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## Locked Disk: You Can Copy From It But Not To It (7/93)

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### TOPIC -----

I recently used Apple Restore to successfully restore my hard drive. I later discovered that the floppy disks I used to restore were protected. So I'm curious how a protected disk can be copied.

### DISCUSSION -----

A "protected" or "locked" disk, using the tabs on the back of the disk, means that its contents at that time can't be altered. You can copy information from it, but not to it.

Because you aren't altering the contents of the disk by copying information from it, the disk will allow you to copy. Therefore, your restore was successful because the Apple restore application had no problems getting the information it needed. If you ever tried to copy to the protected disks or use them with Apple Backup, you'd then run into a problem.

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