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- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Welcome to FireFly

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Congratulations on your purchase of FireFly. FireFly is fast, small, light, and portable. You can take it anywhere so that you always have access to your important applications, files, and data.

FireFly connects to your computer with a USB cable. This means no external power source (A/C adapter or batteries) is required. FireFly is very easy to use; all you need to do is plug it in and you are ready to go. FireFly works on both PC and Macintosh computers, laptop or desktop.

About this User Guide

This guide describes how to install and use FireFly. For last minute information, please refer to the *readme* file found on the FireFly Installation CD.

Features and Benefits

Your FireFly provides valuable features and benefits that will make your digital lifestyle easier:

- FireFly is small, thin, and light; you can carry it in your briefcase, handbag, or pocket. You can easily move FireFly from one computer to another and directly run applications, view videos, or play MP3 files.
- FireFly is powered from the USB Bus. No external power supply is required.
- FireFly is hot-pluggable. You do not need to restart your computer when you connect or unplug FireFly. The FireFly icon automatically appears on the desktop (for Macs) and *My Computer* (for PCs).

Package Contents

Your FireFly package contains the following:

- FireFly Hard Drive
- Software Installation CD which includes Windows 98 Driver Software, user documentation, and 3rd party software for Mac users.
- USB Cable
- FireFly Carry Case
- QuickStart Card

For FireFly accessories such as USB cables of various lengths, please go to our website at: <u>http://www.smartdisk.com</u>

System Requirements

Mac OS Users

- A Macintosh computer with a USB port (USB 2.0 Hi-Speed Port recommended)
- Mac OS 8.6 or higher (Mac OS 10.1 or higher recommended)

PC Users

- A Windows-compatible PC with a USB port (USB 2.0 Hi-Speed Port recommended)
- Windows 98 or higher (Windows 98SE or higher recommended)

Additional Software

The FireFly CD contains additional software for Windows and Macintosh users.

Retrospect Express Backup for Windows

The FireFly Installation CD contains an automated backup application for Windows users called *Retrospect Express Backup*. This tool can be used to automatically backup FireFly according to your schedule. When disaster strikes, you can recover lost work by restoring a single file or the entire contents of FireFly in one easy step. You can also backup your internal hard drive to FireFly. For more information, refer to the *Retrospect Express Backup* documentation contained on the FireFly CD.

CopyAgent™ for Macintosh

The FireFly Installation CD contains an automated backup application for Mac users called *CopyAgent*. *CopyAgent* streamlines and automates your backups. It is flexible so you can perform copy jobs right away or schedule automatic and unattended backups. For more information, refer to the *CopyAgent* documentation contained on the FireFly CD.

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Installing USB Software for FireFly

Mac OS Users

FireFly is a USB Mass Storage Class device. Apple systems that feature USB have pre-installed USB drivers so no software installation is required. All you need to do is to connect FireFly as described on page 12 to begin transfering files. However, if you are using Mac OS 8.6, software installation is required as described below.

For Mac OS 8.6 Users Only

If you're using Mac OS 8.6, you'll need a software update from Apple before you can use FireFly. The necessary software is called "USB Mass Storage Support 1.3.5" and must be downloaded from Apple over the Internet.

To download the USB update:

- 1 Go to Apple's support web site at http://www.apple.com/support/ and search for "USB Mass Storage Support". You may need to register with Apple and create an AppleID before you can use Apple's support website.
- 2 Click on the software link to download the file "USB Storage1.3.5.smi.bin".
- 3 When the download is complete, double click on the icon "USB Storage1.3.5.smi".
- 4 The file will open and a moment later there will be another icon on your desktop that looks like a disk with the name "USB Mass Storage Support". Double-click on it.
- 5 In the window that opens, double-click on "Apple SW Install."
- 6 Follow the instructions on your screen.
- 7 Once you've finished installing the update, restart your computer and follow the directions on page 12 to connect and use FireFly.

Windows Users

FireFly is a *USB Mass Storage Class* device. This means Windows 2000, Windows Me, and Windows XP users can simply connect FireFly as described on page 12 to begin transfering files. However, Windows 98 and Windows 98SE users must install FireFly Driver Software after connecting FireFly. This is because Windows 98 and Windows 98SE do not support *USB Mass Storage Class* devices.

For Windows 98 / Windows 98SE Users Only

- 1 Connect your FireFly as described page 13. The *Add New Hardware Wizard* appears. Click **Next**.
- 2 Choose "Search for the best drivers for your device". Click **Next**.
- **3** Select "Specify a Location" and clear all other check boxes.
- 4 Insert the FireFly Installation CD into the CD-ROM drive and click **Browse**.
- 5 In the "Browse for Folder" window, look in the "Windows98 Driver" folder on "SmartDiskCD".
- 6 Click Next.
- 7 The Add New Hardware Wizard notifies you that it is ready to install. Click Next.
- 8 After the *Add New Hardware Wizard* notifies you that it has finished installing, click **Finish**.

The FireFly drive letter is now visible in *My Computer*. Congratulations! You can now transfer files to and from FireFly.

Connecting and Disconnecting FireFly

Mac OS Users

Connecting FireFly to a Macintosh Computer



Before connecting and using FireFly, put it on a stable surface. Sudden movement during operation may cause data transfer errors and may damage the hard disk.

- 1 Connect one end of the USB cable to an open USB port on your Macintosh.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cable to the USB port on FireFly. The FireFly icon appears on the desktop.



Do not force the connection as damage may occur to the connector or the USB port.

Disconnecting FireFly from a Macintosh Computer



Do not unplug FireFly while it is mounted on the desktop. If you unplug FireFly while accessing or copying files, data may be lost or FireFly may be damaged. To disconnect FireFly, complete the following steps.

- 1 Close all files and applications stored on FireFly.
- 2 Drag FireFly icon to the trash.
- **3** Wait until the yellow light stops flashing.



The blue light may remain on at this point if you are using Mac OS X 10.0 -10.1. It is OK to unplug FireFly if the blue light remains on. However, do not unplug FireFly if the yellow light is flashing.

4 You can now safely unplug FireFly. Gently pull out the USB connector from the computer.



You can also safely unplug FireFly by shutting down the computer. Remember to ensure the lights are off before unplugging.

Windows Users



Before connecting and using FireFly, put it on a stable surface. Sudden movement during operation may cause data transfer errors and may damage the hard disk.

Connecting the FireFly to a PC



If you are a Windows 98 or Windows 98SE user, follow the instructions on page 10 after you perform the steps below.

- 1 Connect one end of the USB cable to the USB port on your computer.
- 2 Connect the other end to the USB port on FireFly. The FireFly icon appears in *My Computer* and in *Windows Explorer*.



Do not force the connection as damage may occur to the connector or the USB port.

The FireFly is assigned the next available drive letter. For example, if your hard drive is assigned the letter C: and a removable CD Writer is currently installed on your computer using the letter D:, then the letter E: is assigned to the FireFly.

Congratulations! You can now transfer files to and from FireFly.

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Disconnecting FireFly from a PC



Do not unplug FireFly when data is being transferred between FireFly and the computer (when the yellow light is flashing). If you unplug FireFly while accessing or copying files, data may be lost or FireFly may be damaged. To disconnect FireFly, complete the following steps.

- 1 Click on the Unplug or Eject icon 🧭 in the Windows System Tray.
- 2 Select Unplug or eject hardware from the pop-up menu. A Windows dialog opens.



3 Select the FireFly drive from the list in the Windows dialog and select Stop.



- 4 Wait until the yellow light on FireFly stops flashing.
- 5 You can now safely unplug FireFly. Gently pull out the USB connector from the computer.



You can also safely unplug FireFly by shutting down the computer. Remember to ensure the lights are off before unplugging.

FireFly Lights

FireFly USB has LED indicators in the USB and SmartDisk logos to indicate:

- If FireFly is on or off.
- If FireFly is busy (reading or transferring files).
- USB speed status. The color of the light shows what version of USB you have on your computer. Blue indicates HiSpeed or USB 2.0. Green indicates LoSpeed or USB 1.1.

Status	USB Logo Light (Yellow)	SmartDisk Logo Light (Blue or Green)
ldle	OFF	Blue=HiSpeed / Green=LoSpeed
Busy	FLASH	Blue=HiSpeed / Green=LoSpeed
UnMounted	OFF	OFF
Sleep	OFF	OFF
Off	OFF	OFF

Getting the Most Value out of FireFly

This chapter describes some of the many uses for FireFly including:

- Using FireFly between your home and office computers.
- Using several FireFly drives as project repositories.
- Using FireFly as an emergency backup when travelling.
- Using FireFly to transfer large files from one computer to another.
- Using FireFly to store and play back your multimedia files including MP3s, videos, and pictures.
- Using FireFly as a Macintosh boot disk so you can have a familiar environment using any Macintosh computer.

Between your Home and Office Computers

Your FireFly is an ideal solution for working between your office and home computer. Take the FireFly with you when you leave and all your work files and applications are there for you when you need them. This means you don't have to carry your laptop to and from work anymore.



Version Control

Version control of files has always been a major problem for home and office workers. To solve this problem, use your FireFly as the *Master Drive*.

To ensure you are working on the master file, always edit and save the files directly to FireFly - the *Master Drive*. Do this whether you are at home or at work. This means you do not have to wonder if you are working on the right file or database; the content on FireFly is always the latest version.

Backup FireFly Frequently

Since this drive is the *Master Drive*, ensure your files and data can be recovered by making frequent backups. Copy essential files and data to removable media (such as CDs) or the hard drive on your home and work computer. Although not common, electrostatic discharge and shock (for example, dropping it on the floor) can damage your FireFly.



Disconnecting

Remember to properly unplug FireFly from the computer. For more information, see Chapter 3.

Project Repositories

You can use multiple FireFlys to store files and data for individual projects. This is useful if most of your work is project oriented where each project generates a large set of files and data. Each project can have a designated FireFly to be used as the *Project Drive*.



Editing Files and Updating Data

Use the FireFly as the primary repository for all the files and data associated with the project. This drive then becomes the *Project Drive* for the project. When you need to work on the project, connect the *Project Drive* and ensure all changes to files and data are saved to this drive.

You can still work on local drives or other high performance drives; just remember to transfer all finished files to the *Project Drive*.

Visiting Clients

If you frequently travel to see clients, you can bring along all the relevant project files and data by bringing the *Project Drive*. This means you do not have to:

- Carry a laptop everywhere you go.
- Copy files and data to your client's computer (using up valuable hard disk space and running the risk of running out of disk space).
- Install licensed applications onto your client's computer.

All you have to do is connect the *Project Drive* to your client's computer. For example, you can show a Power Point presentation on a client's computer by connecting the FireFly directly to their computer.

Connecting Multiple Drives

Use a USB hub to connect several FireFly drives (*Project Drives*) to your computer simultaneously.

Backup Frequently

Periodically back up the contents of your FireFly to your desktop computer hard disk. Or, backup to a CD-R or CD-RW using the SmartDisk FireWire Portable CD-R/W.



Archive

Once a project is completed, archive the contents of the associated *Project Drive* to a CD or other storage device. Delete the files from the *Project Drive* so it can be used for a new project.

Emergency Backup when Traveling

Use your FireFly to back up important files when you are travelling. FireFly can then be used to recover the file if your laptop malfunctions.



Copy Files and Data Frequently to FireFly

If you are generating new files and data while traveling, frequently create backups to FireFly. You can copy entire folders from your laptop to FireFly.

🛞 Tip	Macintosh users can automate this process using the <i>CopyAgen</i> application found on the FireFly Software Installation CD.		
	Windows users can automate this process using the Retrospect		
😣 Tip	Express Backup application found on the FireFly Software		
р	Installation CD.		

Recovery

If your laptop malfunctions, your file and data is safe; everything is stored on FireFly. If you are on the road, all you need is access to a computer that has a USB connection to retrieve your files.

Archive

When you get back to the office, copy the files from the FireFly to a CD-R or CD-RW using SmartDisk's FireWire Portable CD-R/W. The CD then becomes the long term archive.

Transporting Large Files

Use FireFly to transport large files (such as graphics) to other computers in your office. This is useful if you cannot attach the file to an email or network connections are slow or not available.



Storage and Playback of MP3, Video, and Photos

You can use your FireFly to store and play back your:

- Collection of MP3s.
- Video files including AVI, MPEG, and QuickTime.
- Digital photographs including JPEG, BMP, and GIF.
- Other non-essential or infrequently accessed files.



To save disk space on your computer's internal hard drive, keep the aforementioned types of files on your FireFly. To play back your MP3s and videos, or to show your photos, connect FireFly to any computer that has USB. This means you don't have to carry several CDs to an event; all you need to bring is FireFly.

Create a Boot Drive for Macintosh Computers



You can boot a Macintosh computer directly from the FireFly rather than the internal disk drive. This means you can open your applications and files using any Macintosh computer. You can always work in a familiar environment wherever you go; all your settings and preferences are stored on FireFly.

To create the boot drive, copy the System Folder to the FireFly.

To boot your Macintosh computer with FireFly:

- 1 Connect the FireFly as described on page 12.
- 2 Start up the Macintosh computer while holding the **Option** key.

3 Select the FireFly and press **OK**.

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