

## Processor Speed

This program requires a computer with a Pentium™ II, 333 MHz or faster processor.

If your computer's processor does not meet or exceed the minimum required processor speed, performance may be diminished and the program may lock-up or drop to the desktop.

The Processor is the central processing unit (CPU) and the brain of your computer. The Processor is where most calculations take place. In terms of computing power, the CPU is the most important element of a computer system.

The speed of the Processor, called the clock speed, is measured in Megahertz (MHz). One MHz represents one million cycles per second. For example, a Processor that runs at 333 MHz executes 333 million cycles per second. Each computer instruction requires a fixed number of cycles, so the clock speed determines how many instructions per second the Processor can execute. To a large degree, this controls how powerful the Processor is and how fast the computer will be able to process information.

**NOTE:** Laptop Computers may offer a false reading of their Processor Capabilities. If you are certain that your Laptop's processor meets or exceeds the requirements for this program, a failed reading by the System Checker should be ignored.



