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## Apple Ethernet NB Card: Description (Discontinued)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple Ethernet NB Card.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple Ethernet NB Card is a bus master network interface card that provides connectivity to IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks for the Macintosh II family of personal computers.

The Ethernet NB Card has its own 68000 microprocessor, memory, and real-time multitasking operating system. Operating independently of the main Macintosh processor, the card supports the concurrent execution of multiple networking protocols while maximizing both system and network performance.

The Ethernet NB Card includes an Apple Ethernet port. With the addition of the appropriate Apple Ethernet Cable System media adapter, which plugs into the port, Ethernet NB Card users can connect to any standard Ethernet cabling environment:

- Thin coax
- Thick coax
- Unshielded twisted-pair

Because all Apple Ethernet Cable System components are IEEE 802.3 compliant, they can interoperate in multivendor environments.

This easy-to-install card lets you use a variety of networking protocols with a Macintosh computer, including AppleTalk, TCP/IP, and DECnet.

### Features

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- Compliance with IEEE 802.3 standards
- Apple Ethernet Cable System compatibility
- Includes EtherTalk software
- A/UX local area networking support

### Benefits

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- Allows the Macintosh II family of computers to connect to industry-standard Ethernet networks and interoperate in multivendor Ethernet environments.
- Can be used in any standard Ethernet cable environment with the appropriate Apple Ethernet media adapter.
- Provides AppleTalk network system users with transparent access to network services.
- When used with the A/UX operating system from Apple, provides a complete solution for connecting to local area network environments based on the UNIX operating system, including TCP/IP and the Network File System (NFS).
- Handles all communications processing for the Macintosh II family of computers. Allows concurrent execution of multiple networking protocols. Optimizes system and network performance.

#### Order Numbers

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- Apple Ethernet NB Card  
M0417LL/A
- Apple Ethernet AUI Adapter  
M0432LL/A
- Apple Ethernet Thin Coax Transceiver  
M0329LL/A
  - Apple Ethernet Self-Terminating Cable -- 5 Meter M0833LL/A
  - Apple Ethernet Self-Terminating Cable -- 13-Meter Plenum M0436LL/A
- Apple Ethernet Twisted-Pair Transceiver  
M0437LL/A

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