



# USB 3.0 to 2.5" SATA HDD/SSD Mini Docking Quick Installation Guide

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## Introduction

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The *USB 3.0 to 2.5" SATA HDD/SSD Mini Docking* quickly adds more storage space to your USB-enabled computer.

## Key Features and Benefits

- Convenient tool-less design with no driver installation required
- Compact and low power consumption with no power adapter needed
- Fits 2.5" 9.5mm and 12.5mm SATA hard disk drives (HDD) or solid-state drives (SSD)
- Supports up to 4TB hard disk capacity
- Compliant with Serial ATA and USB 3.0 specifications

**Note:** For maximum data throughput, use a SATA 6Gb/s drive with the Mini Docking and connect to a USB 3.0 port.

## System Requirements

- Desktop or notebook PC with an available USB 2.0/3.0 port (USB 3.0 recommended)
- Windows® 8 (32-/64-bit) / 7 (32-/64-bit) / Vista (32-/64-bit) / XP (32-/64-bit) / Server 2003 & 2008 (32-/64-bit) / Server 2008 R2

## Package Contents

- *USB 3.0 to 2.5" SATA HDD/SSD Mini Docking*
- USB 3.0 Y-split (data & power) cable
- Quick installation guide

## Layout



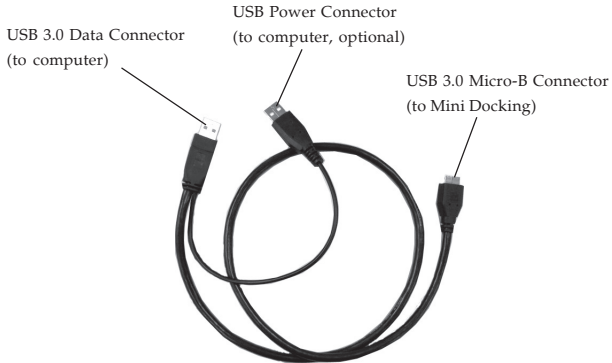
**Figure 1: Front Layout**



USB 3.0 Micro-B connector

**Figure 2: Rear Layout**

## USB 3.0 Y-split Cable



USB 3.0 Data Connector  
(to computer)

USB Power Connector  
(to computer, optional)

USB 3.0 Micro-B Connector  
(to Mini Docking)

**Figure 3: USB 3.0 Y-split Cable**

## Installation

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1. Make sure the HDD or SSD SATA connectors are in alignment with the *Mini Docking's* SATA connectors. Gently insert the hard drive into the drive slot.
2. Plug the included USB 3.0 Y-split cable's **USB 3.0 Micro-B Connector**, see **Figure 2** on page 3, into the *Mini Docking*.
3. Plug the Y-split cable's **USB 3.0 Data Connector**, see **Figure 3** on page 3, into a USB port of your computer (USB 3.0 is recommended for maximum performance).
4. Power on the *Mini Docking*, the **Power LED** and **Access LED** will be lit.
5. The *Mini Docking* is ready for use\*. No driver installation is needed.

**\*Important:** In most cases the **USB 3.0 Data Connector** will supply enough power to the *Mini Docking*. If not, connect the optional **USB Power Connector**, first power off the *Mini Docking* then plug the **USB Power Connector** into an available USB port, then power on the *Mini Docking*.

## Using the USB 3.0 to 2.5" SATA HDD/SSD Mini Docking

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### For an Existing Drive with Data

An additional drive icon will appear in **Computer** or **My Computer** when the *Mini Docking* is plugged into the computer. The drive acts just like a conventional hard drive in your system.


**Note:** Be careful not to touch the drive while in use. It will be warm.

### For a New Drive or a Drive Without Data

A new drive or a drive without data must first be partitioned and formatted before it will appear in **Computer** or **My Computer** as an active drive icon. Follow Microsoft Windows' **Disk Management** software utility partition and format procedure to prepare your drive for use.


## Disconnecting From The Computer

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Before unplugging *Mini Docking* from the computer or turning off the *Mini Docking*, it must first be stopped, by using Windows' **Safely Remove Hardware**  utility. Follow the steps for your version of Windows. **Not following the instructions may result in data corruption, data loss or hard drive failure.**

**Caution!:** Never insert or remove an HDD or SSD when the *Mini Docking* is powered on. Doing so will damage the drive and/or the *Mini Docking*.


### Windows 8 (32-/64-bit) / 7 (32-/64-bit) / Server 2008 R2

1. Verify that the **Access LED** is not flashing before proceeding.
2. Click the **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media** icon  located in the taskbar by the system clock.
3. Click **Eject**.

4. When the message **Safe To Remove Hardware** pops up, you can safely turn off or unplug the *Mini Docking*.


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## Windows Vista (32-/64-bit)

1. Verify that the **Access LED** is not flashing before proceeding.
2. Double click the **Unplug or Eject Hardware** icon  located in the taskbar by the system clock.
3. Highlight **USB Mass Storage Device**, click **Stop**.
4. Click **OK**, click **OK** again, then **Close**.
5. You can safely unplug or turn off the *Mini Docking*.

**Caution!:** Never insert or remove an HDD or SSD when the *Mini Docking* is powered on. Doing so will damage the drive and/or the *Mini Docking*.

## Windows XP (32-/64-bit) / Server 2003 & 2008 (32-/64-bit) / 2000 SP4

1. Verify that the **Access LED** is not flashing before proceeding.
2. Double click the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon  located in the taskbar by the system clock.
3. Highlight **USB Mass Storage Device**, click **Stop**, **OK** then **Close**.
4. You can safely unplug or turn off the *Mini Docking*.

**Caution!:** Never insert or remove an HDD or SSD when the *Mini Docking* is powered on. Doing so will damage the drive and/or the *Mini Docking*.



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**RMA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PRODUCT NAME**

USB 3.0 to 2.5" SATA HDD/SSD Mini Docking

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OPERATING ENVIRONMENT: FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE

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