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Macintosh IIfx: Problems Getting Internal Hard Drives to Start

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- To explain that there is a small power trace difference on the Macintosh II and Macintosh IIfx logic boards.

TOPIC -----

My internal hard drive stopped working after upgrading my Macintosh II to a Macintosh IIfx. The drive just clicks and won't spin up.

I've been told by the drive's manufacturer that this is because the power trace on the Macintosh IIfx motherboard is half the size of the same power trace on the Macintosh II. Is this correct?

DISCUSSION -----

There is small difference in the power trace from the Macintosh II to the Macintosh IIfx. However, the difference would be within the limits of the power draw specifications that we require drive manufactures to meet.

If your particular drive is drawing more than Apple allows, you'll need to swap drives for one that does not require so much power to spin up.
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