
Subject: factory restore for Apple Power Macintosh G4 1.25 dual core
Posted by [Jurgen Van den Bossch](#) on Thu, 03 Sep 2015 08:31:56 GMT
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kind regards,

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Subject: Re: factory restore for Apple Power Macintosh G4 1.25 dual core
Posted by [Clark Martin](#) on Thu, 03 Sep 2015 15:04:07 GMT
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Yet another designated driver on the information super highway.

> On Sep 3, 2015, at 1:31 AM, Jurgen Van den Bossche <hypnusb@gmail.com> wrote:

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What if any system DOES see the HD?

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Subject: Re: factory restore for Apple Power Macintosh G4 1.25 dual core
Posted by [Mac User #330250](#) on Thu, 03 Sep 2015 15:31:05 GMT

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Clark Martin wrote on 2015-09-03 17:04:

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True, Restore Discs only work with the correct model.

http://www.everymac.com/systems/apple/powermac_g4/index-powermac-g4.html

According to EveryMac.com all Mirrored Drive Doors were "PowerMac3,6".

The only difference is that the FW800 models were not able to boot directly into Mac OS 9. This is some change in the firmware of the Mac itself, most likely because Apple did not want to add additional FireWire-800 drivers for Mac OS 9.2 anymore, so they simply disabled it.

Nevertheless, all Power Mac G4 MDDs were able to boot into Mac OS X: 10.2 on the original 2002 MDD model, and at least 10.2.3 on the 2003 model with FW800. The special 2003 model of the original MDD without FW800 was again able to boot into Mac OS 9.2 natively and was also fully supported by Mac OS X 10.2.

Note: Both models came with a 1.25 GHz Dual Processor option, so we don't know exactly which model this is: MDD (order number M8573LL/A) or FW800 (order number M8840LL/A), or even the 2003 model of the MDD (order number M9145LL/A).

In simple words: every Mac OS X that is newer than the release of the Mac will be able to install on it. Older version may or may not install, and may or may not run if restored from backup. For example, I was able to install Mac OS X 10.3.3 on a Mac mini 2005 that originally came with Mac OS X 10.4.2 (PowerMac10,2) – even the original first Mac mini

(PowerMac10,1) originally came with Mac OS X 10.3.7, still I was able to install 10.3.3 using the installation DVD. Just saying.

Mac OS is different. Because a special "Mac ROM" is required, in a lot of cases you will need the version that came with the Mac and no other will run.

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No, because the Power Mac G4 MDD had that ability from the start.

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Well, I assumed that no HDD is seen from Disk Utility or available as installation target.

Cheers,
Andreas aka Mac User #330250

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