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TOPIC -----

When the Macintosh SE was introduced, I recall hearing something about the Macintosh SEs being shipped with different ROM versions. What are those differences, if any?

DISCUSSION -----

You are right; there have been two versions of ROMs shipped in the Macintosh SE. The only difference, which also makes the two systems easily distinguishable, is that the systems with Apple SuperDrives (formerly Apple FDHD) have newer ROMs that include support for that drive. Those with 800K drives have the original ROM.

Since the new code in the new ROMs is also used in the new systems, if any incompatibilities exist, they are likely to be related to the SuperDrive code and may very well affect the other Macintoshes with SuperDrives. We aren't aware of any software compatibility problems caused by these new ROMs.

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