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### The Story

A few years back I was out looking around at a friend's property and amongst a plethora of old computer systems I found this. It looked to be in very good condition and after plugging it in the screen prompted me to enter a system disk, so it appeared to be in working order, so I brought it home. I thought I'd search it up on eBay so get a quick estimate of how much it's worth, but to my surprise there was no results, so I promptly looked it up on google next. Amongst Delta Airlines' gold card memberships I found but one useful result, [this single entry](#) on thepcmuseum.net for the DeltaGold Elite II which appears to be missing a lot of data.

I thought this to be very strange, as this computer clearly exists, it even shows an Elite model in the photo, and I have one sitting right next to me, so what's the deal? It was at this moment that I made it my goal to find out exactly what is this computer and what happened to this company.



### Research

After looking a little deeper I found a few more leads, such as [an article from 1987](#) on the 3 main models available and [this article from 1989](#) that explains how they will shift manufacturing over to the BF Goodrich complex in Akron, which according to [this](#) and [this](#), doesn't appear to have ever happened. [This](#) post on deskthority shows that some people actually do own the same keyboard as me, and I've even seen two for sale over the years four around \$400 each. Some forum posts also show that at least three other people out there owned a Deltagold at one point, but I've never seen a post about a system besides the Elite. Looking deeper I eventually found [two videos](#) from someone that currently owns an Elite, though they didn't know too much about its history or the company. An Elite can even be seen in [this music video](#) for Queen's Invisible Man.

It was around this point in time that I discovered the library that is Google Books, and found a lot of computer magazines from the time period containing advertisements for Deltagold, most of which can be seen below. These articles contained the only two photos so far of the Prestige and the Premier, and eludes to a few more models that may exist. Below is a list of what we know so far about what they made:

- Deltagold Elite - 1987, \$1195, switchable 4.77/10MHz 8088 licensed clone, 512k ram expandable to 768k, 4 expansion slots, two 5.25" 360k diskette drives, 12" monochrome monitor, external clock
- Deltagold Prestige - 1987, \$1995, switchable 6/10MHz 8088, 512k ram expandable to 1Mb, 3 or 6 expansion slots (conflicting evidence, most likely 6), one 5.25" 1.2Mb diskette drive, 12" monochrome monitor, external clock, front lock
- Deltagold Premier - 1987, \$4995, switchable 8/16MHz 80386, 1mb ram, 8 expansion slots, 40Mb hard disk, EGA monitor with adapter, may have clock, front lock. Elite & Prestige come with integrated software package (spreadsheet, word processor, database). All three models come with MS-DOS 3.2 and GW Basic.
- Sprint Portable 88 - 1988, Laptop, 7.7 pounds, two 3.5" diskette drives, 640k ram, serial, parallel, and game port video output.
- Voyager 88 - 1988, 4.77/10MHz 8088, 640k ram, two 3.5" diskette drives, LCD screen, available with 20Mb hard disk.

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- Voyager 286 - 1988, 10MHz 80286, 640k ram, two 3.5" diskette drives, LCD screen, available with 20Mb hard disk. Unable to find any images of the portable computers
- Deltagold Elite II - 1988
- Deltagold Prestige II - 1988
- DG-630 - 1988
- Samsung Model A - 1987, \$1995, 80286, 8 expansion slots, 12" monochrome monitor, graphics adapter, intergrated software package, both samsung computers sold under Delta Computer Corp. in the U.S.
- Samsung model TX - 1987, \$1095, 8088-2, 6 expansion slots, 640k ram, two 5.25" disk drives, 12" monochrome monitor, graphics adapter, intergrated software package; second version available with colour monitor for \$1395, third version with a 20Mb hard disk for \$1595

A few other notable things are:

- "Support package" - Instructional VHS, Deltagold GoldDesk (Emulates a graphical mac-style interface with mouse functions), 18 month warranty, package may have come with the first line of the Deltagolds
- GEM/3 Desktop - 1989, from Digital Research Inc, graphical interface rebranded as DG/Desk, bundled with Deltagold line.
- DR DOS - 1989, from DRI, rebranded as DG/DOS, intended to be included in ROM in their next generation of PCs, bundled with Deltagold line.
- 18 month warranty on Deltagold Computers, toll-free line: 1-800-255-DELTA
- P.O. Box 809, 260 Forbes Blvd, Mansfield, MA 02048; (617)339-5575. Verified from three sources.
- 300 N. Continental Blvd, suite 200, El Segundo, CA 90245; (213)322-4222

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**Delta Debuts IBM-Standard Computer Trio**

By Edward Warner

A line of IBM-standard personal computers, one based on the Intel Corp. 80386 microprocessor, debuted last week from Delta Computer Corp.

The three-machine line, which ships this month, is notable for its colors — charcoal black with gray and gold details — and for the training videotape included with each system, the company said.

The low-end \$1,195 Elite system, based on the Intel 8088-1 microprocessor, comes with 512K of RAM expandable to 768K on the motherboard, four expansion slots, two 5 1/4-inch, 360K diskette drives, and a 12-inch monochrome monitor, the company said.


Next in line is the PC AT-compatible Prestige, priced at \$1,995. The Prestige offers 512K of RAM expandable to 1 megabyte on the motherboard, six expansion slots, and one 5 1/4-inch, 1.2-megabyte diskette drive, as well as a 12-inch

monochrome monitor, according to Delta Computer.

At the top of the Delta PC line, the \$4,995 Premier incorporates the 80386 chip, 1 megabyte of RAM, eight expansion slots, an EGA monitor and adapter, and a 40-megabyte hard disk.

Delta Computer's Connection, an integrated software package that contains a spreadsheet, word processor, and database, is included with the Elite and Prestige, while all three models come with Microsoft's MS-DOS 3.2 and GW Basic, the company said.

Delta Computer Corp., 260 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048; (617) 339-5575.



Delta's \$1,995 Prestige has a 1.2-megabyte diskette drive.

**Delta Is Bundling DR DOS With Delta Gold Line of PCs**

Delta Computer Corp. recently began bundling DR DOS from Digital Research Inc. with its Delta Gold line of personal computers.

Under Delta's agreement with DRI, the company is permitted to bundle DR DOS with other PC models as well.

DR DOS is a DOS-compatible single-user operating system that can execute from ROM or RAM. Delta's package includes DR DOS on disk, complete

documentation, and DRI's GEM/3 Desktop, a graphical operating system interface.

Delta will market DR DOS and GEM/3 Desktop under the names DG/DOS and DG/Desk, and Delta plans to include DG/DOS in ROM in its next generation of PCs.

Delta Computer Corp., 300 N. Continental Blvd., Suite 200, El Segundo, CA 90245; (213) 322-4222.

— Bob Poning

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**Delta Announces PC-Compatible Product Line**

Delta Computer Corp. recently introduced a broad line of IBM PC-compatible products.

The 8088-based Sprint Portable 88 is a 7.7-pound laptop with two 3 1/2-inch floppy disk drives, 640K of RAM, serial and parallel ports, a game port, and an external video output.

The Voyager series of portables includes the Voyager 88, which runs at 4.77 or 10 MHz, and the Voyager 286, a 10-MHz AT compatible. Both include dual 3 1/2-inch floppies, LCD screens, and 640K of RAM. Both are also available with a 20-megabyte hard disk drive.

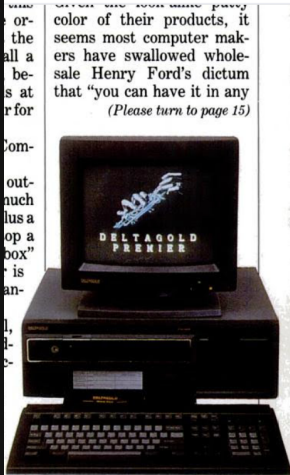
The Deltagold II computers feature interchangeable chassis and motherboards. The new series lets users upgrade from the Elite II to the Prestige II, an AT clone that runs at 8 or 12 MHz. Both computers are shipped with 512K of RAM. The Prestige II features EGA on the motherboard. The computers have two serial ports and one parallel port.

Delta also announced the DG-630, a clone of the IBM Model 30. The DG-630 runs at 8 and 9.6 MHz. It has 256K of RAM upgradable to 640K and can support two floppy drives and one hard drive. MCGA-compatible graphics, including a Hercules mode, round out the offering, which the company said would be the first in a PS/2-compatible line.

No information on pricing or availability was provided by Delta.

Delta Computer Corp., P.O. Box 809, 260 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048; (617) 339-5575.

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Paint it black? No need to, as Delta computers come that way.

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color so long as it's black." Well, someone has finally broken the color line in "plain vanilla" computers by offering machines that actually are black.

The cosmetically unique computers hail from Delta Computer Corp., Mansfield, Massachusetts, and travel collectively as the Deltagold line. They're quite attractive: The 2-tone charcoal black chassis is accented by soft gray and gold pinstriping.

Of course, you don't buy a computer just for good looks. This IBM-compatible line offers all the features you'd expect to find in other PC-clones, and offers a range of price/performance options. This begins with the basic Elite at \$1195, carries through on the Prestige (\$1995) all the way to the top-of-the-line Premier at \$4995.

### 80386 Desktop MS-DOS Systems Not Available for Testing

Other vendors have announced or are advertising 386 desktop MS-DOS systems that were not available for testing.

**Amdak System/386E**, 16-MHz/zero-wait-state 386, 1MB 32-bit RAM (expandable to 6MB 32-bit RAM), 40MB hard drive, 1.2MB floppy, parallel and serial ports, clock, six expansion slots, capacity for five drive units, sockets for 287 or 387 coprocessor, 300-watt power supply, \$5,350. Manufactured to specifications by Wyse Amdak Corp., 1901 Zanker Road, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 436-8570.

**AMT-386 ST**, 20-MHz 386, 64K cache, 1MB RAM (expandable to 4MB on system board), 1.2MB floppy, 40MB hard drive, 40MB internal tape backup, AMT BIOS, NEC Multisync monitor, Genoa EGA super-EGA card, eight expansion slots, socket for 387 coprocessor, RT keyboard, \$4,999. American Micro Technology Corp., 14751 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA 92680, (714) 791-6800 or (415) 490-7967.

**Delta Gold Premier 386**, 16-MHz 386, in various configurations, all with one-year warranty, technical support hot line. Delta Computer Corp., 260 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048, (800) 355-DELTA.

**Franklin Telecommunications Corp. FTC-386**, 16-MHz 386, comes with 512K RAM, math coprocessor, eight slots, 1.2MB floppy, and serial and parallel ports, list price, \$3,530. Franklin Telecommunications Corp., 723 Lakeland Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361, (805) 373-8658.

**Mazard 386 Series**, a line of 386 computers in various configurations. Mazard PC, Hyusing Computer, 1800 443-0100 ext. 511.

**Maxtron Portable AT/386**, luggage computer with LCD display, Maxtron, 1825A Durfee Ave. S., El Monte, CA 91733, (818) 350-5707.

**Micro 1 386 AT**, 16-MHz 386, Phoenix BIOS, 512K RAM (expandable to 2MB with expansion cards), 4MB hard drive, 1.2MB Teac floppy drive, monochrome monitor, Hercules-compatible graphics card, parallel port, enhanced keyboard, two 32-bit slots, four 16-bit slots, two 8-bit slots, \$3,195. Micro 1, 557 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94103, (415) 974-5439.

**NEC Information Systems Inc. Powermate 386**, 16-MHz 386, 1MB RAM, 1.2MB floppy, 40MB hard drive, eight slots (one 32-bit, five 16-bit), two serial ports, one parallel port, MS-DOS 3.2, GW-Basic, keyboard, \$5,495. Can handle 10MB 32-bit RAM, total of 16MB RAM overall, space for five 5.4-inch storage devices, up to 130MB hard drive available. NEC Information Systems Inc., 1414 Massachusetts Ave., Boxborough, MA 01719, (617) 264-8000.

**Noble 386**, 16-MHz 386, 40MB hard drive, 1.2MB floppy, enhanced keyboard, slot for 387 coprocessor, eight expansion slots, 1MB 32-bit RAM, \$3,999. Also available with 70MB drive (\$4,799) or 130MB drive (\$5,295). Options: 40MB tape backup, EGA system. Firm claims RAM is expandable to "4 gigabytes." One-year warranty, toll-free technical support available. Money-back guarantee (restocking charge). PC Discount, 2000 Travis, Suite 630, Houston, TX 77002, (800) 843-7042.

**Noble 386 Portable**, 16-MHz 386, 512K RAM, 9-inch monochrome monitor, monochrome adapter, clock/calendar, slot for 387 coprocessor, Phoenix BIOS, 20MB hard drive, 360K floppy drive, 220-watt power supply, enhanced keyboard, one 32-bit, three 16-bit, two 8-bit slots, serial and parallel ports, 35 lbs., list price \$2,999. One-year warranty, toll-free technical support available. Money-back guarantee (restocking charge). PC Discount, 2000 Travis, Suite 630, Houston, TX 77002, (800) 843-7042.

**Packard Bell 386**, 20-MHz 386, 1MB 32-bit RAM, MS-DOS 3.3, GW-Basic, serial and parallel ports, 1.2MB floppy disk drive, enhanced keyboard, clock/calendar, 210-watt power supply, one-year warranty, list price \$4,499; hard disk drives up to 150 megabytes are available. Packard Bell Electronics, 21800 Oxnard St., Suite 700, Woodland Hills, CA 91367, (818) 716-2727.

**PC Values PC-386**, 16-MHz 386 (switchable to 8, 6, and 4.77 MHz) 1MB 32-bit RAM (expandable to 2MB, or to 8MB with piggyback boards), Phoenix Technologies BIOS, expanded memory management software, serial and parallel ports, clock/calendar, 1.2MB floppy 3.5-inch 1.44MB available), one 32-bit, four 16-bit, two 8-bit slots, socket for 80287 or 80387 coprocessor, 220-watt power supply or enhanced keyboard, FCC Class B, two-year warranty with 40MB 28-bit hard drive, \$2,995 with 70MB drive, \$2,845. PC Values, 900 Larkspur Landing Circle, Suite 165, Larkspur, CA 94939, (800) 638-1900.

**PS/386 Model 30**, 16-MHz 386, 1MB 32-bit RAM, 44MB hard drive, 1.2MB floppy, Samsung EGA monitor, EGA adapter, MS-DOS, GW-Basic, two serial ports, one parallel port, 200-watt power supply, enhanced keyboard, clock/calendar, eight expansion slots, room for five drives, two-year warranty, \$3,595. 386 Outfitters, 2516 Samaritan Drive, Building C-205, San Jose, CA 95124, (800) 338-8386.

**Sumitronics Flexstation 386**, available in various configurations, including Unix, MS-DOS, and networking, priced from \$7,495. Specializes in advanced graphics workstations. Sumitronics Inc., 380 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086, (408) 737-7683.

**Tatung TCS-8000**, 16-MHz 386, 1MB 32-bit RAM, keyboard, six 16-bit and two 8-bit slots, MS-DOS 3.21, GW-Basic, keyboard, planned price \$3,995. Also available with 20-MHz CPU, 32-bit memory expandable to 16MB, space for five drives. System announced for shipment after Comdex. Tatung of America, 2850 El Presidio St., Long Beach, CA 90810, (213) 979-7055.

**Wyse Model 3216**, 16-MHz/zero-wait-state 386, 1MB static-column RAM (expandable to 24MB), 220-watt power supply, six 16-bit slots, three 8-bit slots, sockets for 287 or 387 coprocessor, 40MB hard drive with caching software, MS-DOS with on-line help, software lock, serial and parallel ports, keyboard, \$4,999. System has just begun shipping. Wyse Technology, 3571 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95134, (408) 433-1000.

## Hardware

### South Korean Presence Increases With AT Clones, 8088-2s

By Edward Warner

Within the past month, the South Korean presence in U.S. personal computing has expanded with the arrival of two IBM PC AT compatibles and two Intel 8088-2-based PCs.

The vendors are Samsung, Hyundai Electronic Industries Ltd., and Daewoo Telecommunications Co. Ltd., and their machines are being sold by Delta Computer Corp., Blue Chip Electronics Inc., and Leading Edge Hardware Products Inc., respectively.

The latest arrivals are Samsung's Model TX, based on the Intel 8088-2, and Model A, based on the Intel 80286, which will be announced today by Delta Computer. Delta said its machines' strong suit is their support program. A reference manual and training video tape are included with each machine, said James Patterson, vice president of sales and marketing.

The eight-slot Model A is priced at \$1,995, while the six-slot Model TX is offered in a configuration with 640K and twin 5 1/4-inch disk drives for \$1,095, Delta said. A version of the TX with a color monitor is \$1,395, and a version with a 20MB hard disk costs \$1,595.

The machines are based on the Award BIOS and come with MS-DOS 3.2 and GW-Basic, a 12-inch monochrome monitor, monochrome graphics adapter, and an integrated software package, Delta said.

The \$949 Blue Chip BC Turbo, meanwhile, comes with 640K; a 360K, 5 1/4-inch drive; six slots; a 190-watt power supply; and a one-year warranty. Blue Chip said.

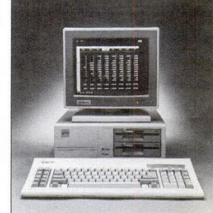
Based on the Intel 8088-2, the machine offers speeds of 4.77 or 8 MHz; and also comes with MS-DOS and GW-Basic.

Leading Edge, meanwhile, said it will begin shipping the 80286-based Model D2 next month. The \$1,936 PC includes a monochrome monitor, 1.2 megabyte floppy disk drive, six slots, and operating speeds of 6, 8, or 10 MHz, with one wait state, said Leading Edge. A version with a 30MB hard disk is \$2,914.

Blue Chip Electronics Inc., 7305 W. Boston Ave., Chandler, AZ 85226; (602) 961-1485.

Delta Computer Corp., 260 Forbes Blvd., Mansfield, MA 02048; (617) 339-5575.

Leading Edge Hardware Products Inc., 225 Turnpike St., Canton, MA 02021; (617) 828-8150.



Delta Computer will market Samsung's 8088-2-based Model TX for a minimum of \$1,095.

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**FOR SALE - Delta Gold Elite Vintage 1989's Computer w/ Manuals (VERY RARE)**  
 I have had this computer for over 25 years and live in Georgia. Used it just to play games and write term papers. Golds are very hard to find. The only other Gold I have found is in a museum. Still works great, just has the normal wear and tear. Along with the computer you get the book manuals and system floppy disks to tell you how to use it. All of the manuals are in good shape, except for one that fell apart after so many years. The pages are fine, they are just not bound together. The system floppy disks are fine as well. You will also get some games I collected. Unfortunately, I don't have the instructions for any of them. I also included some back up floppy disks I made for the system and for some of the games. I am willing to ship it for \$150.00 by UPS ground and the computer is currently listed on eBay.

**WTF! Delta Gold Elite XT for IBM PS/2**  
 I have a complete, very good condition Delta Gold Elite XT computer system. From what I gather, they are somewhat rare. This one works perfectly fine with I think PS/2 first choice, Word Perfect, and Genworks installed. I don't have the mouse though if it had one, I would include it.  
 A/L, I would rather trade it for a complete IBM PS/2 system, as the PS/2 is something I have been wanting for awhile. I had one as a kid, model 50 286 with color monitor, keyboard, mouse.  
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### Further investigation

After some time I actually found some of the Deltagold Connection software disks at a local antique shop, and bought them for a few cents. An amazing find because it's the only time ive ever seen them besides in [this blurry photo](#), and great for preservation because I could very well be the only person with access to this software. But all this information so far is from the time period between 1987 and 1989, and [the Deltagold trademark](#) looks like it was abandoned in 1990, so what happened? The Company seemed to have appeared out of nowhere and vanish again in just a few years. Did they go bankrupt? Were the portable computers ever even made? What is Deltagold? There is still a lot to find out

Looking deeper there's a few more leads we can take. The molding of the keyboard and the shape of the system of the elite look strikingly similar to the Franklin PC-8000, an ever so slightly more well-known pc, though this appears to just be another similar IBM clone, but there's a few more systems that appear to be coincidentally similar too, made by **Acer Multitech**. Below is some images of these systems, monitor, and the multiple keyboards that match up with the molding of Deltagolds'. Not only this but after looking up the ffc id of the keyboard, I discovered that it went through a rebranding in 1987 by none other than Acer themselves. So theres a good chance that the Deltagold machines were OEM'd by Acer, as the monitor fcc id leads to a still-in-business manufacturer of computer monitors. That's about as far as that lead goes though, as I am unable to find any other information linking the two or even what to do with the information I do have.



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is when [this video](#) was uploaded to youtube, and contains in full a recording of the instructional VHS tape included with the first round of systems. This is the only place on the internet to my knowledge that this video can be found, and shows much more of the Prestige and Premier than any of what we have seen before. This is one more peice of lost Deltagold media preserved, but there's still a lot more information to be found. Below I will upload images of my own Deltagold Elite system. Oh and I also found this ad



I will eventually take and upload more photos of my system, don't worry  
 The entire point of this article was to be the single most condensed history of Deltagold anywhere.

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