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TOPIC -----

I want to use two Apple 3.5-inch external floppy drives with my Macintosh. I have tried to chain them together, but the system recognizes only the first drive in the chain. Can I use more than one external floppy drive?

DISCUSSION -----

NOTE: No Macintosh computer supports more than one external floppy drive. Only the Macintosh SE and later support the Apple SuperDrive (Apple FDHD).

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System	Floppy Disk Drive Configuration
Macintosh Plus	1 Internal (800K) and 1 External (400K or 800K)
Macintosh SE	1 or 2 Internal (800K or SuperDrive if upgraded) and 1 External (400K, 800K, or SuperDrive if upgraded)
Macintosh SE with SuperDrive	1 or 2 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh SE/30, Classic, Classic II	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh Color Classic	1 Internal (SuperDrive and no External)
Macintosh II, IIx	1 or 2 Internal (800K or SuperDrive) and no External NOTE: The Macintosh II must be upgraded to a IIx, or must use a PMMU, to support a SuperDrive.

Macintosh IIcx, IIci	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh IIfx	1 or 2 Internal (800K or SuperDrive) and no External
Macintosh LC	1 or 2 Internal (SuperDrive) and no External
Macintosh LC II, LC III	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and no External
Macintosh IIsi	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh IIvx	1 Internal and no External
Macintosh Quadra 610, 630, 650, 700, 800, 900, 950, Power Macintosh 6100/60, 7100/66, 8100/80	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and no External
Macintosh Portable	1 or 2 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh PowerBook 100	No Internal and 1 External HDI-20 1.4MB floppy drive
Macintosh PowerBook 140, 145, 160, 165c, 170 180, 180c	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and no External
PowerBook Duo 210, 230, 250, 270c, 280c	No Internal and 1 External (with MiniDock)
Macintosh PowerBook 520, 520c, 540, 540c	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and no External
Macintosh Performa 200	1 Internal (SuperDrive) and 1 External (800K or SuperDrive)
Macintosh Performa 400, 405, 410, 430, 450, 460, 466, 467, 475, 476, 550, 600, 630	1 Internal and no External

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