

TRIONYX ELECTRONICS,

P.O. Box 5131, Santa Ana, CA 92704 INC.

15 October 1981

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Yours very truly,

Bill Perry President

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The H8 computer CPU box <u>must</u> have a Trionyx T-H90 motherboard installed to qualify for our repair service. We will install a motherboard if requested. Assembled T-H90 motherboards are priced as follows:

T-H90 Completely Assembled \$250.00 T-H90 Heath Equivalent Assembled 175.00

Our price to service an H8 CPU box is \$50.00. The cost of replacement parts is additional. Return shipping is also additional and is \$20.00 within the United States and Canada. We must receive payment of \$70.00 to start work on any H8 CPU box sent to us for service. Any Trionyx kits or bare boards included with the H8 CPU box (Memory, Z80 board, etc.), if found defective, will be billed separately for service. No additional charge will be made for motherboard installation, if one is ordered with the repair service.

H8 CPU boxes sent to us for service will be returned fully functional and reliable operation will be guaranteed. The motherboard will be implemented to the highest level required for this purpose, on an individual basis. Parts will also be replaced on all boards, as required, to guarantee reliable operation. We can quote the total price for service in each case before changing any parts, but will require a minimum payment of \$70.00 to evaluate and return the unit, in any case.

As the H8 computer becomes more complex, system problems may arise which are very difficult for an individual user to solve. System problems exist when particular pc boards work individually, but will not work together. Most system problems are related to the computer bus. A systems approach must be taken to solve some of the more difficult problems involving computer reliability. We have a number of H8 computers and are in a position to freely interchange pc boards in order to identify particular types of problems.

Three to four weeks will normally be required to service and return an H8 CPU box sent to us for repair. All units to be repaired should be sent to Trionyx Electronics, Inc., 2287 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705. All shipments should be fully insured. Our H8 computer repair service is limited to the CPU box, itself. We do not service the computer peripherals.

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Effective January 1st, our prices have been finalized as follows:

Z-H8 Assembled \$ 300.00 KIt 250.00 Bare Board 125.00

The above prices include complete documentation, the Z80 programmer's manual, 2MHZ/4MHZ software utilities on a 5-1/4 in. disk, and our exclusive FW-Z80 front panel monitor ROM.

The Z-H8 uses 51 integrated circuits. The assembled board is fully socketed. All connectors and IC sockets are gold plated.

The Z-H8 CPU board provides dynamic switching of the clock rate between 2 MHZ and 4 MHZ, as a primary feature. The clock rate is under software control and may be changed at any time between 2 MHZ and 4 MHZ, as often as desired. The clock rate may be changed by the operator using system level commands, or automatically, at the program level, using port IN or OUT commands. The program, itself, can change the clock rate.

Many user interactive programs (such as games) have been written using timing loops based on a 2 MHZ clock. These must be run at 2 MHZ. Other programs (such as assembling a lengthy text file) take undesirably long periods of time to run. 4 MHZ operation would be desired in these cases.

No modification whatever is made to the H8 computer. The Z-H8 CPU board simply plugs into the bus in place of the existing CPU board.

The wait state circuits on the Z-H8 allow system optimization at 4 MHz with many different types of memory boards. Any one of the following wait states may be selected: No wait states, 1/2 wait state, 1 wait state or 2 wait states. A 1/2 wait state is a wait state on the M1 cycle, only. We originally had 1-1/2 wait states instead of 2 wait states, but decided that a geometric series in this case was more desirable than an arithmetic series.

The Heath static boards for the H8 typically require wait states at 4 MHz. An 8K memory board may require a 1/2 wait state, while a 16K board will need 1 wait state. If faster RAMS are used, the Heath static memory boards can run without wait states. The new Heath 64K dynamic memory board may require 2 wait states to operate at 4 MHz.

The wait states are selected on a switch on the Z-H8 which may be read on a special processor status port by the software. This is necessary to provide the proper disk constants when operating at 4 MHz. The wait state circuit uses a proprietary PROM (Trionyx part number 100201) which is available separately for \$10.00 to Z-H8 bare board buyers.



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for

HDOS 2.0*

and

CP/M 2.2**

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HDOS 2.0 Summary Guide (42 double-sided pages) \$15.00 each, postpaid. CP/M 2.2 Summary Guide (32 double-sided pages) \$15.00 each, postpaid.

Both Manuals Above (Set of 2) \$25.00 each, postpaid.

Trionyx Electronics, Inc. is pleased to offer the above summary guides for HDOS 2.0 and CP/M 2.2. These are very well written and comprehensive guides for the two most popular operating systems for the Heathkit H8* computer. These guides are intended to be used by those already familiar with the system software who need to occasionally refresh their memories with regard to certain points of system operation. They also provide a review of system operation and an overview of the entire system software.

These guides cover a considerable amount of software in addition to the actual operating systems. M Basic, Fortran-80, the Music Board, Autoscribe, the PI Editor, are only a few of these. These reference guides will not be set aside after they are received. They will be out all the time and used constantly with the computer. They will be the number 1 reference manual used with the computer. Each manual is attractively bound in a soft cover for easy handling.

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