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TOPIC -----

Many Macintosh II monitors make a loud noise when powering up. The high-resolution monochrome and color models seem to make this noise consistently. Is there a problem with these monitors, or is this just a characteristic of the monitor?

DISCUSSION -----

The sound that you hear is the degaussing coil being activated on power-up. Color monitors are subject to impurities from other magnetic fields. This is countered by putting a neutralizing field around the front of the CRT on power-up or by pressing the degaussing coil button on the back of the monitor.

The sound is simply the coil energizing and is in no way a sign of current or future problems.

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