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Subject: Blinking

Posted by [Jörg Duurkoop](#) on Sat, 07 Oct 2017 20:14:22 GMT

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I see now that the monitor with the blinking button is getting dark on top.

Pretty dark. End of life reached?

Regards.

2017-10-07 22:14 GMT+02:00 Jörg Duurkoop <[yawgie@gmail.com](mailto:yawgie@gmail.com)>:

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Posted by [W.Adrian D'Alessio](#) on Sat, 07 Oct 2017 20:51:34 GMT

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Someone here ( probably Bruce ) will know instantly what this means. But until they get here you could try what I a lesser mechanic would do.

I would shut down and look at all connections. I would look inside to see if any sings of electrical odors or visible signs of burning was present On any boards. I would pop the RAM and reseal it. I would pop any boards present and reseal them. I would reset any non volatile RAM.

If the problem reappeared after a reboot I would disconnect everything and take the machine outside for a bath.

Placing it on a stack of newspaper I would pull all the cards and RAM. Using contact cleaner or 90% rubbing alcohol I would douse it all and scrub it with an old toothbrush. Paying special attention to contacts on card edges and inside of slots. Looking for corrosion ( green gunk), or very dull looking metal.

I would use a very soft paint brush and more liquid to wash and scrub all sides of every board looking for soot, burn marks, broken contacts, bad solder joints.

Rinse everything and look at how much grime or airborne tobacco smoke show up in the rinse on the paper. I have revived several Old Macs by just doing this alone.

Blot it with clean paper towels to speed up air drying.

You might find that reseating things, or cleaning a dirty contact solved a problem.

Also on your model give the PMU button a tap.  
You can find a diagram or photo online.

Some software issue may be involved somehow, but my gut tells me it is a hardware thing. Connections are always the first thing to look at.

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Posted by [Jörg Duurkoop](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2017 14:31:01 GMT

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Best regards.

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Posted by [Bruce Johnson](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2017 14:54:54 GMT

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Posted by [Jörg Duurkoop](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2017 16:10:28 GMT

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Hi Bruce,

Thanks. I know, this is the 4th PSU that's going South. I pulled my second monitor, the 17-inch Apple display and the fans are running faster and keep steady.

I hope to get some more years out of this one. All the other PSUs that died before were Samsung, this one seems a bit louder but apparently also stronger. I'm using all PCI slots and have 4 HDs installed.

BTW which would be your favorite (most reliable) G5? I would like to get one eventually. Could I keep using my HDs, cards and RAM?

Best regards, Jörg.

2017-10-09 16:54 GMT+02:00 Bruce Johnson <johnson@pharmacy.arizona.edu>:

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I don't really have a 'favorite'; we never got more than one or two here, and I never personally used one...I went from Windows PC's to a second-hand G4 to a first gen Intel iMac for a few years, and then later to the 27" Quad i7 mid-2010 I have now.

(We in the IT department are the cobblers children of computers. I keep getting to set up everyone's newer macs, but never use them. )

I know they used SATA HD's and different RAM than G4's. ISTR the card slots were different as well; they were pretty much completely different architectures from what went before.

Intel macs came along and pretty much replaced all PowerPC macs here within a few years. I surplussed the last G4 in the College about three years ago, and it had been sitting in a closet for a while before that.

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Posted by [Valter Prahlad](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2017 22:15:44 GMT

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Il giorno 09/10/17 18:10, "Jörg" ha scritto:

> BTW which would be your favorite (most reliable) G5? I would like to get  
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G5s were a beautiful piece of hardware.  
BUT they were relatively unreliable (soldering, water-cooling, PSU...), and  
they are way less powerful than subsequent Intel Macs. Besides, they suck  
power like crazy. :-D

I had a 2.7 GHz dual processor with liquid cooling. Great machine, no doubt  
about it, and a delight to expand; but IIRC its power consumption was around  
300 W (my 2009 iMac 24" consumes just around 100 W, screen included), and  
one day the Ram soldering went kaputt.

Basing on my experience, if you really use your Mac everyday, adopting an  
Intel one is way better than a previous one.  
OTOH, if you just want to tinker with it, you'll likely love a G5 :-)

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Rather than going to the G5 you could consider an old Intel Mac that can run 10.6. When my G5 failed I found a 20 in. 2009 iMac that would run my Adobe CS apps and likely most other software used with 10.4.11. You can add your MDD drives with external FireWire enclosure(s). The iMac can handle more RAM than an MDD and I think a second monitor. And you get the benefit of a more modern web browser if you need it.

I will admit the dual 2.5 GHz LCS G5 that replaced my MDD dual 1.25 GHz was a step up in speed until its power supply failed. The G5 PS is difficult and expensive to replace.

I still use a very old G4 Sawtooth with a very fast dual 1.25 GHz upgrade and 2 GB RAM for many chores and it is only a little slower than my old MDD but its days are numbered.

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Posted by [Jerry Kemp](#) on Tue, 10 Oct 2017 04:47:04 GMT

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I still have my G5, and it continues to run strong and without issue to this day. Sorry you had problems with yours. According to my Apple order form, I placed the order 22 August 2005, with arrival in early September. As I recall, it was specifically ordered shortly after the announcement of the move to Intel CPU's.

Aside from upgrading RAM and HDD's, no other hardware mods have been done.

The G5 replaced an 8600, that had been used for 8+ years. That was a great system for me too. Only ever had one problem with the 8600. As I left the military, the 8600 was in storage/transport for roughly a month and a half.

When unpacked, I had to "zap the PRAM" to get it going again.

Maybe I have just been luck with my PPC HW.

Jerry

Product #	Product Description	Qty	Price	Ext Price
Z0BM	PMG5 CTO 2.7 DP	1	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx

With the following configuration:

Processor	065-5747	Dual 2.7GHz PowerPC G5
Memory	065-5701	1GB MB DDR400 (PC3200)-2X512
Hard Drive	065-5536	250GB Serial ATA-7200rpm
Optical Drive	065-5537	16x SD DL(DVD-R/CD-RW)
Graphic Support	065-5539	ATI Radeon 9650 XT w/256MB
Modem	065-5719	None
Wireless	065-5723	None
Gigabit Ethernet PCI	065-5734	None
Fibre Chl PCI	065-5736	None
Keyboard Language	065-5531	Apple Keyboard & Mouse
Mac OS Language	065-5543	Mac OS X-Multilingual
Server Mac OS Language	065-5738	None
Apple Software Applications	065-5796	None...
Spare Characteristic	065-4681	None....
Country Kit	065-5529	Country Kit

On 10/ 9/17 05:15 PM, Valter Prahlad wrote:

- > G5s were a beautiful piece of hardware.
- > BUT they were relatively unreliable (soldering, water-cooling, PSU...), and
- > they are way less powerful that subsequent Intel Macs. Besides, they suck
- > power like crazy. :-D
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- > I had a 2.7 GHz dual processor with liquid cooling. Great machine, no doubt
- > about it, and a delight to expand; but IIRC its power consumption was around
- > 300 W (my 2009 iMac 24" consumes just around 100 W, screen included), and
- > one day the Ram soldering went kaputt.
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