Power Macintosh 5400/120: Disk Icon at Startup (7/96)

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TOPIC --

Whenever I start up my Power Macintosh 5400/120 computer, a disk icon appears on
the screen before the "happy Macintosh". Sometimes when this happens, a flashing
question mark also appears in the disk icon. This has happened since the first
time I started up the computer. What is causing this?

DISCUSSION --

The Power Macintosh 5400/120 computer does not have a startup volume selected in
the Startup Disk control panel. So, the computer checks the floppy drive, then
the SCSI bus, and finally the IDE ATA bus for the startup volume. This checking
can cause a slight delay in the start up process. This phenomenon is normal on
the Power Macintosh 5400/120, but you can follow these steps to resolve it:

Step 1

Open the Startup Disk control panel.

Step 2

Select the internal hard disk as the Startup Disk.

Step 3

Close the control panel and restart the computer.

The computer should now start up normally. However, resetting the Parameter RAM
(PRAM) on the computer deselects the Startup Disk again, causing the issue to
reappear. So, after resetting PRAM, you need to repeat these steps.

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