

User's Guide Additions



Here are some important points that are not covered in the Outbound User's Guide.

Installing Main and Backup Batteries

Be sure to install the main 12V system battery before installing the 6V lithium backup battery when installing both batteries for the first time (or anytime both batteries have been removed). Once these are installed, you may change the main battery with the backup battery in place.

Charging the Main Battery

We recommend that you keep your Outbound plugged into AC power whenever possible so you will always have a fully charged battery when you need it. Once you have a fully charged battery (indicated by the yellow indicator light in the base of the Outbound), you may wish to replace it and charge a second battery.

After changing from a fully charged battery to a less-charged battery while attached to AC, unplug the AC and wait 10-15 seconds until the yellow battery indicator light goes out. This will re-initialize the charger circuit and allow the replacement battery to be charged normally.

Improving Docked Performance

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 require more information on setting the RAM cache, please contact your Outbound Dealer.

Operating your Outbound Overseas

If you are planning on using your Outbound in a country that uses 220/240 volts, a power converter is required. We tested 50 watt international power converters, and found that the Radio Shack Travel Converter (catalog number 273-1401) and Plug Adaptors (catalog number 273-1405) will work under normal 220/240 volt power conditions. The only problem with the Radio Shack converter 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.

Installing the Keyboard Battery

Please use caution when installing or replacing the keyboard battery. The keyboard battery should be inserted into the battery compartment at an angle. Insert the negative end of the battery first, then insert the positive end while applying enough pressure to the negative terminal to ensure that the positive end clears its terminal. Failure to insert the battery in this manner may damage the battery terminals inside the battery compartment.