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## PowerBook 5300: Can The Hard Drive Be Partitioned? (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

Is hard drive partitioning a supported option with the Macintosh PowerBook 5300 series computers?

DISCUSSION -----

Partitioning either SCSI or IDE Apple hard drives is now supported using the Drive Setup utility posted online. This is discussed in the Drive Setup Guide that is included with the application.

The following is a copy of the Drive Setup Guide statement.

Drive Setup can initialize, partition, and test all of the following:

- Most Apple-qualified SCSI internal drives
- Some Apple-qualified IDE/ATA drives, except an IDE/ATA drive in a PowerBook expansion bay (PC Card, or PCMCIA drives)
- Some 3.5" and 5.25" magneto-optical drives manufactured by Sony, Ricoh, and Fujitsu
- Some 3.5" and 5.25" removable devices manufactured by Syquest and Bernoulli

If you have a CD-ROM drive, it will appear in the Drive Setup List of Drives, but you cannot mount, initialize, partition, or test a CD-ROM disc.

\*\*\*\* Important Note \*\*\*\*

To find out if a particular model of drive is supported by Drive Setup, and for any other information about the drive, contact the drive's manufacturer.

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#### How to Use The Drive Setup Guide

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If you would like to look this up in the Drive Setup Guide launch the Drive Setup application then use the following path: Pull down AppleGuide menu (Question Mark icon) in the upper right corner of the Menubar, select Drive Setup Guide, select General and then select storage devices.

These articles can help you locate the Drive Setup 1.0.3 software 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.

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