

Macintosh: Troubleshooting Frequent Hard Disk Access Light

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TOPIC -----

My hard drive access light comes on every 15 seconds or so, blinks as if it is accessing a file, then stops. This happens all the time. What's going on?

DISCUSSION -----

This behavior is most likely caused by a third-party INIT or CDEV, such as On Location, rather than by a hardware problem. An easy test is to start up your system with a known-good System floppy disk. If the symptoms persist, then you may have a damaged hard drive -- though the problem is most likely in software.

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