Laptop specific configuration (MAC)

Laptop computer are a practical way of putting together a mobile studio, but special configuration should be made to insure it performs correctly. By design, laptops are configured to use as little power as possible in order to be operated on battery. This, however, is not desirable when it comes to audio recording.

Processor Performance

Music, video-editing, and other applications require a lot of processor power. If your computer doesn't perform well when you're using these applications, check your **Energy Saver** preferences to insure it is not set to reduce processor performance to save energy.

To change the processor performance setting:

- Choose **Apple menu** > **System Preferences** > **Energy Saver**.

- Click Options.

- Choose **Highest** from the **Processor Performance** pop-up menu.

If you don't see the Processor Performance pop-up menu, your computer doesn't support this feature

Obviously, setting the processor performance to Highest uses more energy, so your iBook or PowerBook battery might run out of charge faster.

Disabling Sleep mode

The last thing you want during a recording session if for your computer going to sleep mode. You can also disable this function from the **Energy Saver** menu:

- Click **Sleep**. Click **Show Details**, if necessary, to see the sleep settings.

- Drag the top slider to **Never**.

- To prevent the display from sleeping, deselect the checkbox labeled "**Put the display to sleep when the computer is inactive for.**"