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PowerBook 5300 & 190: Turns Off When In Target Disk Mode (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

When trying to use my PowerBook computer in Target (SCSI) Disk Mode I follow this procedure: connect the SCSI cables, turn on the PowerBook computer, wait for the lit grey screen on the PowerBook, and then turn on my desktop computer. As soon as the desktop computer powers on, the PowerBook computer immediately powers off. Why?

DISCUSSION -----

It is possible that the situation you are experiencing is a result of not deactivating the PowerBook Password Security software. When activating the PowerBook Password Security, a message appears which says, "Important: You must turn off password protection before using this PowerBook in SCSI disk mode."

The reason you need to turn off the PowerBook Password Security is that if the PowerBook is accessed by an unsupported computer (as in Target/SCSI Disk mode) the PowerBook computer will turn itself off for protection.

To correct the situation, you must follow these steps:

Step 1

Shut down both the PowerBook and Desktop computers and any other devices in the SCSI chain

Step 2

Disconnect the PowerBook SCSI cable from the back of the PowerBook.

Step 3

Power on the PowerBook computer.

Step 4

Open the Password Security control panel and set the Password Security to off instead of on.

Step 5

Shut down the PowerBook computer and reconnect the SCSI cable(s).

Step 6

Start up the PowerBook computer.

Step 7

Power on all other SCSI devices (if present). Then start up the desktop computer.

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