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1 To do before installation

Important: To install SignMax software and printer driver, administrative rights are required. Please contact your IT department before installation.

In order to start and complete the installation process of SignMax, special License-Files are required. Please call us and we will send you these files immediately via e-mail.

Important: When upgrading from version 8 to 9.1 the license on the dongle must be replaced!

If you still have a purple-colored dongle, please copy the License-Files into a folder on your hard disk.

2 Installation of the application

Insert the blue Flash Dongle or insert the DVD. In case that the installation window does not appear automatically, please start the "Setup.exe" in the root directory of the USB Stick or DVD. At first select "SignMax". Click "install now"
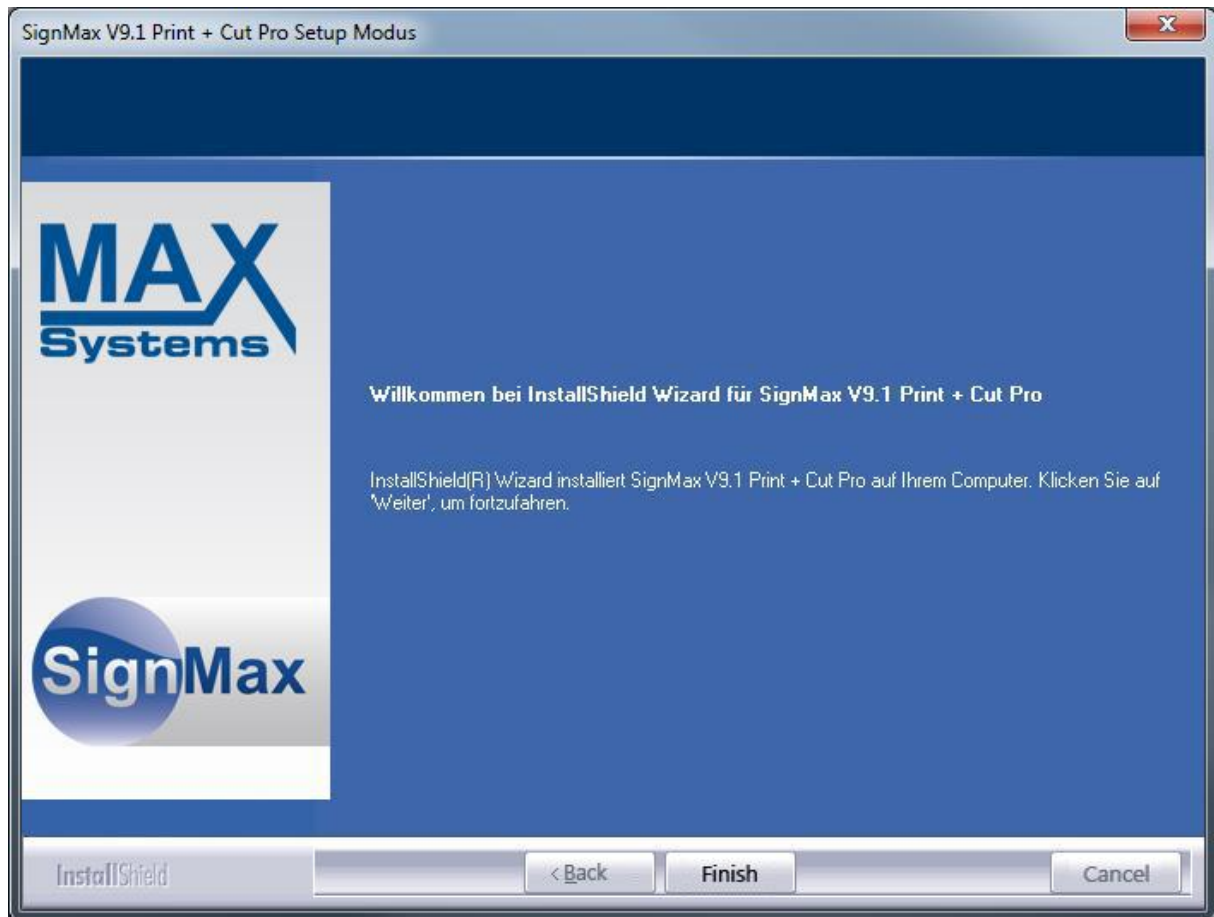

Install now

Select the desired language for the

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Please browse to the path of the license files.

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Follow the instructions of the wizard. Select "full installation" as installation mode.

We strongly recommend installing the software into the default installation-path.
Follow the instructions of the Installation-Wizard. Choose "Complete Installation" when prompted by the installation-routine.

Please note: In case you add new fonts to your computer, these fonts are not automatically available in your SignMax software. Just open "File", "Install" and then "Fonts" in order to make recently added fonts also available in your SignMax version.
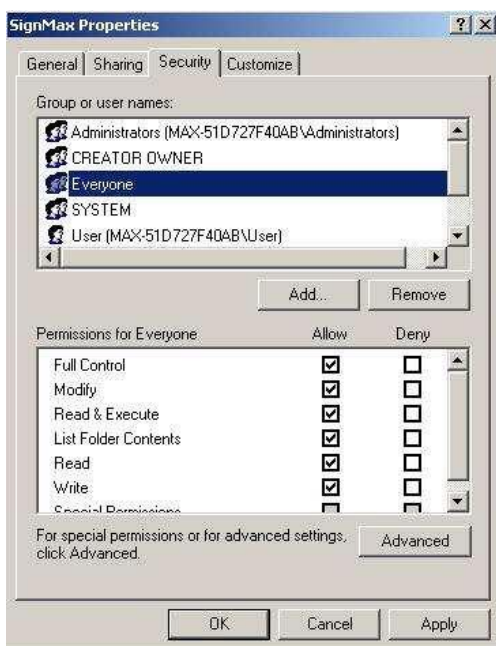
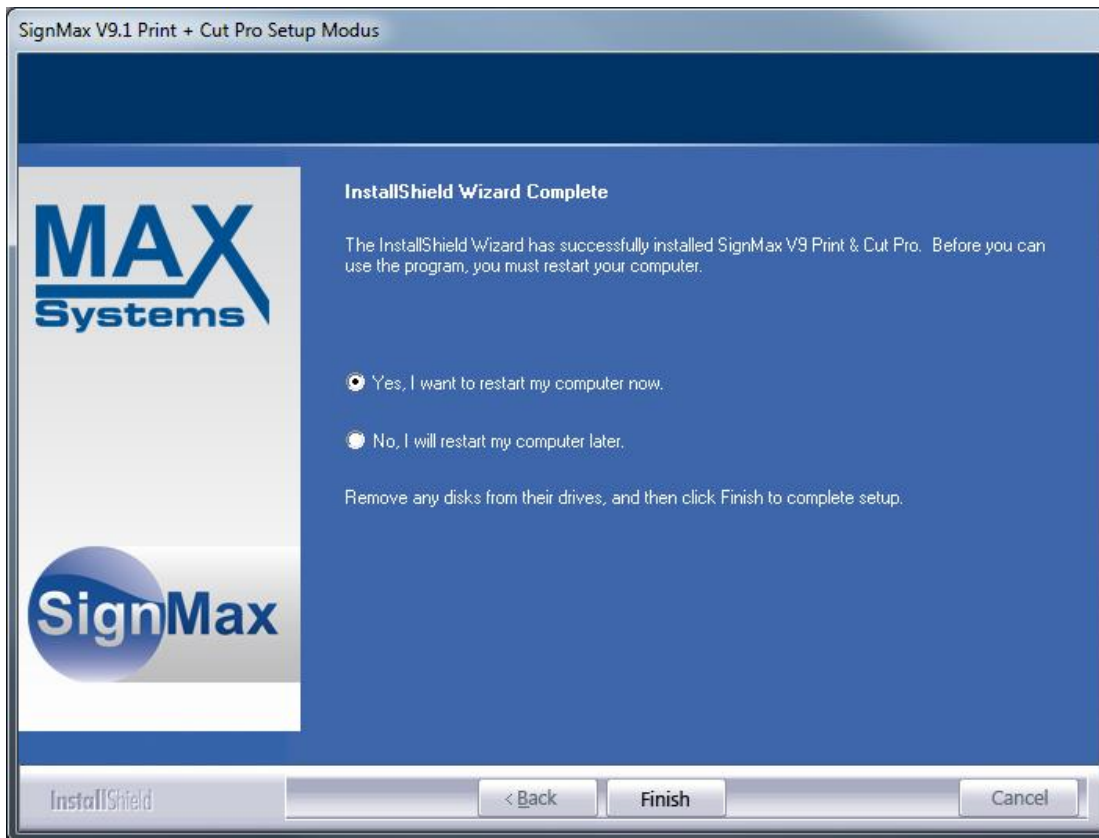Click „OK" after the message „Fonts installed" and you can continue with the newly added fonts.

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Follow the steps of the wizard.

3 User rights for the directory „SignMax"

Every user who works with the SignMax software on the computer needs "Full Control" to the directory SignMax. Alternatively, you can assign all rights to the user "Everyone" as shown below. If there isn't a user "Everyone" on your computer, you can add it for yourself ("Add", then type "Everyone" and confirm)

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Please close any open programs after completing the installation and restart the computer.

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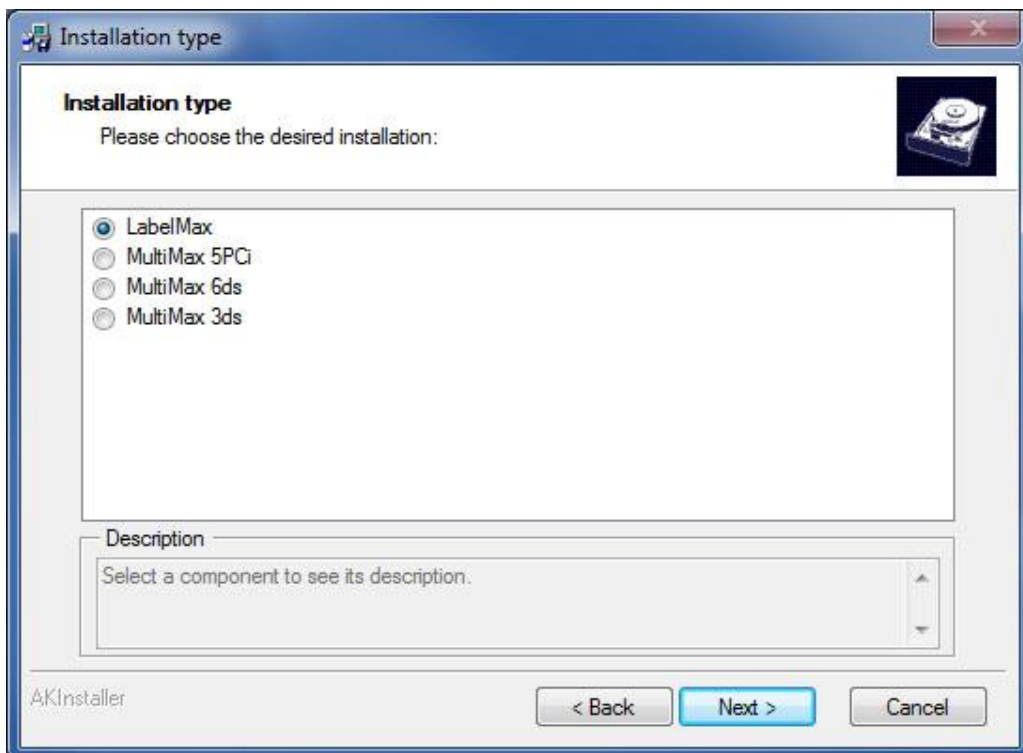# 4 Installation of the printer driver

4.1 USB

Connect your LabelMax directly to your Computer. The printer is automatically detected. Please make sure the DVD is in the drive/the USB Stick is plugged in. Follow the instructions of the Windows Installation-Wizard and choose the path of the printer-driver.

(Example): E:\SignMax\Drivers\LabelMax SP2

4.2 PARALLEL

To install the printer driver, please open „Drivers\LabelMax SP2\DriverWizard.exe" from the SignMax DVD or USB-Stick.

Note: The printer name should not be renamed. If this cannot be avoided, the printer has to be renamed in the cadlink.ini as well (C:\SignMax\SignMax).

To avoid re-installing the drivers, connect the LabelMax always to the same USB port!

5 Quickstart

This Quick Start is only a very brief instruction. The detailed instructions are included on the USB-Stick under "instructions".
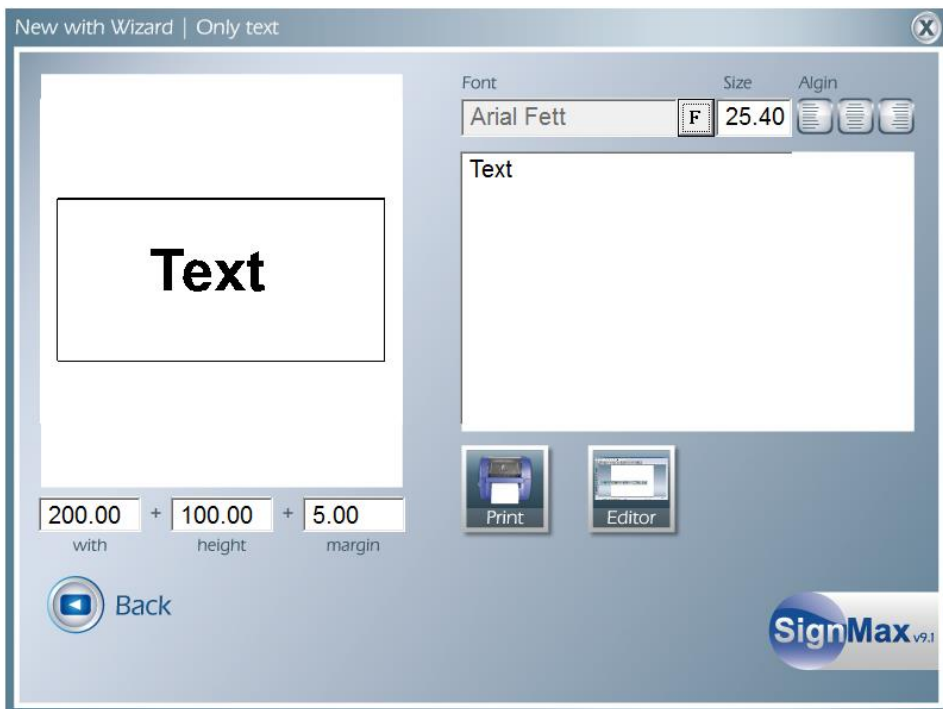

Start the Wizard.

Please choose your preferred type of material for one signs.

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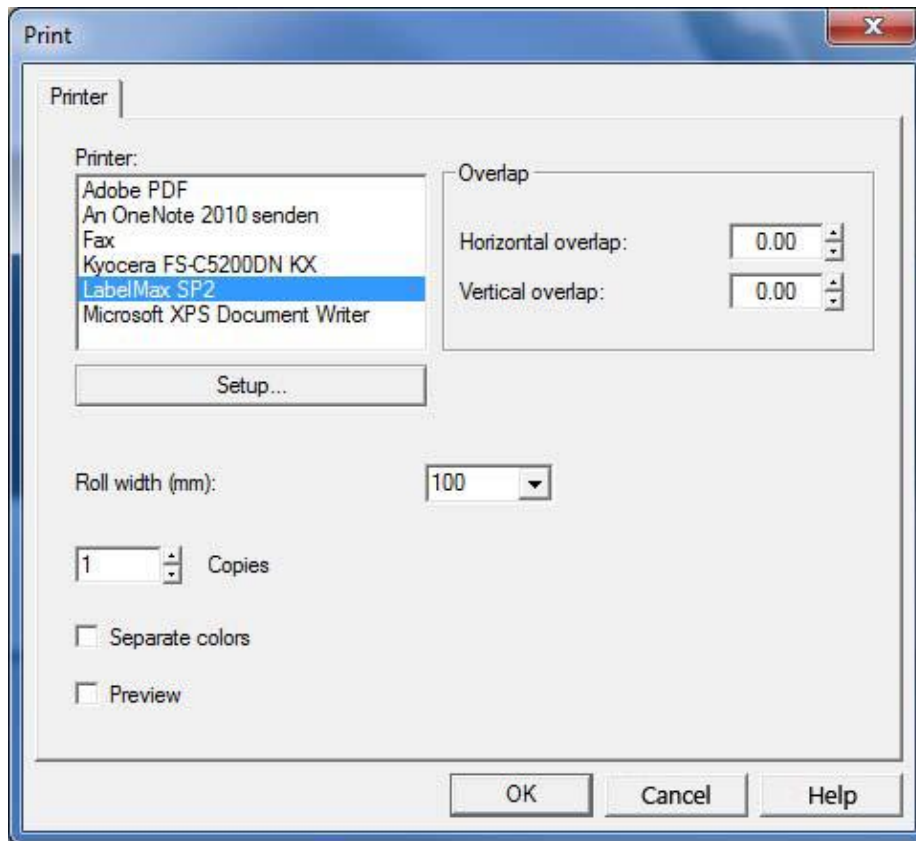Select your desired template for one „only text"

Now you can determine the size of your sign/label in millimeter in the fields "Width" and "Height". Write your text within the text area on the right. You may change the font, font-size and alignment of the text as well.

Just click „Print" after you've finished your sign/label and you will see the print menu.

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6 Print Menu

Select the correct printer (here: LabelMax SP2) after entering the print-menu by
Clicking on "File" > "Print".

Very important is the "Roll width"-item. It is essential to select the correct roll width of the tape, which is placed in the printer right now.
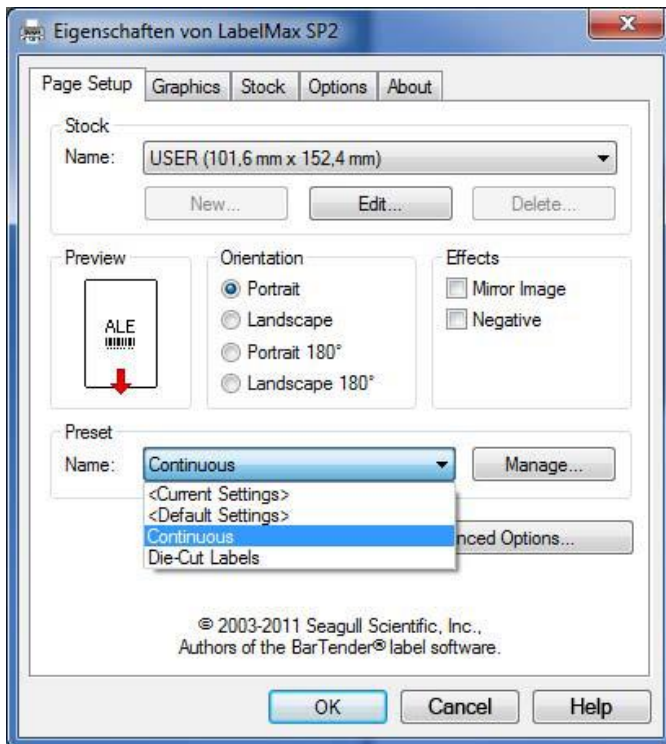

Copies: Enter the quantity of signs/badges you want.

Separate colors: Some templates, prohibition signs, for example, have separate colors. For example, prohibition signs have a pre-printed red circle. You only need to print the black layer.
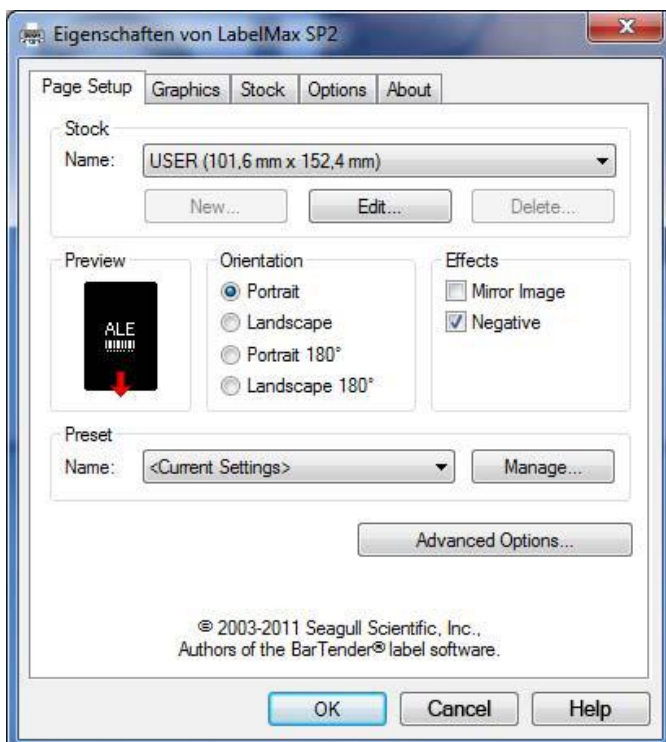
Overlap: These values are important if the print job does not fit on one page. The job is divided automatically. The configured overlap will be on both pages.

Roll width: This field is only shown for certain printers. This allows you to select the width of the material to be printed. SignMax will automatically select the optimal print orientation (vertical or horizontal).

Setup: Here you need to select if you want to process continuous material or Labels.

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Default settings: Here you need to select if you want to process continuous or die-cut labels.

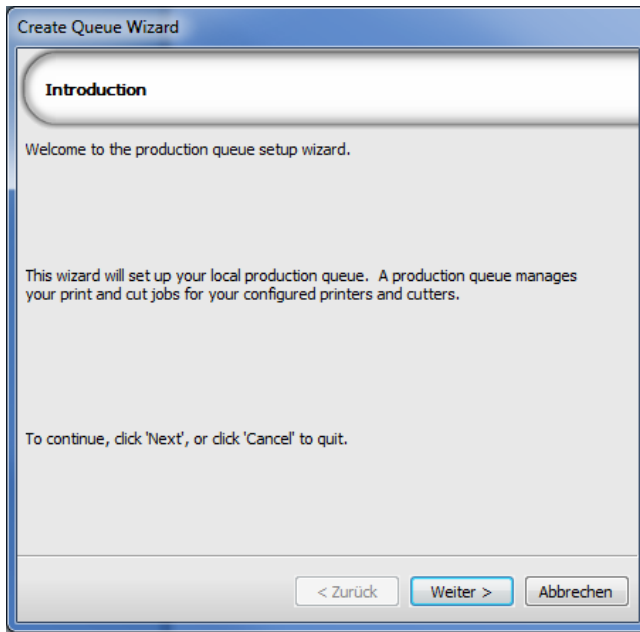**Negative:** When choosing „Negative", the colors will be printed inverted

Please note that these settings have to be set up for each user.

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7 Printmanager (VPM)

If you install a MultiMax 5PCi or MultiMax 6ds, please follow these instructions::
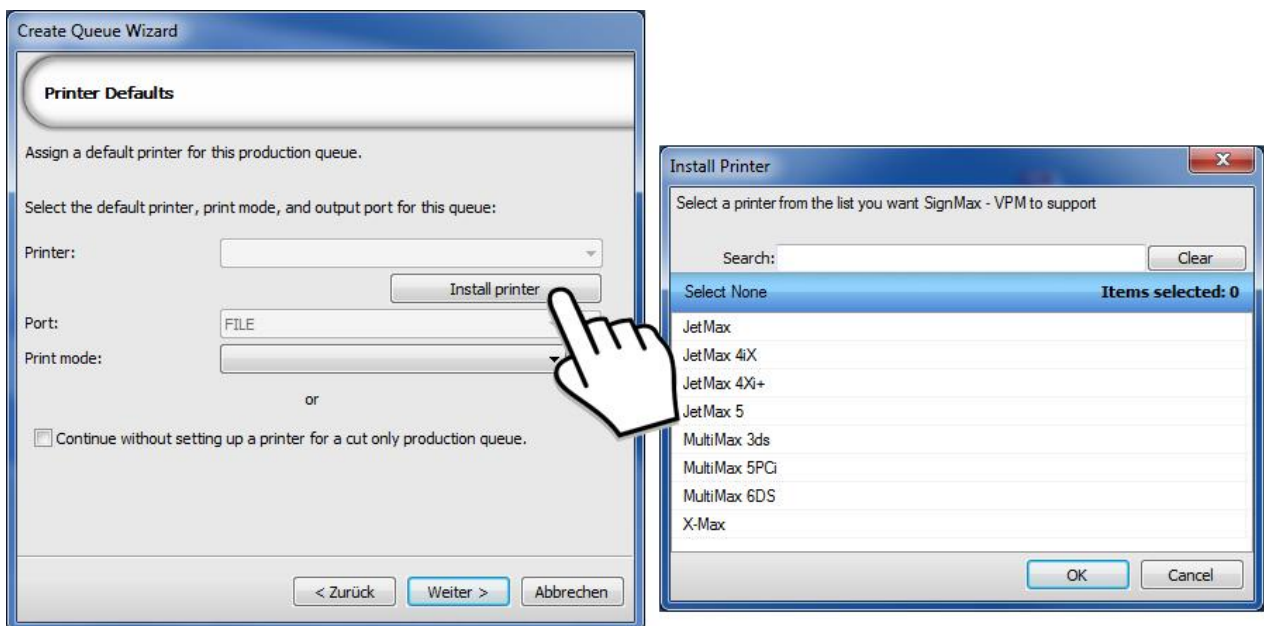
Step 1
Open your SignMax software and click „File" > „Start Visual Production Manager"
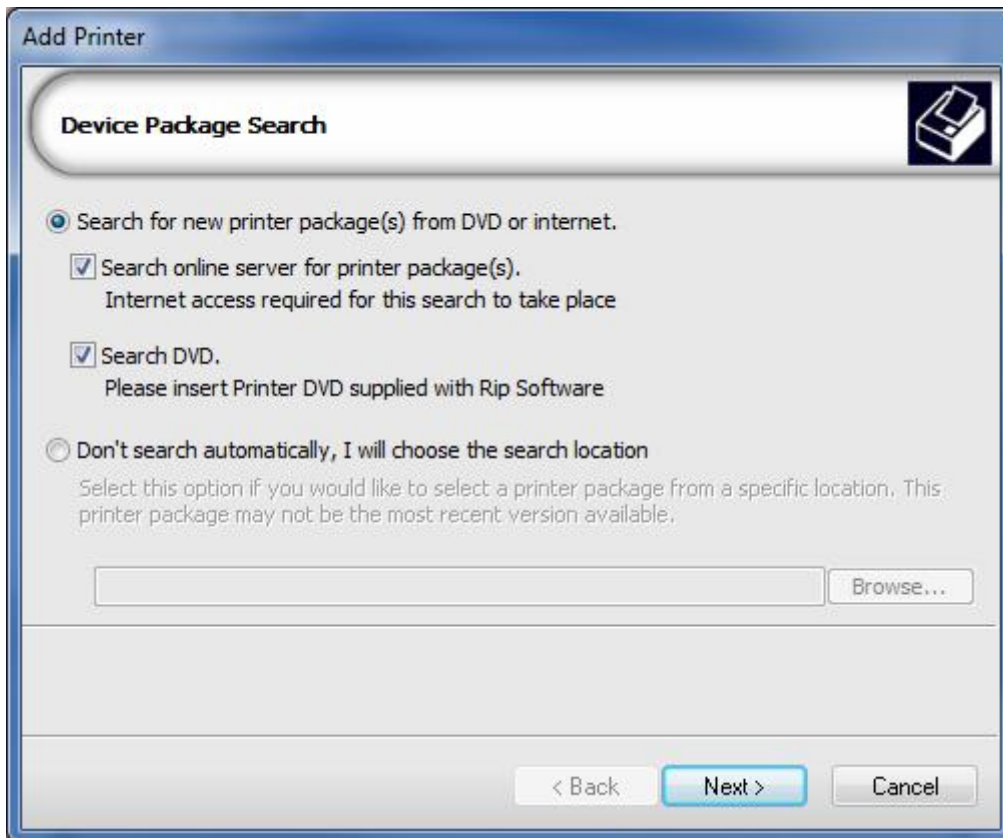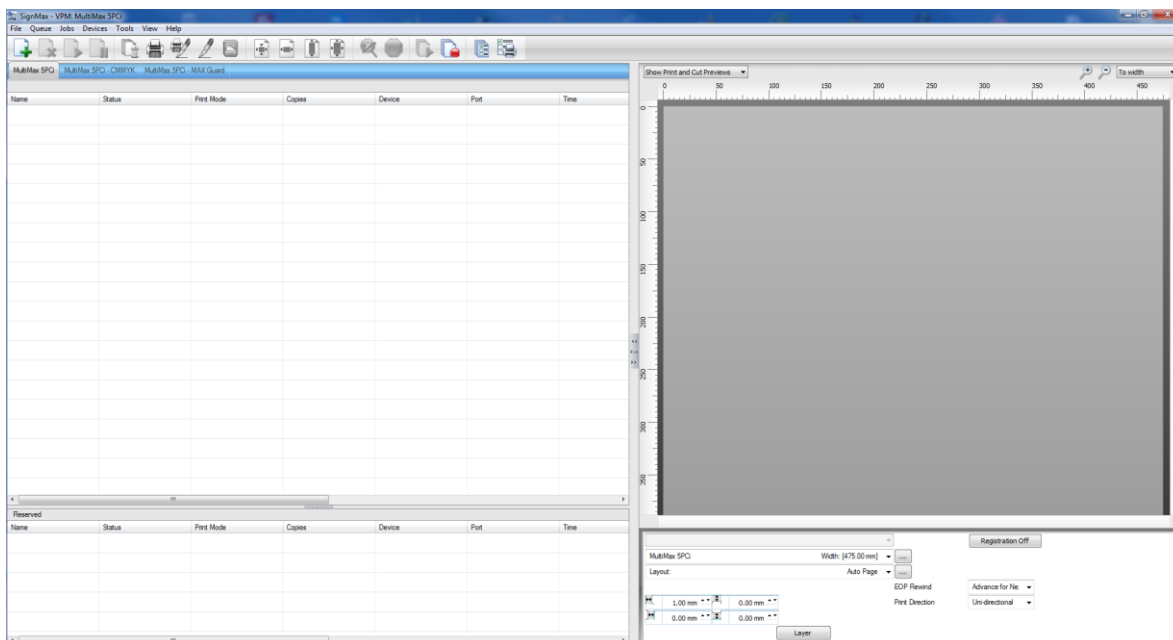Continue with "OK"

Step 2
Click on „Continue"

Step 3
Choose „Install Printer" (E.g. MultiMax 5PCi)

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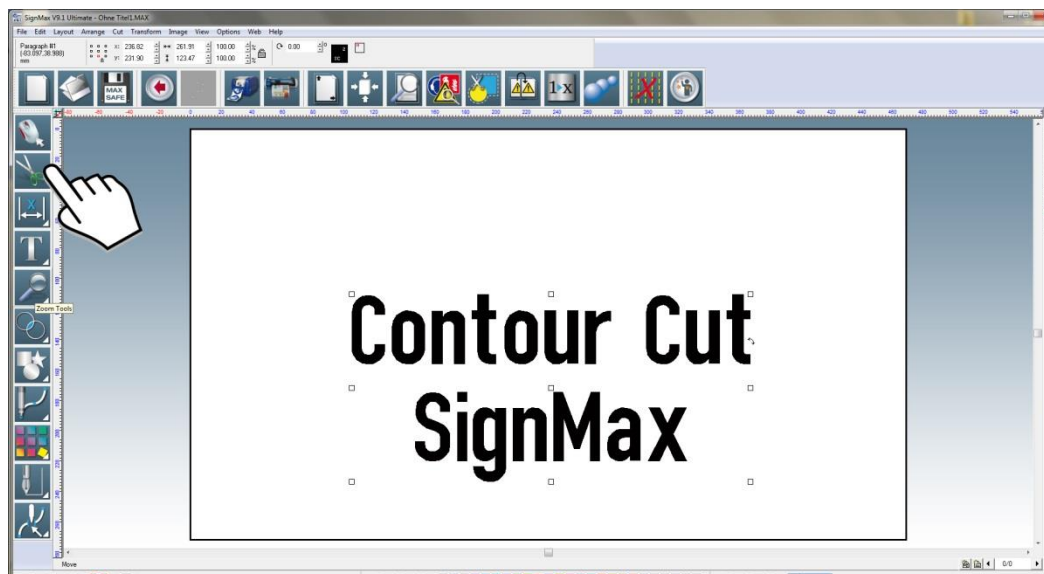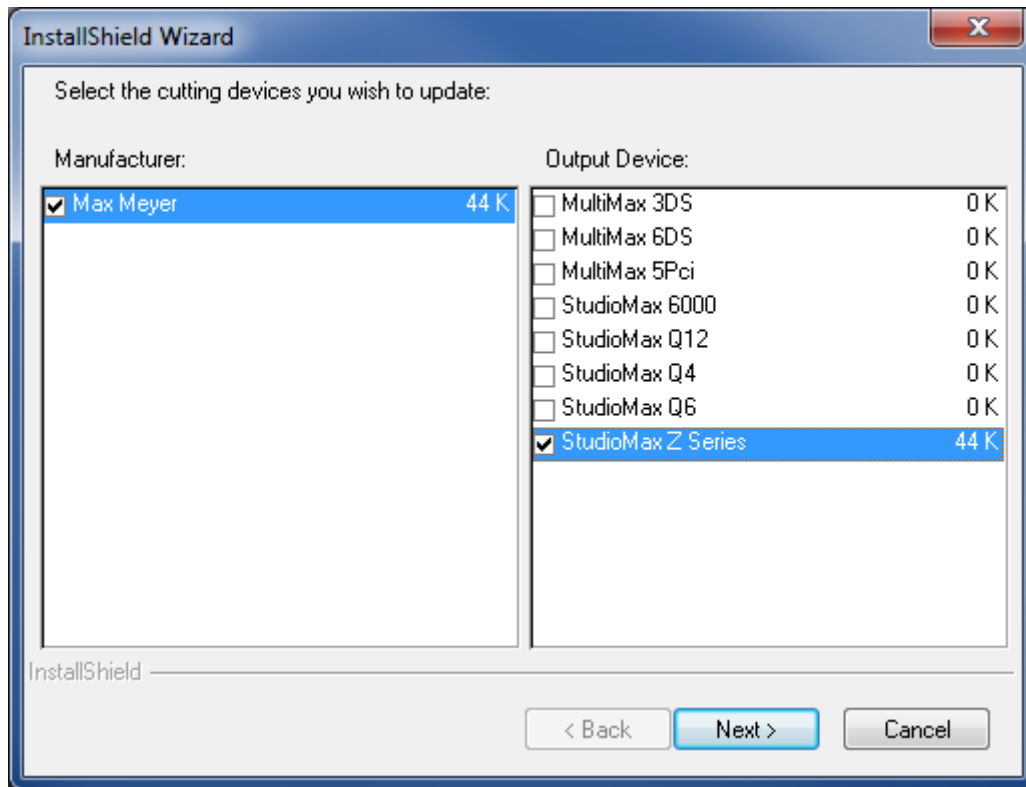
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Follow the instructions of the Wizard.

If the start-screen „VPM" appears, you may now choose your printer.
The procedure is the same for all other printers.

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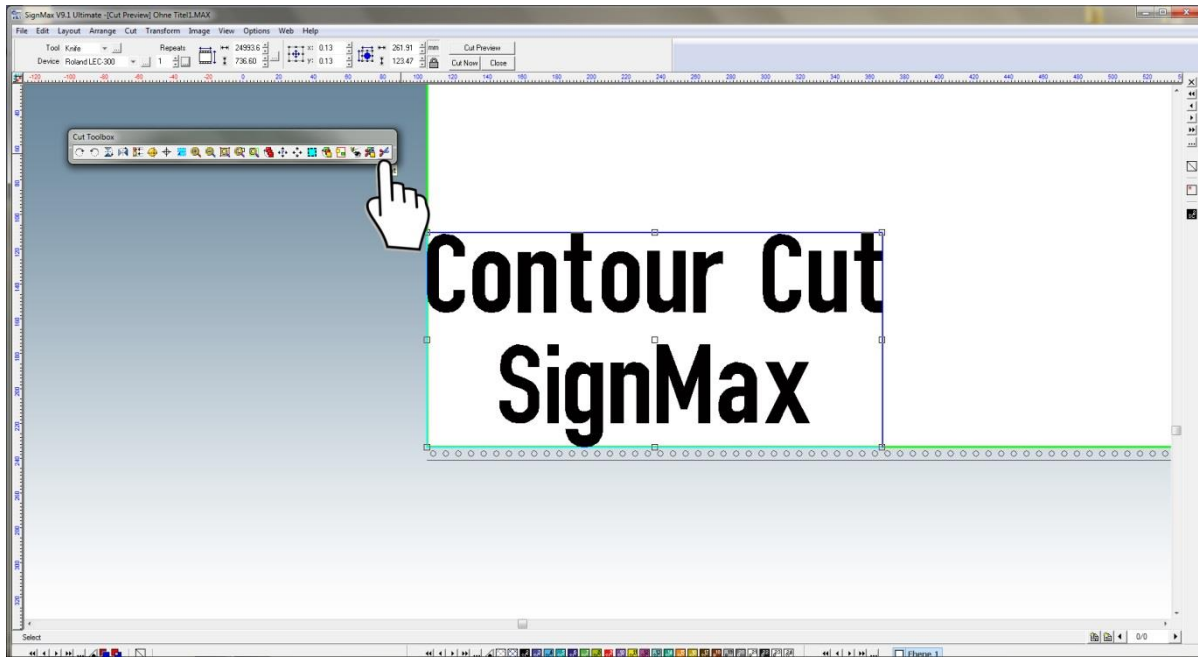
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8 StudioMax

When installing one of our StudioMax cutters:

Step 1
Open your SignMax software and click **File->install -> Cutting Devices**

Now you may write a text and then click on the scissors-symbol on the top-left of your screen.

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In the cutting-preview please click „Cut" and your cutter will start it.

We wish you much success in your work with the Software SignMax v9.1
If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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