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PC Compatibility Cards: DPMS Support (8/96)

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TOPIC ---

In Appendix C, pages 181-182 of the "PC Compatibility Card User's Manual for the
12-inch Card" it is stated that Display Power Management System (DPMS) is not
supported with Apple's PC Compatibility Cards.

However, it appears to work fine on my Power Macintosh 8500/120 computer with a
12 Inch PC Compatibility Card and an Apple Multiple Scan 15 display under
Windows 3.1 and Windows 95.

Is the manual wrong? After all, it does appear to work on my system.

DISCUSSION ---

DPMS or any kind of power management is not supported with Apple's PC
Compatibility cards. Power management control of any kind is intentionally
disabled in ROM.

When you set up and enable DPMS by using ATI Technologies' driver software, the
energy saving features apply only to the monitor, not the PC Compatibility card.
In other words, your monitor goes into energy saving mode (blank), but PC
environment is still active.

Even if DPMS works on Apple's PC Compatibility cards while running Windows 3.1
and Windows 95, Apple does not support it. Apple can only recommend using any
power-management features in Macintosh environment.

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