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# FingerLoc™ Sensor Kit

## ...for the Universal Serial Bus



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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the AuthenTec FingerLoc™ Sensor Kit for the Universal Serial Bus (USB). This kit is the latest version of the FingerLoc Personal Identification System. It is intended to introduce system developers and other interested users to AuthenTec's TruePrint™ advanced biometric sensing technology, and to allow developers to evaluate the integration of TruePrint capabilities into their own systems.



The FingerLoc Sensor Kit is an example of a Personal Identification System, developed to familiarize evaluators with the technology, to encourage user feedback in product design, and to afford developers an opportunity to begin early design integration in order to minimize time-to-market of the production hardware and software.

As a leading participant in a growing industry, AuthenTec continues to make every effort to conform to emerging biometric API (BAPI) industry standards.

Depending on what your intent might be, you have received one of the kit groups described in the following sections.

## The Technology Evaluation Kit

The low-cost, introductory-level Technology Evaluation Kit (TEK) is intended for use by potential users or developers of biometric sensing solutions, and others who wish to understand and familiarize themselves with this technology.

# TEK...

The FingerLoc Technology Evaluation Kit contains:

- **FingerLoc Sensor Module** (USB version)
- **Distribution Compact Disk**

### Software...

FingerLoc Aware application  
FingerLoc server software, including DLLs  
I/O Software's *SecureSuite*™

### Publications...

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FingerLoc User Training Guide  
*SecureSuite* User's Manual  
ReadmePGM

- **Quick-Start Guide**

Use the *Quick-Start Guide* or see [Getting Started](#) in this document to install this kit.

## The Software Developer's Kit

The Software Developer's Kit (SDK) is used by software developers who wish to create software applications that incorporate AuthenTec's advanced fingerprint detection and identification technology. This kit includes demonstration source code and various software components. It provides an API which permits developers to make high-level service calls from their applications.

**SDK...**

The FingerLoc Software Developer's Kit contains:

- **FingerLoc Sensor Module** (USB version)
- **Distribution Compact Disk**

### Software...

FingerLoc Aware application  
FingerLoc server software, including DLLs  
Source code for demonstration applications  
Software libraries

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## The Reference Design Kit

Hardware developers who wish to manufacture equipment that incorporates the FingerLoc sensor IC should use the Reference Design Kit (RDK) for supporting information. The RDK includes extensive mechanical design, schematic, and photoplotter files that support the manufacture of printed wiring boards and housings for the sensor module.

# RDK...

The FingerLoc Reference Design Kit contains:

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ReadmePGM  
ReadmeHDW  
Gerber (photoplotter) files  
Hardware documentation (BOM, schematic, datasheet, jumper settings, etc.)  
Housing Design Guide  
Branding Diagram  
Theory of Operation

- **Quick-Start Guide**

Use the *Quick-Start Guide* or see Getting Started in this document to install this kit. Additional setup information that is specific only to the RDK can be found in Appendix A.

## Getting Started

With your kit you received a very brief *Quick-Start Guide* which will help you get your FingerLoc hardware and software up and running on your Pentium II personal computer as quickly as possible.

Using this guide, you will install FingerLoc Aware and other software, then attach the FingerLoc sensor module. If calibration or additional adjustment is necessary, refer to this publication, The *FingerLoc Sensor Kit User's Guide*.

Install the FingerLoc Sensor Kit in accordance with the three-step process in the *Quick Start Guide*. The necessary supporting software, drivers, and the FingerLoc Aware technology evaluation application will be automatically installed on your computer during the kit installation process.

## General Information:

The ergonomic sensor module housing contains a new, all-digital FingerLoc sensor integrated circuit mounted on a printed wiring board, and equipped with a cable and USB connector. This assembly is powered directly from the Universal Serial Bus, so no external power supply is required.

Using the USB connection, the Sensor Module transmits fingerprint image data directly to the supporting PC where it becomes available to the user's biometric application.

For purposes of illustration, in this kit this process is modeled by the FingerLoc Aware application software, which uses information extracted from these images to "enroll" (register and identify) individual users. Details on the use of FingerLoc Aware can be found in the *FingerLoc Aware User's Guide* which can be found on the distribution compact disc.



## System Requirements:

The minimum requirements for a personal computer system to support a FingerLoc Sensor Kit are:

- Pentium® II CPU
- 50 MB hard disc space
- 32 MB RAM
- Microsoft® Windows® 98/2000
- 800 × 600 dpi/256-color display

...and a free USB port

If your PC is not a USB machine, contact your AuthenTec representative because you need a different kit.

## The FingerLoc Sensor Integrated Circuit

The FingerLoc fingerprint-imaging chip is a CMOS integrated circuit in a standard 68-pin PLCC format. The fingerprint detection area is an exposed, rectangular, active antenna array called the sensor matrix. This surface is very resistant to wear and abrasion, but it can be damaged by impacts or sharp objects, so reasonable care should be taken in handling and use. The sensor matrix is surrounded by an annular “drive ring” which generates the signal that the antenna array will detect.



ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) handling precautions are recommended if for any reason the FingerLoc sensor chip is removed from the sensor module.

## TruePrint Technology

The superior acquisition rates and high reliability of the FingerLoc system are ensured by AuthenTec's unique, patented, TruePrint™ technologies:

- **Dynamic Optimization™** is a highly adaptive logical sensing mechanism that automatically adjusts during detection to improve discernment of various kinds of fingerprint features. Dynamic Optimization rejects noise and undesired artifacts – thus ensuring acquisition for even the most difficult fingerprints. More than fifteen operating parameters (such as gain and operating frequency) are managed in real-time, allowing the system to cope with an extremely wide range of skin conditions, surface contamination, and environmental situations.
- The powerful sensitivity of TruePrint permits **superior packaging**. The protective layer on the sensor detection matrix surface can be made much thicker than the average semiconductor surface coating. This robust barrier guards against abrasion, impact, and electrostatic discharge, ensuring durability and reliability in demanding real-world applications.
- TruePrint allows a **highly-integrated** sensor chip that does more with less, requiring fewer supporting components. This means lower-cost implementation and shorter time-to-market.

AuthenTec, Inc. has more than 25 patents that have been granted or are currently pending on the FingerLoc system and TruePrint technology.



## Sensor Operation

TruePrint technology, the unique heart of AuthenTec's FingerLoc system, looks past the easily affected surface layer of the skin to the living layer beneath where fingerprint patterns originate. Here's how it works...

When a finger is placed on the sensor matrix, the drive ring energizes the fingerprint area, creating a tiny electrical field between the subdermal layer of the finger and the adjacent semiconductor detection area. This field mimics with great fidelity the unique configuration of the fingerprint's ridges and valleys. The antenna array measures the skin's subsurface features by sensing minute variations in the electrical field. The resulting image data is then transmitted to the supporting PC for further processing.

TruePrint thus produces an accurate, unaffected image under physical and environmental circumstances that defy the abilities of thermal, optical, and body-capacitance approaches to the problem. This allows the FingerLoc sensor to acquire difficult fingerprints that other technologies can not handle.

## Sensor Specifications

**Response time:** <1 second, at a frame rate of greater than 5 frames/sec

<b>Physical specifications:</b>	Active detection area	0.5 in
	(c. 13mm) square	
<b>Array density</b>	128 × 128 pixels	
<b>Image resolution</b>	250 DPI (actual)	
	...up to 1024 (interpolated)	
<b>Dynamic range</b>	8-bit gray scale equivalent	

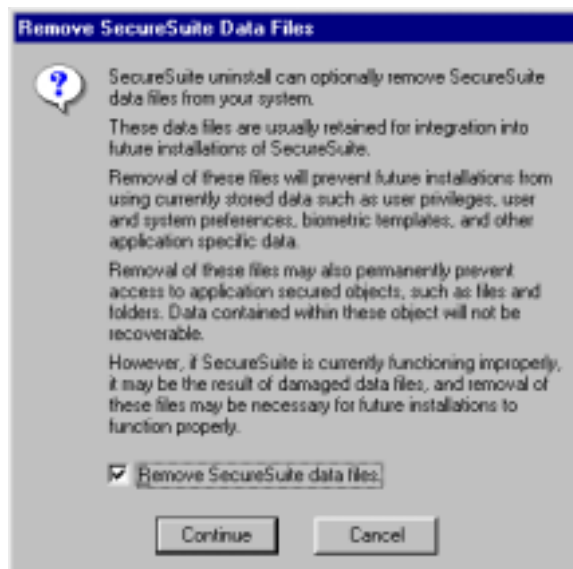
## FingerLoc Installation

Because FingerLoc software is developed using only the latest tools from Microsoft, we strongly recommend that the user review the web-based Microsoft knowledge base for known problems, especially those related to the Universal Serial Bus (USB). To do this, conduct a keyword search on “USB” at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/support/searchkb.asp>

### 1 Remove Existing Software...

To avoid potential software conflict problems, if **any** biometric or related security software exists on this computer, regardless of vendor, **uninstall it** using the **Add/Remove Programs** utility in the Windows Control Panel before proceeding. If the following screen appears during the removal process, select **Remove SecureSuite data files**, then click **Continue**.



**When all previous biometric or security software has been removed,** proceed with the FingerLoc software installation.

### 2 Install the FingerLoc Software Suite...

Insert the FingerLoc distribution compact disc. The installation program will automatically start, invoking the Installer Window. The options available through this window are:

- **View the README File** – read any late-breaking information or cautions.

- **Install the FingerLoc Software**
- **Browse this Compact Disc** – view the contents of the compact disc in a window
- **Exit** – Return to the Windows desktop

Select **Install the FingerLoc Software**. The FingerLoc Aware program will be automatically installed on your computer. When this process is complete, click **Finish** to proceed.

Depending on the setup of your particular computer, you may be prompted at this point for a restart.

When the Windows desktop is again available, click the Windows **Start** button, then **Settings**, then **Control Panel** to open the Windows Control Panel, as seen in the following illustration.



Find the **FingerLoc** icon in the “Control Panel” screen that appears, and double-click it to display the “FingerLoc Properties” screen.

**Note:** The **OEM Setup** tab seen here is for use by RDK developers only. It may not be present in TEK and SDK installations. RDK users should see [Appendix A](#) for additional information.

The “FingerLoc Properties” screen will come up with the **USB** button in the **Com Settings** field selected. If not, click it to enable USB communications.



Click **OK** to proceed.

### 3 Attach the Sensor Module...

Plug the cable connector of the FingerLoc sensor module into an available USB port on your PC. The Universal Serial Bus communication protocol supports “hot plugging”, so it is not necessary to turn the PC OFF - but if it is turned OFF, turn it ON and allow it to boot after you plug in the cable.

Windows will automatically detect the FingerLoc sensor module as a USB device. Click **Next** to continue.



Windows will automatically locate the default USB driver file that was placed on the hard drive during the installation of the software.

Click **Finish** on the final screen to complete the installation of the USB driver. This completes the FingerLoc sensor module hardware and software installation process.

The AuthenTec FingerLoc Sensor Module, its supporting software, and FingerLoc Aware are now ready for use!

## Sensor Calibration

The FingerLoc sensor automatically recalibrates itself each time the computer is rebooted. This process serves to adjust the detection parameters so that the sensor triggers properly when a finger is placed on it and, of equal importance, does not trigger inadvertently when no finger is present on the detection surface.

The FingerLoc software also automatically recalibrates the sensor every 30 minutes – the detection functions are sensitive to local environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity, and may drift over time – this automatic adjustment is particularly important when the computer is only restarted at long intervals.

The sensor should be recalibrated under the following conditions:

- If the FingerLoc Aware display screen shows bar patterns when no finger is present, indicating that the sensor is triggering inadvertently
- If no image appears on the display screen within a few seconds of placing a finger on the sensor detection surface
- When the communication protocol is changed - for example from conventional serial to USB.



The sensor can also be manually calibrated at any time. Use the following procedure:

- a. Click the Windows **Start** button, then **Settings**, then **Control Panel** to open the Windows Control Panel. Find the **FingerLoc** icon and double-click it to display the “FingerLoc Properties” screen, as shown below.



**Note:** The **OEM Setup** tab seen here may not be present in TEK and SDK installations. RDK users should see [Appendix A](#) for additional information.

- b. Click the **System Configuration** tab. With no finger on the sensor, click **Calibrate Sensor**, wait a few seconds, then click **OK** to close the screen. The FingerLoc sensor is now calibrated.

**Caution:** The FingerLoc system will not perform calibration properly if the sensor's detection surface is touched during this process.

## FingerLoc Aware

Double-click the Aware icon on your desktop to start the application...



Refer to the *FingerLoc Aware User's Guide* on the compact disc for additional information.

FingerLoc Aware can:

- Display FingerLoc fingerprint images
- Enroll new users
- Extract fingerprint templates and store them in a local database
- Match live fingerprints against the local database using AuthenTec's proprietary matching algorithms

Store images in **.BMP** graphic format (Windows bitmaps) for future reference, or to transfer into the user's own algorithm or other third-party software for fingerprint match testing

## For Further Assistance

### Troubleshooting FingerLoc Aware and the FingerLoc Sensor Kit

Most of the problems experienced by users of FingerLoc Aware and the FingerLoc Sensor Kit result from errors in connecting the hardware or installing the software. Check to be sure that the cable is properly connected and that the system is powered up. If necessary, uninstall the FingerLoc software suite (using the "Add/Remove Programs" facility in the Windows Control Panel) and reinstall it.

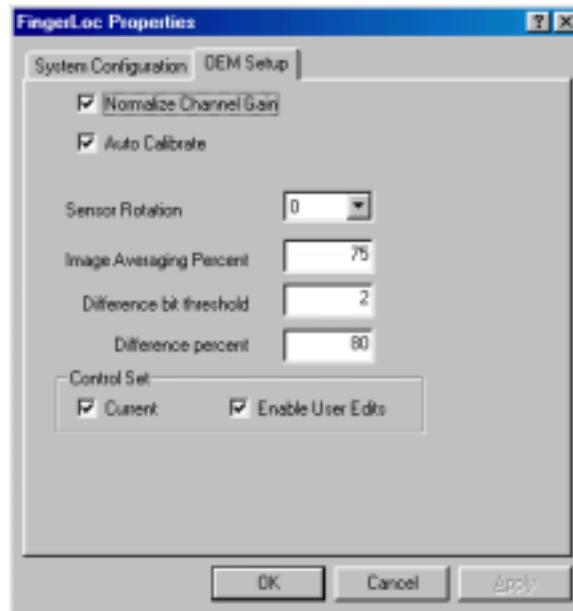
Be sure to read the **ReadmePGM.txt** file on the compact disc supplied with your FingerLoc Sensor kit. Known bugs, late-breaking news, work-arounds, and other discrepancies are documented in this file.

### Customer Support

If you have any questions, or if you encounter a problem during installation or use you can obtain technical support by contacting AuthenTec Applications Engineering by e-mail at [apps @ authentec.com](mailto:apps@authentec.com), or by telephone at 321-308-1300. Telephone support is available Monday through Friday, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

## Appendix A: OEM Setup

The Reference Design Kit (RDK) version of the FingerLoc software contains additional tools for OEM developers. The **OEM Setup** tab on the “FingerLoc Properties” screen is shown in the following illustration. It contains functions that may be useful to the developer.



Of these, only the following three should be changed by the developer:

- **Auto Calibrate** – Check or uncheck this box to toggle automatic calibration when the computer is restarted. Uncheck only if the OEM has supplied some other means of calibration.
- **Sensor Rotation** – Use this list box to select a finger approach angle to the sensor other than the default **0**, which indicates that the approach is to the side of the IC that contains Pin 1. The selections in the list increment around the IC in 90-degree steps.
- **Enable User Edits** – Check or uncheck this box in the Control Set field to toggle access to the system’s serial communication (Com) port settings. The developer might wish to prohibit Com port changes for security reasons.

The other values and parameters on the **OEM Setup** tab are intended for use with future versions of the sensor, or they support specialized installation procedures. **Do not change them without specific instruction from AuthenTec!**

## Appendix B: Glossary

The entries in this list are technical terms of art, acronyms, and abbreviations, many or all of which can be found in AuthenTec publications.

<b>acquisition</b>	The accurate capture of the physical geometry of a fingerprint, suitable for processing by identification software
<b>AFIS</b>	<u>A</u> utomated <u>F</u> ingerprint <u>I</u> dentification <u>S</u> ystem
<b>API</b>	<u>A</u> pplication <u>P</u> rogram <u>I</u> nterface
<b>ASIC</b>	<u>A</u> pplication- <u>S</u> pecific <u>I</u> ntegrated <u>C</u> ircuit
<b>ATM</b>	<u>A</u> utomatic <u>T</u> eller <u>M</u> achine
<b>BAPI</b>	<u>B</u> iometrics <u>A</u> pplication <u>P</u> rogram <u>I</u> nterface
<b>BIT</b>	<u>B</u> uilt- <u>I</u> n <u>T</u> est
<b>biometrics</b>	The study of measurable biological characteristics, such as fingerprints, retinal patterns, facial configurations, voice qualities, and others
<b>bit</b>	<u>b</u> inary digit ( a 1 or a 0)
<b>capacitance</b>	The property of an electrical non-conductor that permits the storage of energy
<b>Caution</b>	In a technical document, a Caution is information that describes a situation that could result in damage to the system hardware or software. See also <b>Note</b> and <b>Warning</b> .
<b>CD-ROM</b>	<u>C</u> ompact <u>D</u> isc – <u>R</u> ead <u>O</u> nly <u>M</u> emory. <b>CD-ROM</b> is the technology – a <b>compact disc</b> goes into a <b>CD-ROM drive</b>
<b>chip</b>	A casual term for an integrated circuit
<b>corium</b>	Synonym for <b>dermis</b>
<b>CPU</b>	<u>C</u> entral <u>P</u> rocessing <u>U</u> nit
<b>CMOS</b>	Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
<b>cutaneous</b>	Of, relating to, or affecting the skin
<b>cuticle</b>	The outermost layer of skin, mainly comprised of epidermis
<b>cutis</b>	Synonym for <b>dermis</b>
<b>dactyl- or dactylo-dactylography</b>	Combination form, “relating to fingers” The study of fingerprints and fingerprinting for the purpose of identification
<b>dermatology</b>	A branch of science dealing with the structure and function of the skin
<b>dermis</b>	The sensitive, vascular, inner mesodermic layer of the skin, also called <b>corium</b> or <b>cutis</b> .
<b>DDS</b>	Direct Digital Synthesis
<b>DLL</b>	Dynamic Link Library
<b>DPI</b>	Dots Per Inch
<b>DRAM</b>	Dynamic Random Access Memory

<b>enroll</b>	To learn the characteristics of a user's fingerprint and store an identification template of it in a database.
<b>epidermis</b>	The outer, non-vascular, non-sensitive layer of the skin, overlying the <b>dermis</b> . The most superficial layer of the skin.
<b>ESD</b>	Electrostatic Discharge
<b>forensic friction skin</b>	Belonging in, used in, or suitable to a court of law The traction-producing skin of the palmar (hand) or plantar (foot) surfaces that exhibit the characteristic ridges and valleys of the fingerprint
<b>HA-API</b>	Human Authentication Application Programming Interface – an initiative of the U.S. Department of Defense intended to, “Expand the use of biometrics by allowing the interchangeability of biometric technologies within a broad range of applications”
<b>Hertz</b>	A unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second
<b>IC</b>	Integrated Circuit
<b>K</b>	Kilobyte – one kilobyte is equal to 1,024 bytes
<b>LSB</b>	Least Significant Bit
<b>MB</b>	Megabyte - one megabyte is equal to 1,048,576 bytes or 1,024 kilobytes
<b>minutia</b>	A unique identifying feature in a given fingerprint. Plural is “minutiae”.
<b>MSB</b>	Most Significant Bit
<b>Note</b>	In a technical document, a Note is information that is of more than ordinary interest. See also <b>Caution</b> and <b>Warning</b> .
<b>PC</b>	Personal Computer Printed Circuit
<b>PCB</b>	Printed Circuit Board (deprecated, prefer <b>PWB</b> ) Polychlorinated Biphenyls
<b>pel</b>	See <b>pixel</b>
<b>PIN</b>	Personal Identification Number
<b>pixel</b>	picture element – a single dot on the screen; the smallest possible image unit
<b>PLCC</b>	Plastic Leadless/Leaded Chip Carrier
<b>PWB</b>	Printed Wiring Board
<b>RDK</b>	Reference Design Kit
<b>Rx</b>	Receive, as an electrical signal
<b>SDK</b>	Software Developer's Kit
<b>subcutaneous</b>	Beneath the skin
<b>TBD</b>	To Be Determined/Developed

<b>TEK</b>	Technology Evaluation Kit
<b>Tx</b>	Transmit, as an electrical signal
<b>ultrasound</b>	Vibrations of the same physical nature as sound, but with frequencies above the range of human hearing (c. 20,000 Hertz)
<b>USB</b>	Universal Serial Bus
<b>VAR</b>	Value-Added Reseller
<b>Warning</b>	In a technical document, a Warning is information that describes a situation that could potentially result in injury or death to a human operator. See also <b>Note</b> and <b>Caution</b>

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