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## Apple SuperDrive, External: Description (Discontinued)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple External SuperDrive.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple SuperDrive is a floppy disk drive that offers high-capacity storage to owners of Macintosh and Apple II personal computers. Because it uses high-density, double-sided 3.5-inch floppy disks, the Apple SuperDrive gives you access to almost twice the storage capacity of standard 800K disk drives.

The Apple SuperDrive used with a Macintosh computer makes it possible for you to exchange information between Macintosh and MS-DOS, OS/2, and ProDOS systems. Using the Apple File Exchange utility or third-party translators, the Apple SuperDrive works with files stored in many different formats. For example, it can read from and write to Macintosh 400K disks, Apple II and Macintosh 800K and 1.4MB disks, as well as MS-DOS and OS/2 720K and 1.4MB disks.

The disk drive also comes with a high-density disk detector that allows the drive to automatically format to the correct disk capacity (800K or 1.4MB). It plugs directly into the floppy drive port on the back panel of most Macintosh systems or the connector in the back of the Apple II 3.5 Controller Card.

### Features

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- Capacity
  - 1.4MB of storage for most Macintosh and Apple II computers -- almost twice the capacity available from 800K disks
  - 800K of storage for Macintosh Plus and Apple IIc Plus computers, as well as Apple IIGS computers that aren't equipped with the Apple II 3.5

Controller Card

- Flexibility
  - Can read from and write to 400K, 800K, and 1.4MB disks on a Macintosh computer and 800K and 1.4MB disks on an Apple II computer.
  - Allows you to work on your Macintosh with files stored on MS-DOS, OS/2, or ProDOS disks using the Apple File Exchange utility or third-party translators
- Ease of Use
  - Plug-and-play simplicity with any Macintosh or Apple II computer
  - Automatic formatting to correct disk capacity

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