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PowerBook: Hard Drive Spins Up After Spin Down Command (4/95)

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TOPIC -----

When I use the Control Strip on my PowerBook to "Spin Down Internal Hard Disk," my hard drive will spin up after a minute or so. Why does it spin up when I'm not actually saving or accessing the hard drive at the time?

DISCUSSION -----

There are two types of files that may cause this to happen.

1. If you are running any applications that automatically update a file or monitor activity, the hard drive may spin up to either read or save. Such programs include anti-virus, backup, spell checkers, and compression software.

The application may also need to load in resources which were not loaded when it launched. The same could hold true for system software resources that become needed after the drive spins down.

2. Some Extensions and Control Panels may cause the hard drive to spin up. When running on battery power, use the Extensions Manager to turn off as many Extensions and Control Panels as possible. This may help to eliminate spurious background activity.

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