

# The Softsel Hot List for the week of December 22, 1986

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Back in the days before Internet-based software distribution, heck back even before the Internet existed in a form resembling what it is today, one of the most important ways of keeping track of the consumer computing industry was to subscribe to the Softsel Hot List, a weekly poster of the top sellers in various categories. Here is the Softsel Hot List for the week of December 22, 1986, or at least an HTML reproduction of it. The title at the top was inspired by a space agey font popular at the time, but I am too lazy to figure out how to do that in HTML so you'll have to use your imagination. (If your imagination fails you, you can use the photo from this page.)


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HARDWARE			PRINTERS
This Week	Last Week	Weeks on Chart	
1	1	43	<b>120D Dot Matrix</b> • Citizen America
2	3	30	 <b>P7 Pinwriter</b> • NEC Information Systems
3	2	100	<b>MSP-10 Dot Matrix</b> • Citizen America
4	4	19	<b>P6 Pinwriter</b> • NEC Information Systems
5	5	34	<b>Premiere 35 Daisywheel</b> • Citizen America
6	6	37	<b>MSP-20 Dot Matrix</b> • Citizen America
7	7	86	<b>MSP-15 Dot Matrix</b> • Citizen America
8	8	46	<b>3550 Spinwriter</b> • NEC Information Systems
9	9	33	<b>P5 Pinwriter</b> • NEC Information Systems

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10	–	1	 <b>KX-P1080i Dot Matrix</b> • Panasonic
MONITORS			
1	1	40	<b>JC 1401 Multisync</b> • NEC Home Electronics
2	2	98	<b>Video 310A Hi-Res Amber TTL</b> • Amdek
3	3	79	<b>Color 600 Hi-Res RGB</b> • Amdek
4	4	33	<b>JB 1285 Amber TTL</b> • NEC Home Electronics
5	6	37	<b>Color 722 CGA/EGA</b> • Amdek
6	5	82	<b>121 Hi-Res Green TTL</b> • Taxan
7	–	1	 <b>318 Hi-Res Color</b> • AT&T
8	7	50	<b>122 Amber TTL</b> • Taxan
9	–	1	 <b>Super Vision 720 Hi-Res</b> • Taxan
10	–	1	 <b>313 Mono</b> • AT&T
DISK DRIVES & STORAGE DEVICES			
1	1	27	<b>Laser FD100 Apple Drives</b> • Video Technology • AP
2	4	17	 <b>Bernoulli Box Dual 20MB</b> • Iomega • IBM, MAC
3	2	26	<b>FileCard 20MB Hard Disk/Card</b> • Western Digital • IBM
4	3	36	<b>QIC-60H External Tape Backup</b> • Tecmar • IBM
5	6	23	<b>Bernoulli Box Dual 10MB</b> • Iomega • IBM, MAC
6	5	26	<b>QIC-60AT Internal Tape Backup</b> • Tecmar • IBM
7	8	3	<b>Teac AT 360k Drive</b> • Maynard • IBM
8	–	23	<b>Maynstream 20MB Portable Backup</b> • Maynard • IBM
BOARDS, MODEMS & INTERFACES			
1	1	165	<b>Hercules Graphics Card Plus</b> • Hercules • IBM

<b>2</b>	2	155		<b>SixPakPlus</b> • AST Research • IBM
<b>3</b>	3	113		<b>Hercules Color Card</b> • Hercules • IBM
<b>4</b>	4	170		<b>Smartmodem 1200B</b> • Hayes • IBM
<b>5</b>	7	14		<b>Above Board/AT</b> • Intel • IBM
<b>6</b>	5	188		<b>Smartmodem 1200</b> • Hayes • AP
<b>7</b>	8	38		<b>Advantage AT!</b> • AST Research • IBM
<b>8</b>	6	68		<b>Smartmodem 2400</b> • Hayes • IBM
<b>9</b>	9	36		<b>Gamecard III</b> • CH Products • IBm
<b>10</b>	11	35		<b>Smartmodem 2400B</b> • Hayes • IBM
<b>11</b>	13	113		<b>Grappler</b> • Orange Micro • AP
<b>12</b>	16	37		<b>Practical Modem 1200</b> • Practical Peripherals • IBM
<b>13</b>	12	37		<b>Above Board/PC</b> • Intel • IBM
<b>14</b>	10	31		<b>QuadEGA+</b> • Quadram • IBM
<b>15</b>	15	7		<b>SixPakPremium</b> • AST Research • IBM
<b>16</b>	20	20		<b>Rampage! AT</b> • AST Research • IBM
<b>17</b>	–	19		<b>Hotlink</b> • Orange Micro • AP
<b>18</b>	18	17		<b>Autoswitch EGA</b> • Paradise Systems • IBM
<b>19</b>	19	39		<b>Expanding Quadboard</b> • Quadram • IBM
<b>20</b>	17	2		<b>Advantage Premium</b> • AST Research • IBM

#### ACCESSORIES

<b>1</b>	1	116		<b>Mach III</b> • CH Products • AP, IBM
<b>2</b>	2	98		<b>Microsoft Mouse</b> • Microsoft • IBM
<b>3</b>	3	178		<b>Joystick</b> • Kraft Systems • AP, IBM
<b>4</b>	4	35		<b>Mach II</b> • CH Products • AP, IBM
<b>5</b>	5	2		<b>Tac 10</b> • Suncom • AP, IBM

<b>6</b>	7	34	<b>Safe Strip</b> • Curtis Manufacturing
<b>7</b>	8	222	<b>System Saver</b> • Kensington • AP, MAC
<b>8</b>	9	10	<b>Intel 80287 Coprocessor</b> • Intel • IBM
<b>9</b>	10	99	<b>MasterPiece</b> • Kensington • IBM
<b>10</b>	–	21	<b>Intel 8087 Coprocessor</b> • Intel • IBM



BEST PERFORMERS THIS WEEK



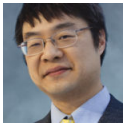
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