

Applesoft Firmware Card: Options

The Applesoft firmware card was designed to supply floating point BASIC to Apple II owners. There are two options on the card that the user may select.

- 1. Most obviously, the position of the switch on the rear of the card is used immediately after a system reset to force the selection of one of two banks of ROMs: the firmware card or the motherboard. If the switch is up then the system will default to Applesoft, otherwise the system will default to Integer BASIC.
- 2. Software, by accessing address \$C080, can select Integer BASIC, or, by accessing address \$C081, Applesoft.

Unfortunately for systems with Auto Start ROM, every time DOS gets control immediately after a reset, DOS forces a load of the version of BASIC DOS last used, regardless of the position of the switch.

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