

OWC Envoy Pro mini

Support Manual



Introduction

1.1 System Requirements

Operating System & Hardware

- Works with any USB4 or USB-C equipped:

- Mac
: macOS 10.6 or later
- PC
: Windows 7 or later
- iPad
: iPadOS 13 or later
- iPhone
: current version recommended
- ChromeOS
: current version recommended
- Android
: Android OS 10 or later

1.2 Package Contents

- (1)
OWC Envoy Pro mini
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Lanyard
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Getting Started

2.1 Device Setup

This section describes the process of setting up the OWC Envoy Pro mini.

Connecting with USB-C

1. Remove the cover protecting the OWC Envoy Pro mini USB Type-C connector.



2. Connect the Envoy Pro mini to the USB-C port of your host.



3. The OWC Envoy Pro mini comes formatted as APFS for Mac systems. This allows for a seamless plug-and-play experience between Mac and iPad systems. Connect the OWC Envoy Pro mini to a Mac or iPad and immediately begin using the drive.

- NOTE

: Windows, ChromeOS, and Android users will need to reformat the Mac formatted OWC device over that operating system to begin use. Please consult the support article "

OWC Drive Setup Over Non-Apple Platforms

" for instructions regarding reformatting the OWC Envoy Pro mini to work with Windows, ChromeOS, or Android operating systems.

- NOTE

: Please consult the

Support Manual for OWC Drive Guide

or

Drive Guide Support Guide

page for additional information regarding OWC Drive Guide.

Connecting with USB-A

1. Pull away from the USB Type-C connector to disengage the integrated USB Type-A connector.



2. Pivot the integrated USB Type-A connector and reengage by pushing towards the USB Type-C connector.



3. Connect the Envoy Pro mini to the USB Type-A port of your host.



4. The OWC Envoy Pro mini comes formatted as APFS for Mac systems. This allows for a seamless plug-and-play experience between Mac and iPad systems. Connect the OWC Envoy Pro mini to a Mac or iPad and immediately begin using the drive.

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: Windows, ChromeOS, and Android users will need to reformat the Mac formatted OWC device over that operating system to begin use. Please consult the support article "

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Device Management

3.1 OWC Disk Performance

- As of Windows 10 v. 1809 the default Disk Removal Policy is 'Quick removal' instead of 'Better performance'.

- NOTE

: OWC storage solutions that are experiencing slow read/write speeds should consider checking and changing the Windows disk removal policy. Changing from "Quick removal" to "Better performance" can increase disk performance. OWC offers the application OWC Disk Performance to help change the Disk Removal Policy. Changing from "Quick removal" to "Better performance" can also be changed manually.

- Please review the support article

Storage Solutions: OWC Disk Performance

for more detail.

3.2 Manually Unmounting Volumes

To ensure no data is lost during normal use, always eject or unmount the corresponding volume(s) from the operating system before powering off and disconnecting the device. Unmounting options are provided below.

macOS

1. Drag the icon for the device you wish to unmount to the trash can; OR
2. Right-click the device icon on the desktop, then click "Eject"; OR
3. Highlight the device on your Desktop and press Command-E.

Windows

- Windows 10 build 1809 (October 2018) or later:
 - Eject the drive by clicking the 'Show hidden items' menu in the Taskbar, then clicking 'Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media', and last select the 'Eject' option for this volume.

- Windows 10 build 1803 and earlier:
 - Go to the System Tray (located in the lower right corner of your screen). Click on the “Eject” icon (a small green arrow over a hardware image).
 - A message will appear, detailing the devices that the “Eject” icon controls, i.e., “Safely remove...” Click on this prompt.
 - You will then see a message that says, “Safe to Remove Hardware.” It is now safe to disconnect the device from the computer.

3.3 Usage Notes

- Performance will vary depending on host hardware, usage, and the connection type being used to mount
- LED will show drive activity by blinking blue and remain off when inactive. The LED light also functions with USB Type-A but will not be as visible.
- The included lanyard has (2) detachable points. One detachable point is the quick release for the drive. This allows you to remove the drive while keeping the lanyard around your neck. The other breakaway point is around the neck for safely breaking away in case the lanyard is pulled.
- If the host is protected by a case or shield, the Envoy Pro mini might not fully seat when connecting with USB Type-C . Using a USB Type-C extender cable is recommended for connecting the device. i.e: A tablet in a case or the I/O shield of a PC.
- The OWC Envoy Pro mini can be connected to devices with a Lightning port. Requires an Apple Lightning to USB3 Camera Adapter and USB Power Adapter or battery.

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4.1 Troubleshooting

- Verify the OWC Envoy Pro mini is securely connected to the host.
- Connect the OWC Envoy Pro mini with a different USB port.
- Connect the OWC Envoy Pro mini to a different host.

- Users experiencing slow read/write speeds should consider checking and changing the Windows disk removal policy. Please review the support article

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for more detail.

- We are very sorry if issues continue to occur. Please know that OWC support is here to help. Contact information for our support can be found in

section 4.4 "Contacting Support"

Please have your serial number ready which is located on the back of the OWC Envoy Pro mini and printed on the original packaging.

4.2 Online Resources

- [OWC Envoy Pro mini Product Page](#)
- [OWC Envoy Pro mini Support Guide Page](#)
- [Support Manual for OWC Drive Guide](#)
- [Drive Guide Support Guide](#)

- [OWC Disk Performance Download](#)
- [OWC Drive Setup Over Non-Apple Platforms Support Article](#)

4.3 About Data Backup

To ensure that your files are protected and to prevent data loss, we strongly suggest that you keep two copies of your data: one copy on your OWC Envoy Pro mini and a second copy on either your internal drive or another storage medium, such as an optical backup, or on another external storage unit. Any data loss or corruption while using the OWC Envoy Pro mini is the sole responsibility of the user, and under no circumstances may OWC, its parents, partners, affiliates, officers, employees, or agents be held liable for loss of the use of data including compensation of any kind or recovery of the data.

4.4 Contacting Support

- Phone, Chat, and Email support is available by visiting (owc.com/support)

4.5 About This Manual

The images and descriptions may vary slightly between this manual and the unit shipped. Functions and features may change depending on the firmware version. The latest product details and warranty information can be found on the product web page. OWC's Limited Warranty is not transferable and

General Use Precautions

- To avoid damage, do not expose the device to temperatures outside the following ranges:
 - Environmental (Operating)
 - Temperature (°F): 41° — 95°
 - Temperature (°C): 5° — 35°
 - Environmental (Non-Operating)
 - Temperature (°F): -4° — 140°
 - Temperature (°C): -20° — 60°
- Always unplug the device from the electrical outlet if there is a risk of lightning or if it will be unused for an extended period-of-time. Otherwise, there is an increased risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, or fire.
- Protect your device from excessive exposure to dust during use or storage. Dust can build up inside the device, increasing the risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, or fire.

Safety Precautions

- Use proper anti-static precautions when handling this device. Failure to do so can increase the risk of electrical shock or short-circuiting.
- Never expose your device to rain, or use it near water, or in damp wet conditions. Never place objects containing liquids on the device, as they may spill everywhere and into the openings. This will increase the risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, fire, or personal injury.

- To avoid any risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, fire, or dangerous emissions, never insert any metallic object into the device.
- Please cease use of the device and contact
OWC Support
if it appears to be malfunctioning.

Terms & Conditions of Sale

Warranty

OWC's products are subject to OWC's Terms & Conditions of Sale located at [Terms of Sale](#) or other applicable terms. The OWC Envoy Pro mini comes with a [3-Year Limited Warranty](#). Additional warranty information can be viewed by visiting [Hardware Warranties](#).

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FCC Statement

Warning ! Modifications not authorized by the manufacturer may void the user's authority to operate this device.

NOTE : 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 with 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:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

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