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TOPIC -----

Since a Power Macintosh 6400 series computer (or Power Macintosh 6500) has a video port and two PCI slots, if I install two PCI video cards, can I attach three monitors to my computer?

DISCUSSION -----

No, although there are enough slots in these computers--through the monitor port and two PCI slots--to connect three monitors, due to the way the built-in video's brightness driver loads, it is possible for this driver to conflict with one of the PCI video card drivers. With only one PCI video card installed, this issue does not occur.

When two PCI video cards are installed, the computer can freeze or lose video on one of the monitors. This configuration is not recommended by Apple for Power Macintosh 6400 or Power Macintosh 6500 computers.

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