

Fasttrak[™]



Hard Drive for the Amiga® 500

Installation Manual

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INTRODUCTION

- *Inventory*
- *Precautions*

Congratulations on purchasing a *FastTrak* hard drive, one of the fastest and most complete hard drive systems available for your Amiga® 500 computer. Here's an overview of its features:

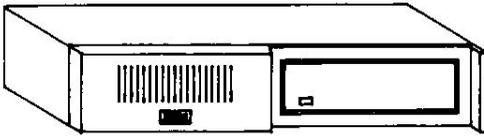
- **DMAX™** hardware boosts data transfers to 45 times faster than floppies (depending on the hard drive) using AmigaDOS™ (even faster using direct methods)
- Boot off the hard drive on a v1.3 system
- Utilities included for formatting, partitioning, and data archiving
- Supports up to 7 SCSI drives (or other SCSI devices)
- Pass-thru bus allows other peripherals to use the expansion bus
- Drive enclosure has its own power supply and cooling fan (no fan on the *FastTrak jr*)
- Host adaptor internal connector accepts optional math coprocessor/512K-4Meg RAM board
- Compatible with Xetec *FastTape* streaming tape backup subsystems

One of the major components of the *FastTrak* drive system is the host adaptor. This unit is basically an interface between your computer and the hard drive enclosure. It generates a special set of signals that the hard drive unit understands. These signals conform to the SCSI (Small Computer Systems Interface) standard which is commonly used by many storage devices. This makes it easy to add more drives or other devices. (By the way, pronunciation of "SCSI" is divided between "scuzzy" and "sexy," so pick a side. Rest assured that neither is a very accurate description of the SCSI format.)

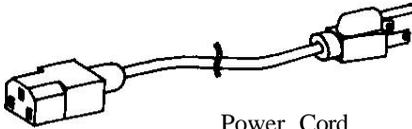
The other major component is the hard drive enclosure. The hard disk drive itself is contained in this unit, as well as a power supply, controller card (if applicable), and other miscellany. The controller card is another interface of sorts, used with ST-506 type drives to adapt them to the SCSI data coming into the drive. Most of the *FastTrak* models use embedded SCSI drives which can connect directly to the SCSI bus, eliminating the controller card.

Inventory

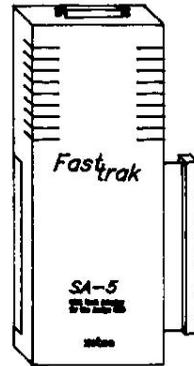
Before doing anything else, identify the following components included in your *FastTrak* drive system.



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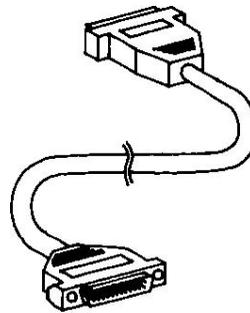
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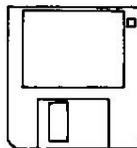
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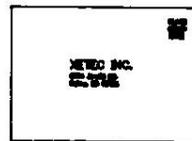
Manual



SCSI Data Cable



Boot Disk



Warranty card

Fig. 1 - Components

Precautions

Your *FastTrak* hard drive has been designed to make installation a breeze. Nevertheless, read this manual very carefully, paying particularly close attention to the first few chapters. You're gambling with the future of your data if you skim these important sections!

The hard disk itself is probably the most sensitive electronic device you will ever encounter. Even a minor bump can damage the drive's magnetic surfaces, resulting in a loss of data and possibly a ruined hard drive. The drive in your *FastTrak* system is attached using a soft-mounting, which protects it from minor mechanical shocks. Still, the following safeguards must be taken:

- If you intend to move or ship the drive, use the included "Park" utility (see the User Manual) to move the heads to an unused part of the disk. In fact, it's a good practice to park the heads every time you're ready to shut the system down.
- Never ship the drive in anything but its original carton.
- Never move the drive for the first 30 seconds after its power is shut off to allow the platters to come to a full stop and for the heads to auto-park (on applicable drives).

Another danger when installing the *FastTrak* drive is static discharge. Before handling or installing the system components, you should prepare yourself so that you do not damage them by your touch. First, a carpeted floor is always dangerous! Leather-soled shoes also seem to be a problem. Static problems multiply when the humidity is low (generally in winter). A good rule to remember is any time you have walked any distance, discharge yourself before touching your computer or any peripheral. Large metal objects (such as a table) are a good place to discharge, as is anything connected to earth ground (like the screw in the cover of a wall socket).

INSTALLATION

- *Host Adaptor Options*
- *Changing the Option Jumpers*
- *Connecting Everything*

Host Adaptor Options

Before you can install your hard drive system, a few jumpers in the host adaptor need to be discussed. Your adaptor comes from the factory with the most popular options already set. Changing them, however, will require the removal of the host adaptor's cover. This is a simple operation that anyone who's careful can perform. Read the following option descriptions to determine if you need to change any of the jumpers.

Option 1: Operating System

Due to some important changes in the Amiga® 500 operating system, you must set a jumper in the host adaptor depending on the version of Kickstart™ ROM you have in your computer. Here's how to find out: make sure no disks are in any floppy drives and turn your computer on. When the hand holding the disk appears, asking you to insert Workbench™ look at the number just below the disk. This is the version of the ROM installed.

The jumper is already set for v1.2, so unless you have a higher revision (1.3, 1.4, etc.), you don't need to change this jumper. If you do, see below for details.

Note: this jumper determines whether you will be able to boot directly from the hard drive (not possible if set for v1.2). If your ROM is version 1.2 but you set the jumper otherwise, the computer will "hang" when powering up.

Option 2: Power Source

One other option you can jumper in the host adaptor is where it will get its power. As shipped, the host adaptor will draw its 5 volts from the computer. The other option is to draw it from the power supply in the hard drive. The latter is recommended if you install the optional RAM module in the host adaptor, or if any peripherals are plugged into the expansion port of the *FastTrak* host adaptor. If neither of these is true, you can leave this jumper unchanged.

Note: drawing power from the hard drive supply only works with Xetec hard drive enclosures. You may attach other SCSI devices, but they will not supply the power needed for this option.

If you do need to draw host adaptor power from the hard drive, see the next section for details on changing the jumper.

Changing the Option Jumpers

If you determined in the previous section that you need to change one or more of the jumpers in the host adaptor, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Using a phillips screwdriver, remove the six screws on the sides of the host adaptor (not the ones on its bottom). Set them aside and pull the cover straight off the base. Set it aside.
- 2) Discharge yourself every time you are about to touch any of the jumpers. **Do not touch anything else!**
- 3) Orient the host adaptor so that it matches Fig. 2. Find the three areas marked. **Never change any other jumpers!**

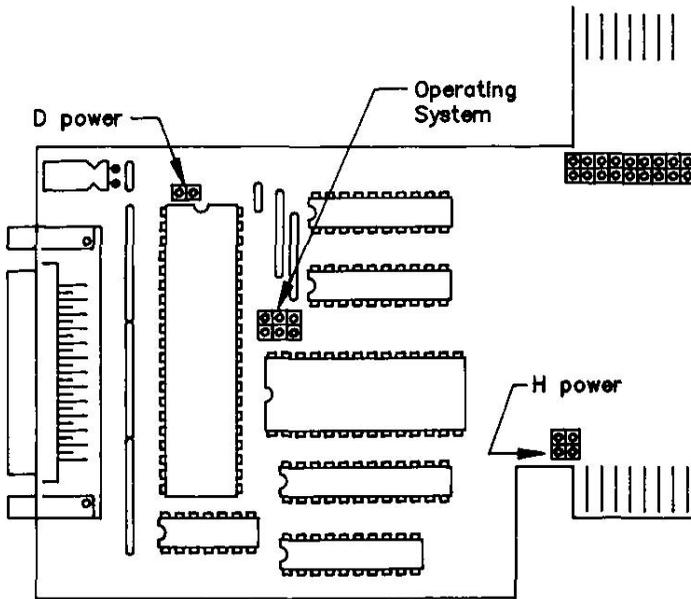


Fig. 2 - Jumper Locations

- 4) Set the jumpers according to the following.

Operating System Jumper

ROM version 1.2 

ROM version 1.3 or higher 

Power Source Jumpers

From the host (computer)  H power  D power

From the drive  H power  D power

Fig. 3 - Jumper Settings

Never should there be a jumper on both H power and D power at the same time!

- 5) Replace the cover and the six screws.

Connecting Everything

Installation of the *FastTrak* drive system takes only a few moments, but must be done carefully to avoid damage. Be gentle, and work slowly, referring to the text frequently as you go.

- 1) Make sure your computer and all peripherals work correctly before installing your hard drive. This will prevent a misdiagnosis of other problems.
- 2) Make sure power is completely turned off to all components of your computer and hard drive system.
- 3) Locate the small plastic cover on the lower-left side of your computer and pry it out with a small screwdriver. The cover will not be needed as long as the *FastTrak* drive is connected to your system. If you have another device that uses this expansion slot, it may be installed in front of or behind the Xetec host adaptor. If behind, remove it for now.

- 4) If you own other devices that use the computer's expansion port, remove the host adaptor's silver pass-thru cover. It's attached by two screws on the bottom of the host adaptor.
- 5) Lay the *FastTrak* host adaptor to the left of the computer, positioned so that its cover is readable as you sit at the keyboard. See Fig. 4. Slide it to the right into the computer's expansion slot, guiding the host adaptor's connector onto the printed circuit board. Make sure it is seated fully and squarely.

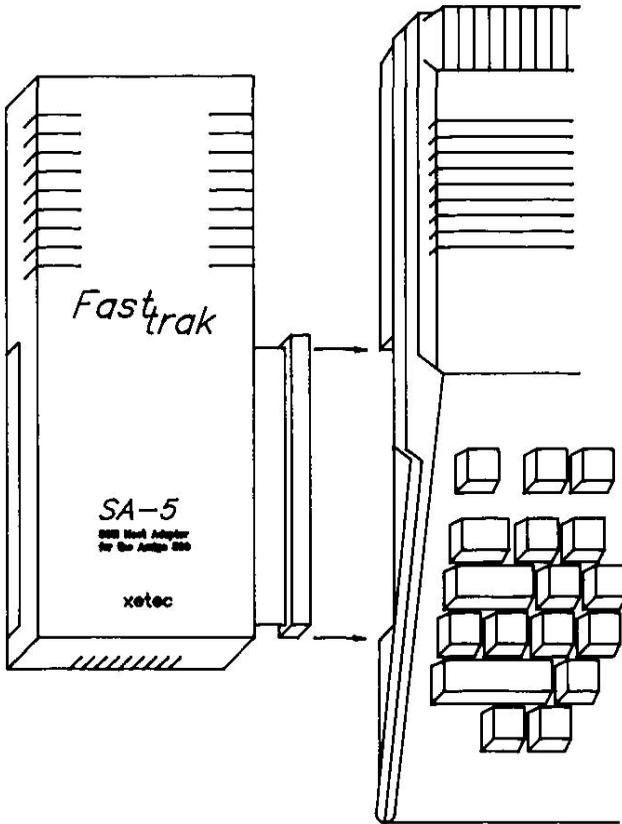


Fig. 4 - Host Adaptor Installation

- 6) If you unplugged any peripherals in step 3, plug them into the left side of the *FastTrak* host adaptor.

- 7) Locate the 25 pin data cable; plug one end into the connector on the rear of the Host Adaptor, and secure the cable with the attached screws.
- 8) Attach the remaining end of the 25 pin data cable to the connector marked "Host Adaptor" on the back of the hard drive enclosure. See Fig. 5. Again, secure the cable with the attached screws.

CAUTION!

Unless your *FastTrak* hard drive enclosure is labeled otherwise, it has been factory wired for:

115 volts A.C. 60 Hertz

Do not plug the power cord into any other voltage or frequency outlet.

For domestic American systems, the correct outlet type is the three prong grounded variety. Use of a three prong adaptor in a two prong ungrounded outlet is strongly discouraged since such use presents a high shock hazard and may damage your system.

Locate the AC power cable and plug the female end into the **115 VAC** receptacle of the hard drive enclosure. Be absolutely sure it's pushed in **all the way**. Make sure the Power Switch is in the OFF position and plug the male end into a properly grounded 115 volt AC, 60 Hz outlet.

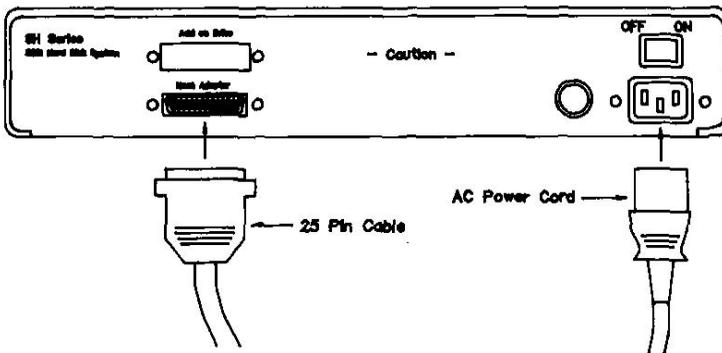


Fig. 5 - Hard Drive Connections

ADDING MORE DRIVES

- *Termination*
- *The Device Address*
- *Unit Numbering*

Your *FastTrak* host adaptor will support up to seven SCSI devices, which can equate to as many as 14 hard disk drives. Adding more devices to your system, however, is more complex than you might think. Unfortunately, when doing so, you cannot just "plug in and go" as you did with your first drive — you must understand some more of the principles of the SCSI communications bus.

Termination

The first concept to understand is termination. Every SCSI device has an optional set (usually 3) of resistor packs known as **bus terminators**. For a SCSI-based system to work *reliably*, there must be two and only two devices with the terminators installed, each one on the end of the SCSI chain. The standard *FastTrak* system is setup as in fig. 6, with a set of terminators in the host adaptor and the hard drive. When one or more devices are added, they must be inserted in the chain as in fig. 7. Notice that the original two pieces are kept on the ends of the chain, meaning that each inserted device **must have its terminators unplugged**. If you are supplying your own SCSI device, look for specific instructions about the location of the terminators in the documentation included with the device. If you are installing a Xetec *FastTrak* add-on drive, you need not worry about the terminators; it will already have them removed for you.

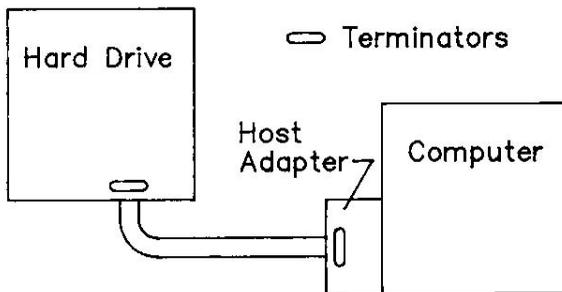


Fig. 6 - Standard System Termination

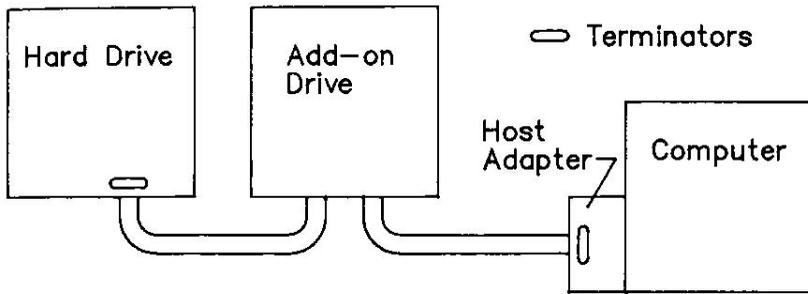


Fig. 7 - Expanded System Termination

Make absolutely sure that the devices on the ends of the SCSI chain have terminators in them, and that none of the other devices do. The system may appear to work even if something deviates from these rules, but a lock-up could occur at any time. So don't just test it, visually verify it!

The Device Address

Each device attached to the SCSI bus has its own unique code to which it and only it responds. This code is called its **device address**. The device address of the host adaptor is usually 7. Your original drive's address is set to 0, but is changeable. This leaves addresses 1 through 6 for other devices that you might add. If two devices on the bus have the same address, an error or lock-up will result when you try to access either one.

To set a disk's device address, refer to the documentation included with it. *FastTrak* add-on drives are shipped with their address set to 1. They may just be inserted and used.

Unit Numbering

A deliberate numbering system is used by all *FastTrak* software to refer to each physical device on the SCSI bus. The host adaptor uses this **unit number** to know which device should be accessed. Following are the valid unit numbers:

Unit	LUN	Address
0	0	0
1	0	1
2	0	2
3	0	3
4	0	4
5	0	5
6	0	6
10	1	0
11	1	1
12	1	2
13	1	3
14	1	4
15	1	5
16	1	6

Fig. 8 - Unit Numbers

The **LUN** entry stands for Logical Unit Number. This is for SCSI controller cards that can support more than one drive. These cards allow a LUN of 0 or 1 to distinguish between the two drives. Cards with only one drive attached will not respond to the "10 +" unit number, because no LUN 1 exists for it. Knowledge of this unit numbering system will be helpful when setting up your drives and when using the included utilities (see the User Manual).

CUSTOMER SERVICE

If you have a problem that is not covered in this manual, you may obtain help by calling customer service at (913) 827-0685 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST. **We cannot help those who have not read this manual and the User Manual.**

Xetec also has a bulletin board in operation to provide support for all *FastTrak* owners. The number is (913) 827-1974.

EQUIPMENT RETURN POLICY

Do not return any system or part thereof unless you have first called and received authorization. Any hardware to be returned will require an RMA (return materials authorization). Any hardware without an RMA number clearly marked on the outside of the box will be refused. Call (913) 827-0685 to obtain an RMA.

When shipping a drive, remember to use the *Park* command (see the User Manual) and to use the original carton. Include a letter describing the problem and proof of purchase, if under warranty.

The drive's warranty will only be honored if the registration card has been completed and mailed in.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Capacity	Sec/Trk	Heads	Cyls	Avg. Seek
FastTrak jr	21 MB	17	4	604	68 msec
FastTrak K20	21 MB	17	4	607	40 msec
FastTrak Q40	42 MB	28&35	3	834	19 msec
FastTrak Q80	84 MB	28&35	6	834	19 msec
FastTrak M150	154 MB	36	7	1245	16 msec

Model	Bytes/Sec	Encoding	Bits/Inch	Trks/Inch	RPM
FastTrak jr	512	MFM	13,400	800	3600
FastTrak K20	512	MFM	10,200	800	3600
FastTrak Q40	512	RLL	22,055	1000	3662
FastTrak Q80	512	RLL	22,055	1000	3662
FastTrak M150	512	RLL	-	-	3600

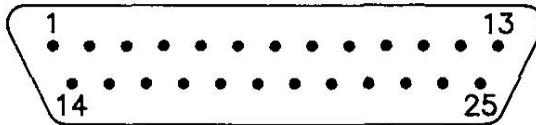
Transfer rate (theoretical) 1.5 Megabytes/sec
 Transfer rate (practical) 800,000 bytes/sec
 Average read speed (thru DOS) 175,000 — 550,000 bytes/sec
 Average write speed (thru DOS) 120,000 — 300,000 bytes/sec

Power requirements

Host adaptor (no FastRam card) 5 volts DC at 500mA max
 Drive enclosure 120 VAC 60Hz 40W

Size

Host adaptor 9" x 3.5" x 1.25"
 Drive enclosure 12" x 14" x 2.5"



Pin	Name	Pin	Name
1	REQ	14	Gnd
2	MSG	15	C/D
3	I/O	16	Gnd
4	RST	17	ATN
5	ACK	18	Gnd
6	BSY	19	SEL
7	Gnd	20	DP
8	D0	21	D1
9	Gnd	22	D2
10	D3	23	D4
11	D5	24	Gnd
12	D6	25	Drive Pwr
13	D7		

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