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Forensic ComboDock FCDv6

Quick Start Guide

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In the event that you experience Radio Frequency Interference, you should take the following steps to resolve the problem:

1. Ensure that the case of your attached drive is grounded.
2. Use a data cable with RFI reducing ferrites on each end.
3. Use a power supply with an RFI reducing ferrite approximately 5 inches from the DC plug.
4. Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

1. Introduction

This document shows you how to set up the Forensic ComboDock FCDv6, which allows you to connect bare IDE or SATA drives in a write-blocked or read/write mode to a computer without having to install them in a chassis. 512, 512e, and 4K native drives are supported through the 10 Gbps USB 3.2 Gen 2 host interface. You can even detect or remove hidden areas like Device Configuration Overlays (DCOs), Hidden Protected Areas (HPAs), and Accessible Max Address configurations (AMAs) which can all be used to hide additional data on an attached drive.

2. Safety Information

Please read the following before handling this product.

1. Do not drop the product, submit it to impact, or pierce it.
2. The circuit boards within this product are susceptible to static electricity. Proper grounding is strongly recommended to prevent electrical damage to the product or other connected devices, including the computer host.
3. Avoid placing this product close to magnetic devices, high voltage devices, or in an area exposed to heat, flame, direct sunlight, dampness, moisture, rain, vibration, shock, dust, or sand.
4. To avoid overheating, this product should be operated in a well-ventilated area.
5. Remove the drives before transporting the product to prevent damage to the drive interfaces.
6. A damaged cable or device may malfunction and/or overheat and become a fire hazard.

3. Setup

1. If you're attaching an IDE/PATA drive, configure the jumpers on the rear of the drive to Primary/Master. Consult the instructions on your hard drive's label. Otherwise, continue on to the next step.
2. Connect the Forensic ComboDock FCDv6 to the drive.
 - **IDE/PATA Drives:** Connect the IDE ribbon and the Molex Mini-Fit to legacy power cables to the Forensic ComboDock.
 - **SATA drives:** Connect the Molex Mini-Fit and eSATA ends of the SATA drive attachment cable to the Forensic ComboDock.
3. If you're using an adapter, connect the drive to the adapter.
4. Connect an included USB cable from your computer to the USB Type C port on the rear of the Forensic ComboDock.
5. Connect the included power adapter to the Forensic ComboDock.
 - You may alternatively connect a SATA power cable from the inside of a computer to the **SATA Power In port** on the side of the Forensic ComboDock.
6. Turn on the power switch.
7. The "Select Mode" screen will display on the top LCD panel. Press the **Up** or **Down** buttons to select between "Write-Blocked" or "Read-Write" modes and then press **Enter**. "Write-Blocked" will always be the default mode.

- If you choose "Read-Write Mode", the Forensic ComboDock will additionally ask if you are sure. Choose "Yes" by pressing **Enter**.

The attached drive will now power on.

8. If a hidden area is detected, the Forensic ComboDock will ask what you would like to do with it. Use the **Up** or **Down** buttons to scroll through the options (shown in the table below) and then press **Enter** to select an option. **Back** goes back to the previous screen.

If no hidden area is detected, then you have completed the setup procedure.

DCO Found	HPA Found	AMA Found
Keep DCO – Keeps the DCO	Keep HPA – Keeps the HPA	Keep AMA – Keeps the AMA
Remove DCO – Removes the DCO, exposing any hidden data within that area	Remove HPA Temp – Temporarily removes the HPA	Remove AMA – Removes the AMA, exposing any hidden data within that area
	Remove HPA Perm – Permanently removes the HPA	

You are now ready to use the Forensic ComboDock to access the drive.

If the hard drive is already formatted, it can be used right away. If the hard drive is brand new, or its format is not compatible with your computer, the drive will need to be formatted before being used. Make sure that the Forensic ComboDock is in Read-Write Mode before attempting to format a drive attached to it.



CAUTION

Formatting a drive will erase all data on the drive, so be sure to back up your data before beginning this operation.

4. Product Support

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