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Introduction:

Thank you for purchasing the USB CameraMate from Microtech International, Inc.

The USB CameraMate is a card reader for new Apple Macintosh (iMac, iBook, G3/G4, Cube, etc.) and PC Compatible owners who wish to use SmartMedia or CompactFlash cards. The USB CameraMate is easy to use and provides transfer rates of up to 12Mb/sec (1.5MB/sec).

What's included with the USB CameraMate:

The USB CameraMate includes the following package contents:

- USB CameraMate Digital Film Reader
- Microtech Installer CD (includes this User's Guide, drivers, and free software)
- Quick-Start Guide
- Warranty Registration Card

System Requirements:

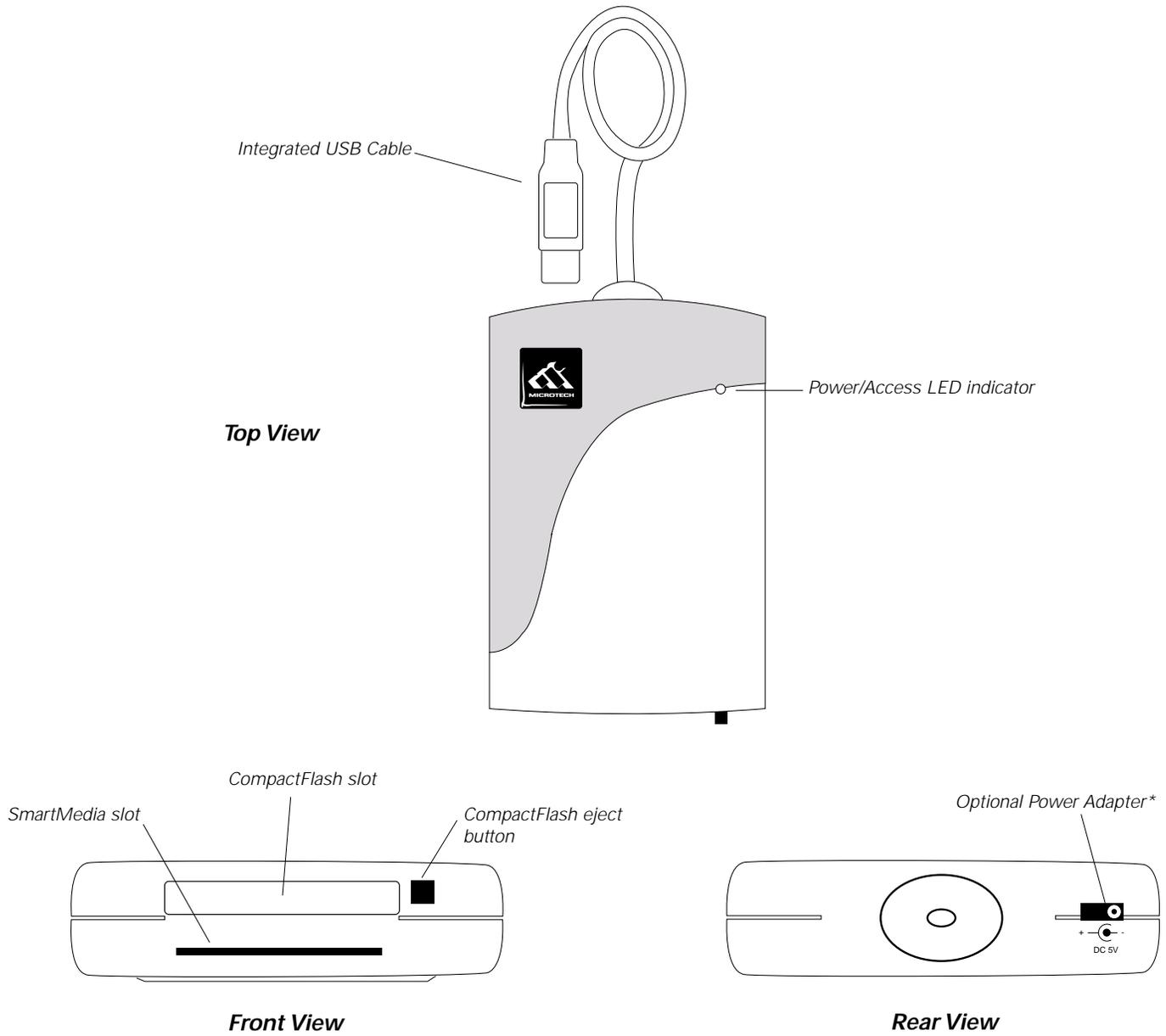
PC Compatible:

- Desktop or laptop PC Compatible with an available USB port
- Windows 98, 98 SE, ME, 2000

Macintosh:

- Macintosh computer with an available USB port
- Mac OS 8.5 or higher

Parts of the USB CameraMate:



***WARNING:** Permanent damage will result when used with a standard power adapter. Use only with the Microtech Optional Power Adapter (if power required).

Registering the USB CameraMate

Thank you again for purchasing the Microtech USB CameraMate. In order for us to better serve you, we encourage you to register your USB CameraMate as soon as possible. There are several benefits to registering the USB CameraMate:

1. Registering your USB CameraMate entitles you to free periodic driver software updates when available.
2. Registering your USB CameraMate entitles you to toll free technical assistance from Microtech.

There are three options for you to register the USB CameraMate:

1. Register online at <http://www.microtechint.com/usbregister> for instant registration.
2. Complete and mail the included Warranty Registration Card to Microtech.
3. Complete and fax the included Warranty Registration Card to Microtech.

**Click here to
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Installation Overview

The USB CameraMate is relatively easy to install and operate. To avoid complications during the installation process, please follow the steps in order as described in this chapter.

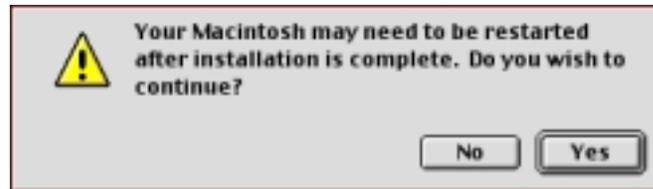
Installing the driver software

1. Start up your Macintosh computer and close all other applications.
2. Insert the Microtech Installer CD-ROM
3. Double-click on the "Microtech DPCM-USB Installer" Icon
4. The following splash screen will appear. Click "Continue."



5. Another screen will appear containing the Software License Agreement. Please read the agreement. To acknowledge to the terms of the agreement, click "Agree".

6. A dialog box will appear advising that you may have to restart your computer after installing the software, click "Yes" to continue. Your Macintosh will then begin performing the installation and a status bar will appear displaying the progress of the installation. Note the actual driver installation should take only a few seconds.



7. A final dialog box will appear advising that the software was successfully installed. Click "Restart" to complete the installation.



Congratulations! Driver installation is now complete. You may now connect the Microtech USB CameraMate to your computer after restarting. Proceed to the next page for instructions on connecting the Microtech USB CameraMate.

Installation note: *If you attempt to attach the USB connector of the USB CameraMate to the computer prior to installing the drivers, you will receive the following (or a similar) message:*

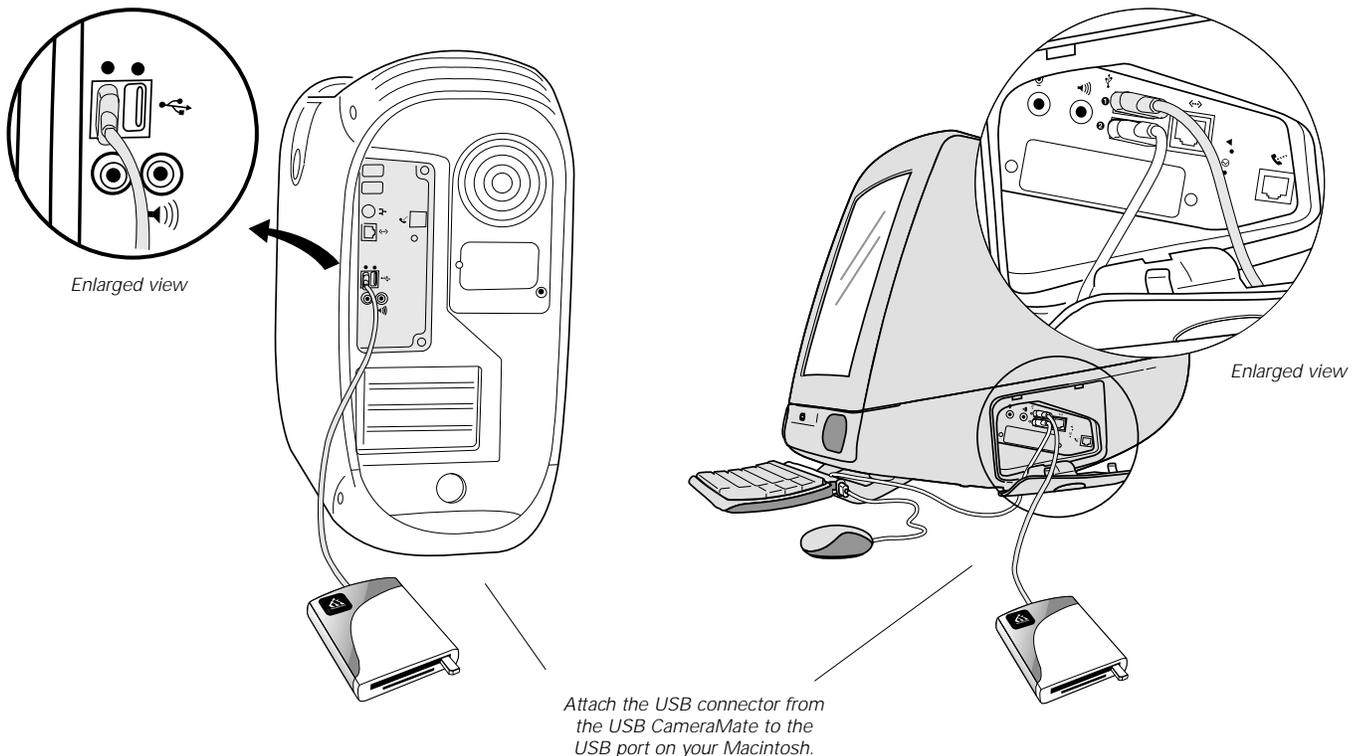


If this occurs, click "Cancel", install the driver software, and then attach the USB connector. For more information on attaching USB devices proceed to the section "Connecting to the USB Port" (page 12) or "Connecting to a USB Hub" (page 13).

Connecting to the USB port:

1. **Connect the USB connector of the USB CameraMate to the USB port located at the back of the computer.** In the case of the Apple iMac or iBook, use the USB ports located on the side of the computer. Do not use the USB port on the keyboard. Refer to the illustrations below.
2. **Make sure the cable ends are firmly connected.** Be careful not to confuse the upper and lower parts of the connector. Do not force connections, as this may damage the computer or the USB CameraMate.

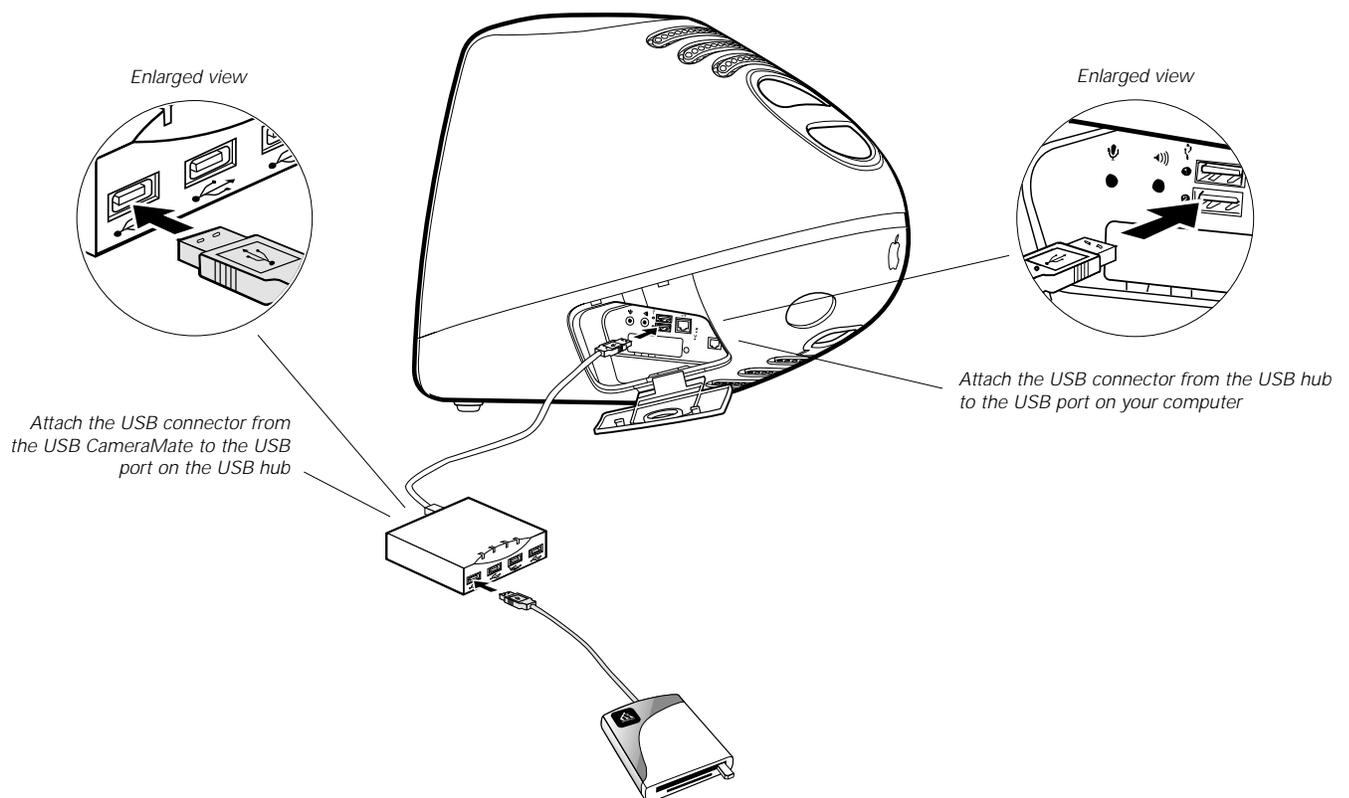
The USB cable may be plugged into the computer while the computer is running.



Connecting to a USB hub (using with other USB devices):

1. **Connect the USB hub (purchased separately) to the USB port on your Macintosh.**
NOTE: Use only with a powered USB hub or the optional Microtech Power Adapter may be required.
2. **Then connect the USB connector of the USB CameraMate to a port on the USB hub.** The USB cable may be plugged into the computer or hub while the computer is running.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the cable ends are firmly connected. Be careful not to confuse the upper and lower parts of the connector. Do not force connections, as this may damage the computer or the USB CameraMate.



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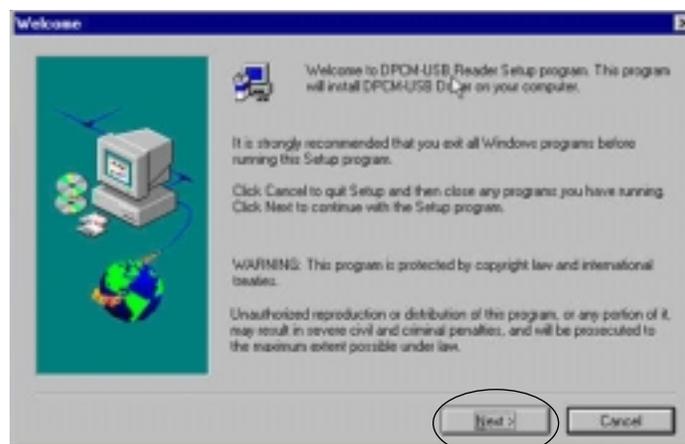
Installation Overview

The USB CameraMate is relatively easy to install and operate. To avoid complications during the installation process, please follow the steps in order as described in this chapter.

Installing the driver software

Before connecting and using the USB CameraMate, you must first install the device drivers located on the accompanying Microtech Driver CD. Note: the screenshots below may vary slightly from those on your computer.

1. Start your computer running Windows 98, 2000, or ME. Close any open applications. Insert the Microtech Installer CD. The auto-run program will then launch the setup application.
2. If the installer does not begin automatically, double click on "My Computer." The window for "My Computer" will open. Double click on the drive corresponding to your CD-ROM.
3. The window for the CD-ROM will open. Double click "Setup.exe". After a few moments Setup displays a dialog box similar to the one as shown below. Click **Next**.

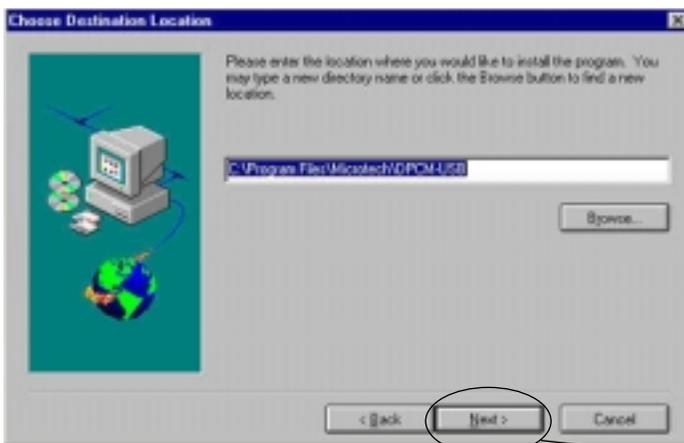


Click **Next**.



4. Read the license agreement and click **Yes** as shown on left.

Click **Yes**.



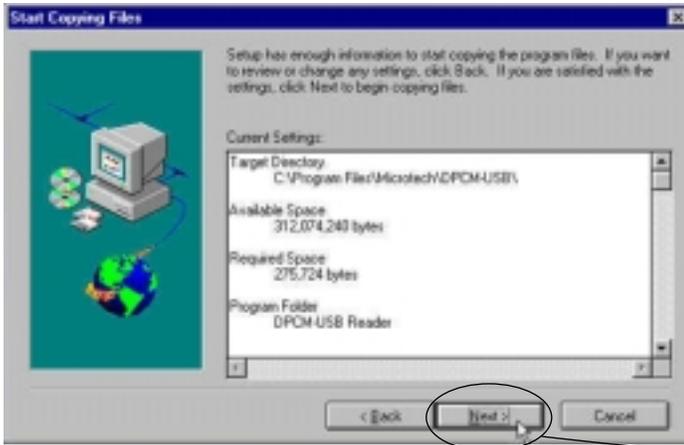
5. Select the location on your computer where you wish to install the drivers. Click **Next**.

Click **Next**.



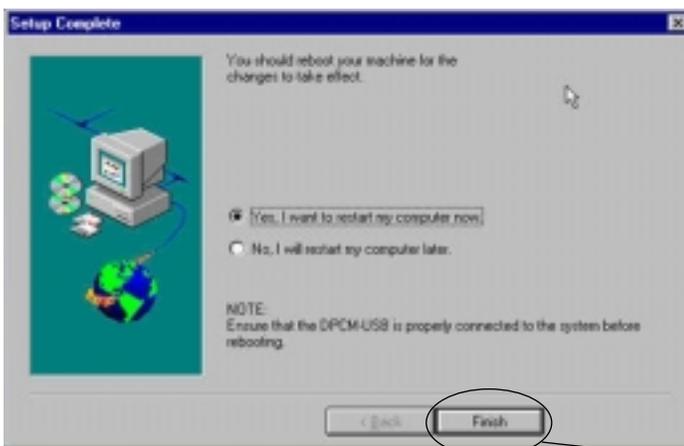
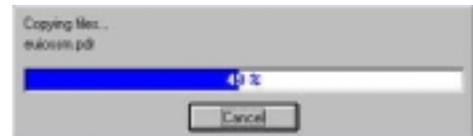
6. Click **Next**.

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Click **Next**.

7. Click **Next**. You will see a status window advising the progress of the current installation.



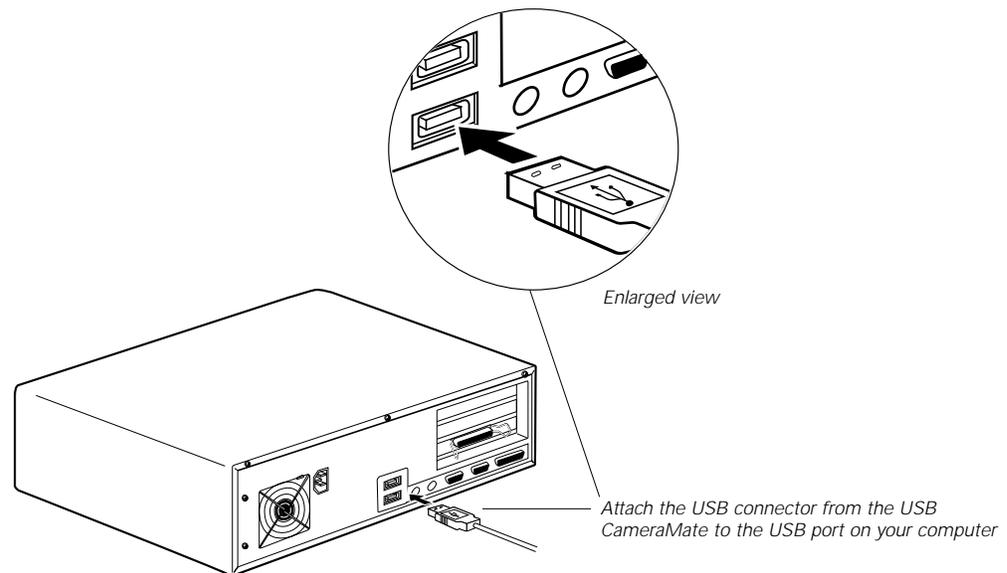
Click **Finish**

8. Click **Finish** and restart your computer once the installation is complete.

Congratulations! Driver installation is now complete. You may now connect the USB CameraMate to your computer. Proceed to the next page for instructions on connecting the USB CameraMate.

Connecting to the USB port:

1. **Connect the USB connector of the USB CameraMate to the USB port on your computer.** The USB cable may be plugged into the computer while the computer is running.

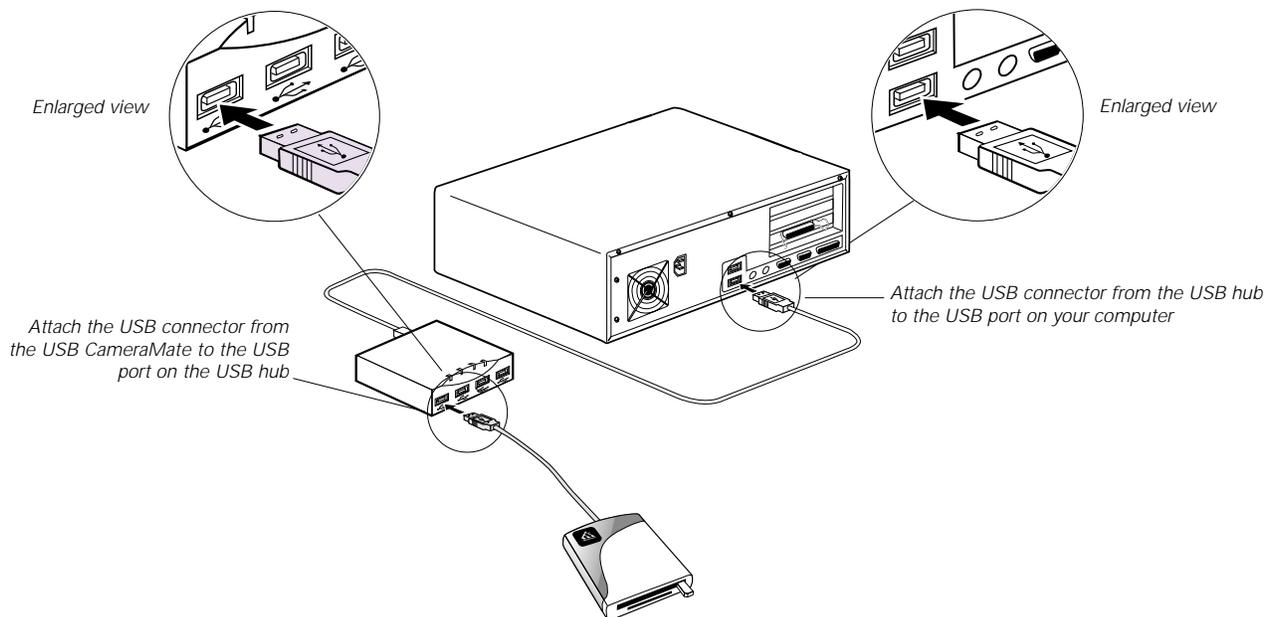


2. **Make sure the cable ends are firmly connected.** Be careful not to confuse the upper and lower parts of the connector. Do not force connections, as this may damage the computer or the USB CameraMate.

Connecting to a USB hub (using with other USB devices):

1. **Connect the USB hub (purchased separately) to your computer's USB port.**
NOTE: Use only with a powered USB hub or the optional Microtech Power Adapter may be required.
2. **Then connect the USB connector of the USB CameraMate to a port on the USB hub. Make sure the connectors are secured firmly.** The USB cable may be plugged into the computer or hub while the computer is running.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the cable ends are firmly connected. Be careful not to confuse the upper and lower parts of the connector. Do not force connections, as this may damage the computer or the USB CameraMate.



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This section describes the operation relating to the USB CameraMate and digital film cards. To avoid complications while attempting to use your USB CameraMate, Microtech recommends reading this entire chapter. For installation information, refer to "Chapter 2: Connecting to a Macintosh" (page 9) or "Chapter 3: Connecting to a PC Compatible" (page 14).

Digital film card compatibility

The USB CameraMate was designed to accept CompactFlash cards in the upper slot and SmartMedia (SSFDC) cards in the lower slot.

The SmartMedia™ slot is compatible with both 3.3 Volt and 5 Volt SSFDC formats. The SmartMedia slot can accept SmartMedia cards in capacities of up to 128MB.

The CompactFlash slot is compatible with all current CompactFlash™ cards available on the market, as well as CFII and CF+ Type II formats, such as the IBM family of microdrives.

Inserting a SmartMedia card

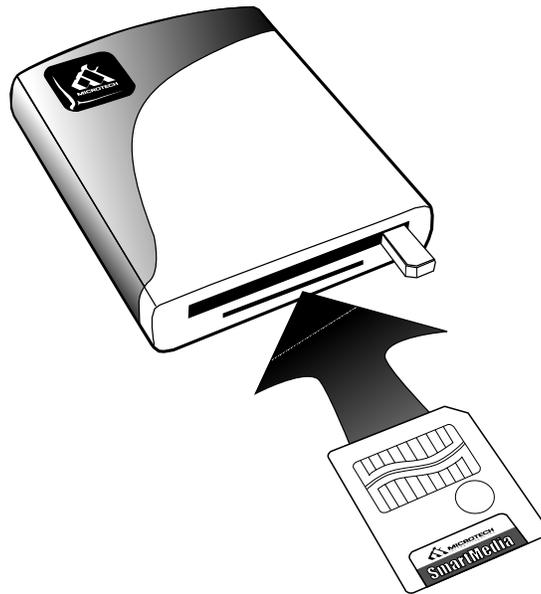
1. Position the SmartMedia card in the direction as shown in the illustration on the next page.
2. Insert the card into the lower slot with the gold contacts facing up.
3. Gently push the card in all the way until the card is locked in place. You will feel a slight resistance as you insert the card into the spring-loaded slot. Note: The spring-loaded slot is similar in concept to a retractable ball point pen.

WARNING: Be careful not to insert the SmartMedia card in the wrong direction. Be sure to insert the SmartMedia with the gold contacts facing up. If it is forced in, the slot or the SmartMedia may be damaged, or data on the card may be lost.

Inserting a SmartMedia card (continued)

Insert the SmartMedia card as shown below. The CameraMate can accept both 3.3V and 5V Smartmedia cards. Notice the notched corner of the SmartMedia card. The location of notch will appear at different locations indicating whether the card is a 5V or 3.3V SmartMedia card - refer to the illustration at the bottom of the page.

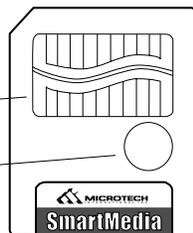
NOTE: For both 3.3V and 5V type Smartmedia cards, be sure to insert the card with the gold contacts facing up.



Left notch
indicates 5V card

Gold contacts

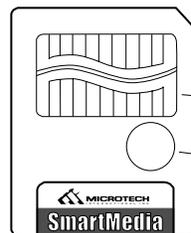
Write protect area



Right notch
indicates 3.3V card

Gold contacts

Write protect area

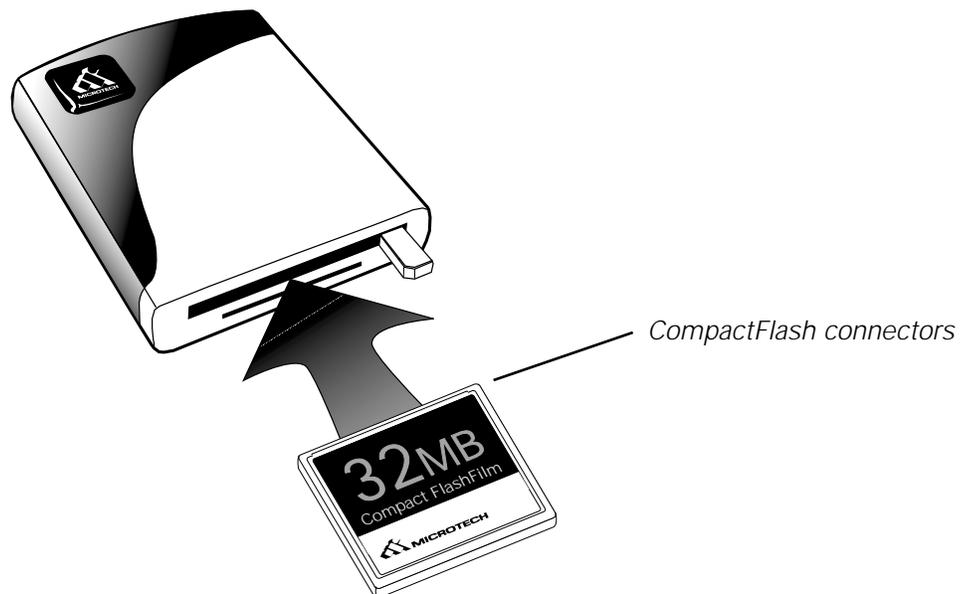


Inserting a CompactFlash card

1. Position the CompactFlash card in the direction as shown in the illustration below.
2. Insert the card into the upper slot. Be certain of the orientation - all leading manufacturers of CompactFlash cards adhere to a specification requiring a positive keying of the card. Gently push the card in all the way until the card is locked in place. The card will slide in on the molded rails and a slight amount of resistance will be felt as the connectors make contact. This is normal.

IMPORTANT: *If excessive force is required, or the card just doesn't seem to fit, do not attempt to force the card in the reader, instead, call Microtech's toll free tech support number for assistance.*

WARNING: *Be careful not to insert the CompactFlash card in the wrong direction - be sure the connectors are facing inward and the card is not inserted upside down. If it is forced in, the slot or CompactFlash card may be damaged or data on the card may be lost.*

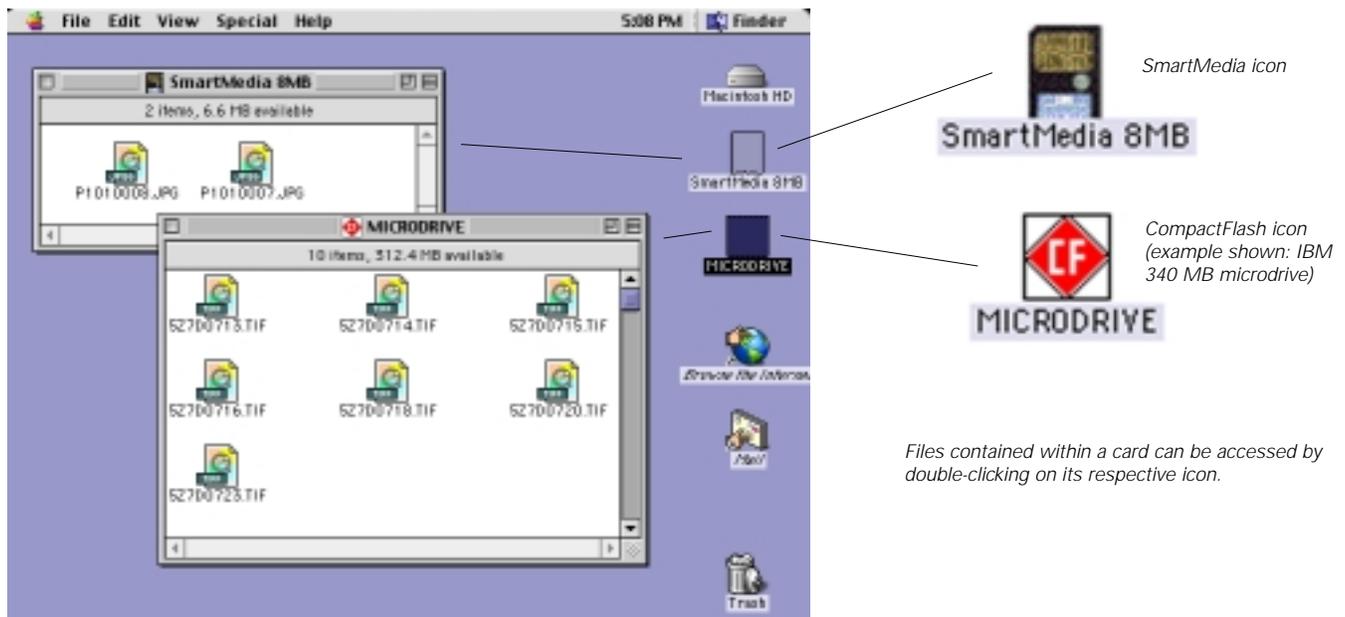


Inserting a card (Macintosh)

After a card is inserted on a Macintosh computer, a distinct icon will appear on the Mac OS desktop. This is the "mounted" state, which enables read and write operations for the digital film card. If both a CompactFlash as well as a SmartMedia card are inserted, icons will appear for each (see below right). The time required between card insertion and mounting depends on the type and brand of card. Usually, a card can be mounted and accessed within a few seconds.

When a card is mounted, it can be used in the same fashion as a floppy or other type of removable disk. Double-click the icon to open its respective file window. Notice the screen shot below, the SmartMedia 8MB card contains two JPEG images taken on a digital camera. Likewise, the IBM 340 MB microdrive contains 10 high resolution TIF images taken on a professional digital camera. The images stored on these cards can be dragged, copied, opened, edited, deleted, and so forth.

IMPORTANT: Be sure you have installed the USB CameraMate drivers prior to attempting to operate the USB CameraMate. Also be sure the Apple File Exchange control panel is set to load in your system folder - you can activate it using the Apple Extensions Manager control panel.



Formatting cards (Macintosh)

There may be instances where you may wish to format a card in the USB CameraMate rather than in a digital camera. There may also be times when you may be required or prompted to format your card. As such please read the information in this section for information on formatting either CompactFlash or SmartMedia cards.

WARNING: *Formatting a CompactFlash or SmartMedia card will completely erase all data currently stored on the card. If there are important images or files you wish to safeguard for later use, make a backup copy on your hard drive, CDR drive, or other type of removable media.*

Formatting CompactFlash cards:

1. Highlight/select the CompactFlash card icon. Select the "Erase Disk" command in the "Special" menu (as shown below).



2. As formatting a card will completely erase any data currently stored on the card, a dialog box will appear asking if you wish to completely erase the card. Click "Erase" to begin formatting the card. Or, click "Cancel" if you do not wish to format the card.



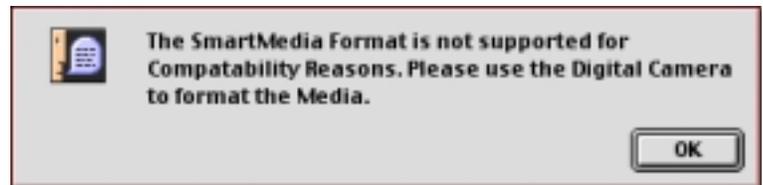
Formatting cards (Macintosh - continued)

Formatting SmartMedia cards:

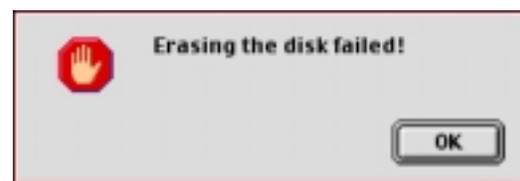
SmartMedia cards cannot be formatted on a Macintosh using the CameraMate. SmartMedia cards should be formatted on a digital camera (or a PC Compatible or handheld PC equipped with a SmartMedia slot). If you attempt to format a SmartMedia card using the "Erase Disk" command in the "Special" menu (shown below - left) you will first see a dialog box asking if you wish to completely erase the card (below - right). Click "Cancel."



If you click "Erase," a message will appear advising that SmartMedia formatting is not supported.

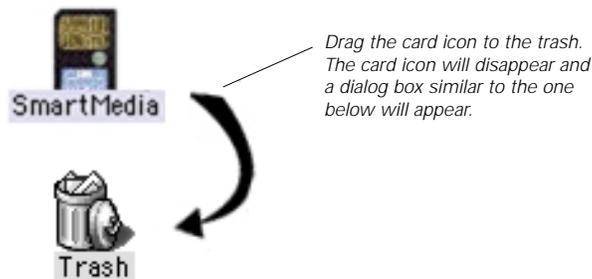


You will then receive a message advising that the formatting (erase) attempt failed. Click "OK" and format the card in your digital camera.



Removing a card (Macintosh)

1. Make sure that the "Access/Power" indicator is not flashing. The access indicator will flash when data is being read or written on the card. Wait until the operations are complete and the access indicator is no longer flashing before attempting to remove the card. Removing a card during access operations will cause the data to be lost or corrupted.



2. Drag the card icon and drop it onto the trash icon as shown above. The card icon will disappear from the desktop. A dialog box similar to the one below will appear. It is now safe to remove the card.



3a. Removing a CompactFlash card:

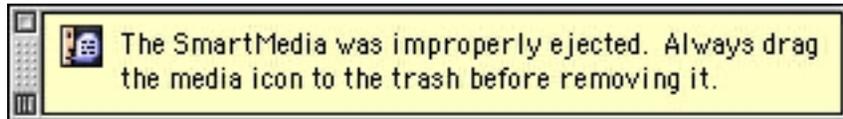
To remove a CompactFlash card, press the eject button located to the right of the CompactFlash slot - the card will eject slightly out of the slot. With your thumb and index fingers, grasp the end of the card and remove the card from the slot.

3b. Removing a SmartMedia card:

To remove a SmartMedia card gently push the card inward - the card will then extend out of the slot. With your thumb and index fingers, grasp the end of the card and remove the card from the slot. Note: The spring-loaded slot is similar in concept to a retractable ball point pen - push in once to insert, push in again to eject.

Removing a card (Macintosh - continued)

WARNING: Do not remove a mounted card without first dragging the card icon to the trash. If removed improperly, a warning message (similar to the one shown below) will appear on the screen. Ejecting a card before removing the icon can cause data loss or corruption.

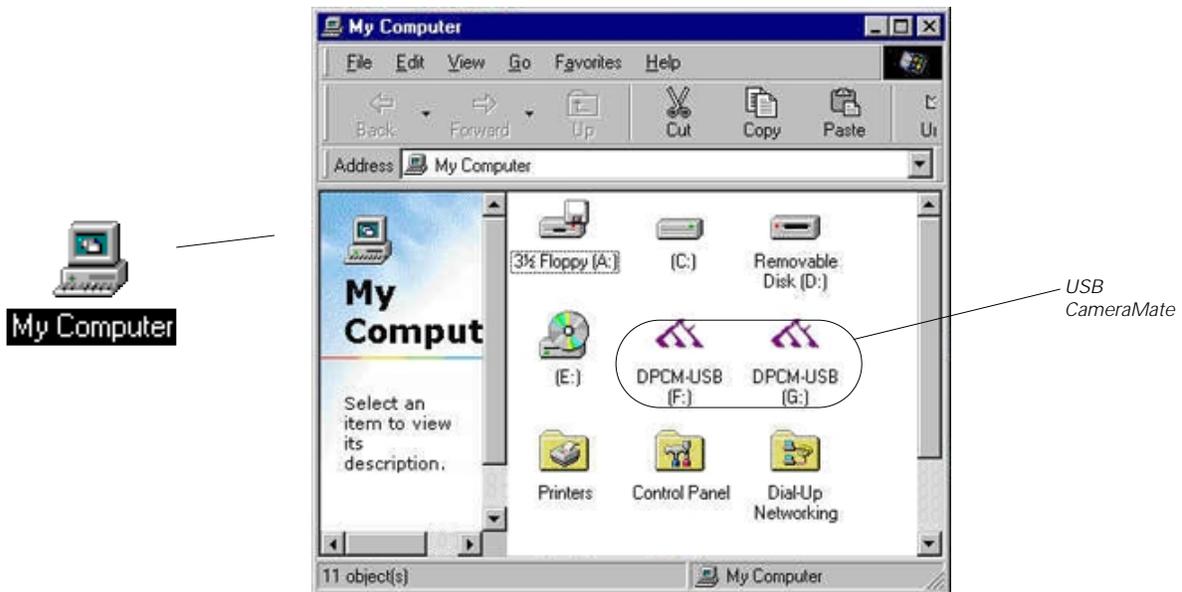


IMPORTANT: Do not select the "Eject Disk" command (shown below) from the "Special" menu to remove the card.



Inserting a card (PC)

With a PC compatible computer, running Windows (98, 98 SE, ME, or 2000), two DPCM-USB icons for each slot will appear under "My Computer" as removable drives (see the illustration below). In general, the first icon is assigned to the CompactFlash slot and the second to the SmartMedia slot. Double-click on the corresponding icon (drive letters will also be assigned) to open the drive. If media is not inserted while double-clicking the icon the message "Device not ready" will appear. Insert a card and retry accessing the media.



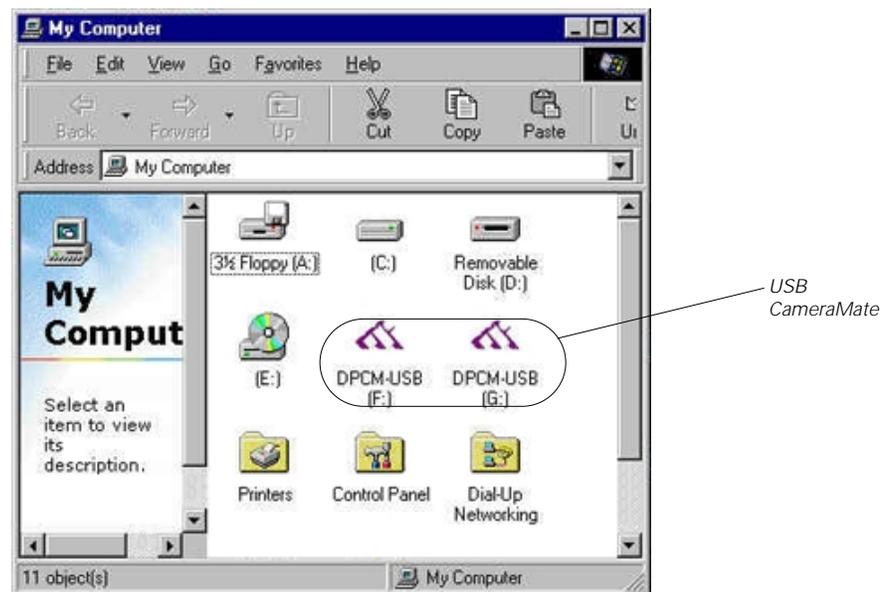
Formatting cards (PC)

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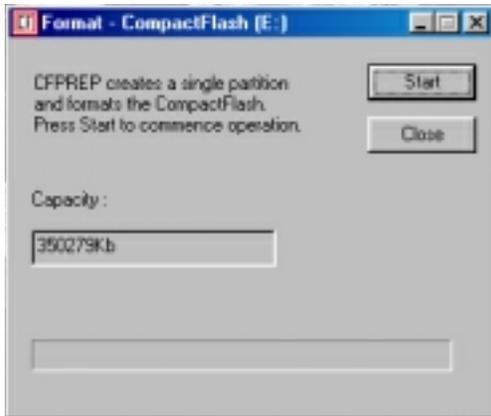
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Formatting CompactFlash or SmartMedia cards:

1. Double click "My Computer." You will see two DPCM-USB (CameraMate) icons, these are removable drives.
2. If you are using a CompactFlash or a Microdrive, you should right click on the first DPCM icon (F: in the picture provided), or the second DPCM icon (G: in the picture) if you are using SmartMedia. A pop-up menu will appear. Select "Format."

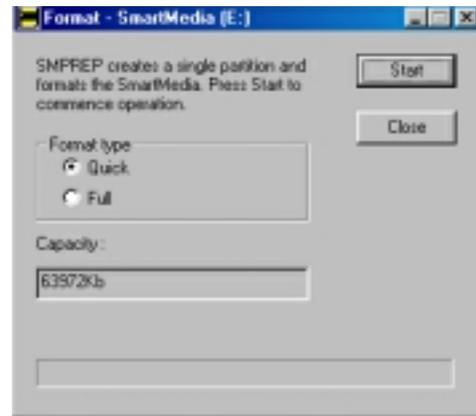


3. Select the format type. Depending on the type of card inserted, you will see a message similar to one of the examples shown below.



CompactFlash format screen:

The CFPRep Utility will create a single formatted partition on your CompactFlash card - no other formatting options are available.



SmartMedia format screen:

The SMPRep Utility provides two format options for your SmartMedia card. The Quick format option is selected by default, and recommended for general use to erase data on your SmartMedia card. If you experience problems with your SmartMedia, you may wish to select the Full format option to completely erase and scan your SmartMedia card for any bad data blocks.

4. Click "Start." A dialog will appear warning that you are about to erase everything on the media.



5. Click "OK" to proceed. It will format the media and then bring up a format status screen.

6. Click "Close." Formatting is now complete.



Removing a card (PC)

1. Make sure that the "Access/Power" indicator is not flashing. The access indicator will flash when data is being read or written on the card. Wait until the operations are complete and the access indicator is no longer flashing before attempting to remove the card. Removing a card during access operations will cause the data to be lost. In Windows 2000, you can right click and select "Eject." A message will appear advising that it is now safe to eject the media.
- 2a. **Removing a CompactFlash card:**
To remove a CompactFlash card, press the eject button located to the right of the CompactFlash slot - the card will eject slightly out of the slot. With your thumb and index fingers, grasp the end of the card and remove the card from the slot.
- 2b. **Removing a SmartMedia card:**
To remove a SmartMedia card gently push the card inward - the card will then extend out of the slot. With your thumb and index fingers, grasp the end of the card and remove the card from the slot. Note: The spring-loaded slot is similar in concept to a retractable ball point pen - push in once to insert, push in again to eject.

Using the USB CameraMate with digital cameras

The USB CameraMate was designed to simplify life for the digital photographer and not to detract from the creative process. Most digital cameras include the necessary software/drivers to access images on your computer— make sure that the required software for your camera is installed. Using the USB CameraMate for digital photography applications provides two major advantages:

1 .

Using the USB CameraMate you no longer have to connect a camera directly to your computer. Simply take pictures to one or more cards and use the USB CameraMate to quickly transfer the new images.

2 .

The USB CameraMate uses a USB interface which provides a performance increase in data transfer rates when compared to the traditional serial connection of a tethered camera. This translates to less time waiting for image transfers and more free time for you to spend taking pictures.

Additional Resources for the Digital Photographer

The internet is a great place to find tips, techniques, and suggestions for the digital photographer. Visit our web site (www.microtechint.com) for helpful hints on using your USB CameraMate. In addition to the Microtech web site, here is a list of informative sites:

www.dcresource.com
www.dpcorner.com
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www.imaging-resource.com
www.megapixel.net
www.pcphotoreview.com
www.photohighway.com
www.robgalbraith.com
www.steves-digicams.com
www.shortcourses.com
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<http://photo.net/photo/>



There are several magazines dedicated exclusively to digital photography which can be tremendously helpful. Most of these magazines also maintain web sites with useful information. There are also a growing number of books marketed to both novice and professional digital photographers. For a good overview of Digital Photography or Photojournalism you may want to consider reading:

The Digital Camera Companion:
by Ben Sawyer and Ron Pronk, Coriolis Group Books

The Digital Photojournalists Guide:
by Rob Galbraith, to order visit www.robgalbraith.com



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When calling for support, if a Technical Support specialist recommends that you return the product to Microtech, the Technical Support specialist will transfer you to Customer Service for a **Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA)** number. The RMA number **must** appear on the outside of your shipping carton. Any package that does not carry an RMA number will be refused by Microtech's Receiving Department. Pack the USB CameraMate in its original box. Be certain that it fits snugly and is surrounded with the original, corrugated packing material.

- Improper packing can result in damage to the device, and may result in voiding the warranty.
- Microtech will not accept an improperly packaged device.

You are responsible for paying the cost of shipping the device to Microtech; Microtech will pay the return shipping on any Warranty RMA. Be sure to include the RMA number on the outside of the box. Please ship the device to:

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242 Branford Road
North Branford, CT 06471-1303 USA

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This limited warranty is made only to the original end user purchaser ("you") of the product and does not extend to any subsequent purchasers or owners of the product. The "original end user" is the first user to put the product into service in any fashion, but the term "original end user" shall exclude dealers. Dealers shall not be entitled to the benefits of the limited warranty.

It is your responsibility to establish the warranty period by verifying the original purchase date. Accordingly, to avoid dispute, you should return the warranty card to Microtech within ninety (90) days after the date of purchase.

If you discover a defect, Microtech will, at its option, repair or replace this product with a new or reconditioned product at no charge to you, provided you return it during the warranty period, with transportation charges prepaid, to Microtech. (You can obtain additional information by contacting Microtech at the address printed on the certificate.) To each product returned for warranty service, please attach your name, address, telephone number, and a copy of the bill of sale bearing the appropriate Microtech serial numbers as proof of date of original retail purchase, as well as a detailed description of the problem for which service is requested. Prior to returning the product, you must obtain from Microtech a Return Merchandise Authorization Number (RMA#). You are responsible for packaging the product to be returned, and should take care that the product is packed in its original packaging. If the repairs are covered by the Limited Warranty and if the product was properly shipped to Microtech, Microtech will pay the return shipping charges.

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