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Hard Disk 20SC: Can't Be Startup Device for Unenhanced Apple IIe

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TOPIC -----

The Hard Disk 20SC connected to my Apple IIe is not booting. However, when I boot ProDOS 1.1.1 from the floppy drive, the system recognizes the data on the Hard Disk 20SC. The ProDOS disk shows the "slot configuration" as slot 7 being used. The drive shows that the BASIC.SYSTEM and PRODOS files are there. Is there supposed to be another file?

DISCUSSION -----

In general, a bootable ProDOS volume needs only the PRODOS and BASIC.SYSTEM files. You can substitute a different file for BASIC.SYSTEM as long as the substitute's name ends with .SYSTEM and has a filetype of SYS. If you have only these two files, you boot to BASIC.

The most likely cause is that your Apple IIe is unenhanced. Only the enhanced Apple IIe recognizes the SCSI interface card during startup. An unenhanced Apple IIe can't start up from the device, but you can use it after starting up from some other device.

If this is the problem, get an Apple IIe Enhancement Kit (Finished Goods part number A2M2052, SRP).

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