

Early Domestically-Produced 8-Bit Personal Computers

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Registration Date	September 15, 2015	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	Personal Computer PC-8001
Location	Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
	NEC Personal Computers, Ltd.
Owner (Custodian)	NEC Corporation
Manufacturer (Company)	NEC Corporation
Year Manufactured	1979
Year first appeared	1979
Reason For Selection	A typical early domestically-produced 8-bit personal computer. It came in a modular system comprising an integrated Z80-compatible μ PD780C CPU, ROM built into the N-BASIC basic software from Microsoft and a standard Microsoft keyboard, plus the capability to add a CRT display, printer, cassette tape recorder for data recording, mini floppy disc, modem and other I/O devices. It was widely used for personal and also business applications due to its color display, capacity to handle kana characters, its moderate price (168,000 yen) and other such factors. A lot of compatible commercial software was also released, which had a major impact on later development of the PC.
Registration Standard	2-B (Played a notable role in improving people's way of life and creating new ways of living.)

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