ESS150XC Series

Quick Start Guide

V1.0.0

Foreword

General

This manual introduces the functions and operations of the ESS.

Models

ESS1504C, ESS1508C

Safety Instructions

The following categorized signal words with defined meaning might appear in the manual.

Signal Words	Meaning
DANGER	Indicates a high potential hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
WARNING	Indicates a medium or low potential hazard which, if not avoided, could result in slight or moderate injury.
CAUTION	Indicates a potential risk which, if not avoided, could result in property damage, data loss, lower performance, or unpredictable result.
TIPS	Provides methods to help you solve a problem or save you time.
NOTE	Provides additional information as the emphasis and supplement to the text.

Privacy Protection Notice

As the device user or data controller, you might collect personal data of other such as face, fingerprints, car plate number, Email address, phone number, GPS and so on. You need to be in compliance with the local privacy protection laws and regulations to protect the legitimate rights and interests of other people by implementing measures include but not limited to: providing clear and visible identification to inform data subject the existence of surveillance area and providing related contact.

About the Manual

- The Manual is for reference only. If there is inconsistency between the manual and the actual product, the actual product shall prevail.
- We are not liable for any loss caused by the operations that do not comply with the manual.
- The manual would be updated according to the latest laws and regulations of related

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Important Safeguards and Warnings

Electrical Safety

- All installation and operation should conform to your local electrical safety codes.
- The power source shall conform to the requirement of the Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) standard, and supply power with rated voltage which conforms to Limited power Source requirement according to IEC60950-1. Please note that the power supply requirement is subject to the device label.
- A readily accessible disconnect device shall be incorporated in the building installation wiring.
- Make sure if the power adapter meets the device operating voltage requirement before powering up the device (The material and length of the power cable might influence the device voltage).
- Prevent the power cable from being trampled or pressed, especially the plug, power socket and the junction extruded from the device.
- We assume no liability or responsibility for all the fires or electrical shock caused by improper handling or installation.

Environment

- Do not install or store the device to places which under direct sunlight or near heat-producing devices.
- Transport, use and store the device within the range of allowed humidity and temperature.
- Keep the device away from water or other liquid to avoid damages to the internal components.
- Keep sound ventilation to avoid heat accumulation.
- Heavy stress, violent vibration or water splash are not allowed during transportation, storage and installation.
- Pack the device with standard factory packaging or the equivalent material when transporting the device.
- It is recommended to use the device together with lightning arrester to improve lightning protection effect.
- It is recommended to ground the device to enhance reliability.

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1 Overview

1.1 Introduction

The ESS can work as extended storage for network video storage devices. You can connect the ESS to the target device, and then there are more disk bays available.

1.2 Features

- Support 1T, 2T, 3T, 4T, and 6T SATA3.0 disks, you can select 4-bay or 8-bay model.
- Input or output 128 channels of 4Mbps video streams.
- Provide eSATA cable, and plug to use.

1.3 Appearance

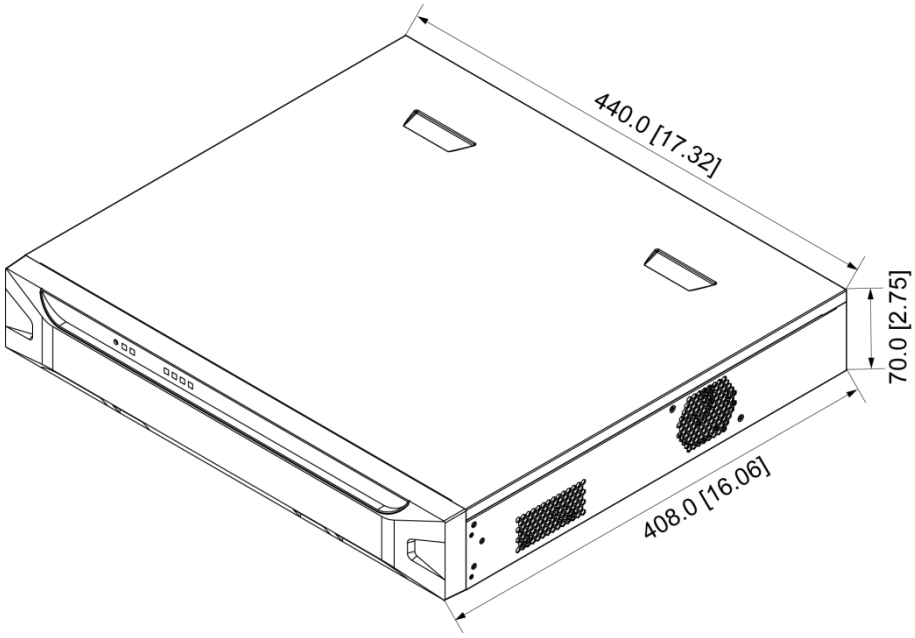
Figure 1-1 ESS1504C

Figure 1-2 ESS1508C

1.4 Dimensions

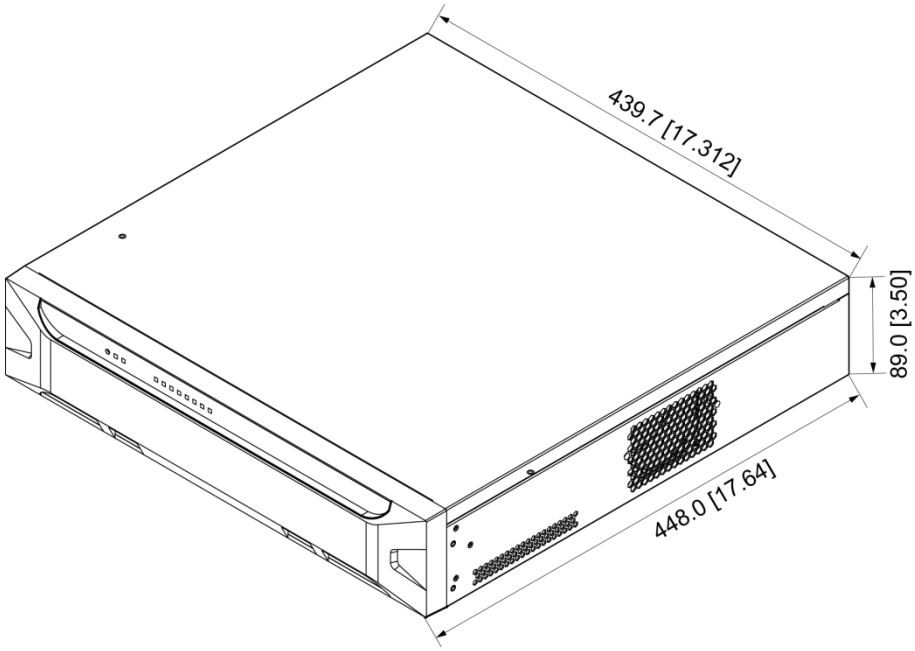
1.4.1 ESS1504C

Figure 1-3 Device dimension (mm [in])



1.4.2 ESS1508C

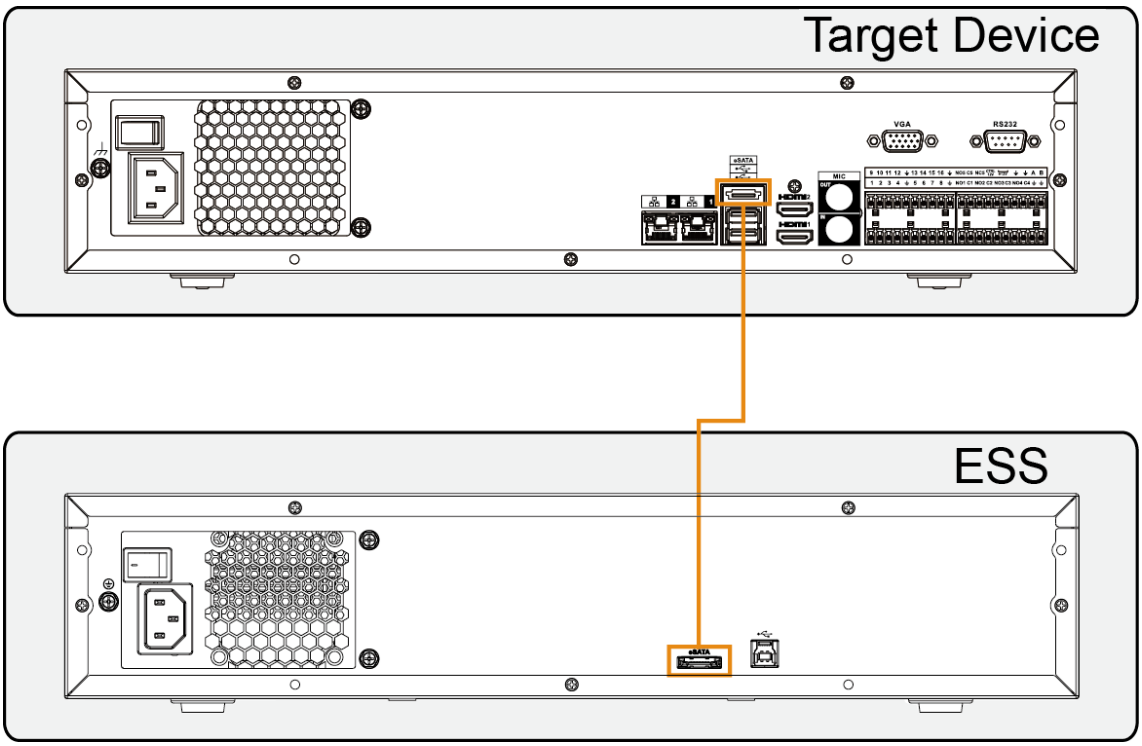
Figure 1-4 Device dimension (mm [in])



2 Connection

Connect the two eSATA ports on the ESS and the target device.

Figure 2-1 Connection



3 Operation

3.1 Turning on and off

Turning on

You must turn on the ESS first, and then the target device.

Connect the power cable and the eSATA cable properly, and then press the ESS power button. The RUN light on the rear panel flashes, which means the ESS is successfully turned on.

Turning off

- You must turn off the target device first, and then the ESS.
- Do not unplug or turn off the ESS when it is connected to the target device and operating.

Press and hold the ESS power button for 5 s to turn it off.

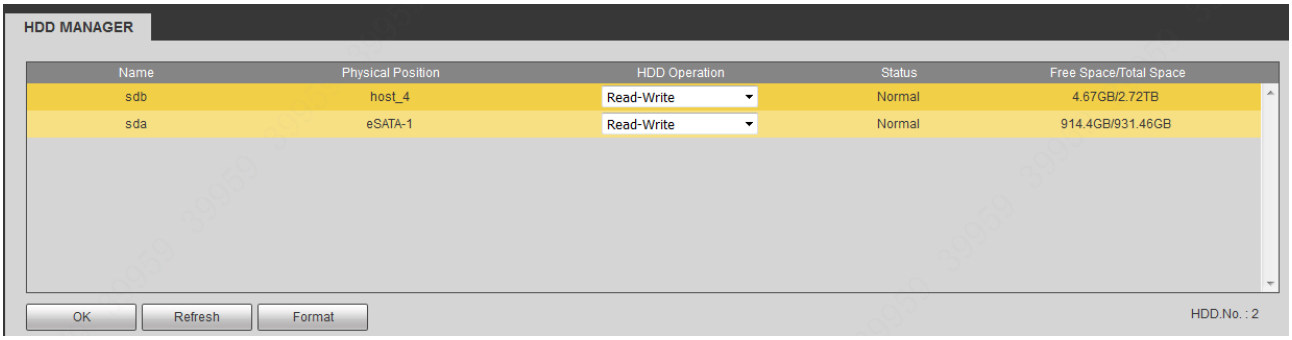
3.2 Viewing Disk Information

You can go to the target device web interface to view the ESS disk information. See the target device manual for more details.

The following figure is for reference only, and the actual product shall prevail.

Log in the target device web interface, and then select **Setting > Storage > HDD Manager**. The disks with their **Physical Position** displayed as **eSATA-X** (a number) are those in the ESS. See Figure 3-1.

Figure 3-1 Local storage



Appendix 1 Cybersecurity Recommendations

Cybersecurity is more than just a buzzword: it's something that pertains to every device that is connected to the internet. IP video surveillance is not immune to cyber risks, but taking basic steps toward protecting and strengthening networks and networked appliances will make them less susceptible to attacks. Below are some tips and recommendations on how to create a more secured security system.

Mandatory actions to be taken for basic equipment network security:

1. **Use Strong Passwords**

   Please refer to the following suggestions to set passwords:

   - The length should not be less than 8 characters;
   - Include at least two types of characters; character types include upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols;
   - Do not contain the account name or the account name in reverse order;
   - Do not use continuous characters, such as 123, abc, etc.;
   - Do not use overlapped characters, such as 111, aaa, etc.;

2. **Update Firmware and Client Software in Time**

   - According to the standard procedure in Tech-industry, we recommend to keep your equipment (such as NVR, DVR, IP camera, etc.) firmware up-to-date to ensure the system is equipped with the latest security patches and fixes. When the equipment is connected to the public network, it is recommended to enable the "auto-check for updates" function to obtain timely information of firmware updates released by the manufacturer.
   - We suggest that you download and use the latest version of client software.

"Nice to have" recommendations to improve your equipment network security:

1. **Physical Protection**

   We suggest that you perform physical protection to equipment, especially storage devices. For example, place the equipment in a special computer room and cabinet, and implement well-done access control permission and key management to prevent unauthorized personnel from carrying out physical contacts such as damaging hardware, unauthorized connection of removable equipment (such as USB flash disk, serial port), etc.

2. **Change Passwords Regularly**

   We suggest that you change passwords regularly to reduce the risk of being guessed or cracked.

3. **Set and Update Passwords Reset Information Timely**

   The equipment supports password reset function. Please set up related information for password reset in time, including the end user's mailbox and password protection questions. If the information changes, please modify it in time. When setting password protection questions, it is suggested not to use those that can be easily guessed.

4. **Enable Account Lock**

   The account lock feature is enabled by default, and we recommend you to keep it on to guarantee the account security. If an attacker attempts to log in with the wrong password several times, the corresponding account and the source IP address will be locked.

5. **Change Default HTTP and Other Service Ports**

   We suggest you to change default HTTP and other service ports into any set of numbers between 1024~65535, reducing the risk of outsiders being able to guess which ports you are using.

6. **Enable HTTPS**

   We suggest you to enable HTTPS, so that you visit Web service through a secure communication channel.

7. **Enable Whitelist**

   We suggest you to enable whitelist function to prevent everyone, except those with specified IP addresses, from accessing the system. Therefore, please be sure to add your computer's IP address and the accompanying equipment's IP address to the whitelist.

8. **MAC Address Binding**

   We recommend you to bind the IP and MAC address of the gateway to the equipment, thus reducing the risk of ARP spoofing.

9. **Assign Accounts and Privileges Reasonably**

   According to business and management requirements, reasonably add users and assign a minimum set of permissions to them.

10. **Disable Unnecessary Services and Choose Secure Modes**

    If not needed, it is recommended to turn off some services such as SNMP, SMTP, UPnP, etc., to reduce risks.

    If necessary, it is highly recommended that you use safe modes, including but not limited to the following services:

    - SNMP: Choose SNMP v3, and set up strong encryption passwords and authentication passwords.
    - SMTP: Choose TLS to access mailbox server.
    - FTP: Choose SFTP, and set up strong passwords.
    - AP hotspot: Choose WPA2-PSK encryption mode, and set up strong passwords.

11. **Audio and Video Encrypted Transmission**

    If your audio and video data contents are very important or sensitive, we recommend that you use encrypted transmission function, to reduce the risk of audio and video data being stolen during transmission.

    Reminder: encrypted transmission will cause some loss in transmission efficiency.

12. **Secure Auditing**

    - Check online users: we suggest that you check online users regularly to see if the device is logged in without authorization.
    - Check equipment log: By viewing the logs, you can know the IP addresses that were used to log in to your devices and their key operations.

13. **Network Log**

    Due to the limited storage capacity of the equipment, the stored log is limited. If you need to save the log for a long time, it is recommended that you enable the network log function to ensure that the critical logs are synchronized to the network log server for tracing.

14. **Construct a Safe Network Environment**

    In order to better ensure the safety of equipment and reduce potential cyber risks, we recommend:

    - Disable the port mapping function of the router to avoid direct access to the intranet devices from external network.

- The network should be partitioned and isolated according to the actual network needs. If there are no communication requirements between two sub networks, it is suggested to use VLAN, network GAP and other technologies to partition the network, so as to achieve the network isolation effect.
- Establish the 802.1x access authentication system to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to private networks.