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The Apple Personal Modem can't be used in Australia (or in many other countries).

The modem may tolerate lower foreign voltages (as low as 50 Hz), but this is not the primary problem.

Factors affecting modem operation vary from country to country. Some countries confiscate computer equipment if you are found using a modem within their borders. Other countries allow unrestricted use of modems, but most have their own frequency standards.

The Apple Personal Modem adheres to Bell 103 and Bell 212 standards, but these are U.S. standards -- most other countries do not meet these specifications. There are also different standards for the grade (quality) of phone lines. Modems must be able to use the physical media available in the country of use.

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