

TechStep: Test Manager Entry Problems

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TOPIC -----

I'm using Apple TechStep with a Macintosh IIcx with 4MB RAM, a Macintosh Display Card 8.24, and an AppleColor High-Resolution RGB Monitor, and I can't get the Macintosh into Test Manager mode.

DISCUSSION -----

Here are some possible causes and fixes for Test Manager entry problems:

- Video Cards
 - If a Macintosh Display Card 4.8, 8.24, or 8.24 GC is installed in the Macintosh you are testing, the system will not enter the Test Manager (even manually). Some non-Apple video cards also may cause Test Manager entry problems. If you experience this problem, power off the system and either disconnect the monitor cable from the card or remove the card before you try to put the Macintosh into Test Manager mode.
- Cable Connections
 - Check the SCSI, ADB, and modem cable connections between Apple TechStep and the Unit Under Test (UUT). All three cables must be properly connected for the Apple TechStep tstMd (Test Manager) feature to work.
- ROM-Related
 - The Test Manager code resides in the Macintosh ROM. If the UUT has problems entering the Test Manager, this may indicate a ROM failure or another problem preventing access to ROM, like a missing ROM jumper on the Macintosh IIcx logic board or a mis-seated ROM (especially after a ROM upgrade).

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