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Apple IIGS System Disk 5.0: Disk II/Apple 5.25-inch Driver

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The 5.25-inch Disk driver is now installed on SYSTEM.DISK that ships with GS/OS. You do not need to run the Installer to support the 5.25-inch drive, but you still need to use the Installer to support a SCSI drive.

The 5.25-inch disk driver included with Apple IIGS System Software 5.0 can support up to fourteen 5.25-inch disk drives. The Apple IIGS limits 5.25-inch drives to slots 4, 5, 6, and 7 when the computer is in fast mode. When using the Apple IIGS System Software 5.0 and the 5.25-inch driver, you can now operate 5.25-inch drives in slots 1 through 7, in slow or fast mode.

The 5.25-inch drive does not use a cache, because the 5.25-inch drive does not provide a method of determining a disk switch. The light on the drive flashes when the Finder issues the status call to the 5.25-inch driver. The driver must check the drive to see if a disk is inserted or has changed since the last status call.

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