

Aegis Secure Key 3z Patent Pending

Quick Start Guide

First-Time Use / Admin Mode Setup

Each Aegis Secure Key is shipped without a preset Personal Identification Number (PIN.) To prepare the Key for use, the user must first establish an Admin PIN that is between 7 and 16 digits in length. PINs cannot contain all consecutive numbers or all the same numbers (e.g. 123456789, 987654321 or 11111111, 22222222, etc.) This Admin PIN is used to set the Secure Key's various Admin features and also serves as the first of two User PINs for the Secure Key's standard operation.

To Set Up the Admin PIN:

1. Wake up the Secure Key by pressing .
(**BLUE** and **GREEN** LEDs will glow solidly, indicating no Admin PIN has been established.)
2. Press + **9** simultaneously.
(**BLUE** LED will glow solidly and **GREEN** LED will blink.)
3. Enter the PIN to be used as your Admin code and press .
4. Quickly re-enter that same PIN once more and press .
(**BLUE** LED will turn off momentarily and **GREEN** LED will illuminate for one second until replaced by the **BLUE** LED glowing solidly, indicating that the Admin PIN has been set and the Secure Key is in Admin mode, ready to add another User PIN [see reverse] or for setting up features.)
5. To exit the Admin mode, press (**RED** LED will glow solidly) or wait 30 seconds and Secure Key will return to sleep mode.
6. If no additional users are to be added or Admin features set, Secure Key setup is now complete and ready for use.

* If PIN is unacceptable, Red LED will blink 3 times and return to solid **BLUE** / blinking **GREEN** LEDs.

The Aegis Secure Key comes preformatted in NTFS for Windows® and is ready for use. For the Mac OS, use Apple's Disk Utility to reformat the drive to a Mac compatible file system. Complete formatting instructions can be found online at www.apricorn.com/media/uploads/ASK3_Manual.pdf

Adding a New User PIN

There are two ways to establish a User PIN: Admin-generated while in Admin Mode, and User-generated while Secure Key is placed in User Forced Enrollment State.

ADMIN-GENERATED USER PIN

1. Enter the Admin Mode by holding **UNLOCK + 0** for five seconds; With **RED** LED blinking, enter the Admin PIN and press the **UNLOCK** button. The **BLUE** LED will glow solidly.
2. Press the **UNLOCK + 1** buttons together until the **BLUE** LED glows solidly and the **GREEN** LED starts blinking.
3. Enter the User PIN* and press **UNLOCK**. The **GREEN** LED will blink three times by itself, then the **BLUE** LED will glow solidly as the **GREEN** LED continues blinking.
4. Re-enter that same User PIN and press **UNLOCK**. The **GREEN** LED will glow solidly for three seconds verifying that the User PIN was successfully added, and then will be replaced by the **BLUE** LED glowing solidly, indicating that the key has returned to the Admin mode.



IMPORTANT:

Do NOT press any buttons while the Secure Key is plugged into a USB port. Doing so may cause damage to the USB port and Secure Key USB Connector.

Adding a New User PIN (cont'd)

CREATING FORCED ENROLLMENT STATE ALLOWING USER TO GENERATE USER PIN

Note: This can only be done if there isn't already a User PIN established on the key using the method above.

1. Enter the Admin Mode by holding **UNLOCK + 0** for five seconds; With **RED** LED blinking, enter the Admin PIN and press the **UNLOCK** button. The **BLUE** LED will glow solidly.
2. Press **0 + 1** and the **GREEN** LED will blink three times, then will be replaced by **BLUE** LED glowing solidly. Press the **LOCK** button to return the key to its locked state. The key is now in *User Forced Enrollment State*, allowing a User to establish his own User PIN.

USER-GENERATED USER PIN IN FORCED ENROLLMENT STATE

1. Press **UNLOCK** and ensure that the **BLUE** and the **GREEN** LEDs are glowing solidly.
2. Press **UNLOCK + 1** and ensure that the **BLUE** LED continues glowing solidly while the **GREEN** LED blinks. Enter the new User PIN and press the **UNLOCK** button. The **GREEN** LED will blink three times by itself and then will be joined by the **BLUE** LED glowing solidly.
3. Within 30 seconds, enter that same User PIN once more, and press the **UNLOCK** button again. This time, the **GREEN** LED will glow solidly for a few seconds, then the drive will return to its locked state, indicated by the **RED** LED glowing solidly. The key's data can now be accessed using either the User PIN or the Admin PIN.

Locking the Key

To lock the key, simply press the button. When locked, the **RED** LED will glow solidly.

If data is still being written to the Secure Key, it will wait for this operation to be completed before the locking operation takes place. The button can also be used to exit out of the Admin mode.

Note: The Aegis Secure Key will not be recognized by any operating system in its locked state.

Unlocking the Key

1. Beginning in standby mode, press the button to wake the drive. (The **RED** LED will glow solidly.)
2. Enter either an Admin PIN or User PIN and press the button.
(If the PIN is accepted, the **GREEN** LED will quickly blink four times, then continue to blink slowly until it's plugged into a USB port, after which will then glow solidly;
If the PIN is incorrect, the **RED** LED will blink three times and then glow solidly.)
3. Upon correct PIN entry, the key will be unlocked and ready for use. If it is not plugged into a USB port within 30 seconds, the key will return to sleep mode and automatically lock itself.

Performing a Complete Reset

WARNING: BACK UP ALL IMPORTANT DATA PRIOR TO RESETTING THE SECURE KEY. PERFORMING A RESET WILL ERASE ALL DATA AND DISK FORMATTING. AFTER A RESET, THE SECURE KEY WILL NEED A NEW ADMIN PIN SETUP AND WILL ALSO NEED TO BE INITIALIZED / REFORMATTED PRIOR TO USE. FOR REFORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS, REFER TO THE SECURE KEY 3.0 USER'S MANUAL ONLINE.

To perform a complete reset of the key, do the following:

1. Press + + **2** together and hold as **RED** and **BLUE** LEDs blink alternately.
2. Continue to hold until blinking stops and either the **RED** or **BLUE** LED glows solidly, then release all keys.
3. Reset is complete and the key will need a new Admin PIN.
(**BLUE** and **GREEN** LED will glow solidly.)

Battery Note

The Aegis Secure Key has an internal rechargeable battery with a smart-charging circuit and will automatically charge whenever it's plugged into a powered USB port. After initial Admin PIN setup, when plugged into a powered USB port while in standby mode, the Red LED will pulse to indicate that it's charging and will glow solidly once fully charged. Since the Secure Key ships with a partial charge, plug it into a powered USB port for 60-80 minutes to give the battery a full charge before initial setup (RED LED will still be blinking.)

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