

Tandy Color Computer

The Tandy Color Computer, also known as the CoCo, was a significant player in the early home computer scene. Launched in 1980 by Tandy Corporation (RadioShack), it stood out with its vibrant graphics and user-friendly BASIC programming language. It retailed for around \$399.

Key features include a Motorola 6809E processor, 16 colors (which was a major selling point as most machines were monochrome), Microsoft BASIC in ROM, and expandable to support various peripherals like cassette tapes, floppy drives, and even printers.

Three models: Color Computer 1 (1980), Color Computer 2 (1983), and Color Computer 3 (1986) – each with improvements over the previous version. Discontinued in 1990.