

Power Macintosh 5200: 8 bit Or 16 bit Sound? (11/95)

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TOPIC -----

I have heard that there will be two different logic boards for the 5200 series of Macintosh computers. Reportedly one will have 8-bit audio and the other will have 16-bit audio. Is it true? If so, is there any easy way to tell the difference between the two?

DISCUSSION -----

There are two versions of the logic board for the Macintosh 5200 Series.

- Apple released a LC and a Performa version in April which has 8-bit sound.
- Apple released 16-bit sound in July for the new Macintosh Performa computers.

However, the original Performa 5200 configurations still have 8-bit sound. Plans to transition those configurations to 16-bit sound are in development. In September of 1995 we will start making logic boards with 16-bit sound for the LC version of the 5200.

Below is information, such as order number, release date, and the last three digits of the serial number, that you can use when determining which versions customers have.

Additionally, there are markings (EEE#) on the logic board so Service Providers can distinguish between the logic boards. These notes will be added to Module ID Guide as well.

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		Release			
Order no.	Product Name	Date	Sound	Serial	EEE#
M3947LL/A	5200 LC 8/500/CD	4/95	8-bit	4P7	4V3
M3917LL/A	5200 LC 8/500/CD/VI/TV	4/95	8-bit	4P9	4V3
M3947LL/B	5200 LC 8/500/4XCD	7/95	8-bit	5NP	4V3
M3947LL/C	5200 LC 8/800/4XCD	9/95	16-bit	67Z	5NR

M3940LL/A	5200 Performa	8/500/CD	4/95	8-bit	4P7	4V3
M3941LL/A	5200 Performa	8/500/CD/TV/VI	4/95	8-bit	4X7	4V3
M4110LL/A	5200 Performa	8/790/4XCD/14.4	7/95	16-bit	5KV	5NR
M4107LL/A	5215 Performa	8/1000/4XCD/14.4	7/95	16-bit	5BY	5NR

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If you encounter a serial number not listed here, then you can identify the Primetime chip itself by looking at the manufacturing part number at location U6, near the LC-PDS connector:

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Manufacturing P/N	Primetime chip	Sound	Replacement P/N	EEE#
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343S0138	II	8-bit	661-0931	4V3
343S1189	III	16-bit	661-1008	5NR

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Notes: 1. There is a related TIL article, "Macintosh 5200 Series: Which Support 16-bit Sound?", which is avilable for the general public.

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