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TOPIC -----

I keep hearing an unnerving clicking or popping sound around the same time as the chime when I turn on my PowerBook. Sometimes it happens while I'm working in an application, too.

DISCUSSION -----

Actually, nothing is wrong. The PowerBook comes equipped with power-management circuitry that automatically cuts power to features that are not in use.

This circuitry controls the sound feature, among others. Thirty seconds after the PowerBook last played a sound, power is cut to the sound chip. Each time it must be accessed anew (for instance, when you power up) the power has to be revived, which creates that clicking noise.

A freeware extension called Shhh! was written to force the PowerBook to maintain power to the sound circuitry thus preventing the clicking noise. Shhh! is freeware and is not supported by Apple.

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