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Macintosh SE 2/40 Upgrade: SIMM Requirements

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TOPIC -----

To upgrade a Macintosh SE 2/40, do the two additional 1MB SIMMs need to be the same speed as the original 2MB SIMMs?

If so, is there any way to determine the speed of the installed RAM without opening the Macintosh SE case?

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh SE 2/40 requires SIMMs that are 150ns or faster. If the SIMMs already in the Macintosh SE are 120ns, you can add two more that are 150ns. The important thing is that the SIMMs in each group (group A is SIMM slot 1 and 2; group B is SIMM slot 3 and 4) must be the same speed.

The only way to tell the speed of the RAM installed is to look at the RAM chips themselves. Typically the 120ns RAM chips will have a "12" printed on them and the 150ns RAM chips will have a "15".

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