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TOPIC -----

The Macintosh II can handle "snd" and "snth" resources. System 6 notes suggest that the Macintosh Plus and Macintosh SE can do this too. Apart from the Macintosh II being stereo, what are the differences in sound play capabilities between the Macintosh SE and Macintosh II?

DISCUSSION -----

The question might be better stated: "What machines can use the Sound Manager?", since "snd" and "snth" resources are used by the Sound Manager.

Starting with the Macintosh Plus and continuing through the latest Macintosh, all can use the Sound Manager. However, the Macintosh Plus and the Macintosh SE have known difficulties with the Wave Table Synthesizer of the Sound Manager because of anomalies in the System Software. Basic Note Commands and Sampled Sound Synthesizer can be used from the Plus and the Macintosh SE.

The Macintosh II and later machines can use the Wave Table Synthesizer, the Basic Note Commands, and the Sampled Sound Synthesizer.

For more in-depth discussion of these issues, see the Inside Macintosh replacement chapter on the Sound Manager. This replacement chapter is posted on AppleLink. Follow this path to locate the document:

Developer Services:Macintosh Developer Technical Support:
Interim Technical Documents:Sound Manager (Microsoft Word)

It's a Word 3.02 document which discusses the use of the Sound Manager in Macintosh Plus systems and later.

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