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## Macintosh PowerBook PCMCIA Expansion Module ReadMe (5/96)

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This article contains the text of the Read Me file for the Macintosh PowerBook PCMCIA Expansion Module.

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### Overview

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Congratulations on purchasing your PowerBook PCMCIA Expansion Module. This document adds to and updates the information in the manuals that came with your module. It is a good idea to read this document now, and keep a copy handy for future reference.

If your PowerBook computer\* is connected to a printer, choose Print from the File menu to print a copy of this document. When you are finished reading and printing, choose Quit from the File menu to quit the SimpleText application program.

\* NOTE: Apple does not recommend that any PCMCIA module be used with PowerBook 550c computer. The PowerBook 550c is available only in Japan.

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## Tips

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### Using PC Cards

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- For best results, purchase only cards that have been qualified for use on a Macintosh computer. If you are in the United States, you can receive a faxed list of currently available PC Cards by calling 1-800-462-4396 and requesting document 10307. You can call this number anytime. In Canada, call 1-800-263-3394 and request document 10307. Outside the United States and Canada, please consult your Apple-authorized dealer.

- Don't use an SRAM storage card as a startup disk on your PowerBook. Use SRAM cards for extra storage only.

- Never eject a PC Card manually (with a paper clip) while the PowerBook is in sleep. You may damage the card or lose data.

### Using a DOS-formatted PC Card

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- If your PowerBook has the Macintosh PC Exchange control panel installed and PC Exchange is turned on, you can use a PC Card that has been preformatted in a DOS format in your PowerBook. However, you cannot start up your computer using the DOS-formatted PC Card; you can only start up your computer using a Mac OS-formatted PC Card. If you want to reformat your DOS-formatted PC Card as a Mac OS-formatted PC Card, you need to turn PC Exchange off, and then format the card as you would any non-Mac OS-formatted disk. Follow these steps:

#### Step 1

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Choose Control Panels from the Apple menu.

#### Step 2

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Open the PC Exchange control panel.

#### Step 3

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Click the Off button and close the PC Exchange control panel.

#### Step 4

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Insert your PC Card. A window appears asking if you want to initialize (format) the disk.

#### Step 5

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Click Initialize to format the PC Card.

- Once the PC Card is reformatted, you can turn Macintosh PC Exchange back on in

the PC Exchange control panel.

- You cannot reformat a Mac OS-formatted PC Card as a DOS-formatted PC Card with PC Exchange. To do so, you need to use a DOS/Windows computer with PC Card capabilities.

## Troubleshooting

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### Selecting a PC Card as a startup disk

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- The user may experience some difficulty in selecting a PC Card as a startup disk. If a system alert "beep" is heard when attempting to select a PC Card as a startup disk, simply restart the machine, then reselect the startup disk.

### Starting the computer with PC Card(s) inserted

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- Under some configurations, the user may experience problems when starting up with a PC Card inserted. If this occurs, remove the PC Card before starting the computer.

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