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I have a Timex/Sinclair 1000, and happened to pick up a little book that
has more hardware information in it than any other book I've seen (by the
way, I haven't seen the Explorer's Guide to the ZX81). It's titled 'The
Ins and Outs of the Timex TS 1000 & ZX 81', by Don Thomasson and subtitled
'A Hardware Manual for TS 1000 & ZX81'. The book is published by
Melbourne House.

The text on the back cover describes the contents of the book (reprinted
without permission, of course):

 "THE INS AND OUTS OF THE TS1000/ZX81 contains the complete circuit
 diagram of this amazing microcomputer, as well as a full discussion
 of the unorthodox methods which are used in making this microcomputer
 do what it does.

 "Don Thomasson discusses the structure of the TS1000/ZX81, and how
 you can add additional memory and expand its capabilities.

 "The book also includes a number of projects which demonstrate the
 potential of this microcomputer, from using it to control a model
 train set, right through to connecting it to a printer."

 This is the only book I've seen in bookstores that contains the
internals of the TS 1000/ZX81. It also gives plenty of information for
adding peripherals. I still can't believe where I found it: I was
browsing through the book section of the local K-MART! Even there, I
found the price a little steep ($11.95), but it seems to be worth it.

 Since I've paid for my admission to this newsgroup with the above
information, I have a question I'd like to put to the readers here: Just
what do you people *do* with this "marvel of electronics design"?
(Quoted from the aforementioned hardware book.) I've owned one for a
year, and have yet to find any real use for it. I'd appreciate hearing

from someone who has come up with a purpose for owning a TS 1000/ZX81.
I'm not terribly interested in hearing about games on it; it seems as
though most *any* other micro would handle them better than the Sinclair
in terms of graphics and memory capabilities (although arguments against
this position are welcome, of course!).

 If you do have a use for it, tell us about it, including any
hardware modifications you made and why.

 I'd like to see the responses posted to the net, as this has been a
pretty dead newsgroup lately, but I will summarize and post any responses
mailed to me.

puck (never could spell that word right),
also known as Jerry Wheeler

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I have been using my ZX81 as a doorstop. It does a very good job and
has not shattered from any impact. I highly recommend the ZX81 for
your doorstop needs.

It really makes me mad to think that I paid $200 for the ZX81 and
16K RAM pack and haven't used it for anything. Hell, I can't even
get it to load a tape half of the time.

BTW, I have a copy of Frogger (unused) and some other commercial programs
that I would like to sell cheap. Interested parties should contact

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What should make you even madder is that the Timex/Sinclair
TS1000 (newer version of the ZX81) has been selling for
around $15.00. (I saw this personally not long ago at a local
computer store in Tewksbury, MA).

Bob Alpert