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On page 2.9 of the Apple IIfc Technical Procedures, Apple IIfc Diagnostics, the second sentence states that you can boot from the external drive in order to test that drive.

However, if you have an Apple IIfc with the logic board upgraded with new ROMs and you attempt to boot it from the Apple IIfc External 5.25" Drive, you get the message "AppleTalk Off-Line".

New or upgraded Apple IIfc systems configure an Apple IIfc External 5.25" Drive as a second drive, which cannot be used for a boot, as in the Apple IIe. Typing "PR#5" will just cause the system to hang, since the External 5.25" Drive is now considered to be Drive 2 of Slot 6. Typing "PR#7" will produce the "AppleTalk Off-Line" message.

You can, however, boot such a system from a 3.5" drive with a "PR#5" because new or upgraded Apple IIfc systems configure the 3.5" drive as a first drive, Drive 1 of Slot 5, which can be used for a boot, as in the Apple IIe.

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