

# SKIM SWIPE™

## Quick Start User Guide



### INTRODUCTION

Skim Swipe is a handheld tester that instantly detects magnetic card skimmers hidden inside any retail point-of-sale terminals and any kiosk that accepts cards by swiping them through a card reading slot.



### OPERATION

Skim Swipe only works with swiping card readers and does not work with insert or dip card readers typically found on ATMs and other gas pumps. Since a hidden skimmer essentially functions as a second magnetic card reader, it is easily detectable by Skim Swipe. If Skim Swipe detects only a single magnetic head (no skimmer installed), a green LED will light up. If Skim Swipe detects two magnetic heads (legitimate card reader + hidden skimmer), Skim Swipe will alert the user with an audible beep and a visible red LED. Some readers have mag heads on both sides of the slot so we recommend a second swipe after flipping unit to other side.

When checking for a skimmer, prior to swiping Skim Swipe reader, begin (STEP 1) by pushing the button (this functions as a power/reset switch for the unit and only lasts a few seconds) on the unit and notice the blue LED. Swipe (STEP 2) Skim Swipe through the slot of the card reader. The unit will immediately indicate whether there is no skimmer detected (green LED) or whether a skimmer is detected (red LED and an audible beep). Perform same steps repeatedly to verify that a skimmer is present before disassembling any card reader.

Skim Swipe recommended operating and storage temperature is 15 to 35°C (59°F to 95°F) for normal operation. Be sure unit is within normal operating temperature range before using it. If unit does not power on or function properly, change battery. Remove screws with supplied #1 philips head screw driver and replace the Energizer (recommended brand) CR2032 3V coin cell battery with a fresh battery.



### STEP 1

Press power button



### NO SKIMMER DETECTED STEP 2

Swipe through reader, flip unit, press power button and swipe through again



### STEP 3

If LED is green, card reader is clean



OR

### STEP 1

Press power button



### NO SKIMMER DETECTED STEP 2

Swipe through reader, flip unit, press power button and swipe through again



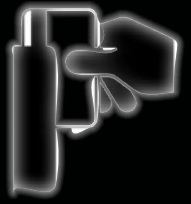
### STEP 3

If LED is red, there is a hidden skimmer head



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### STEP 1

Press power button



### STEP 2

Swipe through card reader



### STEP 3

Flip Skim Swipe



Following these steps ensures that your Skim Swipe will detect skimmers on both sides of the card slot especially in newer model card swipers

### STEP 4

Press power button again



### STEP 5

Swipe through card reader again



**IF LED IS RED,  
THERE'S A HIDDEN  
SKIMMER HEAD**

**IF LED IS GREEN, CARD  
READER IS CLEAN**

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