

Apple computer sells for record \$905K in NY

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File photo of an Apple-1 computer, built in 1976, on display at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California

One of the first Apple computers ever built has sold in New York for \$905,000, leading Bonhams auction house to declare it the world's most expensive computer relic.

The Apple-1 computer, built by hand in 1976 by Steve Wozniak in Apple co-founder Steve Jobs' garage or his sister's bedroom, fetched

nearly twice its pre-sale high estimate, Bonhams said.

It was bought by the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, the auction house said.

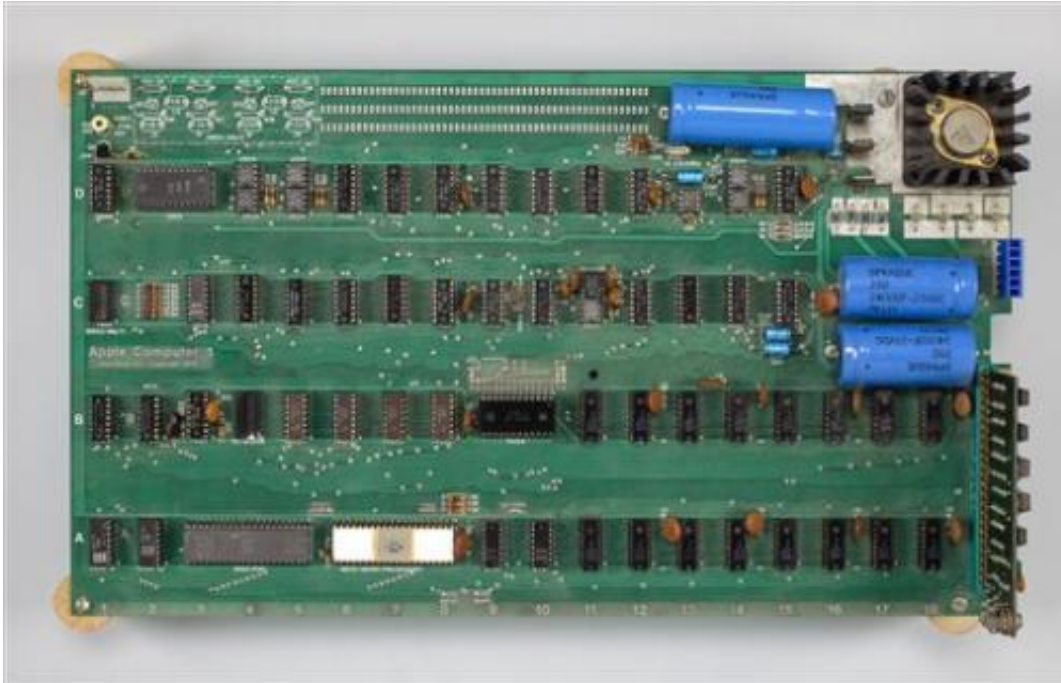
Cassandra Hatton, senior specialist in charge of Wednesday's history of science sale, said that the computer was in outstanding condition.

"We are thrilled to have broken the world record for its sale, and are even more thrilled that it is going to a wonderful new home at the Henry Ford Museum," she said.

The computer came with an intact motherboard, vintage keyboard, Sanyo monitor, a custom power supply in wooden box and two vintage tape-decks.

The Apple-1 is considered a vanguard of the personal computer revolution, being the first pre-assembled personal computer ever sold.

Bonhams said the lot was one of 50 hand-built for the ByteShop by Wozniak in the summer of 1976.



This undated file photo provided by Bonhams shows a vintage 1976 Apple 1 computer that was among the items being offered for auction on Oct. 22, 2014 by Bonhams auction house in New York. The vintage Apple computer that was one of only 50 made in Steve Jobs' garage in 1976 has sold for \$905,000 at the auction. Bonhams auction house says the winning bid on Wednesday came from The Henry Ford museum. (AP Photo/Bonhams, File)

the dedication which is
so honourable to me.

You show wonderful spirit
in going again to the Amazon
& I sincerely hope that you
may be in every way successful.

My dear Sir
yours very faithfully

Charles Darwin

This undated photo provided by Bonhams shows the signature of Charles Darwin on a June 19, 1876 letter that is among the items being offered for auction on Oct. 22, 2014 by Bonhams auction house in New York. The letter by Darwin to a colleague, on the sex life of barnacles, has a pre-sale estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000. (AP Photo/Bonhams)

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