

Macintosh LC 520: Logic Board Features (6/93)

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This article is an overview of the Macintosh LC 520's logic board, with references to some other Macintosh models.

DISCUSSION -----

Like the Macintosh LC III, the Macintosh LC 520 uses a 25 MHz 68030 processor (with an optional 25 MHz 68882 floating point coprocessor) and uses a full 32-bit wide data bus. Combined, these features provide approximately twice the performance of the Macintosh LC II.

The Macintosh LC 520 uses the same 114-pin 68030 Processor Direct Slot (PDS) used by Macintosh LC III. This PDS slot has a special cutout that maintains compatibility with the 96-pin PDS cards designed for the Macintosh LC and LC II.

The Macintosh LC 520 comes with 4MB of RAM soldered on the logic board, plus 1MB in the 72-pin SIMM socket. Additional RAM SIMMs are available in 1MB, 2MB, 4MB, 8MB, 16MB, and 32MB capacities, for RAM expansion up to 36MB. SIMMs must be 72-pin past-paged mode, 80ns or faster.

Expansion is made easy through the use of a slide-out logic board, similar to the Macintosh Color Classic. Upgrading to a larger-capacity hard drive, for example, involves removing the bezel, sliding out the old drive, and sliding in the new drive. (You need the appropriate mounting bracket from the drive's manufacturer.) Copyright 1993, Apple Computer, Inc.

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