

Apple 1 GB SCSI Drives: SCSI-2 Support (1/96)

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TOPIC -----

Does the 1 GB drive that Apple is shipping support SCSI-2 mode? If not, is operating in SCSI-2 mode a matter of a new driver or hardware?

DISCUSSION -----

The 1 GB hard drives Apple uses support SCSI-2 mode. However, as of the modification date of this article, the only Macintosh computers that support SCSI-2 data transfer rates (10 MB per second) are the Power Macintosh 7500, 8500, and 9500 computers and only when the drive is connected to the internal SCSI bus. All hard drives that ship with these computers are SCSI-2 compliant.

The 1 GB hard drive from Apple is a model ST11200N from Seagate. This high capacity, high performance drive has an embedded SCSI controller. This model's interface is defined for functional compatibility to a subset of the Seagate SCSI-2 interface specifications and the ANSI SCSI-2 standard. The ST11200N/ND family of drives can be changed back and forth between SCSI-1 and SCSI-2 modes using the Change Definition Command.

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