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TOPIC -----

I cannot get the Power Macintosh Upgrade Card to come up in Power Macintosh mode.

DISCUSSION -----

When the control panel has been switched to the correct mode, you must then Shut Down (from the Special menu) and power on the computer. A restart will not work because the computer's Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC) do not get reset unless they are powered off. A hard reset (Control-Command-Power) will reset the ASICs, but you can also corrupt the System file by doing this.

In addition, resetting the PRAM (Option-Command-P-R) at startup will bring the system up in 68000 mode regardless of the setting.

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