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Macintosh 128K and 512K: SCSI Hard Drives

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TOPIC -----

Can I connect a hard drive to a Macintosh 512K?

DISCUSSION -----

To our knowledge, there is no plug-and-play hard drive for the Macintosh 512K or 128K currently still being manufactured. The Apple HD20, a non-SCSI drive which does work with the 128K and 512K Macintoshes, was made obsolete by the evolution of SCSI devices which brought about Apple's line of SCSI hard drives around the beginning of 1986. SCSI drives require a SCSI port, which is not included with a Macintosh 128, 512K or 512K Enhanced Macintosh. It was first included with the Macintosh Plus. SCSI drives transfer data many times quicker than non-SCSI drives.

In summary, you either need to find a used HD20 non-SCSI drive, or have a SCSI port installed, which would be a third-party product. Dove is one company that makes add-on SCSI ports.

WARNING: Improper installation of these kits may damage the Macintosh logic board beyond service exchangeability.

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