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Troubleshooting

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FIGURE 5

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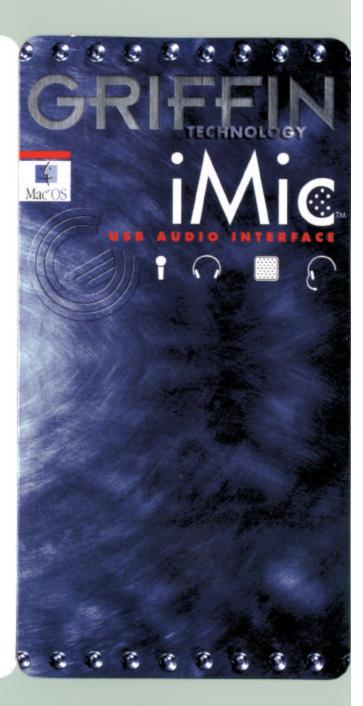


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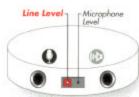
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FIGURE 3

iMic USB Audio Interface

GENERAL

High Quality USB-compliant Audio device Supports 12 Mb/s serial data transmission Fully USB Plug and Play operation Supports bus-powered operation Low power consumption with efficient power control

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Supports multiple audio data formats (8, 16 and 24 bits)
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SYTEM REQUIREMENTS

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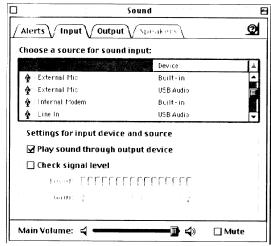
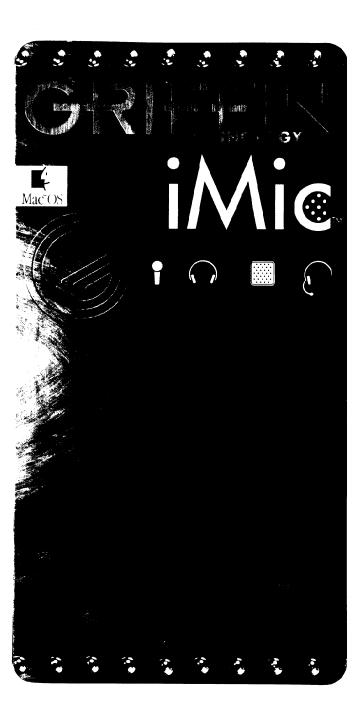


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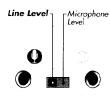
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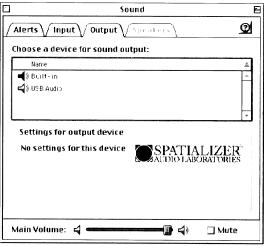


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