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StarTech com SATDOCKU3S SATA HDD Docking Station User Manual

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Introduction

The StarTech.com SATDOCKU3S USB 3.0 Hard Drive Docking Station delivers full and instant access to any 2.5" or 3.5" SATA hard drive (SATA 1.5/3.0Gbps), without having to mount the drive inside a computer or install it into an external enclosure. Connected through a single USB 3.0 SuperSpeed or USB 2.0 HighSpeed connection, the hard drive docking station provides a convenient, plug-and-play storage solution.

Packaging Contents

- 1 x USB 3.0 HDD dock
- 1 x USB 3.0 cable
- 1 x universal power adapter (NA/JP, EU, UK, ANZ)
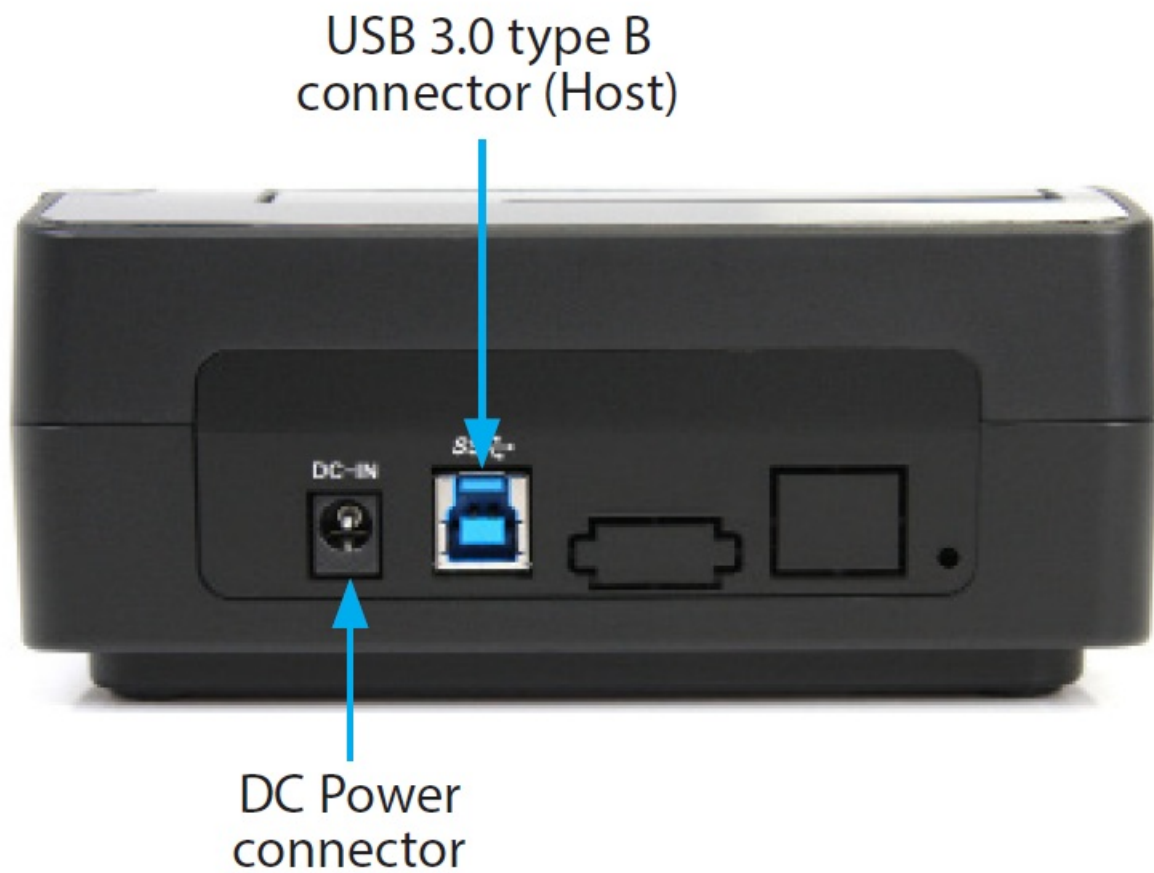- 1 x instruction manual

System Requirements

- USB enabled computer system with available port
- 2.5" or 3.5" SATA drive

Front View

Power Button

Power/Activity LED

Hard Drive slot

Hard Drive
Eject button

Rear View

USB 3.0 type B
connector (Host)

DC-IN

DC Power
connector

Installation

WARNING: Hard drives require careful handling, especially when being transported. If you are not careful with your hard disk, lost data may result. Always handle storage devices with caution.

Hardware Installation

1. Connect the external power adapter from the hard drive dock to a power outlet.
2. Insert a 2.5" or 3.5" hard drive into the top loading slot. Make sure that the connectors on the hard drive are facing the same corner of the slot that has a cutout in the door. The label on the hard drive should face the front of the hard drive dock.
3. Connect the included USB cable from the hard drive dock to an available USB port on the computer system. The computer can be on or off.
   NOTE: A USB 2.0 A-B cable could also be used on the hard drive dock but will be restricted to USB 2.0 speeds.
4. Press the power button on the top of the hard drive dock. The Power LED under the power button should light up.
5. To remove the hard drive, make sure it is currently not being accessed by the computer then unmount or uninstall the disk drive from the operating system (see documentation for your operating system). Press the power button to turn off the hard drive dock and wait for the drive to power down. Press the drive ejection button on the top of the hard drive dock the release the drive. Then pull the drive from the slot.

Driver Installation

Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7/8 and Linux No driver installation is required for these operating systems, as this hard drive dock is natively supported, so the drivers are already installed.
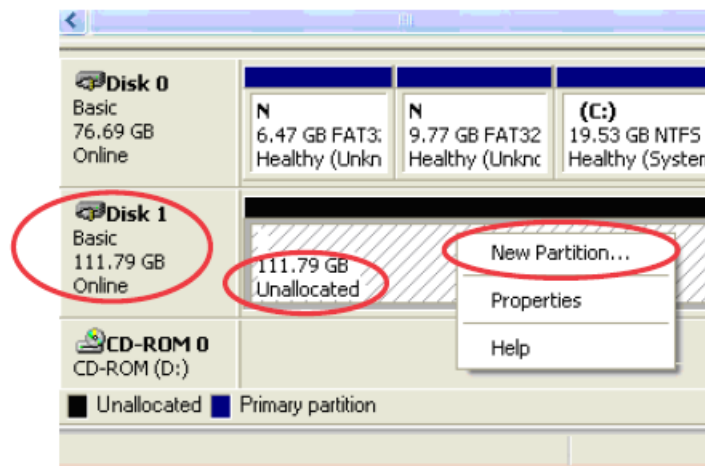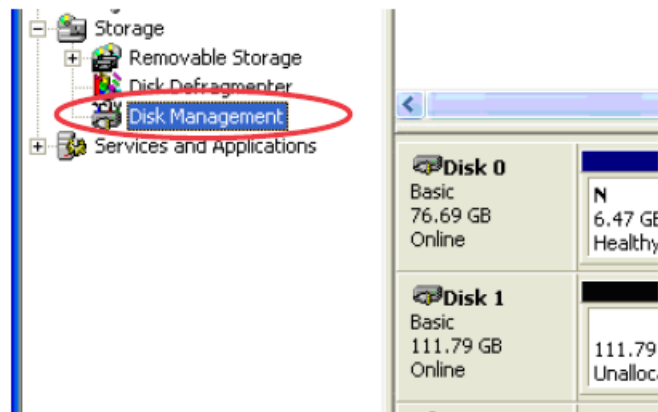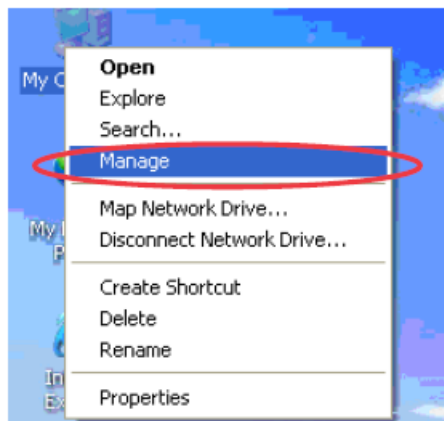
Using the Storage Device

Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7/8
If you are using a brand new hard drive that does not contain any data, then you will first need to prepare the hard drive for use. From the main desktop, right-click on
"My Computer" ("Computer" in Vista/7/8), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Disk Management from the left window panel.
Locate the Disk that says it is "Unallocated" (check hard drive capacity to confirm it's the correct hard drive) and then right-click in the section that says "Unallocated" and select "New Partition".
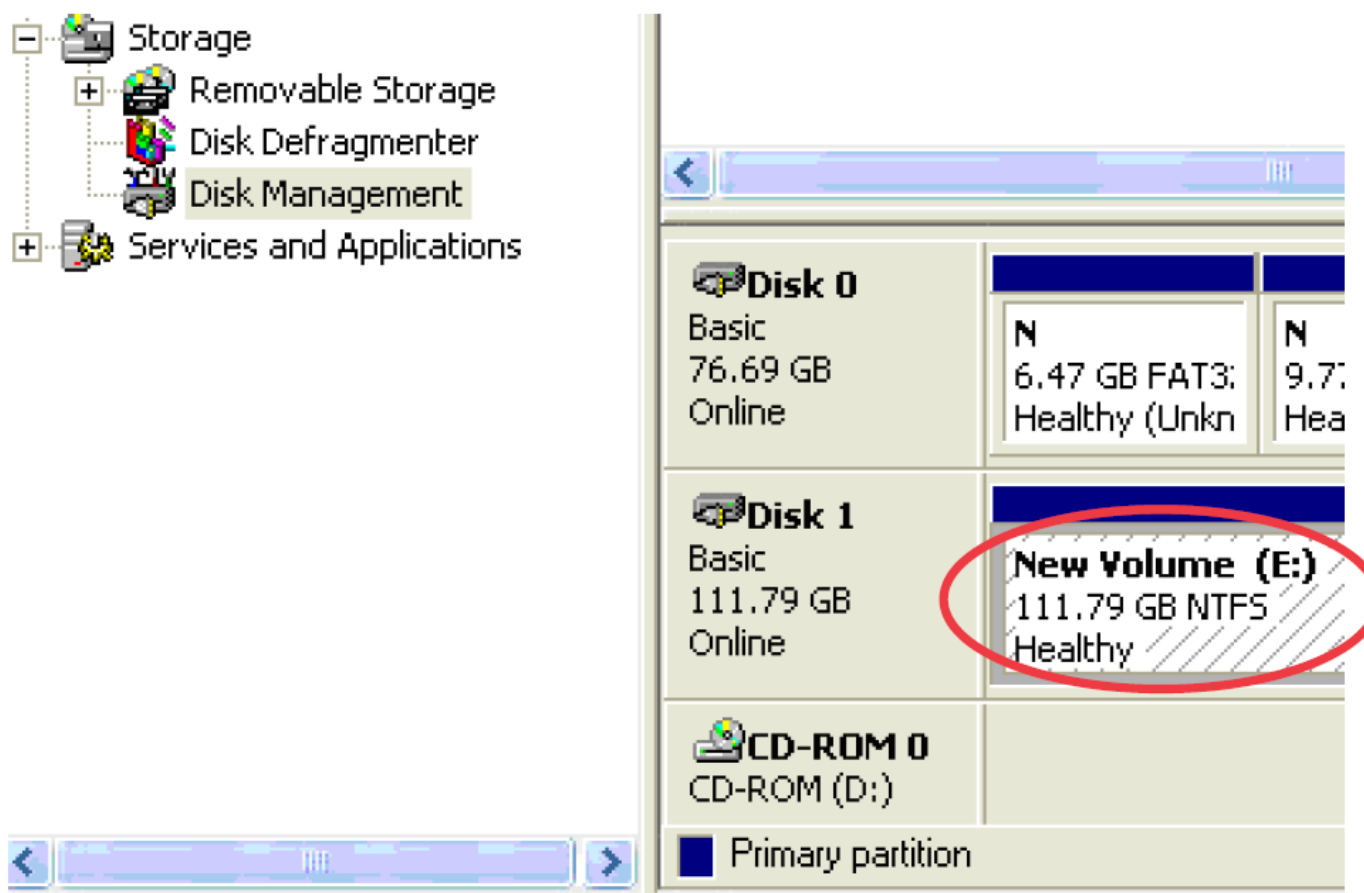
The New Partition Wizard will appear. Follow the instructions in the wizard to complete setting up the drive. Once complete, the Disk should show up as "Healthy" with a drive letter assigned (i.e. E:). This drive letter should now appear within My Computer. If you are installing a hard drive that already has data on it, then after plugging it in, the drive should automatically show up with a drive letter assigned within My Computer.

Specifications

Bus Interface	USB 3.0
Connectors	1 x USB 3.0 type-B 1 x DC Power
LEDs	1 x Power/Activity
Maximum Data Transfer Rate	USB 3.0: 5Gbps
Compatible Hard Drives	2.5in/3.5in SATA hard disk drives or solid state drives
Power Adapter	12VDC, 2.5A, center positive
Dimensions	145.0mm x 93.0mm x 65.0mm
Weight	410g

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