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### TOPIC -----

What should I do if Apple's "Disk First Aid" utility reports that it is unable to repair a disk's directory?

### DISCUSSION -----

If the Macintosh has been started up with the System 7 "Disk Tools" floppy disk and Disk First Aid cannot repair a hard drive's directory, the drive must be reinitialized with an appropriate formatting utility. Apple hard drives are initialized with Apple's HD SC Setup utility. Third-party hard drives require System 7-compatible initializing/formatting software supplied by the vendor.

IMPORTANT: Before initializing the drive, make at least one backup of the drive using System 7-compatible backup software, otherwise you will lose everything on the drive.

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