Lisa Boot ROM Screenshots

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When the Lisa starts the boot ROM executes. The boot ROM's first task is to test the Lisa hardware. This is the screen which appears during this test. The tests include the CPU, the memory, the I/O devices, and any attached peripheral cards. Each test displays an icon. If a test fails, its icon appears with an "X" displayed over it.

The "H/A8" at the upper righthand corner indicates the boot ROM version ("H") and the floppy disk ROM version ("A8"). This version information is from an early Lisa, most likely a Lisa 2. Later Lisas such as the Lisa 2/10 or Lisa/Macintosh XL displayed "H/88".

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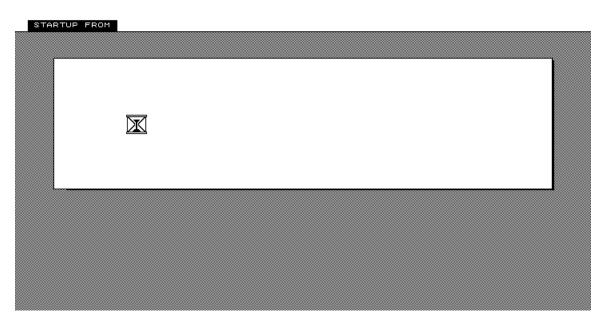
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The boot ROM's other main task is to load and run an operating system from a Lisa disk (either a hard disk or a floppy). This screen appears if there is a testing problem or a disk did not have an operating system.

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Another operating system loading screenshot which didn't work.

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During the loading of the operating from disk, this screen appears. Note the hourglass graphic which the Lisa used to indicate that a task was in progress. Microsoft Windows later used a similar hourglass.

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