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Macintosh Plus External 800K Disk Drive: Formatting environments

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Whenever possible, you should update your application disks with the latest System and Finder files.

Below is a list of environments and the consequences for formatting, either in erasing or initializing.

1. Finder 4.1 with System less than 3.0

- a. Initializing: Does not initialize a blank diskette in either drive and displays the message "Init failed".

Using Finder 4.1 with System 2.0, we were able to initialize double-sided disks with no failures. This environment always formatted the disk as an 800K volume.

- b. Erasing: When you choose to erase, the Macintosh Plus erases a disk as an 800K volume, even if the disk was previously formatted as a 400K volume.

2. Finder 4.1 with System 3.0

- a. Initializing: Asks if you want single- or double-sided.
- b. Erasing: Only double-sided disks (800K)

2. Finder 5.1 with System 3.0

- a. Initializing: Asks if you want single or double sided.
- b. Erasing: Single- or double-sided

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