

Activate and Deactivate the RamDrives

The DOS 3.3 'INIT' command does not initialize a RamDrive, it merely deactivates it. It does not install DOS 3.3 or specify a greeting program on the RamDrive. For example, 'INIT HELLO,S3,D1' will disable RamDrive 1, but will not erase any information stored on that RamDrive volume. To reactivate a RamDrive, run the RAMDRIVE program again. You can then once again access all files previously saved on that RamDrive. You can also deactivate RamDrives by a warm-boot (⌘-Control-Reset or PR#6), and then reactivate them by running the RAMDRIVE program.

Note: Some application software may use the first 64K (Bank 0 of RamWorks memory.) This conflicts with the RamDrive software and can wipe-out data on the S3,D1 RamDrive. We have "locked out" Bank 0 for you to prevent this from happening. The Bank Lock Out procedure is discussed later in this section.

Erase RamDrives

To erase previous RamDrives and create empty ones, hold the 'Solid-Apple' (⌘) key down during RAMDRIVE program execution. For example, type 'BRUN RAMDRIVE,S6,D1', hold the Solid-Apple key down and press RETURN. Continue to hold the ⌘ key down until the Drive 1 access LED goes out.

RamDrive Audio-Visual Access Indicators

Just as the red LED on the front of your disk drives indicate a disk access in progress, RamDrive provides a visual access indicator. Whenever DOS 3.3 accesses a RamDrive, an inverse 'R' or 'W' will appear in the lower right corner of the display. The 'R' indicates a disk read operation; the 'W' signifies a disk write operation.

In addition to the visual indicator, the program also gives you the option of an audio access indicator. The audio indicator is a high pitched click for a "read from disk" access and a lower pitched click for a "write to disk" operation. To activate the audio indicator option, hold the Open-Apple (⌘) key down while you enable the RamDrive. For example, type 'BRUN RAMDRIVE,S6,D1', hold the ⌘ key down, and press RETURN. Continue to hold the ⌘ key down until the Drive 1 access indicator goes out and you hear the //e speaker click once. Each audible click indicates a sector read or write operation. You may use this procedure to activate the audio indicator even if you have already enabled the RamDrive.