

Get Started with the Square Chip Card Reader

The [Square chip card reader](#) has two slots – one for swiping magstripe cards and one for dipping chip cards. For an overview on setting up and using the Square chip card reader, check out the video below:

Order a Chip Card Reader

Visit [Square Shop to purchase the chip card reader](#) for \$29 or pick one up at a participating Staples or Best Buy retail location. Before making a trip, call your local retailer to see if they have readers in stock.

We also have a [contactless and chip card reader](#) that accepts both chip and contactless (NFC) payments like Apple Pay.

Plug In the Chip Card Reader

The first time you use your reader for chip cards, [make sure it's fully charged](#). Once it's charged:

1. Open the Square app and insert the reader into the audio jack of your device with Square's logo facing you.
2. Wait for an in-app message to display "Reader Ready."

Accept a Chip Card

Every card with a chip should be inserted in the front slot of the reader and held in place throughout an entire transaction.

When you're ready to process a chip card payment with the Square app:

1. Hold the chip card vertically with both the card and Square's logo facing you.
2. Insert the card (chip side first) into the front slot.
3. Push the card to the left until you hear a click to make sure the chip on the card makes contact with the chip in the reader.
4. Follow the prompts and leave the card in place until you fully complete the payment.

If you're having any trouble with your reader, review these [reader troubleshooting tips](#).

Swipe A MagStripe Card with the Chip Card Reader

Every magstripe card without a chip can be swiped in the back slot of the reader. Learn how to [swipe a magstripe card](#).