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## Verbatim VER86269

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Model: VER86269

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the proper use and care of your Verbatim DataLife High Density 3.5 inch Microdisks (MF-2HD). These diskettes are designed for reliable data storage and transfer with compatible floppy disk drives. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your diskettes.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Verbatim DataLife MF-2HD diskettes are 3.5-inch magnetic storage media, commonly known as floppy disks. Each diskette provides 1.44 MB of storage capacity. They are identifiable by two square holes, indicating their high-density format.



Figure 1: Packaging for Verbatim DataLife High Density 3.5 inch Microdisks. The box is light blue with "Verbatim DataLife MF 2HD" prominently displayed, along with "10 PCS." indicating a pack of ten diskettes.

## SETUP

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Before using your new diskettes, they may need to be formatted. Formatting prepares the diskette for data storage by creating a file system compatible with your operating system.

### Formatting Diskettes

1. **Insert the Diskette:** Gently insert the Verbatim MF-2HD diskette into a compatible 3.5-inch floppy disk drive on your computer or device. Ensure the metal shutter faces inward and the diskette slides in smoothly.
2. **Access Formatting Utility:**
  - **Windows:** Open "My Computer" or "This PC," right-click on the floppy drive icon (usually A: or B:), and select "Format."
  - **macOS (Classic Mac OS with Superdrive):** Insert the disk. If unformatted, the system will prompt you to initialize (format) the disk. If already recognized as an IBM disk via PC Exchange, select the disk on the desktop and choose "Erase Disk"

from the Special menu.

- **Other Systems:** Refer to your operating system's documentation for specific formatting instructions.

### 3. Select Format Options:

- Ensure "Capacity" is set to 1.44 MB.
- Choose your desired file system (e.g., FAT12 for broad compatibility).
- You may choose "Quick Format" for faster formatting if the diskette has been previously formatted and is known to be in good condition. For new or problematic diskettes, a full format is recommended.

4. **Start Formatting:** Click "Start" or "Format" to begin the process. A confirmation message will appear upon completion.

**Note:** Formatting will erase all existing data on the diskette. Ensure you have backed up any important information before proceeding.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### Inserting and Ejecting Diskettes

- **Insertion:** Hold the diskette with the metal shutter facing the drive and the arrow (if present) pointing towards the drive slot. Gently push the diskette into the drive until it clicks into place. Do not force it.
- **Ejection:**
  - **Windows:** Click the "Eject" button next to the floppy drive icon in "My Computer" or "This PC," or simply press the eject button on the floppy drive itself.
  - **macOS:** Drag the floppy disk icon from the desktop to the Trash, or select the disk icon and choose "Eject" from the File menu. Alternatively, press the eject button on the drive.

### Saving and Accessing Data

- **Saving Data:** Once the diskette is inserted and recognized, it will appear as a removable drive. You can drag and drop files onto the diskette icon, or use the "Save As" function within applications to save files directly to the diskette.
- **Accessing Data:** Double-click the floppy drive icon in your file explorer to view the contents of the diskette. You can then open, copy, or move files as needed.

**Important:** Always ensure that data transfer is complete before ejecting the diskette to prevent data corruption.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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- **Handle with Care:** Avoid touching the exposed magnetic media through the metal shutter. Fingerprints, dust, and debris can cause read/write errors.
- **Storage:** Store diskettes in a clean, dry, and cool environment, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and strong magnetic fields (e.g., speakers, monitors, magnets). Use a diskette storage box for best protection.
- **Avoid Bending:** Do not bend or apply excessive pressure to the diskette casing.
- **Keep Clean:** If the diskette casing becomes dirty, wipe it gently with a soft, lint-free cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners directly on the diskette.
- **Labeling:** Use a felt-tip pen to write on diskette labels. Avoid ballpoint pens or sharp objects that could damage the diskette.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Diskette Not Recognized / Read Error:

- **Check Insertion:** Ensure the diskette is fully and correctly inserted into the drive.
- **Clean Drive:** A dirty floppy drive head can cause errors. Consider using a floppy drive cleaning kit.

- **Reformat:** If the diskette is new or has been used on a different system, it may need to be formatted for your current operating system (refer to the "Setup" section).
- **Try Another Diskette:** Test with a known good diskette to determine if the issue is with the diskette or the drive.
- **Check for Damage:** Inspect the diskette for visible damage to the casing or shutter.

**Write Protection Error:**

- **Check Write-Protect Tab:** On the bottom-left corner of the diskette, there is a small plastic tab. If this tab is open (revealing a hole), the diskette is write-protected. Slide the tab to close the hole to enable writing.

**Slow Performance:**

- Floppy disk drives are inherently slower than modern storage media. This is normal operation.
- Ensure your system's drivers for the floppy drive are up to date.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Product Type	3.5 inch High Density Microdisks (Floppy Diskettes)
Model Number	VER86269 (MF-2HD)
Storage Capacity	1.44 MB
Unit Count	10 Diskettes Per Pack
Dimensions (per diskette)	3.5 inches (approx. 90mm x 94mm x 3.3mm)
Color	White (as per product specifications, though packaging is blue)
Manufacturer	Verbatim America, LLC
UPC	023942862697

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For information regarding product warranty, technical support, or further assistance, please refer to the official Verbatim website or contact Verbatim customer service directly. Contact details and warranty terms are typically provided with the product packaging or on the manufacturer's official support pages.

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