PowerBook 150: Ships with Main Battery Removed (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

As of date code EE438 (first few characters of the serial number), Apple will be shipping the PowerBook 150 with the battery removed from the machine.

The battery will be placed in a protective case and shipped inside the accessory box. A spare battery door will be placed over the empty compartment to cover it.

DISCUSSION -----

Customers may have some difficulty with this, in that they may not realize the battery isn't installed. Calls may be generated with customers saying that they are having a problem with the machine not running from battery, or saying that the battery doesn't show up in the Control Strip.

Please check to make sure that the battery is actually in the unit.

Due to the way that the PowerBook 150 power circuit works, if you insert a charged battery, the machine will typically power on by itself. If the backup battery is very low, sometimes the machine will generate a 4 tone error chime. If the machine is restarted on the AC Adapter, it will power back up fine.

This reason for removing the battery is to prevent the machine from powering itself on during shipping, and draining the batteries (main and backup).

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