



Jupiter 12

Color Raster Graphics System



Jupiter 12 is a high resolution, high speed color graphics terminal that can also be used as a stand alone communicating workstation. It is based on the powerful MC68000 processor and has many graphics features available that until now have been found only on systems costing much more.

Among the standard graphics capabilities are antialiased vectors, solids, and text, as well as display list management with three dimensional transformations into multiple windows. Expandable memory planes (from 4 to 32), and a unique color handling

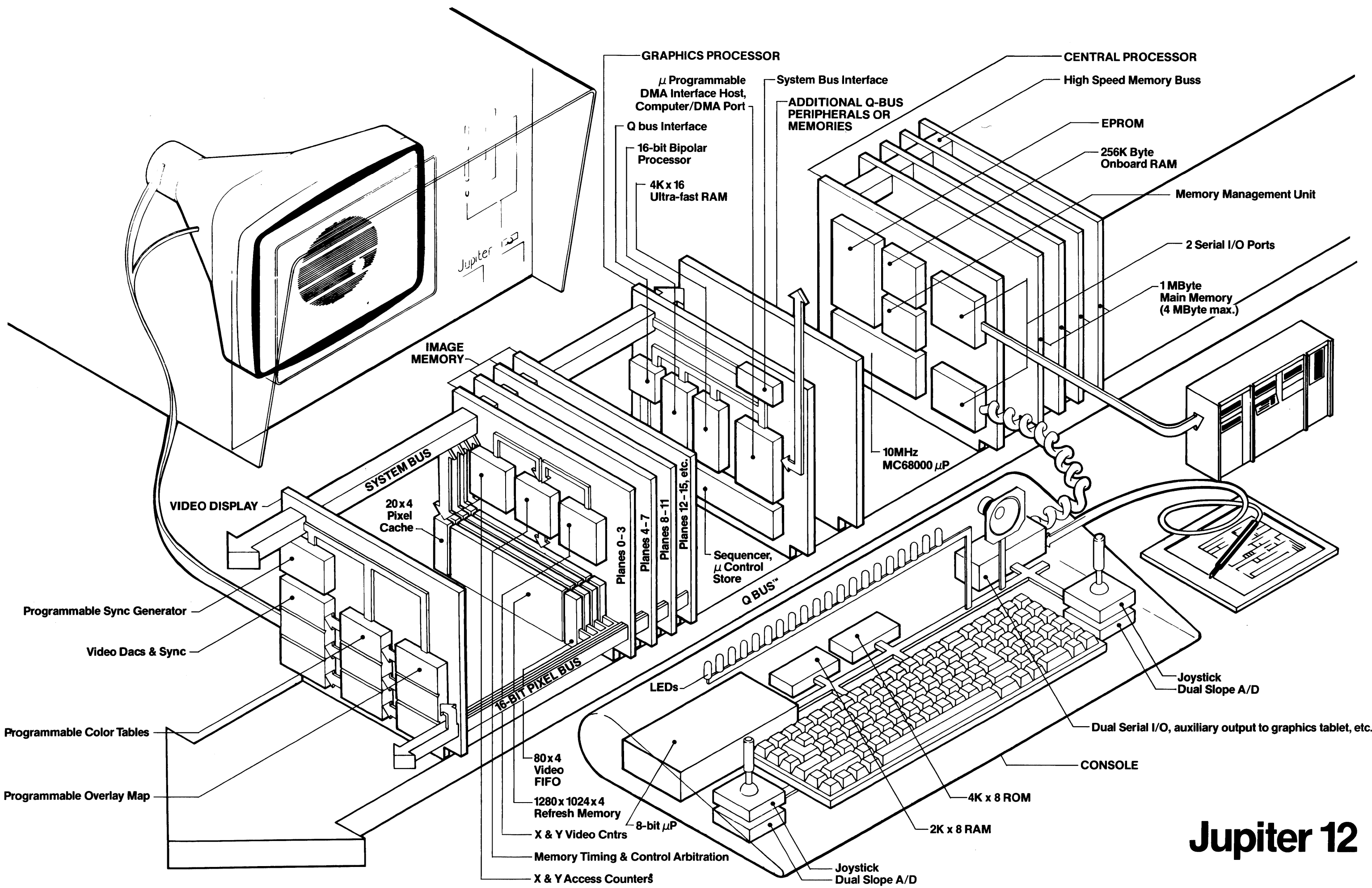
system offer a wide variety of configurations. The user can choose between a color lookup table system with a 16.7 million color palette or two different RGB options with up to 8 bits per color and 8 bits of overlay.

Views from any perspective of complex solid models can be generated rapidly, with smooth shading and antialiased edges. Hidden surfaces are removed via polygon Z-sort or pixel based Z-buffer techniques.

Display rate of the system is limited only by the state of the art of available monitors. Jupiter 12 will support a non-

interlaced refresh rate of 60Hz at maximum resolution. The standard 19" display provides a 37Hz interlaced refresh rate at the full 1280 x 1024 resolution.

In the workstation configuration, the Jupiter 12 supports the UNIX™ System III operating system with Programmer's Workbench and many of the BSD enhancements. A variety of peripherals is supported including hard discs, floppy discs, magnetic tape and Ethernet™. Page-oriented memory management is used to allocate up to 4 megabytes of physical memory.



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JUPITER 12 SPECIFICATIONS

Colors Available

CLT mode: 256 simultaneous colors out of a 16.7 million color palette with up to eight additional overlay planes.

12-bit RGB Mode: 4096 simultaneous colors from a palette of 16.7 million colors with an option of four additional overlay planes.

24-bit RGB Mode: 16.7 million simultaneous colors with an option of four additional overlay planes.

Display Window Size

1280 x 1024 (Fully programmable for other sizes, including 1024 x 1024, 1024 x 768, 768 x 575 and 640 x 480).

Refresh Rate

Jupiter 12 will support a non-interlaced refresh rate of 60 Hz at maximum resolution when monitors with higher speeds and resolution become available. The standard monitor provides 37 Hz refresh with 1280 x 1024 resolution. Other display window sizes and refresh rates can be programmed, for example, 1024 x 768 at 45 Hz.

Coordinates

32-bit fixed point with automatic scaling provides accuracy and high speed.

Performance

Filled Polygons: 20ns/pixel.

Vectors: 300ns/pixel.

Random Pixels: 1.2 μ s.

Dejagged RGB Vectors, 4 bits per primary: 800ns/pixel.

Dejagged RGB Vectors, 8 bits per primary: 2 μ s/pixel.

MC6800 16/32-bit Microprocessor

10 MHz clock rate with no wait states.

Programmed in C.

Communications control.

Display list maintenance: Retained segments, 3D transforms, multiple windows, 32 bit x, y, z coordinates.

Loads and controls Bipolar Processor.

High level graphics functions.

Three dimensional transformations: rotate, scale, translate and clip.

Directly addresses entire pixel array.

Bipolar Processor

Hardware vector generation.

Antialiased vectors (de-jagging).

Graphics primitive generation.

All microcode resident in writable control store. May be modified or added to by user.

2900 family bit-slice, 150–250 ns cycle time, 16 bit data word, 64 bit control word.

Memory

Main Memory

256K bytes, expandable to 4M bytes.

Display Memory

4 to 32 memory planes, each 1280 x 1024, 150 ns 64K DRAMS, 20 per plane.

Pixel Cache

20 x 1 ECL cache for each memory plane to create a 20 pixel cache allowing immediate access to local pixels while display memory cycles are being carried out. The display memory can be updated during a scan line.

Zoom and Pan

Each card of 4 memory planes has independent zoom and pan control. Hardware "drag" of any object is accomplished by smoothly panning one memory board relative to the others. Capabilities include single pixel panning (any pixel can be the upper left hand corner), integer zoom (1 to 16), and scrolling within any arbitrary horizontal band. Any horizontal memory line can be displayed as any scan line.

Scan Map

Lookup table assigns refresh memory y-addresses to scan lines. This makes possible vertical zooms and scrolling of isolated screen segments. One scan map is provided on each memory board for maximum flexibility.

Programmable Overlay Map

256 x 24 map allows display of up to sixteen simultaneous overlays.

Color Lookup Table

Three 256 x 8 tables convert 4, 8, or 16 bit pixel value into 65 thousand discrete colors (out of 16.7 million) by setting each color DAC to a value between 0 and 255.

Cursors

Gunsight and full screen crosshairs, variable sized rectangle, and user definable matrix.

Video DACs

8 bit DACs for RGB provide a palette of 16.7 million colors.

Hardware Blink

Character Generator

80 characters per line, 64 lines.

Packaging

Available for 19" rack mount or a floor-mount pedestal.

Console

Detachable console with 103 programmable key array, including full ASCII character set. 30 re-legendable special function keys with LED indicators. Dual joysticks built in. Internal 6502 processor performs N-key rollover, auto repeat, shift lock, 10 bit joystick A/D conversion, digitizer control.

Standard Monitor

19 inch high-resolution CRT with easily accessible controls for brightness and degaussing. Optically coated glass face plate.

Input/Output

2 Serial RS-232/422/423 (1 used by console).

DMA (via bit-slice) LSI-11 or PDP/VAX.

Any Q bus compatible card.

SCSI Port for floppy and hard disk.

Power

115/220 VAC, 47–63 Hz, 300 VA, with integral RFI filters.

External Connections

Host Serial Interface — 25 pin "D" connector.

Parallel Direct Video Memory Access — 50 pin ribbon cable.

Aux. Serial (Console) — 6 pin modular jack.

Red, Green, Blue composite video — BNC connectors.

Console to Controller — 8 pin modular jacks located on front and rear of controller.

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