DuoDisk (A9M0108)

The DuoDisk is essentially two Unidisk 5.25 drives in a single enclosure. It has a beige case and does not have a pass through port because the Apple 5.25 Disk Drive Card only supports two disk drives. The DuoDisk uses a special cable that is completely detachable from the drive, unlike the single UniDisk 5.25 drive, which has a connector that is not detachable from the drive case. There is a compatibility problem with the DuoDisk and ROM 3 Apple IIgs main logic board. The DuoDisk does not work with the SmartPort because there is some code in the ROM that does not handle the interface to a DuoDisk properly. One workaround is to use the DuoDisk on an interface card like a DuoDisk Interface Card. On ROM 01 IIgs computers, you can connect the DuoDisk directly to the SmartPort or to a drive attached to the SmartPort. If you plan to attach the DuoDisk to the SmartPort on the back of a ROM 3 IIgs, then you need to make sure the DuoDisk's analog board has a particular modification. If it lacks this modification, you can do it yourself. This modification is not necessary if the DuoDisk is the only drive in the chain attached to the SmartPort. The modification can be found at http://support.apple.com/kb/TA36357 . The original ROM version of the Apple IIc only supported a single 5.25-inch external drive. Later versions supported daisy chaining up to two external 5.25-inch drives. Use of the DuoDisk with later versions of the IIc might work, but we have not tested it.

Disk Medium:

- 5.25-inch floppy disk, 140 KB SSDD

Compatible Apple Cards:

- Apple 5.25 Disk Drive Card
- DuoDisk Interface Card

Compatible Apple Computers:

- Apple II, Apple II Plus, Apple IIe