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Welcome to the **28th Edition** of the AVL e-shuttle!

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**1. Introduction to Production**

Way back in 1984, AVL offered our first-ever INTRODUCTION to PRODUCTION. It featured Jim Carr, a schoolteacher in nearby Redding, California, who was a model for all who wanted to go into production. Since then, we have brought it back as a ready and easy way for weavers to get into production, but it's never been easier or readier than this year. Now through September 30, 2003 you have your choice of taking \$750 off the price of an "A" Series Loom or getting any two of the following features at NO CHARGE:

- Automatic Cloth Advance
- One-Yard Sectional Warp Beam
- Half-Yard Sectional Beam
- Standard Beam
- Tension Box
- Warping Wheel
- Rotary Temple System

Best of all, it's available on the best AVL yet: the "A" Series looms. Choose among 8, 16, 24, or 40 shafts with or with a Compu-Dobby III or even in a treadle configuration on a Modular loom!)

So don't wait, you could be PRODUCING in no time!

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## 2. Jacquards, or what in the name of weaving is Marge Simpson doing on the AVL Web Site?

If you haven't visited our Web Site lately, then you have missed seeing the shapely figure of Marge Simpson gracing our pages. But what is she doing there? By clicking [here](#), you'll learn all about our Portable Jacquard AK "Marge" (due to the uncanny resemblance its side frame bears to Marge Simpson's uh, er frame.)

But the real news is that AVL now has a jacquard system that can go on just about any loom. We can put the heads (336 hooks per head) in a multiple series ... up to eight for a gigantic 2688 hook machine. Or by a single head in conjunction with a doobby for a drawloom-like action. Or on a rug loom fame. Or even on a small fame like Marge!

Keep checking back for more details.

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## 3. PocketWeave Explained

It has become clear to us that we have done a poor job of explaining *PocketWeave*. So let's give it another try, shall we?

- First, *PocketWeave* is the REPLACEMENT for the AVL cartridge.
- Second *PocketWeave* will run, through a PocketPC device on ANY AVL Compu-Dobby built since 1984. Let's be clear about the second point, *PocketWeave* is compatible with Compu-Dobby I, II and III.
- Third, *PocketWeave* is powerful. It stores approximately 3,000 designs.
- Fourth, it's versatile. It allows you to view more than just pegplans but also the drawdown, the warp and weft colors and a lot more.
- Fifth, it adds more control than ever to the Compu-Dobby. You can tell it where to start weaving, to skip picks; go in reverse; you name it.
- Sixth, it's "wide open", meaning that it accepts files from any software that can generate a WIF file.
- And last but not least, it is still only \$200. By the way, Dell just released their new Axim PocketPC ([http://www.dell.com/us/en/dhs/products/model\\_pda\\_3\\_axim5\\_entry.htm](http://www.dell.com/us/en/dhs/products/model_pda_3_axim5_entry.htm)), which also only costs \$200 (actually \$199) so it's still a great deal.

For more go to <http://www.avlusa.com/software/PocketWeave.htm>.

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#### 4. Latest Versions of *WeaveMaker* and *WeavePoint*

In the last issue of the e-Shuttle, we announced *WeaveMaker* for Mac OsX. We're now up to Version 8.2.3 in OsX and Version 8.2.2 for Windows users. If you're already a registered user then you can go to <http://www.weavemaker.com/users/download.html> to download the latest version. If you're still thinking it over, then you can download a free fully workable demo from the same address.

*WeavePoint* also has a new version. We're up to Version 5.4.4. Contact AVL for details.