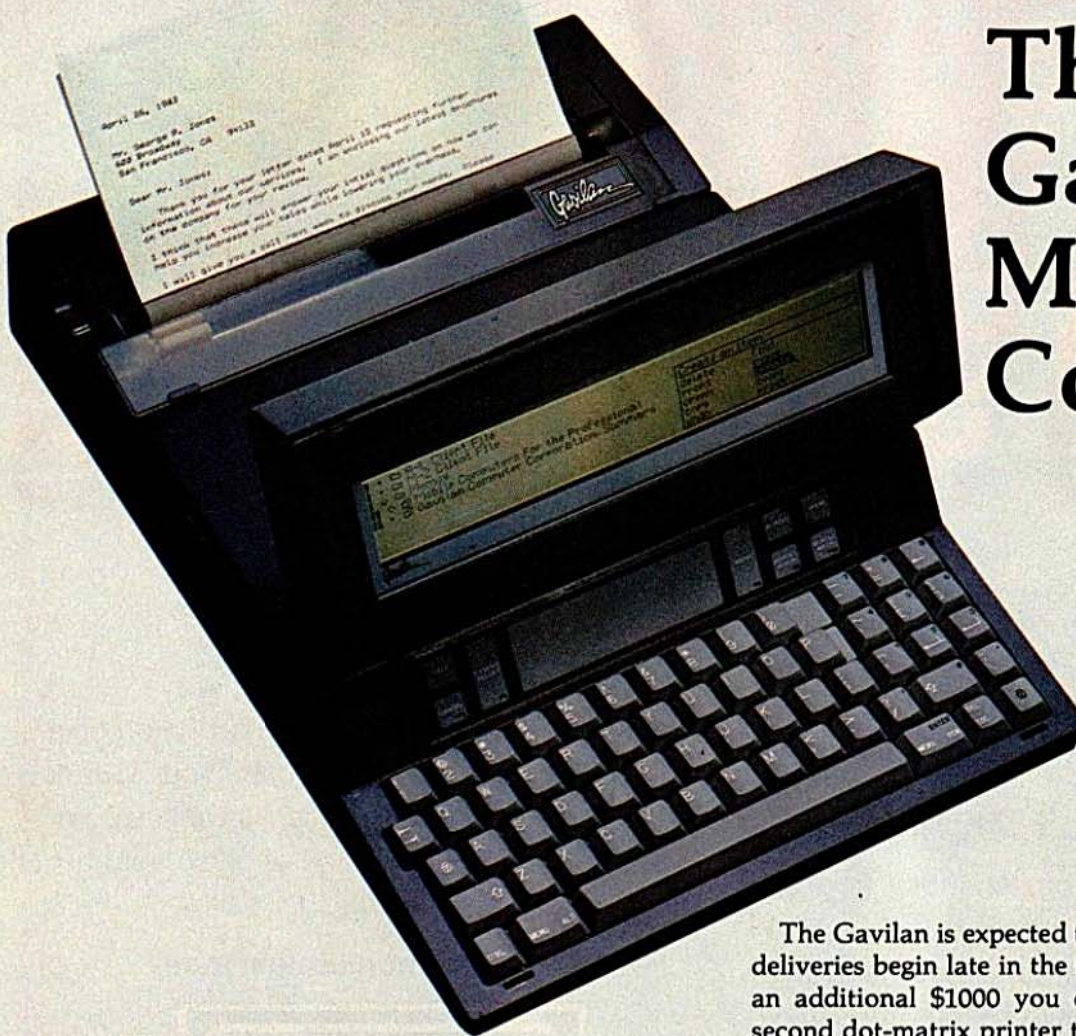


Product Description



The Gavilan Mobile Computer

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The Gavilan portable computer is a traveling professional's dream come true. Lightweight and powerful, this new 16-bit computer promises to redefine industry standards for truly portable micros.

Weighing only 9 pounds and measuring 11.4 by 11.4 by 2.7 inches, the Gavilan, along with its optional 4-pound printer, fits comfortably in a standard-size attache case. Yet this battery-powered machine has up to 208K bytes of RAM, a built-in 320K-byte 3-inch disk drive, an 8-line by 66-character bit-mapped liquid-crystal display that flips up from its resting place on the keyboard, a full-size keyboard with numeric pad, and a touch panel that's used as a pointing device.

The Gavilan is expected to sell for \$3995 when volume deliveries begin late in the third quarter of this year. For an additional \$1000 you can get the 50-character-per-second dot-matrix printer that clips onto the back of the computer.

The touch panel, a potential rival to the mouse for nonkeyboard input, lets you manipulate integrated applications programs by pointing at objects on the screen, selecting objects to act on, and choosing an action from menus that appear on demand. Much like Lisa's operating system, the Gavilan's uses a desktop manager with pictorial symbols for applications, file "drawers," file "folders" in the drawers, and "documents" in the folders. Symbols indicate which files are open and which programs are available and running at any time. The Gavilan saves the "state of the desktop" in battery-backed RAM when the system is turned off, then restores the desktop when the machine is turned back on.

A New Standard for Portables

Until now, portable computer users have had to choose between battery-powered machines that are easy to carry but much less useful than desktop computers, and larger machines that are useful but heavy and dependent on