## Packard Bell 686 M/Board

## **Specification**

- Battery: Tadiran 3.6V Lithium. Rev C. Velcroed to front casing. Rev D. Soldered to motherboard.
- **BIOS**: 2 X 32 KB Phoenix BIOS. Phoenix 3.10.00D Phoenix 3.10.03D. To access Press F2 at boot before beep.
- Cache: N/A
- Clock/Driver: Not removable; on motherboard
- Cover Removal: 3 screws on back panel upper. 2 screws on each side
- CPU: 80286-12 MHz. Keyboard Switchable: (Ctrl)-(Alt)-(-) Toggles between 8 MHz and 12MHz
- Drive Cavities: 1 X 3 ½ half (enclosed). 2 X 5 ¼ half (exposed)
- I/O Expansion slots: 5 X 16-bit ISA
- Interfaces:
  - o 1 DB-25 Parallel Port
  - o 1 x RS232 DB-9 Serial Port
  - 1 x RS232,DB-25 Serial Port
  - 1 5-pin DIN Keyboard Port
- Power Supply: 135 watts. 115v:3.5a:60Hz:outlet 1a. 230v:1.0a:50Hz:outlet 0.5a
- RAM: Standard on motherboard: 640Kb (w/128Kb piggy board), 1MB (w/o piggy board). Maximum on motherboard: 1MB
- Speaker: Internal front left, behind
- Video: Usually PBVGA MULTI 16-bit

## **Jumpers**

The floppy controller is built-in on the motherboard and CANNOT be disabled.

| Jumper | Function        | Pins   | Description  |
|--------|-----------------|--|--|
| JP1    | 128k Piggy-Back | 1-2<br>2-3<br>OPEN                             | Enable Piggy back board 640k<br>Disables Piggy Back Board<br>Disables Piggy Back Board (2-pin rev.)  |
| JP2    | Primary Display | 1-2<br>2-3                                     | Monochrome<br>* Colour   |
| JP5    | RAM Size        | OPEN<br>CLOSED                                 | Enable 1MB of MB memory Enable 640k of MB memory   |
| JP23   | Parallel Port   | 1-2<br>2-3                                     | LPT2 IRQ5<br>* LPT1 IRQ7   |
| JP27   | Parallel Port   | 1-3<br>2-4                                     | LPT2 IRQ5<br>* LPT1 IRQ7   |
| JP24   | Serial Port     | 1-3 2-4<br>1-2 3-4<br>2-4<br>1-2<br>3-4<br>1-3 | * DB25 is COM1, DB9 is COM2<br>DB25 is COM2, DB9 is COM1<br>DB25 is COM1, DB9 disabled<br>DB25 is COM2, DB9 disabled<br>DB25 disabled, DB9 is COM1<br>DB25 disabled, DB9 is COM2 |
| JP33   | Serial Port     | 1-3, 2-4<br>1-2 3-4                            | * DB25 is COM1, DB9 is COM2<br>DB25 is COM2, DB9 is COM1   |

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| 1 | -3 | DB25 is COM1, DB9 disabled |
|---|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | -2 | DB25 is COM2, DB9 disabled |
| 3 | -4 | DB25 disabled, DB9 is COM1 |
| 2 | -4 | DB25 disabled, DB9 is COM2 |

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates default settings

On 640K motherboards, the sockets with a double line (between JP1 and J1-J3) are EMPTY and covered by a Piggy-back board. To upgrade to 1MB, you must fill the sockets with 6 RAM chips (4 x 256x4 and 2 x 256x1, 100 ns) and take out the JP5 jumper strap. On the 1MB motherboard, there is no longer a Piggy-back board because the sockets are already populated.

JP5 may not be present on the 1MB motherboard.

JP1 may have 2 or 3 pins. 2-3 and open are functionally the same.

## **Upgrades**

- Cache Memory: This system does not support cache memory.
- Maths Co-Processor: This system supports the 80287-8 math co-processor. It is installed at location U19. No jumper setting are required.
- RAM: BASE MEMORY = 640 (always). EXTENDED MEMORY = 384. Maximum onboard memory: 1MB. Updrade using 256k, 100ns chips. More than 1 MB: Insert a memory expansionboard.
- Video Memory: This system has a video card installed. To upgrade video, the card would need to be replaced.