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Chapter 1

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1.1 Connecting up the Reset Switch For Your A1200

Connecting up the Reset Switch for your A1200T

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Purpose:

If you have just converted your Amiga into a tower, you will no doubt wish to be able to wire up the reset switch on the front, so you can press the 'Reset' switch on the front of the tower to reset your Amiga. The solution is to purchase an Ateo PC keyboard interface. This not only lets you use a PC keyboard as well but also enables you to connect up the reset switch on the front of the tower, so when it is pressed it activates the keyboard reset line, thus, resetting your Amiga.

This is fine. But what if you do not have the Ateo PC keyboard interface? Well if you really want that reset switch wired up and you don't have the Ateo PC keyboard interface (like me, I'm using Eyetech EZ-Key instead) your going to have to do this DIY style.....

Here's the solution to getting that reset switch wired up on the front of your DIY A1200 Tower system:

Look at your A1200 motherboard, at the front left-hand corner (by the PCMCIA slot) you will see two rows of solder pads marked: TP1 and TP2 (see diagram). If the 2 pads on TP1 nearest the edge of the motherboard are connected together, the computer resets. If you are handy with a soldering iron, you can solder a couple of header pins to the pads and just slot the reset button connector over this. As these pads are solder filled, this is a tricky piece of work and if you do not know what you are doing you might damage the PCB. If you don't fancy this, cut the connector off the reset button inside the tower, bare the wires and carefully solder them down onto the pads (shown in the diagram), making sure they don't touch any other pads.

These pads are test points. I'm not 100% sure that using these pads for a reset is what they are intended for, but it works!

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