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System Software 6.0.5: ADB Problems and Workarounds

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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

This article contains information about compatibility problems between System
Software 6.0.5 and some ADB devices.

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

Apple made some significant changes to the code handling ADB devices in System
Software 6.0.5 (see Macintosh Technical Note 206, "Space Aliens Ate My Mouse").
Because of these changes, certain ADB peripherals don't operate properly.

So far, we've seen the following:

- A+ Optical Mouse: very jerky, inconsistent movement.  According to someone on
  Usenet, Mouse Systems has acknowledged it as a hardware bug in the mouse that
  did not show up in System Software releases before System Software 6.0.5.

- The Abaton trackball causes the system to freeze, either during startup or
  later.  It may work for a while, or it may just hang the system.

- The Kensington Turbo Mouse ADB also causes the system to freeze.  Kensington
  has released an INIT that fixes this problem.  Contact Kensington for
  a copy of this INIT.
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