

**To disconnect or unhook your OWC Mercury hard drive, follow these important steps to properly dismount your drive.**

**Windows Systems (all versions):** If you wish to disconnect your OWC Mercury drive without shutting down your computer, you need to stop the device with the "Unplug or Eject Hardware" icon, located on the right side of the system tray. Your drive is now safe to power off and unhook.

**Macintosh Systems (all versions):** If you wish to disconnect your OWC Mercury drive without shutting down your computer, simply drag the OWC Mercury drive icon to the trash can on the desktop (or, in the dock using Mac OS X). Your drive is now safe to power off and unhook.

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**Share your Mac formatted drive with your PC using MacDrive (optional purchase)**

After installing MacDrive, your HFS+ Macintosh volume will mount as if the drive were formatted in a native Windows format. MacDrive allows you to use your OWC Mercury hard drive on either platform without having to reformat or re-initialize the volume. We highly recommend this software for anyone that is sharing data in a cross platform environment.

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**Reformatting your OWC Mercury Hard Drive**

To reformat or re-initialize your OWC Mercury hard drive, please visit our website and follow the directions for the OS you wish to format the drive with.

[http://eshop.macsales.com/Tech/Load\\_Page.cfm?page=faq/manuals/format/fwformat.html](http://eshop.macsales.com/Tech/Load_Page.cfm?page=faq/manuals/format/fwformat.html)

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**Notes for use with older Macintosh systems**

If you are using an older Macintosh system, or using a PCI FireWire card to interface with the OWC Mercury FireWire drive, we recommend using the included Intech Hard Disk SpeedTools to tune the drive for optimum performance. Transfer errors or corruption can be avoided by using this software. This is especially recommended if you are NOT using Mac OS X.



**OWC Mercury Elite  
Owner's Manual**

## Welcome to the world of FireWire, brought to you by Other World Computing!

We thank you for your purchase of your new OWC Mercury Elite FireWire drive and are happy to provide you with one of the newest, fastest, and easiest ways to add mass storage to your Macintosh.

### WHY CHOOSE FIREWIRE?

Why choose FireWire? The answer is simple: Speed, speed, and more speed! With transfer rates up to 400Mbps, FireWire has more than 30 times the bandwidth of USB, which makes it the perfect choice for high-speed storage. Add to that incredible ease of installation, support for up to 63 devices, and hot-pluggable connectivity. It's simple to see why FireWire is the choice of the future for your Macintosh peripherals!

For more information, please visit our tech center at <http://eshop.macsales.com/Tech/index.cfm>

### Installation / Setup Instructions

Before starting, if your new OWC Mercury Elite Hard Drive is delivered under extreme hot or cold conditions, you should allow the contents of the package to reach room temperature prior to use.

Treat your new OWC Mercury product just like you do your computer - keep it dry, out of direct sunlight, clean, and avoid static electricity.

#### Macintosh Software Installation:

**Mac OS X:** Not required. Proceed to Hardware Installation.

**Mac OS 8.6-9.2.2:** Insert the HDST CD and follow the instructions provided by the installer. You may need to install Apple's FireWire drivers, see the tech center for details.

#### Windows Software Installation:

**Windows - 98SE & Higher:** Not required. For use with Windows 98SE or ME, it may be necessary to select the drive in the device manager and specify it as a removable drive. Windows 2000/XP users will have to create a signature for the drive in the Computer Management control panel.

Unpack your new OWC Mercury Elite FireWire drive and examine it's contents.



Familiarize yourself with the connections on the back of the OWC Mercury Elite FireWire drive - you will need to use these to connect your new drive to your computer.



#### Hardware Installation:

Installation of the hardware is a very straightforward procedure on any platform.

1. Plug the AC power cord into the wall and to the DC transformer.
2. Plug the DC cord into the OWC Mercury Elite Drive.
3. Plug the FireWire cable into the OWC Mercury Elite Drive.
4. Plug the FireWire cable into the computer's FireWire port.
5. Power on the OWC Mercury Elite drive. You're all set!