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I. Introduction

This duplicator controller is designed to process each channel with its own control unit. As a result, the copying speed does not degrade with increasing number of targets loaded. The controller supports fast copy with multiple file formats created by three major operating systems (Windows/Linux/MAC), and makes mirror copies of data efficiently. Furthermore, this duplicator has been fully tested with quality assurance before leaving our manufacturing facility.

1. Features

a. Each processing channel has its own control unit and operates independently with dedicated bandwidth of up to 35MB per second.

b. Standalone operation. No PC or software is required, minimizing possible computer virus infection.

c. Instant power on and off, no warm-up or cool-down required.

d. Easy-to-use One-Touch copy operation.

e. Compare function available for verification of copy accuracy

f. Menu options are user-friendly and easily accessed through the 4-button control panel. Use ▲ or ▼ button to scroll through the options and view the operation status of each channel on the 2-line backlit LCD display.

g. Support Synchronous and Asynchronous copy modes for best operation efficiency.

h. Powerful 32-bit CRC checksum to assure data integrity.

i. Unique source data analysis to copy data area only to achieve highest efficiency


k. Not only to do copy, but also test flash media capacity and reading/writing speed.
2. Control Panel Overview

▲ Button: Up, Backward: To navigate backward in the menu.

▼ Button: Down, Forward: To navigate forward in the menu.

ENT Button: Enter, OK: Execute the function.

ESC Button: Escape, Cancel: Go back to the previous level in the menu.
3. Specifications

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<th>Standalone (No PC or Software is required)</th>
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<td>Target</td>
<td>6 - 118 depending on model</td>
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<td>Copy Speed</td>
<td>Maximum 35 MB/s (actual speed depends on the media)</td>
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<td>Copy Area</td>
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<td>USB 1.0/2.0/3.0/3.1</td>
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<td>Supported File System Format (for Fast Copy)</td>
<td>Windows: FAT16/32, exFAT, NTFS</td>
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<td>Linux: Ext2/3/4</td>
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<td>Display</td>
<td>2-line Backlit Monochrome LCD</td>
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<td>Control Button</td>
<td>4 push-button control panel (ENT, ESC, UP, DOWN)</td>
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<td>Memory</td>
<td>128MB DDR3</td>
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II. Warning

1. The duplicator tasks mentioned in this user's manual are as following: Copy, Compare, Copy + Compare, Capacity Check, and the functions under Utility sub menu, such as Format FAT32, Format exFAT, Quick Erase, Full Erase and DOD Erase.

2. All the tasks can be executed in synchronous mode, and asynchronous mode (except Copy + Compare function).

3. The Green LED flashes during the execution process of a task. After the task is done, the Green LED will stay solid if the process is successful, otherwise the Red LED will be on if the process is failed.

4. Press and hold ESC button during the execution process of a task will stop and exit the execution of the task.
5. DO NOT unplug USB drive from the duplicator during the execution process of a task. It may cause damage to the duplicator system and media.

6. It is strongly recommended that the capacities of the source and target media are equal or similar.

7. It is not recommended to use USB card reader to copy different media on the USB duplicator, such as CF/SD/MS cards. It may cause damage to the duplicator system and media.

8. DO NOT plug in USB or flash media until the duplicator boots up. It may cause abnormal results if a USB or flash media with quality issue is plugged in before or during the boot up process.

III. Synchronous /Asynchronous Mode

1. Synchronous Mode

Synchronous Mode (default) means that the duplicator will start to execute a task after the source and target devices have been inserted and the ENT button is pressed. The task will begin and end at the same time for all target devices. Any other target device plugged in during the process of a task will not be executed with the task. Go to section 6.2 Asynchronous Mode to enable or disable this function.

a. Insert source media into the source channel and blank media into the target channels properly. The LCD display will show no source disk when source media is not plugged in yet, and show the number of target media inserted when source media plugged in.

b. The green LED will be on if the target device is plugged in properly.

c. Select the task from menu, and press ENT button to execute it.

d. During the execution process, the status of each target device can be checked by using the ▲ and ▼ buttons.

e. After the task is done, LCD display will show the number of successful and failed target(s), and execution time. Go to section 6.10 Show Result Time to set up the display of time.

2. Asynchronous Mode

Asynchronous Mode means that the duplicator will read the data from source device into
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System memory buffer and start to execute a task immediately when target device(s) inserted. Duplicator does not have to wait for all target device(s) inserted in order to start the execution of the task at the same time. No matter the data size of the source device, duplicator can asynchronously execute a task if Asynchronous Mode is enabled. Go to 6.2 Asynchronous Mode to enable or disable this function.

a. Insert source media into the source channel, select the task to execute from the menu, and press ENT button. Duplicator will start to execute the task now.

b. Target devices can be plugged in during the execution process, and will start to execute the task immediately.

c. Target device can be removed when it finishes the execution process and its green LED is solid on. New target device can be plugged into the same channel for execution of the task again.

d. LCD display will show the percentage of execution process, the number of successful and failed target(s). Here the percentage of execution process displayed is only for the least processed target device.

e. During the execution process, the status of each target device can be checked by using the ▲ and ▼ buttons.

f. After the task is done for all target devices, press ESC button to exit from the task. LCD display will show the total number of successful and failed target(s), and total execution time. Go to 6.10 Show Result Time to set up the display of time.

g. Don't need to wait for all target devices to be done. Each channel executes the task asynchronously.
IV. Menu Overview

1. Copy
To copy from source device to target device(s), please go to 6.1 Copy Area to select the setting first before this step.

   1. Copy
   Source Not Ready
   No source device

   1. Copy
   Ready device: 7
   Source and target devices inserted

   Copy: 7
   7.8G

   Result:
   Pass: 7   Fail: 0

   Display copy progress
   The process of all tasks are displayed in the same format

2. Compare
This command allows to compare the copied target devices against the source for accuracy.

   2. Compare
   Ready device: 7
   Source and target devices inserted

   COMP: 7
   7.8G

   Result:
   Pass: 6   Fail: 1

   Display compare progress

3. Copy + Compare
This command allows duplicator to start Copy process first, then follow with Compare process immediately.

   3. Copy+Compare
   Ready device: 7
   Source and target devices inserted

   Copy&: 7 7.8G
   P: 0 F: 0 10%

   &COMP: 7 7.8G
   P: 0 F: 0 10%

   Display copy progress

   Display compare progress

   Result:
   Pass: 6   Fail: 1

   Final result
4. Capacity Check

This command allows to verify the device capacity. It can detect the actual capacity of devices within 3 seconds.

4. Capacity Check
   Ready device: 8

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<th>Display progress status</th>
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<td>Fail: 0</td>
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5. Utility

5.1. Format FAT32

This option allows to format the target device to FAT32 file format. It will not format the source device, avoiding accidently erasing the original data content. User will be asked if it is sure to format the target devices before the Format process starts.

[Utility]
1. Format FAT32

Sure to format?
Yes

Use ▲ or ▼ to select option
Display progress status

Result:
Pass: 7 Fail: 0

5.2. Format exFAT

This option allows to format the target device to exFAT file format. It will not format the source device, avoiding accidently erasing the original data content. User will be asked if it is sure to format the target devices before the Format process starts.

[Utility]
1. Format exFAT

Sure to format?
Yes

Use ▲ or ▼ to select option
Display progress status

Result:
Pass: 7 Fail: 0
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5.3. Measure Speed

This option allows to measure the actual Read and Write speed of the target device. This option will NOT alter or erase existing data on the target device.

```
[Utility]
3. Measure Speed
```

```
[# 0] Read  20M
1sec Write 16.5M
```

Display read/write speed

```
[# 1] Read  20M
1sec Write 16.6M
```

Use ▲ or ▼ to select device

5.4. Quick Erase

This option erases the table of content of file system of the target device, so it is fast to do Quick Erase. There is chance that some files can be retrieved by software.

```
[Utility]
4. Quick Erase
```

```
Sure to erase? Yes
```

Use ▲ or ▼ to select option

```
Q_Erase: 7
P: 0 F: 0
```

Display progress status

```
Result:
Pass: 7 Fail: 0
```

Final result

5.5. Full Erase

This option completely erases the content of target device. It takes longer time to erase and the content will not be retrieved by software.

```
[Utility]
5. Full Erase
```

```
Sure to erase? Yes
```

Use ▲ or ▼ to select option

```
F_Erase: 7
P: 0 F: 0
```

Display progress status

```
Result:
Pass: 7 Fail: 0
```

Final result

5.6. DoD Erase

This is to comply with the U.S.A. Department of Defense (DoD 5220) standard to fully erase the media by rewriting bit by bit three times to guarantee the data to be permanently deleted. It takes the longest time to erase, and the content will not be retrieved by software.
5.7. Change Disk Signatures
Duplicator generates the same disk signatures after copy which may cause computer unable to read the disk correctly when two disks with identical disk signatures are presented, or shut down the computer. This function allows to change disk signature.

Attention: it will cause error (data mismatch) if compare the disks after execution of this function.

5.8. Media Information
This option displays the information of selected device media, such as total capacity, file format and the size of data content.

5.9. Device Model
This option displays the model information of selected device, such as device model, serial information and firmware version

5.10. System Information
This option displays general information of the duplicator, including controller model, system memory size, firmware version and number of targets.
5.11. System Update
This option allows user to update the firmware of duplicator when necessary. Please obtain
the proper firmware file from manufacturer, and save the unzipped file under home folder on
the flash device (DO NOT save the file under sub folder). Insert the flash device containing
the firmware into the source port of duplicator and press ENT. It will update the system,
reboot the duplicator after update, active and operate under the new firmware.

6. Setup
6.1. Copy Area
This option allows to select the area on the source device to copy onto the target devices.
You may select either “System And Files” to skip all the unoccupied area on the source device
or “Whole Media”. By default, the copy area is set up as System And Files.

System And Files
The duplicator first analyzes the file format of source device. You may copy only the system and files
area to save overall copy time if the file format is FAT16, FAT32, exFAT, NTFS (Windows), EXT2,
EXT3, EXT4 (Linux), and HFS/HFS+ (Mac). Otherwise, the duplicator will copy the entire source
device content to the target devices including unoccupied space. For instance, the source device has
8GB capacity but with only 50MB of data in FAT32 file format. The duplicator will copy only the 50MB
of data area to the target device, hence shortening overall copy time.

Whole Media
When selected, the duplicator copies the entire content on the source device, including both the data
and empty spaces. This option is used when you have a source device with unknown file format.
For instance a source device has 8GB capacity and 50MB of data with unknown file format, the
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duplicator will copy the whole 8GB of content to target device.

6.2. Asynchronous Mode
This option allows to enable or disable Asynchronous Mode. By default the Asynchronous Mode is disabled. Please refer to Chapter III for the detail of operation on Synchronous and Asynchronous Mode.

6.3. Smaller Target
If the capacity of the target device is smaller than the source device, the duplicator will partly copy or cannot copy. Partly Copy is the default setting.

6.4. Unknown Format
This option allows you to Copy or Skip unknown format. If option Skip is selected here, the unknown format from source will not be copied during copy process. Copy unknown format is the default setting.
6.5. Check Before Copy
This option allows to check device real capacity before copying. By default this option is disabled.

6.6. Set Slow Out Threshold
This function allows to set up read/write speed threshold for target devices. When the target device is causing the copy or compare process delay due to its lower read/write speed and the rest of the devices in the same batch have to wait for it, the Slow Out Threshold strategy will be applied as the following: the system will stop the copy or compare process for that particular target device when its read/write speed is below the threshold for continuing number of seconds based on the setting, and its red LED will flash to give warning. There are 3 settings to set up.

**Read**: set up the lowest read speed, and options are OFF, 1MB/s~25MB/s. The default setting is **OFF**.

**Write**: set up the lowest write speed, and options are OFF, 1MB/s~25MB/s. The default setting is **OFF**.

**Duration**: set up the period when read or write speed is lower than the threshold for continuing number of time, and options are 1~20second. The default is **5second**.
6.7. Display Mode

There are three display modes: Basic, Show Timer, and Expert. Basic Mode shows the copy progress in general; Show Timer Mode displays the time used for the task; Expert Mode shows the devices with highest copy speed and lowest copy speed and their copy progress respectively. By default it is Basic Mode.

[Setup]
6. Display Mode

[Display Mode]
Basic

Copy: 1 2.5G
P: 0 F: 0 10%

[Display Mode]
Show Timer Mode

Copy: 1 2.5G
03:45 10%

[Display Mode]
Expert Mode

Copy: 1 2.5G
03:45 10%

A: 10 4 = 2303M
P: 0 1 = 2183M

6.8. Start-up Menu

Choose one of the following as the default start-up function: Copy, Compare, Copy+Compare, Capacity Check, Utility and Setup. The default start-up function is Copy.

[Setup]
7. Start-up Menu

[Start-up Menu]
Copy

Use ▲or ▼ to select
6.9. Button Beep
This option allows to set up button sound from the following options: Button & Warning, OFF, Warning only. The default setting is Button & Warning.

6.10. Show Result Time
This option allows to enable or disable the display of copy time after finishing the copy process. The default setting is disable.

6.11. Boot Password
This option allows to set up password for system boot up to prevent from the unauthorized use of the duplicator. The password must be 6 characters.

6.12. Setup Password
This option allows to set up password for Setup function to prevent from the change of system settings on the duplicator. The password must be 6 characters.
6.13. Language
This option allows to choose the language for display: English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Japanese. English is the default language.

This option resets the duplicator back to factory default settings.

6.15. Performance
This option allows to set up the performance for Copy function based on the following modes: Speed, Balance, and Compatibility. Speed mode is to execute the Copy function at the fastest speed, but may have compatibility issue with certain brands flash media. Balance mode is to execute the Copy function at stable speed, and have less compatibility issue with certain brands flash media. Compatibility mode is to execute the Copy function at the most stable speed, and almost have no compatible issue with flash media. The default mode is Speed.