



Communicator U3
SATA Hard Drive Docking Station

Quick Installation
REV. 1.4

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a Communicator U3 HDD Docking station. This unit allows you to install and access SATA drives quickly, and without the need for an enclosure. Simply plug the hard drive into the upright dock and connect it to a PC or notebook. The Communicator U3 is a perfect solution for data recovery, drive imaging, and testing centers, or any environment requiring fast access to uninstalled/archived drives.

2. System Requirements

PC Systems

- Intel Pentium-III 500MHz equivalent or faster
- CD-ROM Drive / 256MB (Minimum) / 500MB of free disk space
- SVGA (800x600) or higher resolution with at least 256 colors
- This product works with Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows VISTA, Windows 7

Macintosh Systems

- PowerMac G5, MacBook Pro or Mac Pro
- MacOS X, 10.4.8 (or later) / CD-ROM Drive

3. Installation

- 1) Connect the Attached power adapter to the Communicator U3.
- 2) Connect the Attached to the Communicator U3 and attach the other end to your computer.



Insert 2.5" or 3.5" SATA Hard Drive into the slot



Simplify plug in the HDD upright.



Removal Warning: Please power down the Communicator U3 by pressing the power button to ensure safe removal of the hard drive(s). Do not remove the hard drive(s) when the disc is reading or writing.

4. Driver Installation

Windows 2000/XP/VISTA/7

No drivers are necessary when using Windows 2000/XP/VISTA/7. If the hard drive does not appear under My Computer, be sure to enter disc management in your control panel to partition your hard drive.

Mac OS 9.0 or later

No drivers are necessary when using Mac OS 9.0 above. If the hard drive does not appear on the desktop, be sure to partition your hard drive.

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- Unplug the Communicator U3 if you currently have it connected.
- USB Mass Storage Support 1.3.5 must be installed on your system. If it is not, you can download the USB Mass Storage Support 1.3.5 from the Apple Software Updates website: <http://www.apple.com/support>.
- Follow the direction associated with the USB Mass Storage Support driver to install.
- Repeat the steps listed under "Connecting the Communicator U3 to your computer".

3) When the New Partition Wizard appears, click Next to continue.



4) Select the partition type you wish to create by clicking on Primary or Extended, as appropriate. When you have made your selection, click Next to continue.



5) Specify the size of the partition you wish to create. You must select a partition size that is between the maximum and minimum sizes (typically the maximum disk space available). Once you have done so, click Next to continue.



6) Select Format this partition with the following settings. Using the drop down buttons, select the file system, allocation unit size, and volume label you wish to use. Select Perform a Quick Format and click Next to continue.



7) A notification window will appear indicating that you have successfully completed the New Partition Wizard. Click Finish to commence the formatting of the drive.



8) The status of the drive, as shown in the Computer Management window, will be updated to reflect the selections you have made. Please wait while the drive is being formatted.



9) Once the drive has been successfully partitioned and formatted, it will display as Healthy.



10) To access your newly partitioned drive(s), open My Computer. Your drive(s) should be displayed below the heading Hard Disk Drives.



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As this unit is, or contains, an IT, this product should not be treated as household or general waste. It should be handed over to the appropriate collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment, or returned to the supplier for disposal.

