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## Kanex SNAPX

# Kanex SnapX Compact 2-Port Switch Instruction Manual

Model: SNAPX

## 1. Introduction

The Kanex SnapX is a compact two-port switch designed for use with Apple LED Cinema Displays (27-inch and 24-inch models). This device enables users to control two Mac computers using a single keyboard, mouse, and display, while also providing full audio functionality and USB passthrough for peripherals like the iSight camera. It simplifies your workspace by allowing seamless switching between two Mac systems.

## 2. Package Contents

- Kanex SnapX unit with integrated Mini DisplayPort and USB cables (5ft/1.5m)

## 3. Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to connect your Kanex SnapX switch:

1. **Connect Display:** Plug the Mini DisplayPort and USB cables from your Apple LED Cinema Display into the corresponding ports on the Kanex SnapX unit.
2. **Connect Mac 1:** Connect one of the integrated Mini DisplayPort and USB cable sets from the SnapX to your first Mac computer.
3. **Connect Mac 2:** Connect the second integrated Mini DisplayPort and USB cable set from the SnapX to your second Mac computer.
4. **Positioning:** For optimal flexibility and ergonomics, the SnapX unit can be clipped underneath your Apple LED Cinema Display stand.



*Image 1: Kanex SnapX connected to an Apple LED Cinema Display and a MacBook. The unit is positioned discreetly under the display stand.*

## 4. Operating Instructions

Operating the Kanex SnapX is straightforward:

1. **Power On:** Ensure both connected Mac computers are powered on. The SnapX does not require external power.
2. **Switching Between Computers:** To switch between the two connected Mac computers, press the button located on the top of the Kanex SnapX unit.
3. **Indicator Light:** An LED indicator light on the SnapX will illuminate to show which connected computer is currently active and controlling the display and peripherals.
4. **USB and Audio Passthrough:** The SnapX automatically routes USB peripherals (keyboard, mouse, iSight camera) and audio from the active computer to your Apple LED Cinema Display.



*Image 2: Close-up view of the Kanex SnapX, highlighting the switch button and LED indicator.*

## 5. Compatibility

The Kanex SnapX is compatible with the following Apple Mac computers and displays:

- **Mac Mini:** Early 2009, Late 2009, Mid 2010, Mid 2011
- **MacBook:** Late 2008, Late 2009, Mid 2010
- **MacBook Air:** Late 2008, Mid 2009, Late 2010, Mid 2010, Mid 2011
- **MacBook Pro:** Late 2008, Early 2009, Mid 2009, Mid 2010, Early 2011, Late 2012, Early 2013
- **Mac Pro:** Early 2009, Late 2010
- **Apple LED Cinema Display 24-inch:** Late 2008
- **Apple LED Cinema Display 27-inch:** Mid 2010

## 6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Kanex SnapX, refer to the following common solutions:

- **No Display Signal:**
  - Ensure all Mini DisplayPort cables are securely connected to both the SnapX and your Mac computers.
  - Verify the Apple LED Cinema Display is powered on and correctly connected to the SnapX.
  - Press the switch button on the SnapX to confirm the correct computer is selected.
  - Try restarting the connected Mac computers.
- **USB Peripherals Not Responding:**
  - Check USB cable connections from the SnapX to your Mac computers.
  - Ensure the correct computer is selected via the SnapX switch.
  - Test the USB peripherals directly with your Mac to rule out device issues.
- **No Audio:**
  - Confirm the USB connection from the SnapX to your Mac is secure.
  - Check audio output settings on your Mac to ensure the Apple LED Cinema Display is selected.
  - Verify the display's volume is not muted or set too low.
- **Intermittent Connection or Static:**
  - Ensure all cables are free from damage and securely connected.
  - Minimize electromagnetic interference from other electronic devices.
  - If issues persist, try connecting one Mac at a time to isolate the problem.

## 7. Specifications

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| **Brand** | Kanex |
| **Model Number** | SNAPX |
| **Dimensions** | 24.13 x 15.24 x 20.96 cm; 997.9 g |
| **Connector Type** | Mini DisplayPort |
| **Special Features** | Two-Port Switching, No External Power Required, USB Pass Through |
| **Compatible Devices** | Mac Mini, Macbook, Macbook Air, Macbook Pro, Mac Pro, Apple LED Cinema Displays (24-inch, 27-inch) |

## 8. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and proper functioning of your Kanex SnapX, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Keep the Kanex SnapX unit clean by wiping it with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using liquid cleaners, solvents, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the device.
- **Cable Care:** Ensure that the integrated cables are not bent sharply, twisted, or placed under heavy objects, which could cause internal damage.
- **Storage:** Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures when not in use.

## 9. Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information, technical assistance, or customer support, please visit the official Kanex website or contact Kanex customer service directly. It is recommended to retain your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.

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