Required Firmware Update

Firmware is essential for your Cricut machine to operate properly and communicate with your computer. On occasion, firmware updates may be required to enable new features and improve performance.

**Tip:** During the firmware update process, the power button is red, indicating that the update is in progress. If the update process is interrupted or unsuccessful, the power button will stay red and prevent you from turning your machine off. In the unlikely event that this happens, restart the firmware process manually.

**Step 1:** Should your system require a firmware update, you will be prompted to do so once your project is complete and you are proceeding through the mat preview. Power on your Cricut® machine and connect it to your computer.

- Cricut Explore® machines must be connected via USB; firmware update is not available over Bluetooth®
- Cricut Explore Air® machines can be updated via Bluetooth® or USB

**Step 2:** Click “Update” to begin.
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Step 3: Your Cricut machine’s firmware will begin the updating process. A progress bar will appear on the screen and your machine’s power button will turn red, indicating that an update is in progress. Please do not disconnect the machine.

Tip: If the connection with your machine is lost during a firmware update, make sure your machine is still connected to your computer and powered on. You may need to restart the process by manually updating the firmware in Design Space®.

Step 4. Once the update is completed, your machine will automatically turn off and back on. Now that your machine has been updated, you can begin right where you left off.