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TOPIC -----

Does the Power Macintosh 6100 DOS Compatible support MIDI output to the serial port while running MS-DOS or Windows?

DISCUSSION -----

The PCI-based PC Compatibility Cards are the only cards that support MIDI devices. Since the Power Macintosh 6100 is NOT a PCI-based Macintosh, you cannot send or receive MIDI data from the serial port using the DOS Compatibility Card. MIDI data travels internally with MS-DOS/Windows, but the data cannot be transferred from the serial port to a MIDI instrument. However, MIDI transfers are fully supported under the Mac OS.

The PCI-Based DOS Compatibility Cards allow you to use the joystick port to transfer MIDI data. Using a proper MIDI adapter, both the MIDI OUT and the MIDI IN channels will be available. This MIDI adapter is the same standard Sound Blaster-compatible Joystick-to-MIDI adapter that you can find at any MS-DOS/Windows computer store. Apple does not sell this adapter.

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