Power Macintosh 7200 and 9500: Generic Icon on Startup CD 12/95

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TOPIC ---

The Macintosh CD-ROM disc that came with my Power Macintosh 7200 displays
generic icons for some of its files. Specifically, the Disk First Aid utility.
Does this mean that the disc is bad or there is a problem with my computer's
software or hardware?

DISCUSSION --

The problem you are encountering is a minor one related to the Desktop file on
your hard drive or the CD-ROM disc itself.

A critical step in the production of CD-ROM discs is to rebuild the desktop
before mastering the disc. Rebuilding the desktop resolves problems with generic
icons on volumes that are able to be modified. Most CD-ROM discs are read only
and cannot be modified. Therefore, rebuilding the desktop after the disc has
been pressed will not help.

The Macintosh CD-ROM for the Power Macintosh 7200 and 9500 computers did get
pressed with some generic icons. In most cases the functionality of the files on
the disc is not affected. Applications that have generic icons will still launch
and function normally.

Documents that have generic icons may not be linked by the Desktop DB to the
appropriate application that can open them. If you know which application should
open the generic document in question, you can drag it on top of that
application, if the application highlights, release the mouse button, and the
document will open. If you do not know which application a document belongs to,
you can drag the file to your hard drive and rebuild your desktop on the next
restart to have the Desktop DB link the appropriate application (if it exists on
your hard drive) to the document.

In some cases, you need to have the application that opens a given file on your
hard drive at startup in order for the Desktop DB to recognize the file on the
CD-ROM. An example of this would be a HyperCard stack on a CD-ROM disc but no
HyperCard application on the computer in which you are using the disc. The stack
on the disc will display a generic icon until you install the HyperCard

application on the hard drive and rebuild the desktop.

For more information on this subject, see the TIL article "Generic Icons: Applications on Removable Media".

For instructions on how to rebuild the desktop file, see the TIL article "System 7.x: Desktop File Rebuilding and Icon Recovery".

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