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TOPIC -----

Is there a outward way to differentiate between the backlit and original Macintosh Portable? I know I can open the rear cover and look at the memory configuration since the Backlit Portable has fewer memory chips on the left side of the logic board, but can I identify them from the outside?

DISCUSSION -----

The easiest way to tell the difference between a backlit and non-backlit Portable is, of course, to see if there is a light emanating from the display.

Another way to tell is to check the model number, located on the bottom of the unit. The Backlit Portable was model number M5126 and the non-backlit was M5120.

Note: If the non-backlit model had an upgrade to the backlit, it would retain the old model number, M5120 and have the backlight upgrade card installed in the J10 ROM slot and have inprinted on it "PORTABLE BACKLIGHT UPGRADE".

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