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TOPIC ---

When the Macintosh first came out, Apple cited studies indicating that a black on white display was superior to white/green/amber on black ones. The reasoning had to do with easier focusing due to a brighter screen closing the iris, and less adjustment required of the eye when looking between paper and screen. Can you cite the references we used to support these conclusions?

DISCUSSION --

There were two studies in 1980, and the information can be found in the following books:

• Radl. "Ergonomic Aspects of Visual Display Terminals"; London Taylor and Francis, 1980.

• Bauer and Cavonius. "Improving the Legibility of Visual Display Units through Contrast Reversal"; 1980.

There is also a newer book that summarizes the information in the other two books:

• Etienne Grandjean. "Ergonomics in Computerized Offices"; 1987.

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