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PowerBook Fax/Data Modem: Remote Fax Machine Connection

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TOPIC -----

We're experiencing problems with the PowerBook's FAX capability and the AT&T Enhanced FAX service. The problem occurs during the handshaking sequence that initiates the FAX session. AT&T tells us that in their handshakes 4 byte DIF, the extend bit in the 3rd byte is set to 0. AT&T said that this is a little unusual, but shouldn't pose a problem for the PowerBooks.

Does this cause a problem for the PowerBooks FAX board, or do we need to begin looking elsewhere to diagnose the handshaking incompatibility?

DISCUSSION -----

Engineering tested this with the extend bit in the 3rd byte set to 0, and it didn't cause any problems.

Before it was shipped, the PowerBook Fax/Data modem was tested with 80 different fax machines for compatibility without any problems.

Here are two scenarios where you might encounter connection problems:

- If you attempt to send a document in "fine" resolution and the remote fax machine doesn't support it, the fax modem will disconnect.
- If you attempt to send a document in US legal format and the remote fax machine can't support "unlimited" length format, the fax modem will disconnect.

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