



Wendell Sander

B.S., Electrical Engineering, 1956; M.S., 1962; Ph.D., 1963

Wendell Sander is known as the Father of the Apple III computer. During the 1970s, Sander became the 16th employee at Apple Inc. after impressing Apple co-founder Steve Jobs by demonstrating a Star Trek game on an Apple I computer. Hired to work on the Apple II, Sander went on to design the Apple III, then on to help start and work with several Silicon Valley startups. He later returned to Apple to work with his son Brian Sander, a 1985 ISU EE graduate and a director at Apple. The father-son team worked on iPod and iPhone circuits, including volume control on Apple earbuds. Before working at Apple, Wendell Sander spent 13 years at Fairchild Semiconductor R&D Laboratory as a department head, where he developed some of the first semiconductor memory components and systems. He received over 100 patents.

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