

LESSON 86

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR MONITOR - USE LABELS TO I.D. DRIVES

Your PC's monitor is the one component of your computer that gets taken for granted. You generally pay no attention to your monitor as long as it lights up when you turn your computer system on.

Your monitor has screen controls onboard and some monitors have a menu available to step you through various available settings. You should take a few moments to learn how to use both the menu and the screen controls. It's a good idea to run through the entire calibration and adjustment process when you first set up a new monitor. This will help you to get the deepest colors and the sharpest clarity on your screen. It can also lessen strain on your eyes.

Computer monitors have a tendency to "drift" during usage. I recommend that you reset your brightness and contrast controls once each month. Most of us touch our computer screens frequently, so knowing how to clean your monitor's screen is important. Use glass cleaner and spray it on paper toweling or a piece of soft cotton cloth and then use it to clean the glass screen. This method prevents cleaner fluid from running down the front of your monitor or getting inside the monitor casing.

Here's an extra little "goodie"- Double-click on My Computer and note the drive letters Windows has assigned to the various drives used by your computer. For example, Windows may assign the letter A to your floppy drive, the letter C to your hard drive, the letter D to your CD-ROM drive and the letter E to your Zip drive. Note these drive letter assignments on a label. Place the label on your keyboard or monitor so it's always handy to refer to. You can also cut the label into individual pieces and attach them to the front of your computer in the area where each drive device resides.

