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PowerBook or Standard Keyboards: Using Easy Access (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

How can I activate Easy Access on a PowerBook without going through the Control Panel? The keyboard sequence Shift+Command+Clear doesn't work on the PowerBook since there's no Clear key. The Easy Access control panel also doesn't work on Macintosh computers with standard keyboards.

This would help when the mouse is failing or disabled.

DISCUSSION -----

We're assuming that you want to enable the Mouse Keys function of Easy Access. Basically, PowerBooks don't support Mouse Keys since they don't have a numeric keypad. Even if you enable Mouse Keys through the Control Panel, you'd need a keypad to move the pointer. We don't have a keypad to try this, but it should work.

When the mouse is inoperable, you might use the Sticky Keys portion of Easy Access. Press the Shift key five times to enable or disable Sticky Keys. For further information on how to use Easy Access on the PowerBooks, look on page 141 of the user's manual: "Macintosh User's Guide for Macintosh PowerBook Computers."

Also, there's an INIT called "MouseKeys" that will allow the PowerBook and computers with standard keyboards to access the functionality of Easy Access. This is unsupported free software from Apple.

These articles can help you locate software updates mentioned here:

- Where To Find Apple Software Updates
Lists online services for "free" Apple software updates
- Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA
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