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TOPIC -----

I have a Macintosh Performa computer. I have purchased a third-party disk management utility which states I should use a Disk Tools disk to create an emergency disk. I did not receive one with my computer. How can I create an emergency disk?

DISCUSSION -----

If you do not have a CD-ROM drive built into your computer, or do not have a Macintosh Performa CD, your Utilities floppy disk effectively replaces the Disk Tools disk. Note, however, that depending on the version of system software you are using, your third-party utility may not be able to use the Utilities disk in place of Disk Tools to create an emergency disk. You will have to contact the third-party software vendor to get specific instructions about whether or not you can make the emergency disk with the Utilities disk.

However, in many cases you may not need an emergency disk to troubleshoot and fix your problems. Apple currently ships a CD-ROM drive as part of many Performa computers. If you received a Macintosh Performa CD as part of your bundle, that effectively replaces a conventional Disk Tools or Utilities disk. In addition to containing conventional disk diagnostic software, it also contains a complete backup of your system software.

In many cases, it is possible to use the Performa CD as a start-up disk, then insert a diskette containing whatever third-party diagnostic or disk management utility software you need to run. In other words, even if you cannot make an emergency disk, you may still be able to start up your computer and use your diagnostic software.

Follow these steps to start your Performa 6100 series computer from your startup CD:

With Your Computer Turned On

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Follow these steps to start your Performa 6100 series computer from your startup CD:

Step 1

Insert the CD-ROM disc

Step 2

Under the Special menu, choose Restart.

Step 3

Hold down the c (lower case C) key until you see "Welcome to Macintosh".

With Your Macintosh Turned On

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Follow the steps in either Method 1 or Method 2 to start any CD-ROM equipped Macintosh computer from your startup CD:

Method 1

Step 1

Insert the CD-ROM disc.

Step 2

Under the Apple menu, choose Control Panels.

Step 3

Double click on Startup Disk control panel.

Step 4

In the Startup Disk control panel, click on the CD-ROM icon to highlight it.

Step 5

Close the Startup Disk control panel and restart your Macintosh.

Method 2

Step 1

Insert the CD-ROM disc

Step 2

Under the Special menu, choose Restart.

Step 3

Immediately hold down the Shift-Option-Command-Delete keys.

Step 4

Continue holding these four keys until you see the "Welcome to Macintosh" screen.

The first device mounted on your desktop beneath the Application menu is the device that your computer used to startup.

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