PowerBook: PCMCIA Expnsn Module Replacement Which Sftwr? (5/96)

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TOPIC --

I just got a new Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion module for my PowerBook 500 series
computer. Why didn't I get a manual or any documentation? Which version of the
PC Card Software do I need to install?

DISCUSSION --

Some customers will receive the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module through Apple's
free upgrade program. Through this program, customers can have an older Rev. A
or Rev. B PCMCIA Expansion Module exchanged with a Rev. C module at no cost by
calling 800-SOS-APPL or going to an Apple service center.

Rev. C Replacement Modules Are Service Parts

Customers should be made aware that because they are receiving a service part
not a Finished Goods part, the Rev. C module will not come with any
documentation or software.

Use PC Card Software 2.0 Update ONLY!

*** WARNING ***
Do not attempt to "flash" or update the EPROMs of the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion
Module with PCMCIA Update 1.0 or 1.0.1 software. Doing so downgrades the module
and could render it inoperable, requiring a replacement.

The Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module requires PC Card Software 2.0. This software
can be custom installed from System 7.5.2 (with enabler v1.2 or later) or System
7.5.3. It can also be downloaded from Apple Software Updates sites on the
Internet, America Online, CumpuServe and AppleLink.

These articles can help you locate the software update mentioned here:

• "Where To Find Apple Software Updates" - Lists online services for free Apple
software updates.

• "Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA" - Lists 800 numbers and online
services for software updates, Apple support information, and a subset of the
Apple Tech Info Library.

Downgraded By Mistake?

If you have already downgraded the module's EPROMs by running the older PC Card
Software, you will need to have the module replaced by calling 800-SOS-APPL or
taking the module to an Apple service center.

Which PC Cards Will Work?

With the new software (2.0) and the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module, you should
be able to use PC Cards that worked with previous modules plus certain cards
that may not have worked with older modules.

Ejecting a PC Card

The PCMCIA Eject control panel and Control Strip module are not needed with the
new software and will not work. To eject a PC Card, make sure that it is not in
use. Then drag it to the Trash as you would do with a floppy disk.

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