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TOPIC -----

When installing AppleShare PC on a machine with one 5.25-inch disk remember that it really has two logical drives, A: and B:. To test this at DOS, issue this command:

DISKCOPY A: B:

The DOS DISKCOPY program prompts you to switch disks with a message like

"Please insert the diskette for drive A:."

Because I haven't had a chance to use AppleShare PC 2.0, I don't know how the installer batch file is written. If it asks for drives by drive letter, I'd try specifying A: and B: and let DOS ask you to do a disk swap.

DISCUSSION -----

You are correct that the AppleShare PC 2.0 installer can install from A: to B:--even when B: is just a logical drive. DOS prompts for each disk as it is needed. Unfortunately, because of the installer program's design, this might require swapping disks as many as 100 times--even for print services alone.

This means that we do not recommend installing AppleShare PC 2.0 using a system that has only one floppy drive and no a hard disk. Booting such a system with already installed disks works fine. However, unless you enjoy swapping disks, don't try to install on it.

As a side note, the installer is actually an executable file, not a batch file. You can write a batch file to do the install by using the xcopy command on groups of files. This shortens the install process a great deal and allows installing with a single drive PC. Of course, it also requires manual preparation of AUTOEXEC.BAT and NET.CFG and selection of the proper REDIR file,

depending on what version of DOS is being used.

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