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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

We recently upgraded our LaserWriter IINTX to a LaserWriter IIg.  We had a
Microtech Europa 40MB drive connected to the LaserWriter IINTX, which we
want to continue using with this LaserWriter.

As the manual stated, we removed the drive's internal termination and are
using the black terminator.  We can see the drive with the LaserWriter
Utility program, but after starting the initialization process, the utility
reports that the initialization failed.

Is there a compatibility problem with the Microtech Europa drive and the
LaserWriter IIg?

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

Compatibility problems have been reported with some third-party hard
drives.  Apple's engineers have checked into the problem and found that
most can be resolved by formatting the hard drive with a different utility.

Here are some alternatives you can try:

- Since the LaserWriter IIg uses an HFS format, try formatting the hard
  drive on the Macintosh and moving the hard drive to the LaserWriter IIg.

- Try formatting the hard drive with a third-party utility like LaCie's
  SilverLining.

- Contact the hard drive vendor to learn if there are known compatibility
  problems with the printer, and if there are any fixes.
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See the Tech Info Library article titled "LaserWriter IINTX/IIf/IIg: Third-Party Hard Drive Compatibility" for additional information.

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