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TOPIC -----

Is the Macintosh SCSI connector terminated on the logic board? In other words, are both ends of the chain terminated or only the last peripheral?

DISCUSSION -----

The Macintosh systems that have SCSI ports are not terminated on the logic board. One system, the Macintosh IIx, when shipped without an internal hard drive, comes with a terminator plugged into the internal SCSI connector. If an internal hard drive is installed in a Macintosh system, it should be terminated. The internal hard drive is the first device in a SCSI chain. The last device in the SCSI chain should also be terminated.

Typically, a Macintosh system with only one SCSI device needs only one terminator. The exception to this is the Macintosh IIx when it has a single SCSI device attached on the external SCSI connector. In this case, there should be the internal terminator that came with Macintosh IIx and a terminator on the external SCSI device.

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