

AST® Advantage™ Series Addendum

Using Your Computer's Power Management Feature

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Your new AST® Advantage™ computer has an advanced power management feature that enables it to automatically save power when it is not in use. "Not in use" is defined as a period during which your computer receives no input from the keyboard or mouse. When your system goes into its power management mode, it will blank the monitor screen, spin down the hard drive, and put the CPU into an "idle" mode. Typing on the keyboard or moving the mouse will "awaken" your computer out of its power management mode.

Your system comes configured from the factory with the advanced power management feature enabled and set to 30 minutes. This means that the computer will go into its power management mode if it does not receive any keyboard or mouse input for 30 minutes.

If your computer is engaged in activities that require no keyboard or mouse input for long periods of time, you can either increase the delay period or turn off the advanced power management mode. Under certain conditions, power management may automatically start, interrupting what your computer is doing at the time. Some examples of usage which may lead to this condition include:

- Playing games that use only the joystick
- Transferring long files over your modem or infrared receiver (available on some models)
- Printing long documents
- Making tape backups of your data
- Using programs that schedule events for unattended operation

The procedure for changing the inactivity timer for power management can be found in your AST computer user's manual. Refer to the "Power Management Configuration" submenu in the "Advanced Menu" section under "System Setup."



Be sure to set the *Inactivity Timer* field to a period of time **GREATER than any activities which may be interrupted by the power management feature.**

It is not necessary to go into System Setup to disable power management. Power management can be disabled from within Windows® 95. To disable power management:

1. Click on the *Start* button on the Task Bar, then *Settings*, then *Control Panel*.
2. Double-click on the *Power* icon to open the *Power* window.
3. From within the field labeled "*Power Management*," select "*none*."

Power management should now be disabled.