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Laserdiscs: Controlling them from Macintosh (12/95)

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TOPIC -----

Which Pioneer laserdisc players can I use with the Pioneer Movie Maker program to make a controlled QuickTime movie?

I read in the QuickTime documentation on Making QuickTime Movies, that it only needs a serial-port controllable laserdisc player. A device called The Box (from Voyager) allows the Macintosh to control consumer laserdisc players using the Macintosh computer's serial box. I was wondering if this would work.

DISCUSSION -----

A Macintosh can control a laserdisc player, and have the video output captured and converted to a QuickTime movie. The application you use needs to have a device driver for the laserdisc player you're using.

Pioneer Movie Maker

This is a controlled capture system developed by Apple Computer for the QuickTime developer CD-ROM. It's a tool for content and application developers -- not for end-users. It requires a Pioneer model 4200 or 8000 laserdisc player.

- The 8000 works with CAV discs or CLV discs that have extended time codes on them.
- The 4200 works only with CAV discs. Plug the laserdisc player into the modem port and set it to 4800 baud.

The Box

You need this only if your laserdisc player has no serial port. It connects to the Macintosh and uses the remote control capability of the laserdisc player. Contact The Voyager Company for compatibility information.

The Tech Info Library article titled "Locating Vendor Information" can help you

search for a particular vendor's address and phone number.

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