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Object name: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator
Vintage: c.1992
Synopsis: Basic electronic five-language pocket dictionary.

Description:

The Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator is a basic electronic dictionary that gives equivalent words in two or more languages. It was made in China c.1992 by Seiko Instruments Inc. It has a 12-character LCD display and a modified QWERTY keyboard, with extra keys to invoke rudimentary translation between a limited set of words in English, German, Spanish, French and Italian. For example, if **ENG** is pressed, then “*HELLO*“, followed by **ENTER**, then pressing **SPA** will display “*HOLA*“, then pressing **ITA** will display “*CIAO*“, and so on. There is provision for scrolling through the dictionary, creating new dictionary entries, and editing and deleting them. It can also be used to convert between the currencies of the countries, to act as a basic calculator, and to take short memos.

See also the *Canon CA-2000 Kanji Dictionary* elsewhere in this catalog. Such devices were very useful at the time but have all but been made redundant by the many online language tools such as dictionaries and thesauruses.

The TR-2500 uses a CR2025 battery, and is toggled between active and standby state by pressing a keyboard key, so it is never truly off. The batteries in the TR-2500 in this collection have never been replaced since the dictionary was purchased, yet still work c.2016, i.e. 24 years later, and the dictionary still works as expected, a tribute to the low power demand of its standby state.

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TCD-SCSS-T.20151001.004	Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator. Words Copyright © Zanichelli Editore, S.P.A. – Edigeo S.R.L. Seiko Instruments Inc, Battery CR2025, Made in China. S/N:



Figure 1: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator front three-quarter view, cover closed



Figure 2: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator front three-quarter view, cover open



Figure 3: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator front view



Figure 4: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator left-side keyboard closeup



Figure 5: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator right-side keyboard closeup



Figure 6: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator front label



Figure 7: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator rear view



*Figure 8: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator copyright label
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*Figure 8: Seiko SII TR-2500 European Translator manufacturing label
“Seiko Instruments Inc, Battery CR2025, Made in China, Fabrique en Chine”*