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Macintosh II Internal Disk Drive Appears Write Protected

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Problem: The Macintosh II internal floppy drive appears to be write protected. If the drive is replaced and the top cover reinstalled, the same symptom reappears.

Cure: Test the system without the top cover installed. If the drive tests properly, check the the grounding tabs on the RFI shield near the drive. One of them may be bent inward, which pushes the write-protect switch on the mechanical assembly downward, causing the failure. Bend the tab back to its proper position and reinstall the top cover. Test the system to make sure the drive is functional.

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