



G-DRIVE® PROJECT

User Manual



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1. WELCOME TO G-DRIVE® PROJECT

KEY FEATURES

HIGH-CAPACITY AND FAST DATA TRANSFERS

Quickly backup or add extra storage to your computer for your HD photos, videos, and music with high-speed data transfers up to 260MB/s* read and 260MB/s* write (18TB-26TB** model) using the Thunderbolt™ 3 (40Gbps) port.

7200RPM ULTRASTAR® ENTERPRISE-CLASS HARD DRIVE INSIDE

For all your demanding workloads and mission-critical content, you can rely on the power and enhanced reliability of the 7200RPM Ultrastar™ enterprise-class hard drive inside.

CLEAR CABLE INDICATORS

Easily identify each port type with the color identifying. Match the color around the port to the color on the corresponding cable to quickly connect your devices.

PAIRS WITH iPad

G-DRIVE® PROJECT works great with compatible iPad tablets*** that have a USB-C™ port to enable efficient creative workflows when using your favorite production apps.

PREMIUM ENCLOSURE

With a premium, anodized aluminum housing, the G-DRIVE® PROJECT pairs beautifully with your high-end computer and gives you durable strength you can feel.

BRIGHTNESS CUSTOMIZATION

Choose between three modes of brightness (Off, Default, and Bright) to easily brighten, dim, or turn off the power saving LED light with the push of a button.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- G-DRIVE® PROJECT Desktop Hard Drive
- 1x Thunderbolt™ 3 Cable (WD Part Number: M032-000043)
- Quick Start Guide
- Power Cable
- 19VDC Power Adapter

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

G-DRIVE® products are precision instruments and must be handled with care. It may be damaged by rough handling, shock, or vibration. Always observe the following safety precautions:

- Avoid touching the device's connector.
- Do not block any of the enclosure's ventilation slots.
- Do not use this product as a portable device.
- Handle the device using its edge or frame.
- Do not remove, damage, or cover any device labels.
- Ensure the device does not exceed maximum operating temperature.
- Exercise caution when handling a device as the device may have heated up.

2. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

OPERATING SYSTEM COMPATIBILITY

G-DRIVE® PROJECT is pre-formatted APFS, compatible with:

- macOS 11+
- iPadOS 14+
- Windows® 10+ (via reformat)

FRONT FEATURES

Reference illustration 2.1 below.

1. **G-DRIVE® PROJECT Front LED**— The front LED can be dimmed or brightened with the rear LED Dimmer Button and provides the [activity status](#) for the device.

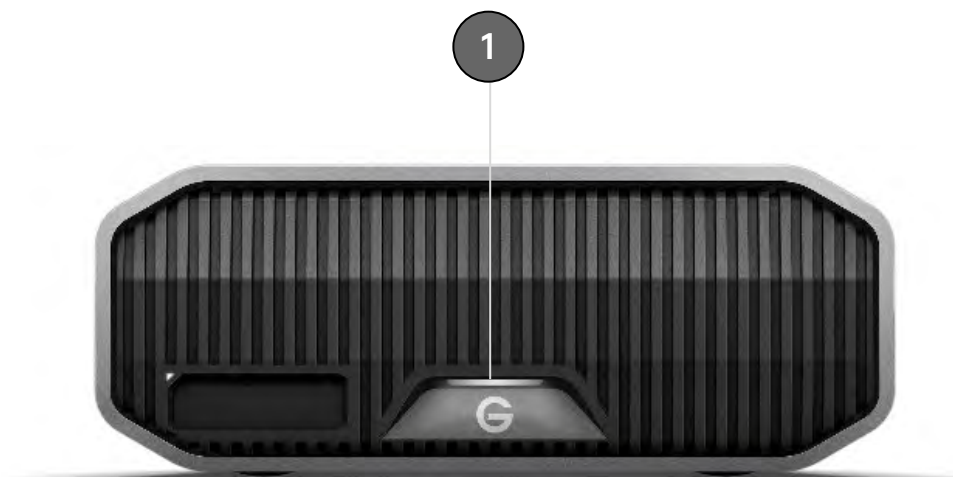


Illustration 2.1

REAR CONNECTIVITY

Reference illustration 2.2 below.

1. **Power Button**—used to turn the device on or off.
2. **Power Port**—connect the included power supply to this 19VDC power connector.
3. **LED Dimmer Button**—this feature provides the option to switch the LED light between three modes: Default, Bright, or Off.
4. **Kensington® Security Slot**—use this slot to secure your device with a Kensington Security Lock (sold separately)
5. **Thunderbolt™ 3 Ports**—these two ports support Thunderbolt™ 3 and USB-C™ 3.2 Gen 2. Use the port on the right-hand side to connect the G-DRIVE® PROJECT to the host computer system. Use the port on the left-hand side to daisy-chain another Thunderbolt™ 3 device.



Illustration 2.2

SIDE ANCHORS

Reference illustration 2.3 below.

1. **Anchor Points for Custom Mounting & Accessories**— These four (2 on each side) anchor points are designed to be used for customization, such as attaching the G-DRIVE® PROJECT to a DIT cart, a mounting plate, adding a handle, or other gear for your production needs.

NOTE: Included screws are not designed for attaching accessories or anchoring – anchor screws not included. Anchor points will accept a ¼"-20 screw. The screw length will vary based on the type of mount.



Illustration 2.3

3. MAIN ACTIVITIES

CONNECTING THE G-DRIVE® PROJECT

Before you begin, make sure your computer system is turned on with your operating system fully loaded and ready for hardware and software installation.

1. Use the included data cable and connect one end to the Thunderbolt™ 3 / USB-C port on the rear of the G-DRIVE® PROJECT device—the port with the laptop icon.
2. Connect the other end of the data cable to your computer system (host).
3. Connect the included power cable to the G-DRIVE® PROJECT device and plug the other end into a surge protector or wall outlet.
4. The G-DRIVE® PROJECT device will automatically mount on the desktop if you are running macOS.
5. Congratulations, you have connected the G-DRIVE® PROJECT device to your computer system.

G-DRIVE® PROJECT LED BEHAVIOR

The following table describes the various system and device LED behaviors for G-DRIVE® PROJECT.

Table 1:

LED Behavior	Description	Status
Off	Device is powered off.	Press and hold power button for 2 secs to power OFF.
Off	Power Saving Mode: G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to a client device which goes into sleep, suspend mode, or powers off.	
Off	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to a client device and users manually eject the drive.	
On	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to power and a client device and powered ON.	Press and hold power button for 2 secs to power ON.
On	Wake-up: G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to a client device which went into sleep, suspend mode, or powered off, then the client device wakes up.	
On for 20 minutes	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to power, but not to the client device.	Turns on initially but turns off automatically after 20 minutes of inactivity.

LED Behavior	Description	Status
Fast Blinking Rhythm	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to power and a client device and is transferring data.	
Faster Blinking Rhythm	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to a client device, and the temperature is above the recommended threshold.	
On	G-DRIVE® PROJECT is connected to power.	On

SAFELY DISCONNECTING THE DEVICE

A great feature of G-DRIVE® PROJECT is its ability to be connected and disconnected while your computer is running. The macOS and Windows operating systems have a means for safely disconnecting and removing the device without turning off the system:

- **macOS**—Users running macOS can simply drag the device icon to the Trash before disconnecting it.
- **Windows**—Windows has a Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media icon in the system tray which, when used, ensures that all data is saved to the device and is also flushed from system cache before disconnecting the device.

CAUTION: Do not disconnect the device while it is transferring data! Disconnecting the G-DRIVE® PROJECT from the computer during data transfer may damage the device or cause data loss.

INITIALIZE G-DRIVE® PROJECT FOR macOS

G-DRIVE® PROJECT was factory-formatted for use or "initialized" for macOS. You can re-initialize to quickly erase the contents of the drive. Here are the steps.

CAUTION: Initializing or Re-initializing a device will erase all data on the device. Do not continue if you wish to retain your information.

1. First, open the **Disk Utility** program located on your hard drive under Applications/Utilities/Disk Utility. The window below will appear. Your G-DRIVE® PROJECT will be displayed in the left-hand column.
2. Select the G-DRIVE® PROJECT by clicking its drive icon in the left-side column. Information about the device will be displayed at the bottom of the window.
3. Select the **Erase** tab to view the formatting options. By default, the product is formatted as APFS.
4. Choose the **Format** option that you prefer.
5. Click the **Erase** button in the lower right corner of the window. A dialog box will appear asking if you want to erase the G-DRIVE® PROJECT partition.
6. Click on the **Erase** button to continue. A progress bar in the lower right corner of the window will show the progress of the disk's reformatting.

7. After the device is re-initialized, you should automatically see the **Time Machine** dialog box.
 - Click the **Use as Backup Disk** button if you want to use the drive with Time Machine.
 - Click the **Don't Use or Decide Later** button if you do not want to use Time Machine at this point.
8. This should complete the initialization process, and the G-DRIVE® PROJECT should now be erased.

REFORMATTING THE G-DRIVE® PROJECT

G-DRIVE® PROJECT is set up at the factory for use with macOS systems but can be reformatted for use with Windows 10 and higher.

CAUTION: Reformatting the device will *erase* all of its contents. If you have saved files on the device, back them up to another file storage location before reformatting it.

For instructions on formatting your device for Windows, please visit Support, and review [Answer ID 30566](#)

4. COMPLIANCE AND WARRANTY INFORMATION

LIMITED WARRANTY – EXCEPT AUSTRALIA

Warranty Information

This device is covered by a 5-year limited warranty (or 5-year warranty in regions not recognizing “limited”) from the date of purchase, subject to the applicable warranty terms and conditions, as defined in <http://support.wdc.com/warranty/policy.asp>.

How to Make a Warranty Claim

Please go to www.westerndigital.com and select “support” for more information on making a warranty claim (Support Page).

If it is determined that your product may be defective, you will receive an RMA (Return Material Authorization) and product return instructions. You are responsible for any expenses associated with a claim under Limited Warranty.

You must send your product in a secure, prepaid package, to the address provided with your RMA number. Proof of purchase is required for all warranty claims.

LIMITED WARRANTY – AUSTRALIA

Warranty Information

Western Digital warrants to the end user, that this product, excluding content and or software supplied with or on the product, will be free from material defects in manufacture, will conform to published product specifications and be fit for normal use for a period of 5 years from the date of purchase, provided that the product is legally placed on the market.

When making a claim under this Limited Warranty, Western Digital may at its option repair this product or provide you with an equivalent product; and if unable to repair or replace the product, will refund the purchase price. The full terms of warranty and warranty period are available at: <http://support.wdc.com/warranty/policy.asp>.

Warrantor Details

Western Digital Corporation, 5601 Great Oaks Parkway, San Jose, CA 95119, U.S.A.

How to make a warranty claim:

Before you return the product, you must first obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Please either:

1. Contact www.westerndigital.com/support and provide proof of purchase (showing date and place of purchase and name of the reseller) and product name, type and number; or
2. Contact the dealer from whom you originally purchased the product.

Please go to www.westerndigital.com/support for more information on making a warranty claim (Support Page).

If it is determined that your product may be defective, you will receive an RMA number and product return instructions. You are responsible for any expenses associated with a claim Limited Warranty. You must send your product in a secure, prepaid package, to the address provided with your RMA number. Proof of purchase is required for all warranty claims.

Australian consumers only:

Notwithstanding the terms of this Limited Warranty, products come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the products repaired or replaced if the products fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**Regulatory Compliance – FCC****FCC CLASS B INFORMATION**

NOTE: This device 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 device 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 device does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the device and receiver.
- Connect the device 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.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the device.

Regulatory Compliance – Canada**Canada ICES-003 (B) / NMB-003 (B) Statement**

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 (B) du Canada.

This device complies with Canadian ICES-003 (B).

Safety Compliance – US and Canada**Safety Compliance**

Approved for US and Canada. CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62368-1-14: Audio/ Video, Information and Communication Technology Equipment Part 1: Safety Requirements.

Approuvé pour les Etats-Unis et le Canada. CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62368-1-14, Sûreté d'équipement de technologie de l'information.

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<http://www.wdc.com/products/EUDoC>.

Geprüfte Sicherheit

Maschinenlärminformations-Verordnung 3. GPSGV: Der höchste Schalldruckpegel beträgt 70 db(A) oder weniger gemäß EN ISO 7779, falls nicht anders gekennzeichnet oder spezifiziert.

Regulatory Compliance – Japan

添付の電源コードは、本製品専用です。

接地接続は必ず、電源プラグを電源につなぐ前に行ってください。

また、接地接続を外す場合は、必ず電源プラグを電源から切り離してから行って下さい。

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Regulatory Compliance – China

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部件名称	产品中有毒有害物质或元素的名称及含量					
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr (VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
底盘外壳和镜头	○	○	○	○	○	○
减震器	○	○	○	○	○	○
塑料其它部件	○	○	○	○	○	○
组合电缆/电源	X	○	○	○	○	○
金属部件	X	○	○	○	○	○
固态驱动器/硬盘/电路板组合	X	○	○	○	○	○

本表格依据SJ/T 11364-2014的规定编制。
 ○：表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在GB/T 26572规定的限量要求以下。
 X：表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出GB/T 26572规定的限量要求。
 (在此表中，企业可能需要根据实际情况对标记“X”的项目进行进一步的技术性解释。)

Regulatory Compliance – Taiwan

設備名稱：硬式磁碟機 型號 (型式)：R/N: K5C

單元	限用物質及其化學符號					
	鉛 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	鎘 (Cd)	六價鉻 (Cr (VI))	多溴聯苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
機箱外皮殼與鏡片	○	○	○	○	○	○
塑料其它部件	○	○	○	○	○	○
橡皮腳墊, 4 片	○	○	○	○	○	○
片金属部件	-	○	○	○	○	○
固態硬碟/硬碟/電路板組合	-	○	○	○	○	○
組合電纜線/電源	-	○	○	○	○	○

備考1. “超出0.1 wt %”及“超出0.01 wt %”係指限用物質之百分比含量超出百分比含量基準
 備考2. “○”係指該項限用物質之百分比含量未超出百分比含量基準值
 備考3. “-”係指該項限用物質為排除項目。

此裝置已通過測試且符合 CNS 15936 (EMC) 和 CNS 15598-1 (Safety) 規定。

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* 1 MB/s = 1 million bytes per second. Based on internal testing; performance may vary depending upon host device, usage conditions, drive capacity, and other factors.

** 1TB = 1 trillion bytes. Actual user capacity may be less depending on operating environment.

*** Compatible with iPad devices with USB-C port and iPadOS 14+. Based on internal testing; compatibility may vary based on host device and other factors.

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