

# Rare Apple-1 computer up for auction

A fully functioning Apple-1 computer, personally sold by Steve Jobs for \$600 from his parents' garage in 1976, is expected to earn at least \$600,000 when it goes under the hammer in New York on December 11

**RICKETTS APPLE-1 PERSONAL COMPUTER**  
(named after original owner, Charles Ricketts)

**What you get:** One of only 200 Apple-1s hand-built by Apple co-founder **Steve Wozniak**. Supplied as single motherboard – owner had to add power supply transformer, keyboard, monitor, tape deck and case

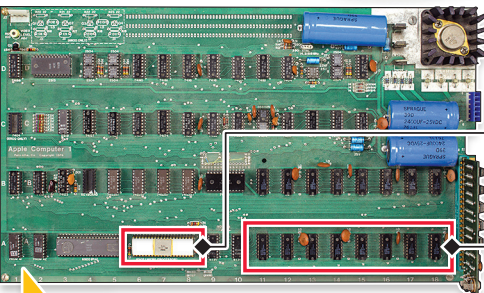
**Tape deck:**  
Stores software

**Monitor:**  
Regular TV

**Keyboard:** One of first computers to have keyboard interface

**Auction estimate:**  
\$400,000-\$600,000

## APPLE-1 MOTHERBOARD



**Original payment cheques:**  
Marked as "Purchased July 1976 from Steve Jobs in his parents' garage in Los Altos"

**6502 microprocessor:**  
Pronounced "sixty-five-oh-two". 85% cheaper than rival chips, it led to home computer revolution of 1980s

**Memory:** 8K RAM, unheard of in 1976. Expandable to 65K

**Rarity:** Only 175 units sold. Owners are later offered trade-ins for Apple IIs and returned Apple-1s are destroyed. Only 61 still exist, just six in working condition

## THEN

**Apple-1** (Apr 11, 1976)

**Memory:** 8K-65K RAM

**Price:** \$666.66  
(\$2,800, adjusted to 2014)



## NOW

**Latest iMac** (Oct 16, 2014)

**Memory:** 8GB-32GB RAM  
(1,000,000 times bigger)

**Price:** \$1,099-\$4,399