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TOPIC ---

I have a LC 475 with an external AppleCD 300 drive. When sound is played from
my Time Almanac CD, the sound is choppy. When I double-click on the CD Speed
Switch Control Panel, as explained in Apple's documentation, I get a message
that the control panel can't be used on that model of Macintosh.

DISCUSSION ---

There are two separate issues involved in this situation. First, the AppleCD
Speed Switch software is not compatible with computers using the 68LC040
microprocessor. This includes the LC 475, 476, 575, Quadra 605, Quadra 610, and
many PowerBook models. Check the specification sheet for your computer to
verify it it has a 68LC040 processor.

You should install version 5.0 or greater of the CD-ROM software for the CD-300
external drive. This version is fully compatible with the LC 475 and has the
equivalent of the Speed Switch integrated into the driver. This version of the
CD-ROM driver has been tested with the LC 475 and it works just fine, it did not
solve the choppy sound problem however.

The second issue revolves around the Time Almanac CD itself. Testing the Time
1993 Almanac with the LC 475 produced the same audio results as the you
encountered. Playing the Almanac's movies with the Apple MoviePlayer program
works fine. So, it seems that the problem was with the Time Almanac
application.

Compact Publishing, Inc. said they were aware of the problem and are working on
a patch to resolve it. Contact them directly to receive the patch when it
becomes available.

To find the latest version of the CD-ROM software, search for these articles:

- Where To Find Apple Software Updates
    Lists online services for "free" Apple software updates
- Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA
    Lists 800 numbers and online services for software updates, Apple
    support information, and a subset of the Apple Tech. Info. Library

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