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## Compact Macintosh: Power, Reset & Interrupt Buttons (12/93)

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the location of power, reset and interrupt switches on all compact Macintosh models.

DISCUSSION -----

General Information: Power Switch

Power switches on compact Macintosh models are usually located on the back of the unit, near the left side. When facing the computer, you should be able to use your left hand to reach around to the back of the Macintosh and operate the rocker switch. When the computer is on, the top part of switch, marked with an "I," should be pressed in. The Power switch on the Macintosh Color Classic is on the back of the unit, near the right side.

General Information: Reset Switch

The Reset Switch, also known as the Programmer's Switch is usually located on left side of compact Macintoshes. The exact position varies, but is usually near the rear of the unit, protruding from the vents near the base. There is no Reset switch on the Macintosh Color Classic.

There are two switches or buttons to press. The first, nearest to the front of the unit is the reset switch. Pushing the reset switch is the same as turning the power switch off and then on.

The second switch, nearest to the back of the unit, is the interrupt switch. This switch is used by Macintosh software programmers when writing applications and debugging them. Pushing the interrupt switch will produce a blank dialog box on the Macintosh screen. Programmers can then type codes to obtain the response or information they require from the Macintosh.

## Compact Macintosh Model Specifics

- Macintosh 128K, 512K, 512KE, and Macintosh Plus:
  - Power Switch: Rocker switch located on the rear side of the unit, near the left side.
  - Programmer's Switch: small dark beige or medium gray plastic switch located on left side of the unit near the rear. Reset button is closer to the unit front, interrupt button is closer to the unit rear. User must install switch.
- Macintosh SE, SE/30:
  - Power Switch: Rocker switch located on the rear side of the unit, near the left side.
  - Programmer's Switch: light gray rectangular plastic switch located on left side of the unit near the rear. Reset button is closer to the unit front, interrupt button is closer to the unit rear. User must install switch.
- Macintosh Classic, Classic II, and Performa 200:
  - Power Switch: Rocker switch located on the rear side of the unit, near the left side.
  - Programmer's Switch: small light gray rectangular plastic switch located on left side of the unit near the rear. Reset button is closer to the unit front, interrupt button is closer to the unit rear. Switch is preinstalled.
- Macintosh Color Classic:
  - Power Switch: Rocker switch located on the rear side of the unit, near the right side. You can also turn the computer by using the power key on the keyboard, as long as the power switch on the back of the unit is in the on position.
  - Programmer's Switch: No programmer's switch. To reset, use the following keyboard keys:
    - To Restart, hold down the Command, Control and Power keys.
    - To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.
    - To Shutdown, press the power key.

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