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## System 7: Installing on Macintosh Portable RAM Disk

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### TOPIC -----

Can I use the RAM Disk on my Macintosh Portable to install System 7?

### DISCUSSION -----

Yes. The Macintosh Portable let you create and use a RAM disk. You can install System 7 on a RAM Disk for faster performance and less hard disk access, which can extend the life of the battery.

To create a RAM disk on the Macintosh Portable:

- 1) Select the Portable control panel from the Control Panels folder.
- 2) Click the box next to "RAM Disk Size" and select the size. If the size you want is not listed, select "other" from the menu and choose the desired size. Note that a minimal System 7 install for a Macintosh Portable is about 971K.

A dialog box appears telling you that the new RAM disk will be created when the system is restarted.

- 3) After closing the control panel, select Restart from the Special menu.

To make the RAM disk the Startup disk with a System Folder:

- 1) Run the Installer program as you would with any other volume.
- 2) When the installation process is finished, open the Control Panels folder and choose the Startup Device control panel.

3) Click the RAM disk to use as your startup volume.

4) After closing the control panel, select Restart from the Special menu.

Concerned about losing the information on a RAM disk? There are only two ways to erase a RAM disk on the Macintosh Portable:

- Remove all files from the RAM disk and select "none" from the "RAM Disk Size" pop-up menu in the Portable control panel.

- Remove both batteries from the Macintosh Portable.

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