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Model: 5.25" All-in-One Media Dashboard

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your 5.25" All-in-One Media Dashboard. This device is designed to fit into a standard 5.25-inch drive bay in your computer case, expanding its connectivity options with multiple USB ports, an eSATA port, and a versatile card reader.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The 5.25" All-in-One Media Dashboard integrates several essential ports and card reader slots into a single front panel unit, enhancing your computer's accessibility and functionality.

Key Features:

- **USB 2.0 Ports:** Two ports with transmission speeds up to 480Mbps.
- **USB 3.0 Ports:** Two ports with transmission speeds up to 5.0Gbps.
- **eSATA Port:** One port with transmission speeds up to 3.0 Gbps.
- **All-in-One Card Reader:** Supports CF, TF (Micro SD), M2, MS, MMC, and SD card formats.
- **High Definition Audio Ports:** Dedicated headphone and microphone jacks.
- **Power Output:** DC 12V/5V output for external devices.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the Media Dashboard, illustrating the layout of USB 2.0, USB 3.0, eSATA, card reader slots (CF, TF, M2, SD, MMC, MS), audio jacks, and DC power output.



Figure 2.2: Detailed view of the front panel, highlighting the labels for each port and card slot for easy identification.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for the functionality of the media dashboard. Please follow these steps carefully.

Required Tools:

- Phillips head screwdriver
- Your computer case's mounting screws (typically included with the case)

Installation Steps:

1. **Power Off and Disconnect:** Ensure your computer is completely powered off and unplugged from the wall outlet.
2. **Open Computer Case:** Remove the side panel(s) of your computer case to access the internal components.
3. **Locate 5.25" Bay:** Identify an available 5.25-inch drive bay. Remove any front panel covers or brackets if necessary.
4. **Insert Media Dashboard:** Gently slide the media dashboard into the chosen 5.25-inch bay from the front of the case until its front panel is flush with the computer case.
5. **Secure the Device:** Use screws to secure the media dashboard to the drive bay on both sides.
6. **Connect Power:** Locate an available 4-pin power connector from your power supply unit (PSU) and connect it to the 4-pin power interface on the media dashboard's cable harness.
7. **Connect USB 2.0:** Connect the internal USB 2.0 header cable from the media dashboard to an available USB 2.0 header on your motherboard.
8. **Connect USB 3.0:** Connect the internal USB 3.0 header cable from the media dashboard to an available USB 3.0 header on your motherboard.
9. **Connect eSATA:** Connect the internal eSATA cable from the media dashboard to an available SATA port on your motherboard.

10. **Connect Audio:** Connect the internal HD Audio cable from the media dashboard to the HD Audio header on your motherboard.
11. **Close Case and Power On:** Replace the computer case side panel(s), plug in your computer, and power it on. The operating system should automatically detect and install the necessary drivers.



Figure 3.1: The Media Dashboard showing its various internal connecting cables, including USB 2.0, USB 3.0, eSATA, audio, and 4-pin power connectors.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the media dashboard functions as an extension of your computer's I/O capabilities.

Using the Card Reader:

- **Insert Card:** Gently insert your memory card (CF, TF, M2, MS, MMC, SD) into the corresponding slot on the front panel. Ensure the card is oriented correctly. Do not force the card.
- **Access Data:** Your operating system will typically recognize the card as a removable drive. You can then access its contents through File Explorer (Windows) or Finder (macOS).
- **Eject Card:** Before removing the card, always safely eject it through your operating system to prevent data corruption.

Using USB Ports (2.0 & 3.0):

- Connect any USB device (e.g., flash drives, external hard drives, keyboards, mice) to the available USB 2.0 or USB 3.0 ports.
- USB 3.0 ports offer higher data transfer speeds for compatible devices.

Using the eSATA Port:

- Connect external eSATA-compatible storage devices to this port for high-speed data transfer.

Using Audio Ports:

- Plug your headphones or speakers into the headphone jack (green).
- Plug your microphone into the microphone jack (pink).
- Ensure your operating system's audio settings are configured to use the front panel audio output/input if needed.

Using DC 12V/5V Output:

- This port provides power for compatible external devices that require 12V or 5V DC input. Refer to your device's power requirements before connecting.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your media dashboard, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe the front panel. For stubborn dust, a slightly damp cloth can be used, ensuring no liquid enters the ports. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Dust Prevention:** Regularly clean the interior of your computer case to prevent dust buildup, which can affect all internal components, including the media dashboard's connections.
- **Handle with Care:** When inserting or removing memory cards and USB devices, do so gently to avoid damaging the ports or the devices themselves.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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

Problem: Device not recognized / Card not reading.

- **Solution 1:** Check all internal cable connections (4-pin power, USB 2.0, USB 3.0, eSATA, Audio) to ensure they are securely seated on both the media dashboard and the motherboard.
- **Solution 2:** Ensure the memory card or USB device is inserted correctly and fully into its respective slot.
- **Solution 3:** Test with a different memory card or USB device to rule out an issue with the peripheral itself.
- **Solution 4:** Restart your computer.

Problem: USB 3.0 ports are operating at USB 2.0 speeds.

- **Solution:** Verify that the media dashboard's USB 3.0 cable is connected to a USB 3.0 header on your motherboard. USB 3.0 headers typically have blue internal connectors.

Problem: Audio jacks are not working.

- **Solution 1:** Check the internal HD Audio cable connection to your motherboard.
- **Solution 2:** Ensure your operating system's sound settings are configured to output audio through the front panel.
- **Solution 3:** Test with different headphones/speakers/microphone.

Problem: No power to DC 12V/5V output.

- **Solution:** Confirm the 4-pin power connector from your PSU is securely attached to the media dashboard's power cable.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Specification |
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| Power Output | 12V/5V |
| Supply Port | 4 Pin power interface |
| USB 2.0 Transmission Speed | Up to 480Mbps |
| USB 3.0 Transmission Speed | Up to 5.0Gbps |
| eSATA Transmission Speed | Up to 3.0 Gbps |
| Supported Card Types | CF, TF (Micro SD), M2, MS, MMC, SD |
| Operating System Support | Windows 2000/XP/Vista/Win7/8/9/10, Linux, MAC OS |
| Item Dimensions (L*W*H) | 14.7 * 9 * 4cm / 5.79 * 3.54 * 1.57in |
| Item Weight | 288.3g / 10.17oz |

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

As the brand is listed as 'Unknown', specific warranty information is not available in this manual. For warranty claims or technical support, please refer to the retailer or seller from whom you purchased this product. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

For general inquiries or assistance, you may also consult online resources or community forums related to PC hardware and front panel devices.