# HP F1381A Port Replicator
# for the HP OmniBook 3000

User's Guide

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Using the Port Replicator

# Using the Port Replicator

Congratulations! With the OmniBook port replicator, you can significantly increase the convenience of your OmniBook for desktop use. By making one connection—plugging your OmniBook into the port replicator—you can get easy access to these types of devices:

- Printer or other parallel device.
- Modem or other standard serial device.
- Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices.
- External keyboard and external mouse.
- External monitor.
- Audio connections.
- AC power.
- MIDI/Joystick.
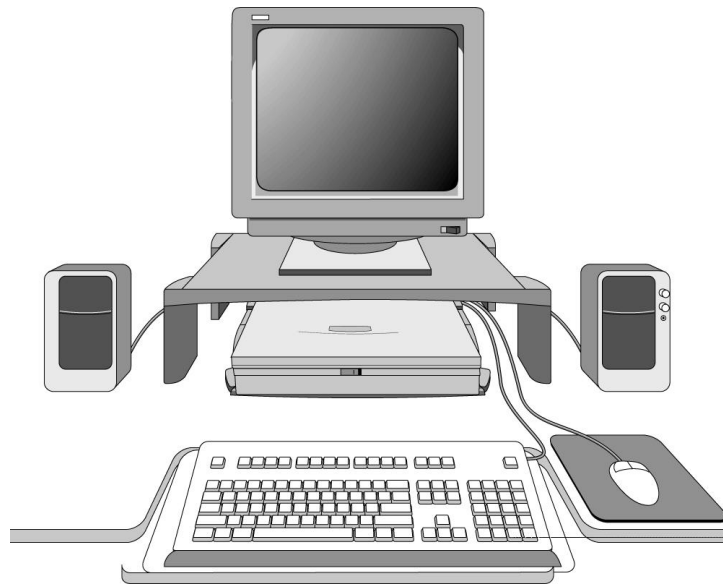
# Understanding the Basics

Docking the OmniBook to the port replicator is just like simultaneously adding several devices to the OmniBook. Docking does not cause Windows 95 to create a new hardware profile. Similarly, undocking does not create an undocked profile.

This section shows you how to get your port replicator and OmniBook up and running quickly, including how to

♦   Dock the OmniBook.

♦   Undock the OmniBook.

♦   Reset the OmniBook while docked.

♦   Attach a security cable.

## To dock the OmniBook

**C A U T I O N**

Use only an HP F1377A ac adapter (the type shipped with the OmniBook)      —do not use an ac adapter from another product. Using an improper adapter could damage the OmniBook and will make your warranty invalid.
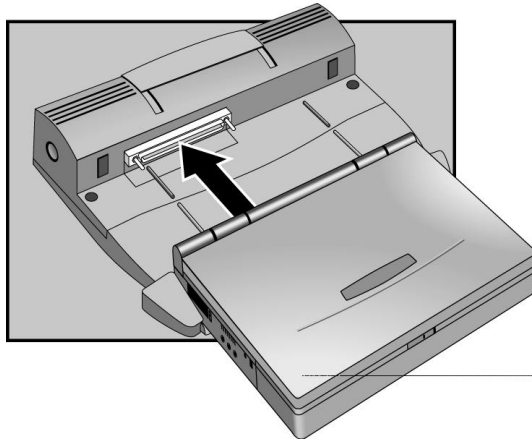
1. Plug the power cord into the ac adapter, then into an ac outlet. Plug the ac adapter into the port replicator.
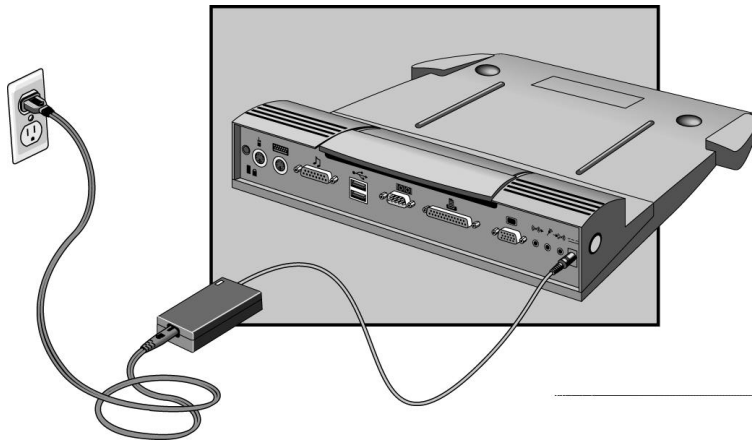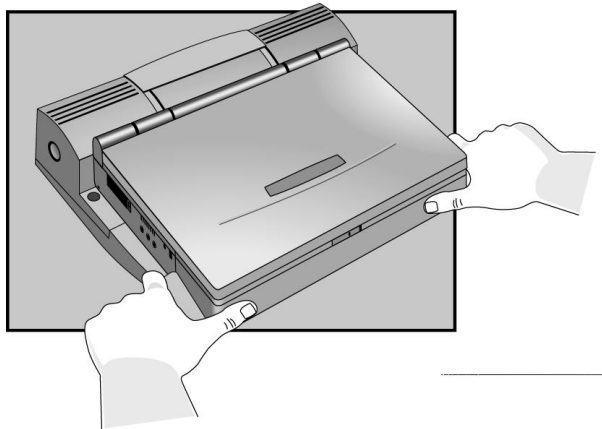
2. Slide the OmniBook's rear port door to the left.
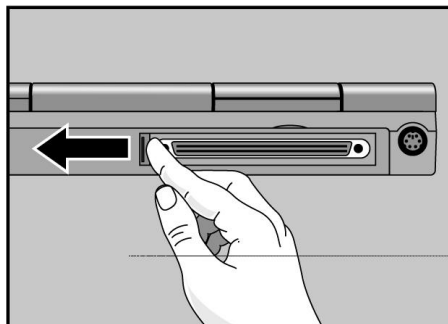
3. Place the OmniBook on the port replicator platform, with the back of the computer facing the port replicator's docking connector.



4. Position your fingers on the platform grips as shown below. Use your thumbs to push the computer firmly toward the port replicator until the OmniBook slides into place.

## To undock the OmniBook

1. Raise the release lever at the top of the port replicator.
2. After removing the OmniBook, push the release lever back into place.
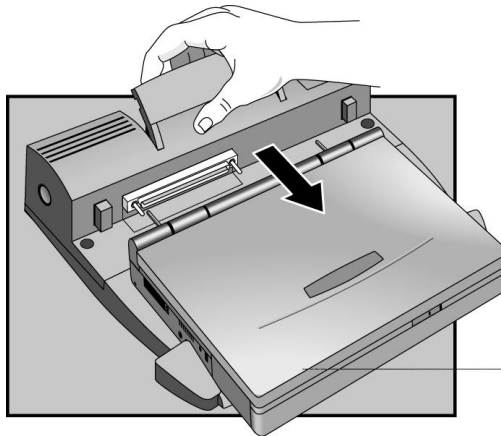


## To reset the OmniBook

You can reset the OmniBook without undocking.

• Press the reset button on the port replicator.

   The OmniBook restarts automatically after resetting.

Reset button

## To attach a security cable

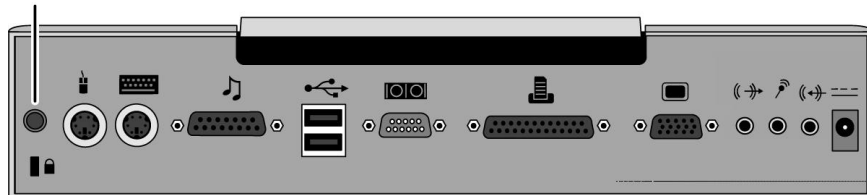Your port replicator has a built-in security port that allows you to secure the port replicator with a cable. *Be sure to use a second Kensington lock to secure the OmniBook*. Kensington MicroSaver lock systems work with these ports and are available at many computer stores.

1. Wrap the cable around a stationary object, such as a table leg.

2. Loop the cable to create a slip knot around the stationary object.

3. Insert the lock into the port replicator's security port and release the key. Store the key in a safe place away from the OmniBook.

Second Kensington lock secures the OmniBook.
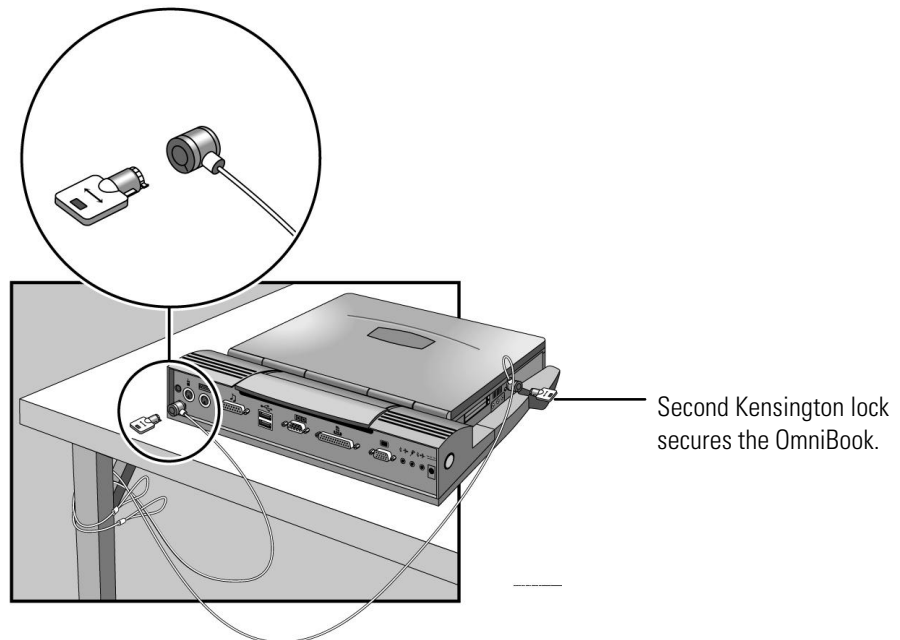
# Making Connections

When making connections, notice that the orientation of the ports on the port replicator are the reverse of the OmniBook. Turn the connector cables over when switching from the OmniBook to the port replicator. This section describes how to connect devices to the port replicator, including the following:

♦   External keyboard.

♦   External PS/2 or serial mouse.

♦   Standard serial device (9-pin).

♦   Two Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices.

♦   External display.

♦   Printer or other parallel device (25-pin).

♦   External microphone audio source.

♦   Headphones or speakers.

♦   MIDI or game device.

♦   Kensington security lock.

## To connect an external keyboard

You can use both the built-in OmniBook keyboard and external keyboard while docked.

1.  Attach the keyboard cable to the keyboard port.
2.  Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.



Keyboard port

## To enable an external Fn key

If you are using a port replicator with an external keyboard, substitute the keystrokes CTRL+ALT for Fn. If necessary, enable the external Fn key from the BIOS Setup Utility. This is enabled by default.

See the OmniBook's *Reference Guide* for a complete description of the BIOS Setup Utility.

1.  Close all applications, then shut down Windows and reboot the OmniBook. If necessary, you can press CTRL+ALT+DEL to reboot.
2.  When you see the following message, press F2 to enter Setup.

    **Press <F2> to enter Setup**

3.  Use the right arrow key to highlight the System Devices menu.
4.  Make sure External Fn Key is enabled.
5.  Press F10 to save settings and exit Setup.

## To connect a PS/2 mouse

The OmniBook has a PS/2 mouse driver installed. When you dock, the OmniBook automatically detects and sets up the mouse.

1. Attach the mouse cable to the mouse port.

2. Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.
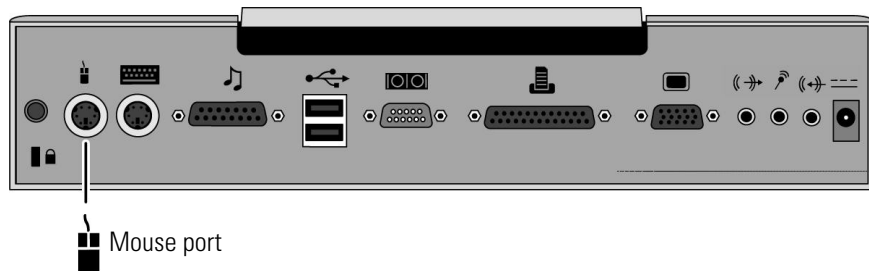


Mouse port

## To switch back to the internal TouchPad

Use this procedure to switch back to the built-in TouchPad from an external PS/2 mouse while docked.
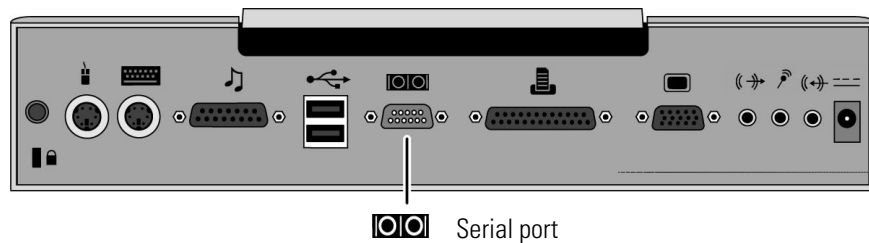
1. Press the power button to suspend the OmniBook

2. Disconnect the mouse cable from the port replicator.

3. Press the power button to resume.

   –or–

   Undock, disconnect mouse, then dock again.

## To connect a serial mouse

1.  Attach the serial mouse cable to the serial port.



⬚⬚  Serial port

2.  Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.

3.  Using the TouchPad, click Start, Settings, Control Panel, Mouse, General.

4.  Click Change, then select Standard Mouse Types.

5.  Select your mouse type from the list, or select Standard Serial Mouse.

6.  Click OK, Close, then click Yes when prompted to restart.

## To connect a serial device

Use standard serial cables and adapters available at computer dealers and
electronic supply stores to connect serial devices.

1.  Attach the serial cable to the serial port.

2.  Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.

3.  If necessary, install your serial device driver.
    *See your Windows or device manual for instructions*.

The serial port
is COM1.
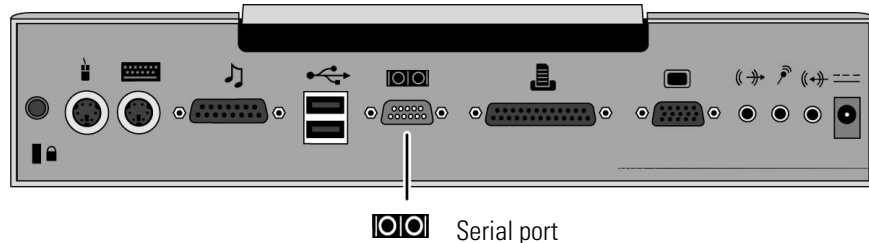


⬚⬚  Serial port

## To connect a Universal Serial Bus (USB) device

Universal Serial Bus (USB) provides a bi-directional serial interface for adding peripheral devices such as game controllers, serial and parallel ports, and scanners on a single bus. The OmniBook's port replicator provides two USB ports.

1. Attach the USB cable to either the upper or lower USB port.

2. Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.



USB ports
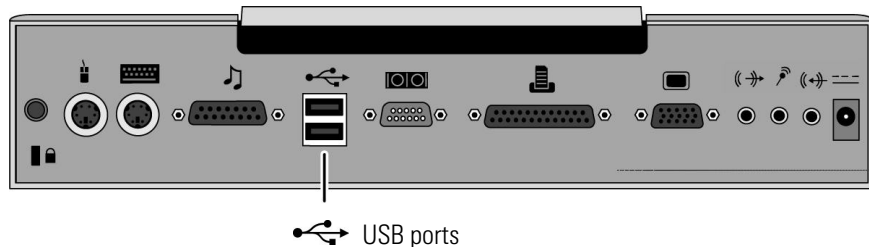
## To connect an external display

Use this procedure to connect a standard VGA, SVGA, or XGA external display to your OmniBook.

1. Attach the display cable to the display port.

2. Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator. The built-in display turns off. If you want to run the built-in display and an external display simultaneously, see the following topic for instructions.
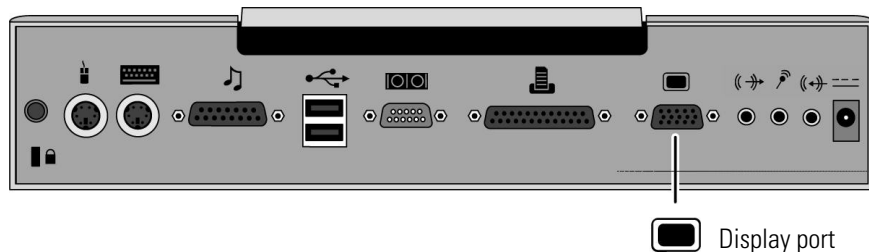


Display port

## To use the monitor stand with an external display

The optional monitor stand (HP F1369A), can support a weight of 69 kg (151.8 lb.). When setting up the monitor stand, be sure that the wide edge faces forward, as shown below.
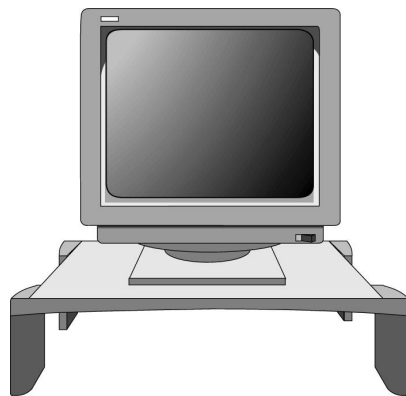


## To enable the built-in and external displays

- Press Fn+F5 to cycle through the external and built-in display options (Internal, External, Both).

  –or–

1. Close all applications, then shut down Windows and reboot the OmniBook. If necessary, you can press CTRL+ALT+DEL to reboot.

2. When you see the following message, press F2 to enter Setup.

   **Press <F2> to enter Setup**

3. From the Main menu, use the down arrow to highlight Video Display Device.

4. Press Enter to view choices.

5. Select Both.

6. Press F10 to save settings and exit Setup.

## To connect a parallel device

Use standard parallel cables and adapters available at computer dealers and electronic supply stores to connect parallel devices.

1. Attach the parallel cable to the parallel port.

2. Dock the OmniBook PC in the port replicator.

3. If necessary, install your parallel device driver.
   *See your Windows or device manual for instructions*.

The port replicator's 25-pin parallel port is a standard enhanced (EPP/ECP) parallel port.

Parallel port
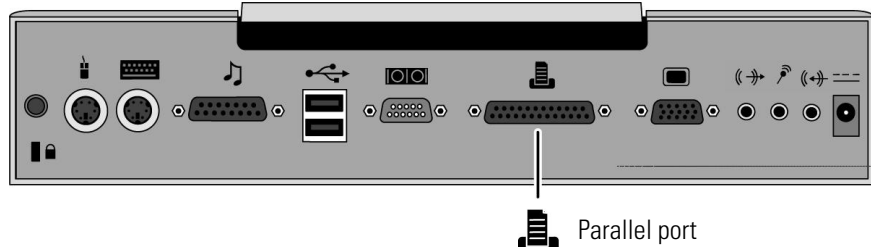
## To connect a MIDI/Joystick device

1. Attach the cable to the MIDI/Joystick port.

2. Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.

MIDI/Joystick port
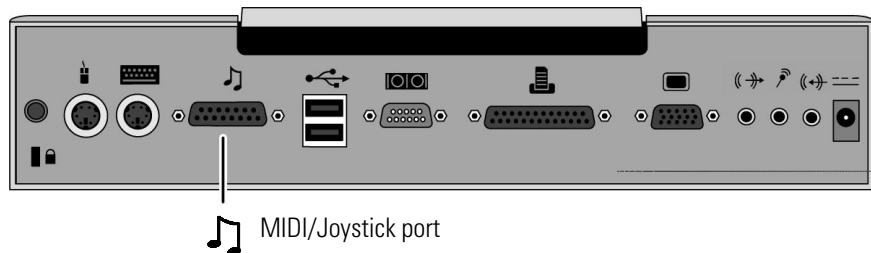
## To connect your audio equipment

The port replicator provides the following audio ports:

Amplified speaker-out connector for headphones or speakers.

Line-in connector for an external audio source (such as a CD player).

Microphone-in for an external microphone.
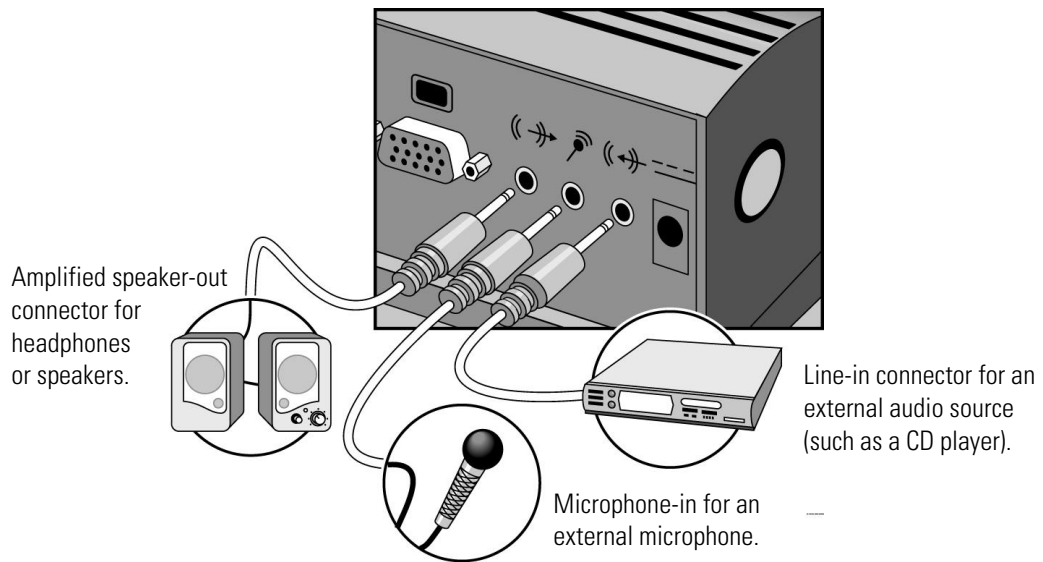
1. Attach the audio cable to the corresponding audio port.
2. Dock the OmniBook in the port replicator.

You can press Fn+F7 to mute the sound. Pressing Fn+F7 again enables the sound.

(( →)) Speaker-out

🎙 Microphone-in

(( ↔)) Line-in

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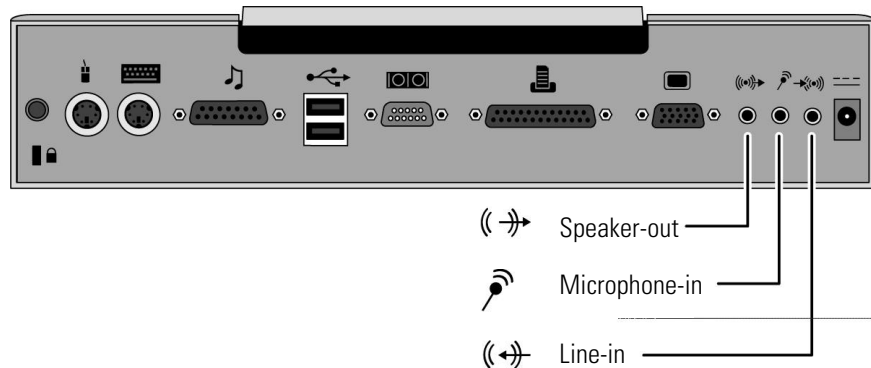
Troubleshooting

# Troubleshooting

There are many ways to get information and technical support for your OmniBook and port replicator. If you have a question about your port replicator that this manual does not answer, you can try any of the following sources:

**The online OmniBook *User's Handbook***

The online manual provides basic information about how to operate and maintain your OmniBook. You can view the manual online or print it.

**The printed OmniBook *Reference Guide***

The printed manual provides complete instructions about how to set up the OmniBook, use accessories, install memory or hard disks, connect devices, change the configuration (BIOS Setup Utility), recover OmniBook files, use system resources (including memory maps, interrupt settings, I/O addresses).

**The World Wide Web**

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The HP First telephone number is:

(800) 333-1917 (inside U.S. and Canada).

(208) 344-4809 (outside U.S. and Canada).

# Solving Problems

If you have a problem using the port replicator, find the symptom that matches your situation. Try the suggestions one at a time.

**If you need to replace a lost or damaged power cord**

- For the replacement part number for the ac adapter power cord, contact the number in the Support and Service booklet.

**If a connection doesn't work**

- Try connecting the device to the corresponding port on the OmniBook. This can tell you if the problem is with the port replicator.
- Make sure the OmniBook is fully inserted in the port replicator. The connection should be snug.
- Make sure the ends of the device cable are connected properly.
- Make sure the device and the port replicator are connected and both have power connected and turned on.
- Reboot the OmniBook.

**If an external PS/2 mouse or keyboard doesn't work**

- Make sure the mouse or keyboard is plugged into the correct port. The mouse and keyboard ports look the same. See page 1-15.
- Check that the PS/2 mouse is enabled in the BIOS Setup Utility.

**If you cannot hear audio devices or files**

- Fn+F7 mutes the audio system. Pressing Fn+F7 again enables sound.
- Try increasing the volume. Fn + UP ARROW increases the volume.

**If an external serial mouse doesn't work**

- Check that the correct serial port is enabled in the BIOS Setup Utility.

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Specifications and Regulatory
Information

# Specifications and Regulatory Information

Your OmniBook port replicator is designed to provide trouble-free operation. The following suggestions can help you while working with your OmniBook:

♦ If you have problems, see the problem-solving suggestions and references listed in chapter 2.

♦ If you think your port replicator might need repair service, see the warranty and service information in the *Support and Service* booklet.

**To contact Hewlett-Packard**

If you have questions that the OmniBook manuals don't answer (even after looking in the contents and index), you can contact Hewlett-Packard at the address or phone number listed in the *Support and Service* booklet or in OmniBook Support in the online OmniBook Library. Please have your OmniBook with you.

# Specifications

| | |
|---|---|
| Ports | 240-pin docking connector. |
| | Parallel DB25 (EPP/ECP). |
| | Serial DB9 (115,200-bps). |
| | VGA port, D-sub 15-pin female connector. |
| | 6-pin external keyboard connector. |
| | 6-pin external PS/2 mouse connector. |
| | Three audio jacks for Speaker-out, Line-in, and MIC-in. |
| | 2-pin ac jack for ac adapter. |
| | MIDI port: D-sub, 15-pin female for MIDI in/out. |
| | 2 Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports. |

Power                Includes F1377A ac adapter.
                     100 to 240 Vac (50 to 60 Hz) input; 19 Vdc, 2.4A output.

Security             Kensington lock slot secures port replicator.

Size
   Height            81.5 mm (3.21 in.).
   Depth             320.0 mm (12.60 in.).
   Width             356.9 mm (14.05 in.).

Weight               1.67 kg (3.68 lb.).

Environmental
   Operating temperature    5 to 35 °C (41 to 95 °F).
   Storage temperature      -20 to 50 °C (-4 to 122 °F).
   Relative humidity        10% to 90% (noncondensing).

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- Reorienting or relocating the receiving antenna.
- Relocating the port replicator with respect to the receiver.
- Connecting the ac adapter to another power outlet.

To maintain compliance with FCC Rules and Regulations, use properly shielded cables when connecting peripheral devices to this device. Use cables supplied with the OmniBook when appropriate.

For more information, consult your dealer, an experienced radio/television technician, or the following booklet, prepared by the Federal Communications Commission: *How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems*. This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, Stock Number 004-000-00345-4. At the first printing of this manual, the telephone number was (202) 783-3238.

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