

IDP Smart 81 Installation guide

Congratulations on purchasing an IDP Smart 81 Re-Transfer card printer.

1) Watch this video to install the ribbon and cards into the printer.

NOTE, do not connect the printer to the PC yet. Proceed to Step 2

before connecting the printer to the PC

2) Download and install the Smart 81 Printer driver.

Download and install the Smart 81 printer driver from the [IDP](#)

[download page](#)

The last step of the installation will ask you to connect the printer to

the PC.

Go ahead and connect the printer to the PC now, using the USB

cable (supplied).

3) Install CardPresso card design/printing software.

a) Download and install the latest release of CardPresso from the

CardPresso download page

: <https://www.cardpresso.com/downloads-cp>

b) When you launch CardPresso application for the first time, it will

ask you to activate the licence by inserting your activation code.

Activate your CardPresso user licence by inserting your activation

code (found on the CardPresso activation card which is in the green

CardPresso box) when prompted (or insert the USB drive if that's

what you have instead of activation code). See '[Activating](#)

[CardPresso](#)' for more information.

c) Create your card design template - you can refer to our

["Cardpresso Getting started video"](#)

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