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UNITRONICS TRANSFORMS ATARI® 2600 VCS™ INTO A POWERFUL 48K COMPUTER WITH ARCADE QUALITY GRAPHICS

OAKLAND, CA — Unitronics will announce at the June CES Show its low cost powerful Sonic™ home computer with its built-in Waferdrive unit, and its Interface Module I to connect the Sonic™ to the Atari® 2600 VCS™, the Sears Video Arcade™ and Coleco's Gemini™ Video Game System.

In order to convert the Atari® 2600 VCS™ into a powerful home computer, the Interface Module I must be inserted into the game slot of the Atari® and connected to the Sonic™ port. The module has an auxiliary cartridge slot on it for use with all Atari compatible game cartridges and the Unitronics Gamealbum Controller.™ Both the Sonic™ and the Interface Module I will be available at retail outlets nationwide by the end of the third quarter, along with a substantial amount of computer software delivered on Unitronics Wafers which will include several games, full Basic language program, a word processor and a spread sheet program. In addition, a wide range of licensed Gamewafers and Gamealbums will be available at the same time. The Sonic™ offers 48K RAM memory, more than any other comparably priced home computer presently on the market. The built-in Waferdrive in Sonic™ allows for full read/write capabilities.

Other features of this powerful computer include: full color display (16 colors), upper and lower case, sound generation, high graphics resolution, full character display, 70 key typewriter style keyboard with 10 function keys and an Apple compatible interpreter which allows the use of the wide range of Apple compatible software. The Sonic has an expansion port which accepts up to 32K RAM additional memory and peripherals, including, the future low cost Unitronics Unimodem and Printers. With the Sonic™ Z-80 Card Module™, the Sonic can now be converted into a CPM based machine, making a vast supply of software already on the market available for use.

In addition to enhancing the graphics of the Atari® 2600 VCS™ and transforming it into a powerful home computer, the Sonic™ accepts Gamealbum Gamewafers which are under the Gamealbum Controller™ inserted into the Interface Module I. This allows the user to play up to eight 4K video games which are chosen from the menu displayed on the TV screen. The Gamealbum is made up of popular licensed games.

Through the use of advanced technology in the Sonic™ and the Interface Module I, Unitronics has made available to an installed base of more than 12 million VCS owners a powerful home computer at an affordable price, which provides the users with a first time opportunity to learn and enjoy the computer experience. Thus, while still using the already substantial investment in the Atari® 2600 VCS™ system and cartridges. Once the Sonic is connected, the user can operate his 2600 as either a game machine using 2600 cartridges; a super game machine using Unitronics Gamewafers; or a full functioning computer.

Interface Module I – VCS Atari 2600
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