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CFAST 2.0 CARD READER

CDX-7515



GETTING STARTED GUIDE

# Safety Warnings

Please observe any warnings and follow all instructions.

- Do not use this equipment near water and clean only with a dry cloth.
- Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other equipment (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not expose to excessive vibration, or drop this product.
- Protect the cable from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plug ends.
- Unplug this equipment during lightning storms or when not in operation for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the equipment has been damaged in any way, such as connector damage, if liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the equipment, it has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose equipment to rain or moisture.
- To avoid electrical shock, do not attempt to open this equipment. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

**Caution! The surfaces of CFast 2.0 media can get hot during standard use.**

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# CFast 2.0 Card Reader - Getting Started

## Introduction

The CFast 2.0 Card Reader is an integral part of your file-based workflow. CFast 2.0 cards recorded with the ARRI ALEXA XT can be loaded in the reader and the Digital Camera Negative files can be copied. These files will be either ProRes (.mov) or DNxHD (.mxf) depending on the recorded format.

## Specification

**Mac:** MacPro or MacBook Pro with USB-3 connection running OS X Snow Leopard or higher.

**Windows:** PC or laptop with USB-3 connection running Windows 7 or higher.

## Software

The CFast 2.0 Card Reader is plug-and-play, and does not require any additional software or drivers to be installed.

## Hardware

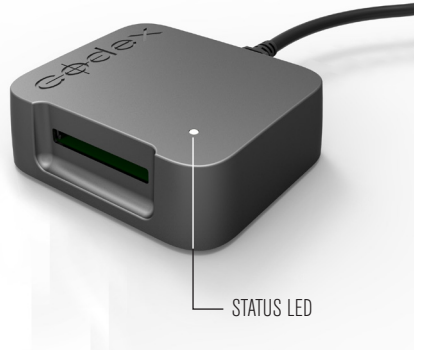
Connect the CFast Card 2.0 Reader to an available USB-3 port on your computer. The status light on top will become green to indicate that the reader is connected and has power. Insert a CFast 2.0 card into the reader and the status light will turn amber when it has loaded.

Eject the CFast card first from your computer operating system, like you would with any external USB storage device. When the ejection is complete press the card into the reader and release, and the spring mechanism will push the card outwards so that it can be removed.

Only use the supplied USB 3.0 cable.



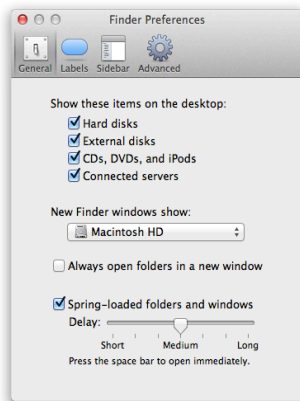
USB 3.0 CONNECTION



STATUS LED

## Finder Preferences

For ease of use it is recommended to set up the Finder Preferences so that External disks are shown on the Desktop:

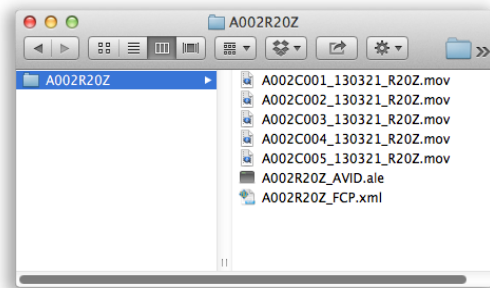


## Copying ProRes or DNxHD files from a CFast 2.0 card

When a CFast 2.0 card containing ProRes or DNxHD files from the ALEXA XT is loaded in the reader it will appear like any other external drive on the Desktop:



Open the drive to access the files, which will be in a Reel folder along with an ALE file (metadata for Avid) and an XML file (for Final Cut Pro):



Copy the top level Reel folder (A002R20Z in the above example) to another storage device to back-up the image data. Any copy tool can be used to back-up files from the CFast 2.0 card to another storage device.

## Deleting a CFast 2.0 card

After securely backing up the files it is recommended to use the Disk Utility application in Mac OS X to reformat the CFast 2.0 card with a FAT partition.

When this is re-inserted into the ALEXA XT the user will then be asked to reformat the CFast card automatically.

## Status Light

The CFast 2.0 Card Reader has a Status Light. The table below describes the meaning of the different Status Light modes:

LED colour	LED state	Description
Off	Off	USB power is not connected
Green	Constant	USB power is connected, CFast 2.0 card is <b>not</b> loaded
Amber	Constant	USB power is connected, CFast 2.0 card is loaded
Amber	Flashing	USB power is connected, CFast 2.0 card is being accessed

If you are asked to provide an issue report go to System Preferences->Codex and select 'Generate issue report...' and email this to **support@codexdigital.com**

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