

Altair 8800B-DM

The Altair 8800B-DM is a microcomputer produced by MITS (Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems) in the late 1970s. It is an upgraded version of the original Altair 8800, which was one of the first commercially successful personal computers. The Altair 8800B-DM featured an Intel 8080A microprocessor running at 2 MHz, 4KB of RAM (expandable to 64 KB) and a built-in front panel with toggle switches and LEDs for programming and debugging. The original Altair 8800 was delivered as a kit, and it was intended to be assembled by the customer. It did not come with an operating system, but it was compatible with a variety of operating systems and programming languages. The Altair 8800B-DM was an improved version of the original Altair 8800 and came pre-assembled with a floppy disk, but it was still mostly intended for hobbyists and small businesses. It was known for its expandability and compatibility with a wide range of software that the users programmed themselves.

This Altair 8800B-DM is on permanent loan. It originally was sold exclusively at Foley Department Stores in the Southeast US. It is one of only 400 produced and one of only 4 confirmed to still exist.

