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System 7.5.3: No Translucent Icons Available on Monitor (5/96)

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TOPIC -----

I have a PowerBook 5300 with an built-in grayscale monitor and I just upgraded to System 7.5.3. The System 7.5 Update 2.0 Read Me files say there is a new "translucent dragging" feature for PowerPC-based computers, but I do not seem to have this feature. Why not?

DISCUSSION -----

Because translucent dragging mixes the color of the first icon being dragged with any grays or colors in the background that it is being dragged over, a palette of at least 256 grays or colors is required to make the feature work. If you set the Monitors control panel to a bit-depth below 256 grays or colors, the icons will not be translucent when dragged, they will simply be outlined.

Because the grayscale version of the PowerBook 5300/100 computer* is only capable of displaying 4-bit (16 shades) of gray on the internal monitor, it cannot display the translucent dragging feature. If an external monitor with greater than 256 grays or colors is connected, the feature will work on that external monitor.

NOTE:

*All other models of the PowerBook 5300 series computers are capable of translucent dragging.

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