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Power Macintosh: Loses Color & Video Board Info (9/95)

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TOPIC -----

I have a Power Macintosh 8100/80 running System 7.5 and a Multiple Scan 17 Display. After playing a game, the monitor went to black and white.

When I went to the Monitors control panel, the Color and Grays options were there, but not the number of colors. When I clicked the Options button, a dialog appeared with the message "No Board Info Available".

How can I get my system to recognize the VRAM card I have installed again?

DISCUSSION -----

This is problem with the Slot Manager. However it was only discovered when Power Macintosh computers were running System 7.5 and virtual memory. It has also been found to occur with RAM Doubler installed. This problem is corrected in System Update 7.5.

Until you get the update, three work arounds for this problem.

- 1) Turn off virtual memory
- 2) Open and close the Monitors control panel.
 - a) Go to the Monitors control panel.
 - b) Click Options. A dialog appears with the message "No Board Info".
 - c) Click "OK".
 - d) Close the control panel.
 - e) SHUT DOWN (restarting doesn't correct this).

When the computer restarts, everything comes up in black and White so you have go back into the Monitors control panel and reset the number of colors.
- 3) Do a forced restart (command-control-power).

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