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M.2 NGFF SATA Enclosure - USB 3.1 (10Gbps)

SM21BMU31C3



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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- · Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

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Introduction

Packaging contents

- 1 x M.2 NGFF SATA enclosure USB 3.1
- 1 x USB C to Micro B cable
- 4 x assembly screws
- 1 x set of M.2 drive-mount hardware (preinstalled)
- 1 x screwdriver
- 1 x quick start guide

System requirements

- An available USB connector
- An M.2 NGFF SATA SSD

The SM21BMU31C3 is OS independent and doesn't require any additional drivers or software.

Note: To obtain the maximum USB throughput, you must use a computer with a USB 3.1 port.

System requirements are subject to change. For the latest requirements, please visit <u>www.startech.com/SM21BMU31C3</u>.



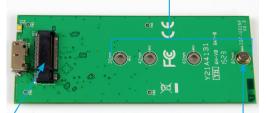
Product diagram

Enclosure



Internal drive tray





M.2 NGFF key B drive connector

Drive-mount hardware



Install a drive

Warning! Drives should be handled carefully, especially when they're transported. If you're not careful with your drives, you may lose data as a result. Always handle storage devices with caution. Make sure that you're properly grounded by wearing an anti-static strap when you install any computer component. If an anti-static strap isn't available, touch a large grounded metal surface for several seconds to discharge any built-up static electricity.

- 1. Depending on the length of your drive, you may need to move the preinstalled drive-mount hardware. Place your drive next to the drive tray and note the holes that match the height of your drive. If the drive-mount hardware is already installed in the correct position, proceed to step 4.
- 2. Use a small set of pliers to remove the nuts on the reverse side of the drive tray.
- 3. Place the mounting hardware and nuts that you removed in the previous step in the hole that matches the length of your drive and tighten them.
- 4. Use the provided screwdriver to remove the drive-mount screw.
- 5. Gently slide the connector on your drive into the corresponding connectors on the enclosure.

Note: The connector on your drive is keyed so that it only fits one way.

- 6. Replace the drive-mount screw that you removed in step 4 and tighten the screw.
- 7. Slide the drive tray back into the enclosure so that the USB 3.1 Micro-B connector is facing outward.
- 8. Place the cover plate over the connector and circuit board.
- Secure the plate in place by inserting two drive tray screws on either side of the USB 3.1 Micro-B port on the front of the enclosure and use a Phillips head screwdriver (not included) to tighten the screws.



Connect a drive to your computer

• After you install a drive in the enclosure, connect the included USB C to Micro B cable to the port on the enclosure and to the USB 3.1 port on your computer.

When you connect the enclosure to your computer and the OS automatically installs the necessary software, the drive is accessible as though it's installed internally in the system. Before you use the drive, you need to prepare it for use and format it according to the requirements of your OS. For more information about how to do so, see the *Prepare a drive for use* topic.

Note: The enclosure doesn't require an external power supply, as it receives enough power through the USB bus that it's connected to.

Prepare a drive for use

If you install a drive that already has data on it, after you insert the drive, it appears under **My Computer** or **Computer** with a drive letter assigned to it. If you install a brand-new drive that doesn't contain any data, you must prepare the drive for use.

If you use a computer that is running a version of Windows®, complete the following:

- 1. On the taskbar, click the Windows icon.
- 2. In the Search field, type disk management.
- 3. In the search results, click Disk Management.
- 4. A dialog window appears that asks you to initialize the drive. Depending on the version of Windows that you're running, you have the option to create either an MBR or a GPT disk.

Note: GPT (GUID partition) is required for drives that are larger than 2 TB, but GPT isn't compatible with some earlier versions of operating systems. MBR is supported by both earlier and later versions of operating systems.

- 5. Locate the disk that is labeled **Unallocated**. To confirm that the drive is the correct one, check the drive capacity.
- 6. Right-click the section of the window that says Unallocated and click New Partition.
- 7. To initialize the drive in the format of your choice, complete the on-screen instructions.

When the drive is successfully installed, it appears under **My Computer** or **Computer** with a drive letter assigned to it.



Disconnect a drive from your computer

If the computer that you're using is running a version of Windows, complete the following steps:

- 1. On the task bar notification area on your desktop, click the Safely remove Hardware and Eject Media icon.
- 2. Click the storage device that you want to remove.
- 3. When the message appears indicating that it's safe to remove the device, disconnect the drive.

Warning! If you remove the drive before you receive the notification that it's safe to do so, you could experience lost or corrupted data.

If the computer that you're using is running a version of Mac OS, complete the following steps:

- 1. Close any windows that list the contents of the drive.
- 2. On your desktop, click the **USB Storage** icon and drag it onto the **trash can** icon on your desktop.
- 3. Wait 5 seconds and then remove the drive from the duplicator dock.



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