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- IEC 61000-4-3 - IEC 61000-4-6  
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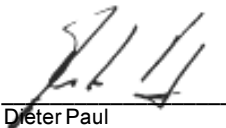
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**EMI Standards:** FCC Part 15, Class A

**EMC Standards:** AS/NSZ 3548 Information Technology Equipment

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# INTRODUCTION

## Packaging Information

The StorCase Technology Data Silo® external expansion chassis is shipped in a container designed to provide protection and prevent damage during shipment. The Data Silo was carefully inspected before and during the packing procedure at the factory. Evidence of any damage to the Data Silo should be reported to the shipper immediately.

If the wrong Data Silo model has been received, please call your reseller or StorCase at (800) 435-0642 to arrange for a Return Material Authorization (RMA). StorCase cannot accept returns which do not display an RMA number on the outside of the package. Return the unit with all the original packing materials.

Before removing any component from its packaging, discharge any static electricity by touching a properly grounded metal object.

## Serial Number

The Data Silo is labeled with a serial number. This number must be reported to the StorCase Customer Service Representative in order to receive a Return Material Authorization (RMA) for warranty claims. Locate the serial number label and record the number in the space provided below.

**Serial Number:**

## General Description

**WARNING:** The DS321 contains NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS inside the unit. Refer ALL servicing to qualified service personnel!

The StorCase Technology **Data Silo® DS321** 2-bay expansion chassis with FireWire 800 (IEEE-1394b) interface provide durable and reliable mounting for two (2) 3.5" form factor, low-profile (1" high) Ultra ATA100 or 133 drives. It is downward compatible with earlier technology IDE drives.

The DS321 is a 1U desktop (rack-mountable with provided hardware), dual bay configuration (Figure 1) for removable drives (equipped with 2 Data Express® DE110 removable drive enclosures). Each chassis is constructed of rugged steel and is equipped with one (1) 40W auto-switching power supply, drive status LEDs, one (1) cooling fan (5.5 CFM), and all necessary internal wiring and drive mounting hardware.

The DS321 comes standard with two (2) dual port FireWire 800 (IEEE-1394b) interfaces, which allow for single or dual host configurability.



*Figure 1: Data Silo DS321*

This User's Guide describes the steps required for installing drive(s) into the Data Silo DS321 external expansion chassis. This guide is intended to supplement documentation provided with the host computer system, the operating system, and the drive(s) to be installed within the Data Silo.

*Features:*

- 1U desktop enclosure (rack-mountable with provided hardware)
- Two (2) Data Express® DE110 removable IDE drive carriers
- Supports drive hot swapping
- Supports Ultra ATA100 or 133 drives (downward compatible with earlier-technology AT/IDE drives)
- Two (2) FireWire 800 (IEEE-1394b) interfaces with multiple drive configurability
- Universal Plug and Play
- Supports FireWire 800 high-speed transfer rates (up to 800Mbps)
- Compliant with ATA-5 and IEEE-1394b Standards
- Supports Microsoft® Windows® 98SE/2000/ME and Mac® OS generic SBP-2 drivers
- Corrosion-resistant steel construction
- One (1) fan (5.5 CFM) with override option
- One (1) 40W auto-switching power supply
- Audible alarm
- Includes external 6' and 20" Beta-to-Beta (FireWire 800-to-FireWire 800) cables, and external 6' Bilingual-to-6 circuit 1394a (FireWire 800-to-FireWire 400) cable
- Ideal for video editing
- 7-year warranty and free 24/7 technical support

## Front Panel

(Figure 2)

- **Data Express® DE110 Removable Drive Carrier(s)** - Provides durable and reliable mounting for low-profile 3.5" Ultra ATA100 or 133 drives (downward-compatible with earlier technology IDE drives).
- **Key Lock/Drive Power Switch(es)** - Perform three functions. The key switch assures proper seating of the drive carrier within the receiving frame, turns power to the drive on and off, and prevents unauthorized removal or installation of the carrier.

**NOTES:** Disable FireWire device on host computer desktop *before* turning OFF power (simply right-click on the "Unplug/Eject Hardware" Icon located in the System Tray and "disconnect").

For Microsoft® Windows® 2000 applications, DO NOT turn on immediately after turning off power. Wait at least 15 seconds before turning power back on.

- **LEDs** - Provides the following operating information:

Ready = ON indicates power to the drive and drive is ready.  
(Green) FLASHING indicates drive not ready.

Activity = FLASHING indicates drive activity.  
(Yellow)

Error = FLASHING indicates Fan Override is ON. Fan is DISABLED.  
(Red)

Steady glow indicates fan fault condition. Audible alarm will also sound.

**NOTE:** Fan Override must be OFF for the Error LED to indicate fan fault condition.

Refer to section "*Rear Panel*" for further information regarding the Fan Override.

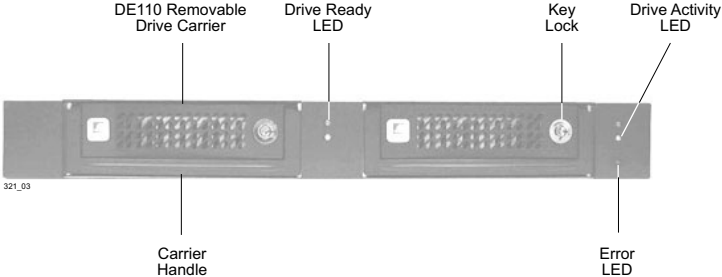


Figure 2: Front Panel

## Rear Panel

(Figure 3)

- **FireWire Interfaces** - Connect to a FireWire 800 (IEEE-1394b) device via FireWire800 cable (provided). Dual connectors allow for single or dual host configurability. Refer to section "*Typical FireWire Configurations*" for further information.
- **Fan** - One (1) cooling fan provides chassis ventilation (5.5 CFM).
- **Fan Override Switch** -
  - OFF = (Recommended) Cooling fan is ON when chassis is on (Factory Default).
  - ON = Fan Override is enabled. Cooling fan is DISABLED.
- **A/C Power In** - Accepts U.S. and other available international standard power cords.
- **Power Switch** - Rocker switch controls power to the power supply.

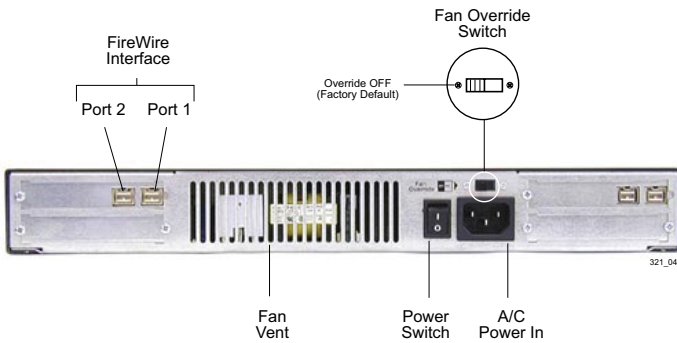


Figure 3: Rear Panel

## INSTALLATION

**CAUTION:** The DS321 chassis contains NO USER SERVICEABLE parts inside the unit. Refer ALL servicing to qualified personnel!

**NOTE:** Refer to the *Data Express DE110 User's Guide* for additional operating and installation information. Also refer to the disk manufacturer's documentation for specific information regarding the disks.

### Drive Preparation

1. Remove the drive from its protective packaging.
2. **Plastic Drive Bezel:** If the drive came equipped with a plastic front bezel, it must be removed before installing the drive into the drive carrier.
3. In most cases, your drive will be factory-configured as a Master Drive using a jumper option on the drive itself. StorCase however, recommends reconfiguring the drive to **Cable Select** instead. This can be done by configuring the jumper option on the drive itself (refer to the drive manufacturer's documentation for further information).

**NOTE:** Since specifications (specifically, pin assignments) between drive manufacturers may vary, please refer to your drive manufacturer's documentation for exact information regarding Cable Select configuration.

## Drive Installation

1. Remove the DE110 drive carrier(s) from the DS321 chassis.
2. Uninstall the drive cover(s) from the drive carrier(s). Refer to Figure 5.
3. Attach the DC power cable (from the Drive Carrier Board) to the drive (Figure 4).
4. Carefully insert the drive into the carrier. Slide the drive towards the Drive Carrier Board, so that the I/O connector on the drive mates with the connector on the Drive Carrier Board (Figure 4). **Make sure that the DC power cable is not pinched.**
5. Fasten the drive into place with four (4) #6-32 Phillips Flat Hd. screws (Figure 4).
6. Reinstall the provided drive cover (Figure 5).

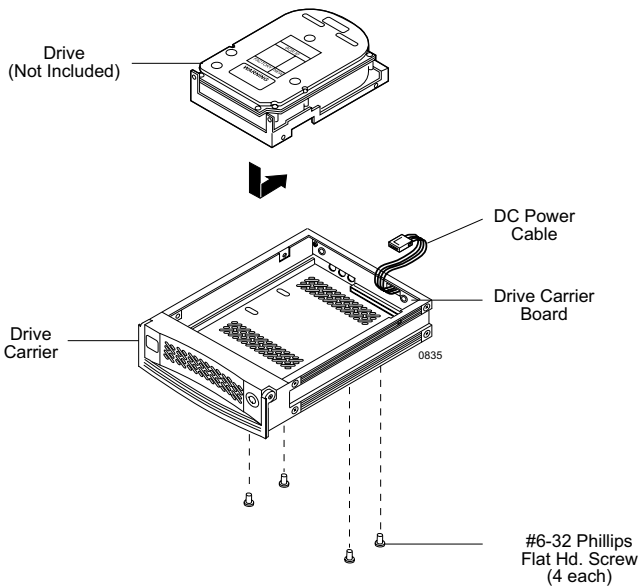


Figure 4: Drive Installation Assembly



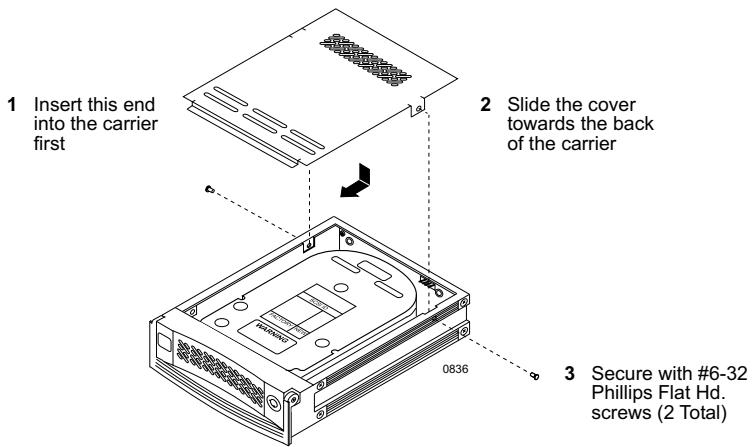


Figure 5: Drive Cover Installation

7. The DE110 drive carrier is now ready to be inserted into the Data Silo.

**NOTE:** The lock on the DE110 carrier functions as a lock and a DC power switch for the carrier unit. The lock must be engaged in order to supply power to the carrier and installed drive.

8. Reboot the computer. The new disks is now ready for use, although it may have to be formatted or initialized prior to use with your operating system and applications software.

**WARNING:** Unlocking the carrier unit switches DC power OFF to the drive. Since disk drives require a short amount of time to spin down, allow about 15 seconds before pulling the carrier unit out of the receiving frame to avoid possible damage to the drive.

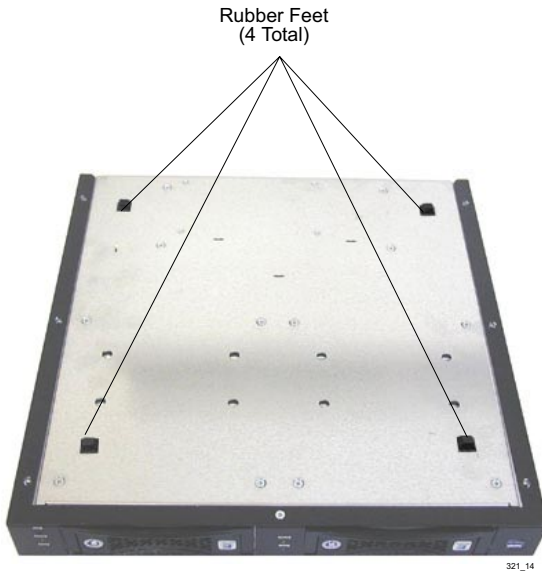
**NOTES:** Disable FireWire device on host computer desktop *before* turning OFF power (simply right-click on the "Unplug/Eject Hardware" Icon located in the System Tray and "disconnect").

For Microsoft® Windows® 2000 applications, DO NOT turn on immediately after turning off power. Wait at least 15 seconds before turning power back on.

## Desktop Conversion

**NOTE:** All necessary desktop conversion hardware is included in the DS321 accessory bag.

1. Unplug the DS321 and verify that ALL cables have been disconnected.
2. Turn the DS321 over and place it on a soft clean surface, so that the bottom is facing upward.
3. Peel paper backing off rubber feet (4 total) and press into place (location indicated by "L" marks) as shown in Figure 6.

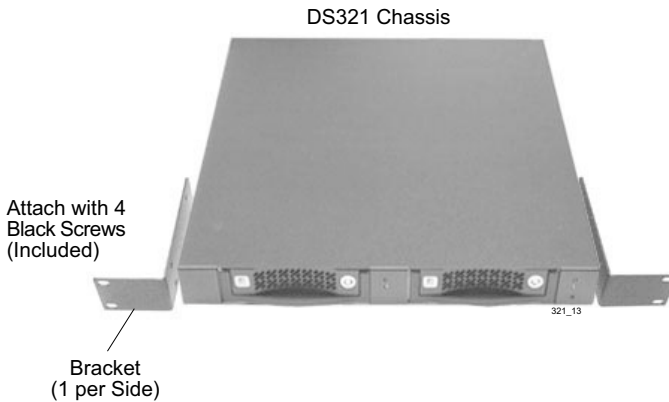


*Figure 6: Desktop Conversion*

## Rack Mount Conversion

**NOTE:** All necessary rack mount conversion hardware is included in the DS321 accessory bag.

1. Unplug the DS321 and verify that ALL cables have been disconnected.
2. Place DS321 on a soft clean surface.
3. Attach each bracket with four (4) black #6-32 Phillips Flat Hd. screws as shown in Figure 7.



*Figure 7: Rack Mount Conversion*

## Typical FireWire Configurations

**NOTES:** The installation, configuration, and use of the StorCase Data Silo DS321 FireWire 800-to-IDE chassis requires a certain level of expertise and experience on the part of the user/integrator. Since there are many configuration options and variables (ie. host platforms, applications, etc), only general/typical configuration guidelines will be discussed in this User's Guide.

One (1) 6' FireWire 800-to-FireWire 800 cable, one (1) 20" FireWire 800-to-FireWire 800 cable, and one (1) 6' FireWire 800-to-FireWire 400 cable are provided with *each* DS321 chassis.

### Typical Single Host Configurations

**NOTE:** Depending on configuration, additional FireWire 800 cabling may be required. Contact StorCase for further ordering information.

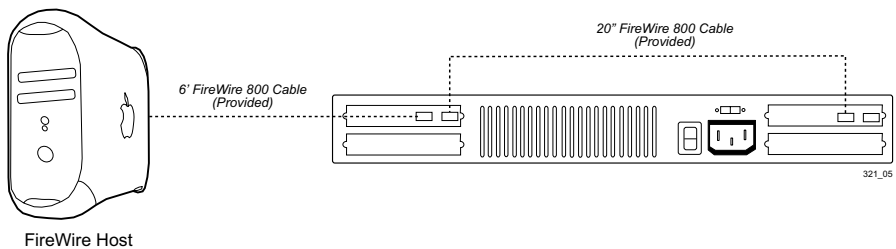


Figure 8: Typical Single Host Connection to One Data Silo

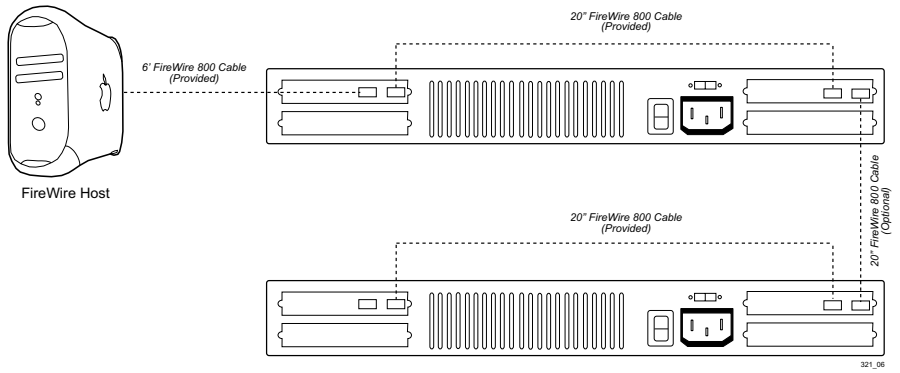


Figure 9: Typical Single Host Connection to Multiple Data Silos

## Typical Dual Host Configurations

**NOTE:** Depending on configuration, additional FireWire cabling may be required. Contact StorCase for further ordering information.

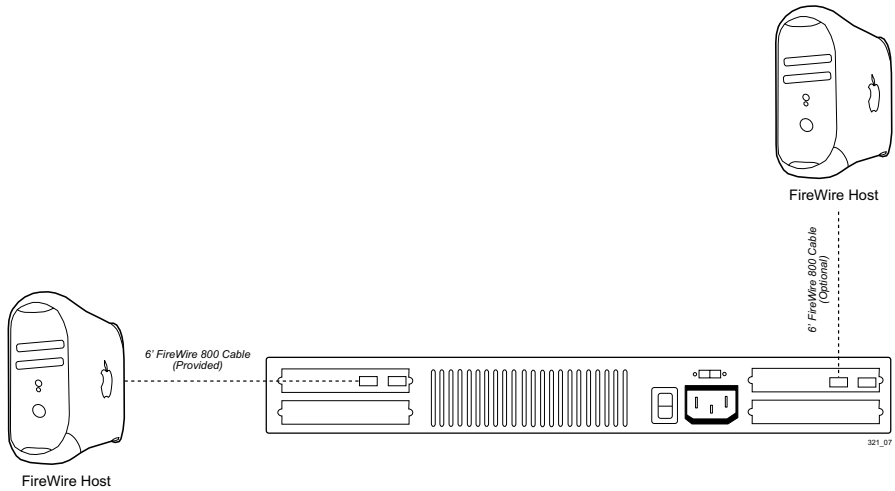


Figure 10: Typical Dual Host Connection to One Data Silo

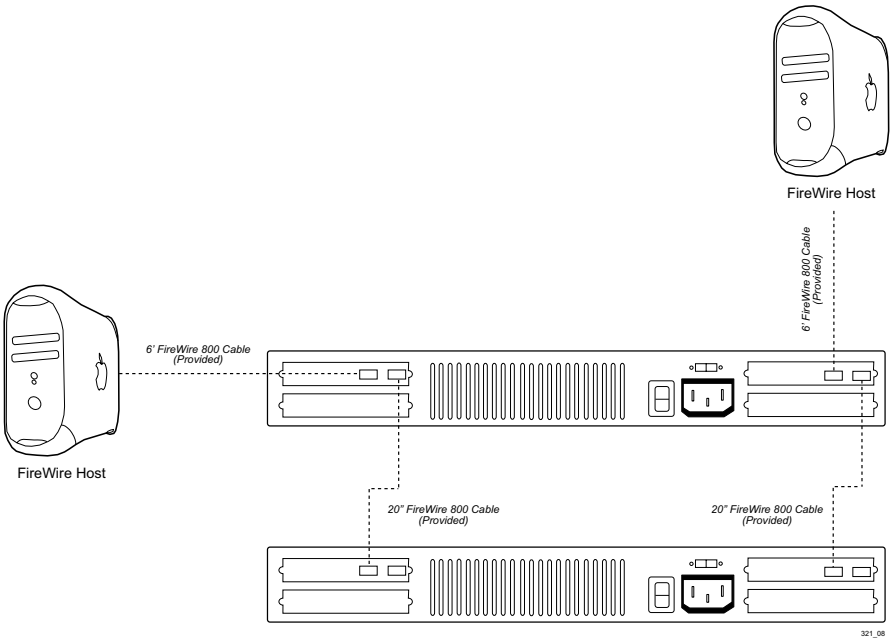


Figure 11: Typical Dual Host Connection to Multiple Data Silos

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## APPENDICES

## Appendix A - Specifications/Dimensions

The following DS321 specifications and dimensions are provided for reference only.

Environmental Specifications		
	Operating	Storage
Ambient Temperature	0° C to 40° C	-40° C to 70° C
Relative Humidity <sup>(1)</sup>	10% to 80%	10% to 90%
Altitude	-1000 to 10,000 ft	-1000 to 40,000 ft
	-305m to 3048m	-305m to 12195m
Shock <sup>(2)</sup>	10g	60g

<sup>(1)</sup>Non-condensing with maximum gradient of 10% per hour

<sup>(2)</sup> 11 msec pulse width 1/2 sine wave

Physical Specifications	
Height	1.73" (43.9mm)
Width	14.06" (357.1mm) <sup>(1)</sup>
Depth	14.05" (356.9mm)
Weight	13.5 lbs (6.1kg) <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Width of desktop version

<sup>(2)</sup>Total weight including 2 DE110 carriers (10.5 lbs without carriers)

Compliance	IEEE-1394b & ATA-5
Max. Transfer Rate	up to 800Mbps
Max. Cable Length	4.5m (14.75 ft)

Electrical Specifications	
(1) Auto-switching 40W Power Supply	
AC Input	115VAC - 230VAC, 50-60Hz
DC Output Continuous	5V at 3.0A, 12V at 2.0A

Chassis Reliability/Maintainability	
MTBF <sup>(1)</sup>	500,000 Hours
MTTR <sup>(2)</sup>	5 Minutes
Preventive Maintenance	None

<sup>(1)</sup>MTBF = Mean Time Between Failure

<sup>(2)</sup>MTTR = Mean Time To Repair

Fan Air Flow	
Total (For 1 Fan)	5.5 CFM

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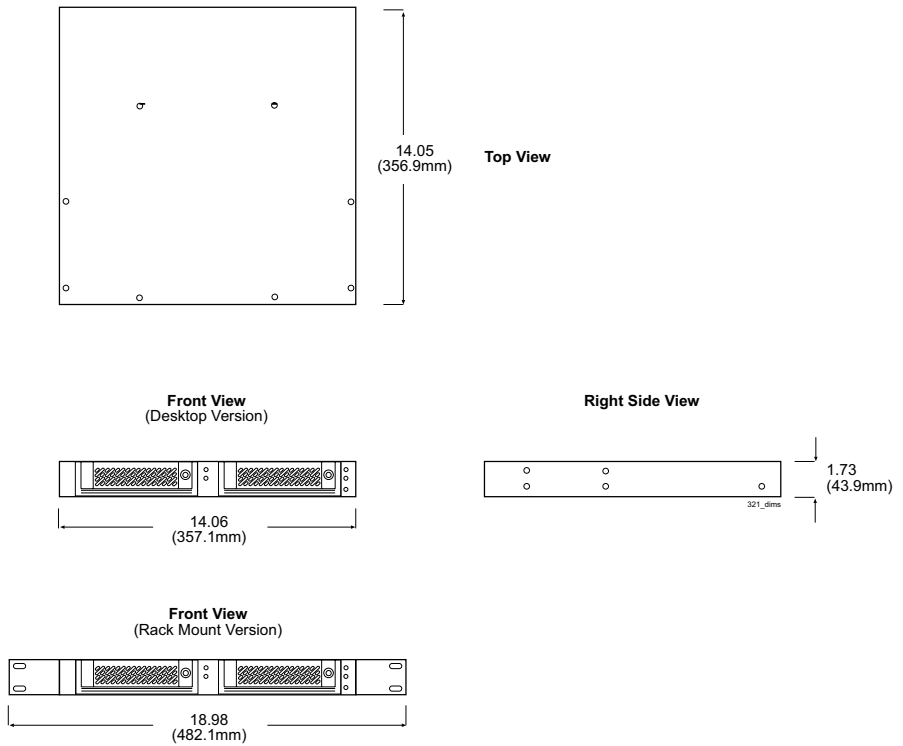


Figure A-1: DS321 Physical Dimensions  
(Dimensions are for reference only)

## Appendix B - Optional Accessories

### FireWire Cables

Additional FireWire cables are available for the DS321 as shown in Figure B-1. Contact StorCase for further ordering information.



6 ft. Beta-to-Beta  
(FireWire 800-to-FireWire 800)  
Cable



20 in. Beta-to-Beta  
(FireWire 800-to-FireWire 800)  
Cable



6 ft. Bilingual-to-6 circuit 1394a  
(FireWire 800-to-FireWire 400)  
Cable

*Figure B-1: FireWire Cables*

## Removable Drive Carriers

Additional DE110 removable drive carriers are available for the DS321 as shown in Figure B-2. Contact StorCase for further ordering information.



*Figure B-2: DE110 Drive Carrier*

## Carrying Case

(Figure B-3)

The optional molded plastic carrying case (P/N S20E101) is designed to transport the DE110 drive carrier from one site to another in a safe, impact and moisture resistant environment. Its compact dimensions, 7" long x 9" wide x 4" high, make it easy to carry and store. The foam lining is contoured to fit a single DE110 carrier. Contact StorCase for further ordering information.



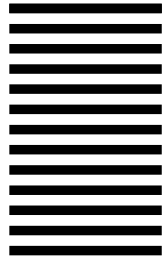
*Figure B-3: Carrying Case*



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