## **MAGICARD Sicura Laminator**



## **Quick Start Guide**

Laminator Setup

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## Setting up your Sicura Laminator takes just two easy steps:

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**Note**: The Ultra WEB site at **http://www.ultramagicard.com** contains comprehensive technical support information including the latest downloadable software, WINDOWS Drivers, Technical Bulletins etc

#### Conventions

Throughout this guide, the following conventions are used to identify important information.

**WARNING** - Warning messages indicate where personal injury could result from not following the correct procedures.

**CAUTION** - Caution messages indicate where damage to equipment could result from not following the correct procedures.

**NOTE** - Notes convey important information that is identified within the text.

## Preparing a Location for the Sicura Laminator and Printer





### Location Requirements for your laminator/printer:

- A clean, level surface.
- Adequate space for:
  - opening the printer cover
  - opening the laminator cover
  - cable access at the rear and RH side
  - allowance for air circulation.
- An adequately ventilated room.

- An adequate power supply.
- Ambient temperature +10 to +30 deg C.
- Relative Humidity 20/70% RH.
- Protection from direct sunlight and chemicals.
- Protection from abrupt temperature changes.

# **B** Removing the Laminator from the Box



Carefully open the box and remove any accessories.



Place on a smooth, level surface and remove the polyethylene container.





The MagiCard Sicura Card Laminator



Envelope containing this Quick-Start guide



A Roll of Lamination Film and a Take-up Core (only supplied when ordered with the Laminator)



A Power Cord with Molded Plug for your country's voltage standard



Check that the Mains Supply Voltage is correct for your country. (Different models are manufactured for each supply voltage.)



Lift the transparent cover and move the roller lever to the OPEN position.





Turn the fastener <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> turn counterclockwise and remove the plate.



Gently install the roll of film between the rollers. The black alignment marks on the film should be innermost.



Ensure that the film passes between the forks of the optical sensor.



Replace and fasten the film retaining plate, and close the lever.



Gently turn both rolls, to ensure that there is no slack film. Close the transparent cover.





Check that the Laminator operating voltage is correct for your supply voltage.

(Units cannot be changed from one

voltage to another.)



Connect to the AC supply and switch ON.



Check that the temperature Controller's LED's flash.



After a few seconds, the display will indicate the temperature of the laminating roller in °C, which will begin to increase in value.



The temperature will achieve the set point level after a delay of 4 minutes, and the READY indicator will illuminate.

Notes:

- When switched on, the laminating roller and take-up roll turn for 30 seconds or until a black alignment panel is found by the optical sensor.
- 2. The Ready LED will flash for 4 minutes until the roller has heated up, cards cannot be fed in until then.
- 3. Opening the roller lever will stop all card/film movement. Closing the lever performs a Reset function but without the 4 minutes delay.

## Select the Operating Temperature and Test the Laminator Operation

NOTE: The optimum roller temperature is best determined by trial and error, using your own cards and laminating film. The following notes are for your guidance only.

- Cards with large, unprinted white areas require a higher temperature for lamination.
- We recommend that lamination is performed with the cover down.
- PET/PVC composite cards are more resistant to heat deformation than plain PVC cards.
- Holographic film requires a higher temperature for lamination than clear film.
- For laminating PVC cards with clear film, a roller temperature of 180°C should be adequate.
- For laminating PET/PVC cards with holographic film, a roller temperature of 190°C is suggested.

There will be slight variations from laminator to laminator, as well as between different card types. However, if film bonding is poor, increase the roller temperature. If the cards are too deformed, or the surface is marked, reduce the temperature.



Insert a card into the slot, side to be laminated uppermost. Cards should be clean, dust-free and not already overcoated.



Adjust the IN/OUT position of the laminate on the card by screwing the core in or out, if necessary.



The card will be laminated in 35-40 seconds. The READY indicator should be off during lamination. ROTARY SWITCH AND DIP SWITCH ADJUSTMENTS



The LEFT/RIGHT position of the laminate on the card can be adjusted by means of the rotary switch scaled 0 to F.

The second rotary switch (Spare) is not used (future option).

DIP SWITCH SETTINGS

All switches are to be left in the UP position except when operating the Sicura in conjunction with a TURBO printer, in which case Switch 1 (brown) should be DOWN.



Adjust the roller temperature for good laminate adhesion as required (up to 200°C max).

The display normally shows the roller core temperature in °C.



Adjust the setpoint temperature with the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  keys as desired. Press the Scroll Key once to return to normal operation. The SP indicator will go out.



Press the LH Scroll Key once to select display of setpoint value. The SP indicator will illuminate.



Keep the cover down for best results. White cards need higher temperatures than printed cards, for best adhesion, as does Holographic film.



IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SETTING UP YOUR RIO/TANGO PRINTER DRIVER TO WORK WITH THE SICURA LAMINATOR –

Please select the appropriate option in your printer driver for best results. It is necessary to make the correct settings to the overcoat page in your printer driver when using a laminator.

If your printer is installed with a custom Holokote key, or you are using the standard UltraSecure logo you can select the UltraShield box under the Security Options. This selection uses selective overcoat application to give a 3D security logo effect.

If you are overlaminating with no additional security option, ensure the overcoat enabled box is *not* checked.

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Clip the card Feed Hopper to the end of the Sicura card laminator. Make sure the Card Deflection Plate is fitted.



Position the Sicura against the Printer so that cards frpm the printer drop into the hopper.



The Rio/Tango printer can print cards faster than the Sicura can laminate them. There is a hopper capacity of about 12 cards, but to reduce the speed discrepancy, it is recommended that the printer is operated in ColorSure mode (refer to the Rio/Tango Quick-Start Guide).

An interface cable ensures that the printer does not feed cards into the Sicura laminator until the laminator is ready.



Connect the interface cable from the laminator. Check that the DIL Switch selections are 'UP' (see Section F4).



Switch on and allow the laminator to warm up. Print and laminate a test card by operating the Test pushbutton at the rear of the printer.

## Interfacing to a TURBO Series Printer



Switch off the printer, remove the UltraSecure dongle, and attach the cable from the laminator to the printer.



Switch both units ON, and allow to warm up. Print and laminate a test card by pressing the Test Card button at the rear of the printer. 2

Position the laminator so that the location tab at the card entry slot is located in the card exit slot of the Magicard printer.

Check that the DIP Switch Section 1 (brown) is in the DOWN position (see Section F4).

Notes:

- 1. If the Magicard card printer prints a card before the laminator is ready (ie not fully armed up, or still laminating the previous card), the card is held within the body of the printer until the laminator is ready, and further printing is queued.
- 2. All new Turbo printers are configured to detect the presence of a Sicura laminator. If UltraSecure is de-selected in the Windows driver, the Turbo produces cards with no overcoat.
- 3. If UltraSecure is turned on however, the printer will copy the standard or key-based security logo onto the card, laying down solid overcoat only in the area of the logo itself.
- 4. When cards are subsequently overlaminated, the result is a clearly visible '3D' logo effect which is clearly visible in normal daylight.
- 5. When viewed under UV light, the logo fluoresces brightly, producing a security check against counterfeit IDs.

## Operating the Hopper/Sicura in Stand Alone Mode





Clip the Card Feed Hopper to the end of the Sicura card laminator and remove the Card Deflection Plate.



Connect the interface cable from the lamintor. Check that the DIL Switch selections are UP (see Section F4).



Load the hopper with cards to be laminated (100 cards maximum).



Switch on the laminator and the hopper. The hopper will start to feed cards into the laminator when it is READY.



The Card Feed Hopper has been factory set for use with 30 thou cards. Should it require adjustment, carry out the following procedure:

Remove the hopper from the laminator, remove the interface cable.



View the cards edge-on at the card exit aperture and adjust the shutter screw so that  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cards thicknesses are exposed.

Insert a stack of your normal cards to be laminated. Cards should be flat for correct feeding.



Re-fit the Card Feed Hopper and the cable.

Check for correction operation.



The Sicura card laminator has three indicators to tell you what is happening:

READY (Green) -	When lit, indicates that it is ready to laminate a card. When flashing, indicates that it is still warming up. When off, either busy laminating a card, or the power is off.
MEDIA (Red) -	When lit, indicates that the sensor did not detect the black patches on the film, so either out of film or incorrectly loaded.
ERROR (Red) -	Checks the progress of a card through the laminator. Indicates that card transport has failed and requires investigation.
	Reset by opening and closing the roller lever.

## Important Cleaning Procedures

Correction operation depends on clean rollers to transport cards, an undamaged laminating roller, and a dust-free environment.

It is recommended that the laminator be cleaned after every roll of lamination film (250 cards).

#### PREPARATION

Set the temperature controller to 20°C, then switch off.

Allow to cool down for 15 minutes.

Remove cards and both film cores.

#### CLEAN DUST FROM FILM BOSSES

Using a slightly damp cloth, wipe any plastic dust from the two film core bosses, the retaining plate, and any visible dusty surfaces.

#### **CLEAN THE ROLLERS**

Switch the laminator on.

Using a slightly damp cloth, wipe the exposed surfaces of the two pinch rollers and the laminating roller. Operate the open/close lever to turn the rollers.

Switch off and allow to dry.

#### **RE-LOAD**

Re-load the laminator with a fresh roll of film and take-up core. It is not recommended that take-up cores be re-used.

New cores are supplied with each roll of film.

Switch on and set the temperature controller to the desired laminating temperature.

When warmed up, laminate two or three plain cards to get rid of any residual dust and to check the film alignment on the card.

## In Case of Difficulty

#### Check the Installation:

- Repeat the installation steps in this guide.
- Check that the laminator mains voltage is correct.
- Check that the laminating film is the right way round and passes through the optical sensor.
- Check that the unit has warmed up (3 minutes).
- Check that the rollers are clean.
- Check the status of the Error LEDs (section K).

#### For further assistance:

- There are a number of useful Technical Bulletins on the MAGICARD WEB page at <a href="http://www.ultramagicard.com">http://www.ultramagicard.com</a>. If you do not have WEB access, copies can be requested from Customer Service.
- Call your local Dealer, giving the Model Number and Serial Number, a description of the nature of the problem, and the flashing error codes if pressent.
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