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Model: MD04ACA400

Brand: TOSHIBA

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Toshiba MD04ACA400 4TB Internal Hard Disk Drive. This drive is designed for use in desktop computers, offering high capacity and reliable performance for various applications including data storage, gaming, and media management.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always handle the hard drive with care to prevent physical damage and ensure safe operation.

- Avoid static discharge by grounding yourself before handling the drive. An anti-static wrist strap is recommended.
- Do not expose the drive to extreme temperatures, humidity, or direct sunlight.
- Do not open the drive enclosure; it contains no user-serviceable parts and doing so will void the warranty.
- Always disconnect power from your computer before performing any installation or removal procedures.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that your package contains the following:

- 1 x Toshiba MD04ACA400 4TB Internal Hard Disk Drive

*Note: Mounting screws, SATA data cables, and SATA power cables are typically sold separately and are not included with the bare drive.*

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This section guides you through the physical installation of the hard drive into a desktop computer and its initial setup.

## Prerequisites

- Desktop computer with an available 3.5-inch drive bay.
- Available SATA data port on the motherboard.
- Available SATA power connector from the power supply unit (PSU).
- Phillips head screwdriver.
- Anti-static wrist strap (recommended).

## Installation Steps

1. **Power Off:** Power off your computer completely and unplug the power cord from the wall outlet.
2. **Open Case:** Open the computer case. Refer to your computer's manual for specific instructions on how to access the internal components.
3. **Locate Bay:** Locate an available 3.5-inch drive bay.
4. **Insert Drive:** Gently slide the Toshiba MD04ACA400 hard drive into the drive bay. Ensure the SATA data and power connectors face the inside of the case.
5. **Secure Drive:** Secure the drive using appropriate screws (typically four screws, two on each side) to prevent vibration and ensure stability.
6. **Connect Data Cable:** Connect one end of a SATA data cable to the SATA data port on the hard drive and the other end to an available SATA data port on your motherboard.
7. **Connect Power Cable:** Connect a SATA power connector from your PSU to the SATA power port on the hard drive.
8. **Close Case & Power On:** Close the computer case and reconnect the power cord. Power on your computer.



Image: The Toshiba MD04ACA400 4TB Internal Hard Disk Drive, showing its internal components and SATA interface.

## Initializing and Formatting the Drive

After physical installation, the drive needs to be initialized and formatted by the operating system before it can be used.

1. **For Windows:** Right-click "This PC" or "My Computer", select "Manage", then "Disk Management". Locate the new drive (it will likely appear as "Unallocated Space"). Right-click the drive, select "Initialize Disk", choose MBR or GPT (GPT is recommended for drives larger than 2TB), then create a "New Simple Volume" and follow the wizard to format it (NTFS is common for Windows).
2. **For macOS:** Open "Disk Utility" (Applications > Utilities). Select the new drive, click "Erase", choose a format (e.g., APFS or Mac OS Extended (Journaled)), and click "Erase".
3. **For Linux:** Use command-line tools like fdisk, gparted, or mkfs to partition and format the drive according to your distribution's guidelines.

## OPERATION

Once installed and formatted, the Toshiba MD04ACA400 functions as a standard internal storage device within your computer system.

- **Data Storage:** Use the drive to store various types of data, including documents, photos, videos, music, and application files.
- **Operating System:** The drive can be used as a primary drive for installing an operating system or as a secondary drive for additional storage.
- **Data Transfer:** Transfer data to and from the drive using standard file management operations (copy, paste, drag-and-drop) provided by your operating system.
- **Performance:** With a 7200 RPM rotational speed and SATA 6.0Gb/s interface, the drive offers fast data access and transfer rates suitable for demanding applications and large file operations.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper maintenance and care can significantly extend the lifespan of your hard drive and help protect your valuable data.

- **Regular Backups:** Periodically back up all important data to another storage device (e.g., external hard drive, cloud storage). Hard drives are mechanical devices and can eventually fail.
- **Temperature Control:** Ensure adequate airflow within your computer case to prevent the drive from overheating. High temperatures can reduce drive longevity.
- **Avoid Physical Shocks:** While the drive has internal shock detection, avoid dropping or jarring your computer, especially when it is operating, as this can cause damage to the platters and read/write heads.
- **Software Maintenance:** Regularly run disk defragmentation utilities (for HDDs on Windows) and error checking tools to maintain optimal performance and identify potential issues early.
- **Safe Removal (if applicable):** If the drive is used in an external enclosure, always safely eject or unmount the drive through your operating system before disconnecting it to prevent data corruption.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your hard drive.

### Drive Not Detected

- **Check Cables:** Ensure both the SATA data and power cables are securely connected to the drive and the motherboard/PSU.
- **BIOS/UEFI Settings:** Verify that the SATA port the drive is connected to is enabled in your computer's BIOS/UEFI settings.
- **Power Supply:** Ensure your power supply unit has sufficient wattage and available SATA power connectors.
- **Disk Management (Windows):** Check Disk Management to see if the drive is detected but uninitialized or unformatted. Follow the initialization and formatting steps if necessary.

### Slow Performance

- **Cable Check:** Ensure you are using a SATA 6.0Gb/s compatible cable and port for optimal speed.
- **Disk Fragmentation:** Run a disk defragmenter if your operating system recommends it for HDDs.
- **Background Processes:** Close unnecessary applications running in the background that might be consuming disk resources.
- **S.M.A.R.T. Status:** Use a diagnostic tool to check the drive's S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology) status for potential issues.

## Unusual Noises

- Clicking, grinding, or loud whirring noises can indicate a failing drive. Back up your data immediately and consider replacing the drive.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Capacity	4 TB
Buffer	64 MB
Rotation Speed	7200 RPM
Interface	SATA 6.0Gb/s (SATA III)
Form Factor	3.5 Inches
Item Weight	1.41 pounds
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	2.76 x 0.28 x 3.94 inches
Hardware Platform	Mac, PC
Manufacturer	Intenso (as listed in specifications)
Model Number	MD04ACA400

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Toshiba product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Toshiba support website.

For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or warranty claims, please contact Toshiba customer service through their official channels.

*Note: Data recovery plans are separate services and are not typically part of the standard product warranty.*