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This is to clarify when to use terminators when connecting a Macintosh II or Mac SE to a SCSI drive. The information on EXTERNAL drives applies to the Macintosh Plus as well.

Mac II or Mac SE with 40MB Internal Drive

The internal 40MB drive itself is automatically terminated. When connecting external SCSI devices, you need a terminator at the end of the chain.

- Mac II/SE + internal 40MB
no terminator necessary
- Mac II/SE + internal 40MB + external SCSI
terminator at external SCSI
- Mac II/SE + internal 40MB + external SCSI ... external SCSI
terminator at end of chain

Mac II or Mac SE without 40MB Internal Drive

There must be at least one terminator between the Mac II/SE and the first SCSI device, and one more at the end of the line if there is more than one SCSI device.

- Mac II/SE + external SCSI
terminator at external SCSI
- Mac II/SE + external SCSI ... external SCSI
terminator at beginning and end of chain

Again, the information on external drives applies to the Macintosh Plus

as well.

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