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Choosing and Installing SIMMs for K2500 Sample Memory



NOTE: SIMMs are not user-installable. Refer all work to a qualified service center.

Single In-Line Memory Modules, commonly referred to by the acronym "SIMM", are the small memory cards that the K2500 uses for Sample RAM. Early K2500 models take up to eight 30-pin SIMMs; K2500s with a rev. K or later mother board take up to two 72-pin SIMMs. In either case, however, 128 Megabytes of Sample RAM is the maximum. To determine the SIMM requirements of a K2500 without disassembling the unit, check its serial number; a "Z" as the seventh character (e.g., 479501Z00001) indicates that the K2500 has a rev. K or later mother board and requires 72-pin SIMMs. K2500s with a "0" as the seventh character of the serial number use 30-pin SIMMs.



CAUTION: Do not use composite SIMMs in any K2500. A composite SIMM is one that uses a PAL or other additional circuitry to make multiple DRAM chips act like bigger chips. Noncomposite SIMMs (acceptable) have no chips other than DRAM memory chips soldered to the board. SIMMs with PALs, buffers, or other logic components will not work in a K2500; do not use them. Composite SIMMs may appear to work in some cases, but they will be unreliable.

SIMMs for 30-pin sockets

K2500s with mother boards earlier than rev. K will only accept 30-pin non-composite SIMMs. Allowable sizes are 1 MB, 4 MB, and 16 MB, in either 8-bit or 9-bit configurations. The SIMMs must have an access time of 80 nanoseconds (ns) or faster. The maximum height and width of a 30-pin SIMM for the K2500 is 30mm x 90mm (approximately 1.2 inches x 3.5 inches). Below is a partial list of 30-pin SIMMs that work with the K2500:

Hitachi HB56A48A; 4Mx8 Hitachi HB56A49A; 4Mx9

TI TM124EU9B, TM124EU9C; 1Mx9

TI TM497EAD9B, TM4100EAD9; 4Mx9

TI TM4100GAD8, TM497GAD8A; 4Mx8

TI TM16100GBD8;16Mx8 TI TM16100EBD9;16Mx9

NEC MC-421000A8B; 1Mx8

NEC MC-424100A8B; 4Mx8

NEC MC-421000A9B; 1Mx9

NEC MC-424100A9B; 4Mx9

Tosh THM81000AS, Tosh THM81000BS, Tosh THM81070AS; 1Mx8

Tosh THM91000AS, Tosh THM91000BS, Tosh THM91070AS; 1Mx9

SIMMs are always installed in adjacent pairs, in the following slots: 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8.

SIMMs for 72-pin sockets

K2500s with rev. K or later mother boards will only accept 72-pin non-composite SIMMs, in sizes of 4 MB, 8 MB, 16 MB, 32 MB, 64 MB, and 128 MB. The SIMMs can be in either 32-bit or 36-bit configurations, and must have an access time of 80 nanoseconds (ns) or faster.

Although K2500s with rev. K or later mother boards have two SIMM sockets, some SIMMs cannot be paired with other SIMMs, whether of the same or a different size. The table below shows the acceptable 72-pin SIMM configurations, and indicates which sizes can be combined.

Size	Configuration	Pair with other SIMMs?	
4 MB	1Mx32 or 1Mx36	Yes	
8 MB	2Mx32 or 2Mx36	No	
16MB	4Mx32 or 4Mx36	Yes	
32MB	8Mx32 or 8Mx36	No	
64MB	16Mx32 or 16Mx36	Yes	
128MB	32Mx32 or 32Mx36	No	

Configuration Chart for 72-pin SIMMs.

For example, a 4MB SIMM can be combined with another 4 MB SIMM to create 8 MB of sample memory. Similarly, a 4 MB SIMM could be paired with a 16 MB or 64 MB SIMM. It could not, however, be paired with an 8 MB, 32 MB or 128 MB SIMM. If you use an 8 MB, 32 MB, or 128 MB SIMM you cannot use the other SIMM socket.

Below is a partial list of 72-pin SIMMs that work with the K2500:

Mosel Vitelic	404J232	8MB
Hitachi	HB56U132 HB56A232BA/SBA HB56A832BA/SBA	4MB 8MB 32MB
Oki	MSC232B132A-xxBS2/DS2 MSC232B2321A-xxBS4/DS4 MSC232B2322A-xxBS4/DS4 MSC232B432A-xxBS8/DS8 MSC232B832A-xxBS16/DS16	4MB 8MB 8MB 16MB 32MB
TI	TM124BK32F TM248BK32F/BK32U TM497BBK32F/BBK32S TM893BBK32F/BBK32S	4MB 8MB 16MB 32MB