

Avid Cinema U3 Beta Readme

This Readme explains who should use the Avid Cinema U3 "Beta" extension, what a "Beta" release means, what the Avid Cinema U3 extension fixes, and how to install it over the Web.

Who should use this Avid Cinema extension?

The Avid Cinema U3 extension is for Avid Cinema customers with Power Macintosh 8600/250 or 8600/300 computers, or for Avid Cinema customers who have upgraded their computer with Apple's 233 mHz processor Upgrade card.

The Avid Cinema U3 "Beta" extension is a new version of the Avid Cinema extension for these machines, which replaces the old Avid Cinema extension installed in the Extensions folder.

What is a "Beta" release?

A "Beta" version of a file is one that has not been officially released. It has shown sufficient stability to warrant an early release to the public, but it is not a finished product.

If you have a Power Macintosh 8600/300, 8600/250, or 233 mHz upgraded computer, you should read this entire readme before installing the new Avid Cinema U3 extension to understand the issues Avid Cinema has found in its testing.

What the Avid Cinema U3 extension fixes:

Previously, if you installed Avid Cinema on a Power Macintosh 8600/250 or 8600/300 computer, or on a computer that was upgraded with Apple's 233 mHz upgrade card, you would experience problems capturing video, applying effects, and playing your movie. Installing the Avid Cinema U3 extension fixes these problems.

Avid Cinema may show the following behavior with this U3 extension installed:

- Importing NTSC format video clips into PAL format movies will look grainy and may not play smoothly.
- If you copy a single video frame from a title and paste it into the title track, it may

not render.

- If you view a clip in Preview mode in the Library tab, the viewer will display a blank frame until you scroll through it or start to play it.
- If you launch Apple Video Player while Avid Cinema is running, the viewer in Avid Cinema will show black. Switching to another tab and back again will bring the video image back.
- In PAL format movies, if you record several clips of video in rapid succession, you may receive an error message, "There was an error bringing video in. Make sure that your video preferences (NTSC or PAL) are set correctly." If you wait one second between capturing clips, you will not get this error.
- Preparing titles may occasionally produce an error (-32767) or in rare cases, you may experience a system crash.
- In rare cases, the Bring Video In tab viewer may lose its video display when switching tabs, deleting clips from the Library, or cycling power from the video deck or camera. Switching to another tab and back again will bring the video image back.
- If you view a clip in Preview mode in the Library, and you switch to the Bring Video In tab while the clip is playing, your clip may stutter when you attempt to preview it again. Clicking stop and then play will fix this problem.

Installing the Avid Cinema U3 Beta extension

The compressed "Avid Cinema U3 Beta" file is self-extracting. When you double-click this file, a dialog box prompts you to name the folder and choose a location in which to save it. Keep the default name for this file and save it to your desktop.

The new Avid Cinema U3 Beta folder contains:

- Avid Cinema U3 extension
- Avid Cinema U3 Beta Readme (this document)

To install the Avid Cinema U3 extension:

- 1) Open your Extensions folder and locate the °Avid Cinema extension that was previously installed. This will be at the bottom if you are viewing the extensions by Name.
- 2) Drag the previous °Avid Cinema extension into the Trash and empty the Trash.

- 3) Drag the new °Avid Cinema U3 extension into the Extensions folder.
- 4) Restart your computer.
- 5) Launch Avid Cinema.