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TOPIC ---

Why is it that when I use my Sony remote control to turn on my Sony television, it also turns on my Macintosh computer?

DISCUSSION --

The ability to control your computer with other brands of remote controls was an intentional part of the design plan for many Macintosh computers. It allows you to easily use universal remote control units with your computer.

The following computers have a built-in infared sensor which allow them to be controlled remotely:

• The Macintosh 630CD family: Macintosh LC 630, Quadra 630, Performa 630, Performa 635, Performa 636, Performa 637, Performa 638, and Performa 640.

• The Macintosh 5200CD family: Macintosh 5200/75 LC, Performa 5200, Performa 5210, Performa 5215, and Performa 5220.

• The Macintosh 6200CD family: Performa 6200, Performa 6214, Performa 6216, Performa 6218, Performa 6220, and Performa 6230.

• The Macintosh Performa 5300CD and Power Macintosh 5300/100 LC

• The Macintosh Performa 6300CD series: Performa 6300 and 6290

If you do not want to control your computer with other brands of remote controls, you can work around this feature in one of the following ways:

• Remove the "Video Startup" system extension. This will disable all remote functions, except for the ability to turn the Macintosh on.

- Disconnect or cover up the infrared sensor on the front of the computer.

- Place the computer farther from the television being controlled.

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