Macintosh: Color Startup Icon (8/93)

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TOPIC ---

I have a Quadra 700 running System 7.0.1 connected to a third party color
monitor. When I turn the computer on, the Macintosh icon in the "Welcome to
Macintosh" window appears in black and white instead of color.

I zapped the parameter RAM (random-access memory) and have changed the
Monitors control panel from millions of colors to display 256 colors. When I
restarted the Macintosh icon returned to color. Can you explain this?

DISCUSSION --

This behavior is probably due to the color settings being partially stored in
PRAM (parameter RAM) and partially in the Finder Preferences file. Some color
information may have been restored on the first restart after zapping PRAM but
the settings for the startup screen need to be explicitly set by using the
Monitors control panel. You essentially performed the procedure outlined below
and were successful.

Start with the system running with color on and the startup icon appears in
color. Reset PRAM by holding down the Command-Option-P-R keys during the
startup process. The Welcome to Macintosh screen and all the desktop icons
will appear in black and white only. Without doing anything else restart the
system again. The Welcome to Macintosh screen will still be in black and
white but the desktop icons will be in color again.

Open the Monitors control panel and change the color/gray scale settings to
something else and then back again to the desired setting and restart. The
Welcome to Macintosh screen should now appear in color.
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