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System 7: Initialize Drive if Disk First Aid Can't Repair

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TOPIC ---

What should I do if Apple's "Disk First Aid" utility reports that it is
unable to repair a disk's directory?

DISCUSSION --

If the Macintosh has been started up with the System 7 "Disk Tools" floppy
disk and Disk First Aid cannot repair a hard drive's directory, the drive
must be reinitialized with an appropriate formatting utility. Apple hard
drives are initialized with Apple's HD SC Setup utility. Third-party hard
drives require System 7-compatible initializing/formatting software
supplied by the vendor.

IMPORTANT: Before initializing the drive, make at least one backup of the
drive using System 7-compatible backup software, otherwise you will lose
everything on the drive.
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