THE ATARI® 800XL™ HOME COMPUTER

OWNER'S GUIDE

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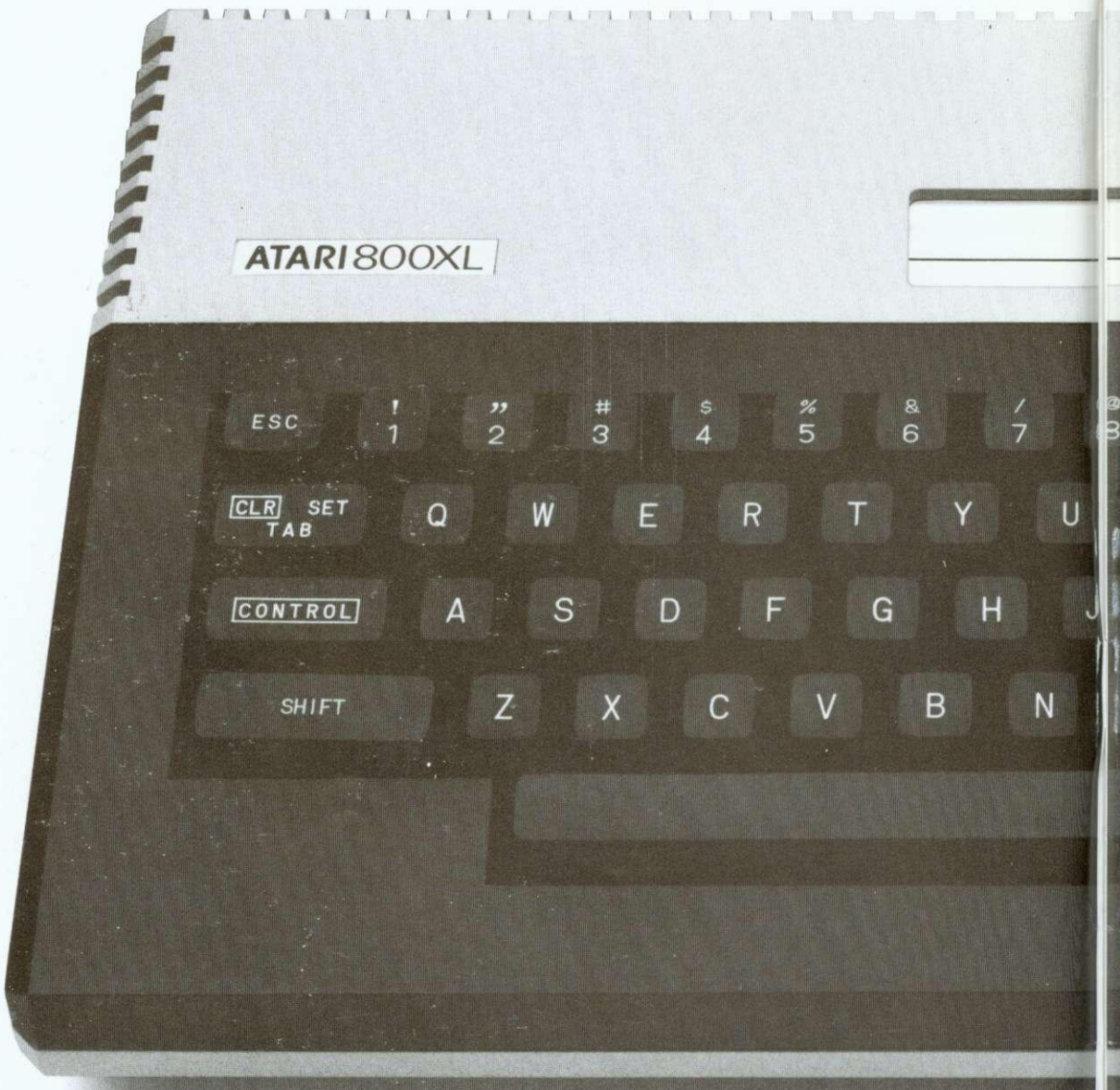
HOME COMPUTERS

THE RIGHT COMPUTER FOR THE TASK AT HAND

Whether you want to set up a domestic office or host your own video game tournament, the versatile ATARI 800XL Home Computer fits the bill. The hefty 64K RAM memory gives you the power to perform a myriad assortment of useful tasks. Using just the console and your television, you can write and edit on the screen, create art and attractive graphics, and program with ATARI BASIC, a built-in, all-purpose computer language. The full-stroke, low-profile keyboard is set up like a typewriter, but with added practical features such as special function keys and a HELP key when you need extra information in a program.

Your computer gives you access to the large family of ATARI products, including over 2,000 software programs. A copy of the latest ATARI catalog is packed with the console. With the right peripherals and programs, you can compose music, communicate with other ATARI owners, balance your budget, learn a foreign language, or follow the stock market.

In the following pages you'll learn how easy it is to connect the computer to your television, and how simple it is to operate once it's turned on.



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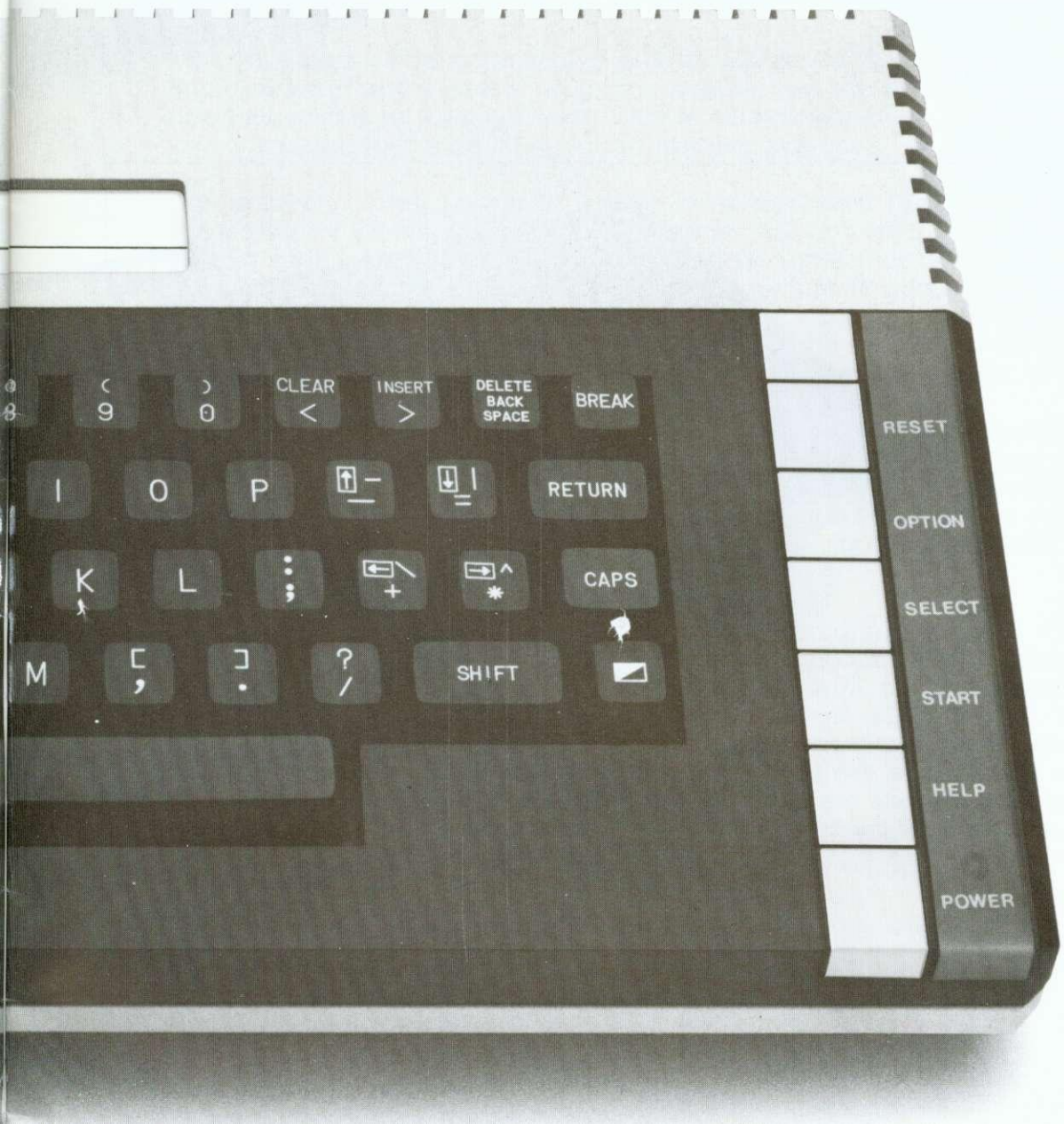


MEET THE ATARI 800XL HOME COMPUTER

Expansion Connection

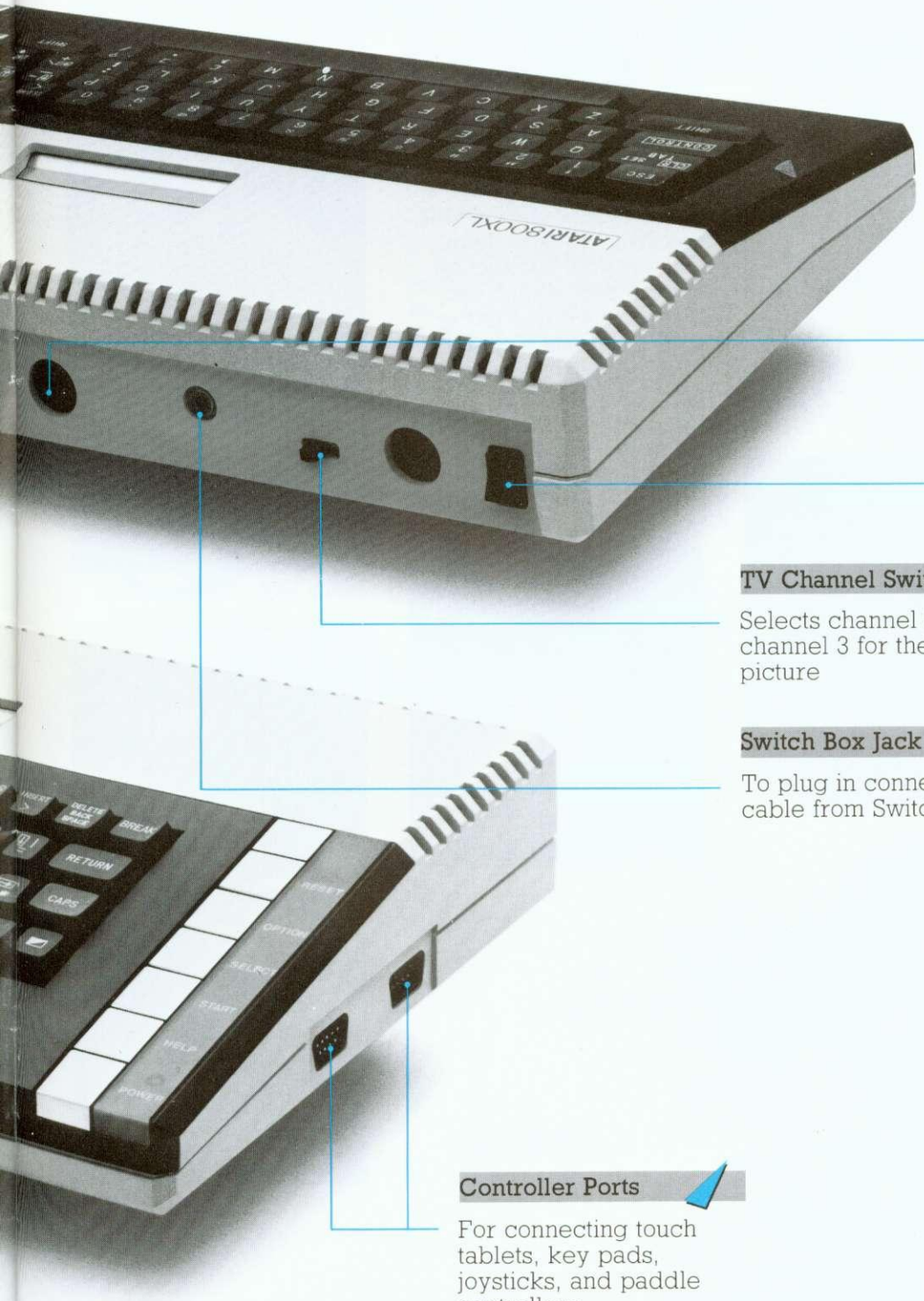
For plugging future accessories or peripherals into your computer system

Serial Input/Output Port

Connects peripheral equipment such as disk drives, program recorders and printers to your computer

Cartridge Slot

Plug-in cartridges provide quick and easy program loading



Monitor Jack

Provides access to a monitor's superior resolution.

Power On/Off Switch

TV Channel Switch

Selects channel 2 or channel 3 for the clearest picture

Switch Box Jack

To plug in connecting cable from Switch Box

Controller Ports

For connecting touch tablets, key pads, joysticks, and paddle controllers

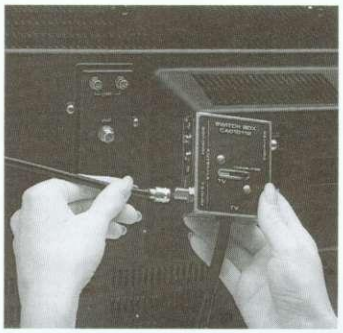
HOOKING IT UP

All you need to set up your ATARI 800XL Home Computer is a television and a screwdriver; Atari provides the rest. Set-up takes only a few-minutes.

Remove plastic covers from around the keyboard when you unpack the computer.

Installing the TV Switch Box

1. Disconnect the VHF antenna or cable TV line. If the antenna has a flat, twin-lead cable, connect it to the 300-OHM screw terminals on the side of the TV Switch Box labeled ANTENNA. If it has a round cable, attach it to the 75-OHM threaded connector.

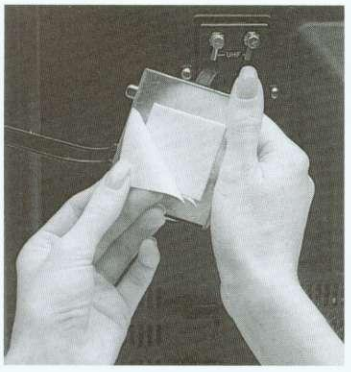


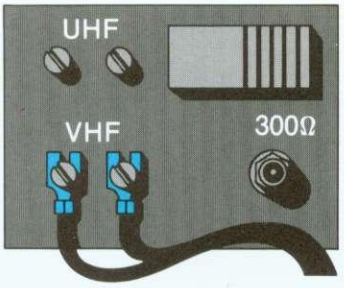
2. If the TV's VHF connection has two screw terminals, connect the short, twin-lead cable on the Switch Box to them.

If the VHF connection is threaded, attach the Switch Box cable to the screw terminals on the VHF adapter supplied with your TV. Then screw the adapter onto the set's threaded terminal. if you don't have an adapter, you can buy one at a video store.

3. Peel the cover from the adhesive square on the Switch Box and stick the box securely on the back of your TV.

If the antenna connected to the Switch box uses a flat, twin-lead cable, go to step 5.



4. If your antenna uses a round (75-OHM) cable and you did not use a VHF adapter, you may adjust your TV set as shown below.

If the back of your set looks like this, push the switch to the 300-OHM (300Ω) position.