

Review – Satechi Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub for iMac

The **Satechi Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub** caught my eye for a couple of reasons:

- First, I've been looking for a stand to raise the height of my iMac a little bit. (Some say that for better posture the top edge of your screen should be at eye level so that you glance down slightly to view the screen.)
- Second, this stand has a front-facing hub built in with a variety of ports for plugging in different devices. This would save having to reach around the back of my iMac to reach a port to plug something in (say, a flash drive or SD card).

At **\$89.99**, this stand is not cheap. Fortunately, I had a some credits available on my Amazon Prime account. So, I decided to indulge myself. You may be able to get a 10% discount for first purchase at Satechi's website.

Images. I brought the hub to the meeting for my review, but given its small size, here are some images that I gathered from the Satechi [website](#) and a couple of web reviews.



Monitor Stand Hub Under iMac

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Front of Monitor Stand Hub

Ports/Connections. From left to right:

- SD Card Slot (standard size) with a micro/SD Card Slot located below it
- 3.5mm Audio Jack (input & output, such as for headphones)
- 3 - USB 3.0 Ports (5 Gbit/s)
- USB-C port (data-only, can't be used for charging a device)

Underside of the Stand. On the underside of the stand, is a cable with a USB-C connector:



Underside of Monitor Stand Hub

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This cable is plugged into one of the USB-C ports at the rear of the Mac. It provides both power and connectivity to the ports at the front of the stand. It's held in place by a series of clips so you can use whatever length that you need to reach a USB port on the back of your Mac.

USB Type-A to Type-C Adapter. What if your iMac is an older model, like mine, that doesn't have a USB-C port? Satechi includes a USB Type-A to Type-C Adapter:



USB Type-A to Type-C adapter



**Adapter Connected to the Cable
(Result: USB-A Connector for an Older iMac)**

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Another use for the Adapter is to create a second USB-C port:



**Adapter Plugged Into a USB-A Port
(Result: Converts a USB-A Port to a USB-C Port)**

Stand (General Information).

- Stand dimensions: 8.43" by 8.5" by 1.63"
- Weight: just over a pound
- Available in silver (or gray if you're fortunate have iMac Pro)
- Because of the stand's compact design, there isn't much room under it, especially for a keyboard. Small items are OK or even a CD-ROM drive if you still use one.

–Steve Parker

Credits:

- Satechi Type-C Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub For iMac
<https://satechi.net/products/aluminum-imac-stand>
- The Satechi Type-C Aluminum Monitor Stand Hub for iMac Gives Your Mac a Lift
<https://geardiary.com/2019/01/15/satechi-type-c-aluminum-monitor-stand-hub-for-imac-review/>