When you first plug in the Aegis Fortress, the unit will do a self-test to verify all security components are working properly. The LEDs will go through 3 test stages: RED, GREEN, and BLUE. This will be followed by three GREEN blinks indicating all components are functioning properly. A test failure will leave the unit in an inoperable state indicated by a blinking RED LED.

First Time Use

Before the Fortress can be used, the Admin PIN MUST be set. The LEDs will glow Solid BLUE and Solid GREEN to indicate the Fortress is waiting for an Admin PIN to be set.

To Set-up the Admin PIN:
1. Press ⌘ + 9 simultaneously. The LEDs will be Constant BLUE / Blinking GREEN.
2. Enter the new Admin PIN and press ⌘. If accepted, the BLUE LED will turn off, the GREEN LED will blink three times, and then will return to Solid BLUE and Blinking GREEN.
3. Re-enter that Admin PIN and press ⌘ again. If accepted, the LED stays solid GREEN for two seconds and then solid BLUE, the User PIN was successfully added.

Technical Support
Apricorn provides the following helpful resources:
1. Apricorn’s Website (http://www.apricorn.com)
2. E-mail us at support@apricorn.com
3. Call Technical Support at 1-800-458-5448 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST, M - F

Formatting For Mac OS

The Aegis Fortress comes preformatted in NTFS for Windows®. For the Mac OS, you must first reformat the drive to a Mac compatible file system. Once drive is unlocked and inserted into a USB port, open the Mac Disk Utility from Applications/Utilities/Disk Utilities and perform the following:

1. Select the Aegis Fortress from the list of drives and volumes.
2. Click the ‘Erase’ tab.
3. Enter a name for the drive. The default name is Untitled. The drive’s name will eventually appear on the desktop.
4. Select a volume format to use. The Volume Format dropdown menu lists the available drive formats that the Mac supports. The recommended format type is ‘Mac OS Extended (Journaled).’
5. Click the ‘Erase’ button. Disk Utility will unmount the volume from the desktop, erase it, and then remount it on the desktop.


Adding a new User PIN

1. Enter the Admin Mode (⌘ + 0 for five seconds, then enter Admin PIN and press ⌘).
2. Press and hold ⌘ + 1 until the LED turns to Solid BLUE and Blinking GREEN.
3. Enter a User PIN and press ⌘ (a minimum of 7 digits and a maximum of 16 digits). The LED flashes GREEN three times, then returns to Solid BLUE and Blinking GREEN.
4. Re-enter the new User PIN and press ⌘. If the LED stays solid GREEN for two seconds and then solid BLUE, the User PIN was successfully added.

Unlocking the Drive

To unlock the drive, enter either a User PIN or Admin PIN and press the ⌘ button.

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