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TOPIC -----

Everytime I start-up my Macintosh after it has been powered off, it switches to black and white mode, changes the desktop pattern, forgets my printer settings, and the date reverts to 1956. This doesn't happen if I just restart. I have tried zapping the PRAM and it didn't help. Why is this occurring?

DISCUSSION -----

The lithium battery on the logic board of the Macintosh may have reached the end of its lifespan and needs to be replaced. The battery provides power to the logic board to save the control panel settings when you turn the machine off or interrupt power to it. When the machine is restarted the power supply continues to run and control panel settings will not be lost.

Any authorized service provider should be able to replace the battery. Since the battery is located on the logic board of the Macintosh, we suggest that users not attempt to replace the battery themselves. The logic board can be easily damaged by static electricity or incorrect handling.

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