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Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F

Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F 3.5-inch SATA and IDE Hard Drive Enclosure User Manual

Model: BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F

1. Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F external hard drive enclosure. This universal enclosure is designed to house 3.5-inch SATA or IDE hard drives, allowing you to recover, store, and transport your data efficiently. It features a robust aluminum construction and a USB 2.0 interface for broad compatibility.



Figure 1: The Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F hard drive enclosure with its stand, showcasing its compact design.

2. Package Contents

Please verify that all items are present in your package:

- Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F 3.5-inch Hard Drive Enclosure
- USB 2.0 Cable
- 12V Power Adapter
- Mounting Screws and Screwdriver (for hard drive installation)
- Hard Drive Stand

3. Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to install your 3.5-inch hard drive into the enclosure and connect it to your computer.

3.1. Hard Drive Installation

1. Carefully slide open the enclosure to access the internal bay.
2. **For SATA Hard Drives:** Connect the SATA data and power connectors from the enclosure's circuit board to your SATA hard drive. Ensure a firm connection.
3. **For IDE Hard Drives:** Connect the IDE ribbon cable and the 4-pin Molex power connector from the enclosure's circuit board to your IDE hard drive. Ensure the IDE cable is oriented correctly (pin 1 alignment).
4. Gently slide the hard drive into the enclosure, ensuring it is securely seated.
5. Secure the hard drive within the enclosure using the provided screws.
6. Close the enclosure by sliding the cover back into place until it clicks or is firmly shut.



Figure 2: Rear view of the enclosure showing the power input, power switch, and USB 2.0 port, along with internal connectors for SATA and IDE drives.

3.2. Connecting to Your Computer

1. Connect the 12V power adapter to the enclosure's power input port.
2. Plug the power adapter into an electrical outlet.
3. Connect one end of the USB 2.0 cable to the enclosure's USB port.
4. Connect the other end of the USB 2.0 cable to an available USB port on your computer.

5. Flip the power switch on the enclosure to the 'ON' position. The power indicator light should illuminate.
6. Your operating system (Windows, macOS) should automatically detect the new hardware. If the hard drive is new or unformatted, you may need to initialize and format it through your operating system's disk management tools before use.

4. Operating Instructions

The Bluestork BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F enclosure operates on a Plug and Play basis, meaning no additional drivers are typically required for Windows or macOS.

- **Data Transfer:** Once connected and recognized by your computer, the hard drive will appear as an external storage device. You can drag and drop files, copy, paste, and manage data as you would with any other drive.
- **Speed:** The USB 2.0 interface supports data transfer rates up to 480 Mbps.
- **Safe Removal:** Always safely eject the hard drive from your operating system before disconnecting the USB cable or turning off the enclosure to prevent data corruption.



Figure 3: The Bluestork enclosure positioned vertically on a desk, demonstrating its integration into a workspace.

5. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your hard drive enclosure.

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the enclosure. Avoid liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the enclosure is placed in a well-ventilated area. While the aluminum body aids in heat dissipation, prolonged continuous operation, especially with older or high-performance drives, can generate heat. If the enclosure feels excessively hot, consider turning it off for a period to cool down.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the enclosure in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme

temperatures.

- **Handling:** Handle the enclosure with care to avoid drops or impacts, which could damage the internal hard drive.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Bluestork enclosure, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Enclosure not detected by computer	Power not connected; USB cable loose or faulty; hard drive not properly installed; hard drive unformatted or corrupted.	◦ Ensure power adapter is connected and enclosure is switched ON. ◦ Try a different USB port or cable. ◦ Re-check hard drive installation inside the enclosure. ◦ Check Disk Management (Windows) or Disk Utility (macOS) to see if the drive is detected but unformatted.
Slow data transfer speeds	Using a USB 1.1 port; system resource contention; fragmented hard drive.	◦ Ensure you are connected to a USB 2.0 port or higher. ◦ Close unnecessary applications. ◦ Defragment the hard drive (Windows only).
Enclosure gets hot during use	Normal operation for hard drives; prolonged use.	◦ Ensure adequate ventilation around the enclosure. ◦ Turn off the enclosure when not actively transferring data for extended periods.

7. Specifications

- **Model Number:** BS-EHD-35-COMBO-F
- **Brand:** Bluestork (Manufactured by The G-Lab)
- **Material:** Aluminum
- **Color:** Black
- **Compatible Hard Drive Size:** 3.5 inches
- **Hard Drive Interface:** SATA, IDE
- **External Interface:** USB 2.0
- **Max Storage Capacity:** 4 TB
- **Data Transfer Rate:** Up to 480 Mbps (USB 2.0)
- **Power Supply:** External 12V DC Adapter
- **Compatible Operating Systems:** Windows 7/8/10, Mac OS

8. Warranty and Support

Manufacturer Warranty: This product comes with a 24-month manufacturer's warranty.
For technical support or warranty claims, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the

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