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TOPIC -----

This article is an overview of the Macintosh Performa 475 and Performa 476 personal computers.

DISCUSSION -----

Summary

These two products differ in three ways:

- Hard drive capacity
- Application software installed
- Where sold

The Performa 475 and 476 have many features that are expensive options on other computers, including stereo sound, built-in networking, and support for all Apple and various third-party displays. They can display up to 256 colors on all Apple displays, and with additional video RAM, more than 32,000 colors on the 14-inch and 16-inch Macintosh color displays. The built-in Apple SuperDrive lets you work with documents created in different computing environments: it can read from, and write to, Windows, MS-DOS, OS/2, and Apple II ProDOS disks. There's an expansion slot for special options, such as video capture, Apple IIe emulation, or Ethernet networking. Multiple ports let you easily add peripherals such as an external hard drive, high-capacity CD-ROM drive, and scanner.

They are fully compliant with the EPA's Energy Star program.

Features

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- 25-MHz 68LC040 microprocessor
 - 4MB of RAM on board, expandable to 36MB
 - Hard drive: Performa 475 160MB, Performa 476 230MB
 - Support for all Apple and many third-party displays

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- 256 colors, expandable to 32,768 with VRAM upgrade

Expansion

- Slot supports most Macintosh LC II, LC III, and LC 520 expansion cards
- Seven built-in ports for peripherals

Software

- System software version 7.1P3 with multitasking, file sharing, QuickTime, Balloon Help, and TrueType.
- At Ease software lets adults share the computer with children -- while protecting valuable data.
- A variety of application software already installed.
- Launcher provides easy launching of applications, and provides customers with easy access to service and support assistance, users tips, etc.

Networking

- Built-in AppleTalk networking
- File sharing without a dedicated server

Compatibility

Reads Macintosh, Windows, MS-DOS, OS/2, and ProDOS floppy disk formats

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