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## Apple Monitors: Nearby Interference can Cause Horizontal Lines

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TOPIC -----

Why is there a horizontal scan line that keeps cycling across my 12-inch color monitor screen?

DISCUSSION -----

The line you are seeing is caused by a 60Hz noise somewhere near the monitor. The horizontal scan rate of the monitor is 60.15Hz so it is very susceptible to external noise in the 60Hz area. The only solution is to find the source of the noise and move it or the monitor. The noise could be from a lamp or anything else plugged into a nearby outlet.

You may also want to try turning the monitor in different directions to see if things improve at all. The interference may change due to magnetic fields regarding the north and south poles.

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