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TOPIC ---

When my Data Frame drive is the only device in the SCSI chain, my Macintosh IIfx
starts up, but whenever I have another SCSI device attached, the system won't
start. It doesn't matter whether the external SCSI is the drive or the scanner.
The SCSI devices are all at different addresses and the external device on the
end of the line has termination.

The Data Frame was checked out here on a Macintosh IIci with an external Rodime
140MB SCSI drive. I had no problems with this configuration.

DISCUSSION --

The only thing we are concerned with is the termination of both the internal
drive and the external devices. The IIfx requires the use of the black
terminator rather than the standard platinum-colored terminators of other
Macintosh computers. This terminator is included with the IIfx in the finished
goods box.

We would also verify that the SCSI filter is installed on the internal SCSI bus
at the drive. This filter connects between the SCSI ribbon cable and the drive
itself and provides some additional termination internal to the IIfx.

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