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Macintosh: Starting from Floppy or CD-ROM disc (6/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes all the ways you can start a Macintosh computer from either a Utilities disk, Disk Tools disk, Install Me First CD, Apple Macintosh CD, Power Macintosh CD, Macintosh Performa CD, or System 7.5 Upgrade CD.

DISCUSSION -----

You may occasionally need to start your Macintosh from a device other than your hard drive in order to correctly use software such as Disk First Aid, Apple HD SC Setup, other utilities, or to troubleshoot an issue with other disk volumes.

Macintosh system software normally resides on the hard disk. System software, however, may also be installed on a floppy disk or on a CD-ROM disc, and it may be desirable to start the system using that software in order to investigate issues relating to the system software on the hard disk, or the hard disk itself.

If you have a Disk Tools disk or Utilities disk:

Step 1

Under Special, choose Shut Down.

Step 2

Insert the Disk Tools disk or Utilities disk.

Step 3

Turn on the computer.

The computer will take longer than normal to start up. When it is finished starting up, the Trash icon will appear on the screen.

The Disk Tools or Utilities disk icon will appear in the upper right hand corner of the screen. If your hard disk or Macintosh HD icon is visible, it should be right below the Disk Tools disk or Utilities disk icon.

Note: To eject the disk, choose "Restart" from your Special menu.

If you are trying to start up with the System 7.5 Personal Upgrade CD:

Use the Disk Tools disk in the pouch which accompanies the System 7.5 CD to start the computer as described above. The Disk Tools disk that comes with this CD disc has the Apple CD-ROM extension, which will allow it to mount the System 7.5 CD disc once the CD is inserted.

Note: If you have an external CD-ROM drive, make sure it is turned on prior to starting the computer with the Disk Tools disk.

If you have a Power Macintosh system with an Apple Macintosh CD or Power Macintosh CD, or if you have a Macintosh Performa 6100 or 5200 series computer with a Macintosh Performa CD:

Step 1

Insert the CD-ROM.

Step 2

Under Special, choose Shut Down.

Step 3

Hold down the "c" key (lower-case C; if you have a keyboard with a physical latch for the Caps Lock key, make sure the Caps Lock key is in the "up" position).

Step 4

Startup your computer.

Step 5

Hold down the "c" key until you see Welcome to Macintosh.

The computer will take longer than normal to start up. When it is finished starting up, the Trash icon will appear on the screen.

The Apple Macintosh CD, Power Macintosh CD, or Macintosh Performa CD icon will appear in the upper right hand corner of the screen. If your hard disk or Macintosh HD icon is visible, it should be right below the CD icon.

Note:

To eject the CD-ROM disc, choose "Restart" from your Special menu. Immediately after you hear the startup chime, press the eject button on the front of the computer. The CD-ROM caddy will pop out or CD-ROM tray will open.

If the computer, for any reason, fails to start from your CD-ROM drive, follow

the instructions described below.

If you have an Install Me First CD, or an Apple Macintosh CD on a non-Power Macintosh system, or a Macintosh Performa CD for a Performa 500 or 630 series computer:

Step 1

Insert the CD-ROM.

Step 2

Under Special, choose Shut Down.

Step 3

Hold down the Option, Command (Apple), Shift, and Delete keys. If you have a keyboard with a physical latch for the Caps Lock key, make sure the Caps Lock key is in the "up" position.

Step 4

Startup your computer.

Step 4

Continue holding down the Option, Command, Shift, and Delete keys until you see Welcome to Macintosh.

The computer will take longer than normal to start up. When it is finished starting up, the Trash icon will appear on the screen.

On the top right hand side of the screen, you should see the Apple Macintosh CD, Install Me First CD icon, or Macintosh Performa CD icon. If your hard disk or Macintosh HD icon is visible, it should be right below the CD icon.

Note:

To eject the CD-ROM disc, choose "Restart" from your Special menu. Immediately after you hear the startup chime, press the eject button on the front of the computer. The CD-ROM caddy will pop out or CD-ROM tray will open.

If you are using any type of startup CD, and can start your computer normally:

Step 1

Insert your startup CD disc.

Step 2

Choose Control Panels from your Apple menu.

Step 3

Open the Startup Disk control panel.

Step 4

Click once on the CD icon to highlight it.

Step 5

Close the Startup Disk control panel.

Step 6

Under special, choose Restart. If the CD disc pops out, push it back in.

Note:

To eject the CD-ROM disc, choose "Restart" from your Special menu. Immediately after you hear the startup gong, depress the eject button on the front of the computer. The CD-ROM caddy will pop out or CD-ROM tray will open.

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