

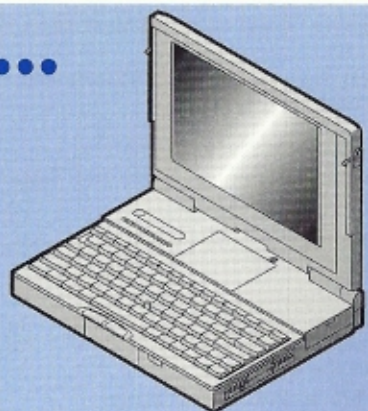
ASCENTIA 900N

Quick Start

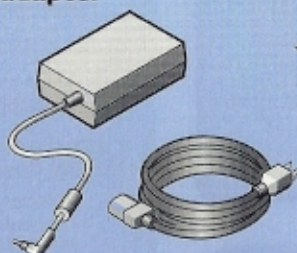
Ready...

Unpack all the parts

Ascentia notebook computer



AC adapter



Battery pack



SmartKey



Manuals

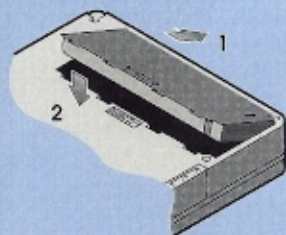


Disks



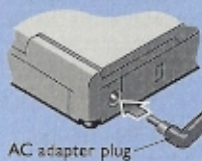
Set...

Connect the parts in order



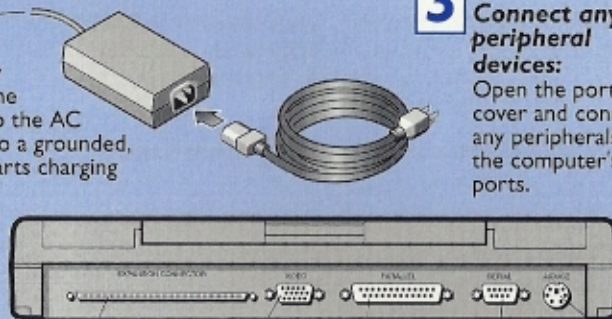
- 1** **Install the battery pack**
Turn the system over. Remove the plastic cap from the battery. Place the battery into the compartment until it is firmly seated. Push the slide switch into the locked position.

- 2** **Attach the AC adapter and connect the power cord:**
Insert the plug on the AC adapter into the power connector. Plug the female end of the power cord into the AC adapter, and plug the male end into a grounded, three-hole outlet. The battery starts charging immediately.



AC adapter plug

- 3** **Connect any peripheral devices:**
Open the port cover and connect any peripherals to the computer's ports.



Expansion connector (for PowerStation or EasyPort)

Video port (for external monitor)

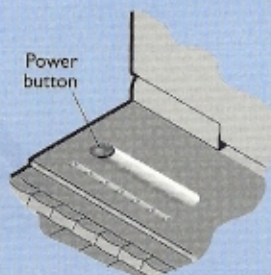
Parallel port (for parallel printer or network adapter)

Serial port (for serial printer or serial device)

Mouse port

Go!

Switch on your notebook computer



Power button

- 4** **Turn the system on:**
Press the power button and release it.

- 5** **Adjust brightness and contrast:**
If the opening screen is dim or difficult to read, adjust the brightness and contrast. To adjust the settings, press the following keys. Contrast adjustment is not required for a TFT display.

Fn	+	↑	=	Increase brightness
Fn	+	↓	=	Decrease brightness
Fn	+	←	=	Increase contrast
Fn	+	→	=	Decrease contrast

- 6** **Make your master disks:**

The AST Disk Utility enables you to make master disk copies of the programs installed on your hard disk. If it did not start automatically, start the AST Disk Utility by clicking on the program icon in the AST Group view on the Windows desktop.



Turn over for more information...

Do's & Dont's...

Do set up the computer as described on the previous page..

Do make master copies of the programs on your hard drive, and store the disks away from heat, moisture, and magnetic fields.

Do save the computer packaging.

Do fill out your registration and return it.

Don't use power adapters or rechargeable batteries that are not approved for your computer.

Don't attempt to install your software. It's already installed.

Don't touch the LCD screen.

Don't leave the computer in extremely hot or cold areas, such as a car on a hot day.

Where to look for more information...

In addition to this *Quick Start*, your Ascentia 900N package also includes a *User's Reference*, a *Pocket Guide*, an *On-line Manual*, and an *International Customer Service Reference*.

See the *User's Reference* for detailed information about:

- Setting up your computer for the first time.
- Installing and using the software utilities accompanied your computer.
- Maintaining the computer.
- Installing and using optional equipment.

Carry the *Pocket Guide* with you as you travel; it provides a handy reference as you use your computer on a day-to-day basis.

Use the *On-line Manual* when you don't have the printed manuals with you; it contains information about configuring and using your computer. To access the on-line manual, double click on the *On-Line User's Manual* icon in Windows.

Refer to the *International Customer Service Reference* for special instructions regarding international product support services.

Answers to the most frequently asked questions...

Why does the computer beep when I adjust the LCD contrast or brightness

The beep indicates that you have reached the minimum or maximum setting for contrast or brightness.

How do I start the System Setup program?

Once the bootstrap sequence ends, you can start System Setup at any time by pressing <Fn+F2>.

I attached a mouse to the mouse port on the computer, but the mouse doesn't work.

You can use only one pointing device at a time on your computer. Your computer includes an integrated pointing device, so you must disable that device in System Setup before you can use a mouse. To configure your computer to use a mouse:

1. Press <Fn+F2> to start System Setup.
2. Use the <Down Arrow> key to highlight the *Mouse Connected to:* field. Then use the <Left Arrow> or <Right Arrow> key to indicate where the mouse is connected: *Mouse Port* or *Serial Port*.
3. Exit System Setup and reboot your computer. You can now use the mouse.

To switch back to the integrated pointing device, repeat the steps above and set the *Mouse Connected to* field to *None*.

How can I find out how much charge is left in the battery I am using?

Your computer provides a fuel gauge display that you can use to monitor battery life. Before you can use the fuel gauge, however, you must characterize the battery. (See the Ascentia 900N User's Reference for procedures on characterizing a battery.) The fuel gauge provides a graphical and numerical estimate of the battery status, showing:

- Whether the battery is charging.
- The amount of battery life remaining, in hours and minutes.

To display the fuel gauge, press <Fn+F3>. The fuel gauge appears in the center of the screen for three seconds. For more information, see the *User's Reference* or *Pocket Guide*.

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