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TOPIC -----

System 7.1 Update Kits purchased from software resellers contain 800K media. Those purchased directly from Apple are on 1.44MB disks. The System 7.1 installation process for 800K media differs slightly from 1.44MB disks. This article discusses the differences.

DISCUSSION -----

With 1.44MB disks, you are instructed to shut down the computer, boot from the first floppy Install disk, and follow the installation program from there.

The installation using 800K media is slightly different. You're instructed to insert the first floppy Install disk while the Macintosh is running, and follow the installation program from there.

There are no problems using 800K media in high density floppy disk drives. The key difference is that you can't start up the Macintosh with System 7.1 on 800K disks. The 800K Install disk doesn't have room for the system files required to start up a Macintosh.

The documentation in the System 7.1 Upgrade Kit is correct for 800K media. The manual instructs users to insert the Install disk and proceed from there. You shouldn't shut down the computer, and try to boot from the disk.

Complete instructions for a Clean Install of System 7.1 are available in a separate article in the Tech Info Library or from the FaxInfo System.

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