How to install Mac OS Monterey on unsupported MacBook Pro

I have MacBook Pro 11 - 2013 model. This model cannot be upgraded to Monterey from Apple site. We have to do it other way using a patch which, I will describe in great detail later.



First run this command to find out the model and the year to make sure patch is compatible to the hardware you have.

Open Terminal and run this command - system_profiler SPHardwareDataType | grep 'Model Identifier'

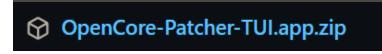
https://dortania.github.io/OpenCore_Legacy-Patcher/MODELS.html - The patch will work for these models listed in the link. I took a screen of my MacBook Pro listed in the link per Terminal output.

MacBookPro10,2	Late 2012, Early 2013	Everything is supported
MacBookPro11,1		
MacBookPro11,2	Late 2013, Mid-2014	
MacBookPro11,3		

I have created USB stick with Monterey OS already. If you need instruction check my blog- <u>How to</u> create a bootable USB stick for new MacOS Monterey | INFOTECHRAM INC.

I have plugged in the USB stick with Monterey OS. Downloaded the patch from here – extracted and copied to Applications folder on the MacBook Pro.

https://github.com/dortania/OpenCore-Legacy-Patcher/releases/tag/0.3.1





Now open the patch and follow the screen shots.

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# OpenCore Legacy Patcher v0.3.1 #
# Selected Model: MacBookPro11,1 #
This model is supported
   Build OpenCore
   Install OpenCore to USB/internal drive
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з.
   Post-Install Volume Patch
   Change Model
5.
   Patcher Settings
   Credits
6.
Q.
   Quit
Please select an option:
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Type Option 5 Patcher Settings to Enable verbose mode

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OpenCore-Patcher — ...
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Please select an option: 5
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# Adjust Patcher Settings #
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1.
    Debug Settings
2.
    Security Settings
3.
   SMBIOS Settings
4.
    Boot Volume Settings
5.
   Miscellaneous Settings
   Dump detected hardware
6.
    Allow Accel on Mojave/Catalina:
                                         Currently False
8.
                                         Currently False
   Allow OpenCore on native Models:
9.
    Advanced Settings, for developers only
   Quit
Q.
Please select an option: 1
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#########################
# Adjust Debug Settings #
Enable Verbose Mode:
                                 Currently False
1.
2.
    Enable OpenCore DEBUG:
                                 Currently False
3. Enable Kext DEBUG:
Q. Quit
                                 Currently False
Please select an option: 1
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# Set Verbose mode #
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Enable Verbose mode(y/n/q): y
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Please select an option: q
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 - Found Wireless Device 14E4:43A0
 Adding AirportBrcmFixup.kext 2.1.3
 Setting Wireless Card's Country Code: US
- Found ARPT device at PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1c,0x2)/Pci(0x0,0x0)
- Adding AppleGraphicsPowerManagement Override
- Adding OpenCanopy GUI
- Enabling Verbose boot
 - Enabling ShowPicker

    Disabling SecureBootModel

 - Adding bootmgfw.efi BlessOverride
 - Adding EFICheckDisabler.kext 1.0.5

    Setting macOS Monterey Supported SMBIOS

    Using Model ID: MacBookPro12,1

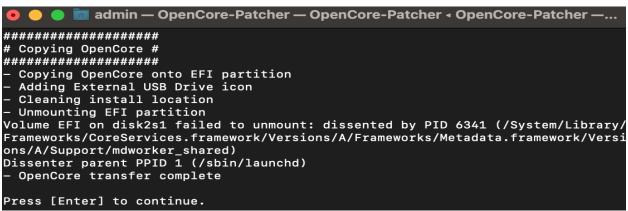
 - Using Board ID: Mac-E43C1C25D4880AD6
- Using Minimal SMBIOS patching
- Setting Firmware Feature: dfb1bf577
 - Cleaning up files
Your OpenCore EFI for MacBookPro11,1 has been built at:
    /private/var/folders/m1/gz3s_ljj3n5dxm100zwhkr1r0000gn/T/_MEIjiqosv/Build-Fo
lder/OpenCore-Build
Press [Enter] to go back.
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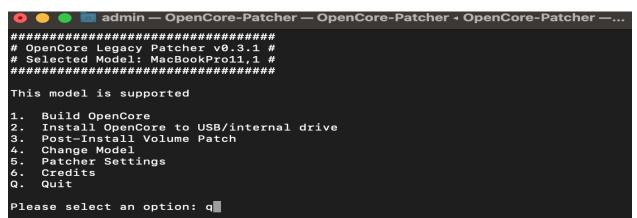
Now we will install OpenCore to USB stick that as Mac OS Monterey

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Q.
   Quit
Please select an option: 2
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Restart the system and hold Option during reboot

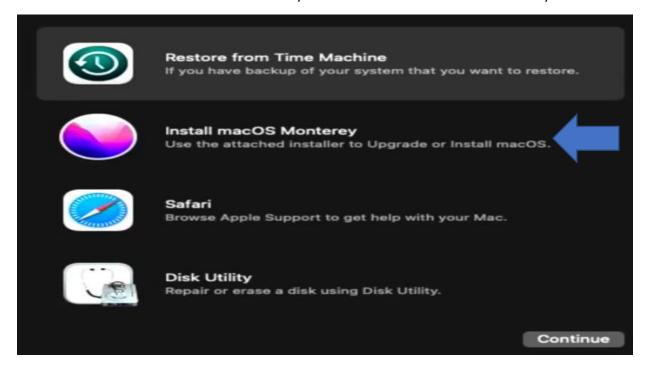


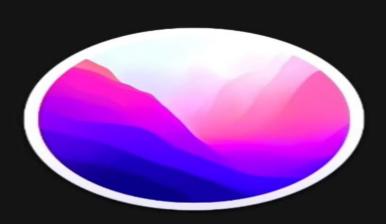
When the system is restarting Press Option button so you will get to this screen to select EFI Boot – After that select Install macOS Monterey.



The system will restart and you will see a bunch of messages on the black screen like this

After that MacBook Pro will enter into Recovery OS Mode. Select Install macOS Monterey to MBP HD.

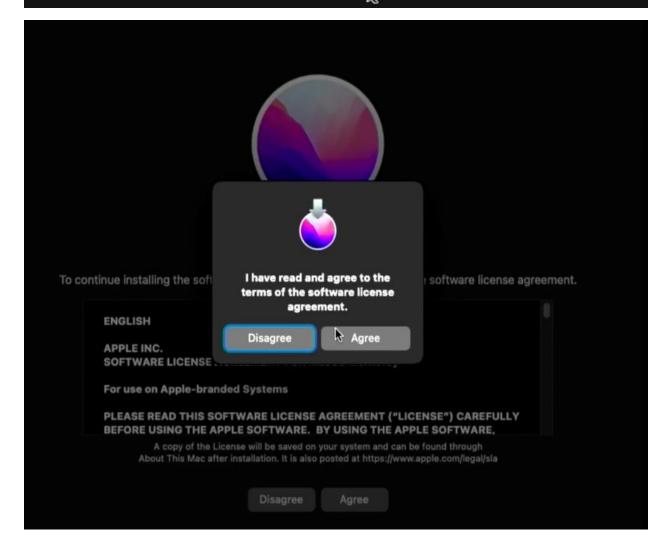




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To set up the installation of macOS Monterey, click Continue.





Here you should select MacBook Pro HD so we can complete the upgrade.

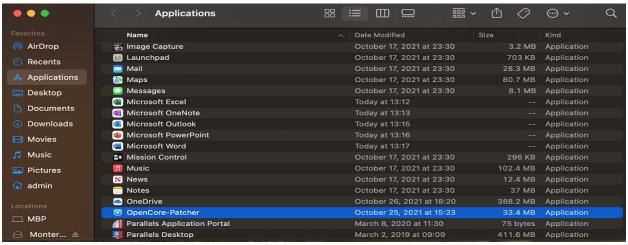


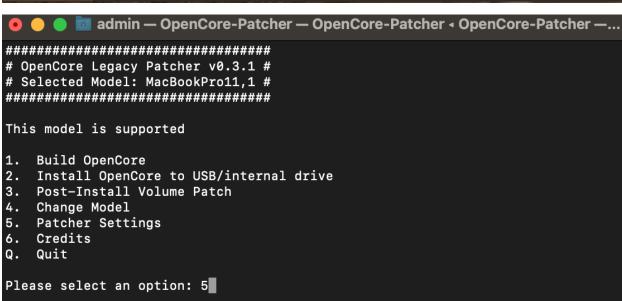
During the upgrade the system will reboot 4-5 times. So just wait for the process to complete and once done you will be logged into the system. As you can see the upgrade was successful.

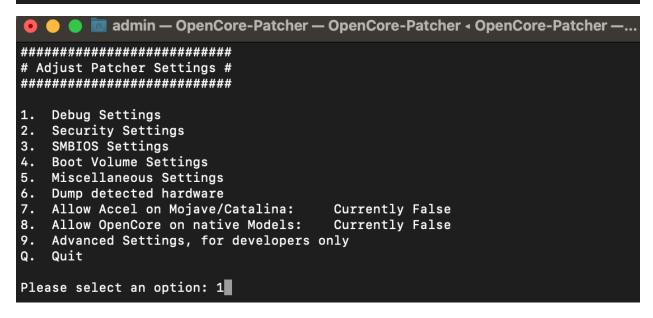


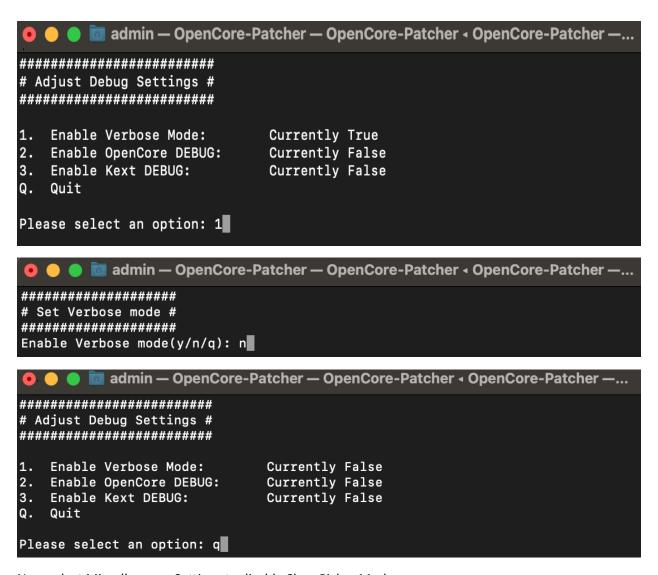
We have completed the upgrade on an unsupported model. Now you can explore all the new features in this OS.

We have to take care of few things after the upgrade. Open the patch one more time to disable debug settings.









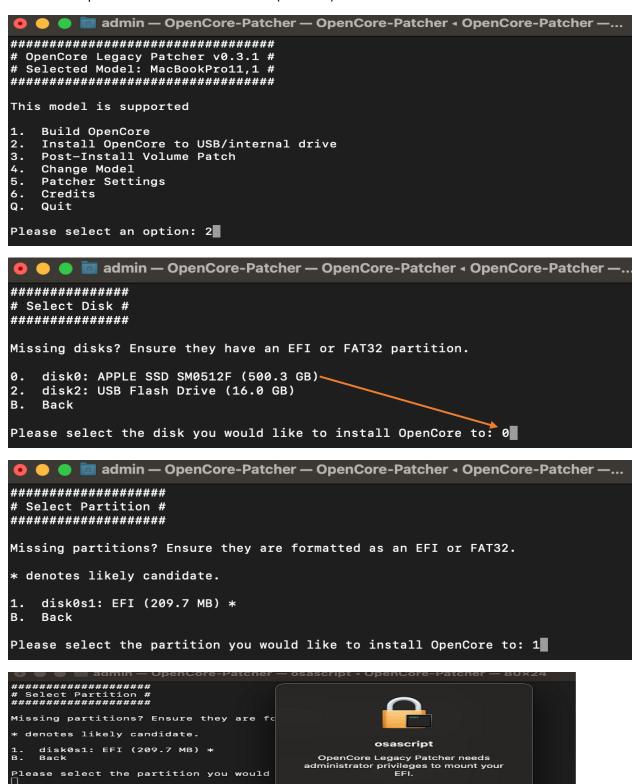
Now select Miscellaneous Settings to disable ShowPicker Mode



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# Adjust Miscellaneous Settings #
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    Set ShowPicker Mode:
                               Currently True
2. Set Wake on WLAN:
                               Currently False
                              Currently False
3. Set Ivy iMac iGPU:
4. Set TeraScale 2 Accel:
                              Currently True
                              Currently False
5. Disable Thunderbolt:
                               Currently True
Currently True
6.
    Set AppleALC Usage:
    Set Windows GMUX support:
                               Currently False
    Set Software Demux:
8.
9.
    Disable Battery Throttling: Currently False
Q.
    Quit
Please select an option: 1
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######################################
# Set OpenCore Picker mode #
By default, OpenCore will show its boot picker each time on boot up,
however this can be disabled by default and be shown on command by repeatedly
pressing the "Esc" key
Show OpenCore Picker by default(y/n/q): n
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# Adjust Miscellaneous Settings #

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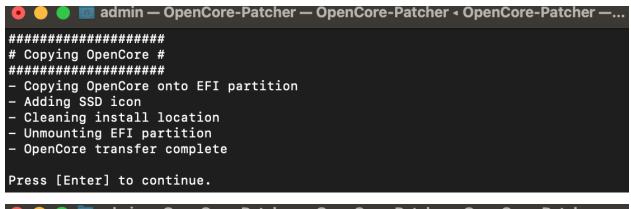
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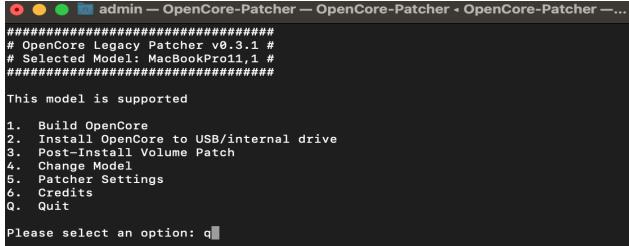


Enter your password to allow this.

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Now restart the system – make sure to eject USB drive before restart. Don't forget to hold Option during restart.

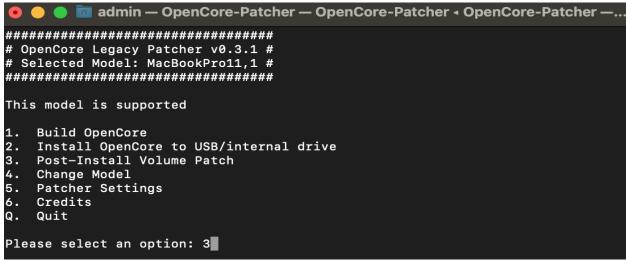


On reboot you will select EFI boot by holding Control button and click EFI



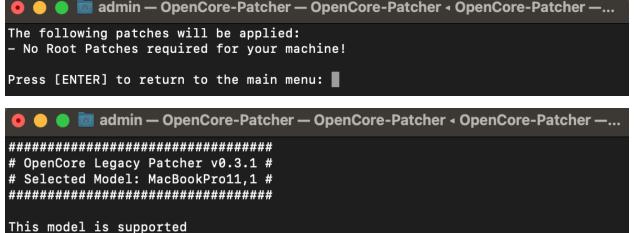
Login to the system and open the patch again to install Post Volume Patch. For my system there was no need to install Post Patch.





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Patches Root volume to fix misc issues such as:
 Metal Graphics Acceleration
  - Intel: Ivy Bridge (4000 series iGPUs)
  - Nvidia: Kepler (600-700)
 Non-Metal Graphics Accelertation
  - Intel: Ironlake - Sandy Bridge
  - Nvidia: Tesla - Fermi (8000-500 series)
  - AMD: TeraScale 1 and 2 (2000-6000 series)
 Audio support for iMac7,1 and iMac8,1
- Wifi support for BCM94328, BCM94322 and Atheros cards
WARNING: Root Volume Patching is still in active development, please
have all important user data backed up. Note when the system volume
is patched, you can no longer have Delta updates.
Supported Options:
1. Patch System Volume
2. Unpatch System Volume (Experimental)
B. Exit
Patch System Volume?: 1
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As you can see there is no root patch required for my system.



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- Q. Quit

Please select an option: q

Now we have completed all the steps.

Here is the final report – Upgrade successful and no new updates to install. All the applications remain as the same as it was before.





I have included video link as well – in case you face anything following my document.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go6RTCHv4GA

https://github.com/dortania/OpenCore-Legacy-Patcher/releases/tag/0.3.1