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## PowerBook 5300: What Is The Slow SCSI Extension? (9/96)

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TOPIC-----

Several PowerBook owners I know told me that I need to install something called the Slow SCSI Extension on my PowerBook 5300. What is it? How do I know if I really need it? Where can I get it?

DISCUSSION-----

The Slow SCSI Extension is an INIT for PowerBook 5300 series computers that addresses a potential conflict with slow SCSI devices such as 1x CD-ROM drives (like the Apple CD150), Zip drives, and PowerBooks in SCSI disk mode. Not all PowerBooks will experience the problem and a PowerBook that does may not experience the problem all the time (even with different units of the same make and model).

Do I Really Need This Extension?

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It is important to note that you should only install this extension if you are experiencing constant freezes or crashes when transferring files with a particular slow SCSI device.

Installing this extension will impact (slow down) performance with ALL SCSI devices by 10 to 50 percent, so you should only install it if it is absolutely needed. You can use the Extensions Manager control panel to disable Slow SCSI Extension when it is not needed .

Installation

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To install Slow SCSI Extension, put it in the Extensions folder and restart your computer.

Where To Find The Software

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This software is posted to the "Unsupported" section of Apple Software Updates. It is provided "as is" and is not supported by Apple technical support.

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For reference, the path to the software is as follows -

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