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## System 7: Restoring from HD Backup

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- To add additional information.

### TOPIC -----

How do I restore a backup of my hard disk that I made with HD Backup if I've installed System 7? I heard that HD Backup is incompatible with System 7.

### DISCUSSION -----

HD Backup is incompatible with System 7, but there are a number of workarounds if you need to restore an HD Backup set of data onto a volume.

- You can start up from a volume that has System 6 on it, such as a second hard disk or floppy disk. This works even if you have only a single floppy drive and no extra hard disk (although you'll be swapping floppy disks a lot). To start from the other drive, insert a System 6 floppy disk before startup, or choose the other hard disk using the Startup Disk control panel.
- Another workaround is to pull individual files from floppy disks in the backup set onto the hard disk. This works best if there are a few files that need to be restored, but not the entire backup set. You may have a problem if HD Backup split large files across multiple floppy disks.
- The most drastic workaround is to reinstall System 6 on the hard disk and then run HD Backup. Note that this may be a problematic

procedure in itself, and the details of that procedure aren't covered in this article. Specifically, most new Macintosh models require System 7 to operate and would not be able to move back down to System 6.

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