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TOPIC ---

This article contains questions and answers about ADB mouse devices and the
Macintosh Portable and the Macintosh PowerBook.

DISCUSSION --

Q) Can I use the low-power ADB mouse that is available for the Macintosh
   PowerBook (and originally shipped with the Macintosh Portable) with other
   computers in the Macintosh family?

A) Yes, you can use the low-power mouse with ANY Apple computer that has an
   ADB port. It is equipped with a ferrite EMI filter in the ADB connector
   to meet EMC standards specifically for the Macintosh Portable and PowerBook.

Q) Can I use a standard ADB mouse with the Macintosh Portable or
   PowerBook?

A) There are two standard ADB mouse devices available. One of these is low-
   powered. You should not connect either of the standard mouse devices to the
   Macintosh Portable or the PowerBook. This violates the FCC specifications
   and would draw too much power if it was not the low-power model.

Q) Is there any visual way I can distinguish between the mouse devices?

A) Yes:

   • The standard mouse has an ADB connector that is approximately 0.5 inch
     long.

   • The standard low-power mouse also has an ADB connector that is
     approximately 0.5 inches long and there is a low-power symbol (a half

circle with a dash across the top) on the product label.

- The low-power mouse has an ADB connector that is approximately 1 inch
  long and also includes the low-power symbol(a half cirlce with a
  dash across the top) on the product label.

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