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Power Macintosh 5200/75 LC: 8-bit or 16-bit Sound? (10/95)

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TOPIC -----

Does the Power Macintosh 5200/75 LC use 8-bit or 16-bit sound?

DISCUSSION -----

The original Power Macintosh 5200/75 LC supported 8-bit mono sound input and 8-bit stereo sound output at 11.127 or 22.254 kHz sample rates. When playing audio CDs, the Power Macintosh 5200/75 LC plays the audio using 16-Bit stereo at 44 kHz, retaining the CD quality sound.

In July 1995, the Macintosh 5200/75 LC and Performa 5200 series computers began shipping with 16-bit sound input as well. You can tell which input options your computer has by following this procedure:

Step 1

Choose Control Panels from your Apple menu.

Step 2

Open the Sound control panel.

Step 3

Choose "Sound Out" from the "Alert Sounds" pull down menu. If the 16-bit sound input radio button is grayed out, you only have 8-bit input.

If 16-bit is not grayed out, make sure there is a dot in the radio button next to it.

Step 4

Use the close box in the upper left corner to close the Sound control panel.

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