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TOPIC -----

When I inserted a brand new blank diskette into the computer, the screen did not show the dialog box that the manual says it should. The floppy disk appears as if it has been used already, though there is nothing on it. Why is this?

DISCUSSION -----

The most likely reason for this is that the diskette has been formatted by the manufacturer. You won't see the dialog asking if you want to format a diskette unless it is truly blank. Check the packaging that came with your floppy disks to see if they have been preformatted at the factory.

If you are running Macintosh PC Exchange, which is included with certain Performa models, even preformatted DOS disks will appear on the desktop without you being asking whether you want to initialize them (again, the packaging should indicate for which type of computer the disks are formatted).

If you find yourself with a preformatted DOS disk, just select Erase Disk from the Special menu, and PC Exchange (if installed) will present you with a choice of formats in a pulldown menu. Choose Macintosh, erase the disk, and you'll be all set.

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