

1 Getting Started

Kit Contents

- WD Essential™ External USB 2.0* Hard Drive
- 6 ft. (1.8m) USB 2.0 certified cable
- AC adapter and power cord
- Quick Install Guide
- Two stands for vertical placement
- Four feet for horizontal placement

**USB 2.0 PCI adapter card or built-in USB 2.0 host is required for Hi-Speed USB performance. USB 2.0 is highly recommended because of the significant reduction in file transfer time compared to USB 1.1.*



Figure 1

System Requirements

Windows®

- Available USB port
- Windows 98SE/Me/2000/XP

Macintosh®

- Available USB port
- Mac OS 9.2.2 or Mac OS X 10.1.5 or later

Note: For highest performance and reliability, WD recommends that you install the latest service pack (SP) and updates. Windows users, go to the Start menu and select **Windows Update**. Mac users, go to the Apple menu and select **Software Update**.

2 Connecting the Drive

Note: For a single drive, WD recommends using the stands for vertical placement with the Power button on top for easy access. For stacking multiple drives, use the feet for horizontal placement

Installing the Stands for Vertical Placement

1. Power off the external hard drive and disconnect all its cables.
2. Align the edge of a drive stand onto the side of the drive adjacent to the back (Figure 2).
3. Press the other edge of the stand toward the drive until the stand snaps firmly into place.

Note: Space the stands approximately 3–4 inches apart and approximately 2–3 inches from the edge of the drive for maximum balance and stability.

4. Repeat this process for the other stand.

Removing the Stands

1. Power off the external hard drive and disconnect all its cables.
2. Place the drive upside down on a clean and steady surface.
3. Using both hands, grasp the base of the stand and carefully bend the stand upward until the stand snaps away from the side of the drive (Figure 2).

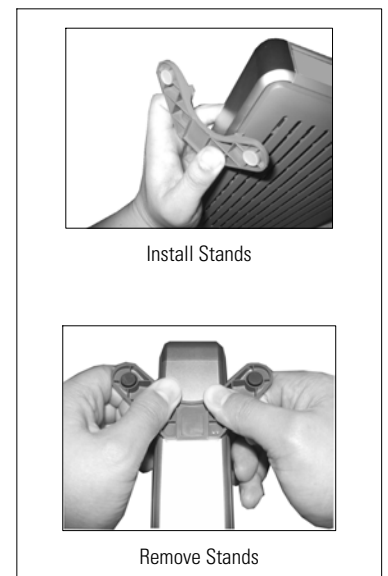


Figure 2

Installing the Feet for Horizontal Placement

1. Power off the external hard drive and disconnect all its cables.
2. Place the drive upside down on a clean and steady surface.
3. The back of the drive is keyed with a small crossbar at each corner within the ventilation slots for feet placement. Align the notch of the foot to the crossbar and insert one end of the foot into the ventilation slot at a slight angle. The feet are keyed to ensure proper insertion.
4. Press the foot into the groove until it snaps firmly into place.
5. Repeat this process for the three remaining feet.

Removing the Feet

1. Power off the external hard drive and disconnect all its cables.
2. Place the drive upside down on a clean and steady surface.
3. Carefully dislodge the foot by firmly pushing it off the ventilation slot (Figure 3).
4. Repeat this process for the three remaining feet.



Figure 3

Connecting the Cables

Note: If using Windows 98SE, you must install device drivers on your system before connecting the drive (see Section 3).

1. Connect the AC adapter cord to the DC power supply socket on the back of the drive (Figure 4).
2. Connect one end of the power cord to the AC adapter.
3. Connect the other end of the power cord to an electrical outlet.
4. Connect one end of the USB 2.0 cable to the USB 2.0 port on the back of the drive (Figure 4).
5. Connect the other end of the USB 2.0 cable to an available USB port on your computer.
6. Press the Power button to turn on the drive (Figure 4). Your operating system automatically detects the external USB drive. The area surrounding the Power button illuminates green and flashes to indicate drive activity.

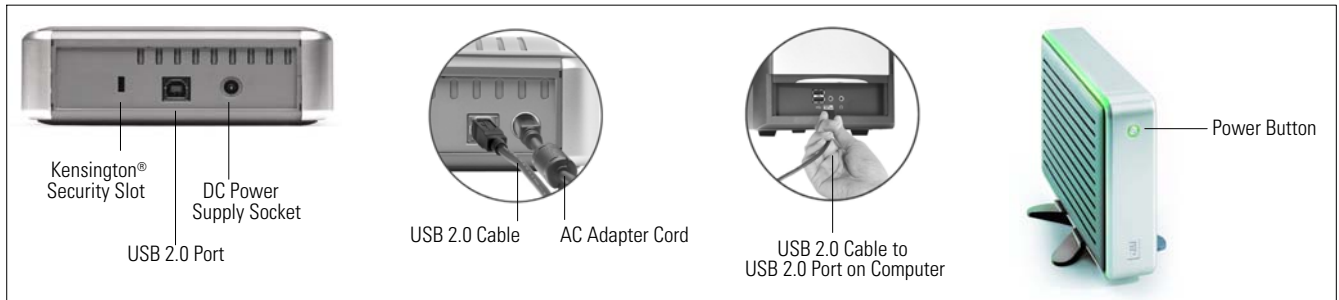


Figure 4

Note: Depending on your system configuration, your computer may attempt to boot from your WD USB drive. Refer to your system's motherboard BIOS setting documentation to disable this feature or visit support.wdc.com, click **Knowledge Base**, and search for answer ID 1201. For more information about booting from external drives, refer to your system documentation or contact your system manufacturer.

3 Setting up the Drive

Windows

Note: Your WD drive is preformatted as a single FAT32 partition for compatibility with all Windows operating systems. The FAT32 file system has a maximum file transfer of 4 GB. For more information about file formats and overcoming file size limitations, refer to your operating system manual or visit support.wdc.com, click **Knowledge Base**, and search for answer ID 1053 for Windows 2000 or answer ID 1021 for Windows XP.

Windows 98SE

1. Go to support.wdc.com, click **Downloads**, locate your product name, and download the device driver installer onto your computer desktop.
2. Double-click the device driver icon to begin installation.
3. When driver installation is completed, restart your computer.
4. After restarting, follow the instructions in Section 2 to connect the drive. Windows automatically detects the drive and a new hard drive icon appears in the My Computer window. Your WD drive is preformatted as a single FAT32 partition and is ready to use.

Windows Me/2000/XP

1. After connecting the drive, Windows automatically detects your WD drive and installs the drivers.
2. If prompted, restart your computer. A new drive icon appears in the My Computer window. Your WD drive is preformatted as a single FAT32 partition and is ready to use.

Macintosh

Important: You must reinitialize or format your WD drive using Apple's Disk Utility before using the drive.

Mac OS 9.2.2

1. To format the drive, select **Control Panels > Extensions Manager** from the Apple menu.
2. Disable **File Exchange** from the extensions list by clearing the adjacent check box. Click **Restart**.
3. After restarting, a message appears prompting you to initialize the drive. Enter a name, select **Mac OS Extended**, and click **Initialize**.
4. Click **Continue** to confirm drive initialization. A hard drive icon with the name you assigned appears on the desktop after formatting is completed. To re-enable **File Exchange**, select the check box in **Extensions Manager** and click **Restart**. Your new WD drive is ready to use.

Mac OS X 10.1.5 or Later

1. To format the drive, select **Applications > Utilities > Disk Utility**. Select your new drive on the left panel, and click the **Erase** tab on the right panel. If prompted, click **OK**.
2. Select **Mac OS Extended** from the Volume Format menu, and enter a name for your drive.
3. Click **Erase** to begin drive formatting. A hard drive icon with the name you assigned appears on the desktop after formatting is completed. To partition the drive into multiple volumes, select the **Partition** tab from the Disk Utility program menu and follow the instructions. If prompted, restart the system. A new hard drive icon appears on the desktop and your WD drive is ready to use.

4 Disconnecting the Drive

CAUTION: To prevent data loss, be sure to close all active applications before shutting down the drive.

Windows

1. Double-click the Safely Remove Hardware icon in your system tray (typically located on the bottom right corner of your desktop).
2. Select **USB Mass Storage Device** from the list and click **Stop** (Figure 5). Click **OK** to confirm your selection of the drive to be disconnected.
3. Click **Close** and press the Power button once. Now you may safely disconnect the USB cable from your computer and the power cord from the electrical outlet.

Macintosh

1. Find the Removable Disk icon associated with the drive you want to disconnect and drag it to the Trash icon on your desktop.
2. After the disk icon disappears from the desktop, you may safely disconnect the USB cable from your computer and the power cord from the electrical outlet.

Safely Remove Hardware Icon



Figure 5

Regulatory Compliance

FCC Class B Information

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits of a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This unit generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio or television reception. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by WD could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

The following booklet, prepared by the Federal Communications Commission, may be helpful: *How to Identify and Resolve Radio/TV Interference Problems*. This booklet is Stock No. 004-000-00345-4 available from the US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

CSA Notice

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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CE Compliance For Europe

Verified to comply with EN55022 for RF Emissions and EN50082-1 for Generic Immunity, as applicable.

Warranty Information

This product contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing only to WD authorized personnel or a WD-approved service center.

Obtaining Service

WD values your business and always attempts to provide you the very best of service. If this Product requires maintenance, either contact the dealer from whom you originally purchased the Product or visit our product support Web site at support.wdc.com for information on how to obtain service or a Return Material Authorization (RMA). If it is determined that the Product may be defective, you will be given an RMA number and instructions for Product return. An unauthorized return (i.e., one for which an RMA number has not been issued) will be returned to you at your expense. Authorized returns must be shipped in an approved shipping container, prepaid and insured, to the address provided on your return paperwork. Your original box and packaging materials should be kept for storing or shipping your WD product. To conclusively establish the period of warranty, check the warranty expiration (serial number required) via support.wdc.com. WD shall have no liability for lost data regardless of the cause, recovery of lost data, or data contained in any Product placed in its possession.

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