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# QuickStart Installation Guide

Windows & Mac

**GFORCE™**  
**7 MegaDisk**



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# Introduction

Welcome, and thank you for purchasing GForce MegaDisk, the external High Capacity Hard drive from Fantom Drives.

## **USB 2.0 compatibility with USB 1.1**

USB 2.0 ports are backward compatible with USB 1.1. However, if you connect the drive to a USB 1.1 port, it will operate at USB 1.1 speeds.

# Parts & Accessories List

**The package should contain the following items:**

- Fantom Drives GForce MegaDisk
- USB cable
- AC Adapter and power cord
- Quick Start Installation Guide

If you are missing any items listed above, please fill out the customer support form at:

<http://www.fantomdrives.com/support/missingpart.asp>

Please retain a copy of your receipt. You will need it if warranty repair service is required in the future.

**Peripheral** - A generic term for hard drives, printers, scanners and other discreet devices that add functionality to a computer.

**Port** - A connection which enables compatible peripherals to send and receive data.

**Software**- A set of instructions that enable the computer to perform pre-programmed functions in the order specified by the user.

**Storage** - Any equipment which stores data, such as hard drives, CDs, and DVDs.

# Glossary

**Bit** - The smallest unit of digital data. In binary code, a bit is represented logically as a either 1 or a 0.

**Buffer** - RAM cache that temporarily stores data so it can be delivered to a device as it is needed.

**Bus** - An electronic link for the transmission of data between digital devices, such as computers and computer peripherals.

**Byte** - A unit of digital data, usually made up of eight bits.

**Data Stream** - The flow of data between digital devices such as computers and hard drives.

**driver** - Software that enables the computer to communicate with a peripheral.

**Gigabyte** - 1,024 Megabytes, or approximately one billion bytes. The capacity of most hard drives is measured in Gigabytes.

**Hardware** - Physical components of a computer system (computer, hard drives, printers, etc.)

**Hub** - A device which links peripherals together onto the same bus.

**Interface** - Junction between two items of hardware or software for the exchange of data.

**Mb (Megabit)** - One million bits.

**Mbps (Megabits per second)** - A data transmission speed of one million bits per second. Data transmissions are typically measured in bits (kilobits, megabits etc) per second.

**MB (Megabyte)** - 1,048,576 bytes.

**Operating System (OS)** - Software that controls the assignment and use of hardware and application software resources.

# System Requirements

## System Requirements for Mac

- Power Macintosh (Mac Mini, G5, G4, Blue & White G3, iBook or iMac)
- Mac OS X 10.2 or newer
- Available USB port or available eSATA port

## System Requirement for PC

- Pentium-based PC with 233 MHz or faster CPU
- Windows 2000 SP4, XP SP2, 2003, Windows Vista
- 32 MB RAM
- Available USB or available eSATA port

### Windows XP users:

In order to use the USB 2.0 connection, you must have at least Service Pack 1 for Windows XP.



# Precautions

Failure to follow the precautions described below may cause damage to your Fantom Drives External Hard drive and void the warranty.

- DO NOT open the case. Doing so will void the warranty.
- DO NOT use a third-party AC adapter or power cord. Doing so may damage the drive and void the warranty.
- DO NOT bump, jar or drop the drive as this may damage it and/or result in loss of data.
- DO NOT disconnect any cables while the drive is powered on without first properly dismounting the device via your operating system; doing so can result in data loss and possible damage.
- DO NOT set any liquids or beverages on the drive as they may damage the internal electronics.
- Fantom Drives highly recommends that you regularly back-up the files stored on your Fantom Drives external hard drive.

**Fantom Drives is not responsible for any data loss, nor will Fantom Drives perform any recovery of lost data or files.**

**Q: I do not see my drive listed in the My Computer window, but it does appear in the Device Manager list.**

A: Right-click on My Computer. Select Manage in the pop-up menu. In the Computer Management window and navigate to Storage -> Disk Management. In the Disk Management window, you should see a list of available storage devices. Look for the Disk that has a capacity closest to your Fantom Drives External Hard drive. Right-click on the right-hand box; in the pop-up menu select Delete Partition. Once you do this, it will say "Online" & "Unallocated". Right-click on the box and select Create New Partition in the pop-up menu. When the Partition Wizard appears, select "Primary Partition" and click "Next." You will see a default value for the drive; click Next, You will then see a drive letter (you can change this drive letter if you wish); click Next. You will then be asked to format the drive.

**Q: Is the drive compatible with Windows NT 4.0?**

A: No.

**Q: After I connected the drive to my PC, I got the following alert message: HI-SPEED USB Device Plugged into non-HI-SPEED USB Hub." What does this mean?**

A: Windows 2000 and XP users will get this alert message if you plugged the drive into a USB port that only supports USB 1.1. This is fine, except your drive will operate USB 1.1 speeds.

**Q: I bought a 500GB drive, but my computer is showing 465GB. Where is the missing capacity?**

A: Hard drive manufacturers market drives in terms of decimal (base 10) capacity. In decimal notation, one megabyte (MB) is equal to 1,000,000 bytes, and one Gigabyte (GB) is equal to 1,000,000,000 bytes. Many operating systems use the binary (base 2) numbering system to describe disk capacity; In the binary numbering system, one megabyte is equal to 1,048,576 bytes, and one gigabyte is equal to 1,073,741,824 bytes. Simply put, decimal and binary translates to the same amount of storage capacity.

**If an issue cannot resolved by using our FAQ, please contact Technical Support via the Fantom Drives support site at <http://www.Fantomdrives.com/help>**

**Q: I have a FAT32 disk, and when I try to copy a large file I get an error saying there is not enough room on the drive– I have lots of free space!**

A: FAT32 only allows files up to 4GB in size. To copy larger files, please reformat the volume using MacOS Extended Format.

## FAQs for PC Users:

**Q: My computer does not recognize the drive.**

A: Make sure all of your connections are secure. If you have an add-on card, make sure it is working properly and/or update the driver. Also, make sure you have all the latest updates for your Windows installation

**Q: Does the drive work with Norton Ghost?**

A: Yes. Norton Ghost 2003 or newer support USB drives. Fantom Drives does not provide any additional drivers.

**Q: Do you have “DOS driver” or a for the drive?**

A: No.

**Q: Where are the drivers for 2000/XP/2003/Vista?**

A: Windows 2000, XP, 2003, and Vista already include all the necessary drivers! No additional drivers are necessary.

**Q: When I leave my computer idle for a while, my drive won't work properly.**

A: The most likely cause is that your computer is going into sleep mode. The immediate solution is to shut down your computer and turn off the drive, and then restart your computer. Once your computer is completely booted up, turn on the drive. You should see the drive in the Windows Explorer. To prevent this problem from recurring, open the “Power Settings/Energy Saver” and set it to never go into sleep mode.

**Q: Can you make the External Hard drive bootable?**

A: This depends on your computer's BIOS (Basic Input/Output System). The BIOS contains code required to control a number of miscellaneous functions. Please check with your computer manufacturer for BIOS updates to determine if your computer's BIOS supports this feature.

## Fantom Drives GForce MegaDisk Hard Disk at a Glance



Disk Activity/Power Indicator Light (Blue)



Power Switch

AC adapter port

USB 2.0 port

eSATA port

## Connecting the drive to Your Computer

1. Plug the AC adapter cord into the power port on the back of the drive. The plug should not require much effort to insert. If the plug will not go in, do not force it; the plug is probably upside down. Rotate the plug and try again. Incorrectly inserting the plug could damage the drive and void the warranty.
2. Plug the power cord into the cord socket in the AC adapter. Plug the other end into an AC outlet.
3. Connect the appropriate cable to your host:



**USB and eSATA plugs are shaped so they can only be properly inserted one way. Be sure to insert the plugs properly or you may damage the drive and void the warranty.**

(USB) Connect the square USB 2.0 connector (type B) of the included USB cable to a square USB plug on the GForce MegaDisk, and the rectangular end to a free USB port on your computer.

(eSATA) Connect the included eSATA cable to a free eSATA port on your computer.

**If your computer does not have eSATA ports, you may purchase an eSATA expansion card for your computer. Contact your authorized Fantom Drives reseller for further details.**



4. Flip the power switch located on the back of the GForce MegaDisk to the "ON" position (labelled "-"). Once the drive is powered up, your computer should recognize it and the drive will be ready to format.



## Troubleshooting/ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### FAQs for Mac Users:

**Q: Why is my drive asking me to format it? It was already formatted and it contains data.**

A1: Run a disk repair utility on the drive.

A2: Perform permission repair on your system drive. Open the disk utility (located in /Applications/Utilities/Disk Utility.app.) Select your system drive (usually the first disk listed) and click "Repair Disk Permissions" in the "First Aid" Tab.

A3: Restart your computer. As soon as the bootup chime sounds, press and hold down the option-command-p-r key combination to reset the PRAM. Release the keys when the chime sounds a second time.

Please refer to your Mac manual for more information on these procedures

**Q: I'm using a USB connection on a Mac. Do I need to install the USB 2.0 Installation CD?**

A: No, the External Hard drive uses the built-in Mac USB Mass Storage Support software, which includes the necessary system extensions.

**Q: My computer does not recognize the drive.**

A: First, check to make sure that all of your connections are secure, and that the power switch is in the "ON" position. Then check if your External Hard drive is listed in the Apple System Profiler. If the problem persists, verify that the USB port used is functioning.

**Q: I'm trying to copy files to/from FAT32 volumes or network shares, and it keeps failing.**

A: FAT32, HFS+, and other file system formats allow different standards of filename length or use of special characters. Rename the offending file(s) and try the operation again.

## Performing Basic Tasks

### How to open files and folders on the External Hard drive (MacOS or Windows)

1. Double-click on the drive icon. A window showing the files and folders stored on the drive will appear.
2. Double-click on the file or folder that you want to open.

### How to copy files and folders to your External Hard drive

#### Mac Users

1. Highlight the file or folder that you want to copy by clicking on it, but do not release the mouse button.
2. While keeping the mouse button pressed down, drag the highlighted file or folder to the drive icon or to a specific folder on the drive.
3. Release the mouse button. The file or folder will copy over.

#### PC Users

1. Single-click the file or folder that you want to copy in order to highlight it.
2. Go to "Edit -> Copy".
3. Double-click the drive icon to open it.
4. If you want to copy the file or folder to a specific folder on the drive, double-click that folder to open it.
5. Go to "Edit -> Paste". The file or folder will copy over.

### Performing Data Backup

Backing up your data is best defined by the keeping duplicate copies of your files on a separate storage device. It is always a good idea to keep important data in at least two different places. We recommend that you obtain and use a quality backup software application if the basic program that come with your operating system is not robust enough for your particular purposes.

## Formatting Your GForce MegaDisk

The GForce MegaDisk comes preformatted at the factory with the FAT32 file system, which will mount on most modern operating systems. FAT32 has some limitations, and we recommend you reformat the volume to a file system format more compatible with your particular computer and operating system environment.

*Formatting a hard drive erases all data contained on the drive. If you wish to reformat your Fantom Drives External Hard drive, be sure to create a copy of the files you wish to keep before reformatting.*



### Formatting the drive in Mac OS X

1. Launch the Disk Utility application (Disk Utility is located in the Utilities folder, inside the Applications folder). The Disk Utility window will open with a small sub-window at left and a larger sub-window with a series of tabs at the top.
2. You should see the drive listed in the left sub-window. Click on the drive to highlight it; if you see two icons for the drive, select the uppermost (root) instance. Information about the drive will appear in the Information sub-window.
3. Click on the Erase tab. In the Erase sub-window you will see a Volume Format pop-up menu and a Name field.
4. In the Volume Format pop-up, select the format type (MacOS Extended is recommended.)

*Although it is possible to format a hard drive on Mac OS X using the DOS file system, we do not recommend this, as an artificial capacity limit may be imposed on the drive and performance will be unpredictable.*



5. Click Erase. You should see an alert pop up with the message: "Erasing a disk will destroy all information on all of the volumes of the disk..." Click Erase. Once initializing is complete, you should see the drive listed in the left sub-window of the Disk Utility screen. Quit Disk Utility. You should now see the drive icon on the Desktop.

## Formatting the drive in Windows Hosts

1. Open the disk management console. A list of the attached drives and their respective volumes will appear. Select the GForce Disk.

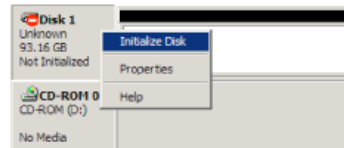


*The Disk Management Console can be found under |Windows\System32\diskmgmt.msc on your system drive. For an illustrated guide, please see <http://www.fantomdrives.com/support/faqs>*

2. Right-click on the drive letter and select Format in the pop-up menu. The Format dialog box will appear.



*Before a new, un-partitioned disk can be used in Windows, it must contain a disk signature. If the hard disk is not signed for use, the New Partition option is unavailable (superimposed no-entry icon). In this case a signature can be written on the hard drive by right clicking on the disk description window and selecting "Initialize Disk".*



3. Under Capacity, verify the drive capacity. It should be close to the stated capacity of your drive in gigabytes.

4. In the File System pop-up menu, select NTFS. The default formatting option is full format. A full format will take about 30-90 minutes. A Quick format will take just a minute, but will do less verifying of the drive than a full format. Click Start. Once the format process is complete, your External Hard drive is ready to use.

5. In Windows XP and Vista, it is possible to optimize the drive for performance or quick removal. To select your desired mode, open the device manager (located in \Windows\System32\devmgmt.msc on your system drive.) Right-click Fantom Disk in Disk drives, and select properties. Select the Policies Tab near the top left of the window, and click your desired optimization level. Press OK when finished, and you may close the disk management applet.

## How to Safely Dismount and Turn Off the External Hard drive

What do 'mounting' and 'dismounting' mean? When a device such as a hard drive is mounted, that means the computer 'sees' the device and is able to communicate with it. When you dismount a device, the computer no longer sees it. The device may still be running but the computer cannot access it, as though the device no longer exists.

*Never turn off or unplug a hard drive without dismounting it first. Doing so could cause data on the drive to be lost or damaged.*



### How to safely dismount and turn off the drive with the computer running

#### Mac Users

Drag the icon for the External Hard drive to the Trash. The drive will dismount and you can then safely turn it off. You may then unplug the power cord and data cable if you want to disconnect the drive.

#### PC Users

1. Locate the System Tray. The System Tray includes the time display in the bottom right, and icons to the left of the time. One of the icons will be an hot plug icon (🔌).

2. Left-click on (🔌). You will receive the alert message "Safely Remove.." followed by the drive description and drive letter for the device.

3. Left-click on the appropriate device (with the drive letter matching the one used by the External Hard drive). After a few seconds, Windows will give you a message that it is safe to remove the device.