Aperture 3

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The following information is intended to get you up and running as quickly as possible.

This document covers:

Make sure to also review the Aperture system requirements, available at http://www.apple.com/aperture/specs. For the latest information about Aperture, visit the Aperture website at http://www.apple.com/aperture.

About the Aperture 3 Installation Disc

The Aperture 3 installation disc is required to install the Aperture application and documentation. This disc contains the following files and folders:

- *Install Aperture icon:* Double-click this icon to begin the installation process.
- *Documentation folder:* This folder contains PDF versions of *Aperture Keyboard Shortcuts* and *Exploring Aperture*.
- *Sample Library folder:* This folder contains the Aperture 3 Sample Library file. Copy this file to your computer. After installing Aperture, you can begin exploring the new features in Aperture 3 immediately using the projects and images within the sample library. For more information about importing libraries, see the *Aperture User Manual,* available in Aperture Help.

Updating Mac OS X and QuickTime

Before you install Aperture, update your system software to make sure that you have Mac OS X v10.5.7 or later installed. You also need to upgrade to the latest version of QuickTime.

Note: For information about minimum software requirements, go to http://www.apple.com/aperture/specs.

To update your system software

1 Choose Apple menu > Software Update.

A dialog appears showing new or updated software available for your computer.

2 If updated software is available, follow the onscreen instructions to update Mac OS X and QuickTime to the latest versions.

Installing Aperture

When you install Aperture, the application is placed in the Applications folder on your startup disk.

Important: For a list of the minimum system requirements to install Aperture, go to http://www.apple.com/aperture/specs.

Note: Before you can install the software, you need to log in to your computer with an administrator account, using the administrator password. See Mac Help for more information.

To enter the serial number and install Aperture

1 Insert the Aperture 3 installation disc into your computer's DVD drive.

2 Double-click the Install Aperture icon, then follow the onscreen instructions.

The installer performs a system requirements check to determine if Aperture can be installed.

3 When prompted, enter the serial number located on the back of this document.

Following are some tips for entering your serial number correctly:

- Make sure you are copying the original serial number that is on the back of this document.
- Make sure you enter the software serial number, not the Support ID number.
- Make sure you enter a zero and not an O, a 1 and not a lowercase L, where appropriate.
- Include dashes in the serial number.
- Don't enter spaces before or after the serial number.
- Verify that you have typed the serial number correctly.

When your computer restarts, you are ready to begin using Aperture.

Registering Aperture

The first time you open Aperture, a dialog prompts you for registration information. By default, the My Card information in Address Book is automatically entered in the appropriate fields.

To register Aperture to a user other than the user listed in your card in Address Book

1 Fill out the Name, Address, Organization, and Email address fields.
2 If you want information about Apple news and software updates sent to your email account, select the checkbox.
3 If you want to review the Apple Privacy Policy, click Privacy Policy.
4 When you have finished, click Register Now.

Aperture is now registered.

Note: If you decide to click the Register Later button, you will be prompted to register again after opening Aperture five times.

Accessing Help Information

Onscreen help allows you to access information while you're working in Aperture. You can access help by choosing Aperture Help from the Help menu. An access page appears that you can use to open the user manual and other documents in Help Viewer. The access page also contains links to other documentation and related Apple websites.

Onscreen User Manual

A comprehensive user manual is available in Aperture Help.

To access the user manual

▪ Open Aperture, then choose Help > Aperture Help and click the link to the user manual.

Release Notes

The Help menu provides a link to the Release Notes document available on the Internet. This document contains information about issues with third-party hardware and software and other known issues. You must be connected to the Internet to access the Release Notes document.

To access Release Notes for Aperture

▪ In Aperture, choose Help > Release Notes.

New Features

The Help menu has a link to webpages describing the new or enhanced features in Aperture 3.

To access information about new features

- In Aperture, choose Help > New Features.

Contacting AppleCare Support

Information about the support options available from Apple is included in your Aperture box. Several levels of support are available.

Whatever your issue, it's a good idea to have the following information immediately available when you contact Apple for support.

- The Aperture Support ID number found on the back of this document.

  Note: The 11-digit Support ID number is different from the product serial number used to install Aperture.

- The version of Mac OS X you have installed. To find the version of Mac OS X, choose Apple menu > About This Mac.

You can also send a profile of your system to Apple prior to contacting AppleCare for support. Have your computer serial number available when contacting AppleCare Support; the support agent will need your computer serial number to view your system profile.

To send your computer's profile to Apple

1 Choose Apple menu > About This Mac, then click More Info.

System Profiler opens.

2 To send your system profile to Apple, choose File > Send to Apple.

AppleCare Support can be reached online at http://www.apple.com/support. You can select Aperture to see specific information about it. There is also an item in the Aperture Help menu that will take you directly to the AppleCare website.

To go to the AppleCare website from within the application

- In Aperture, choose Help > Aperture Support.