IBM comes up with a smaller, lightweight PC

The new personal computer from IBM . . . packs into a self-contained unit

THE IBM Portable Personal Computer — a lighter, smaller model of the IBM PC — went on sale in Australia yesterday.

Available from IBM's 80 authorised personal computer dealers, the IBM shop, and from IBM's sales force, the new portable computer weighs in at approximately 13.6kg and measures 508x432x203mm, packing into a self-contained unit with handle.

At a recommended retail price of $4234, the IBM Portable Personal Computer features:

262,144 characters (256kb) of random access user memory, expandable to 512kb.

A BUILT-IN, 229mm amber monitor that displays graphics and up to 25 lines with 80 characters per line.

A UNIVERSAL power supply for use in different countries with addition of an appropriate power cord.

A 368,640 character (360kb) slimline diskette drive and adaptor.

A COLOR/graphics monitor adaptor.

FIVE additional expansion slots in the system unit.

A CARRYING bag for the system unit.

A 3-MONTH warranty.

An optional second slimline diskette drive can be added to the system unit, doubling diskette storage to 720kb.

The new system uses the same high-performance, high-speed, 16-bit 8088 microprocessor used in the IBM PC and PC XT.

With IBM disk operating system (DOS) 2.1, the portable can use most of the software already available for IBM personal computers.

The IBM Portable Personal has identical characteristics to an equivalent configured IBM personal computer.