



Acorn Risc PC gets even better

*New processors ... new prices ...
and upgrade discounts for
existing owners!*

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Building on the success of the Acorn Risc PC and the positive response to the introduction of the new Risc PC x86 Cards, Acorn is pleased to announce three new product marketing developments:

- new 'top-of-the-range' 5x86 PC Card
- price reductions on all PC x86 Cards purchased with a Risc PC
- loyalty discounts for existing Risc PC owners who are upgrading either the ARM and/or the PC cards

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Increased processing power

The new Risc PC x86 Card 5x86 is fitted with an IBM Blue Lightning 5x86 processor clocked at 100MHz. This gives performance comparable to a Pentium® processor and will be on display at the forthcoming BETT exhibition in London, starting on Wednesday 10 January.

The 5x86 and DX4-100 cards offer enhanced performance for the more demanding user, whereas the DX2-66 and SXL-33 specification cards will provide a level of performance to meet normal classroom usage.

The top three PC x86 Cards (ACA57, ACA56 and ACA53) are socketed so that they can be upgraded with higher specification processors (phone Aleph One Limited on 01223 811679 for details). To keep costs to a minimum, the entry level Risc PC x86 Card SXL-33 is not socketed and so is not upgradable.

In view of the fact that the DX2-66 model is upgradable as well as offering a significant performance increment over the SXL-33, it is anticipated that most schools will opt for the DX2-66 for classroom use, in preference to the SXL-33.

A Risc PC system with a minimum of 9 MB of memory (8MB of RAM, 1MB of VRAM) is recommended to run Windows. For the higher display modes, 2 MB of VRAM would be required in the host machine.

Price reductions when purchasing a PC x86 Card with Risc PC

To help make the dual operating system capability of the Risc PC even more affordable to new purchasers, Acorn is announcing reduced prices when a PC x86 Card is purchased at the same time as a Risc PC. This gives a saving of £100 on any of the cards when they are bought together with the system.

Order code	Product	1. Standard price	2. With Risc PC
ACA57	Risc PC x86 Card 5x86	£499.00	£399.00
ACA56	Risc PC x86 Card DX4-100	£299.00	£199.00
ACA53	Risc PC x86 Card DX2-66	£249.00	£149.00
ACA52	Risc PC x86 Card SXL-33	£199.00	£99.00

1. This is the standard price of the card when purchased separately from Risc PC.

2. This is the reduced price for the card when purchased at the same time as Risc PC.

- These prices are effective from 10th of January.
- All prices quoted are exclusive of but subject to VAT.
- These prices are both RRP (Recommended Retail Price) and EP (Education Price).

Loyalty discounts for existing Risc PC owners

Existing owners of the original Risc PC 600s can upgrade both the main ARM processor and the PC card. The ARM610 can be upgraded to the new ARM710 which gives significant performance improvements for RISC OS. Owners of existing PC 486 Cards (ACA42) can benefit from a loyalty discount when upgrading to one of the top three PC x86 Cards. This upgrade route is available through both Acorn-by-Post and Acorn Centres of Technology.

Order Code	Spec	1. Standard price	2. Upgrade discount	3. Upgrade price
ACA57	5x86	£499.00	£200.00	£299.00
ACA56	DX4-100	£299.00	£100.00	£199.00
ACA53	DX2-66	£249.00	£100.00	£149.00
ACA71	ARM710	£125.00	£25.00	£100.00

1. This is the standard price of the card when purchased separately from Risc PC.

2. This is the discount that existing owners of ACA42 Risc PC 486 Card will receive after returning their original Risc PC 486 Card.

3. This is the effective upgrade price of the card to existing owners of the ACA42 Risc PC 486 Card or ARM610 cards

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Customers wishing to benefit from the upgrade discount initially pay the full price for the new card, and will receive the upgrade discount as a refund when they return the original card

Customers choosing to upgrade through Acorn-by-Post send payment by cheque to Acorn-by-Post, 13 Denington Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2RL, or phone through their credit card number on 01933 279300. Customers choosing to upgrade through Acorn Centres of Technology should in the first instance contact their local Acorn Centre of Technology.

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