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TOPIC -----

This article describes the location of power, reset, and interrupt buttons on all modular Macintosh models.

To determine the equivalent Performa model to those Macintosh models listed below, refer to the Tech Info Library article "Macintosh to Performa Comparison Chart."

DISCUSSION -----

General Information: Power Buttons

The Power button on modular Macintosh models is typically located on the back of the computer close to the right or left side (depending on the model). When facing the computer, you should be able to reach around to the back of the computer and operate the button.

Exceptions to the standard power button placement are most Macintosh Centris and Quadra models. Please refer to model-specific descriptions below.

Power buttons come in different shapes and sizes. Some are push buttons (round or square), which may be plain, or may include a sideways triangle or a circle with a small straight line inside. Others are toggles, which include a 1 and a 0 (1=On, 0=Off).

General Information: Reset and Interrupt Buttons

The Reset and Interrupt buttons are located in different areas on different models. Please refer to model-specific descriptions below.

The reset button is marked with a small triangle. Pushing the reset button restarts the computer. It is the same as turning the power switch off and then on.

The interrupt button is marked with a circle; if the button is large enough there is a crooked line in the circle. It is used by Macintosh software programmers when writing applications and debugging them. Pushing the interrupt button produces a blank dialog box on the Macintosh screen. Programmers can then type codes to obtain the response or information they require from the Macintosh.

MODULAR MACINTOSH MODEL SPECIFICS

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Macintosh II, IIx, IIfx

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward right side when facing the front of the computer.

Reset and Interrupt

Light gray rectangular plastic switches located on right side of the computer near the rear. The Reset button is located closer to the computer front, the interrupt button is closer to the rear. You must install the buttons.

Macintosh IICx, IICi

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward right side when facing the computer's front. (Rotate the Power button 90 degrees to enable automatic restart if power is interrupted.)

Reset and Interrupt

Small light gray rectangular plastic switches located on front of the computer close the left side. The Reset button is located on the left, the interrupt button is on the right, as you face the front of the computer. You must install the buttons.

Macintosh IIsi, LC, LC II, LC III, LC 475, Quadra 605, Performa 400 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward the right side when facing the computer's front.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh LC 550, Macintosh TV, Performa 550, Performa 560

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Power

On the back of the computer, to the right of the power plug when facing the computer's front.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh LC 575, Macintosh LC 580, Performa 575, 577, 578, 580

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Power

On the back of the computer, to the right of the power plug when facing the computer's front.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Power Macintosh 5200/75 LC, 5300/100 LC, 5400, Performa 5200 and 5300 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, above the power plug when facing the computer's front.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh 630 family, Performa 6200, 6300, and 6360 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward left side when facing the computer's front. It is next to the DB 15 Monitor connector, toward the outside. It is also called the Standby power and is used when the computer will not reset or interrupt.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Performa 6400 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward right side when facing the computer's front. It is next to the Monitor connector, toward the outside. It is also called the Standby power and is used when the computer will not reset or interrupt.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh IIvx, IIvi, Performa 600, Centris 650, Quadra 650

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward right side when facing the computer's front. (Rotate the Power button 90 degrees to enable automatic restart if power is interrupted).

Reset and Interrupt

Small round buttons in a recessed area on the front left of the computer. The Reset button is on the left, the Interrupt button on the right as you face the front of the computer.

Power Macintosh 7100 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward right side when facing the computer's front.

Reset and Interrupt

1. Small round buttons in a recessed area on the front left of the computer. The Reset button is on the left, the Interrupt button on the right as you face the front of the computer.

- or -

2. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Centris/Quadra 660AV

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Power

On the front of the computer, directly beneath floppy disk drive toward right side.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Centris/Quadra 610

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Power

On the front of the computer, directly beneath the floppy disk drive toward the right side.

Reset and Interrupt

On the back of the computer, toward the left side, next to the Sound output/input port. See the Getting Started booklet for more details.

Power Macintosh 6100 and Performa 6100 series

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Power:

On the front of the computer, directly beneath floppy disk drive toward right side.

Reset and Interrupt

1. On the back of the computer, toward the left side, next to the Sound output/input port. See the manual for more details.

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2. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Quadra 700, 800

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward top when computer is positioned vertically. (Rotate the Power button 90 degrees to enable automatic restart if power is interrupted).

Reset and Interrupt

Small round buttons in a recessed area on front of computer, toward the bottom when the computer is positioned vertically. The Reset button is on the bottom, the Interrupt button on the top when the computer is positioned vertically.

Power Macintosh 8100 series

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Power

On the back of the computer, toward top when computer is positioned vertically.

Reset and Interrupt

1. Small round buttons in a recessed area on front of computer, toward the bottom when the computer is positioned vertically. The Reset button is on the bottom, the Interrupt button on the top when the computer is positioned vertically.

- or -

2. To restart (reset), hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Quadra 840AV

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Power

On the front of the computer, to the right of floppy disk drive. If the computer "locks up," hold the Power button in for three seconds to shut it down.

Reset and Interrupt

None. To restart, hold down the Command, Control, and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Power Macintosh 7200, 7500, and 7600 series

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Power

On the front of the computer, below the speaker on the left side.

Reset and Interrupt

To restart (reset), hold down the Command-Control and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Power Macintosh 8500 and 9500 series

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Power

On the front of the computer, toward top when computer is positioned vertically.

Reset and Interrupt

To restart (reset), hold down the Command-Control and Power keys. To interrupt, hold down the Command and Power keys.

Macintosh Quadra 900, 950

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Power

None. Equipped with a Key Lock on the front, toward the top left when the computer is positioned vertically. There are three positions for the key lock: Off, On, and Secure. The three positions are marked with a circle, an "I", and a lock icon respectively.

Reset and Interrupt

Small round buttons in a recessed area on the front of the computer, toward the top left when the computer is positioned vertically. The Reset button is on the bottom, the Interrupt button on the top when the computer is positioned vertically.

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