

Quick Release Notes



This is a short version of the Outbound System Software version 1.1 release notes. The "READ ME NOW 1.1" file on the Outbound System Software Disk contains the complete release notes and installation instructions. Please review the "READ ME NOW 1.1" file completely before installing or using version 1.1.

Important: Back up your Silicon Drive before installing version 1.1!

Additional information is stored on the Silicon Drive to detect Silicon Drive storage errors as a traditional disk drive does. You will be REQUIRED to initialize your Silicon Drive the first time you reboot after installing version 1.1 software. This will completely erase all the data on your Silicon Drive. This should not be necessary for future updates.

New Features In Version 1.1

- Outbound External Floppy Drive support: Outbound's external floppy drive is now available. It is SuperDrive™-Compatible, and reads and writes 400K, 800K, and 1.4M Macintosh floppies, and 720K and 1.44M DOS floppies.
- Keyboard reset: simultaneously pressing the "control-option-delete" keys resets the Outbound Laptop.
- We included the Outbound SCSI Emulator application on the System Software disk. The SCSI Emulator turns your Outbound into a SCSI storage device, so any Macintosh attached via the Outbound SCSI Adapter (now available) can read and write to the Outbound's disk and silicon drives.
- 1.1 now supports the Macintosh 512KE.

Solutions To Known Problems

- The Macintosh System accesses RAM in the Outbound faster than RAM in the Macintosh. We recommend that you move as much RAM as possible from the host Macintosh to the Outbound, and set the RAM cache equal to the total memory installed in the host Macintosh via the Control Panel. This improves performance when docked.
- If you had difficulty reading a particular floppy disk under Outbound System 1.0, back it up and re-initialize it, then copy the files back onto it after installing Outbound System 1.1. This should improve its readability.
- GCC's Personal Laser Printer will not work when the Outbound is docked to a Macintosh unless you go to the Control Panel and set the RAM cache to equal the amount of memory you have on the host Macintosh (at least 512K).

- MultiFinder has a bug that can cause a docked Macintosh Plus to crash when you insert a disk in the Macintosh floppy drive after launching an application. We can send you a patched version of MultiFinder 6.0.4 or 6.0.5 that fixes the problem if you call Outbound Technical Support at 303.786-9200.
- The Easy Access startup document does not work with the Outbound Laptop System. Please remove this file from your System folder.
- Shiva Dial-In will crash on a standalone Outbound Laptop with Macintosh Plus ROMs after asking for the network password. This can be fixed by copying a RAM-based version of the AppleTalk driver file into the System folder on your Outbound.
- The "CPU Sleep" power-saving feature in the Outbound Control Panel may cause some applications to run more slowly. Try turning off CPU Sleep if you notice particularly slow performance.
- Many Macintosh start-up functions (like disabling Inits and re-building the Desktop) can be invoked by holding down one or more keys during start-up. Wait until the "Happy Mac" icon has been displayed before pressing the keys you want to use at start-up.

Bug Fixes

- Macintosh System 6.0.5 fixes several problems, including compatibility with Liaison and Apple File Exchange. Restarts under 6.0.5 no longer crash.
- 400K disks formatted on both sides now work correctly in an Outbound floppy drive.
- The Outbound power supply uses a slow trickle-charge method when charging a very low battery. Outbound System 1.0 would sometimes shut down with a very low battery even when attached to AC. This is fixed in 1.1: you can now use your Outbound on AC power even when the battery is very low.
- We improved 800K floppy performance and reliability.
- We fixed a network timing problem with standalone Outbound SEs on large networks, and adjusted Outbound Plus network timing.

Power Converter And Plug Adapters For International Travelers

We tested 50 watt international power converters, and found that the Radio Shack Travel Converter (catalog number 273-1401) and Plug Adapters (catalog number 273-1405) will work under normal 220/240 volt power conditions. The only problem with the Radio Shack unit is when the power is nominally 220/240 volts, but actually comes out at 200 volts or less. In this case, the Outbound will not be harmed, but may charge slowly or not at all. Radio Shack advises that their Travel Converter is not designed for continuous use.

NEVER use a power converter larger than 50 watts. These units are designed for hair dryers, not computers, and will not work with your Outbound.