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## Apple PC 5.25 Drive: Not Compatible with MS/DOS Computers

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TOPIC -----

Can you attach an Apple PC 5.25 Drive to a MS/DOS computer?

DISCUSSION -----

No, you cannot attach an Apple PC 5.25 Drive to a MS/DOS computer.

First, MS/DOS computers do not supply power to an external floppy drive. The Apple PC 5.25 drive requires the computer to supply power to it, since it does not have its own power source.

Also, the Apple PC 5.25 Drive requires there be a control line for the signal "disk insert". MS/DOS computers put a different signal on this control line.

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