



PowerCD
User's Guide



Apple
CD Player

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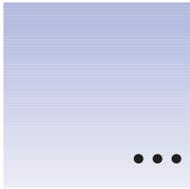
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Important

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device in accordance with the specifications in Part 15 of FCC rules. See instructions if interference to radio or television reception is suspected.

Radio and television interference

The equipment described in this manual generates, uses, and can radiate radio-frequency energy. If it is not installed and used properly—that is, in strict accordance with Apple’s instructions—it may cause interference with radio and television reception.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device in accordance with the specifications in Part 15 of FCC rules. These specifications are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

You can determine whether your computer system is causing interference by turning it off. If the interference stops, it was probably caused by the computer or one of the peripheral devices.

If your computer system does cause interference to radio or television reception, try to correct the interference by using one or more of the following measures:

- Turn the television or radio antenna until the interference stops.
- Move the computer to one side or the other of the television or radio.
- Move the computer farther away from the television or radio.
- Plug the computer into an outlet that is on a different circuit from the television or radio. (That is, make certain the computer and the television or radio are on circuits controlled by different circuit breakers or fuses.)

If necessary, consult your authorized Apple dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. You may find helpful the following booklet, prepared by the Federal Communications Commission: *Interference Handbook* (stock number 004-000-00345-4). This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

Important

Changes or modifications to this product not authorized by Apple Computer, Inc., could void the FCC Certification and negate your authority to operate the product.

This product was tested for FCC compliance under conditions that included the use of shielded cables and connectors between system components. It is important that you use shielded cables and connectors to reduce the possibility of causing interference to radios, television sets, and other electronic devices. For Apple peripheral devices, you can obtain the proper shielded cables from your authorized Apple dealer. For non-Apple peripheral devices, contact the manufacturer or dealer for assistance.

DOC Class B Compliance This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the radio interference regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Observation des normes—Classe B Le présent appareil numérique n’émet pas de bruits radioélectriques dépassant les limites applicables aux appareils numériques de la Classe B prescrites dans les règlements sur le brouillage radioélectrique édictés par le Ministère des Communications du Canada.



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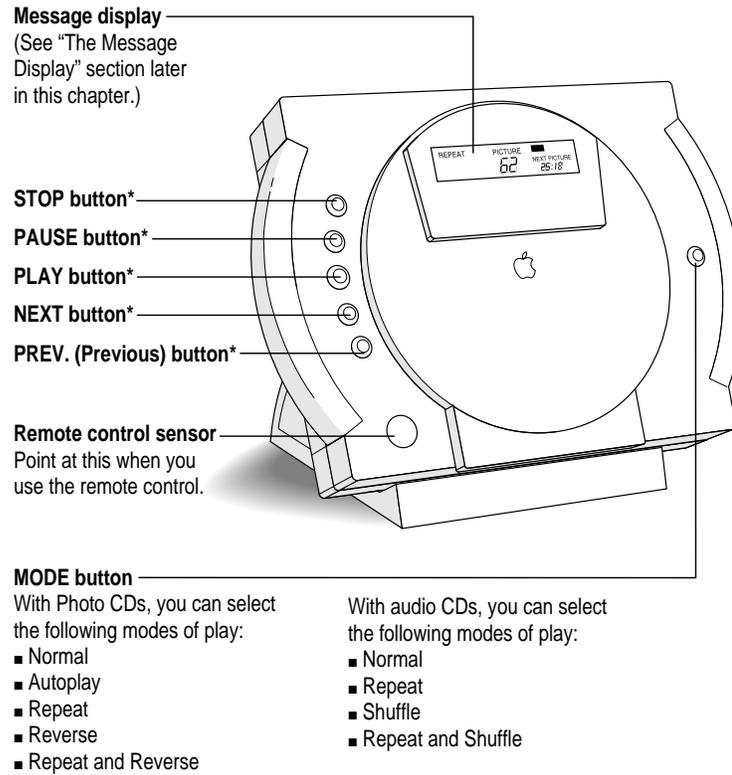
PowerCD at a glance



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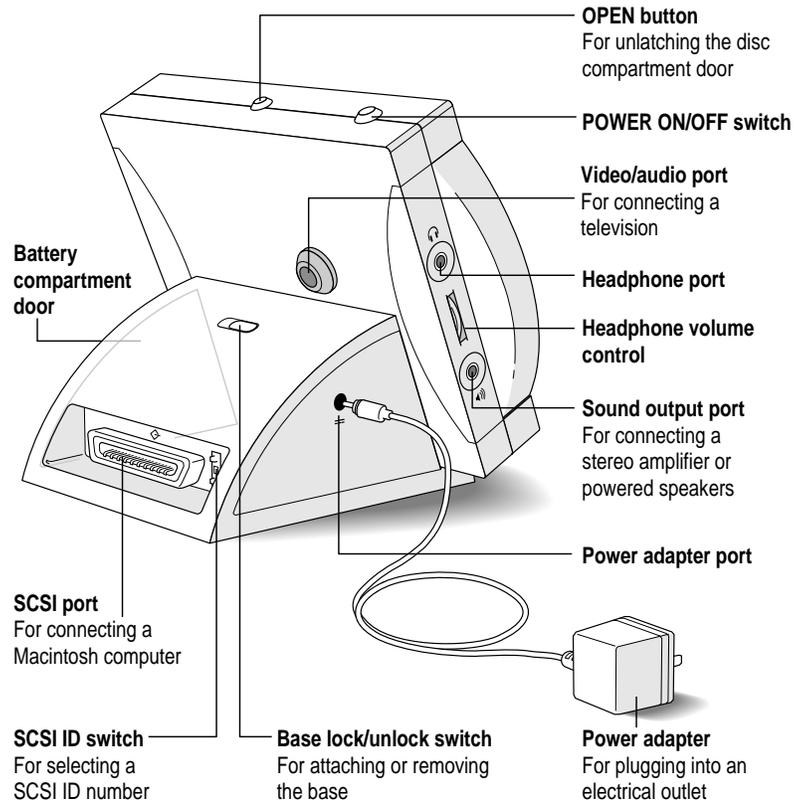
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Front view

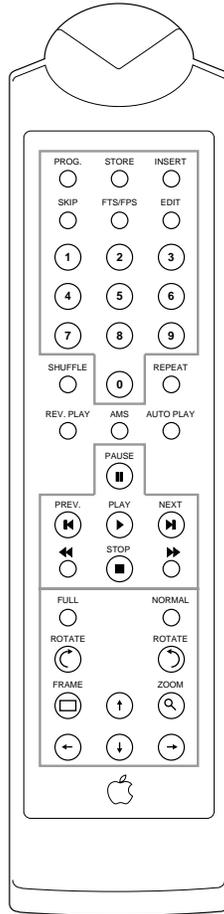


*For an explanation of these buttons, see "The Remote Control" section later in this chapter.

Rear view



The remote control



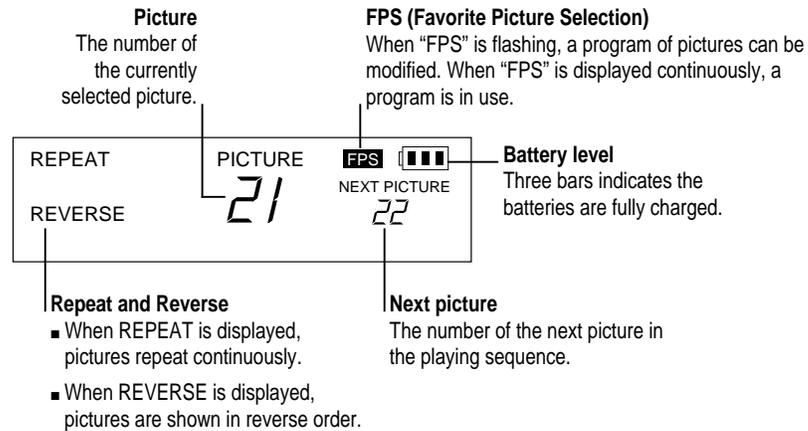
For more information about using the remote control, see Chapters 5-7.

Buttons on the remote control

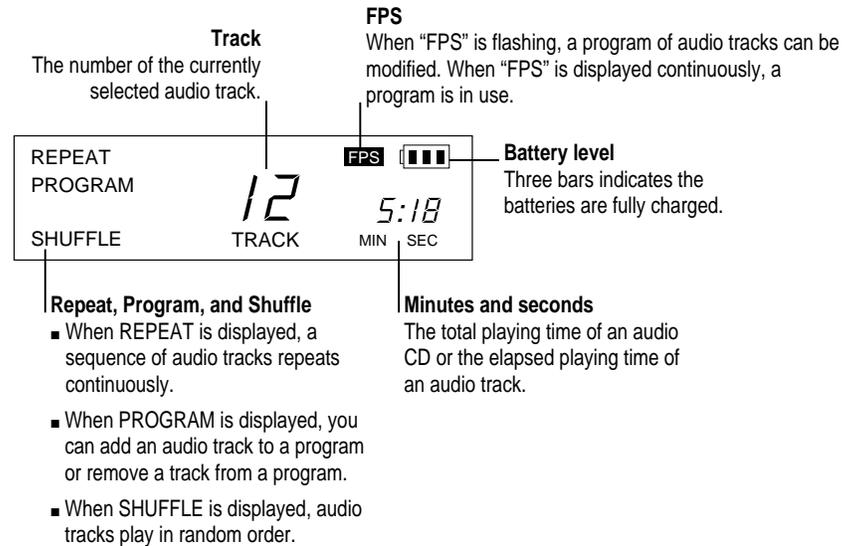
Arrows (◀▶⏪⏩ ←→ Duo)	Move a picture or the frame up, down, left, or right.
AMS	(Automatic Music Scan) Plays the first ten seconds of each track on an audio CD.
AUTOPLAY	Displays pictures in an automatically advancing slide show. You can also select the duration of each picture.
INSERT	Inserts a picture in front of the current picture in a programmed sequence.
EDIT	Selects the length of time that an audio CD will be played.
FRAME	Shows the area of the picture that will be enlarged when you press ZOOM.
FTS/FPS	With Photo CDs, turns FPS (Favorite Picture Selection) on and off. (FPS is on until you turn it off.) With audio CDs, turns FTS (Favorite Track Selection) on and off. (FTS is off until you turn it on.)
FULL	Shows an entire picture on a small scale surrounded by a black background.
NEXT	Selects the next picture or audio track. With Photo CDs, holding down NEXT scans quickly forward through a sequence of pictures.
NORMAL	Shows a normal-sized picture. (The picture takes up the entire screen, and some portions of the picture are hidden.)
Numbers (0-9)	Select a specific picture or audio track. With portfolio Photo CDs, use numbers to choose options from on-screen menus.
PAUSE	Pauses a sequence of pictures or an audio track. Pressing PAUSE a second time resumes play.
PLAY	Displays a picture or begins playing an audio CD.
PREV.	(Previous) Selects the previous picture or audio track. With Photo CDs, holding down PREV scans quickly backward through a sequence of pictures.
PROG.	(Program) Places an audio track in a programmed sequence of tracks. (Or, if the track is already in the program, PROG. removes the track from the program.)
REPEAT	Plays the picture sequence continuously.
REV. PLAY	(Reverse Play) Plays a picture sequence or audio tracks in reverse order.
ROTATE	Turns a picture clockwise or counterclockwise.
Scan (◀◀ ▶▶)	Holding down a Scan button searches quickly (either forward or backward) through a sequence of pictures or audio tracks.
SHUFFLE	Plays audio tracks in random order.
SKIP	Deletes a picture from a programmed sequence. With audio CDs, deletes a program from the player's memory.
STOP	Stops playing a sequence of pictures or an audio track. With portfolio Photo CDs, displays the main menu.
STORE	Saves any changes you make to a picture or program. With audio CDs, saves a programmed sequence of audio tracks in the player's memory.
ZOOM	Enlarges a portion of a picture.

The message display

Messages for Photo CDs



Messages for audio CDs



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Setting up



In this chapter

- Attaching the base
- Attaching the power adapter
- Connecting to a television
- Connecting to stereo speakers or headphones
- Connecting to a Macintosh computer
- Loading and unloading discs
- Viewing the *Introducing PowerCD* disc
- Using batteries
- Care and handling

Attaching the power adapter

- To plug your PowerCD into an electrical outlet, connect the power adapter to the socket on the side of the base.

Connecting to a television

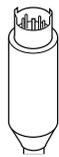
Do you have what you need?

You connect your player to a television using the video/audio cable (included with the player). The cable has three RCA phono plugs. (The yellow plug is for video, the white plug is for the left audio channel, and the red plug is for the right audio channel.)

If your equipment requires a different type of connector—such as an S-Video connector, a BNC connector, an RF connector, or an audio connector—you can purchase an appropriate adapter at an electronics store.



RCA phono plug



S-Video connector



BNC connector



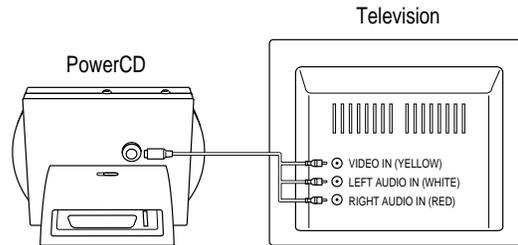
RF connector



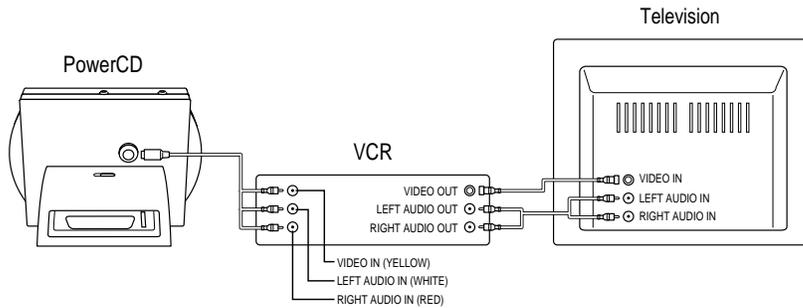
Audio connector

IMPORTANT Before connecting equipment to your PowerCD, be sure all equipment is turned off.

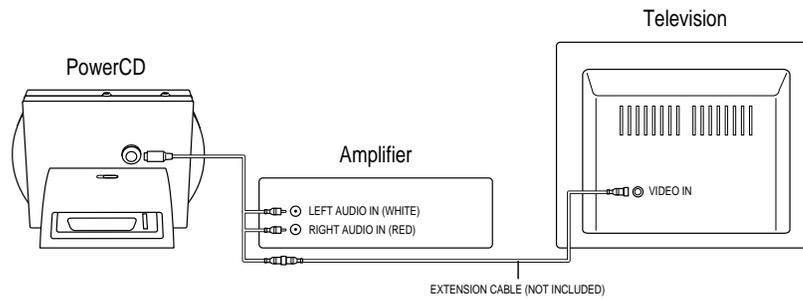
Connecting directly to a television



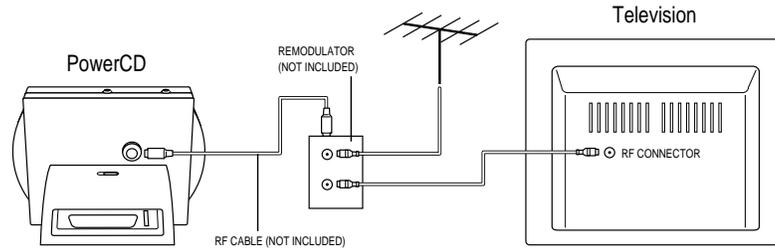
Connecting to a VCR and television



Connecting to a television and stereo amplifier



Connecting to a television using an RF remodulator



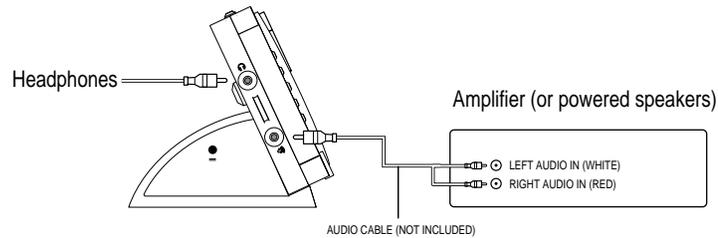
Turning on your television

After you have connected your PowerCD:

- 1 Turn on your PowerCD by pressing the On/Off switch on the top of the player.
- 2 If your PowerCD is also connected to a personal computer, make sure the computer is turned off.
- 3 Turn on your television and tune it to the appropriate channel for video input.

You should see a blue screen.

Connecting to stereo speakers or headphones



Do not connect an amplifier or powered speakers to the headphone port.

Connecting to a Macintosh computer

By connecting your PowerCD to a Macintosh computer, you can use CD-ROM discs, Photo CDs, and audio CDs on your Macintosh.

Do you have what you need?

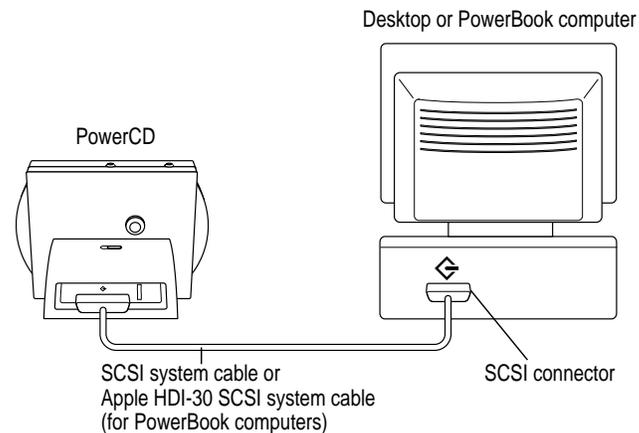
To use your PowerCD with a Macintosh computer, you need a Macintosh with system software version 6.0.7 or later.

You connect your PowerCD to a Macintosh using a SCSI (Small Computer Systems Interface) cable. See the diagrams in this section to determine the type of cable you need. If you do not have a SCSI cable, you can purchase one at a computer supply store.

If you want to connect your PowerCD to a chain of SCSI devices, you will also need a SCSI terminator.

IMPORTANT Before connecting your PowerCD, be sure to turn off the power on both your PowerCD and your computer.

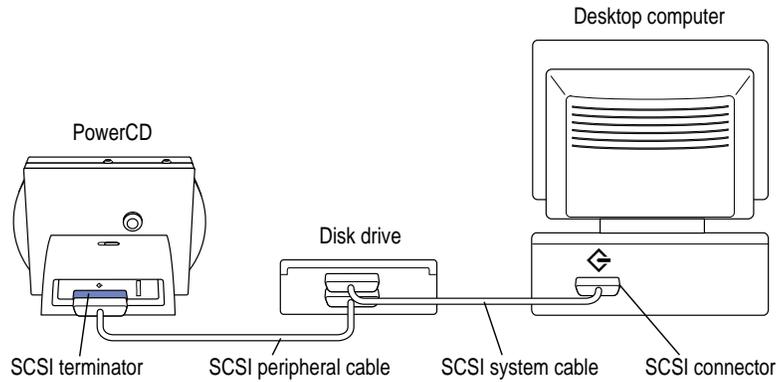
Connecting directly to the computer



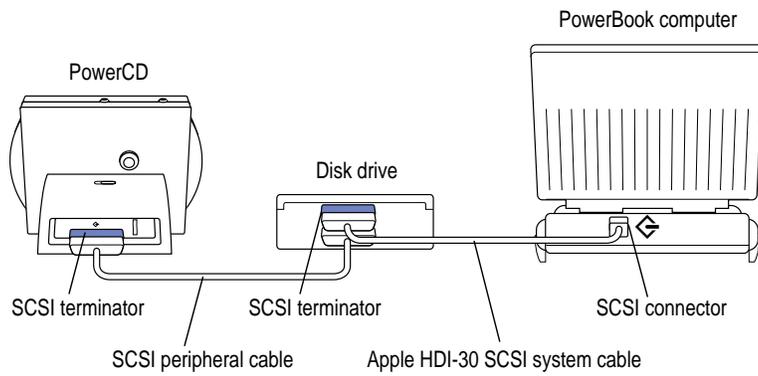
Connecting to a chain of SCSI devices

If you connect your PowerCD to a chain of SCSI devices, your PowerCD must be the last device on the chain.

Connecting to a chain of devices attached to a desktop computer

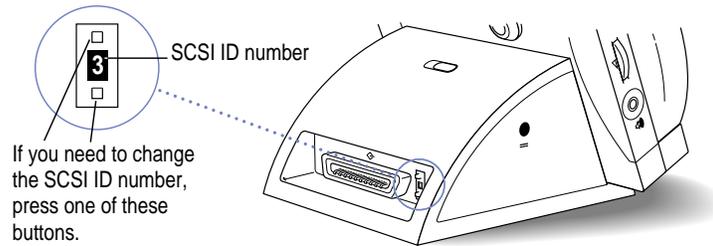


Connecting to a chain of devices attached to a PowerBook computer



Setting the SCSI ID number

Each device in a chain of SCSI devices must have a unique ID number that distinguishes it from other devices on the chain. The SCSI ID number of your PowerCD is preset to 3. If another external device on the chain has the ID 3, you can change the SCSI ID number by pressing either of the small buttons above or below the number. Don't use the number 0 if your computer has a built-in hard disk.



Turning on the computer

You should turn on your PowerCD (and any other peripheral devices) before turning on your computer.

Installing the PowerCD software on a Macintosh computer

To use your PowerCD with a Macintosh computer, you'll need to install software onto your computer's hard disk.

- 1 Turn on your Macintosh.
- 2 Insert the floppy disk labeled *PowerCD Setup* into your computer's floppy disk drive.
- 3 Double-click the disk icon to open it.
- 4 Double-click the Installer icon to open it.

A screen appears welcoming you to the Installer.

- 5 Click OK.

The Easy Install screen appears.



- 6 Make sure the hard disk named in the box is the one on which you want to install the PowerCD software.**

If it's not, click the Switch Disk button until the name of the correct disk appears.

- 7 Click Install.**

Messages appear on the screen describing the progress of the installation.

- 8 When you see a message asking you to insert the QuickTime disk, insert the disk.**

- 9 When you see a message asking you to insert the PowerCD Setup disk, insert the disk.**

- 10 When you see a message saying that installation was successful, click Restart.**

Your Macintosh restarts. The computer can now use discs in your PowerCD.

Turning power on or off

- **To turn power on or off, press the on/off switch on the top of your PowerCD.**

When you turn power on, the message display lights up. (If you are running your PowerCD on batteries, the message display dims after ten seconds. The message display will light up again when you press any key on either the player or the remote control.)

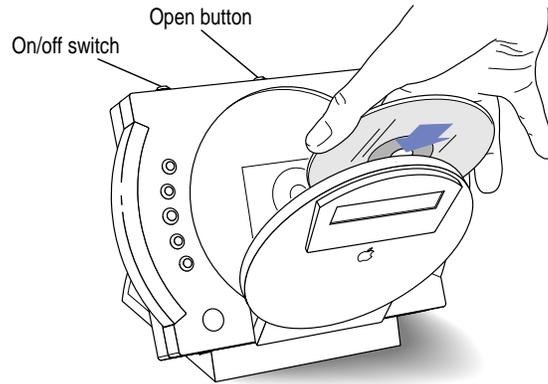
IMPORTANT Power is available in the CD player even when the player is switched off. If you need to remove all power to the player, be sure to unplug the power cord and remove the batteries.

Loading and unloading discs

Loading a disc

- 1 Press the Open button on the top of your PowerCD.**
- 2 Pull open the disc compartment door.**
- 3 If you're opening the door for the first time, remove the foam packing insert.**

- 4 Slide the disc into the door with the label side of the disc facing out.



- 5 Close the door.

Unloading a disc

If you're using a CD-ROM disc on a Macintosh computer, drag the disc icon to the Trash before removing the disc from the player.

Viewing the *Introducing PowerCD* disc

A good way to become familiar with your PowerCD is to view the *Introducing PowerCD* disc. The disc demonstrates ways to use your PowerCD and includes some sample Photo CD images.

- To view the disc on a television connected to your PowerCD, simply load the disc into the player.

The program begins automatically.

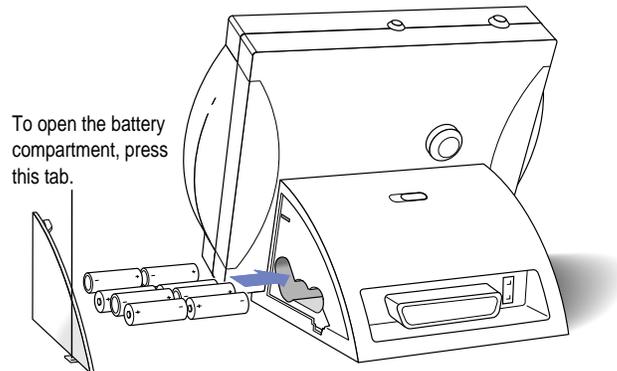
If your PowerCD is connected only to a computer, you can't view the program, but you can use the Photo CD images on the disc. For instructions on how to view Photo CDs on a Macintosh, see Chapter 4.

Using batteries

Inserting batteries in the player

- To use your PowerCD on batteries, insert eight AA-size batteries (not included).

You can run your PowerCD on batteries for about one hour.

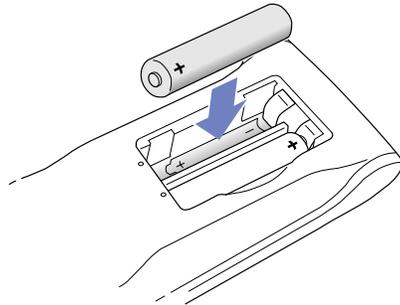


WARNING Follow these safety instructions to avoid battery leakage, damage to your player, and potential fire hazard:

- Follow the safety instructions that came with your batteries.
- Make sure not to insert any batteries backwards.
- Your PowerCD was designed for use with AA-cell alkaline and NiCad (nickel-cadmium) batteries only. For information about other types of batteries, consult your dealer.
- Do not mix different types of batteries. Use eight alkaline batteries or eight NiCad batteries, but do not combine alkaline and NiCad batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.

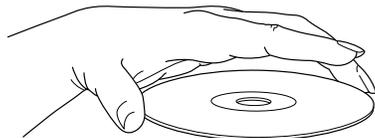
Inserting batteries in the remote control

- 1 Open the battery compartment by placing your thumbnail in the curved slot and squeezing.
- 2 Insert two AAA batteries.

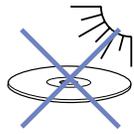


Care and handling

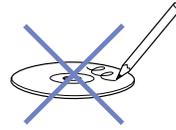
- Do not leave the disc compartment door open, because dust could get on the lens inside the player. If you need to clean the lens, see your dealer for a lens cleaner. Do not wipe the lens with a paper towel or other abrasive surface.
- When transporting your player, replace the foam packing insert in the disc compartment. Never transport your player with a disc inside of it.
- Hold a disc by the edges, or by one edge and the center hole. Do not touch the disc surface.



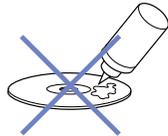
- To avoid damage to your CDs, keep these points in mind:



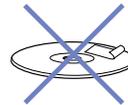
Do not expose discs to direct sunlight.



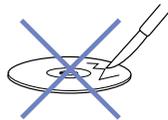
Do not write on discs.



Do not spill liquids on discs.



Do not put tape on discs.

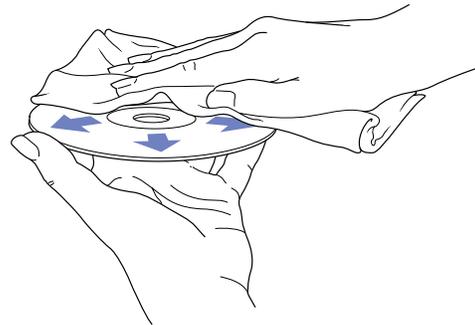


Do not scratch discs.



Do not get dust on discs.

- To clean discs, wipe the shiny surface with a soft cloth, working in straight lines from center to edge. Do not use any form of cleaning agent.



WARNING Electrical equipment may be hazardous if misused. Operation of this product or similar products must always be supervised by an adult. Do not allow children access to the interior of any electrical product and do not permit them to handle cables.

3

Types of compact discs you can use



In this chapter

- CD-ROM discs
- Photo CDs
- Audio CDs

CD-ROM discs

If you connect your PowerCD to a Macintosh computer, you can use CD-ROM discs.

What is CD-ROM?

A CD-ROM disc is like a huge, locked floppy disk. A CD-ROM disc gives you access to large amounts of information, however, you cannot save information onto CD-ROM discs. ROM stands for “read-only memory,” which means that you cannot “write” information onto CD-ROM discs.

A wide selection of CD-ROM discs is available for education, entertainment, and business. One disc can hold over 650 megabytes of information—the equivalent of 270,000 pages of text, up to eight hours of speech or music (depending on the sound quality), hundreds of high-resolution color images, or a combination of text, sound, and graphics.

File formats

Not all CD-ROM discs store information in the same way. Your computer must be able to understand the file format in order to use the disc.

Macintosh computers can use CD-ROM discs with these standard file formats:

- HFS (Hierarchical File System)—the standard file format used by the Macintosh.
- ISO 9660—the International Standards Organization’s file format for CD-ROM discs. This format has been adopted by many CD manufacturers to make their discs compatible with a variety of computers. It is also the format used by Photo CD discs.
- The High Sierra format, which is part of the ISO 9660 format.

Your PowerCD can also work with the CD-ROM XA file format if you install the necessary software on your Macintosh. To find out the availability of software for additional file formats, contact the publisher of the disc you want to use.

Photo CDs

Photo CDs contain digitized photographs. To obtain a photo CD of your own photographs, you give standard film to a photoprocessor who has a Kodak Photo CD system.

The photofinisher develops your film, digitizes the photographs, and returns a Photo CD to you containing your Photo CD images. A single Photo CD can hold approximately 100 images.

You can take a Photo CD back to your photofinisher and have more photos added until the disc is full. (However, some other CD-ROM drives cannot read these “multisession” discs.)

Portfolio CDs

Portfolio CDs are commercially available Photo CD titles that you can purchase. They often include audio as well. For instance, you might purchase a Photo CD version of a book. Images on a portfolio Photo CD are meant to be viewed in a pre-programmed order.

Audio CDs

Your PowerCD can play audio CDs through headphones or speakers. For more information, see Chapter 6.

4

Using Photo CDs with a Macintosh computer

In this chapter

- Using Photo CD images on your Macintosh
- Viewing the contents of a Photo CD
- Viewing several images in sequence
- Setting preferences for how Photo CD images are displayed
- Copying images from a Slide Show

Using Photo CD images on your Macintosh

You can use your computer to open and view Photo CD images. You can copy and save them, print them, paste them into word-processing documents or other documents that accept graphics, and edit them using graphics applications. You can also view your Photo CD images as a slide show.

Photo CD images are an excellent source of graphics for desktop publishing, multimedia presentations, business documents, and professional-quality graphic design.

Do you have what you need?

To use your PowerCD with a Macintosh, you should have the following software in the System Folder on your computer's hard disk:

- PowerCD extension
- Foreign File Access extension
- Apple Photo Access extension
- High Sierra File Access extension
- ISO 9660 File Access extension
- QuickTime extension

This software is automatically installed when you install the PowerCD Setup software. If you haven't already installed this software, follow the instructions in "Installing the PowerCD Setup Software on a Macintosh Computer" in Chapter 2.

Viewing the contents of a Photo CD

To view images on a Photo CD, follow these steps:

- 1** Open the disc compartment door and load the CD.

The first time you insert a Photo CD disc, a message appears telling you the system is creating custom Photo CD icons. You can click Stop if you want to save time by using standard document icons instead. After several seconds, an icon for the Photo CD disc appears on the desktop.

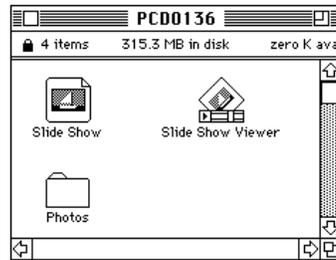


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The disc name appears with the letters "PCD" and an identifying number supplied by the photoprocessor. You cannot change the name of the disc.

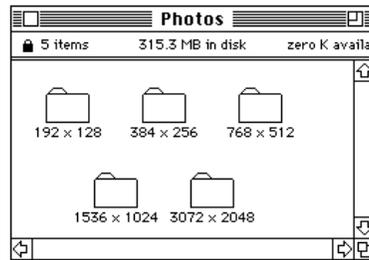
2 Double-click the disc icon to open it.

A window appears with a QuickTime movie named Slide Show, the Slide Show Viewer, and a Photos folder.



3 Double-click the Photos folder to open it.

The Photos folder contains Photo CD images recorded at five different resolutions.



The higher the image resolution, the more detail it has, and the more storage space it takes.

High-resolution images can contain as much as 18 MB (megabytes) of data for one photograph. However, depending on your computer's screen resolution or printer's printing resolution, you may not be able to view or print the graphic at such high resolution.

Because each Photo CD image is recorded at five levels of resolution, you can work with an image at a resolution appropriate for your display or printing device. For example, you might use a Photo CD image at low resolution for displaying on a TV or computer screen in a multimedia presentation. On the other hand, to produce high-quality color separations from a Photo CD image, you might select a high-resolution image appropriate for the high-resolution printing capabilities of an imagesetter.

4 Double-click one of the five folders to open it.

Within each folder, an icon appears for each Photo CD image. Each icon is a tiny representation of the Photo CD image. The name of each icon corresponds to the index number of the image. (The index comes with your Photo CD.)



You can't rename the images on a Photo CD disc, but you can copy them to another disc and rename the copies.

- 5 Double-click the icon of the image you want to see.

The image appears in a window.



Unless you have already specified a graphics program you want to have open Photo CD images, the image will be opened by TeachText.

If you prefer, you can have Photo CD images opened by your favorite graphics program. See “Setting Preferences for How Photo CD Images are Displayed” later in this chapter.

Viewing several images in sequence

You can conveniently browse through all your Photo CD images by using the Slide Show movie and Slide Show Viewer in the Photo CD window. The Slide Show file is a QuickTime movie of all your Photo CD images.

To play the Slide Show movie:

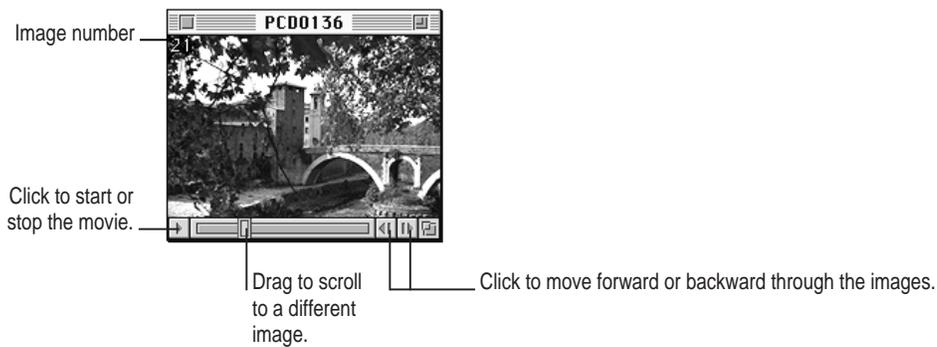
- 1 Double-click the Slide Show movie icon.



Slide Show

The Slide Show Viewer automatically begins displaying Photo CD images.

- 2 Use the Slide Show Viewer controls to stop or start the movie, scroll to a particular image, or flip forward or backward through the images.



You can also display an image by typing its number.

Opening a Slide Show image in a graphics program

When you are looking at an image with the Slide Show Viewer, you can copy the image into another program.

- **While the image you want is displayed, choose View or View As from the Photos menu.**

If you choose View, the image opens in the program and at the resolution specified in the Preferences dialog box (described in the next section, “Setting Preferences for How Photo CD Images are Displayed”).

If you choose View As, you can specify a program and resolution.

Setting preferences for how Photo CD images are displayed

You can choose:

- which graphics program will automatically open Photo CD images
- which resolution is used
- how large the images appear on the screen when you view them as a slide show

You set these options by using the Preferences command in the Slide Show Viewer.

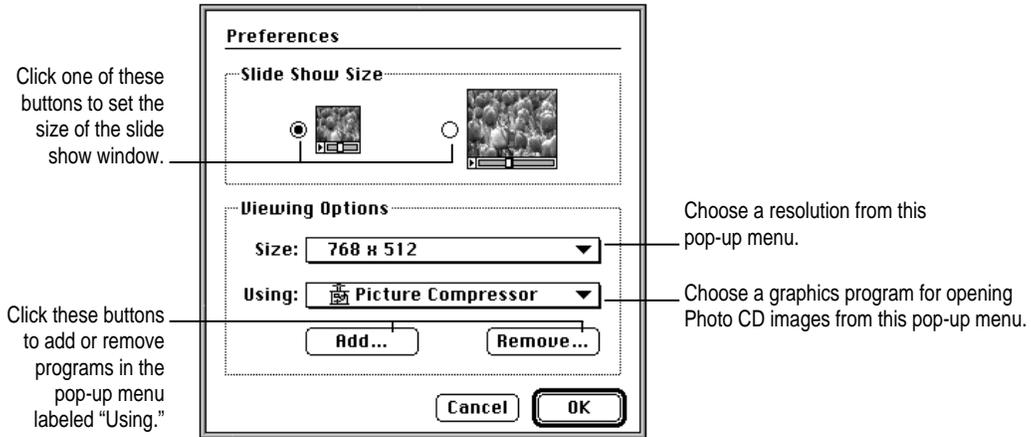
- 1 **Open the Slide Show Viewer by double-clicking its icon.**



Slide Show Viewer

2 Choose Preferences from the File menu.

The Preferences dialog box appears.



3 After you have chosen the options you want, click OK.

Your changes take effect when you restart your Macintosh. After restart, when you double-click a Photo CD image or choose View in the Slide Show Viewer, the image opens in the program and at the resolution you specified.

Copying images from a Slide Show

You can also copy a Slide Show image using the Clipboard and paste it into any document that accepts images. The image is copied at the resolution chosen in the Preferences dialog box.

- 1 While the image you want is displayed in the viewer, choose **Copy** from the **Edit** menu.
- 2 Open the document you want to paste the image into.
- 3 Choose **Paste** from the **Edit** menu.

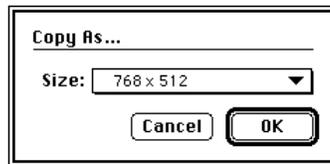
The image appears in your document.

Copying a Slide Show image using a different resolution

You can copy an image displayed in the viewer at a resolution different than the one specified in the Preferences dialog box.

To copy the image at a different resolution:

- 1 While the image you want is displayed, choose **Copy As** from the **Edit** menu.
- 2 In the dialog box that appears, choose the resolution you want from the **Size** pop-up menu.



- 3 When you've chosen the resolution you want, click **OK**.
- 4 Paste the image into your document.

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Using Photo CDs with a television



In this chapter

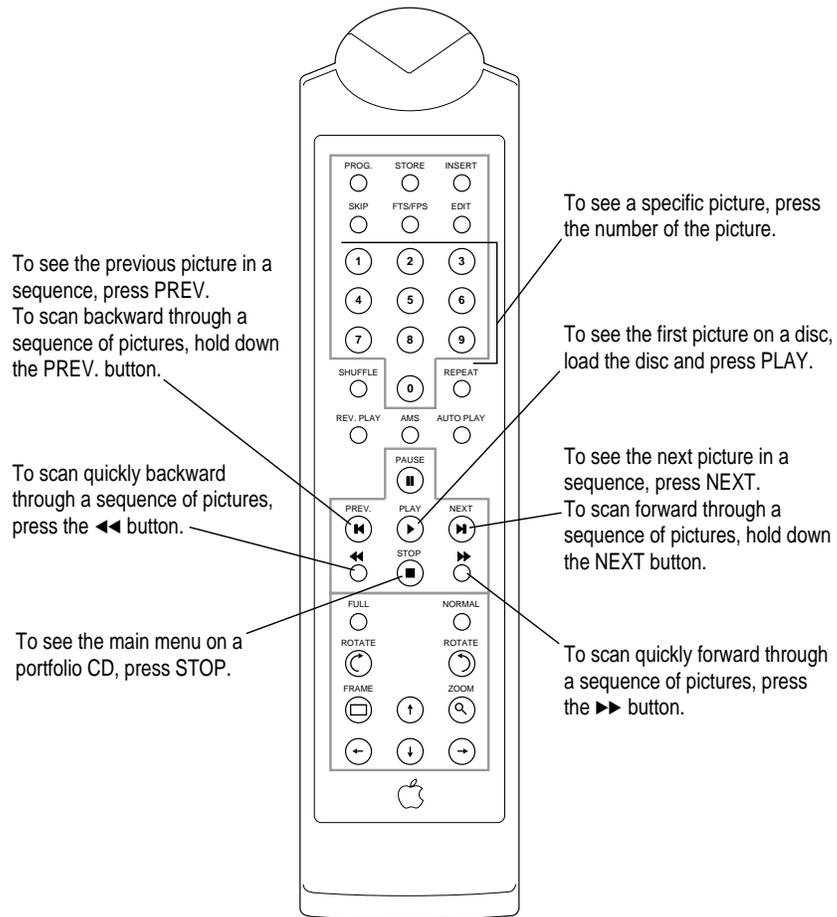
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- Composing pictures on the screen
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- Viewing the original unedited versions of pictures

Using your PowerCD with both a television and a computer

If your PowerCD is connected to both a television and a computer, it will function as a CD-ROM drive for the computer.

In order to view Photo CDs on your television, you must first turn off the computer.

Photo CD basics



Showing pictures automatically

Autoplay shows you all the photos on a disc in sequence, one after the other, automatically.

- **To turn on autoplay, press AUTOPLAY.**

Pictures are displayed one after another in sequence.

- **To pause an autoplay sequence, press PAUSE.**

To resume play, press PAUSE again.

- **To turn off autoplay, press AUTOPLAY again.**

Setting the speed of autoplay

When you turn on autoplay, each picture is shown for 2 seconds. You can choose to display each photo for 2, 4, or 8 seconds.

- **To display each photo for 4 seconds, press AUTOPLAY twice quickly when turning autoplay on.**

- **To display each photo for 8 seconds, press AUTOPLAY three times quickly when turning autoplay on.**

Repeating the disc continuously

- **To show all the photos on a disc in a repeating loop, press REPEAT on the remote control.**

To turn off repeating, press REPEAT again.

Composing pictures on the screen

- To see an entire photo, press **FULL**.
- To have a photo take up the entire screen (with some parts of the photo hidden), press **NORMAL**.



Full view



Normal view

- To rotate a picture, press either of the two **ROTATE** buttons.



Before

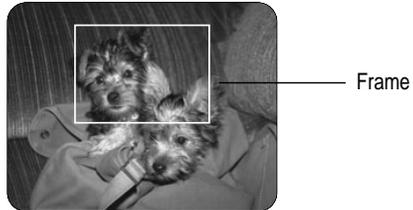


After

Enlarging part of picture

- 1 Press **FRAME**.

A rectangular box appears on the screen, indicating the part of the picture to be enlarged.



- 2 Press the arrow keys to move the frame to the part of the picture you want to enlarge.

- 3 Press **ZOOM**.



Storing your favorite view of a picture

- 1 Make sure that **"FPS"** is lit on the message display.

If FPS (Favorite Picture Selection) is not displayed, you can turn it on by pressing FTS/FPS.

- 2 Set up the picture the way you like it.
- 3 Press **STORE**.

Your favorite view of the picture is stored in the player's memory. The next time you see the picture, it will appear the way you like it.

Programming sequences of your favorite pictures

On your first showing, photos appear in the order depicted on the index that comes with a Photo CD disc. You can set up your disc so you see only the photos you like in the order you like. Changes are stored in the PowerCD player's memory. They do not affect the original pictures in any way, which are still on your disc so that you can call them back at any time.

Inserting a photo in the playing sequence

You can rearrange photos in the playing sequence by inserting one photo in front of another. For example, you can insert photo number 3 in front of photo number 2.

To insert a photo in the playing sequence:

- 1 Make sure that "FPS" is lit on the message display.**

If FPS (Favorite Picture Selection) is not displayed, you can turn it on by pressing FTS/FPS.

- 2 Display a picture.**

The picture you insert will go in front of this one.

- 3 Press INSERT on the remote control.**

On the display, the Next Picture number flashes.

- 4 Enter the number of the photo you want to insert, using the number keys or the NEXT/PREV. buttons.**

- 5 Press STORE.**

Removing a photo from the playing sequence

You can skip the photos you don't like. To remove a photo from the playing sequence:

- 1 **Make sure that "FPS" is lit on the message display.**

If FPS (Favorite Picture Selection) is not displayed, you can turn it on by pressing FTS/FPS.

- 2 **Display the picture by pressing its number on the remote control.**
- 3 **Press SKIP.**

Restoring a skipped photo

Skipped photos are still on the disc. To restore a skipped photo to the playing sequence:

- 1 **Make sure that "FPS" is lit on the message display.**

If FPS (Favorite Picture Selection) is not displayed, you can turn it on by pressing FTS/FPS.

- 2 **Display the picture by pressing its number on the remote control.**
- 3 **Press STORE.**

Viewing the original unedited versions of pictures

- **To see your pictures as they appeared on your original disc—before you made any changes—you just turn off FPS (Favorite Picture Selection).**

When FPS is on, the letters "FPS" appear on the message display. You can turn FPS off by pressing FTS/FPS.

To see the pictures as you edited them, press FTS/FPS to turn FPS back on.

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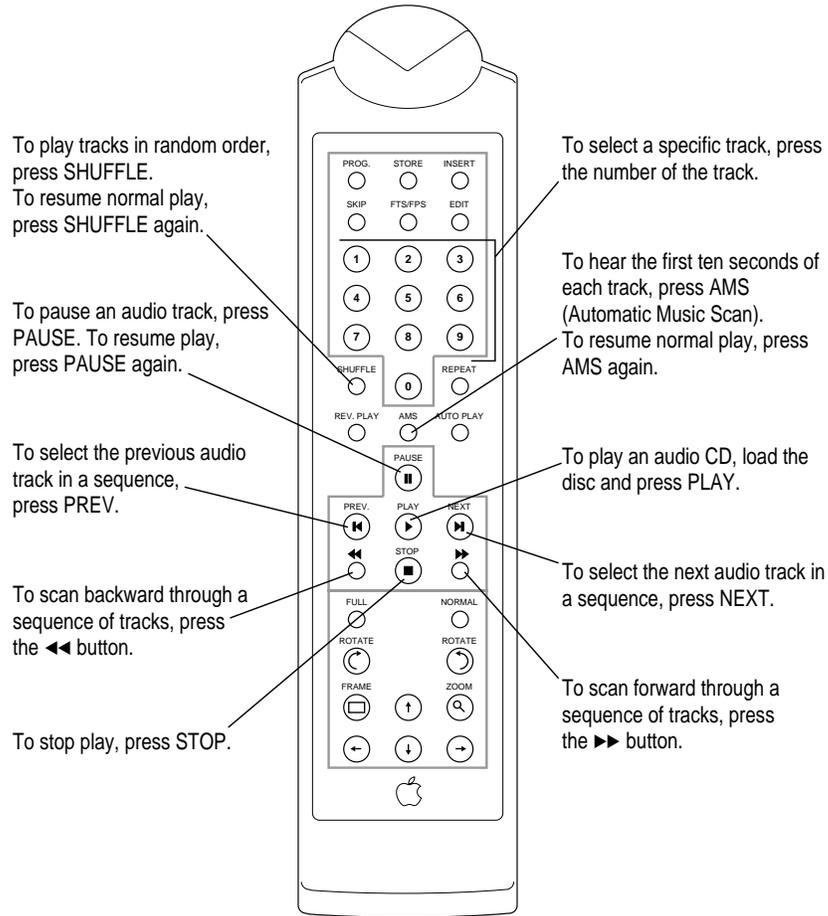
Playing audio CDs



In this chapter

- Audio CD basics
- Programming a sequence of audio tracks
- Playing audio for a specified period of time
- Playing audio CDs with a Macintosh computer

Audio CD basics



Programming a sequence of audio tracks

With a disc loaded, you can set tracks to play in any order you want. You can also store the program permanently in the PowerCD's memory.

Creating a program

- 1 If music is playing, press STOP.**
- 2 Select a track using the number keys or NEXT/PREV.**
- 3 Press PROG.**
PROGRAM appears on the display.
- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 to add more tracks to your program.**

A program can contain up to 30 tracks.

Reviewing a program

- **To review a program you have created, press PROG.**
Each track number appears on the display in the order you set.

Playing a program

- **To play a program you have created, press PLAY.**
Play begins with the first track in the program. During program play, you can use all the player's audio functions except program compiling and Time Edit. You can scan only within the track being played.

Removing a track from a program

A track can appear only once in a program. Programming a track a second time removes it from the program.

- 1 Stop the player.**
- 2 Select a track that has already been programmed.**
- 3 Press PROG.**

Clearing a program

- **To clear a program you have created, press STOP while the player is already stopped.**
On the display, PROGRAM disappears. The program is also cleared when you open the disc compartment door or switch the player off.

Storing a program in the player's memory

Unless you store a program in the PowerCD's memory, the program won't be available the next time you load the audio CD. To permanently store a program in memory, follow these steps:

- 1 Create a program (as described in "Creating a Program" earlier in this section).**
- 2 Press FTS/FPS. Then, while "FPS" is flashing on the display, press STORE.**

Your program is stored in memory and FPS stops flashing. The program replaces any previous program you made for that disc.

Playing a program you have stored

- 1 Press FTS/FPS. Then, while "FPS" is flashing on the display, press PLAY.**

If a program exists for this disc, play starts with the first track in the program. If not, "Er" appears on the display.

During program play, you use all of the player's audio functions except program compiling and Time Edit. You can scan only within the track being played.

- 2 To turn off program play, press STOP to stop the player, then press STOP again.**

FPS disappears from the display.

Playing audio for a specified period of time

The Time Edit feature of your PowerCD lets you play music for any time up to 99 minutes. This is handy for recording onto cassettes, as a signal that a certain amount of time has passed, or when you are listening to music while falling asleep.

To set the amount of time that audio will play:

- 1 With the player stopped, press EDIT.**
- 2 Enter the required time in minutes using the number keys.**

The Time Edit feature plays complete tracks only, so make sure the time you enter is at least as long as the first audio track.

- 3 Press PLAY.**

Play starts, and the time begins to count down on the display.

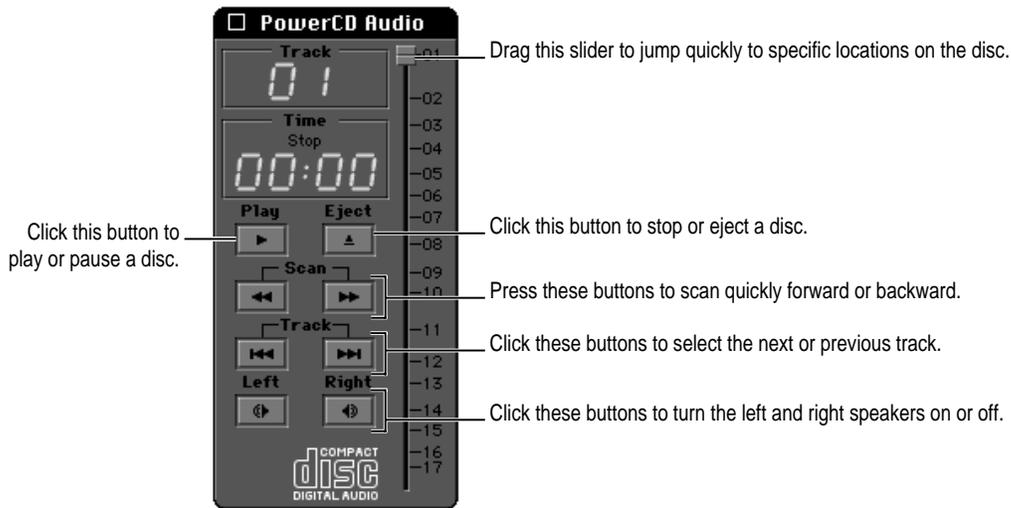
Playing audio CDs with a Macintosh computer

If your PowerCD is connected to a Macintosh computer, you can play audio CDs using the PowerCD Audio desk accessory.

- To open the desk accessory, pull down the Apple () menu and choose **PowerCD Audio**.

The PowerCD Audio desk accessory appears.

If PowerCD Audio is not in the Apple menu, install the PowerCD Setup software as described in Chapter 2.



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Managing the PowerCD player's memory



In this chapter

- Deleting the program for a disc
- Deleting the entire contents of your PowerCD's memory

Deleting the program for a disc

As you store more photo sequences and audio programs, your PowerCD player's memory gradually fills up. If you see the word "FULL" on the message display, it means you need to clear some programs in order to store additional changes.

To make room available in the player's memory, you can delete the programs for discs that you seldom use.

- 1 Load the disc.**
- 2 Press FTS/FPS on the remote control.**
- 3 While FPS is flashing on the display, press SKIP twice.**

FPS flashes until the program for that disc is deleted from memory.

Deleting the entire contents of your PowerCD's memory

WARNING Deleting the entire contents of the player's memory will remove all the programs you have made for all your CDs.

- 1 Open the disc compartment door.**
- 2 Press FTS/FPS on the remote control. Then immediately press REPEAT.**

"A" appears on the display.

(At this point you can still change your mind by pressing any key on the remote control *other than* SKIP.)

- 3 Press SKIP twice.**

"Clr" is displayed until the entire contents of the player's memory is cleared.

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Troubleshooting



In this chapter

- General problems
- Problems viewing Photo CDs on TV
- Audio problems
- Problems using your PowerCD with a Macintosh

This chapter describes solutions to common problems you may encounter while using your PowerCD.

If you have a problem with your PowerCD and nothing in this chapter solves it, take the unit to your authorized Apple dealer or service provider.

WARNING If you attempt to repair the PowerCD yourself, you may void the Limited Warranty. Contact your Apple authorized dealer or service provider for additional information about this or any other warranty questions.

General problems

There is no power.

- Make sure that the ON/OFF switch is set to on.
- If you are using batteries, replace the batteries.
- If your PowerCD is plugged into an electrical outlet, make sure that both ends of the power adapter are properly connected. Also make sure that there is power in the electrical outlet. Plug in another device to check.

The remote control doesn't work.

- Aim the remote control at the player.
- Remove any obstacles that may lie in the signal path.
- Replace the batteries in the remote control.

You can't make changes to a program, and the word "FULL" appears on the message display.

- The player's memory is full. See Chapter 7, "Managing the PowerCD Player's Memory."

Problems viewing Photo CDs on TV

There is no picture on the TV.

- Make sure that the disc is a Photo CD.
- Make sure that the disc label is facing towards the door.
- Make sure that the TV is turned on.
- Make sure you have selected the correct channel or external source on the TV.
- If the PowerCD is connected to both the TV and your computer, make sure the computer is turned off.
- Check the video connection.

The picture is distorted.

- Check the disc for marks, and clean it with a soft cloth, wiping from center to edge.
- Check if the disc is defective by trying another disc.

Audio problems

There is no sound.

- Make sure the volume is turned up.
- Make sure the disc is an audio CD or a portfolio Photo CD with sound.
- Make sure the disc label is towards the door.
- Check all audio connections.
- If you are using headphones, connect the headphones into another sound source to make sure they work.
- If you are using a high-fidelity amplifier, check whether it is working by trying another sound source.

The sound is distorted.

- Check the disc for marks, and clean it with a soft cloth, wiping from center to edge.
- Check if the disc is defective by trying another disc.

Sound from a high-fidelity amplifier is distorted.

- Check that the audio connections are not made to the amplifier Phono input.

Problems using your PowerCD with a Macintosh

The computer doesn't seem to know that there is a PowerCD.

- Make sure the PowerCD is turned on and that a disc is inserted.
- Make sure the PowerCD software is installed. (See “Installing the PowerCD Software on a Macintosh Computer” in Chapter 2.)
- Restart your computer.
- Check that each SCSI device attached to your computer has a unique SCSI ID number. (See “Setting the SCSI ID Number” in Chapter 2.)

Your computer won't restart after you've copied software for your PowerCD to the System Folder.

- If you attempt to install the software for your PowerCD without using the Installer as described in Chapter 2, you may not be able to restart your computer. Restart using another startup disk and install the software according to the instructions in Chapter 2.

You insert a CD-ROM disc but its icon does not appear on the Macintosh desktop.

- Make sure the disc label is facing towards the door.
- Make sure the SCSI cable is connected properly.
- Make sure the PowerCD software is installed (as described in Chapter 2).
- Restart the computer.

You can't open documents on a particular CD-ROM.

- Try opening an application program first, then opening the document.
- Read the manual that came with your CD-ROM disc. Some discs come with a separate floppy disk containing the program that reads the information on the disc.

You can't save changes you make to information on a CD-ROM disc.

- CD-ROM is a read-only medium. That means that information can be read (retrieved) from it, but not written (stored) on it. You can save the changed information on a hard disk or floppy disk.

When you insert a disc in your PowerCD, your computer displays the message "This is not a Macintosh disk: Do you want to initialize it?"

- Make sure the PowerCD software is installed (as described in Chapter 2).
- The disc may use a format that the Macintosh cannot recognize. Exchange it for a disc that works with your Macintosh.

You don't hear any sound when you try to use an audio CD.

- If you have headphones or speakers connected to the computer, adjust the connector to make sure you have a good connection.
- Turn up the volume control on the PowerCD player.
- Use the PowerCD Audio desk accessory to start the audio playback.
- Click the Play button.
- Click the Pause button once or twice.
- Are you using a CD-ROM disc over a network? You can't hear the audio portion of discs you access over a network.

You can't open a track icon on an audio CD.

- You can't play tracks on audio CDs by opening track icons. Use the PowerCD Audio desk accessory to play audio tracks.

When you double-click the icon of a CD that combines audio tracks and data (while that CD is playing), you cannot open it.

- You can't open a CD-ROM disc while it's playing an audio track. Click Stop in the PowerCD Audio desk accessory before opening the disc.

You are unable to record sound from an audio CD disc.

- Check your computer's sound input port to see if a microphone or other device is connected. Connecting a microphone or other device to the port turns off the computer's ability to record from your CD-ROM drive.

Your PowerCD will not open Photo CD discs.

- To open Photo CD images, your computer must have both QuickTime and the Photo CD extension installed on your system. Be sure to install the PowerCD software (as described in Chapter 2).

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Technical specifications



General specifications

Weight

- 1.4 Kg

Dimensions (assembled)

- 165 mm high by 220 mm wide by 125 mm deep

Operating temperature

- + 5° C to 40° C (+ 41° F to 104° F)

Operating humidity

- 5% to 90% (no condensation)

Interfaces

- One video/audio port
- One 50-pin SCSI interface port
- One stereo output port
- One headphones port

Power

Power adapter

- One of the following:
 - 120 V AC, 60 Hz
 - 230 V AC, 50 Hz
 - 100 V AC, 50/60 Hz
 - 240 V AC, 50 Hz
 - 100 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz

DC input

- 7 to 11 V, 1.2 A

Power consumption

- 15 W

Video

Video out (CVBS)

- 1 V_{pp} (75-ohm load)

Signal-to-noise ratio

- > 48 dB (PAL)
- > 50 dB (NTSC)

Bandwidth

- > 4.5 MHz (PAL)
- > 4.2 MHz (NTSC)

Audio

Analog output

- 2 V_{rms} +/- 2 dB

Headphones output power

- ≥ 30 mW (47-ohm load)

Signal-to-noise ratio

- ≥ 95 dB (speakers)
≥ 82 dB (headphones)

Dynamic range

- ≥ 80 dB (speakers)
≥ 84 dB (headphones)

Channel separation

- ≥ 90 dB (speakers)
≥ 75 dB (headphones)

Total harmonic distortion

- ≤ 70 dB (speakers)
≤ 75 dB (headphones)

Data

Data capacity

- 656 MB, Mode 1
- 748 MB, Mode 2

Number of blocks per disc

- 270,000 (typical)

Data per block

- 2,048 bytes, Mode 1
- 2,336 bytes, Mode 2

Address description

- Minutes, seconds, frames

Data streaming

Blocks per second

- 75

User bytes per second

- 153.6K, Mode 1
- 175.2K, Mode 2

SCSI transfer rate

- 2.1 MB per second

Buffer size

- 256K

Laser

Type

- Semiconductor laser GaAIAs

Wavelength

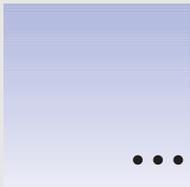
- 780 nm

Output power

- 0.6 mW

Beam divergence

- 54.8°



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