

Errata

Compatibility

BatteryAmnesia requires System 7.0 or later.

BatteryAmnesia will work on any PowerBook except for the PowerBook 100 and Macintosh Portable; these models have lead-acid batteries, which can be damaged by frequent deep discharges (BatteryAmnesia will recognize the model of PowerBook it is running on, and won't allow you to proceed).

Known Conflicts

There are no known conflicts.

Thanks!

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References

The information used to write BatteryAmnesia and this manual has been culled from various sources, including:

- Inside Macintosh, Volume VI (Apple, published by Addison Wesley). This volume contains a discussion of the Power Manager software.
- Macintosh PowerBook Family Developer Notes (Apple). Discusses technical side of PowerBook hardware and firmware.
- The PowerBook Companion (Richard Wolfson, Addison Wesley). A great book with loads of tips for PowerBook users (did you know that when Apple prepares your PowerBook hard drive, megabytes of hard drive space are unused? Buy the book and find out how to get it back!).

Development environment

BatteryAmnesia has been developed using:

- PowerBook 165c 12/80, PowerBook 520c 12/160, and Duo 210 12/80.

- Apple's ResEdit, version 2.1.
- Symantec THINK C 7.0.
- Symantec THINK C Reference.
- Apple's "Inside Macintosh", volumes I-VI.

Version History

1.4.0b - 27 July 1996

- Updated shareware registration information.

1.4.0a - 15 May 1995

- Updated mailing address.

1.4.0 - 11 November 1994

- Now compatible with all PowerBook models that use NiCad or NiMH batteries.

1.3.1a - 11 October 1994

- Fixed a typo in the "About BatteryAmnesia..." screen that had the incorrect shareware fee.

1.3.1 - 13 June 1994

- Fixed garbage text display that sometimes appears on discharge display.

1.3.0 - 20 May 1994

- Name changed from DeepDischarge to BatteryAmnesia, to prevent trademark infringement.
- Added discharge curve display, to allow easy monitoring of discharge.
- Remembers previous discharge curve for comparison.
- Added color support.

1.2.0 - 6 May 1994

- BatteryAmnesia now gracefully "quits" other applications before discharging.
- Added support for Speech Manager so that voltages can be "spoken".

1.1.0 - 19 April 1994

- Added support for Duos.
- Added Terminal Discharge mode. The cancel button is now dimmed, when battery voltage drops below safe abort limit.

1.0.2 - 20 March 1994

- Added bar display to indicate progress of discharge.

1.0.1 - 25 February 1994

- Screen backlighting now prevented from dimming, to speed up discharge rate.

1.0.0 - 22 February 1994

- The first release.

Disclaimer

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