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Model: MUB-3003C

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chieftec MUB-3003C is a versatile USB hub designed for installation into a standard 3.5-inch external drive bay of a desktop computer. It expands your system's connectivity by providing one USB 3.2 Type-C port and two USB 3.0 Type-A ports, offering high-speed data transfer capabilities directly from your PC's front panel.



Image 1.1: Front view of the Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub, showing the USB 3.2 Type-C and two USB 3.0 Type-A ports.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and follow these safety instructions carefully to prevent damage to the device or injury to yourself.

- Do not expose the device to moisture, extreme temperatures, or direct sunlight.
- Do not attempt to open or modify the device. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Ensure proper grounding of your computer system before installation.
- Disconnect power from your computer before installing or removing the USB hub.
- Keep the device away from children.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub
- Internal USB 3.0 Header Cable

- Mounting Screws (typically included with PC cases or the hub)



Image 3.1: The Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub shown with its retail packaging.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to install the Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub into your computer system.

1. **Prepare Your System:** Power off your computer and disconnect the power cable from the wall outlet. Open your computer case to access the internal components.
2. **Locate a 3.5-inch Bay:** Identify an available 3.5-inch external drive bay in your computer case. This is typically found at the front of the case.
3. **Install the Hub:** Slide the MUB-3003C USB Hub into the chosen 3.5-inch bay from the front of the case until it is flush with the front panel. Secure the hub using the appropriate mounting screws on both sides.
4. **Connect Internal Cables:**
 - Connect the internal USB 3.0 header cable from the MUB-3003C to an available USB 3.0 (or USB 3.1 Gen1) header on your motherboard. This header is usually blue and labeled 'USB3' or 'F_USB3'.
 - *Note:* The MUB-3003C typically draws power directly from the USB 3.0 header. No separate SATA

power connection is usually required for this model.

5. **Close Case and Power On:** Once all connections are secure, close your computer case, reconnect the power cable, and power on your computer. The system should automatically detect the new USB hub.



Image 4.1: Side view of the Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub, illustrating the mounting bracket and the internal USB 3.0 header cable connection.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub is straightforward:

- **Connect Devices:** Plug your USB devices (e.g., flash drives, external hard drives, card readers, smartphones) into the available ports on the front of the hub.
- **USB 3.2 Type-C Port:** This port supports data transfer speeds up to 10 Gbps (USB 3.1 Gen2). Use it for devices that require the highest speed and utilize a USB-C connector.
- **USB 3.0 Type-A Ports:** These two ports support data transfer speeds up to 5 Gbps (USB 3.1 Gen1). They are compatible with standard USB-A devices.
- **Plug & Play:** The hub is plug-and-play compatible, meaning no additional drivers are typically required for most operating systems.



Image 5.1: Close-up of the Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub's front panel, highlighting the USB 3.2 Type-C and USB 3.0 Type-A ports.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your USB hub:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe the exterior of the hub. Avoid using liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Environment:** Keep the hub installed in a well-ventilated area within your PC case to prevent overheating.
- **Connections:** Periodically check that all internal and external connections are secure.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Chieftec MUB-3003C USB Hub, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Device Not Recognized:**
 - Ensure the internal USB 3.0 header cable is securely connected to both the hub and the motherboard.
 - Try connecting the USB device directly to a motherboard port to verify the device itself is functional.
 - Check your motherboard's BIOS/UEFI settings to ensure USB ports are enabled.
- **Slow Data Transfer Speeds:**
 - Ensure you are using USB 3.0/3.2 compatible devices and cables. Connecting a USB 2.0 device will result in USB 2.0 speeds.
 - Verify that the hub is connected to a USB 3.0 or higher header on your motherboard.
 - Avoid connecting multiple high-bandwidth devices simultaneously if you experience performance degradation.
- **No Power to USB Devices:**
 - Confirm the internal USB 3.0 header cable is fully seated on the motherboard.
 - Some high-power USB devices may require an externally powered hub. This hub draws power from the motherboard's USB header, which has power limitations.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Chieftec
Model Number	MUB-3003C
Hardware Interface	USB
Compatible Devices	Card Readers, Desktops, USB Flash Drives
Total USB Ports	3

Port Configuration	1x USB 3.2 Type-C (10 Gbps), 2x USB 3.0 Type-A (5 Gbps)
Installation Bay	3.5-inch external drive bay
Item Weight	10.6 ounces

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Chieftec products are designed for reliability and performance. For warranty information, technical support, or service inquiries, please refer to the official Chieftec website or contact your local retailer. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Online Resources: For the latest drivers, FAQs, and support documentation, visit the official Chieftec support page.