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Macintosh LC 500 Series: Flashing? At Startup (3/94)

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TOPIC
Upon startup, my Macintosh LC 5xx shows a flashing question mark on the screen. When I insert my Install Me First CD and restart the computer, it still refuses to boot up.
Trying to force it to startup from the CD by pressing the Command, Option, Shift, and Delete key combination to bypass the hard drive doesn't allow the system to boot either. What could be wrong?
DISCUSSION
Resetting the PRAM (Parameter RAM) by holding down the Command, Option, P, and R key combination at startup can fix this problem. If it will boot from the CD but not the hard drive, proceed with a clean reinstallation of the system software.
** NOTE: When trying to do keyboard commands before start up make, sure the CAPS LOCK key is not depressed.
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