

## USB 3.1 (10Gbps) Tool-Free Enclosure for 2.5" SATA Drives

S251BPU313



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# Introduction

You can use the S251BPU313 to create a fast and portable external storage solution for desktops, laptops, or netbooks. When you use the S251BPU313, you can take advantage of new laptops and desktops that come equipped with USB 3.1 Gen 2 (10Gbps) connectivity. Engineered with a durable and lightweight housing, the enclosure tucks easily into a laptop bag or carrying case for portable storage. The enclosure doesn't require any tools to install, so you can quickly install your drives.

## Packaging contents

- 1 x USB 3.1 to 2.5 in. SATA HDD enclosure
- 1 x drive cushion
- 1 x USB cable
- 1 x quick start guide

## System requirements

- 2.5 in. SATA hard drive or solid-state drive (9.5 mm height)
- USB-enabled computer system with an available USB port

The S251BPU313 is OS independent and doesn't require any additional drivers or software.

**Note:** To obtain the maximum USB throughput, you must use a system with a USB 3.1 Gen 2 port.

System requirements are subject to change. For the latest requirements, please visit [www.startech.com/S251BPU313](http://www.startech.com/S251BPU313).

# Product diagram



USB Micro-B connector



Power and activity LED

# Install a drive

**Warning!** Hard drives and storage enclosures should be handled carefully, especially when they're transported. If you're not careful with your hard drive, you may lose data as a result. 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. To open the enclosure, slide the top panel away from the USB port and lift it away from the enclosure base.
2. Attach the included drive cushion to the back side of the enclosure, opposite to the drive connectors.
3. Gently slide the connectors on your drive into the corresponding connectors on the enclosure.

**Note:** The connectors on your drive are keyed so that the drive only fits into the enclosure one way.

4. Align the hooks on the top panel with the grooves on the base of the enclosure and slide the panel back into place.

## Connect a drive to your computer

- After you install a drive in the enclosure, connect the USB cable to the USB port on your computer and the USB Micro-B connector on the enclosure.

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, 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

### Windows OS

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.

**Warning!** When you complete the following steps, all of the data on your drive will be deleted. If your drive has data on it that you require, you should create a backup file or use a different drive.

1. Depending on the version of OS that you're running, do one of the following:
    - On your desktop, right-click **My Computer** and click **Manage**.
    - On your desktop, right-click **Computer** and click **Manage**.
    - Click the **Start** button or **Windows** icon. Enter **compmgmt.msc** and press **Enter**.
  2. On the **Computer Management** screen, click **Disk Management**.
  3. A dialog window appears and 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 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.
4. Locate the disk that is labeled as **Unallocated**. To confirm that the drive is the correct one, check the drive capacity.
  5. Right-click the section of the window that says **Unallocated** and click **New Partition**.
  6. 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.

## Mac OS

If you install a brand-new drive that doesn't contain any data, you must prepare the drive for use.

**Warning!** When you complete the following steps, you create a partition that uses the entire drive space.

1. Do one of the following:
  - In **Spotlight**, enter **Disk Utility**.
  - Open **Finder**. Navigate to **Applications** and click **Utilities**. Open **Disk Utility**.
2. Select the new drive and click the **Partition** tab.
3. Enter a name for the partition.
4. Click **Apply**.

The drive should now appear on your desktop and be accessible in **Finder**.

# Disconnect a drive

## Windows

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

1. On the task bar on your desktop, click the **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media** icon.
2. Click **Eject USB Device**.
3. When the **Safe to Remove Hardware** message appears, disconnect the USB cable from the enclosure and your computer.

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

## Mac OS

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

1. Close any of the windows that list the contents of the removable drive.
2. On the desktop, click the **USB storage** icon and drag it onto the **trash can** icon on your desktop.
3. Wait 5 seconds and then disconnect the USB cable from the enclosure and your computer.

## About the LED indicator

The S251BPU313 features a power and activity LED (white) indicator. For more information, see the table below.

| LED behavior                    | Significance                           |
|---------------------------------|--|
| LED is illuminated              | The drive enclosure is receiving power |
| LED is illuminated and blinking | The drive is being accessed            |

**Warning!** Don't disconnect the drive from your computer when the LED is blinking, as doing so could damage the drive and you could experience lost or corrupted data.



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