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## Macintosh Portable and PowerBook: ADB Mouse Q & A 3/93

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TOPIC -----

This article contains questions and answers about ADB mouse devices and the Macintosh Portable and the Macintosh PowerBook.

DISCUSSION -----

- Q) Can I use the low-power ADB mouse that is available for the Macintosh PowerBook (and originally shipped with the Macintosh Portable) with other computers in the Macintosh family?
- A) Yes, you can use the low-power mouse with ANY Apple computer that has an ADB port. It is equipped with a ferrite EMI filter in the ADB connector to meet EMC standards specifically for the Macintosh Portable and PowerBook.
- Q) Can I use a standard ADB mouse with the Macintosh Portable or PowerBook?
- A) There are two standard ADB mouse devices available. One of these is low-powered. You should not connect either of the standard mouse devices to the Macintosh Portable or the PowerBook. This violates the FCC specifications and would draw too much power if it was not the low-power model.
- Q) Is there any visual way I can distinguish between the mouse devices?
- A) Yes:
- The standard mouse has an ADB connector that is approximately 0.5 inch long.
  - The standard low-power mouse also has an ADB connector that is approximately 0.5 inches long and there is a low-power symbol (a half circle with a dash across the top) on the product label.
  - The low-power mouse has an ADB connector that is approximately 1 inch long and also includes the low-power symbol (a half circle with a dash across the top) on the product label.

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