# System 7: Restoring from HD Backup

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

How do I restore a backup of my hard disk that I made with HD Backup
if I've installed System 7?  I heard that HD Backup is incompatible
with System 7.

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

HD Backup is incompatible with System 7, but there are a number of
workarounds if you need to restore an HD Backup set of data onto a volume.

- You can start up from a volume that has System 6 on it, such as a second
  hard disk or floppy disk.  This works even if you have only a
  single floppy drive and no extra hard disk (although you'll be swapping
  floppy disks a lot).  To start from the other drive, insert a
  System 6 floppy disk before startup, or choose the other hard disk
  using the Startup Disk control panel.

- Another workaround is to pull individual files from floppy disks in the
  backup set onto the hard disk.  This works best if there are a few
  files that need to be restored, but not the entire backup set.
  You may have a problem if HD Backup split large files across
  multiple floppy disks.

- The most drastic workaround is to reinstall System 6 on the
  hard disk and then run HD Backup.  Note that this may be a problematic
  procedure in itself, and the details of that procedure aren't covered in
  this article. Specifically, most new Macintosh models require System 7 to
  operate and would not be able to move back down to System 6.
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