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## Using A Macintosh While Placed On Its Side (9/95)

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TOPIC -----

I would like to position my Macintosh on its side. Will this cause a problem if I do this? I think as long as the air vents are not blocked and there is plenty of air flow, this would be OK. Also would there be some kind of mechanical problem, like the hard drive needing to be upright in order to spin properly?

DISCUSSION -----

Using a Macintosh on its side is not supported by Apple Computer. Thermal testing and safety testing were done with the unit in its intended position. Any variation on the intended use of the product is not supported.

If a customer decides to operate the unit on its side they would have to allow spacing for air flow from the fan(s) located inside of the case.

If the unit has an internal CD-ROM drive, it probably would not work because of the tray loading of CD discs. There would be no way of holding the CD in position when the tray moves back into the CD-ROM drive.

The operation of the hard drive assembly should not be affected by the change in orientation of the Macintosh.

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