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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple PC 5.25 Drive.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple PC 5.25 Drive, in combination with the Apple File Exchange utility and the Macintosh II PC Drive Card or the Macintosh SE-Bus PC Drive Card, enables users to exchange data between their Apple and MS-DOS formatted 5.25-inch disks.

Both the Macintosh II and Macintosh SE-Bus PC Drive Cards are designed to work with the Macintosh II and Macintosh SE as controllers for the Apple PC 5.25 Drive. Internally mounted, these cards provide the interface that allows the Macintosh II and Macintosh SE to read and write files in the format familiar to MS-DOS programs.

Apple File Exchange provides the software link to the data in the 5.25 drive. Apple File Exchange also provides a translation capability. For example, with the proper translator, it can translate a WordStar document to a MacWrite document. Apple and other companies will provide Apple File Exchange application-to-application translators.

Third-party developers market coprocessor cards that work with the Apple PC 5.25 Drive, and are designed to allow the Macintosh II or Macintosh SE to run MS-DOS application software.

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