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Macintosh: The Dangers of Drag-Copying System Folders

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TOPIC -----

By not using the Installer program to install a Macintosh System on a hard disk, what potential problems might I run into?

Also, is there any way to tell if a Macintosh System was installed correctly or drag-copied?

DISCUSSION -----

When a System is drag-copied onto a disk rather than installed using the Installer, the System becomes unstable. There are several symptoms:

- The System bombs often.
- The System hangs without error messages.
- Applications unexpectedly quit.

There is no way to tell which Systems have been installed using the Installer and which have not. The best thing to do is to remove a suspect System Folder and reinstall using the Installer application.

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