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TOPIC -----

I noticed that the AppleCD 300 CD-ROM drive supports the CD+G format. I tried using a CD+G CD-ROM, but I couldn't notice anything different from a standard audio format. Am I doing something wrong? Also, does the AppleCD 300 drive support the CD+MM CD-ROM discs?

DISCUSSION -----

The CD+G format (audio + graphics), is an extension of the Compact Disc Digital Audio (CDDA) standard. It is supported by the AppleCD 300 CD-ROM, but without software to view the graphics on the disks, it acts like a standard audio CD-ROM. One application available on most online services is CD+G Player.

With the exception of Karoke CDs, the CD+G disc format never got full support from either record companies or the public. A majority of the pop CD+G discs came out in 1989 or 1990.

The CD+MM format (Audio + Multimedia) is not fully defined yet, so there isn't a standard for these discs. They can be Macintosh, Windows, or CD-I only, or they can be cross-platform. It is up to the developer of the disc to determine what platform they are going to support. These CD-ROM discs should also contain the platform requirements on the shipping box.

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