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Macintosh Performa: Using Auto Power On/Off Control Panel (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

I just installed the Auto Power On/Off control panel from a System 7.5 CD on my Macintosh Performa 5300CD. It appears to be working properly, but since this software did not come with my computer, I am wondering if I can safely use this control panel.

DISCUSSION -----

The Auto Power On/Off control panel can be used to turn the computer ON and OFF at specified times. It can only be used on computers, including many Macintosh Performa computers, that can be turned off using the Shut Down command (soft power off) and that have the "Cuda" ADB controller chip. A complete listing of compatible computers is in the Tech Info Library article, "Energy Saving Control Panels: Description & Compatibility."

Although the Auto Power On/Off control panel is compatible with many Macintosh Performa computers, it is not bundled with them. Many Macintosh Performa computers include modems and MegaPhone software, which allow you to use your computer as an answering machine. If you have installed Auto Power On/Off, it is possible for your computer to be inadvertently shut down while your computer is set to answer phone messages. To avoid this, Macintosh Performa computers do not ship with the Auto Power On/Off control panel.

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