

Frequently Asked Question

Fingerprint attendance device MiniAC

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Sure! Here's a helpful overview of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for the **ZKTeco MiniAC** device, which is a biometric time attendance and access control terminal:

General Overview

- What is MiniAC?
 - MiniAC is a Linux-based biometric terminal featuring **visible light facial recognition**, **palm recognition**, **card reading**, and **password authentication**. It supports **touchless verification** using deep learning algorithms.

• What is MiniAC Plus?

- An upgraded version with a 5-inch touchscreen, enhanced user interface, and integration with ZKBioAccess software for centralized management.

Setup & Installation

- How do I install the device? Mount the back plate on the wall using screws, then attach and secure the device. Ensure proper alignment for facial and palm recognition.
- What power supply is required? 12V ±10%, with at least 3000mA current. If sharing power with other devices, use a higher-rated supply.
- How do I connect it to a network?
 Use Ethernet or Wi-Fi. Set IP address and subnet mask to match your LAN segment. For cloud server integration, input the server IP and port.

User Registration & Verification

- How do I register users? You can register directly on the device, via ZKBioAccess software, or through a mobile browser using a QR code.
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 - Face recognition
 - Palm recognition
 - Badge/card
 - Password
 - Combination of methods (e.g., Face + Password)

• Can users wear glasses during registration?

Yes, but it's recommended to register both with and without glasses for better accuracy.

Data & Logs

- How many users can it store? Up to **3,000 users**, **3,000 cards**, and **1,500 transaction records**.
- How do I view attendance logs? Use the device's interface or sync with ZKBioAccess software to retrieve and manage logs.

Troubleshooting & Support

- What if verification fails? Ensure proper posture, lighting, and alignment with the device's guidelines. Retry with correct positioning.
- **Can I reset the device?** Yes, but follow the user manual instructions carefully to avoid data loss.

Q: <u>How can I integrate MiniAC with my existing system</u>?

To integrate your **ZKTeco MiniAC** device with an existing system, you'll need to consider both hardware and software compatibility. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started:

Hardware Integration

- **Power Supply**: Use a 12V ±10% power adapter with at least 3000mA current. If sharing power with other devices, opt for a higher-rated supply.
- Connection Interfaces:
 - **Ethernet (TCP/IP)**: For LAN-based integration.
 - **RS485 & Wiegand**: For connecting external readers or controllers.
 - **Relay Outputs**: For door locks, alarms, and exit buttons.
- Lock Integration:
 - Connect **NO1 and COM** terminals for normally open locks.
 - Connect NC1 and COM for normally closed locks.

* Software Integration

- ZKBioAccess Software:
 - Install ZKBioAccess on your server or PC.
 - Set the MiniAC's IP address and subnet mask to match your network segment.
 - Configure the **Cloud Server Settings** on the device with the server's IP and port.
 - Add the device in ZKBioAccess via Access > Access Device > Search Device.
 - Register users and sync data using **Device Control > Synchronize All Data to Devices**.
- Mobile Enrollment:
 - \circ $\;$ Generate a QR code from ZKBioAccess for mobile browser registration.
 - Users can scan the code or visit the server URL to enroll remotely.

* Access Control Integration

- Assign users to **Access Groups** and define roles.
- Configure Access Control Settings directly on the device or via software.
- Set up time zones, holidays, and access schedules for granular control.

Cloud & Remote Management

- Enable Cloud Server Communication for remote monitoring and updates.
- Ensure the device shows a cloud icon on the standby screen to confirm successful connection.

Q: Can you help me troubleshoot common integration issues?

Absolutely! Let's tackle some of the most common integration issues with the **ZKTeco MiniAC** device and how to resolve them:

Common Integration Issues & Fixes

1. Device Not Connecting to ZKBioAccess Software

- **Cause**: IP address mismatch or firewall blocking.
- Fix:
 - Ensure the MiniAC and PC/server are on the same subnet.
 - Disable firewall temporarily to test connection.
 - Use [COMM] > [Ethernet] > [IP Address] on the device to set correct IP.

2. Cloud Server Icon Not Appearing

- **Cause**: Incorrect server IP or port.
- Fix:
 - Go to [COMM] > [Cloud Server Setting] and verify IP and port.
 - Confirm server is running and reachable.
 - \circ ~ Check for network restrictions or proxy issues.

3. User Data Not Syncing

- Cause: Improper sync settings or device not added correctly.
- Fix:

- In ZKBioAccess, go to Access > Access Device > Search Device and ensure device is added.
- Use **Device Control > Synchronize All Data to Devices** to push updates.

4. Access Control Not Working

- **Cause**: Misconfigured access groups or relay wiring.
- Fix:
 - Assign users to correct **Access Groups**.
 - Check relay connections: use **NO1 + COM** for normally open locks, **NC1 + COM** for normally closed.
 - Verify time zones and schedules are active.

5. RS485 or Wiegand Reader Not Responding

- **Cause**: Incorrect wiring or protocol mismatch.
- Fix:
 - Double-check wiring against the <u>MiniAC Plus User Manual</u>.
 - Ensure reader is compatible and configured correctly in the device settings.

6. Mobile Enrollment QR Code Not Working

- Cause: Incorrect server URL or port.
- Fix:
 - In ZKBioAccess, go to **Personnel > Parameters** and verify the QR code URL.
 - Test the URL manually in a browser to confirm accessibility.

Q: <u>How can I prevent integration issues in the future</u>?

Proactive thinking — I like it! Preventing integration issues with your **ZKTeco MiniAC** device is all about building a solid foundation and maintaining it with smart practices. Here's a checklist of strategies to keep things running smoothly:

Best Practices for Future-Proof Integration

1. Standardize Your Network Setup

- Assign **static IP addresses** to devices to avoid conflicts.
- Use **consistent subnet masks** across all connected systems.
- Document all network configurations for easy reference.

2. Keep Software & Firmware Updated

- Regularly check for updates to **ZKBioAccess software** and device firmware.
- Enable automatic updates if supported, or schedule manual checks monthly.

3. Use Reliable Power Supply

- Ensure a **dedicated 12V, 3A power source** for the MiniAC.
- Avoid sharing power with other devices unless using a higher-rated adapter.

4. Follow Proper Wiring Protocols

- Label all connections (e.g., RS485, Wiegand, Relay) during installation.
- Use shielded cables for long-distance wiring to reduce interference.

5. Implement Access Control Policies

- Define Access Groups, time zones, and schedules clearly.
- Review and update access rules periodically to reflect organizational changes.

6. Test Before Deploying

- Use a test environment to simulate integration before going live.
- Validate user registration, access control, and log syncing.

7. Monitor Device Health

- Enable **cloud server monitoring** for remote diagnostics.
- Check for the **cloud icon** on the standby screen to confirm connectivity.

8. Train Your Team

- Provide onboarding for IT staff on ZKBioAccess and MiniAC setup.
- Share troubleshooting guides and escalation procedures.

9. Document Everything

- Maintain a log of configuration changes, firmware updates, and user enrollments.
- Use version control for software and integration settings.

10. Use SDKs for Custom Integration

- If integrating with third-party systems, use ZKTeco's SDKs for secure and stable development.
- Avoid hardcoding logic into middleware—use modular APIs instead.

