



DockMate V
Mini Docking Station

Quick Reference

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Introducing DockMate V

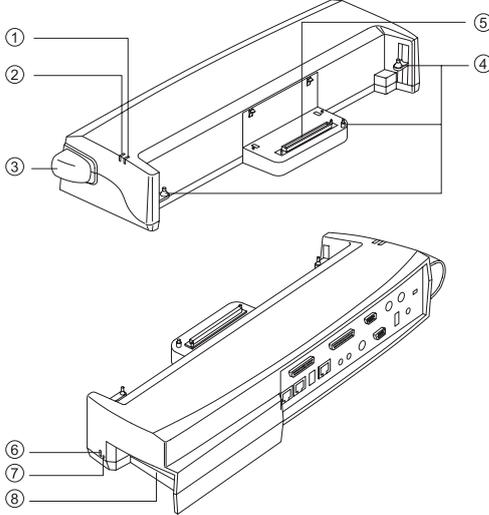
The DockMate V is a full-featured docking base designed specifically for your notebook computer. It complements your notebook computer by providing you an easy connect and disconnect solution to and from external peripheral devices.

This quick reference serves to help you use the DockMate V, the companion mini docking station for your notebook computer. This quick reference is divided into easy-to-follow sections. You can also make quick jumps to topics below:

- To look at DockMate V's ports ⇨ page 2
- To make connections with DockMate V ⇨ page 5
- To dock and undock the notebook computer ⇨ starts page 5
- To look at some frequently-asked questions ⇨ page 10

A Tour of DockMate V

DockMate V includes most of the ports on your notebook computer and adds a few more.

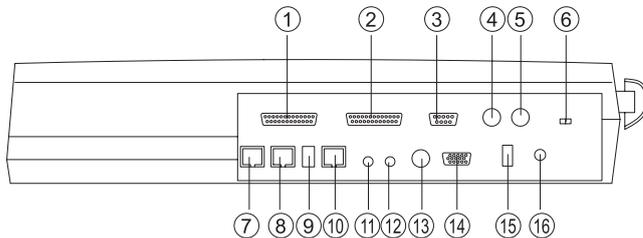


#	Item	Description
1	Power indicator	Lights when power is supplied to DockMate V, i.e. the AC adapter is connected to DockMate V
2	Lock indicator	Lights when the computer is securely docked to DockMate V and the computer is turned on
3	Dock release lever	Pull outward to release the computer from DockMate V
4	Dock guides	Guide pins for docking the computer into DockMate V
5	Dock connector	Connection between the computer and DockMate V
6	Security keylock	Connect a computer security lock to secure DockMate V

#	Item	Description
7	Emergency eject	Insert a pin here to manually eject the computer from DockMate V. Use this only if pulling on the dock release lever does not eject the computer.
8	AcerLink Bay	Houses a removable connection module. These include the following: (1) a module with 2 CardBus PC Card slots, (2) a high-speed Ethernet-based network connection module, and (3) a 1394 FireWire high-speed serial connection module. See "Upgrading DockMate V" on page 8 for details.

Ports

DockMate V has a host of ports and jacks found at the back of the unit.



Rear ports and their descriptions are listed below:

#	Port	Connects to...
1	External floppy drive port	External floppy drive (if your computer has a removable/swappable floppy drive)
2	Parallel port	Parallel device (e.g., parallel printer)
3	Serial port	Serial device (e.g., serial mouse)
4	PS/2 mouse port	PS/2-compatible mouse or similar pointing device
5	PS/2 keyboard port	PS/2-compatible keyboard or keypad

#	Port	Connects to...
6	Parallel port switch	Slide this switch to the icon of the desired peripheral (external floppy drive or printer) to use that peripheral device.
7	Phone line jack (RJ-11)	Phone line
8	Phone set jack (RJ-11)	Telephone apparatus
9	FireWire jack (1394)	Firewire-compliant device (if your computer has a built-in FireWire jack)
10	Network jack (RJ-45)	Network cable (if your computer has a built-in network jack)
11	Microphone-in/ line-in jack	External microphone or audio line-in device
12	Speaker/ headphone-out jack	External speakers or headphones
13	S-video jack	S-video display device (e.g., television set with S-video capability)
14	External monitor port	External monitor or other compatible display device
15	USB jack	Universal Serial Bus device
16	DC-in jack	AC adapter and power outlet



Note: You can only select either the 25-pin FDD port or the 25-pin parallel port. The two ports cannot be used simultaneously. Set the parallel port switch to the FDD icon if using a floppy disk drive. Set to the Printer icon when using a printer.

Using DockMate V

Before you Begin

Follow these steps:

1. Connect one end of the AC adapter to the DC-in port on DockMate V; then connect the other end to the power outlet.
2. Connect the desired peripherals to the ports on DockMate V.
3. Route the cables and position DockMate V on your desk — there should be enough space in the front of DockMate V for the computer to easily dock and undock.

Now you are ready to dock and undock the computer.

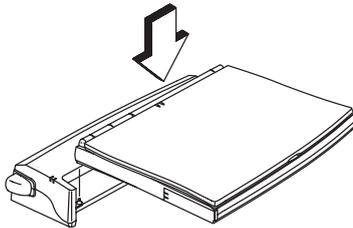
Docking the Computer



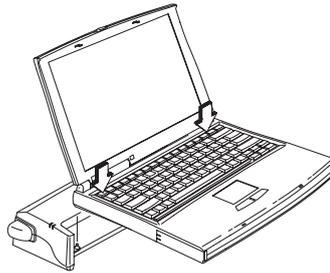
Note: You can dock the computer when the computer is in Windows 95, turned off, in standby or hibernation modes.

Follow these steps:

1. Position the computer over DockMate V, making sure the docking guides are aligned.
2. Gently but firmly press the top rear end of the computer down into DockMate V. You will hear a clicking sound, see the hooks hook on the rear side, and the lock indicator lights up (when the computer is on).



Display Closed



Display Open

3. After docking, the computer automatically detects the presence of all peripheral connections on DockMate V and configures itself accordingly.



Note: When the computer resumes, it will detect the display adapter, will display unknown monitor and then scan for additional hardware devices. The energy saving feature of the monitor in the Control Panel is not meant for the notebook's LCD.

Undocking the Computer

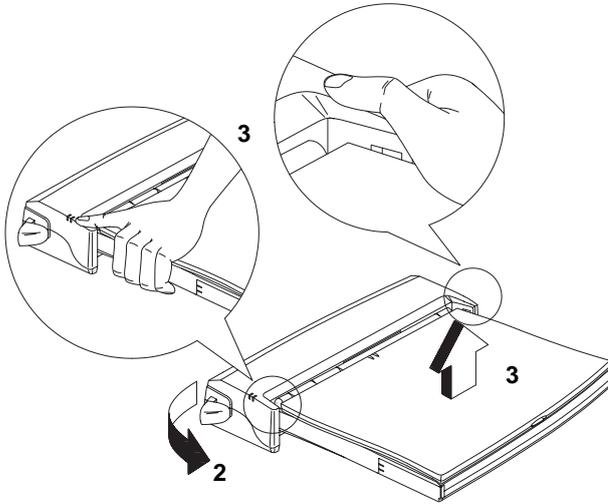


Note: You can undock the computer when the computer is in Windows 95, turned off, or in hibernation mode.

Follow these steps:

1. Click on **Start**; then click on **Eject PC** and wait for the docking change message onscreen. The lock indicator turns off.
If your computer is off or in hibernation mode, skip step 1.
2. Pull the dock release lever outwards to disengage the computer from DockMate V.

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3. Hold the computer with your palms underneath it and your two thumbs on DockMate V; then lift up the computer to remove it from DockMate V.



4. Close the docking connector door on the bottom of the computer.



Note: When docking, DockMate V automatically opens the docking connector door.

The computer reconfigures itself.

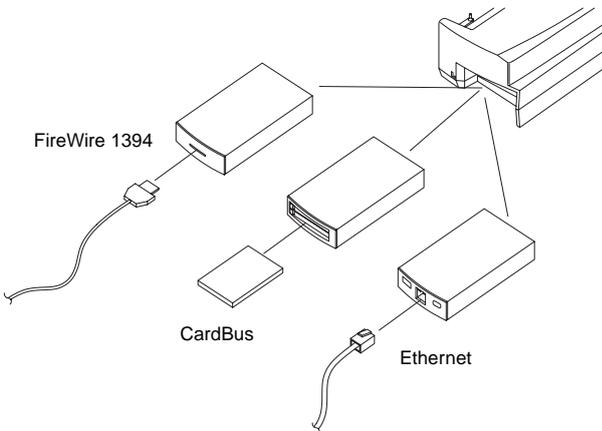
Upgrading DockMate V

The flexible AcerLink bay found on the right side of the mini docking station houses a removable module. There are three available modules you can install in the AcerLink bay:



Note: Consult your dealer on the availability of AcerLink bay modules.

- *CardBus PC Card slot module* adds 2 additional CardBus slots
- *Ethernet module* provides high-speed Ethernet-based network connection
- *FireWire module* provides high-speed serial connection using the FireWire 1394 standard.

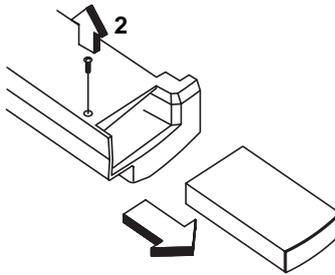


Follow these steps to install an AcerLink bay module:

1. Remove all power sources from DockMate V.

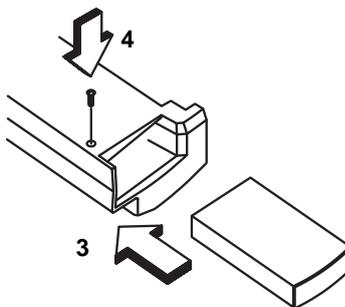
Undock your computer if it is docked to DockMate V. See “Undocking the Computer” on page 6. If an AC adapter is powering DockMate V, unplug it.

2. Turn DockMate V over on its base and remove the AcerLink bay security screw.



If an AcerLink bay module is currently-installed in DockMate V, pull it out.

3. Insert an AcerLink bay module into the AcerLink bay.



4. Tighten the AcerLink bay security screw.

Make the necessary connections to the module. To dock your computer, see “Docking the Computer” on page 5.

Troubleshooting

Following are common questions and answers related to your use of DockMate V.

How do I know the computer is successfully docked into DockMate V?

There are two areas you can check:

- *Physical Lock.* When the docked computer is on, the lock indicator, found on the top of DockMate V, should be lit.
- *Logical Lock.* The peripherals connected to DockMate V should function normally with the computer. Press **Fn-F2** to access the Notebook Manager and look at the settings in the Information Viewer screen — the peripherals connected to DockMate V should register.

If a peripheral is not functioning normally, try to restart the computer while it is docked into DockMate V.

Why can't I pull the dock release lever when the computer is docked?

When a docked computer is on, DockMate V “locks” the dock release lever to keep the computer securely docked to DockMate V. The lock indicator lights up in this situation. You can only undock the computer when the lock indicator is off.

Does my docked computer support Plug and Play?

Yes. After connecting the computer to DockMate V, the system will detect add-on hardware and load drivers automatically under Windows 95.

My computer's floppy drive can be used externally. How do I use it when my computer is docked with DockMate V?

Follow these steps to make a quick and easy transition:

1. Unplug the floppy drive from the parallel port.
2. Connect the floppy drive to the FDD (floppy disk drive) port on DockMate V. Set the parallel port switch to FDD.
3. Dock the computer.

If other peripherals are connected to the computer, you can also make the easy transition by disconnecting them from the computer, and then connecting them to DockMate V.



Note: For models with a built-in floppy drive, the floppy drive port on DockMate V is disabled.

How do I manage four PC Card slots (if the CardBus module is in the AcerLink Bay)?

With four PC Card slots (two each in DockMate V and your computer), you have more expansion options — network, modem, ZV MPEG , and many more. IRQs or Interrupt Requests are limited resources that are occupied by devices (e.g., network, audio, modem). CardBus devices have the ability to share IRQs. If you do run out of IRQs, we suggest you disable devices that you do not need. You can do this through the System icon in the Control Panel. Refer to your Windows 95 manual for details.

