

Apple Bandai Pippin

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The Apple Bandai Pippin, stylized PiP PiN, is a multimedia technology console, designed by Apple Computer. The console is based on the Apple Pippin platform – a derivative of the Apple Macintosh platform. Bandai produced the ATMARK and @WORLD consoles between 1996 and 1997. It was sold at \$599. The goal of the Bandai Pippin was to create an inexpensive computer system aimed mostly at playing CD-based multimedia software, especially games, but also functioning as a thin client. The operating system is a version of System 7.5.2, and is based on a 66 MHz PowerPC 603 processor and a 14.4 kb/s modem. It features a 4×-speed CD-ROM drive and a video output that can connect to a standard television display.

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1. Marketing

In Japan, Bandai produced Pippin-based systems called the Pippin Atmark (ピピンアットマーク, *Pipin Attomāku*). Most of the Atmark systems use the same platinum color used on many of the Apple Macintosh models at the time.

In the United States and most parts of Europe, Bandai named the system the Bandai Pippin @WORLD (pronounced "at-world"). The @WORLD has the same specifications as the Pippin Atmark, but runs an English version of Mac OS. Most of the western systems use a black color.

2. History

Bandai manufactured fewer than 100,000 Pippins, but reportedly sold 42,000 systems before discontinuing the line. Production of the system was so limited, there were more keyboard and modem accessories produced than actual systems.^[1]

In May 2006, the Pippin placed 22nd in *PC World's* list of the "25 Worst Tech Products of All Time."^[2]

3. Software

3.1. Japan

Very little software was produced for the Japanese version on release in early 1996. While some promised software may not have been released, the number that was released is fewer than 80 games and applications.^[3]

3.2. United States

When Bandai released the U.S. version, it had only 18 games and applications sold separately, and six CDs that came with the Pippin itself. Upgrades to the Pippin Browser were released as a new CD over time, and so was an update to *TV Works* (a text and drawing program).^[4]

3.3. Europe

When the console was released, barely any software was produced for this side of the world. Only 2 out of the 23 games were ever released in Europe. Not much is known about what happened to it in this region.

Title	Genre	Developer(s)	Publisher(s)	Regions released		
				Japan	Europe/PAL	North America

<i>@Card SD Gundam Gaiden</i>	Strategy, Card battle	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>1995.1.17: The Great Hanshin Earthquake</i>	Non-Game, Documentary	Keikakudo	Planning House	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Action Designer: Ultraman Tiga</i>	Non-Game, Art editor	Magic Mouse	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>ad.hoc Medical Practice Quick Training Course</i>	Non-Game, Educational	ad.hoc Co., Ltd.	Japan Medical Insurance Association	1998	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>AI Shogi</i>	Board game	Something Good	ASCII	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Anime Designer: Dragon Ball Z</i>	Non-game, Art editor	Magic Mouse	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Anpanman no AIUEO-N!</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Anpanman to Asobou! 1</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Anpanman to Asobou! 2</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Better Homes and Gardens Cool Crafts</i>	Edutainment	CD Vision	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Chibikko Club</i>	Edutainment	Gakugei	Gakugei	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Chisato Moritaka CD-ROM Watarase Bashi</i>	Non-Game, Music	Oracion	Oracion	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>CineNoir</i>	Non-game, Art editor	DigiToy Entertainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Circus!</i>	Edutainment	Matra Hachette Multimedia	Voyager Company	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>CombiPark Tonde Mat</i>	Rhythm game	CombiPark	CombiPark	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia:@World Edition</i>	Non-game	Softkey Multimedia	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Dazzeloids</i>	Edutainment	Center for Advanced Whimsy	Voyager Company	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Densha Daishuugou: Driving Train</i>	Simulation	Ongakukan	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Dinosaur Museum</i>	Non-Game	Apollon Create	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>EGWORD Pure</i>	Non-Game	Ergo Soft	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Exotic Sushi</i>	Non-game	Electric Dreams	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Fair, then Partly Piggy</i>	Non-Game, Book	Studio Flagship	Studio Flagship	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased

<i>Fortullia</i>	Non-Game, Astrology	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Funky Funny Aliens</i>	Edutainment	Amuse	Amuse	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gadget: Invention, Travel, & Adventure</i>	Adventure, Point & Click	Synergy Interactive	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gakkō no Kowai Uwasa: Hanako-san ga Kita!!</i>	Adventure	Amuse	Amuse	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gokigen Mama no Omakase Diary</i>	Non-Game	NanaOn-Sha	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gundam Tactics: Mobility Fleet 0079</i>	Strategy	DigiCube	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gundam Virtual Modeler Light</i>	Non-Game, Art editor	Expression Tools	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Gus Goes to Cyberopolis</i>	Edutainment	Modern Media Ventures	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Gus Goes to the Kooky Carnival in search of Rant</i>	Edutainment	Modern Media Ventures	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Histoires d'Urologie</i>	Non-Game, Educational	MELOdY	Éditions Médicales Pierre Fabre	Unreleased	1999	Unreleased
<i>Home Improvement 1-2-3</i>	Non-Game	Multicom Publishing	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Jungle Park</i>	Adventure, RPG	Saru Brunei	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Kids Box</i>	Edutainment	Aloalo International	ASK Kodansha	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>L-Zone</i>	Adventure, Point & Click	Synergy Interactive	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Le Livre de Lulu</i>	Non-Game, Book	Ariadne	Organa	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Mobile Suit Gundam: Zion Dukedom Military-File</i>	Strategy	JVC	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Mobile Suit Gundam: White Base - The 13th Independent Force</i>	Strategy	JVC	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Movieoke</i>	Non-Game	DigiToy Entertainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	Unknown
<i>Mr. Potato Head Saves Veggie Valley</i>	Edutainment, Adventure, Puzzle	Duck Soup Productions and Turning Point Software	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Music ISLAND vol.1: Peter and the Wolf</i>	Non-Game, Music	Oracion	Oracion	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Music ISLAND vol.2: The Nutcracker</i>	Non-Game, Music	Oracion	Oracion	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Music ISLAND vol.3: The Four Seasons</i>	Non-Game, Music	Oracion	Oracion	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased

<i>Music ISLAND vol.4: Carnival of the Animals</i>	Non-Game, Music	Oracion	Oracion	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Narabete! Tsukkute! Ugoku Block</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Nemurenu Yoru no Chiisana Ohanashi</i>	Edutainment	Amuse	Amuse	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Nobunaga's Ambition Returns</i>	Strategy	Koei	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Ocean Life: Hawaii edition</i>	Non-Game	Sumeria	Sumeria	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Odotte AIUEO</i>	Edutainment	Tom Create	Emotion Digital Software	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>PEASE</i>	Non-Game	Maki Enterprise	Maki Enterprise	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>PEASE Turbo</i>	Non-Game	Maki Enterprise	Maki Enterprise	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Picture Book of Mission School Uniform</i>	Non-Game	Shikanen	Emotion Digital Software	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Play-Doh Creations</i>	Non-Game	Hasbro Interactive	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	Unknown
<i>Playskool Puzzles</i>	Edutainment, Puzzle	ImageBuilder Software	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Post de Card</i>	Non-Game	SystemSoft	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Power Nazoler</i>	Edutainment	Infotech	Infotech	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Power Rangers Zeo Vs. The Machine Empire</i>	Action	CyberFlix	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996
<i>Racing Days</i>	Racing	Kitt Peak	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	1996
<i>Randoseru Shougakkou 1-Nensei</i>	Edutainment	Gakugei	Gakugei	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>SD Gundam Wars</i>	Strategy	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>SD Ultraman's Challenge! Maze Island</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>SeesawC 1: My favorite things 120</i>	Edutainment	Ai Ga Areba Daijobu	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>SeesawC 2: My favorite places 400</i>	Edutainment	Ai Ga Areba Daijobu	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Shichisokusen</i>	Non-Game	Media5	Media5	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Shock Wave: Invasion Earth: 2019</i>	Action, Shooter	Electronic Arts	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Super Marathon</i>	Action, FPS	Bungie	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	1996

<i>T-Break</i>	Board game	Infocity	Infocity	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Tamagotchi CD-ROM</i>	Virtual Life	7th Level Productions	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Tarot Mystery</i>	Non-Game	Visit	Visit	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Terror T.R.A.X.: Track of the Vampire</i>	Action	Ground Zero Productions	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	Unknown
<i>Tetsuman Gaiden: Ambition of Great Game</i>	Edutainment	Teichiku	Teichiku	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>The Journeyman Project</i>	Adventure	Presto Studios	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Unreleased	Unreleased	Unknown
<i>The Virgin Of a Legend</i>	Non-Game	Aqua Stone	Aqua Stone	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends</i>	Edutainment	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Tropic Island</i>	Action, Pinball	Momodera's Brand	Momodera's Brand	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Tunin'Glue</i>	Non-Game, Music	NanaOn-Sha	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Ultraman: The Digital Board Game</i>	Board Game	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Ultraman Quiz King</i>	Quiz, Game Show	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Victorian Park</i>	Adventure	JVC	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>With Open Eyes: Images from the Art Institute of Chicago</i>	Non-Game	Voyager	Voyager	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Yellow Brick Road I</i>	Adventure	Synergy Interactive	Synergy Interactive	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Yellow Brick Road II</i>	Adventure	Synergy Interactive	Synergy Interactive	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Yellows: Akira Gomi Photographs</i>	Non-Game	Digitalogue	Digitalogue	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Yellows 2.0: Tokyo 1993 Akira Gomi Photographs</i>	Non-Game	Digitalogue	Digitalogue	1996	Unreleased	Unreleased
<i>Zukkoke Threesome: Drama Murder Case</i>	Adventure	Poplar Publishing	Bandai Digital Entertainment Corporation	1997	Unreleased	Unreleased

4. Accessories



An AppleJack controller. <https://handwiki.org/wiki/index.php?curid=1313715>

- AppleJack controller
- AppleJack Wireless (IR) controller
- Pippin keyboard with drawing tablet
- Pippin Modems (14.4, 28.8, 33.6 kbit/s)
- Pippin memory (2, 4, 8, 16 MB)
- Pippin Floppy Dock
- Pippin MO 256 MB optical disk
- Pippin ADB adapter (for connecting Macintosh devices to Pippin)
- Pippin to Macintosh (ADB) adapter (for connecting Pippin devices to Macintosh)

5. Printers

Pippin can use the Apple Color StyleWriter 2400 and 2500 series through its serial port.

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