Instructions**

1. Peel off rubber feet 'A'.
2. Remove 3 screws at 'A'.
3. Remove 2 screws at 'B'.

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**Notes**

- Fit ribbon cable to positions shown but not topside as indicated.
- Solder edge fingers on underside of existing keyboard connector.
9. POWER SUPPLY

If you wish to use your own power supply with the ZX81, it should conform to these specifications:
DC only, positive to the tip of the 3.5mm jack plug. Volt not be regulated, but should be well smoothed.
Voltage: between 12 volts minimum and about 8 volts minimum (depending on smoothing) when on load
Current: not less than 600mA or 1.2A if the power is to work from the same supply.

10. SERVICE

We will repair your completed ZX81 for a fixed fee of £19.00. We cannot assemble your kit for you, nor can we start work until the kit is received in operational condition. If the ICs have been damaged by being put in the wrong position, we must ask for an additional payment.

On the other hand, if the trouble is due to faulty components supplied by us, we will refund the full service fee. We strongly advise you test the kit very carefully to ensure that the converter thoroughly works before returning it. See the limits indicated on the data sheet.

If you do return your ZX81, you should enclose your name and address and explaining the symptoms of the trouble and any tests you may have done. Please return to the address:

Sinclair Research Service Dept.
Chesterton M
French's Road
Cambridge
CB3 3JP
These continued damage will result if the two screws are inserted in the wrong holes.

(a) Locate the board on the pillar in the case and ensure the two sockets are behind the holes in the side and screw into the case. Only two holes need screws in them as this print fig 11 tells you which -resistors are for the clock frequency. Since the sockets will have their own thread in the hole they may be tightened directly. Do not tighten too much. Best results may be obtained if the proper screw size is used. An ordinary flat screw will almost certainly slip and may cause damage to the keyboard. Do not over-tighten.

(b) Repeat the above procedure for the other connector on the back of the keyboard and stick into the case. Make sure the keyboard is all secure before using adhesive tape is necessary. Two or three layers of tape on the keyboard itself as well as around the edge of the case will help. Use ahesive tape or sticky backs to hold the keyboard against the case, and stick down firmly towards the back edge of the case. Use two layers of tape if possible, and start using it.

8. COMPONENT LIST

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All resistors are shown four colour bands the fourth band may be gold or silver.

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