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Powerbook 500 Brightness & Contrast Don't Work After Upgrd(10/96)

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TOPIC -----

After upgrading my Powerbook 500 series computer with the Power PC upgrade the brightness and contrast buttons no longer have any effect when it is starting up. This only happens when I start from the battery, not when it is plugged into the AC power.

DISCUSSION -----

Issue

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When using system software older than 7.5.5 on a Powerbook 500 series computer with the Power PC upgrade, the Display Brightness control push button does not work unless AC Power is connected.

If you adjust the brightness or contrast while the unit is starting up, and running from the battery, those controls will become locked in at the current brightness/contrast setting.

Workaround

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Do not adjust brightness or contrast until the unit fully comes up to the desktop. If you wait until the computer is finished starting up to make adjustments, the brightness and contrast buttons will work normally.

Resolution

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System Software 7.5.5

System Software 7.5.2 v 1.2 is the version of system software which originally shipped with the Powerbook 500 series computer Power PC upgrade. Installing System Software version 7.5.5 fixes display brightness issue.

Alternate Solution

Newer Technology has created a system extension that corrects this issue. It is called NUpower Backlight Fix and can be found on the internet at www.newertech.com on the Free Software page.*

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