

GADGETS

YOUR OWN PET COMPUTER

If you think man's best friend is his pet dog, then you haven't seen the portable Model 2001 PET home computer that Commodore, an international electronics company, has just introduced at the mind-boggling price of only \$595. The PET (Personal Electronic Trans-

actor) features a TV screen, a keyboard that's as simple to use as a typewriter, a self-contained cassette recorder that is the source for programs and for storing data and a memory system. What's it do? Just about everything from maintaining personal records to answering the telephone.

DOODLER



Pictured here is just a sampling of PET's capabilities, beginning with, top left: a doodle of Starship Enterprise that's been drawn on the screen via one's punching keyboard keys that activate various graphic symbols, such as squares, line segments, etc. Left center: The electronic game Gomoku, a king-sized version of ticktacktoe, pits you against PET's brain power; you choose a square and the computer counters by choosing one—the first to obtain five consecutive squares wins. Left below: This program keeps track of your investments by

SYMBOL FLASHER



CURRENT MONITOR



GAME PLAYER



CHECKBOOK BALANCER



STOCK-PORTFOLIO AUDITOR



displaying bar graphs tabulating the buying and selling of stocks you own. Center: If you don't recognize this electronic sketch, Charley, you've got no business buying a computer. Top right: Scientific experiments can also be worked on your PET—or, if you'd like to keep tabs on Con Edison, you can hook an oscilloscope up to the computer and monitor the fluctuations in your pad's A.C.-voltage level. Right center: PET will also maintain your personal checkbook records on a program that logs a cumulative record of your deposits and expenses. Furthermore, it can also be programmed to give monthly balances and records of how the money was spent. Right below: You'll be hard pressed to tear budding Fangios away from PET's race-car program; once you've started your engine, the flag is down and you're off and running down a winding road that can be programmed to various degrees of difficulty. As if that isn't enough, your PET can also teach languages and mathematics, store recipes and turn on appliances and temperature controls—all for just \$595. Our computer says it's a steal.

RACE-CAR DRIVER



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