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Model: **FD2-MSD-3** | Brand: **Gembird**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gembird FD2-MSD-3 is an external card reader designed for convenient reading and writing of data to microSD and microSDHC memory cards. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your device.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Gembird FD2-MSD-3 is a compact and portable card reader. It features a single slot for microSD/microSDHC cards and connects to your computer via a standard USB-A port.



Figure 1: Front view of the Gembird FD2-MSD-3 card reader, showing the microSD card slot. This is where you insert your memory card.



Figure 2: Side view of the Gembird FD2-MSD-3 card reader, highlighting the integrated USB connector for direct connection to a computer.

3. SETUP

1. **Insert Memory Card:** Gently insert your microSD or microSDHC card into the designated slot on the Gembird FD2-MSD-3 card reader until it clicks into place. Ensure the card is oriented correctly to avoid damage.
2. **Connect to Computer:** Plug the USB connector of the card reader directly into an available USB port on your computer.
3. **Driver Installation:** Most modern operating systems (Windows, macOS, Linux) will automatically detect and install the necessary drivers for the card reader. No manual driver installation is typically required. Wait for your operating system to confirm that the device is ready for use.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Accessing Files:** Once connected and recognized by your computer, the memory card will appear as a removable drive in 'My Computer' (Windows) or 'Finder' (macOS). Double-click on the drive icon to

access the files stored on the card.

2. **Transferring Files:** You can drag and drop files between your computer and the memory card, or use copy/paste functions. Ensure that file transfers are complete before disconnecting the device.
3. **Safely Ejecting:** Before removing the card reader from your computer, always safely eject the device.
 - **Windows:** Click the 'Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media' icon in the system tray, then select the card reader.
 - **macOS:** Drag the drive icon of the memory card to the Trash, or right-click (Control-click) the drive icon and select 'Eject'.

This prevents data corruption and ensures the longevity of your memory card and card reader.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Keep the card reader clean and free from dust and debris. Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior. Avoid using liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the card reader in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Handling:** Handle the device with care. Avoid dropping it or subjecting it to strong impacts, which can damage internal components or the USB connector.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Device Not Recognized:**
 - Ensure the card reader is fully inserted into a working USB port.
 - Try a different USB port on your computer.
 - Restart your computer.
 - Check if the memory card is properly inserted into the card reader.
 - Test the card reader with a different memory card, or test the memory card in another device, to determine if the issue is with the card reader or the memory card.
- **Slow Data Transfer:**
 - Ensure you are using a USB 2.0 or higher port for optimal speed.
 - Verify the speed class of your microSD card.
 - Avoid running multiple demanding applications during large file transfers.
- **Memory Card Not Reading:**
 - Ensure the memory card is clean and free of physical damage.
 - Check if the memory card is locked (some microSD cards have a small lock switch on their adapter, though the card itself typically does not).
 - Confirm the memory card format is compatible with your operating system.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Gembird
Model Number	FD2-MSD-3

Supported Card Types	MicroSD, MicroSDHC
Interface	USB 2.0 (backward compatible with USB 1.1)
Dimensions (LxWxH)	4.21 x 9.13 x 3.94 inches (approximate)
Item Weight	1.76 pounds (approximate)
Operating System Compatibility	Windows, macOS, Linux (driverless operation)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact your retailer. You may also visit the official Gembird website for further assistance and updated product information.

Note: Product specifications and appearance are subject to change without prior notice.