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TOPIC -----

I just got a new Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion module for my PowerBook 500 series computer. Why didn't I get a manual or any documentation? Which version of the PC Card Software do I need to install?

DISCUSSION -----

Some customers will receive the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module through Apple's free upgrade program. Through this program, customers can have an older Rev. A or Rev. B PCMCIA Expansion Module exchanged with a Rev. C module at no cost by calling 800-SOS-APPL or going to an Apple service center.

Rev. C Replacement Modules Are Service Parts

Customers should be made aware that because they are receiving a service part not a Finished Goods part, the Rev. C module will not come with any documentation or software.

Use PC Card Software 2.0 Update ONLY!

*** WARNING ***

Do not attempt to "flash" or update the EPROMs of the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module with PCMCIA Update 1.0 or 1.0.1 software. Doing so downgrades the module and could render it inoperable, requiring a replacement.

The Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module requires PC Card Software 2.0. This software can be custom installed from System 7.5.2 (with enabler v1.2 or later) or System 7.5.3. It can also be downloaded from Apple Software Updates sites on the Internet, America Online, CumpuServe and AppleLink.

These articles can help you locate the software update mentioned here:

- "Where To Find Apple Software Updates" - Lists online services for free Apple

software updates.

- "Obtaining Apple Product Support in the USA" - Lists 800 numbers and online services for software updates, Apple support information, and a subset of the Apple Tech Info Library.

Downgraded By Mistake?

If you have already downgraded the module's EPROMs by running the older PC Card Software, you will need to have the module replaced by calling 800-SOS-APPL or taking the module to an Apple service center.

Which PC Cards Will Work?

With the new software (2.0) and the Rev. C PCMCIA Expansion Module, you should be able to use PC Cards that worked with previous modules plus certain cards that may not have worked with older modules.

Ejecting a PC Card

The PCMCIA Eject control panel and Control Strip module are not needed with the new software and will not work. To eject a PC Card, make sure that it is not in use. Then drag it to the Trash as you would do with a floppy disk.

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