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TOPIC -----

Some of the CDs I received in the wallet pack with my Performa don't work. What can I do to get them to work?

DISCUSSION -----

There are two explanations for various CDs not functioning as expected:

- 32-Bit Compatibility
Turn off 32-bit addressing (in the Memory control panel) to eliminate this possibility.
- HyperCard May Need More RAM
At least one of the CDs includes HyperCard 2.1, with RAM settings of 750K minimum and 3500K preferred. Increase the RAM allocated to HyperCard (using the Get Info dialog box from the Finder) to work around this.

There are two sets of CDs available -- an 8-pack and a 10-pack -- based on different reseller bundles. This article refers only to the 8-pack; however, the same concepts should apply to the 10-pack.

Below is a list of the CDs with reported problems and workarounds (please note that the solutions and workarounds apply only to the sections mentioned here; other parts of the CDs weren't tested):

- Chronicles: opening Chronicle QT stack in 32-bit mode will freeze the screen. This appears to work fine in 24-bit mode.
- Compton's: Appears to run fine in 32-bit mode, but the Installer for loading software onto the start-up volume won't run.

- Macintosh Demo Games: This uses an altered version of At Ease. The demo for Anatomist won't run in 32-bit mode; it's okay in 24-bit mode. The demo from Annabel's Dreams of Ancient Egypt also won't run in 32-bit mode, but is fine in 24-bit mode.
- Mozart: Some problems getting sound to function normally. Try using the version of HyperCard (with audio) from the CD. The watch cursor stays on screen for a long time until clicked (it doesn't return to a normal cursor in HyperCard). This CD does work in 32-bit mode.
- Discis: No problems with Cinderella.
- Kodak Photo CD - Photo Sampler: This requires Foreign File Access in the System Folder; otherwise, it asks to initialize the disc. It works fine in 32-bit mode.
- Alice to Ocean: No problems reported.
- Apple CD-ROM Titles Sampler: Problems starting the demo "SVINGA" -- if you click, it flips back to the Home stack. Use "option ->" to start. HyperCard 2.1 on this CD is set to 750K minimum and 3500K preferred. If you have your own version of HyperCard on the hard drive and it's set to use less RAM, many HyperCard-related problems could result.

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