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UnmountVol Flush volume, close its files, release its memory

OSErr UnmountVol(volName, vRefNum);

<u>StringPtr</u> volName; address of Pascal-style name; NIL=use vRefNum

<u>short</u> *vRefNum*; volume reference number

returns Error Code; 0=no error

UnmountVol flushes a volume buffer to disk and releases all memory occupied by the volume buffer and related structures. The volume must be re-mounted before it can be accessed.

volName is the address of a length-prefixed, pascal-style string containing the name of the volume you wish to flush. If volName is NIL (0), the vRefNum parameter is used.

vRefNum is the reference number of the volume you wish to flush. This parameter is used only if *volName* is invalid or NIL.

Returns: an operating system Error Code. It will be one of:

noErr (0) No error bdNamErr (-37)Invalid volName Files are open on volume fBsyErr (-47)extFSErr (-57)External file system (-36)I/O error ioErr nsDrvErr (-56) No such drive

nsvErr (-35) No such volume paramErr (-50) No default volume

Notes: Don't unmount the startup volume.

If you are using a string in the *volName* field to specify a volume name, the string must be in the following form

myVolParam.ioNamePtr = "\pMy HardDisk:"

The trailing colon on the string indicates that we are referring to a directory, not a file.

All files on a volume must be closed in order for **UnmountVol** to succeed. A <u>fBsyErr</u> will be received if this is not the case.

UnmountVol is typically called just before calling **Eject** - when the disk will not be needed again. Use **PBMountVol** to re-mount the volume, or (most commonly) let Standard File take care of mounting and unmounting.

A related call is **PBOffLine**, which retains the volume control block in memory so that **GetVInfo** will continue to return information and the volume can be brought back online transparently, by the File Manager, when needed.