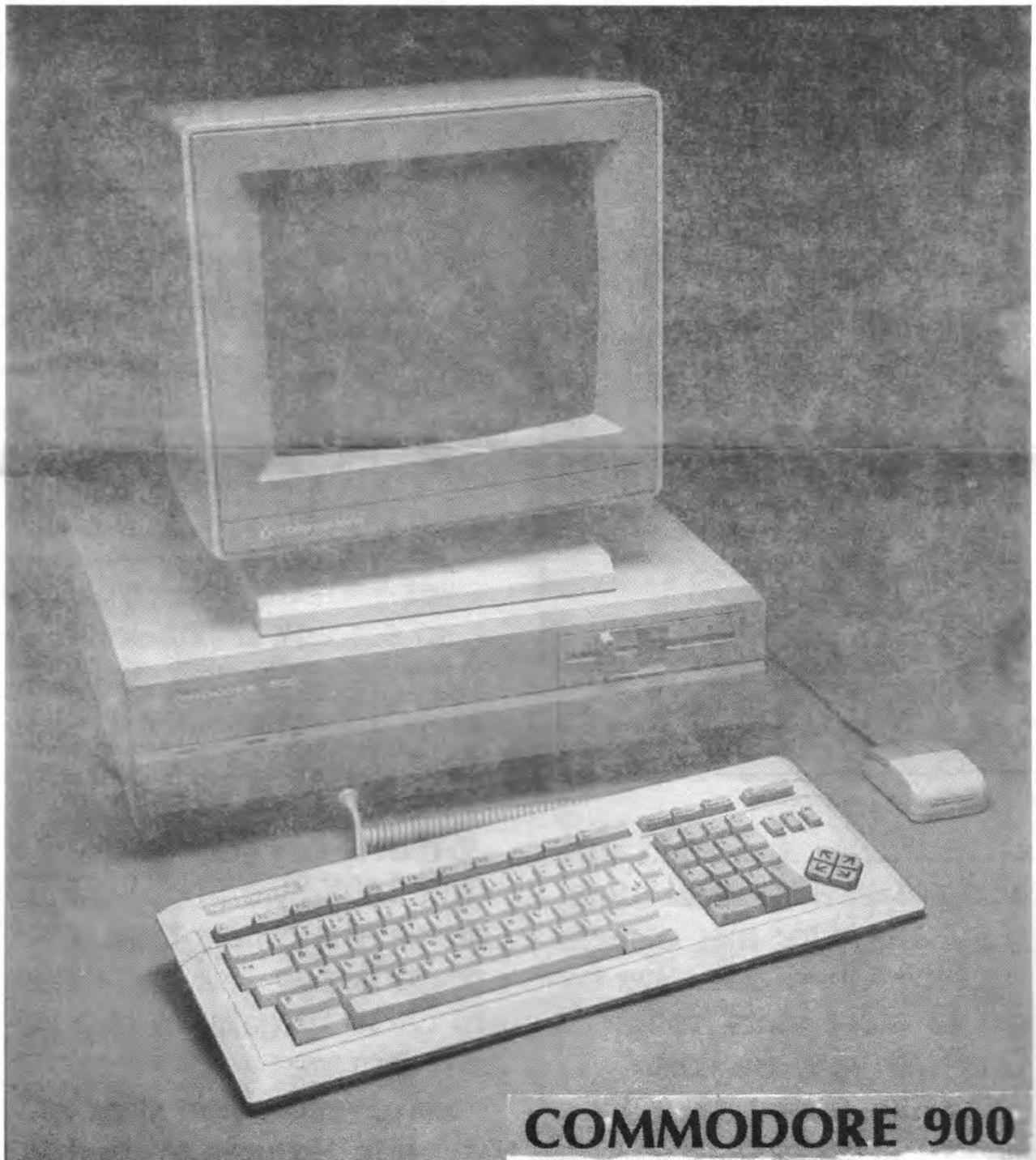


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HOW TO TURN YOUR COMMODORE 64 INTO AN IBM-PC

Let's face it. You would have bought an IBM PC if you had had the money. Well, now there is a way to turn your C-64 into a PC in 9 easy steps:

1. Go to a hardware store and buy a spray can of white paint and a can of spackle. Go around to the back of the store and get a cardboard box.
 2. Return home and paint the box white. Cut a hole in it and slide your 1541 drive under it so only the front of the drive shows.
 3. Spackle up the joystick holes of your C-64. Paint your 64 white and slide it up next to the cardboard box.
 4. Find the RETURN key on your Commodore 64. Pry it loose gently with a screwdriver. Got it? Good. Now put it where it's hard to reach-- in the bottom drawer of your desk, or on the top of your closet. Next, cover the SHIFT/LOCK key with a large cotton wad; be sure that you cannot tell whether it is up or down.
 5. Now you must open your 64. With a pair of tweezers, find and remove the 8 sprites. Be careful-- they scurry around and are hard to get hold of. Place them in a terrarium. You must give them fresh batteries at least once a week, or their colors will fade.
 6. Remove the Sound Interface Device (SID). Replace it with the noisemaker you got last New Year's Eve at the party.
- Don't despair; you are almost there. The next two things are not mechanical-- you must remember to do them each time you turn on your computer.
7. Buy a stopwatch. Whenever you are ready to turn on your computer, click the stopwatch on and wait for one minute. This simulates the memory check of the IBM PC.
 8. Finally, turn your monitor off and back on each time you hit the RETURN key. By the time the picture is back, a PC would have refreshed the screen.
 9. You won't appreciate your new PC unless you have are so deeply in debt for it that you will HAVE to like it. So send me \$3000.00. You'll be glad you did. If you want to use your new PC with a green screen monitor, send me \$300.00. If you want to use it with a color monitor, and have block graphics,

send me \$600.00 more. If you would like to have a joystick, pry the spackle loose from port 2 and send me \$40.00. If you want to use a printer, send me \$150.00. Send me \$150.00 for the cost of MS-DOS. Your PC software will cost at least double what 64 software costs, so total your expenditures for software and send me a matching amount. Send me \$30.00 if you have a Koalapad, and \$20.00 for each joystick you have.

I hope you enjoy your new PC.

