

ENCORE™/ST G4 1.8 GHz

Processor Upgrade Card for Power Mac® G4 Computers

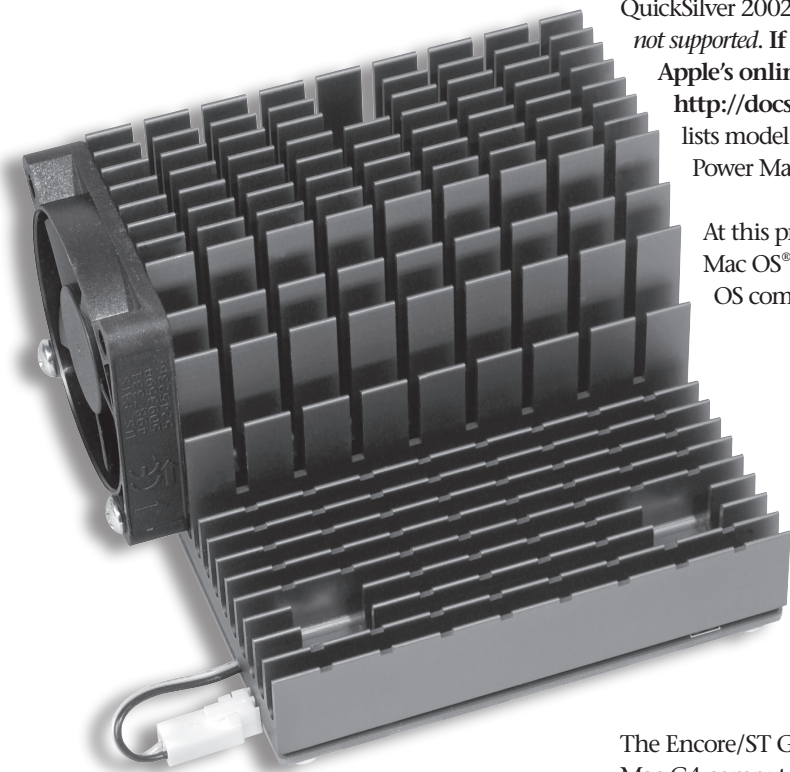
Power Mac and Operating System Compatibility

This Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card is compatible only with Power Mac® G4 AGP Graphics, Gigabit Ethernet, Digital Audio, QuickSilver 2001, and QuickSilver 2002 models. *Installation of this product into a Power Mac G4 Cube is not supported. If you are unsure which Power Mac model you have, refer to Apple's online support article that describes the differences at <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=58418>. This article lists model numbers, and describes the physical differences of the various Power Mac G4 models.*

At this printing, this Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade is compatible with Mac OS® 9.2 and Mac OS X Version 10.3.5 and later. For up-to-date Mac OS compatibility information, check our web site.



WARNING: In order for this Encore/ST G4 to operate in your system, it must have the latest Power Mac G4 firmware. If you use Mac OS X, you must ensure that it is Version 10.3.5 or later; earlier versions are NOT compatible. If your system does not meet these criteria, you must upgrade to the correct OS version(s) and update your system's firmware before installing this upgrade. Otherwise, your system will not operate with the Encore/ST G4 installed. Instructions follow.



Support Notes: Please familiarize yourself with the following instructions before beginning the installation. If you feel you are unable to install the computer hardware, please contact a qualified computer technician. Sonnet strongly recommends that a qualified technician perform this installation.

Before proceeding with the installation, we recommend that you make a backup of important information on your hard drive prior to installing new hardware or software.

The Encore/ST G4 supports hard disk and display sleep in all compatible Power Mac G4 computers; in some configurations, deep sleep may not be supported.

You Should Have

The following items should be included in your product package:

- Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card*
- Sonnet Installer CD

The following items are required for installation:

- Medium Phillips screwdriver
- Flat blade screwdriver (only for QuickSilver installation)
- Needle-nose pliers

Multiple Upgrade Recommendation

If you intend to perform multiple hardware upgrades to your Power Mac, we recommend that you complete the installation of the Encore/ST G4 first, and then install the remaining upgrades; *complete each upgrade and test it before proceeding to the next.*

* Your card may differ from what is pictured.

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Install Software... FIRST


A. AGP Graphics, Gigabit Ethernet, and Digital Audio Users ONLY—Verify and Update Power Mac Firmware (if Necessary)

If your computer is a Power Mac G4 (QuickSilver) model, skip to section B below. Otherwise, before installing the Encore/ST, you must ensure your AGP Graphics, Gigabit Ethernet, or Digital Audio system's firmware has been updated to version 4.2.8. If an earlier version of the firmware is used, your system will not operate with the Encore/ST installed. Please note, your system may need to connect to the Internet to perform some of the steps.

1. *OS X users:* Open System Profiler or Apple System Profiler (located within the Utilities folder found in the Applications folder). Find the Boot ROM information listed in the Hardware Overview pane (Figure 1). If it reads "4.28f1", skip the rest of the steps in this section and proceed to section B below. Otherwise, go to step 2.

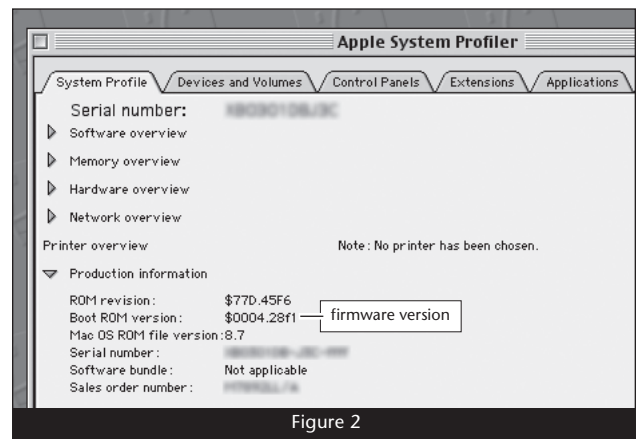
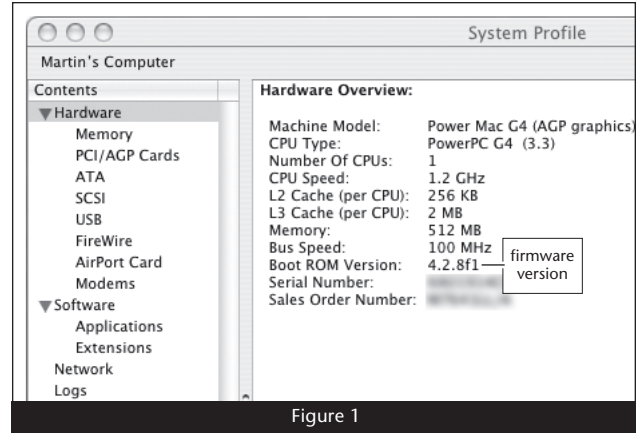
OS 9 users: Select and open Apple System Profiler from the Apple Menu. Click the triangle next to Production Information, and find the Boot ROM version information (Figure 2). If it reads "\$0004.28f1", skip the rest of the steps in this section and proceed to section B below. Otherwise, go to step 2.

2. Boot your system in Mac OS 9.2.x (the firmware updater will not work in OS X Classic mode). As of this writing, Apple has not made this firmware updater available as an OS X application.
3. Log on to the Internet and type the following in your browser window's address bar:
<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120068>
4. Click on the appropriate link to download the firmware (Figure 3).
5. Double-click the G4 FW Update 4.2.8.smi file icon to mount the G4 Firmware Update disk image. Double-click the G4 Firmware Update icon to open the disk image, then double-click the About G4 Firmware Update file icon. Once the read me file has opened, print it. Following the directions on the pages you printed, update the firmware on your system.

 **Mac OS X Alert:** Due to technical issues that arise from the operation of the latest G4 processors (used on this Encore/ST G4 card) in an older system, you must use Mac OS X Version 10.3.5 or later to ensure compatibility; earlier versions of Mac OS X lack the proper processor support.

B. ALL USERS—Install or Upgrade to Mac OS X Version 10.3.5 or Later, If Necessary

For Mac OS X compatibility, the Encore/ST G4 card requires Mac OS X Version 10.3.5 or later. If you are upgrading to Mac OS X as part of this installation, or need to update Mac OS X to the latest version, do so now; complete the Mac OS upgrade, and then restart your computer.















Language/OS Required	Release Date	Version	Read Me	Software
Any English Any English Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-18	4.2.8		 1.2 MB
Français French Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-25	4.2.8		 1.2 MB
Deutsch German Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-25	4.2.8		 1.2 MB
Español Spanish Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-25	4.2.8		 1.2 MB
Italiano Italian Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-25	4.2.8		 1.2 MB
Japanese Japanese Mac OS 9.1 or later (but not X) is required	2001-10-25	4.2.8		 1.2 MB

Figure 3

Install Software... First!

C. MAC OS X USERS—Install Sonnet Firmware Patch

This section describes the installation of software required to support this Encore/ST G4 in your computer. Please note **you MUST run the Sonnet Firmware Updater before you install this upgrade card. If you do not run the updater, your computer will not operate with the processor upgrade installed.**



Support Note: To ensure a smooth upgrade process, close all open applications and disable antivirus software before installing or running the Sonnet Firmware updater.

1. Insert the Sonnet Installer CD into the computer's optical drive. Double-click the Sonnet Install CD icon. When the *Sonnet Install CD* window appears, double-click the Mac OS X ONLY folder.
2. Double-click the *Sonnet Firmware Updater* icon; Mac OS X's built-in Install program will launch. Follow the onscreen directions to complete the installation of the Sonnet Firmware Updater and Sonnet Firmware Remover applications to your Applications folder.
3. Shut down your computer.
4. Press *and hold* the Power button until you hear a long tone; release the button when you hear the tone.
5. Once the startup process is complete and you have logged in (if necessary), go the Finder and select Go > Applications from the Apple menu.
6. Locate Sonnet Firmware Updater, and then double-click its icon to launch the application.
7. When the *Sonnet Firmware Updater* window appears, click OK.
8. When the *Authenticate* window appears, enter the Administrator password, and then click OK.
9. When the Wait message appears, **DO NOT CLICK OK**; just wait. Clicking the OK button will cause the application to quit. After the Wait message disappears, another message will appear indicating that the ROM is being patched. **Do not turn the power off; this process may take several minutes.**
10. When the message stating that the ROM has been patched appears, click OK. Shut down your computer. **If you ever boot your computer in Mac OS 9.2, proceed to section D**; otherwise, you may now install the Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card.



Support Note: After updating your system's firmware with the Sonnet firmware installer, you do not need to install the other software located in the Mac OS X ONLY folder on the Sonnet Installer CD; that software is used for other processor upgrade cards by Sonnet.

D. MAC OS 9 USERS—Sonnet Software Installation

This section describes the installation of software required to support this Encore/ST G4 in your computer under Mac OS 9.2 when it is a selectable OS in Startup Disk (in System Preferences). Please note if you ever start up your computer under Mac OS 9.2, **you MUST run the Crescendo/Encore Installer before you install this upgrade card. If you do not run the application, your computer will not operate with the processor upgrade installed.**



Support Note: To ensure a smooth upgrade process, close all open applications and disable antivirus software before installing or running the Sonnet Firmware updater.

1. Start your computer under Mac OS 9.2, and then insert the Sonnet Installer CD into its optical drive. Double-click the *Mac OS 7-9 ONLY, not Classic* folder, and then double-click the Crescendo/Encore Install icon. By default, with "Easy Install" selected from the pop-up menu, the required software will be installed into the active System Folder on the boot drive. If this is okay, click the Install button; otherwise, select "Custom Install" from the pop-up menu for more options or to select another drive to install the software. The installer will install the appropriate software into your computer's System Folder.
2. If the installation was successful, a dialog box will appear; the program will then install a firmware patch that enables the use of the Encore/ST card in your computer. (*If you ran the Sonnet Firmware Updater application under Mac OS X, the patch was already installed; skip to step 6.*) The Sonnet firmware patch may be uninstalled. However, doing so prevents your system from working with the Encore/ST card. Read the instructions in the dialog box, and click OK to shut down your computer.
3. Press *and hold* the Power button until you hear a long tone; release the button when you hear the tone.
4. After releasing the Power button, a progress bar will appear at the bottom of your display screen. **Do not do anything with your computer until after it restarts.**
5. If an error occurred, a message will appear; you must rerun the installer. Otherwise, once the firmware update is complete and your system restarts a dialog box will appear, stating it is okay to install the Encore/ST card; click OK.
6. After your system shuts down, you may install the Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card.

Installation—AGP Graphics and Gigabit Ethernet Models

This section covers the installation of the Encore/ST G4 into Power Mac G4 AGP Graphics and Gigabit Ethernet models. If you are installing this product into a Digital Audio model, skip to page 6. If you are installing this product into a QuickSilver 2001 or QuickSilver 2002 model, skip to page 10.



WARNING: When handling computer products, take care to prevent components from being damaged by static electricity; avoid working in carpeted areas. Handle processor upgrade cards only by their edges and avoid touching connector traces and component pins. Also, avoid touching the logic board and any of its components.

Shut Down and Open Computer

1. Shut down your Power Mac. If the computer has been on for a while, allow 20 minutes for it to completely cool before beginning the installation.
2. If you need to move the computer to a different area where you can work freely, disconnect any connected cables, move the computer, then reconnect the power cord to the computer and an electrical outlet.
3. Touch a port access cover on the back of the computer (**Figure 4**) to discharge any potentially damaging static electricity.
4. Disconnect the power cord from the computer.



Support Note: To avoid generating a static charge in your body, do not walk around the room until after you finish installing the Encore card and close the computer.

5. Locate the security lock at the back of the computer (**Figure 5**). If it is not already pressed in, press it in now.
6. With the right side of the case facing you, open your Power Mac by lifting the release latch and lowering the side panel away from the computer's case (**Figure 6**).

Remove Heat Sink

Locate the processor heat sink on the logic board (**Figure 7**); your heat sink may appear different from what is pictured. Using caution to avoid touching the processor card and the logic board, grasp one of the clips securing the heat sink with needle-nose pliers, between the heat sink and processor card. Pull down and away to unhook one side of the clip from the processor card (**Figure 7**). Push the clip away from you to unhook it from the other side. Repeat these steps with the other clip. Once the clips have been unhooked, gently lift the heat sink and clips away from the processor and set them aside, but not on the logic board.

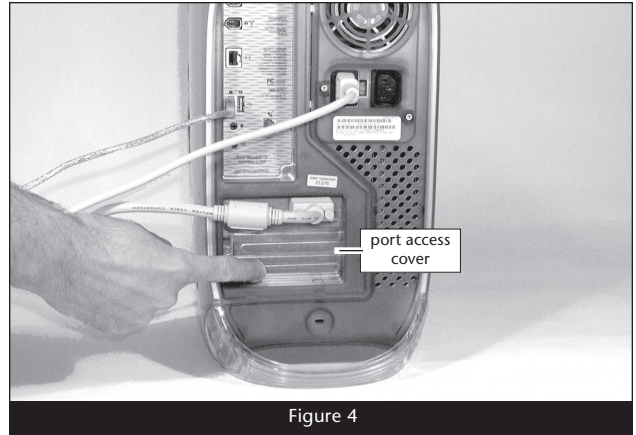


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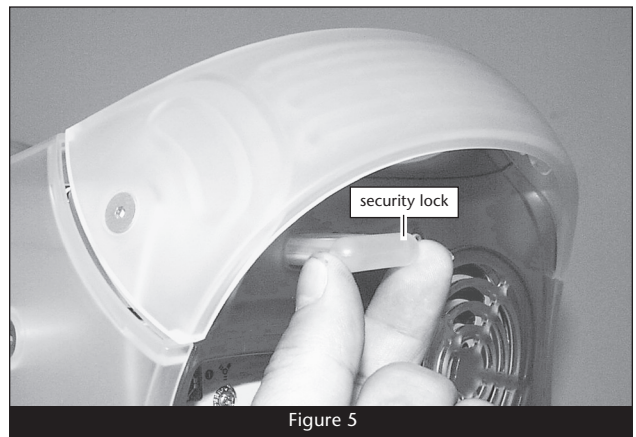


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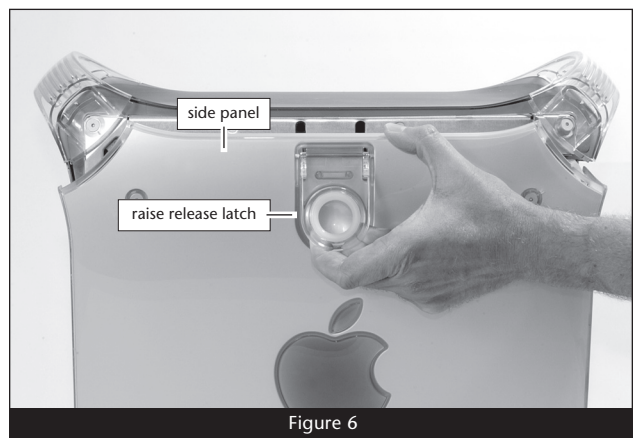


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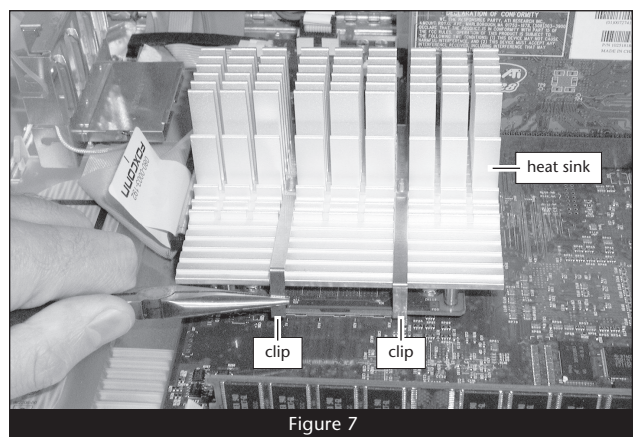
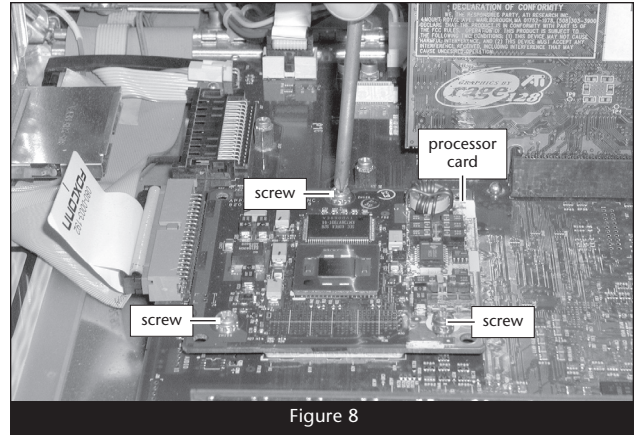


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Installation—AGP Graphics and Gigabit Ethernet Models

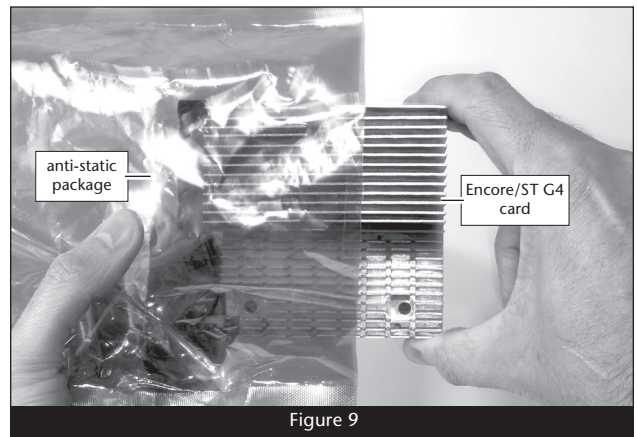
Remove Processor Card

Remove the three screws securing the processor card to the logic board (Figure 8). Grasping its edges, gently lift one edge of the processor card to separate it from the logic board, and then carefully lift it straight up and away.

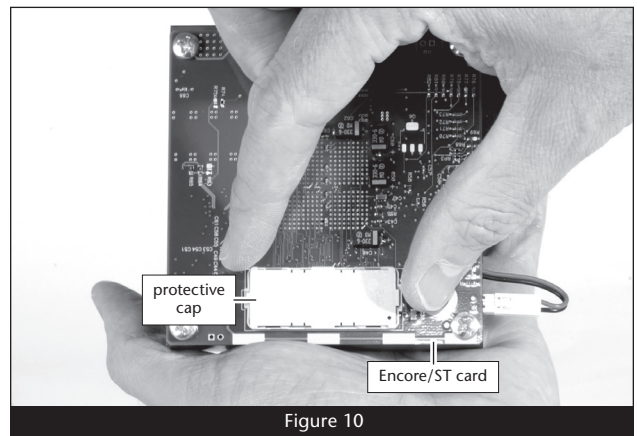


Install Encore/ST G4 Processor Upgrade Card

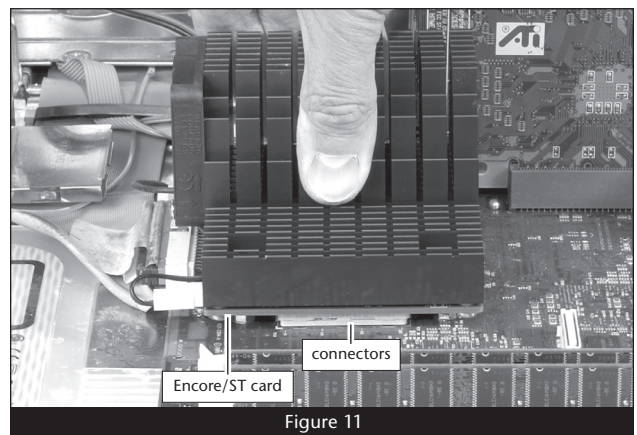
1. Remove the Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card from its anti-static package; make sure to handle the card by its edges (Figure 9); *your card may differ from what is pictured.*



2. Carefully remove the cap covering the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST card (Figure 10), and then place the cap on the original processor card's connector.
3. Place the processor card you removed from the computer into the anti-static package, and then store it, the original heat sink, heat sink clips, and the screws you removed in a safe place.




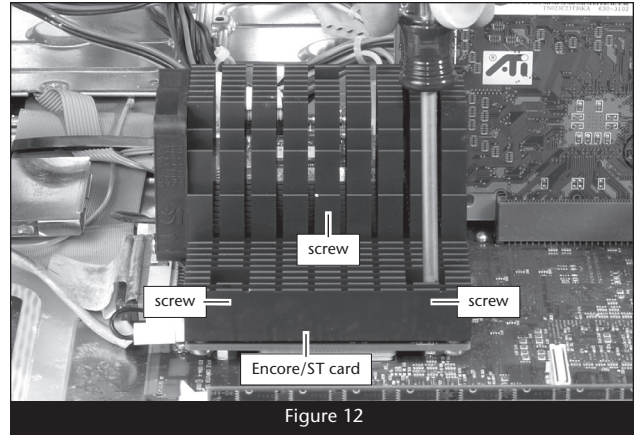
4. Align the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST card with the connector on the logic board (Figure 11), and then set the card down on top of the three threaded posts (not shown). Make sure the connectors are lined up, then, grasping the Encore/ST card by its heat sink, gently press it straight down until the connectors snap together. Verify the connectors are completely coupled by gently pulling up on the edges of the Encore/ST board; the board should remain firmly in place.



Installation—AGP Graphics and Gigabit Ethernet Models

5. Making sure the Encore/ST card's captive screws are engaged properly in the threaded posts, tighten each of the three screws and secure the card snugly to the logic board; **do not overtighten the screws** (Figure 12).

 **WARNING:** When your computer is operating, the Encore/ST's heat sink will become VERY hot to the touch; take care to not touch the heat sinks, or you may get burned.

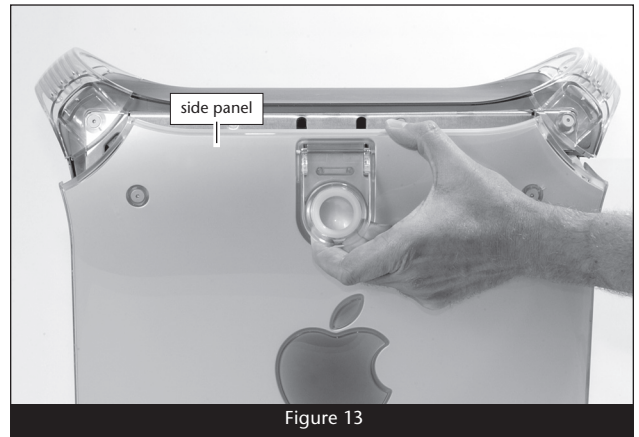


Close Computer

1. Raise the side panel back into place (Figure 13).
2. Return the computer to your computing area if necessary, and reconnect the power cord and peripheral cables to the computer.

Turn On Computer

Turn on your Power Mac; your accelerated machine should boot normally.



Installation—Digital Audio Models

This section covers the installation of the Encore/ST G4 into Power Mac G4 Digital Audio models (back panel appears like Figure 18). If you are installing this product into an AGP Graphics or Gigabit Ethernet model, go back to page 3. If you are installing this product into a QuickSilver 2001 or QuickSilver 2002 model, skip to page 10.



WARNING: When handling computer products, take care to prevent components from being damaged by static electricity; avoid working in carpeted areas. Handle processor upgrade cards only by their edges and avoid touching connector traces and component pins. Also, avoid touching the logic board and any of its components.

Shut Down and Open Computer

1. Shut down your Power Mac. If the computer has been on for a while, allow 20 minutes for it to completely cool before beginning the installation.
2. If you need to move the computer to a different area where you can work freely, disconnect any connected cables, move the computer, then reconnect the power cord to the computer and an electrical outlet.
3. Touch a port access cover on the back of the computer to discharge any potential damaging static electricity (**Figure 14**).
4. Disconnect the power cord from the computer.



Support Note: To avoid generating a static charge in your body, do not walk around the room until after you finish installing the Encore card and close the computer.

5. If present, remove the two indicated screws from the back plate of the computer (**Figure 15**). Otherwise, go to step 6.
6. Locate the security lock at the back of the computer (**Figure 16**). If it is not already pressed in, press it in now.
7. With the right side of the case facing you, open your Power Mac by lifting the release latch and lowering the side panel away from the computer's case (**Figure 17**).

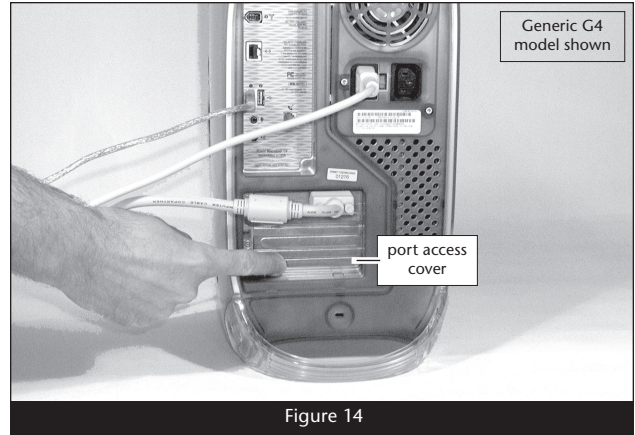


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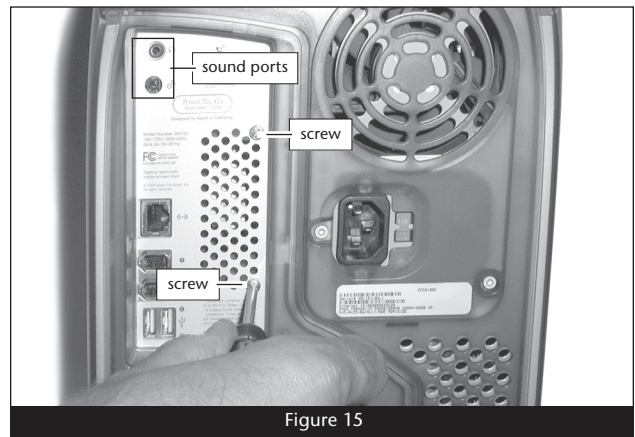


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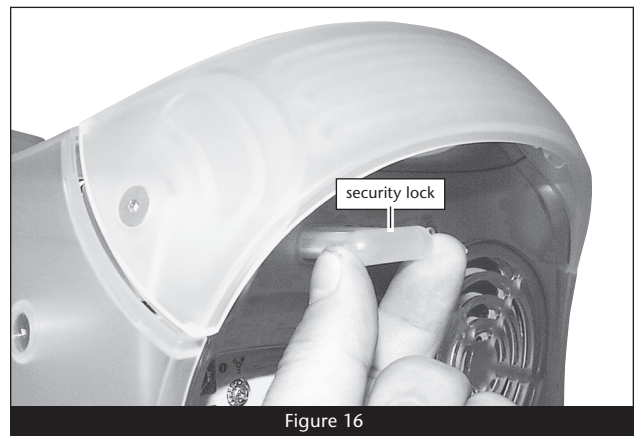


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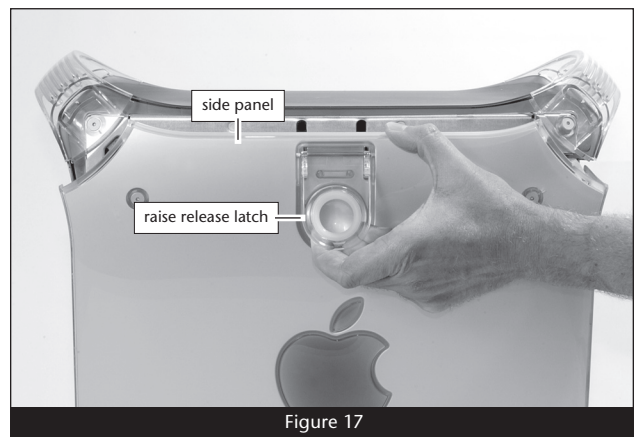


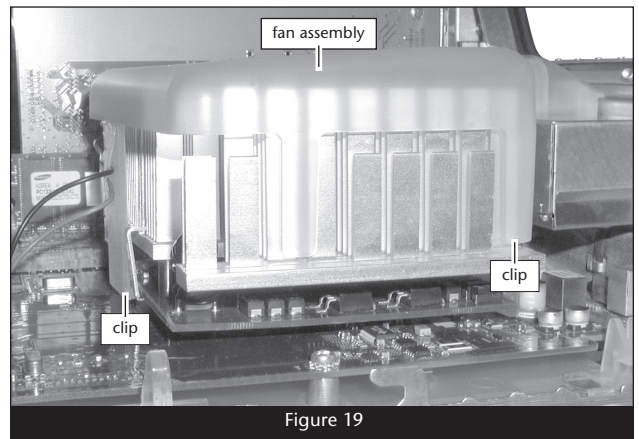
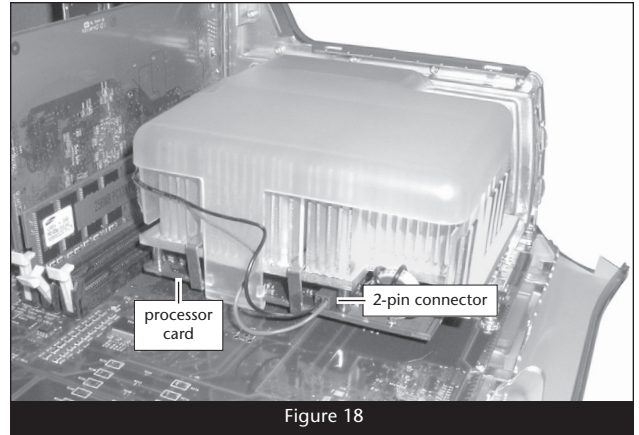
Figure 17

Installation—Digital Audio Models

Remove Fan Assembly

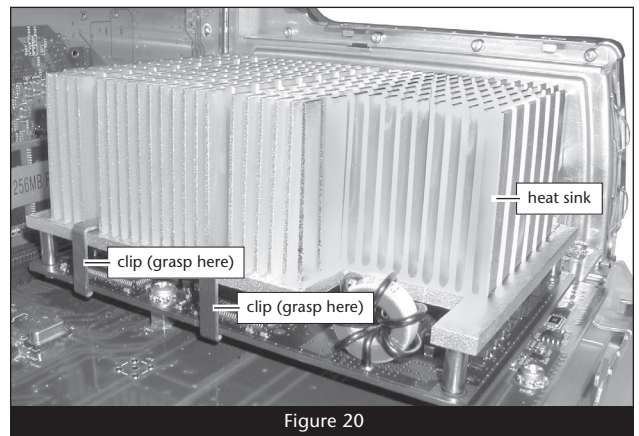
This section covers the removal of the fan assembly found on some Digital Audio models. If your machine does not have a fan assembly covering the processor heat sink, skip to “Remove Heat Sink” below.

1. Locate and carefully disconnect the 2-pin connector from the processor card (Figure 18).
2. Unlatch the fan assembly's clips from the processor card and the heat sink, then lift the fan assembly out of the case and set it aside (Figure 19).



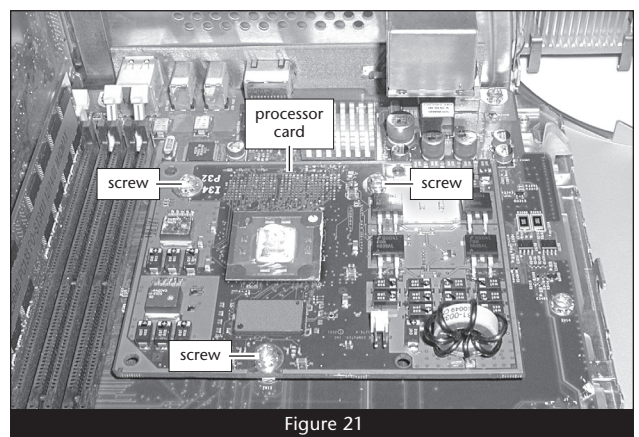
Remove Heat Sink

Locate the clips securing the processor heat sink to the processor card (Figure 20); your heat sink may appear different from what is pictured. Using caution to avoid touching the processor card and the logic board, grasp one of the clips securing the heat sink with needle-nose pliers, between the heat sink and processor card. Pull down and away to unhook one side of the clip from the processor card (Figure 20). Push the clip away from you to unhook it from the other side. Repeat these steps with the other clip. Once the clips have been unhooked, gently lift the heat sink and clips away from the processor and set them aside, but not on the logic board.



Remove Processor Card

Remove the three screws securing the processor card to the logic board (Figure 21). Grasping its edges, gently lift one edge of the processor card to separate it from the logic board, and then carefully lift it straight up and away.



Installation—Digital Audio Models

Install Encore/ST G4 Processor Upgrade Card

1. Remove the Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card from its anti-static package; make sure to handle the card by its edges (Figure 22); your card may differ from what is pictured.
2. Carefully remove the cap covering the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST processor card (Figure 23), and then place the cap on the original processor card's connector.
3. Place the processor card you removed from the computer into the anti-static package, and then store it, the original heat sink, heat sink clips, the screws you removed, and the fan assembly in a safe place.
4. Align the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST card with the connector on the logic board (Figure 24), and then set the card down on top of the three threaded posts. Make sure the connectors are lined up, then, grasping the Encore/ST card by its heat sink, gently press it straight down until the connectors snap together. Verify the connectors are completely coupled by gently pulling up on the edges of the Encore/ST board; the board should remain firmly in place.
6. Making sure the Encore/ST card's captive screws are engaged properly in the threaded posts, tighten each of the three screws and secure the card snugly to the logic board; **do not overtighten the screws** (Figure 25).



WARNING: When your computer is operating, the Encore/ST's heat sink will become VERY hot to the touch; take care to not touch the heat sinks, or you may get burned.

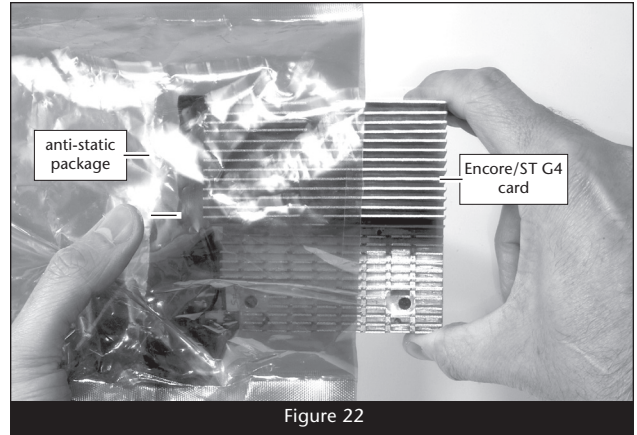


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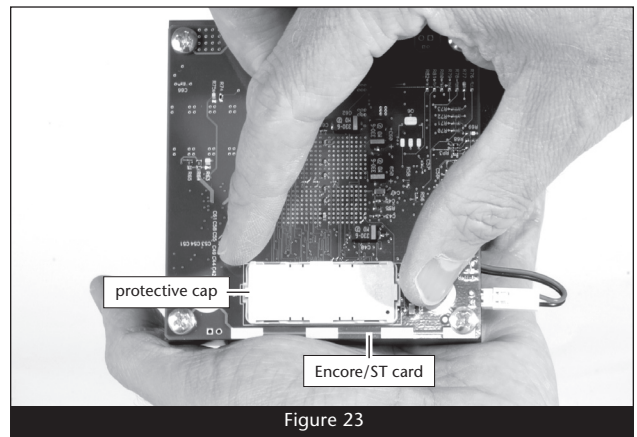


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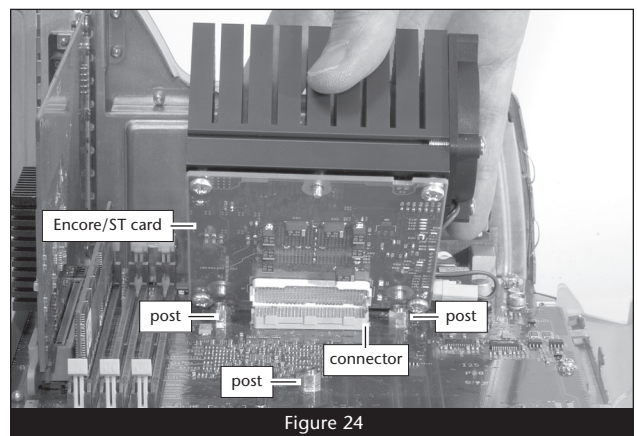


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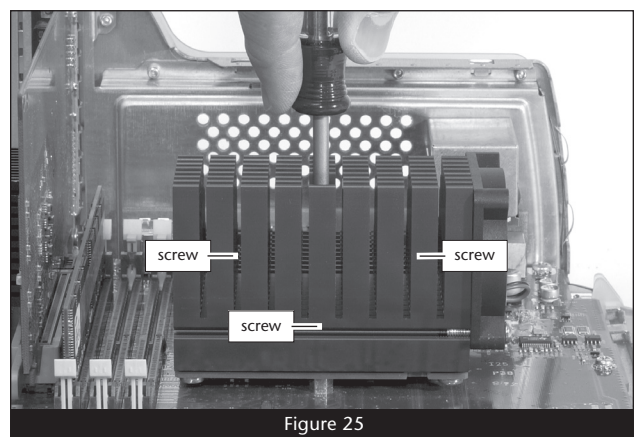


Figure 25

Installation—Digital Audio Models

Close Computer

1. Raise the side panel back into place (Figure 26).
2. Return the computer to your computing area if necessary, and reconnect the power cord and peripheral cables to the computer.

Turn On Computer

Turn on your Power Mac; your accelerated machine should boot normally.

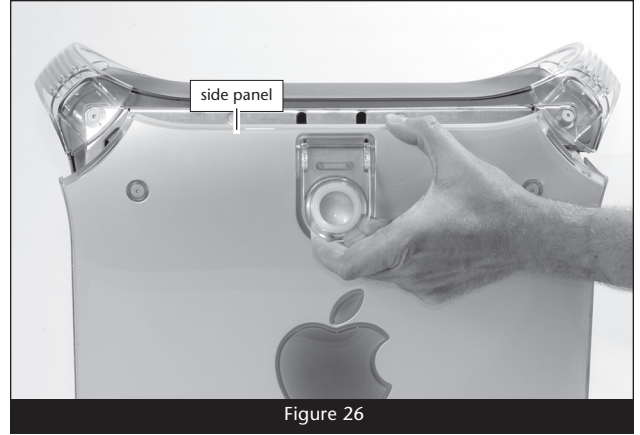


Figure 26

Installation—QuickSilver 2001 and 2002 Models

This section covers the installation of the Encore/ST G4 into Power Mac G4 QuickSilver 2001 and QuickSilver 2002 models. If you are installing this product into an AGP Graphics or Gigabit Ethernet model, go back to page 3. If you are installing this product into a Digital Audio model, go back to page 6.



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Shut Down and Open Computer

1. Shut down your Power Mac. If the computer has been on for a while, allow 20 minutes for it to completely cool before beginning the installation.
2. If you need to move the computer to a different area where you can work freely, disconnect any connected cables, move the computer, then reconnect the power cord to the computer and an electrical outlet.
3. Touch a port access cover on the back of the computer to discharge any potential damaging static electricity (**Figure 27**).
4. Disconnect the power cord from the computer.

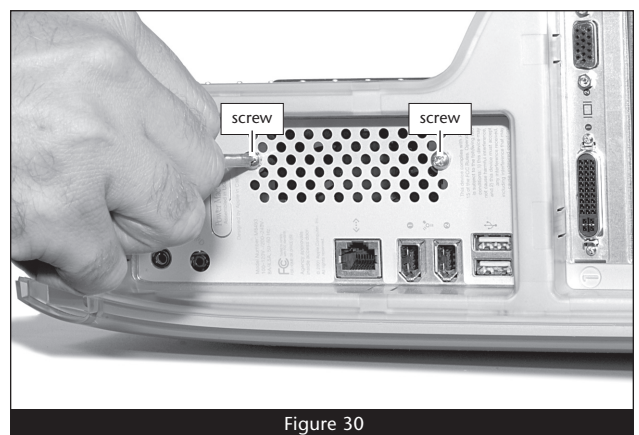
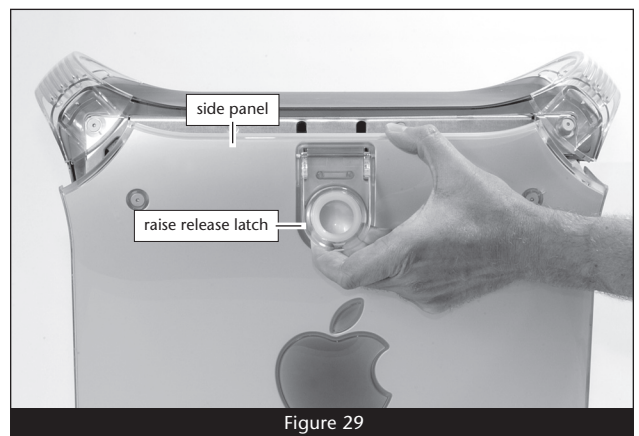
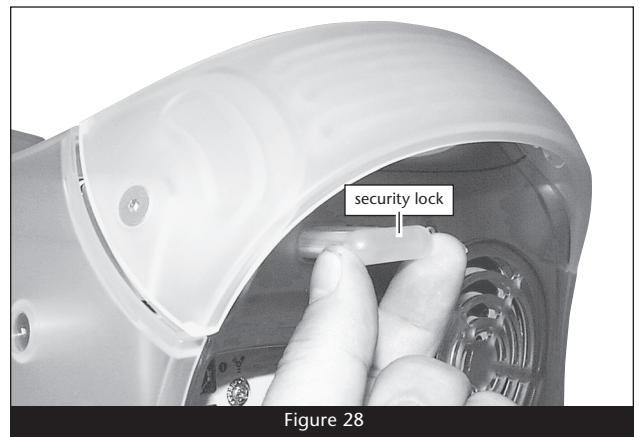
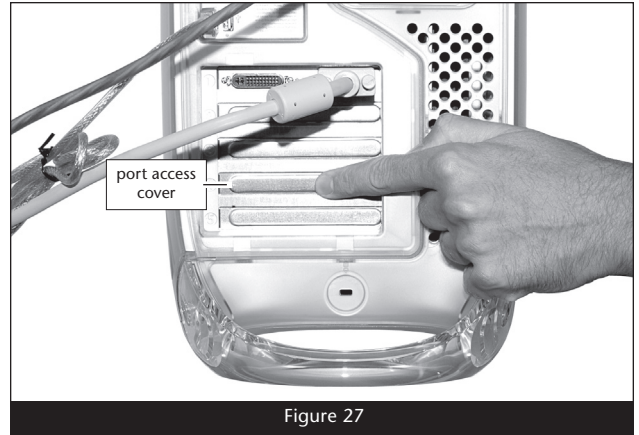


Support Note: To avoid generating a static charge in your body, do not walk around the room until after you finish installing the Encore card and close the computer.

5. Locate the security lock at the back of the computer (**Figure 28**). If it is not already pressed in, press it in now.
6. With the right side of the case facing you, open your Power Mac by lifting the release latch and lowering the side panel away from the computer's case (**Figure 29**).

Remove Fan Assembly


1. With the back of the computer facing you, remove the two indicated screws (**Figure 30**).




Installation—QuickSilver 2001 and 2002 Models

2. Locate and carefully disconnect the 2-pin fan power connector from the logic board, and then lift out the fan assembly (Figure 31).

Remove Heat Sink

 **Support Note:** The following steps address the removal of your system's processor card heat sink. Please note, the dual processor heat sink is pictured, but the procedure to remove the single processor heat sink is identical.

 **WARNING:** Verify that the power cord is disconnected from your Power Mac before you remove the heat sink and processor card. The original processor card is secured to the logic board with four screws, one of which carries +12V and could spark if it is grounded when the system is on.

With the front of the computer facing you, locate the clips securing the heat sink to the processor card (Figure 32). Carefully insert a flat blade screwdriver between the right clip and the edge of the heat sink; **do not touch the edge of the processor card**. Using extreme caution, press down on the edge of the clip with needle-nose pliers, and twist the screwdriver to unhook one side of the clip from the processor card (Figure 32). Repeat the procedure on the other side of the clip. Repeat these steps with the left clip. Once the clips have been unhooked, gently lift the heat sink and clips away from the processor card and set them aside, but not on the logic board.

Remove Processor Card

1. Remove the four screws securing the processor card to the logic board (Figure 33).
2. Grasping its edges, gently lift one edge of the processor card to separate it from the logic board, and then carefully lift it straight up and away (Figure 34).

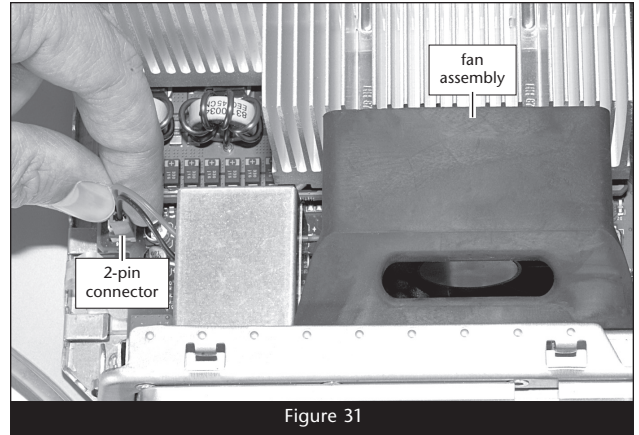


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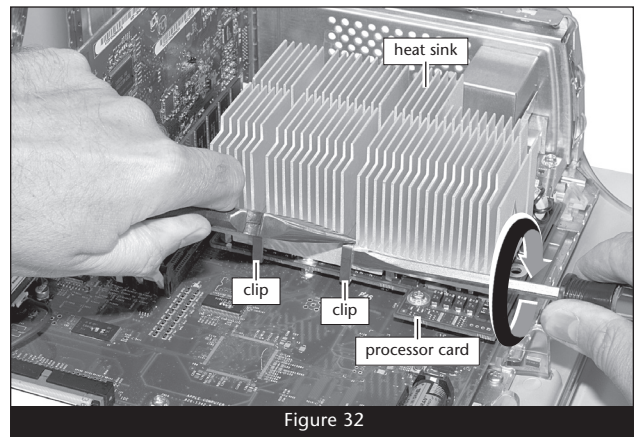


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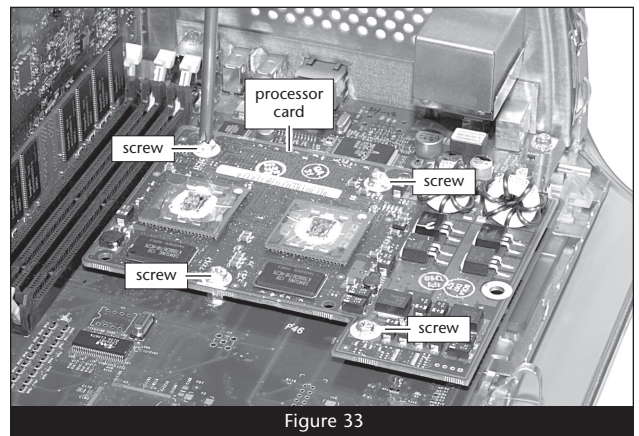


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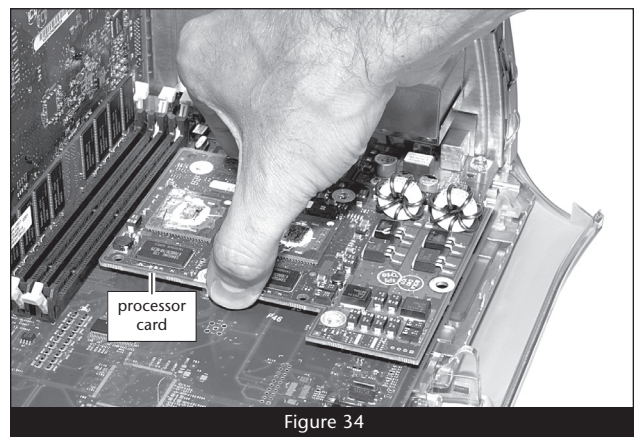



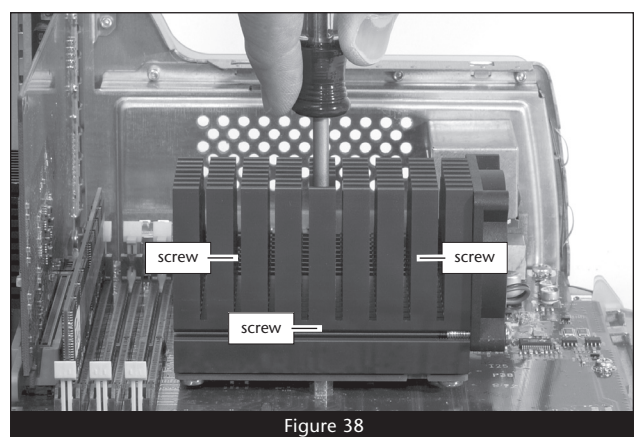
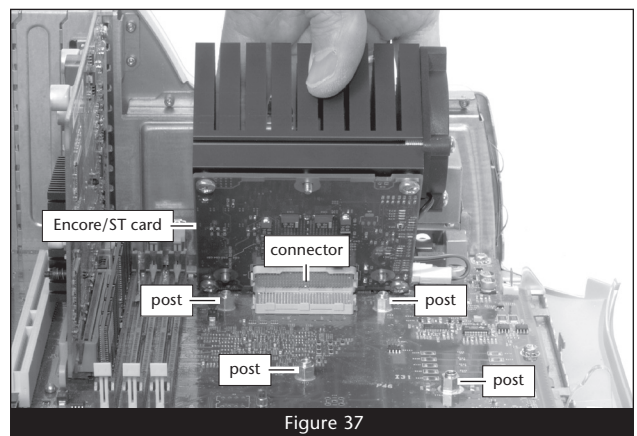
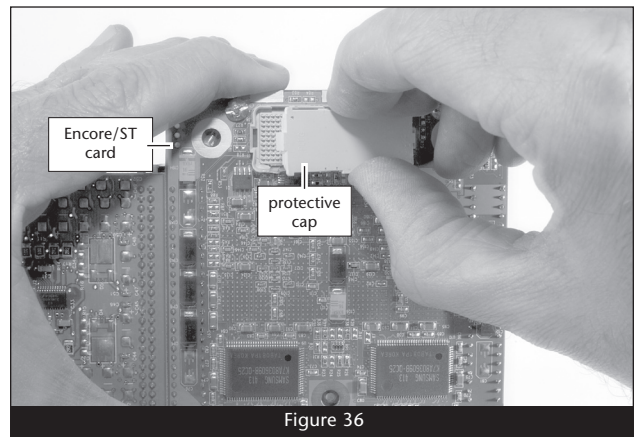
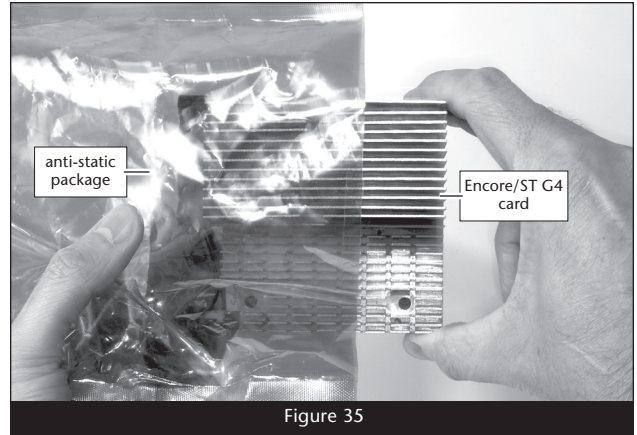
Figure 34

Installation—QuickSilver 2001 and 2002 Models

Install Encore/ST G4 Processor Upgrade Card

1. Remove the Encore/ST G4 processor upgrade card from its anti-static package; make sure to handle the card by its edges (Figure 35); your card may differ from what is pictured.
2. Carefully remove the cap covering the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST processor card, and then place the cap on the original processor card's connector (Figure 36).
3. Place the processor card you removed from the computer into the anti-static package, and then store it, the original heat sink, heat sink clips, the screws you removed (except the one with the lock washer), and the fan assembly in a safe place.
4. Align the connector on the bottom of the Encore/ST card with the connector on the logic board (Figure 37), and then set the card down on top of the four threaded posts. Make sure the connectors are lined up, then, grasping the Encore/ST card by its heat sink, gently press it straight down until the connectors snap together. Verify the connectors are completely coupled by gently pulling up on the edges of the Encore/ST board; the board should remain firmly in place.
5. Making sure the Encore/ST card's captive screws are engaged properly in the threaded posts, tighten each of the three screws and secure the card snugly to the logic board; **do not overtighten the screws** (Figure 38).

 **WARNING:** When your computer is operating, the Encore/ST's heat sink will become VERY hot to the touch; take care to not touch the heat sinks, or you may get burned.



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Reinstall Fan Assembly and Close Computer

1. Place the fan assembly between the Encore/ST card's heat sink and the back panel of the computer, against the modem filter (Figure 39). Carefully plug in the fan's 2-pin connector to the connector on the logic board.
2. With the back of the computer facing you, secure the fan assembly to the back plate of the computer with the two screws you removed previously (Figure 40).
3. Raise the side panel back into place (Figure 41).
4. Return the computer to your computing area if necessary, and reconnect the power cord and peripheral cables to the computer.

Turn On Computer

Turn on your Power Mac; your accelerated machine should boot normally.

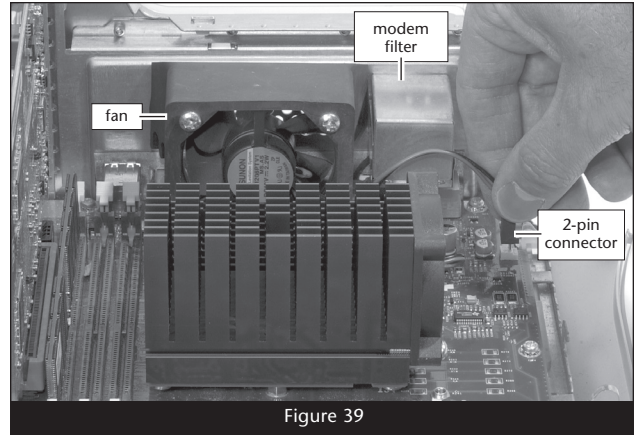


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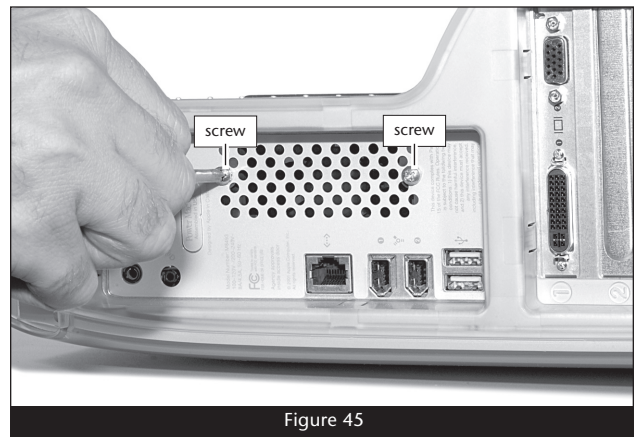


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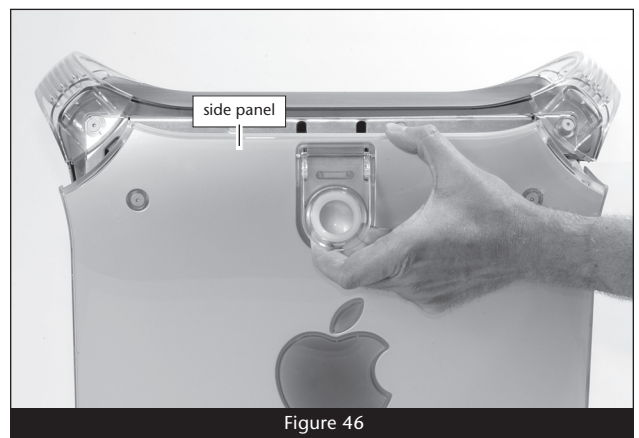


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