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Macintosh: Products for Making Slides

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TOPIC -----

Are there products that produce a slide directly (internally) from a computer's screen image?

DISCUSSION -----

There are several products available for the Macintosh that generate slides from screen images. Look into any of these:

- Still Light from American Liquid Light
- PhotoMetric SlideMaker from General Parametrics Corp.
- Bravo Computer Slide Maker (BCSM) from Polaroid Corp.
- SlideWriter from Agfa Compugraphic Division

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Still Light from American Liquid Light

Still Light is a digital film recorder that captures images and generates boardroom-quality 35mm slides, negatives, transparencies, or instant prints.

Drawing on up to 16.5 million colors, Still Light accepts PICT or PICT II files from popular Macintosh applications. Because of its batch processing capability, it can produce up to 36 images, unattended, without having to load the software where the files were created.

Still Light's standard features include the Still Light video graphics card, software, adapter cables, film recorder, 35mm camera back with autowinder, instant film back for 3.25x4.25-inch print film, Polaroid Instant Film Processor and slide-mounting accessories. Optional features include a 4x5-inch film back, 8x10-inch film back, and 35mm motion picture back.

PhotoMetric SlideMaker from General Parametrics Corp.

The PhotoMetric SlideMaker is a desktop film recorder for the production of boardroom-quality 35mm slides. Features include: 4K addressability; full-color online preview; automatic text kerning for typeset quality; shaded (gradated) backgrounds; and automatic film loading, advancing, and exposure calibration.

Users can automatically shoot a single image, a series of images, or multiple copies of one or more images with no adjustments or exposure settings. A wide variety of popular film types are supported.

Bravo Computer Slide Maker (BCSM) from Polaroid Corp.

The Polaroid Bravo Computer Slide Maker (BCSM) is a digital film recorder capable of creating images with addressable resolutions of up to 8,000 lines. It has a palette of up to 16.7 million colors and produces both instant and conventionally processed boardroom-quality 35mm slides. Image resolution is software selectable.

The BCSM accepts Polaroid High Contrast PolaChrome instant color, Polaroid Presentation Chrome conventional, and other ISO 100 35mm slide films.

SlideWriter from Agfa Compugraphic Division

SlideWriter is a high-quality 35mm slide maker for business presentations, graphic design, image recording, and so on. Features include very high-resolution 35mm slides (2,048 or 4,096 pixels per scan line), virtually unlimited colors selectable from a palette of 16 million colors, and fast recording.

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