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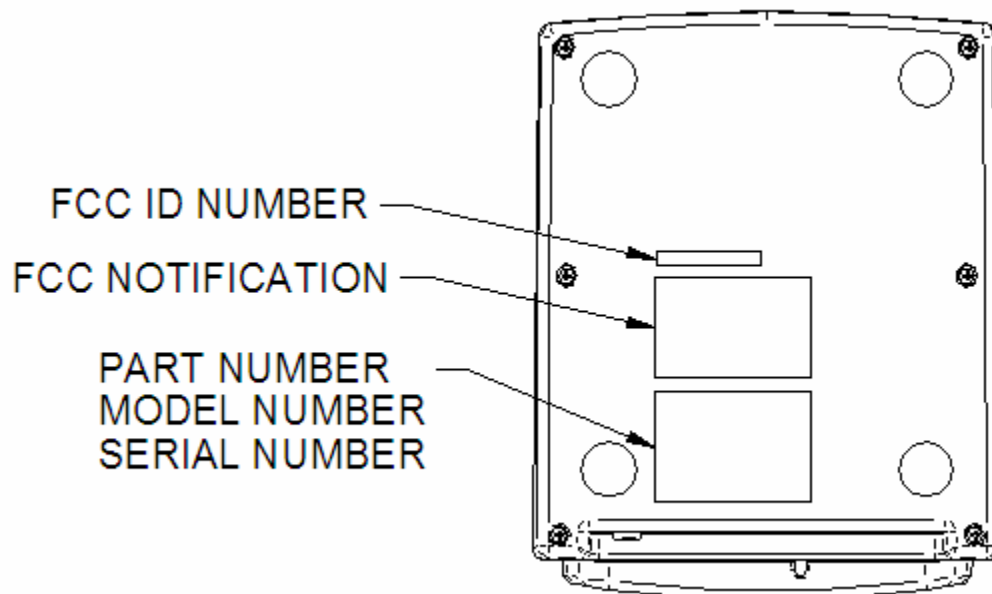


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Safety Information



Read, understand, and follow all safety information contained in these instructions prior to using any reader. Retain these instructions for future reference.

The safety labels are affixed to the underside of each reader and power supply.

Explanation of Product Safety Label Symbols	
	Warning: Indoor Dry Location Use Only
	Attention: Refer to Instructions

Intended Use

These readers optically scan passports and ID cards. They also read and write to Integrated Circuit chips integrated into travel documents. They are intended to be used in a dry indoor environment only. They have not been evaluated for other uses or environmental conditions.

Explanation of Signal Word Consequences	
 WARNING:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury and/or property damage.
 CAUTION:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage.

 WARNING
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To reduce the risk associated with hazardous voltage which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury:

- Do not use the reader with any AC power supply other than the provided 3M AC power supply. Do not open the reader/power supply. There are no user serviceable parts or adjustments inside.
- Do not use AC power supply and/or power cord if damaged.
- Product is to be serviced by 3M service personnel only. No user serviceable parts or adjustments inside.
- Do not modify or attempt to modify the reader and/or AC power supply.
- Use only in an indoor dry location.
- Do not use the product in an outdoor and/or wet environment.

 **CAUTION**

To reduce the risk associated with environmental contamination from circuit board containing lead-bearing solder, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury:

- Dispose of the device according to applicable local, state, provincial or federal regulations.

Introduction

This document describes the features and functions of the 3M™ AT9000 Fullpage Readers, models PV40-xx-xx-xx-xx.

Features Overview

The 3M™ AT9000 Fullpage Readers are a family of intelligent optical character recognition (OCR) and full-image capture devices that provide automated data capture from a variety of personal identification documents. They read data from documents with:

- Machine-readable text
- 1D or 2D barcodes
- Contact or contactless integrated circuit (IC) chips
- Covert security features

Each reader provides imaging in:

- 24-bit visible colour
- Infrared (IR)
- Ultraviolet (UV)
- Optional retro-reflective (for 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate)

The document window is larger than International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) documents so that larger documents can be placed on the window.

The readers perform optical character recognition on documents that conform to ICAO 9303 specifications, and send data from the document to a host computer over a Universal Serial Bus (USB) connection.

The base functionality for the different readers varies:

3M™ AT9000 Full Page Reader

- Optical character recognition (OCR)
- 1D and 2D barcode reading
- Visible, infrared (IR) and UV imaging
- Optional 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate imaging with tamper detection
- Optional ISO7816 smartcard reading
- Optional enhanced document authentication software

3M™ AT9000 ePassport Reader

- OCR
- 1D and 2D Barcode Reading
- Visible, infrared (IR) and UV imaging

- Contactless integrated circuit reading and writing
- Optional 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate imaging with tamper detection
- Optional ISO7816 smartcard reading
- Optional enhanced document authentication software

These readers can help the operator detect forged or counterfeit documents. Reading the UV features printed in fluorescent inks on a document provides inspectors with colour images of covert document security features.

Optional 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate imaging allows the inspectors to quickly verify the authenticity of the document. It can also indicate if documents have been tampered with by revealing marks or other damage.

The following images were taken using a reader:

Figure 1: Visible Image



Figure 2: Infrared Image

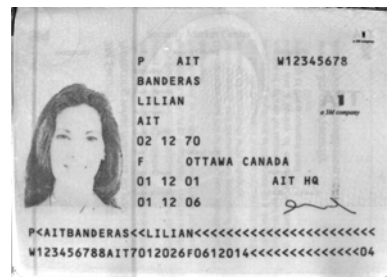


Figure 3: Ultra Violet Image

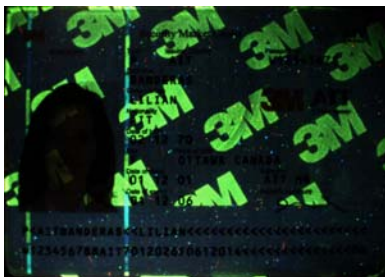


Figure 4: 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate Image



Figure 5: Damaged 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate Image



Figure 6: Tampered 3M™ Confirm™ Laminate Image



Related Documents

For information on advanced software features, see:

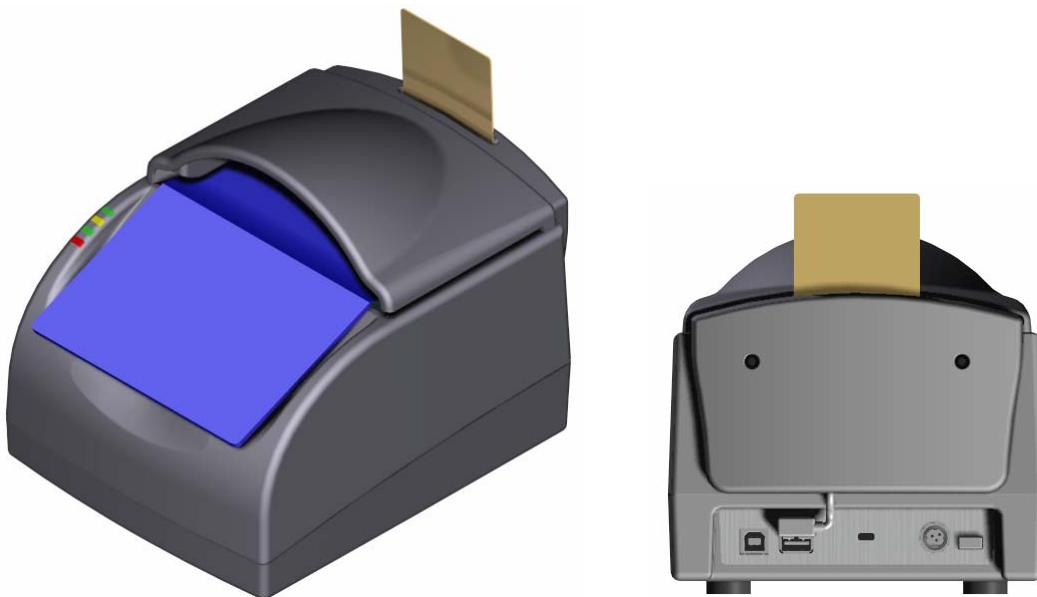
- Authentication Manager Document Analysis Software Developer's Reference (DT-01718)
- 3M™ Reader Authentication System Software Developer's Reference (DT-01675)
- 3M™ Reader Authentication Manager Central Administration Utility Manual (DT-01674)
- ePassport Manager Interface SDK (COM / Active X) Developer's Reference (DT-01714)
- 3M™ Reader Authentication System Software Developer's Reference (DT-01675)

Product Description

The reader is a small desktop device with:

- A document window for placement of documents to be read
- 4 status indicator LEDs
- back panel communication and power connection ports

Figure 7: Physical Features



Note: The reader is shown with the optional contact smart card module.

Document Window

The document window is a glass surface located on top of the reader. Place documents on the window to scan them. Keep this surface clean to ensure optimum operation of the reader.

See Cleaning on page 19 for more information.

Indicator LEDs

The LEDs indicate the reader status and the result of scanning a document.

Table 1: Indicator LED

Ready (green)	The reader is ready to scan a document (when connected to the host application).
Busy (amber)	The reader is scanning a document and processing the data.
OK (green)	A known document type was presented and processing was successful.
Error (red)	The document is of an unknown type or did not process properly.

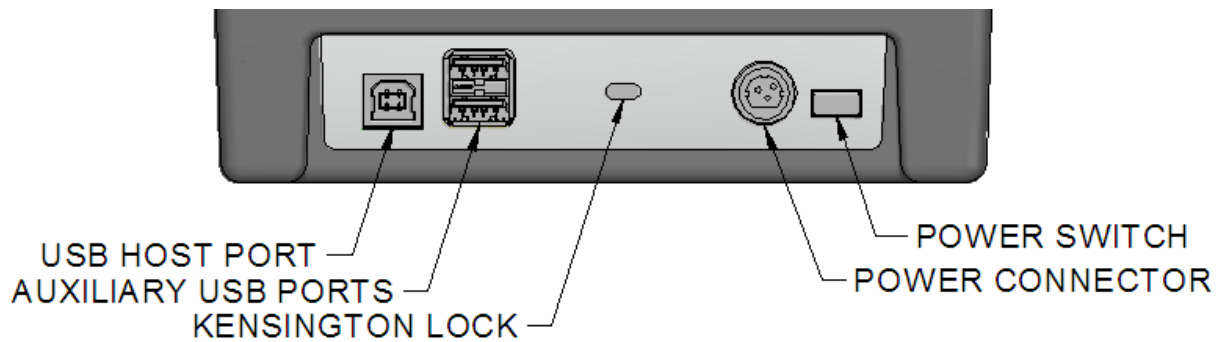
Back Panel

The back panel features the power switch, power supply connector and USB communication ports. Data is sent to the host PC through the USB 2.0 host connector.

A built-in USB hub and two auxiliary USB 2.0 connectors allow you to connect additional USB peripherals such as a mouse, keyboard or 2D barcode reader.

In addition, a Kensington Lock slot can be used to tether the reader to the workspace.

Figure 8: Back Panel Ports



Setting up the Reader

Before beginning to read documents, you must

- verify your host PC's capabilities
- unpack the reader
- install the software
- connect the power supply
- connect the reader to the host system using the USB cable

Host PC Requirements

- Windows® 2000 SP4 or Windows® XP
- USB 2.0 high-speed capability

Note: See Appendix C for instructions on how to check for USB2.0 compatibility.

Unpacking the Reader

Each reader package consists of:

- 1 reader
 - 1 power supply converter
 - 1 AC cable
 - 1 test card
 - 1 Documentation/Software CD
 - 1 USB communication cable
 - 1 Scotch-Brite™ Microfiber Cleaning Cloth
1. Remove the contents from the box and separate the components from the packing material.
 2. Verify that all the parts described have been received. If any parts are missing, contact 3M Global Technical Services (GTS).
For more information, see Appendix D: Customer Service on page 27.
 3. Store the packaging in the event that the reader may require reshipment to 3M for maintenance.

Note: Allow the reader to come to room temperature for a minimum two hours before operation, if it has been stored below room temperature.

Installing the Software

The installation CD contains several components necessary to properly install the Reader.

Note: Do not attempt to install the application without the required operating system and service packs prior to installation.

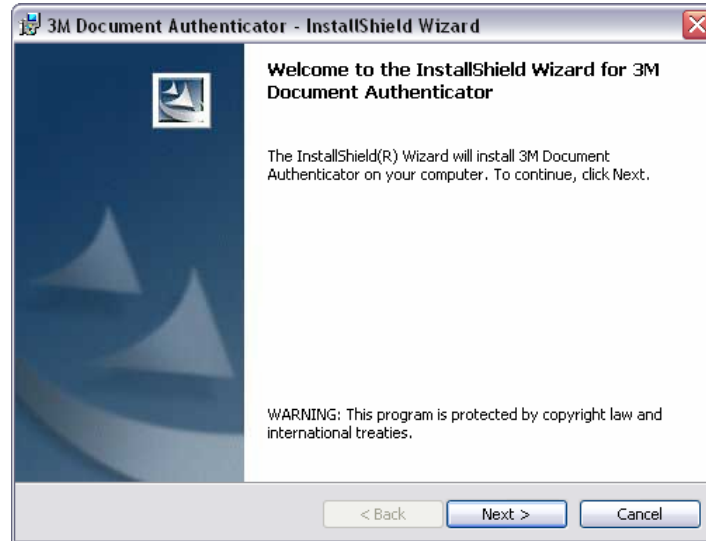
The package installs:

- 3M™ Authentication Software and SDK
- USB Driver
- Smart Card Reader Driver (3M™ ePassport Reader only)
- Contactless Reader Driver (3M™ ePassport Reader only)
- Additional SDKs based on the reader model

Note: You must have PC Administrative rights to install the software.

1. Insert the CD supplied with the unit into the CD drive.
Note: If "Autorun" is enabled, installer.exe will run automatically. If "Autorun" is not enabled, follow the steps below:
2. Run the **Setup.exe** application from the CD.
The InstallShield® Wizard window opens to install the 3M™ Document Authenticator.

Figure 9: InstallShield® Wizard window



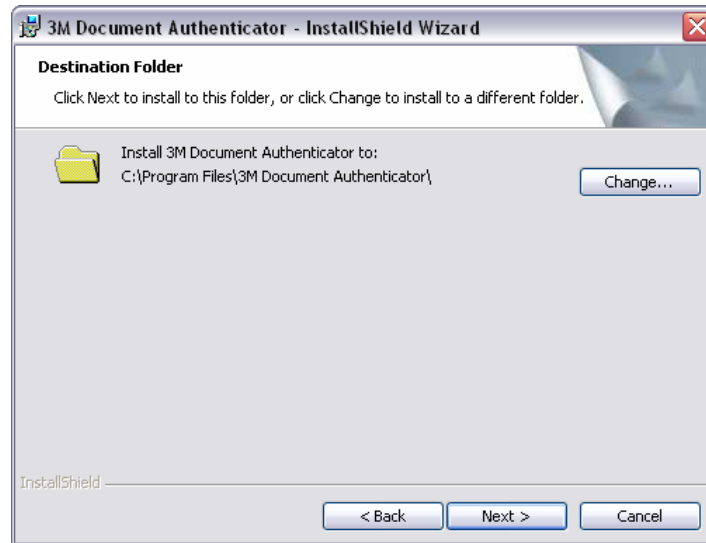
3. Click **Next**.
The License Agreement window opens.

Figure 10: License Agreement window



4. Select **I accept the terms of the license agreement**.
5. Click **Next** to proceed with the installation.
The **Destination Folder** window opens.

Figure 11: Destination Folder window



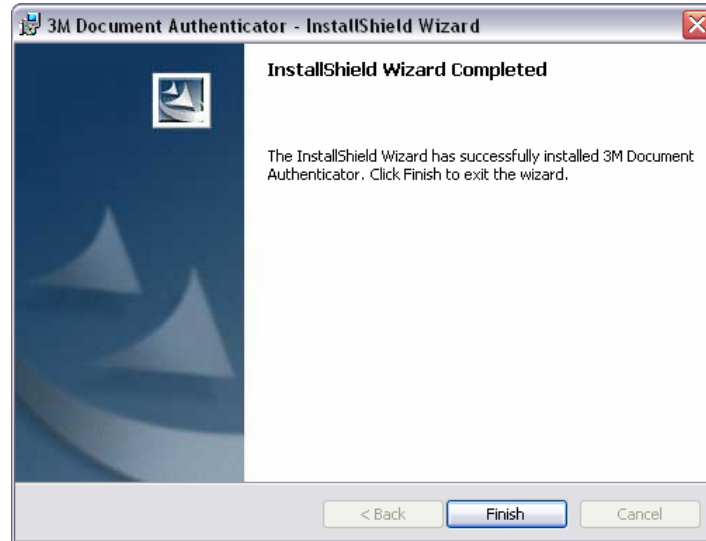
6. Specify a destination folder where the software will be installed and click **Next**. The software is installed.

Figure 12: Installation Progress window



When the installation is complete, the **InstallShield Wizard Complete** window opens.

Figure 13: InstallShield Wizard Complete window



7. Click **Finish**.

Connecting to a Host System

The reader is supplied with a USB communication cable.

1. Insert the USB connector of the supplied cable into a USB port on the host system.
2. Insert the USB connector of the supplied cable into the USB host port, located on the back panel of the reader.

Connecting the Power Supply

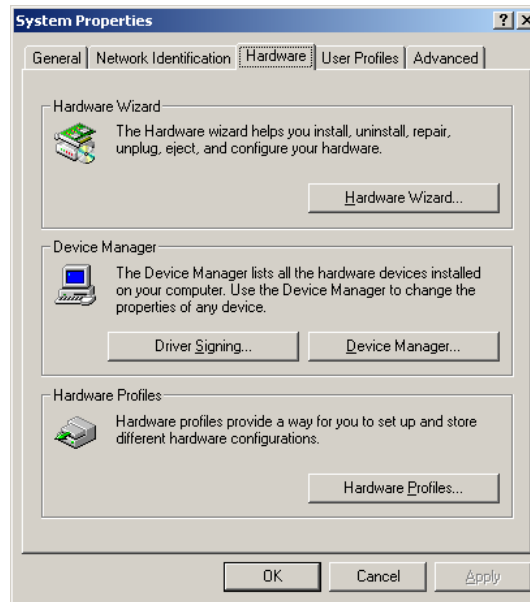
1. Connect the connector from the power supply to the power connector at the rear of the reader.
Note: There is only one orientation that will allow the cable to be connected to the power port.
2. Connect the AC cable to a functioning power outlet.
3. Turn on the power switch on the back panel of the reader.

Note: The power connector is a latching type that can not accidentally detach as the reader is moved about. To remove the connector, grasp the connector shell and pull away from the reader. The connector shell will slide backward slightly, allowing the connector to disengage from the reader.

Verifying the USB Driver Installation

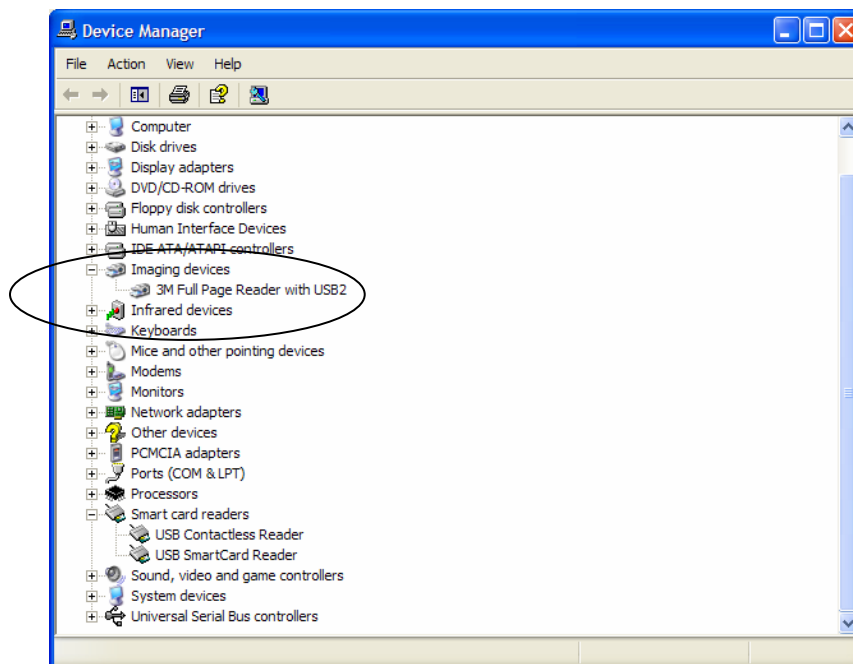
1. Right-click on **My Computer** and click on **Properties**.
The **System Properties** window opens.

Figure 14: System Properties window



2. Click on the **Hardware** tab, then on **Device Manager**. The **Device Manager** window opens.
3. Expand (click on the plus sign) the entry called **Smart Card Readers**.
4. Verify that there are entries for the USB SmartCard and USB Contactless Readers (3M™ ePassport Reader only).
5. Expand (click on the plus sign) the entry called **Imaging Devices**.
6. Verify that there is an entry for 3M Full Page Reader with USB2.

Figure 15: Device Manager window



- Note:** If you cannot verify that the drivers have been properly installed, turn the reader off and back on and try the installation again. If verification still fails, contact GTS.
For more information, see Appendix D: Customer Service on page 27.

Updating the USB Drivers

If you do not see the 3M AT9000 Reader with USB2 entry, Windows® may be using an older version of USB drivers. To update the driver:

1. In the Device Manager, double-click the invalid device that looks like the reader.
2. Select the **Driver** tab, and click **Update driver**.
3. Follow the instructions above for performing the driver installation.

Power-up Self Test

A power-up self-test occurs automatically when the reader powers up. If the reader is installed correctly and is operational, the LEDs perform the following sequence:

- All LEDs come ON briefly at initial power-up.
- After several seconds the green LED (READY) remains ON, and all other LEDs go OFF.

The LEDs may also indicate the following common communication errors:

- The Ready LED flashes rapidly if no USB connection is detected.
- The Ready and Error LEDs flash rapidly if a USB 1.1 connection is detected.

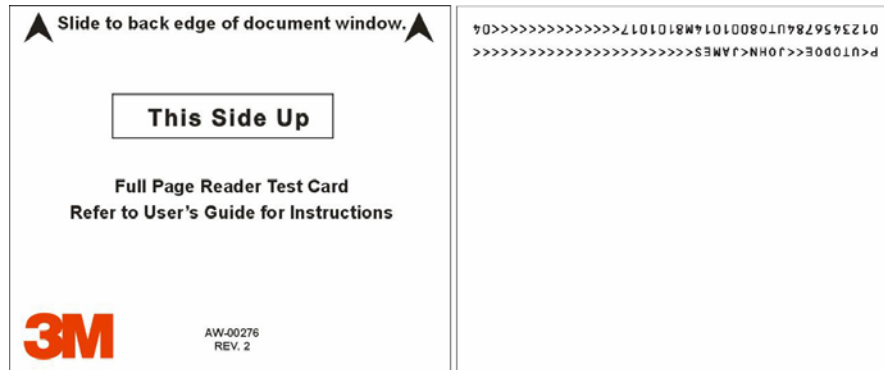
Note: The reader will not transfer document images over a USB 1.1 connection. However, contactless and contact chip reading will function over a USB 1.1 connection.

Testing Reading and Communication

This test determines if the reader is functioning properly.

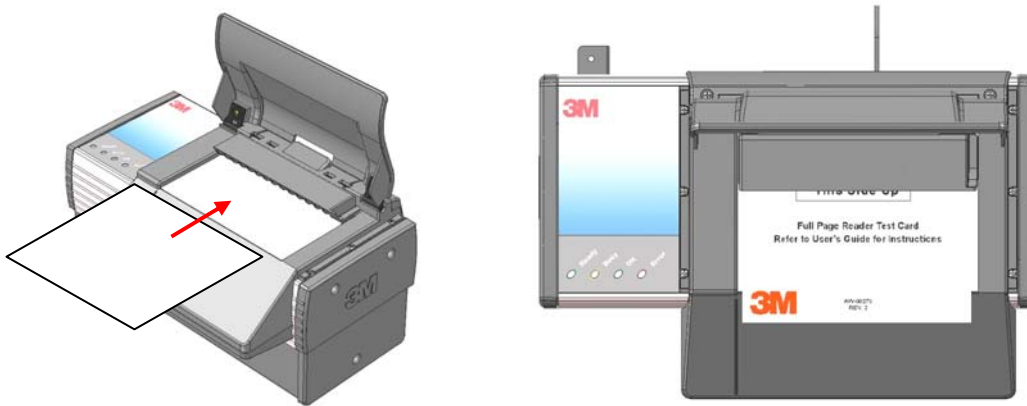
1. Start the test application **SalesDemo.exe** from the shortcut created during software installation.
2. Verify that the green LED (READY) is on and the test application indicates **Ready to Scan**. (The reader is ready to accept documents).
3. Select the test card AW-00276 “Full Page Reader Test Card”.

Figure 16: Test Card



4. Place the test card face down on the document window, aligned with the left guide, with the test card instructions facing up.

Figure 17: Test Card Placement



5. Push the card to the back of the document window until it stops.
Note: Do not move the document during the scanning process.
6. Observe the LEDs during the scanning procedure.
 - The READY LED turns off and the amber LED (BUSY) turns on.
 - The amber LED (BUSY) remains on while the reader scans and processes the data.
 - The green LED (OK) turns on, indicating a successful read.
 - The READY LED turns on, indicating that the reader is ready to scan another document.

The data from the test card is sent to the host computer and the results displayed on the PC screen.

- The READY LED turns off and the amber LED (BUSY) turns on.
- The amber LED (BUSY) remains on while the reader scans and processes the data.
- The green LED (OK) turns on, indicating a successful read.
- The READY LED turns on, indicating that the reader is ready to scan another document.

The data from the document is sent to the host computer.

Reading Non-standard Documents

This section describes proper document placement for thick documents, documents with oversized covers or damaged or flimsy pages in travel documents.

Some travel booklets are too thick to fit easily under the document clip. Others may have fragile or flimsy pages (such as visa pages) which require extra care in handling.

1. Open the booklet to the page you want to read.
Raise the light shield and press the clip lever.
Slide the single page under the clip and release the lever.

Insert Image Here

Note: You may want to insert a damaged or flimsy page using the cover or adjacent pages as support.

Insert Image Here

2. Make sure the upper left corner of the page is aligned with the upper left corner of the document window.
When the document reaches its proper position, the reader will automatically start scanning the document. Do not move the document during the scanning process.

Note: The light shield must remain down for an accurate read. You may release the document during reading. This hands-free function allows you to focus on the traveler.

3. Observe the LEDs during the scanning procedure.
 - The READY LED turns off and the amber LED (BUSY) turns on.
 - The amber LED (BUSY) remains on while the reader scans and processes the data.
 - The green LED (OK) turns on, indicating a successful read.
 - The READY LED turns on, indicating that the reader is ready to scan another document.

The data from the document is sent to the host computer.

Contactless Integrated Circuits Reading Procedure

The 3M™ AT9000 ePassport Reader can also detect and read information encoded on contactless integrated circuits (chips) in passports and ID cards.

To read passports with a chip, the reader is equipped with an antenna that completely surrounds the document window. Whether the chip is in the front or rear cover, the data page, or any other page, the reader's antenna will detect and read the chip. You do not have to turn the book around to ensure the chip is read. In issuance environments, the reader has the ability to write personalized information, like that on the data page, to the chip. This provides an additional level of security to the travel document. (For information on writing to contactless chips please contact Global Technical Services (GTS) at 3M.) The reader:

- reads and writes to ISO 14443 Type A and Type B ICs
- supports reader to chip transfer rate of 424 Kbps when applicable (IC dependent)
- provides functionality according to ICAO NTWG Technical Reports

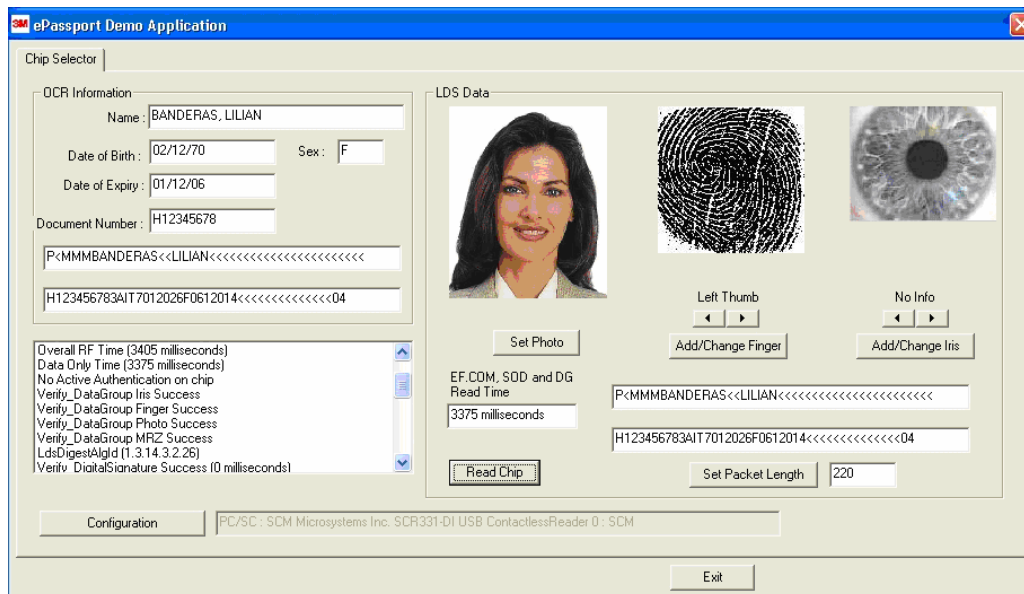
The RF (radio frequency) technology used in the 3M™ AT9000 ePassport Reader is very short range, and does not interfere with other electronic equipment such as PC monitors, wireless communications (for example, 802.11g) or cell phones. However, to ensure no interference between ePassport readers, you should maintain a minimum of 25cm (10 in) between readers.

RF Reading Procedure

1. Start the RF test application **ePassportDemo** located in the 3M Document Authenticator folder created during software installation.

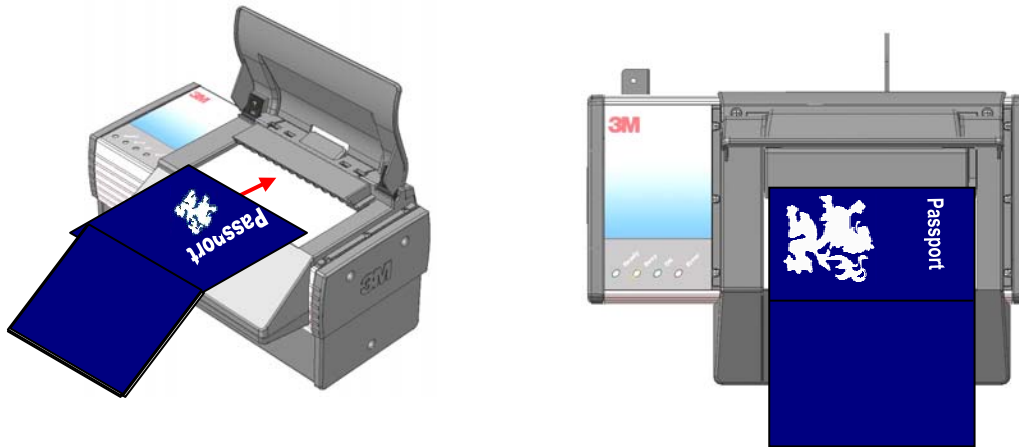
Note: ePassportDemo is a sample application used to demonstrate joint operation of optical document and radio frequency chip reading. ePassportDemo does not report its status to the LED display on the reader.

Figure 21: ePassport Demo window



2. Place the document on the document window, aligned with the left edge of the document window.
3. Push the document to the back of the document window until it stops.

Figure 22: Document Placement

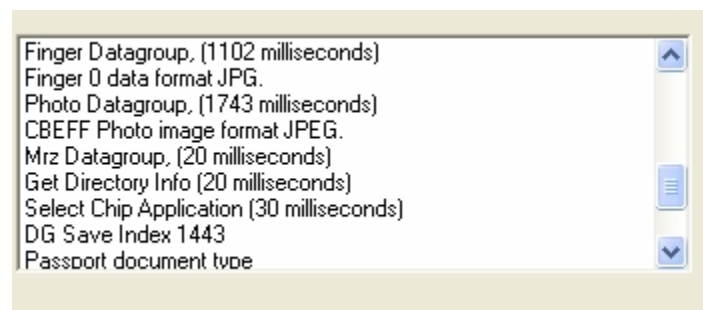


- The 3M™ AT9000 ePassport Reader reads the MRZ data from the travel document and then accesses the data on the chip and displays it on screen.

Note: It may take several seconds to read the RF information from the chip. The performance of this operation is largely dependent on the capabilities of the chip.

- Scroll through the list to view the elapsed reading times for the data elements on both the data page and the chip.

Figure 23: Reading Times list



Maintenance

The reader has no user-serviceable parts but its glass surface must be cleaned on a regular basis. For extensive repairs, return the reader to 3M service depot.

See Return to Depot - Maintenance Procedure on page 28 for more information.

Cleaning

Clean the reader regularly to ensure proper performance.

Note: Use a safe cloth that will not damage glass, such as the Scotch-Brite™ Microfiber Cleaning Cloth (provided). To reorder cleaning cloths (G-00037), contact Global Technical Services (GTS).

See Appendix D: Customer Service on page 27 for more information.

- Turn off the power switch.

2. Clean the document window with a clean cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a mild glass cleaner or a lightly dampened cloth (water).



Note: Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. These may scratch the glass or damage the plastic.

3. Verify that there are no streaks or smudge spots remaining on the document window.
4. Clean the body of the reader with a lightly dampened cloth (water).
5. Turn on the power switch.
6. Verify that the power-up self test performs correctly.
For more information, see Power-up Self Test on page 12.

Appendix A: Specifications

Figure 24: Physical Dimensions

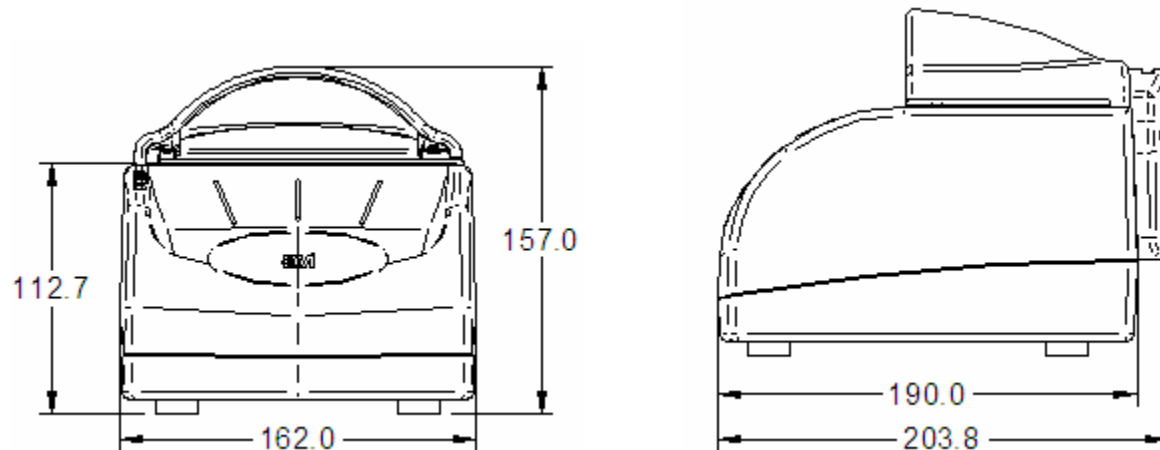


Table 2: Physical Specifications

Dimensions	Length 19 cm (7.5") with optional contact smartcard module Length 20.4 cm (8") with optional contact smartcard module Width 16.2 cm (6.4") Height 15.7 cm (6.2")
Weight	<0.5 kg (20 ounces)

Table 3: Electrical Specifications

Input voltage	12 V DC
Power consumption	5 watts
Connector	3-Pin Kycon

Table 4: Environmental Specifications

Temperature	
Operating	0 – 40°C (32 – 104°F)
Storage	-20 – 50°C (-4 – 122°F)
Humidity	
Operating	20 – 80% non-condensing
Storage	5 – 95% non-condensing

Table 5: Communication Interfaces and Protocols

Connection	
Interface	USB 2.0, 480 Mbit/s "High Speed"

Host USB Power	Reader draws no power from host USB connector
USB connector	1 x USB A (host); 2 x USB B (peripherals)
USB cable length	2.00 m (79")
Aux. USB power	5V DC, 500mA total (both ports combined)
RF Chip	ISO 14443-2,3,4

Table 6: Power Supply Specifications

Input voltage	100 – 240VAC +/- 10%
Line frequency	47 – 63Hz
Cable length	Power supply cable: 1.3m (52") AC line cord: 2.0 m (78")
Power rating	15 watts

Table 7: Smart Card Communication Interfaces and Protocols

Protocol	T=1, T=0
Frequency	up to 12 MHz (PPS, DI parameter)
Communication speed	up to 344,105 bps (PPS, FI parameter)
ISO Support	7816 Class A and AB smart card
Capacity	100,000 insertions
Contact	Sliding contact 8 contacts - ISO location

Table 8: Regulatory Information

Device Safety	
USA	UL60950, EN60950, IEC60950
EMC – emissions	
USA	FCC Part 15, sub-part J, Class A
Canada	ICES-003
EEA	EN55022 Class A
Australia	AS/NZS 3548
EMC – immunity	
EEA	EN55024
EMC	
EMC	ESTI EN 301 489-1 V1.2.1 (2000-08)
EMC	ESTI EN 301 489-3 V1.2.1 (2000-08)
EMC	ESTI EN 300 330-1 V1.3.1 (2001-06)
EMC	ESTI EN 300 330-2 V1.1.1 (2001-06)

EN50364	Limitation of human exposure to electromagnetic fields from devices operating in the frequency range 0 Hz to 10 GHz, used in electronic article surveillance (EAS), radio frequency identification (RFID) and similar applications.
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Appendix B: Troubleshooting

Use this table to identify and correct common issues encountered when using the reader. If a problem cannot be solved using this table, contact Global Technical Services (GTS) at 3M.

Table 9: Troubleshooting Cases

Symptom	Possible Causes	Actions
The LEDs do not come on during power up.	There is no power to the reader.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that the power switch is in the ON position. Verify the AC power source. Verify that the AC cable is connected to the AC power source. Verify that the power cable is connected to the power supply port located on the back panel.
	The unit is damaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the procedure outlined in Appendix D: Customer Service on page 27.
The reader is not communicating with host PC system.	The cable is not properly connected or USB drivers are not properly installed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that the USB cable is connected to the host. Verify that the USB driver is installed. Verify that only one reader is connected to the host system. Follow the procedure outlined in Chipset Updating on page 27.
The Error LED illuminates when a document is scanned	The document is non-machine readable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a normal condition when there is no machine readable data and only the image is captured from the document.
	The document is poorly printed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reader is designed to read documents that are poorly printed. However, some documents are of such poor quality that the reader will not be able to process the OCR data. The document may not conform to the specification for the document template.
	High ambient light or the document is fake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the light shield is down during document scanning. Re-orient the reader so that bright light does not fall directly on the document window.

	The unit is not configured to read the document being scanned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the affected reader configuration with technical staff • Contact Global Technical Services (GTS) at 3M.
	The document is not orientated correctly on the scanning window.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For details on document placement, see Reading Documents on page 14.
	The document is faulty or non-compliant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the document conforms to ICAO 9303 or OCR B font requirements
The Ready LED is continuously blinking.	The USB cable is not connected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify that the cable is installed.
	The system has no USB 2.0 capability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify that the USB 2.0 hardware is ready. Refer to Appendix C "Check for High speed USB"
The Sales Demo application is not working.	The software is installed incorrectly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application may already be running. Verify that only one copy of the application is running. • Remove the existing application & re-install software. For more information see the Software Installation section
	You do not have PC Administrative rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with your IT support representative.
LEDs do not change after reading an RF chip		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a normal condition. RF status is displayed only on the host screen.
Reader becomes unresponsive	Depending on the implementation of the PC application and the volume of USB traffic, AC line transients may cause unrecoverable errors in USB data transmissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restart the PC application or disconnect and reconnect the USB plug from either the PC or the reader.

Appendix C: Check for High Speed USB 2.0

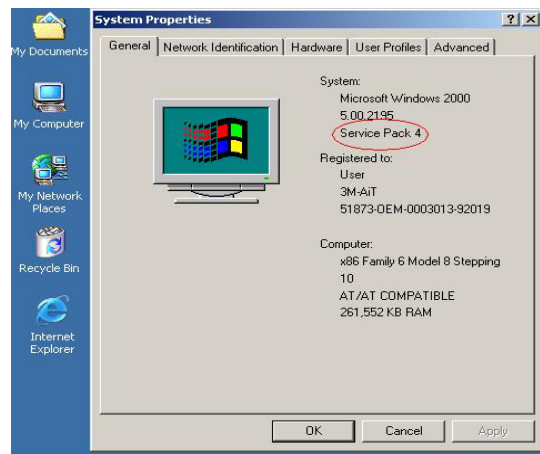
The reader is a **USB 2.0 device** that requires a Microsoft® Windows® 2000-SP4 or Windows® XP operating system.

Note: The reader will not function in a USB1.1 environment. Make sure a commercially-available USB 2.0 card is installed in your PC. For problems with your operating system, consult with your local IT representative. For other problems contact GTS. For information, see Before Contacting GTS on page 27.

Windows® 2000

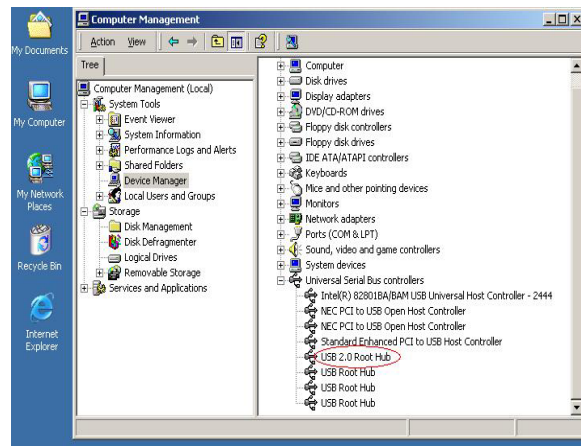
1. In Windows® 2000, right-click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.

Figure 25: System Properties window



2. Locate the version number on the **General** tab and verify that **Service Pack 4** or greater has been installed.
3. Right-click **My Computer** and select **Manage**.
4. Click on **Device Manager** in the **Tree** list.
5. Under **Universal Serial Bus controllers** locate **USB 2.0 Root Hub**.

Figure 26: Windows® 2000 SP4 Computer Management window

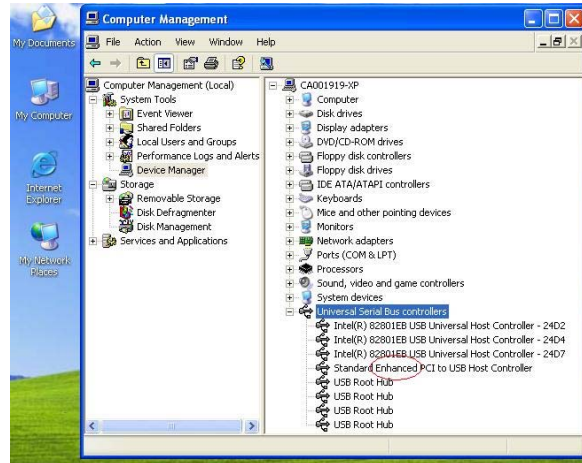


6. If your **Device Manager** displays **USB 2.0 Root Hub**, the system has high speed USB 2.0 capability.

Windows® XP

1. In Windows® XP, right-click **My Computer** and select **Manage**. Click on **Device Manager** in the **Tree** list.
2. Under **Universal Serial Bus controllers** locate an “Enhanced” entry.

Figure 27: Windows® XP Computer Management window



3. If your **Device Manager** displays **Enhanced USB Host Controller**, the system has high speed USB 2.0 capability.

Chipset Updating

The Check for High Speed USB 2.0 process determines if the PC has the correct hardware. Chipset updating ensures that the PC also has the correct driver software for that hardware.

The program **chipid.exe** is used to determine your chipset.

It is available in the install directory on your system following installation.

If the workstation uses the Intel USB chipset follow this link to locate the latest updates:

http://downloadfinder.intel.com/scripts-df-external/Support_Intel.aspx.

Appendix D: Customer Service

If a problem cannot be solved using Appendix B: Troubleshooting on page 24, contact Global Technical Services (GTS) at 3M.

Before Contacting GTS

Be prepared to provide the information required to properly diagnose the problem:

- A detailed description of the problem
- A detailed description of the actions taken to correct the problem
- The serial number of the reader (located on the bottom panel)

Contacting GTS

Once you have the information regarding the problem, use one of the following methods to contact GTS:

North America

GTS direct line: +1 613-722-3629
 3M main number: +1 613-722-2070
 fax: +1 613-722-2063

UK Office

GTS direct line: +44 (0) 1344-858371
3M-UK: +44 (0) 1344-858000
fax: +44 (0) 1344-858792
email: 3M-AiT-gcs@mmm.com

Return to Depot - Maintenance Procedure

In the event of a suspected problem with 3M equipment:

- Diagnose** The end user system manager will ascertain that there is an actual fault with the equipment that cannot be rectified with the use of the applicable User Guide or local in-house knowledge.
- Initiate Call** The end user system manager should contact GTS through one of the following communications mediums: phone, fax, or email. A detailed description of the problem along with the serial number of the unit will be requested. It is THE CUSTOMER's responsibility to include or have on hand all pertinent information.
- Response/Call Back** A GTS representative will discuss with the end user system manager to ascertain the nature of the problem. If the problem can be rectified locally by the end user system manager with the guidance of the GTS representative, no further action will be required.
- Return Authorization** If the problem cannot be rectified using telephone assistance, the GTS representative will issue a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number which will be used to track the failed reader, along with verification of the location of the service depot to where it should be sent.
- The RMA number should be prominently displayed on the shipping container in which the reader is being returned. This reference number will ensure prompt processing of the equipment once it arrives at 3M.
- Return** The end user system manager will carefully disconnect the defective equipment. The reader should ideally be packaged in its original packing box. If not, a suitable box with sufficient packing material should be used to minimize damage during transit. The CUSTOMER is responsible for insurance coverage on the reader during transit to 3M in case of loss or damage. The reader should then be returned to the 3M designated service depot.

Repair

When the defective equipment is received at the service depot, the reader will be repaired, tested and returned to THE CUSTOMER's central depot. Subject to unavoidable delays, this effort should not exceed 10 business days (exclusive of shipping time).

Shipping Instructions

Four copies of a commercial invoice, a packing slip, a pro forma invoice, or the following information, typed on letterhead, must be sent with the reader:

- Description of equipment, including serial numbers
- Quantity
- Value and Country of Origin
- Exporter (customer's company)
- Consignee (3M)

Please affix the instructions to the outside of the container.

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