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Applicable Related
Hardware: Application

Risc PC 600 series Notes: None

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The following table gives information on the range of Acorn monitors and standard resolutions supported by Risc PC with all VRAM configurations, and examples of typical backward-compatible numbered screen modes which display these resolutions.

	Resolutions							
Pixels: Standard:	640x256 (CGA)	896x352 (EGA)	640x480 (VGA)	800x600 (SVGA)	1024x768 (XGA)	1280x1024	1600x1200	
Equivalent Screen Modes	12/15	39/40	27/28	31				
Monitors								
AKF30/40	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	
AKF50/52	√	✓	√	✓	×	×	X	
AKF60	(Letterbox)	X	√	✓	✓	×	×	
AKF85	(Letterbox)	×	✓	√	√	√	√	
Video	Number of Colours Displayable							
Memory								
No VRAM	32k	32k	256	256	16	-	-	
1Mb VRAM	32k	32k	32k	32k	256	-	-	
2Mb VRAM	16M	16M	16M	16M	32k	256	16	

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