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## Apple Serial Numbers are Mostly Random Digits

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TOPIC -----

I'm trying to track down the Macintosh model that these model and serial numbers apply to:

M5525 Macintosh IIfx? sn F3026MEAC40

M5780 Macintosh IIci? sn F1031DBY740

DISCUSSION -----

It is sometimes impossible to tell what the factory configuration was by the model number printed (or stamped) onto the unit. The model number designates a "family" of computers and has only one absolute requirement: the first letter (M = Macintosh, A = Apple II, etc.). The other digits are essentially random.

That last 5-6 digits in the serial number usually end with the model number, for example, F1234HYD34M5000. The M5000 is the model number.

In some specific cases you can figure it out, though: there was only one Macintosh 128K, for instance. In your case, however, we can't determine what the initial configuration was (which would enable us to discover the Finished Goods part numbers, eventually).

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