Blue book sets used hardware prices

Orion Research has released the second edition of the Computer Blue Book, which lists the market value for used hardware. Prices are determined by national surveys of used price, the original retail price, and days to sell.

Computer Blue Book lists 7000 hardware products, including systems, modems, printers, disk drives, plotters, monitors, terminals, and expansion cards. The 300-page hardbound book is $99.50; a quarterly version is $189; an on-line version is also available for $215 for 10 hours of connect time.

Other blue books in the Orion series are Audio, Professional Sound, Camera, and Video.

Contact Orion Research, 1315 Main Ave, Suite 230, Durango, CO 81301; (303) 247-8855.

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Automation magazine debuts

A monthly magazine has been launched to address the management and technology needs in the planning and implementation of factory automation. Managing Automation, from Thomas Publishing, begins publication this month. The magazine will have a controlled circulation of 60,000.

Coverage areas include computer-based, data-driven disciplines, knowledge-based engineering, advanced manufacturing engineering, and production and management control. It will carry a graduated range of technical and management articles.

Subscription price not provided. Contact Managing Automation, Eleven Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10001; (212) 868-5661.

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SME video explores MAP/TOP

A new set of videotapes from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers addresses the Manufacturing Automation Protocol (MAP) and Technical and Office Protocol (TOP).

"The Story of MAP and TOP" explains how different computerized manufacturing equipment communicates. Developed to eliminate "islands of automation," MAP/TOP is joining factory and office machines to make computer-integrated manufacturing a reality.

The two-tape set includes discussions of computer specifications, the history of MAP/TOP, the ISO and IEEE standards efforts, users and suppliers, implementation, LANs and their components, and a demonstration of how computer suppliers tie office and engineering functions to manufacturing.

The tapes are available for purchase or rental, as a set or individually. Contact SME, Video Communications Dept., One SME Dr., PO Box 930, Dearborn, MI 48121.

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