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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------------------


What is the Backup Partition on the Performa 550?


DISCUSSION -------------------------------------------------------


The Apple Backup application creates a backup recovery partition that allows the
Performa to boot even when the System Software on the main hard drive has been
corrupted. The partition is invisible to the user.


When a system problem (one that prevents the Performa from booting) is detected,
a dialog is displayed that informs the user of a system problem. The user can
choose to fix the problem manually or to reinstall software from the backup
partition's Mini System Folder. If the user chooses to install software from the
Mini System Folder, the cursor becomes a watch, the hard disk spins for a brief
time, the Mini System Folder is copied to the main volume and the system
restarts booting from the main volume. The backup is then reset to invisible.
The user can then copy the System, Finder and System Enabler to the main System
Folder.


There is no built-in limit to the number of times the backup partition can be
used. However, the partition will be lost if the hard drive is re-formatted. At
this time the backup partition is used only on the Performa 550.


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