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Macintosh 512K ROM Upgrade: Memory Available

The upgrade makes a negligible difference of 1.5K in available memory over the 372K available on the original Macintosh 512K. This is the result of the combination of more system stuff and an increase in the system heap for global variables.

The benefit of the 128K ROMs is in the increased speed in performing rote functions: opening and closing windows, redrawing, and accessing the faster ROM-based routines instead of the slow RAM-based routines.
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