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NeXT Ships its "Turbo" NeXTcube On Time
Workstation Powered by 33MHz 68040 Chip

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., April 7, 1992 - NeXT Computer, Inc. today announced that it has begun shipments of its 33 megahertz (MHz) 68040-powered NeXTcube Turbo workstation.

NeXTcube Turbo, along with NeXTstation Turbo and NeXTstation Color Turbo, were introduced in January at the first NeXTWORLD Expo, held in San Francisco. The two versions of NeXTstation began shipping immediately, with an early Q2 shipment date given for NeXTcube Turbo.

All of the new workstations are built around the Motorola 68040 processor running at 33MHz and include two newly designed NeXT custom chips. Previous NeXT workstations were based on the 25MHz version of the 68040.

The new Turbo machines are rated at 25 MIPS (million instructions per second), compared to slightly more than 18 MIPS for the 25MHz versions. At the same time, NeXT has reduced the prices on its most popular configurations by an average of 10 percent compared to last year's configurations. NeXTcube Turbo pricing is unchanged from current NeXTcube pricing.

Five configurations of NeXTcube Turbo are now available directly from NeXT or through NeXT's network of value-added resellers, system integrators, campus resellers and authorized retail outlets. Prices begin at \$- for a NeXTcube Turbo with 16MB of internal memory, a 2.88MB internal floppy disk drive and a 400MB internal hard disk drive. NeXTcube Turbo systems can be configured with up to 32MB of DRAM (they will be able to support 128MB when 16MB parts are available) and 2.8GB of hard disk drive storage space.

The NeXTcube Turbo also supports 3 NeXTbus expansion slots, which provide expansion flexibility for such add-in products as NeXT's NeXTdimension 32-bit-per-pixel color/video board. Due to low customer demand, the new NeXTcube Turbo no longer supports NeXT's internal optical disk drive introduced more than four years ago, but is compatible with

various third party external SCSI based optical disk drives currently available.

NeXT Computer, Inc. designs, manufactures and markets professional workstations based on the revolutionary NeXTSTEP object-oriented system software. NeXT computers are used by medium and large organizations to develop and deploy mission-critical custom applications, which can run alongside a robust suite of advanced productivity applications. NeXT is headquartered at 900 Chesapeake Drive, Redwood City, California, 94063.

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