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PowerBook G3 & G3 Series: Identifying Different Models

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TOPIC

Apple has introduced a number of PowerBook computers with PowerBook G3 in the name. This article provides a method for differentiating between the various models. Though the names are similar, there are significant differences.

DISCUSSION

There are two definitive ways to differentiate the various PowerBook G3 models: by family number or by visual inspection. Remember that family numbers are not the same as model numbers, which are usually listed on the invoice or proof of purchase.

Identifying by Family Number

The product label on the bottom case of all PowerBook products lists the family number. Use the table below as a cross reference.

Model	Family Number
PowerBook G3 introduced October 1997	M3553
PowerBook G3 Series introduced May 1998	M4753
PowerBook G3 Series introduced September 1998	M4753
PowerBook G3 Series (Bronze keyboard) introduced May, 1999	M5343

Identifying By Visual Inspection

PowerBook G3

The Macintosh PowerBook G3 (M3553) has a small, six-color Apple logo on the exterior display housing, two small vents on the display housing, and it closely resembles the older PowerBook 3400.

PowerBook G3 Series

The Macintosh PowerBook G3 Series (M4753) has a large white Apple logo embedded near the middle of the display housing. The G3 Series has two PC Card slots and a Modem port on its left side. On the rear of the computer, the microphone and speaker ports are exposed.

The design of the PowerBook G3 Series is new for the product.

- It is slimmer--that is, it is not as thick as the older PowerBook G3 computer.
- It is about an inch longer and an inch wider than the older PowerBook G3 computer.

PowerBook G3 Series (Bronze keyboard)

The PowerBook G3 Series (Bronze keyboard) (M5343) also has the embedded white Apple logo. The main visual difference is the keyboard, which has a bronze translucent color. The computer has a single PC Card slot on the left side, no exposed Modem port, and is slimmer than the previous PowerBook G3 Series. Also, the ports on the back side of the computer are fully covered by the I/O door.

Additional information on the PowerBook G3 Series (Bronze keyboard) can be found in Tech Info Library Article 58328: "[PowerBook G3 Series \(Bronze keyboard\): How to Differentiate From Other PowerBook G3 Series Computers](#)".

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