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What Changed When GeoPort Went To /C Part Number (4/95)

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TOPIC -----

What changed when GeoPort went to /C part numbers?

DISCUSSION -----

The change in the Apple GeoPort Adapter was the addition of Apple Telecommunication 2.0 and MegaPhone, a screen-based telephony application. The finished goods part numbers were revised as follows:

M1694LL/B to M1694LL/C (Centris/Quadra 660AV and Quadra 840AV)

M3127LL/A to M3127LL/C (Power Macintosh)

The reason for the difference is the DSP code for which Apple pays royalties to AT&T. The 660AV and 840AV computers utilize the DSP code written by AT&T, and the signals are processed through the DSP chip on these computers. The Power Macintosh solution utilizes the PowerPC processor chip, NOT a DSP chip, and the code is different and written by Apple. The way to distinguish the difference between the two, and ensure that proper royalties are paid to AT&T, was to come up with separate marketing part numbers.

The M3127LL is skipping over /B for the sake of uniformity. For future reference, /C and beyond, will indicate the product includes Apple Telecommunication 2.0 software and Screen-based telephony software.

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