

## Technical Support Document

### Topic: How to connect a STX-7/8 to an I-Mac, G3, G4.

**If the customer has a Macintosh, they must purchase Signmate5.8 for Stika.**

- Older Mac: ADB to Parallel interface cable.
- G-3 and G-4 **USB** Macintosh Only: Roland PCI Interface card, I-mate Adapter, Signmate 5.8 Stika Software to drive the Stika.
- I-Mac: Signmate 6.5 for Macintosh (not yet available) and a USB to parallel interface cable.

The **iMac** and the **Power Macintosh G3/G4** do NOT have ADB or Serial ports, but they do have USB ports. USB is a new way for interconnecting peripheral devices to a CPU. The iMac and the G3/G4 each have 2 USB ports in addition to the ones used for connection of the keyboard and mouse. More information about USB can be found at <http://developer.apple.com/dev/usb>.

Therefore for Power Macintosh G3/G4 there is no direct way to attach a Signmate Stika hardware security key (dongle), cutter, or printer. We have been looking into this issue and have found solutions. What is listed below will work with 5.x, 6.x SignMate applications.

For all previous versions of software the information below will provide a solution for using iMacs and the Power Macintosh G3/ G4s.

#### **Connecting the standard security key to the iMac and the Power Macintosh G3/G4.**

You need to use the iMate ADB to USB adapter to connect an existing security key to Mac. Two files must be copied to System Folder to use this adapter: iMate Enabler and iMate USB Module. You can download these files from <ftp://ftp.griffintechology.com/pub> (current version is imate\_1.0b3.sit.hqx).



iMate ADB to USB adapter - List Price \$49.00

Purchase Direct from - Griffin Technology 615255-0990 [www.griffintechology.com/imac/order.html](http://www.griffintechology.com/imac/order.html)

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