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TITLE

iMac (Slot Loading): How to Eject a CD

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TOPIC

Since the iMac (Slot Loading) has a slot loading CD-ROM drive similar to an automobile CD player, how do I eject a disc in an emergency or at startup? I don't see a mechanical eject button like on previous CD-ROM drives.

DISCUSSION

The CD eject mechanism is electrical rather than mechanical on the iMac. If you wish to eject a startup CD-ROM disc at startup, simply press the mouse button until it ejects. If the CD is not a startup disc, simply wait for the iMac to startup and drag the CD icon to the trash can.

If this fails to release the CD, there is an eject button that can be activated by a small, blunt object such as a paper clip. The button is located on the right side of the CD slot. The power must be on to eject a CD using this method.

Once you eject the CD, it will extend just past the center hole in the disc to facilitate its safe removal from the drive.

Important: After ejecting the CD with the manual eject button, you must restart your iMac to restore functionality to the CD-ROM drive.

Note: Because the CD-ROM drive is slot loading, only round, standard size (4.7 inch or 120 mm) CDs are to be used. The mechanism does not support 3 inch or irregularly shaped CDs; damage may occur if they are used.

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