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DOS Compatibility Card: Using Macintosh Disks in DOS (6/95)

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TOPIC -----

My Macintosh DOS Compatible computer ejects Macintosh formatted disks when I am in the MS-DOS environment. This is inconvenient because I am attempting to reformat these disks as PC disks in the MS-DOS environment. Why is this happening? How can I reformat the disks?

DISCUSSION -----

Using PC Exchange, the Macintosh environment is able to read and format MS-DOS disks. However, the MS-DOS environment does not have software enabling it to read Macintosh formatted disks. So, in order to prevent accidental erasure of the data on a Macintosh formatted disk, the disk is automatically ejected on the DOS side.*

To use Macintosh formatted disks on the DOS side, you must first reformat them in the Macintosh environment using PC Exchange. To do this:

1. Switch to the Macintosh environment using the Command-Return shortcut.
2. Insert the unlocked Macintosh disk
3. Highlight the disk icon
4. Select Erase Disk from the Special menu
5. Change the format to DOS 1.4 MB (high-density disks) or DOS 720k (low density disks)
6. Click Erase

*Note: The Power Macintosh DOS Compatibility Read Me file incorrectly states that both PC and Macintosh floppy disks are automatically mounted when inserted into the floppy drive in either operating environment.

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