

Macintosh: Startup Screen Color Shifts Caused by CLUT Matching

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TOPIC
When the startup screen on my Macintosh appears, it is first dark and then seems to lighten in tone. Why is this happening?
DISCUSSION
The changes to the display of your startup screen are caused by the color
look-up table (CLUT). The Macintosh has many color combinations available.
For example, on an 8-bit system, there is a choice of 256 colors out of 16
million possibilities. The computer stores a color look-up table for a
startup screen graphic, and what you're noticing is the time it takes the
Macintosh to match the graphic to the CLUT. During this matching, there is
also a shift in the intensity of colors displayed in the graphic.
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