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## SCSI Terminators: Use at Both Ends of SCSI Chain (7/93)

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### TOPIC -----

I bought an AppleCD 300 drive to use with my Performa 450. The Apple dealer sold me a SCSI cable to connect the two and everything seems to work fine. However, the CD manual says I need a terminator connected to the CD-ROM drive. Is this true?

### DISCUSSION -----

With the proper cables, you need a terminator on the beginning of the SCSI chain, as well as one on the end. The internal hard drive is the beginning of the chain, so it's already terminated. Whatever is the last (or only) external device should be terminated. Failure to do so could possibly cause data integrity issues.

In other words, you should get a terminator for your CD-ROM drive. It may be working fine now, but at some point a CD may not mount successfully, or you may experience errors reading from the drive.

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