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TOPIC -----

I have an external CD-ROM drive and when I play audio CD-ROM discs I get no sound. Sound from data CD-ROM discs work fine.

DISCUSSION -----

With any external CD-ROM drive (like the Apple CD 600e, 300e, 150) you have to attach external speakers or headphones to the RCA jacks on the back or the headphone jack on the front of the drive to get sound from an audio CD-ROM disc.

There is no path for audio CD data to be transmitted over the SCSI chain. With an internal CD-ROM drive for example, there is an actual separate physical audio connection from the CD-ROM drive to the Macintosh logic board. Data CD sound is actually synthesized by the computer itself and as such needs no audio connection.

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