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LaserWriter Pro: Internal SCSI Cable Not Available (6/93)

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TOPIC -----

Looking through Service Source, I found that Apple Service offers a hard drive mount kit for the LaserWriter Pro, however, I see no mention of an internal SCSI cable.

- 1) Does Apple plan to sell SCSI cables for use in the LaserWriter Pro?
- 2) Can I use a PowerBook 2.5" HDA in a LaserWriter Pro?

DISCUSSION -----

- 1) Apple will not offer a SCSI cable because Apple has not tested or qualified Apple hard drives in this printer.
- 2) Apple has not tested or qualified PowerBook hard drives, or any drives for that matter, in the LaserWriter Pro.

Apple Service has the "Drive Mount" available for purchase so 3rd Party drive manufacturers can sell their 2.5" drive and cable for the LaserWriter Pro.

Our customers have expressed interest in building their own cable so that they can install hard drives that are; for example, left over from PowerBook upgrades. Apple has been unable to locate the 40 pin connector in electronic stores. The spacing of the pins is 2mm rather than the common .1" standard found on most connectors used for SCSI hard drives.

Again, if you choose to build a cable and use a PowerBook 2.5" drive in the LaserWriter Pro, Apple will not support it.

2.5" HDA Pin-outs
-----Unused I 1 2 I Unused

+5V Logic I 1 2 I +5V Logic Logic Ret I 3 4 I Logic Ret GND I 5 6 I DB0 GND I 7 8 I DB1 GND I 9 10 I DB2 GND I 11 12 I DB3 GND I 13 14 I DB4 GND I 15 16 I DB5 KEY I NC 18 I DB6 GND I 19 20 I DB7 GND I 21 22 I Parity GND I 23 24 I Term. Power ATN I 25 26 I BSY GND I 27 28 I ACK RST I 29 30 I MSG GND I 31 32 I SEL I/O I 33 34 I C/D GND I 35 36 I REQ Motor Ret I 37 38 I Motor Ret +5V Logic I 39 40 I +5V Motor

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