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## Power Mac Format Patch: Read Me (8/96)

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TOPIC -----

This article contains the ReadMe file for the Power Mac Format Patch.

DISCUSSION -----

Important Information About the Power Mac Format Patch

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The Power Mac Format Patch corrects problems that may occur with initializing or erasing 3.5-inch floppy disks. You should install this patch if:

\* Your computer is a Power Macintosh 8500/180, 9500/200, or 9500/180MP, and you have replaced your existing System Folder by performing a "clean" installation of system software. The new System Folder created during the "clean" installation process does not contain the patch, and needs it to function properly. (For more information about doing a "clean" installation of system software, see the manual that came with your computer.)

\* You just installed a 180 megahertz (MHz) or faster PowerPC processor upgrade card in a Power Macintosh 7500, 7600, 8500, or 9500 computer.

To install the Power Mac Format Patch, you copy the patch into your Extensions folder inside your System Folder. See "Installing the Patch" below for detailed instructions.

Problems Fixed by this Patch

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The Power Mac Format Patch corrects the following problems that can occur while initializing or erasing a floppy disk on any Power Macintosh 7500, 7600, 8500, or 9500 computer with a 180 MHz or faster PowerPC processor.

\* False warnings that your disk is defective: When initializing or erasing a floppy disk, an alert box like the one shown below usually indicates that the

disk is physically defective or damaged and should be discarded. However, the disk may actually be OK; with the patch installed, the disk may initialize or erase properly.

\* Less disk space available than normal: A newly initialized floppy disk may have substantially less disk space free than what should be available. For example, a 1.4-megabyte high-density floppy disk may have only 1 megabyte of space available.

#### Installing the Patch

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To install the Power Mac Format Patch, do the following:

1. While holding down the Option key on your keyboard, drag the Power Mac Format Patch icon onto the System Folder's icon.

(If you are dragging the icon from the Apple Extras folder on your hard disk, holding down the Option key causes the icon to be copied instead of moved, which leaves a copy of the icon in the Apple Extras folder in case you need to copy it again later.)

You see the following dialog box.

2. Click OK to automatically place the patch in the Extensions folder.
3. Restart your computer by choosing Restart from the Special menu.

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