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Macintosh Classic: Internal Terminator Installation

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TOPIC -----

Some Macintosh Classic computers with an internal terminator have difficulty starting an external hard drive. The problem is caused by an incorrectly installed internal terminator. This article tells you how to install the terminator correctly.

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh Classic, like the Macintosh IIcx and the Macintosh LC, includes an internal terminator on the logic board when it ships in a floppy-disk-only configuration. The current Macintosh terminator is unkeyed, so it's possible to insert it into the logic board in six different positions. Only one of these positions is correct.

Here are instructions for correct terminator installation:

- 1) Be sure the following two parts line up:
 - The white silk-screened key (located on the side of the terminator that contains the orange resistor packs, and
 - The notch in the black SCSI socket on the logic board.
- 2) Make sure the orange resistor packs lie between the external SCSI DB25 connector (J4) and the black 50-pin SCSI socket (J5).
- 3) Ensure that the terminator is centered.

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