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Macintosh Performa: System Disks Not Included (7/95)

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TOPIC -----

I just purchased a Performa computer, and I think I'm missing something from my package. Where are the system disks? And where are the master disks for the application software that was included with my Performa? Everything is on the hard drive, but what happens if something happens to the software there?

DISCUSSION -----

You are not missing anything. The Performa line of computers comes with Apple Backup, a software utility that allows you to backup the entire hard drive, including system software and application software, onto high density floppy disks. You can buy blank floppy disks at many office supply stores, as well as from computer retailers.

Many later Performa computers come with the Performa Backup CD. Computers that include the Performa Backup CD are:

- Macintosh Performa 550 (later versions)
- Macintosh Performa 575, 577, 578
- Macintosh Performa 630CD, 635CD, 636CD, 637CD, 638CD
- Macintosh Performa 5200 series
- Macintosh Performa 6110CD, 6112CD, 6115CD, 6118CD

This disc contains all the software that is pre-loaded on your hard drive including system software and third party programs. If you have this disc, it is not necessary for you to run the Apple Backup program to back up your pre-loaded software. However, you should still back up your personal files and any other software you add later.

If at some time you remove software from your computer, you will need to use the backup disks you create and run the Apple Restore program or use the Performa Backup CD to restore the software. This procedure will restore all the programs, but will replace them so that there are no duplicate copies on your hard drive. You will not lose any personal files.

Backing up regularly is a good habit to get into, as it provides a way for you to recover important documents that you have created, as well

as system software and applications, should anything ever happen to your hard drive.

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