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Macintosh Performa: Inserting a New Floppy Disk (3/93)

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When I inserted a brand new blank diskette into the computer, the screen
did not show the dialog box that the manual says it should. The floppy disk
appears as if it has been used already, though there is nothing on it. Why
is this?

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The most likely reason for this is that the diskette has been formatted by
the manufacturer. You won't see the dialog asking if you want to format a
diskette unless it is truly blank. Check the packaging that came with your
floppy disks to see if they have been preformatted at the factory.

If you are running Macintosh PC Exchange, which is included with certain
Performa models, even preformatted DOS disks will appear on the desktop
without you being asking whether you want to initialize them (again, the
packaging should indicate for which type of computer the disks are formatted).

If you find yourself with a preformatted DOS disk, just select Erase Disk from
the Special menu, and PC Exchange (if installed) will present you with a choice
of formats in a pulldown menu. Choose Macintosh, erase the disk, and you'll
be all set.
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