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PowerBook: Power, Reset & Interrupt Buttons (8/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the location of power, reset, and interrupt buttons on all Macintosh PowerBook models.

DISCUSSION -----

General Information: Power Buttons

The Power button on PowerBook models is usually located on the back panel of the unit close to the left side. When facing the computer, you should be able to use your left hand to reach around to the back of the PowerBook, open the back panel door, and operate the button. The Power button for PowerBook 200 models is located on the top right side of the keyboard. The PowerBook 100 has no Power button, just press any key on the keyboard to turn it on.

General Information: Reset and Interrupt Buttons

The Reset and Interrupt buttons are usually located in the back panel of the PowerBook, near the left hand side. PowerBook 200 models do not have Reset and Interrupt buttons, see the PowerBook 200 series section below for equivalent keyboard commands. On the PowerBook 100, the Reset and Interrupt buttons are located in a recessed area on the left side.

The Reset button is marked with a small triangle. Pushing the Reset button restarts the PowerBook; it is the same as turning the power switch off and then on.

The Interrupt button is marked with a small circle. It is used by Macintosh software programmers when writing applications and debugging them. Pushing the Interrupt switch produces a blank dialog box on the Macintosh screen. Programmers can then type codes to obtain the response or information they require from the Macintosh.

PowerBook Model Specifics

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- PowerBook 100:

- Power Button: No power button, press any key on the keyboard to turn it on.
- Reset and Interrupt buttons: Located in a recessed area on the left side. The Reset button is the closer of the two to the front of the PowerBook 100.

- PowerBook 140, 145, 145B, 160, 165, 165c, 170, 180, and 180c:
 - Power Button: Located on the back of the unit inside the back panel. Open the back panel door to operate the power button.
 - Reset and Interrupt buttons: Reset and Interrupt functions are accomplished by using a paper clip to press either button. They are recessed into the case at the back, both are marked as described above.

- PowerBook 520, 520c, 540, 540c:
 - Power Button: Located at the upper right of the keyboard. It can be identified by a circle with a vertical bar inside.
 - Reset and Interrupt buttons: Use the following keyboard commands:

To restart (Reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys.

To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

To power down, hold down the Command, Control, Option, and Power keys.

- PowerBook 5300 (all models) and PowerBook 190
 - Power Button: There are two - on the upper right of the keyboard and behind the access door on the back of the unit below the video connector.
 - Reset and Interrupt buttons: Use the following keyboard commands:

To restart (Reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys.

To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

- PowerBook Duo 210, 230, 250, 270c, 280, 280c, 2300, 2300c:
 - Power Button: There are two - on the upper right of the keyboard and on the back of the unit near the right side when facing the front of the unit.
 - Reset and Interrupt buttons: Use the following keyboard commands:

To restart (Reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys.

To Interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

- Duo Dock and Duo MiniDock:
 - Power Button: Located on the back of the unit near the left side when you facing the front of the unit.
 - Reset and Interrupt buttons: No reset or interrupt buttons. Use the power button to turn the unit off and on again.
 - Eject Button on the Duo Dock: Located on the right front of the Duo Dock, next to the opening. The Manual Eject button is located on the left hand side of the Duo Dock.

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