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## EtherTalk NB and EtherLink NB: Revision Numbers

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TOPIC -----

I understand that AppleTalk Phase 2 and the Macintosh IIfx require Rev. J or Rev. K of the EtherTalk NB Card, while the Macintosh IIfx requires the EtherTalk NB Card Rev. L (Rev. L is not merely an upgrade to a Rev. J or Rev. K). If this is the case, why are brand new 3Com EtherLink NB Cards (with 1990 labels on their diskettes) Rev. B?

DISCUSSION -----

3Com uses a different assembly numbering scheme for the Ethernet cards that they sell under their own label, as the 3Com EtherLink NB Card, than it does for the Ethernet cards Apple buys from 3Com and sells under its own (Apple) label as the Apple EtherTalk NB Card. The chart below shows how the 3Com EtherLink NB Cards relate to the Apple EtherTalk NB Cards:

Apple EtherTalk NB Card Assembly Number	3Com EtherLink NB Card Assembly Number
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2680-06 Rev. J	4042-02 Rev. 09
2680-07 Rev. K	4042-03 Rev. 0A
2680-08 Rev. L	4042-04 Rev. 0A
2680-08 Rev. M	4042-04 Rev. 0B

Note: The Rev. M EtherTalk NB Card has no functional modifications or differences from the Rev. L EtherTalk NB Card. The revision from "L" to "M" was made because of a process change in manufacturing and not because of any enhancements to the card. Here is a compatibility list of Macintosh systems and Apple EtherTalk NB Cards:

Macintosh II or IIX	Macintosh IICx	Macintosh IIfx, IIsi, IICI
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Rev J, K, L or M	Rev K, L or M	Rev L or M

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