

System 6.0.4: Problem with Two-Floppy Macintosh SE and AFE

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TOPIC -----

When trying to run Apple File Exchange on a Macintosh SE configured with two Apple SuperDrives (formerly Apple FDHD), running under System v6.0.4, I get an "ID=02" bomb. I also experienced the problem when starting up from the v6.0.3 System Tools disk; however, when I started up with a startup disk created from the System v6.0.3 Installer, I could get AFE to run.

I have tried several combinations of drives. The bomb occurs any time a SuperDrive is plugged into the drive slot marked "Upper" on the main logic board. Apparently the same problem occurs when starting from an external hard disk (until the upper drive is disconnected).

What's going on?

DISCUSSION -----

This is a little-known incompatibility with dual-floppy Macintosh SEs, those having either SuperDrives or 800K drives. As of April, 1990, there is no fix available for system software v6.0.4.

If you need to get the configuration working, however, one of the following workarounds may do the trick:

- Disconnect one of the floppies and connect an internal or external hard disk.
- Configure a disk using earlier versions of AFE (say 1.1.1 with system software 6.0.3) as you described above.
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