Workgroup Server 8550/132: Description (3/97)

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TOPIC ---

This article describes the Workgroup Server 8550/132.

DISCUSSION --

The Workgroup Server 8550/132 is the most powerful member of the PowerPC
processor-based Workgroup Server family from Apple. It delivers file and print,
database, Internet, and communications capabilities that meet the needs of
growing workgroups in education, business, and publishing. And it's ideal for
workgroups that use both Macintosh and Windows software-based computers.

Apple Workgroup Servers are highly reliable, high-performance systems with large
storage capacity that provide organizations with faster, more efficient shared
network services and secure centralized storage. And the Workgroup Server
8550/132 not only meets these criteria, but also runs the familiar graphical
interface of the Mac OS, making all of its capabilities incredibly easy to use.

Featuring a 132-megahertz PowerPC 604 processor with 32K on-chip cache and 512K
level 2 memory cache, the Workgroup Server 8550/132 delivers all the performance
benefits of state-of-the-art RISC technology. And for easy, flexible expansion,
the Workgroup Server 8550/132 features three PCI slots that let you add
capabilities by installing any of a variety of cards.

To make sure that network administrators can work as efficiently as possible,
and that users get the most out of all that power and capacity, the Workgroup
Server 8550/132 offers a choice of three software bundle solutions. The
Applications Server Solution provides a variety of useful Apple and third-party
software for administration, reliability, productivity, and performance. The
AppleShare Server Solution includes all of the soft-ware that comes with the
Applications Server, plus a new version of AppleShare file and print server,
remote administration software from Santorini, and Apple Remote Access MultiPort
Server software. And the Apple Internet Server Solution comes with all the
software you need to create a presence on the World Wide Web-quickly, easily,
and affordably. No matter which option you choose, the Workgroup Server 8550/132
also includes AppleShare Client for Windows software, so Windows users on the
network can access net-worked printers and files stored on a Workgroup Server
running AppleShare file and print software.

So if you need a high-performance server for a demanding workgroup, we have the solution-the powerful and expandable Workgroup Server 8550/132.

Features

Expansion and storage
• Three PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) slots for expansion cards
• Internal 2GB, 7200-rpm hard disk drive, with bracket and cable for a second drive
• Internal quadruple-speed CD-ROM drive
• Internal DDS-2 digital audio tape (DAT) drive (some configurations)
• Two SCSI DMA buses to support up to eight devices and transfers up to 10MB/s (internal only)
• Eight ports to support a wide range of peripherals

Networking
• Built-in Ethernet and LocalTalk capabilities
• Support for AppleTalk and TCP/IP networking protocols
• Token Ring support optional (with PCI card)

Power, speed, and memory
• 132-MHz PowerPC 604 RISC processor with floating-point processor and 32K on-chip cache on an upgradable CPU card
• 512K level 2 cache
• 24MB of RAM, expandable to 512MB

Fast, easy setup
• Comes with System 7.5.3 software installed
• Includes AppleShare 4.2.1 file and print server software (some configurations)

Compatibility
• Comes with AppleShare Client for Windows

Bundled software
• Includes a variety of software for administration, reliability, productivity, and performance

Service and support
• Hardware troubleshooting for the life of the server; 90 days of assistance for Apple-branded software (phone support)
• One-year, on-site hardware warranty providing two-business-day response
• Additional service and support available

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