

## Initializing and Formatting Your Disks

If you are just connecting to your Disk Management Utility for the first time, you will need to read “What is Disk Management Utility?” online in order to use the guide below. You can find it, and many other helpful guides, online at:

<http://www.cavalrystorage.com/manuals.aspx>

There are two ways in which you can setup your Cavalry enclosure. Each requires its own setup process:

- Installation of an HDD that already has data on it.
- Installation of a blank HDD.

### Installing an HDD with Data Already on It

First, look for your drive directly in (My) Computer. If it appears, you can begin using it as normal; without further setup. If it *does not* show up, you will need to use the guides below according to your operating system:

#### Windows:

- 1) Once you’ve found your drive in Disk Management using the “What is Disk Management Utility?” Guide, take note of the Disk Number.
- 2) Right-click the white-horizontal rectangle next to the disk number of your drive.
- 3) Select the “Change Drive Letter or Path” option. Follow the Wizard carefully, and take note of the drive-letter assigned to your Cavalry enclosure.
- 4) Look for your drive-letter in (My) Computer and begin using it as normal.

#### Mac OS 10.4.0+:

- 1) Once you have found your disk in Disk Utility using the “What is Disk Management Utility?” Guide, click on the first entry for your Cavalry drive; the one closest to the top.
- 2) This will show you what file system the drive contains at the bottom of the Disk Utility window.
- 3) If the disk is unresponsive, you may need to perform “First Aid” and repair the file system of the disk. You may also need to “Partition” it for use with Mac. Be careful, **partitioning will erase your data!**
- 4) If you still decide to partition your disk, refer to the Mac Initialization guide below.

### Initializing Your Blank HDDs

#### Windows:

- 1) Once you’ve found your drive in Disk Management using the “What is Disk Management Utility?” Guide, right-click the disk number, and then select the “Initialize” option.
- 2) Select “MBR/Primary Partition” and “NTFS” for XP, or for drives that are smaller than 1TB. For later versions of Windows (7 and Vista), select “GPT/GUID” and “NTFS” for drives that are larger than 1 TB. *Caution! GPT/GUID is not compatible with XP!*
- 3) Let Windows select a drive letter, as well as the rest of the options. Then press “Finish”. Double-check that Windows assigned a drive-letter to your new drive(s). Otherwise, you will not see the drive(s) in (My) Computer.
- 4) Now, look for your drive-letter(s) in (My) Computer. Enjoy your new drive!

**Mac OS X 10.4.0+:**

- 1) Once you've found your drive in Disk Utility using the "What is Disk Management Utility?" Guide, click on the first entry for your Cavalry drive; the one closest to the top.
- 2) On the right, there will be a row listing operations you can perform on your drive. Select "Partition".
- 3) Now select "Volume Format>Mac OS Extended (Journaled).
- 4) Click "Options" and select "Apple Partition Map".
- 5) Click "Partition".
- 6) Check for your drive in Computer and/or the Desktop. Enjoy your new drive!

If you encounter any unexplained errors during this process, check out our Troubleshooting FAQ online, or contact us at:

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Or call: 1 800 238 4453, Mon. through Fri., 8:30am to 5:30pm, Pacific Time