

PowerBook Duo: Sliding Switch on Battery (6/93)

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TOPIC
What is the sliding switch on the side of the PowerBook Duo battery? When it is slid one way, an icon of a full battery shows. When the switch is slid the other way, an empty battery icon is revealed.
DISCUSSION
The slider on the left side of the PowerBook Duo battery, visible only when the battery is removed from the PowerBook Duo, is a convenience for the user:After charging a battery, the user may slide the switch to indicate that the battery is fully charged.When a depleted battery is removed from the PowerBook Duo, the user may slide the switch to show that the battery needs a charge.
When using multiple batteries, this avoids confusion and shows at a glance which batteries are charged and which need to be recharged.
The position of this switch does not affect actual usage of the battery in the PowerBook Duo, and it does not slide automatically; it is merely an indicator for the user, set by the user.
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