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Color Classic, LC 520: Power On/Off Sequence (8/93)

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TOPIC -----

Could you explain the Macintosh Color Classic and Macintosh LC 520 Power On/Off sequence?

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh Color Classic and Macintosh LC 520 use a power on sequence that is slightly different from all previous Macintosh computers. The Color Classic and LC 520 incorporate a power switch across the incoming AC power. This switch is similar to the storage switch on the PowerBook 100 and need only be switched off when storing the machine or when removing the logic board. Otherwise, trickle power is always supplied to the logic board. This main power switch is located on the right back side of the computer right next to where the power cord plugs into the unit.

To start up the machine, rock the main power switch to the on position, then press the Power On key on the keyboard (the key with a triangle pointing to the left located either at the top center or at the top right of the keyboard).

Before assuming a Color Classic or LC 520 is defective, be sure to press the keyboard Power On key.

In addition, once the machine is started up, the Power On key also serves as a Shut Down key. The effect of pressing the Power On key is the same as choosing Shut Down from the Special menu. After the user is prompted to save any open documents, the system will shut down. Choosing Shut Down with the mouse or pressing the Power On/Off key accomplishes the same result.

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