

MacTest MP: Color Bars Not Supported

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TOPIC -----

Why doesn't MacTest MP 1.2 support color when running the video tests?

DISCUSSION -----

Several groups within Apple decided to remove color support from the video tests to prevent technicians from improperly adjusting the monitors using only the color bars as a reference tool. Adjusting a color monitor using color bars requires an expensive piece of test equipment called a color temperature analyzer. To minimize the capital investment costs for service providers, Apple created a method by which video adjustments can be made using an inexpensive light meter and plastic video alignment tools.

The small Apple in the upper left corner of the Macintosh display can be used to verify that color is present. If Apple's color monitor adjustment procedures are followed carefully when setting up the gray bars, properly adjusted colors will result.

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