

Handheld English-Japanese translator

From Fuji-Xerox comes this elegant little English-Japanese handheld translator, the Synony. You stroke it over the English text you want to translate at a maximum speed of 20cm per second, and the Japanese characters appear on the LCD display. It has a vocabulary of 26,587 words plus 4,302 idiomatic phrases, culled from the Gaken Denshi Aiwa English-Japanese dictionary and compressed to one fifth by the removal of familiar words. Letter size can be from 8 to 20 points, and the Synony can read Times and Gothic style print. It has the ability to store up to 52 characters in Japanese kanji, or 52 words in English. Words can also be entered by alphabetical key input and then translated. It costs \\$32,000 (US\$213).