

# **Build Manual**

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#### 3 Starter Kit



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3.1 Titan 1 Cover



Diamond Version – Diamond Neon Orange Acrylic sheets (7 Pieces Total)



- 3.2 3mm Double-sided tape this is for bonding the acrylic sheets to make the cover
- 3.3 12cm Fan



3.4 Silicone Funnel – starter kit

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- 3.5 Right-Angled Power Chord this is for connecting power to the projector.
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- II. Hardware Installation
- 1. Place the printer frame on a flat surface.



Remove all of the panels from the printer frame.
 a. Remove the front panel first then remove the side panels



3. Roll the nuts to the bottom of each leveling foot.



4. Place the printer frame upside down and screw in the 4 leveling feet to the bottom of the printer case.



5. Place the printer frame right-side up.

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A. Installing the Linear Stage Module

Installing the Linear Stage Module

- 1. Loosen the two T-nuts on the triangular corner brackets to the tip of the screws until the Tnuts are barely screwed on.
- 2. Insert the motor cable through the rectangular opening in the steel plate located towards the back of the printer box.

<u>Note</u>: Tilt the linear stage module a little towards the right when facing the back of the printer to ensure the cable is fully through the opening



- 3. Rotate the linear stage back to the upright position with the black cover facing the front of the printer and the 2040 aluminum extrusion facing the back.
- 4. Carefully slide in the stepper motor and lower the linear stage until the bottom of the 2040 aluminum extrusion is at the same level as the top steel plate. Push the linear stage towards the back of the printer so the 2040 aluminum extrusion sits on the steel plate. Align the linear stage in the middle of the gap. Ensure the back of the linear stage is vertically aligned with the back of the printer.

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5. Align the two T-nuts with the two slotted holes on the top of the steel plate. Loosen the two screws on the side to drop the triangular corner brackets into the two slotted holes. Take turns tightening the four screws of the corner brackets gradually with the screws fixed towards the outside of the brackets (towards the edge of the brackets). Do not tighten one screw all the way at a time.

**Note**: Make sure the brackets do not extend pass the back of the printer. Make sure the brackets are well tightened so the linear stage module is secured firmly.



- B. Attaching the Metal Structural Plate
- Remove the plastic film protecting the steel support plate.
   Note: Make sure the side with white plastic protective film faces the front of the printer.

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Insert the 8 hex screws (M5x6mm) through the holes with the screw heads facing the back of the machine and attach the T-nuts to their corresponding hex screw.
 Note: Attach the T-nuts with only one rotation.



3. Carefully place the steel support plate with the T-nuts facing forward into the slots of the back of the printer box frame. Using the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)**, tighten the 8 hex screws one-by-one.

**Note**: The steel support plate should be flush with the linear stage and the printer box. Make sure after tightening the T-nuts are perpendicular to the slots. If a T-nut is stuck in the slots, loosen the screw so that the T-nut lowers to the bottom of the slot.

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- C. Installing the Circuit Board
- 1. Using the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)**, loosen (Do not completely unscrew) the 4 hex screws (3mm) holding up the circuit board mounting plate, raise it past the midpoint of the printer box, and tighten the screws again.



2. Locate the aluminum heat sink in the anti-static circuit board parts pack and carefully place the heat sink over the small black chip of the red A4988 driver board.

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Warning: Make sure the heat sink does not touch any of the metal tips on the circuit board to prevent a static discharge that may ruin components on the circuit board.

3. Remove the 3 plastic nuts from the back of the circuit board. Insert the three plastic stands of the circuit board through the set of holes on the left side of the steel projector mounting plate. Tighten the plastic nuts to mount the circuit board.



4. Connect the cable from the linear stage (with the **Red** wire **UP** and **Yellow** wire **DOWN**) to the vertical column of pins in the Z section of the red circuit board closest to the A4988 chip (Heat sink). <u>Note</u>: Confirm the cable from the linear stage is plugged in correctly to prevent damage.



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- E. Mounting the Fan
- Place 2 hex screws (M5x6mm) so that the screw heads are in the back of the fan mounting plate and secure the corresponding T-nuts on the screw with only 1 rotation. Note: The front of the fan has a sticker in the middle of the fan frame.



- 2. Carefully put the T-nuts into the frame railing and slightly tighten the 2 hex screws using the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)**.
- 3. Slide the fan towards the front of the printer box.
- 4. Once in position, completely tighten the hex screws using the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench** (Orange handle).

Note: Confirm the position of the fan aligns to the vent opening in the black side panel.

- F. Installing the Projector
- Locate the 3 hex screws (M3x14mm) and 2 spacers in the small parts pack. <u>Note</u>: Do not remove the plastic covering from the projector as this will protect it from resin splashing on it.



2. Place the 3 hex screws (M3x14mm) so that the screw heads are facing the panel. On the side opposite of the 2 bottom hex screws (M3x14mm) place the 2 spacers.

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3. Connect the white RS232 cable, the right-angled power chord, and the black HDMI cable to the projector before mounting it into place.



4. Carefully place the projector in the printer box so the 3 hex screws (M3x14mm) align with the projector mountings and use the 2.5mm L-shaped Allen Wrench to screw the projector into position (Do Not over tighten the hex screws).

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Note: Make sure the hex screws are in the middle of the slot.



5. **IMPORTANT**: Use a piece of aluminum foil or a thin sheet of metal to protect the projector lens from dust or resin when not printing. We do not recommend leaving the resins in the resin container as this shortens the life of the resin container.

WARNING: DO NOT use paper or plastic to cover the project lens as it might burn or melt.

- G. Plugging in the Cables
- Unwrap the tie wrap from the fan cable.
   <u>Note</u>: Make sure the cable goes underneath the

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projector.

 Use the 2mm Slotted Screw Driver to loosen the "D9" (Negative) & the "D9 +" (Positive) and plugin the two wires to the bottom of the circuit board and tighten the 2 terminals. Note: The positive wire is labeled with a piece of tape.



3. Connect the AC/DC adapter to the straight power chord provided with the projector. Slide the green connector through the hole at the back of the printer case and attach the adapter to the 5Amp connector of the RAMPS 1.4 circuit board.



4. Connect the larger end of the USB cable to the Mega 2560 circuit board and pass the other end (flat) through the big hole on the back panel.

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 Connect the blue USB-to-RS232 converter cable to the other end of the white RS232 cable that is not connected to the projector.
 Note: Leave the blue cable outside the printer.





- 6. Wire tie and bundle the excess cables together.
- H. Attaching the Build Platform
- Using the 2mm Slotted Screw Driver attach the L-bracket to the linear stage with the 4 hex screws (M4x20mm) from the small parts pack. <u>Note</u>: Tighten the hex screws so that it can still slide up and down in the slot, but does not tilt over at an angle.

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2. Loosen the screw to the right of the Kudo3D logo on the build platform so that connector is perpendicular to the build platform, then attach the build platform to the L-bracket using the black plastic hand screw from the small parts pack.



**Note**: Make sure the Kudo3D logo faces the front of the printer. Use the hand screw to coarse-level the build platform with the bubble level on top of the build platform.

3. Clean the bottom of the build platform using dust-free cloth & IPA (Isopropyl Alcohol).

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III. Installing the Resin Container

<u>WARNING</u>: The PSP resin container is delicate and susceptible to the oils on fingers and hands. Only hold the PSP resin container using the front or back walls. **DO NOT TOUCH** the side walls (film), the inside, or the bottom of the container.



1. Using the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)**, loosen the screws on the resin container bar (Do Not completely unscrew) and put the side of the resin container that has a bottom edge below the resin container bar.

<u>Note</u>: Make sure the resin container is flush with the bar and pushed all the way up to the hex screw head on the front left of the printer box.



2. Slightly tighten the two screws on the bar when the resin container is in place.

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- III. Leveling the Printer
- 1. Move the printer to a stable surface that is close to a power outlet. <u>Note</u>: The printer should be re-leveled every time it is moved.

#### Leveling the Frame

2. Place the bubble level on top of the steel plate on the printer box and adjust the four leveling feet to make sure the two bubbles are in the middle.



#### Leveling the Resin Container

Carefully place the bubble level in the resin container to confirm that it is still level.
 <u>Note</u>: The surface of the resin container is very delicate. Do not scratch the surface. Use the brush or dust blower to remove particulates.

#### Leveling the Projector

4. Place the bubble level on top of the projector to confirm it is level. Adjust the projector mount with the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)**, if necessary.



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IV. Installing the Kudo3D Software

#### Powering Up the Linear Stage

 Plug in the power cable connected to the AC/DC adapter from the circuit board. Note:

#### Installing the Kudo3D Software

2. Run the "Kudo3D" installer and follow the instructions on the installation wizard.



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#### Connecting to the Linear Stage

- 3. Run the Kudo3D software.
- 4. Plug in the black USB cable to the computer you would like to print from. <u>Note</u>: Most Windows 7 and 8 are plug and play. For some cases, additional drivers will need to be installed.
- After plugging in the USB cable from the circuit board, the computer will assign it a COM#.
   <u>Note</u>: The COM# is a unique number for your circuit board. Please keep this same USB plug to the same port on the computer.
- 6. Select the 115200 baud rate and then press "Connect."

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Confirm the Kudo3D software is connected to the linear stage by pushing the +Z (10, 1, 0.1) and -Z (0.1, 1, 10) buttons, which will cause the build platform to move.

Note: The number 0.1, 1, 10 represent the number of rotations the linear stage will move the build platform.

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- V. Calibrating the Build Platform
- 1. Confirm the linear stage is powered.
- 2. Run the Kudo3D software.
- 3. Confirm the Kudo3D software is connected to the linear stage.
- 4. Click "Enable Z-zero".

**Note**: This will establish where the position of the stepper motor.

<u>Warning</u>: Click the +Z and -Z buttons very carefully as the resin container may be damaged if the build platform is moved past the physical home position.



5. To minimize the possibility of damage to the resin container, use the 2.5mm L-shaped Allen Wrench to slightly loosen the 4 (M4x20mm) hex screws connecting the linear stage to the build L-bracket that supports the build platform so that the hex screw heads are at the top of the slots.

**IMPORTANT**: Doing this will give you some leeway when establishing the Z-zero position because once the build platform makes contact with the bottom of the resin container, it will push the L-bracket up, which will cause the hex screw heads to move down in relation to their respective slots. Additionally, loosen the knob to the right of the Kudo3D icon on the build platform so that when it makes contact with the resin container, it will be level in relation to the resin container.



6. Carefully click the "Z-Zero-10", "Z-Zero-1", and "Z-Zero-0.1" buttons so that the build platform barely touches the bottom of the resin container.

<u>WARNING</u>: The resin container is fragile and can be damaged during calibration. Stop using -Z(10) when the build platform is < 0.5 inches from the bottom of the resin container.

**IMPORTANT**: Pay special attention to the 4 hex screws that mount the build platform to the linear stage. Once you see that the hex screw heads move, use the "Z-Zero-0.1" positioning button so that the screws are in the middle of the slots.

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7. Confirm the build platform is level using the bubble level.



8. Press "Disable Z-zero" to lock the zero Z position.

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- 9. Use the **2.5mm L-shaped Allen Wrench** to tighten the 4 (**M4x20mm**) hex screws mounting the L-brack to the Linear Stage.
- 10. Tighten the knob to the right of the Kudo3D icon on the build platform to keep it in position.
- 11. Click +Z(10) a couple of time to move the build platform up.

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#### VI. Calibrating the Projector

Important: During calibration, make sure there is no resin in the resin container or anything on the projector lens.

1. Cut the ruler plate into 20 cm by 11 cm and place it in the resin container.



- 2. Plug everything in:
  - Plug in the projector's power cable.
  - Plug in the black HDMI cable to your computer.
  - Plug in the blue USB cable from the USB-to-RS232 conversion cable to your computer.
- 3. On the connected computer, go to Control Panel > "Appearance and Personalization" > Display > Screen Resolution.



- 4. Confirm that the projector's resolution is "1920 x 1080", set "Multiple Displays" to "Extend these displays" and click the "Apply" button.
- 5. Under the Control tab under the Projector Control section in the Kudo3D software, click "Power On" and wait for the logo to project onto the resin container.

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<u>Warning</u>: Do not look directly into the projector lens while the projector is on. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: If the projector does not turn on as expected, click "Port" to get a new COM#. If the projector is not displaying properly, click the "Source" button on the projector.

Note: It is recommended that users set their desktop background to black.

6. Under the Control tab under the Projector Control section in the Kudo3D software, click "Calibrate" and a red grid will appear under the resin container.



- 7. Set the zoom to the center and adjust the focus of the projector lens so that the red grid is as clear as possible.
- 8. Play with the focus and the projector to get the best result.
- 9. If necessary, use the **3mm T-ball Headed Allen wrench (Orange handle)** to move the projector to display a 19.2 cm by 10.8 cm build area.

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Note: This represents a 100 micron XY resolution.

10. Under the Control tab under the Projector Control section in the Kudo3D software, click "Go Z-Home".



11. Adjust the build platform so that none of the light escapes.



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