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Apple Presentation System: Frequently Asked Questions (7/95)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains common questions with the L•TV Portable Pro made by Focus. This is the same device as the Apple Presentation System (M2895 & M289511/a). These Questions and Answers were provided by Focus Enhancements.

DISCUSSION -----

Question: With which Macintosh Computers does the L•TV Portable Pro work?

Answer: The L•TV Portable Pro works with any Macintosh that has a VGA or Apple 13/14-inch RGB output. This list includes (but is not limited to) any PowerBook with VGA or Apple 13/14-inch RGB output, Macintosh LC, Performa 400-600 models, Centris, Quadra, or other Macintosh systems with VGA video out.

Question: Which Apple monitors work with the L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: The L•TV Portable Pro works with Apple monitors that support the 640x480 screen resolution. Apple 13- and 14-inch monitors should work. The following monitors do not work:

- Macintosh 12-inch RGB Display
- Macintosh Portrait Display
- Macintosh 16-inch Color Display
- Two-Page Monochrome Display
- Macintosh 21-inch Color Display
- Multiple Scan Displays, when set to screen resolutions higher than 640x480

Question: Can I give my presentation on the TV and my Apple monitor at the same time?

Answer: Yes. The L•TV Portable Pro supports Presentation Mode (mirror mode) when using an Apple 13/14-inch monitor, or a VGA compatible monitor.

Question: Can I record to video tape using L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: Yes. If your VCR has a video input jack, you may connect the L•TV Portable Pro output to the input of the VCR. Record as you normally would record off the television.

Question: Does the L•TV Portable Pro slow my computer down?

Answer: No. The L•TV Portable Pro is connected to the built in video of your Macintosh, so the television acts as if it were an Apple monitor.

Question: What kind of TV do I need to display with L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: Any NTSC or PAL compatible television. This includes most televisions that are manufactured for use in the United States, Japan, and Europe. There are two versions of the L•TV Portable Pro one for NTSC and one for PAL signals. The broadcast signal used in your country determines which version of the L•TV Portable Pro you receive.

Question: Does L•TV Portable Pro come with cables?

Answer: Yes. The L•TV Portable Pro comes with RCA, S-Video, Audio and Macintosh video connection cables. Power supply and stand are also included.

Question: How long is the supplied cable?

Answer: 10 feet.

Question: How many colors does the L•TV Portable Pro let me display on my television?

Answer: As many as your Macintosh delivers. The L•TV Portable Pro looks like a monitor to a Macintosh, and does not hinder video performance.

Question: How much does L•TV Portable Pro weigh?

Answer: 10 ounces.

Question: What size TV do I need?

Answer: Any standard NTSC or PAL television. All televisions have the same number of dots and lines on their screens, they are larger and smaller depending on TV size. You can use a 6-inch screen or 35-inch screen, the image is scaled to screen size.

Question: Can I hook up more than one television to the L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: Yes. There are two ways to do this:

- Hook one TV to the S-video output, the other to the RCA/composite output.
- Some television/monitors have video input and video output jacks. By creating a "daisy chain" (in one TV, out to the next) you can have more than one TV hooked up.

Question: Does L•TV Portable Pro work with my PowerBook 100/140/170?

Answer: No. L•TV Portable Pro only works with PowerBook models that have VGA or Apple 13/14-inch RGB video output. Those models include (but are not limited to) PowerBook 160, 165, 165c and 180 models.

Question: Can I replace my Apple monitor with a television using L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: Yes, but it is not recommended. The quality of a TV picture is almost always inferior to a computer monitor. L•TV Portable Pro is an affordable way to present to classrooms or small groups on a screen that is larger than a computer monitor.

Question: Can I use L•TV Portable Pro with a projection device?

Answer: If the projector has an RCA/composite or S-video input you can. Some LCD screens and/or projectors have VGA and composite/S-video inputs. Use the input that generates the best quality for your presentation.

Question: Does the L•TV Portable Pro work with the Macintosh LC 575?

Answer: No. The Macintosh LC 575, Performa 575/576 do not have a VGA video output to drive the L•TV Portable Pro. The L•TV Pro LC card could be mounted in the expansion slot of the LC 575 and provides an NTSC output.

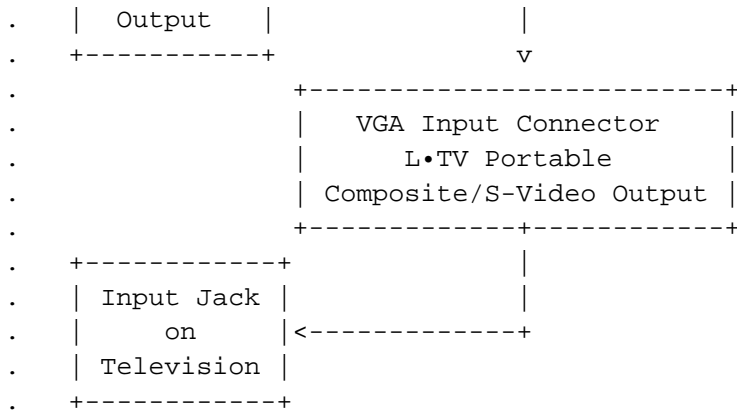
Question: Can I connect two Apple monitors to my Macintosh with L•TV Portable Pro?

Answer: No. L•TV Portable Pro can drive a television and one Apple 13/14-in. or VGA compatible monitor.

Question: How do I hook L•TV Portable Pro up?

Answer: L•TV Portable Pro comes with cables to connect in this manner:

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Question: Does the L•TV Portable Pro work with my Macintosh IIci or Macintosh IIsi?

Answer: Yes. The Macintosh IIci and Macintosh IIsi are compatible with Apple 13/14-in. monitors, enabling L•TV Portable Pro to display on the computer monitor and television simultaneously.

Question: Does the L•TV Portable Pro work with MS-DOS PC computers?

Answer: Yes. Any PC or PC notebook that has VGA video output is L•TV Portable Pro compatible.

Question: Is The L•TV Portable Pro Windows compatible?

Answer: Yes, as long as the PC system that L•TV Portable Pro is connected to is able to output VGA video.

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