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TOPIC -----

This article outlines the use and features of Macintosh System Tools 5.0.

DISCUSSION -----

System Tools 5.0 files were intended for use on the Macintosh Plus, Macintosh SE, and Macintosh II. Due to increased memory demands caused by larger system files and MultiFinder, these tools cannot be used reliably on a Macintosh with 128K or 512K, or on a Macintosh XL. In Version 5.0 of Macintosh system software, the System, Finder, and CDEV files were revised to support MultiFinder and to expand Macintosh II features.

System 5.0

The following list summarizes the changes made to Macintosh System files in Version 5.0:

- Color support for the Macintosh II
- More fully-implemented Palette Manager
- Upper drive on the Macintosh SE used at the same speed as the lower
- Command-Shift-1 and -2 (and all FKEYs) work properly under Excel
- No stray dots appear when outlined text is move
- Releases previously-used memory correctly when re-initializing the ADB port

- Supports a color desktop pattern through the Color code
- Supports color text highlighting

The Finder

- Supports color; a new menu appears when Finder 6.0 is used on a Macintosh II to let the user select the color of an icon or folder.
- Supports MultiFinder

The LaserWriter Driver

- Supports MultiFinder
- Clips the right edge of bitmaps properly

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