

IBM PC Model 5150

The IBM PC Model 5150 is a personal computer produced by IBM in 1981. It is considered the first IBM PC and retailed for \$1565 without a monitor or other peripherals. It featured an Intel 8088 microprocessor running at 4.77 MHz, 16 KB of RAM (expandable to 256 KB) and a built-in keyboard. It had a 5.25-inch floppy drive for data storage and came with the PC-DOS operating system and a version of the Basic programming language.

The IBM PC Model 5150 was significant for its compatibility with a wide range of software, which made it popular among businesses. It established the IBM PC as an industry standard and it was the first personal computer to be widely available to the general public. The success of the IBM PC Model 5150, helped to establish the personal computer as an important tool for personal, business and educational use.