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TOPIC ---

By not using the Installer program to install a Macintosh System on a
hard disk, what potential problems might I run into?

Also, is there any way to tell if a Macintosh System was installed
correctly or drag-copied?

DISCUSSION ---

When a System is drag-copied onto a disk rather than installed using the
Installer, the System becomes unstable. There are several symptoms:

• The System bombs often.

• The System hangs without error messages.

• Applications unexpectedly quit.

There is no way to tell which Systems have been installed using the
Installer and which have not. The best thing to do is to remove a suspect
System Folder and reinstall using the Installer application.

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