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AV Series: 800K ProDOS Disks and Apple File Exchange (4/95)

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TOPIC ---

I have a large number of 800K ProDOS disks containing AppleWorks GS files which
I would like to copy to my Quadra 660AV using Apple File Exchange. However,
success in both mounting and reading this disks is inconsistent. At times, it
takes two to three minutes to mount the disk for translation within Apple File
Exchange. Other times, the disk cannot be read at all.

DISCUSSION --

ProDOS disks originally formatted on an Apple IIgs and then inserted into an AV
Series Macintosh running Apple File Exchange 7.0 can take up to two or three
minutes before the contents of the disk are displayed in the right side window
of Apple File Exchange.

However, upon inserting a ProDOS disk Apple File Exchange does not indicate that
any activity is taking place. For example, the cursor doesn't change into a
watch, menus don't respond, or the floppy is accessed intermittently resulting
in the appearance that the Macintosh might have frozen or crashed. Once the
ProDOS disk contents are displayed however, complete functionality is restored
to the Macintosh.

Therefore, Apple recommends patience when attempting to read ProDOS disks when
using Apple File Exchange 7.0. Subsitiuting Macintosh PC Exchange version 2.0 or
later for Apple File Exchange is a good alternative to waiting for Apple File
Exchange, since Macintosh PC Exchange does recognize ProDOS disk formats.
However, any version of PC Exchange prior to 2.0 will not work.

Another work around is connect the Apple IIgs to the Centris 660AV using an
AppleTalk network and transferring any ProDOS files to the AV Series Macintosh
using System 7.x FileSharing.

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