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Power Macintosh 6400: Why is Modem Port Covered? (12/96)

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TOPIC --

I have a Power Macintosh 6400/200 computer, and I want to attach an external
modem to it. However, the modem port is covered. Why is this port covered? How
can I use a modem with this computer?

DISCUSSION ---

Keep in mind that there are two different versions of an Apple "Macintosh 6400"
computer: a Macintosh Performa 6400/200 and a Power Macintosh 6400/200. These
two computers differ in the bundled hardware and software configurations.

The Macintosh Performa 6400/200 has the modem port covered because it has an
internal modem installed in the communications slot. When an internal modem is
installed, the external modem port is not functional so Apple provides a port
cover.

However, the Power Macintosh 6400/200 does NOT have an internal modem installed.
Instead, this configuration has an Ethernet card installed in the communications
slot. Having an Ethernet card installed, does NOT disable the modem port. So, if
you have a Power Macintosh 6400/200, the modem port is still functional.

The confusion arises because some Power Macintosh 6400/200 computers have
inadvertantly shipped with the modem port covered. In these cases, if you remove
the port cover, you can use the external modem port.

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