

New Samsung Magician

Installation Guide

Revision 2.2

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Introduction

New Samsung Magician

Samsung Magician software, up until the version 4.9.7, has been an end-user application with a collection of features to help manage Samsung branded SSDs. With New Samsung Magician, it is aimed at providing a better user experience with a new GUI, feature-level update schemes.

Samsung Magician software is developed and distributed exclusively for owners of Samsung Solid State Drives (SSDs).

New Features

New Samsung Magician features a number of improvements over version 5.1:

- New features
 - ◆ Firmware or Magician update alarm function
 - ◆ Secure Erase USB bootable solution for NVMe device
 - ◆ Adopting Diskspd for Performance Benchmark
 - ◆ Text drag and copy available in System Compatibility
- Fixed issues
 - ◆ Compatibility issues with some controllers
 - ◆ Duplicated notices in System Compatibility
- New Model support
 - ◆ Samsung SSD 850
 - ◆ Samsung SSD 860 EVO (2.5", mSATA, M.2)
 - ◆ Samsung SSD 860 PRO

Requirements and Support

System Requirements

Component	Requirements
Operating System	Windows 7 (32/64bit) Windows 8 & 8.1 (32/64bit) Windows 10(32/64bit)
Disk Capacity	minimum 95MB available for installation
Supported Partition Types	MBR, GPT
Supported Languages	English, Korean, Spanish, German, Japanese, Chinese(Simplified), French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian
SSD	The following Samsung SSDs are supported*: Samsung SSD 960 PRO(M.2) Samsung SSD 960 EVO(M.2) Samsung SSD 950 PRO(M.2) Samsung SSD 860 PRO Samsung SSD 860 EVO(2.5", mSATA, M.2) Samsung SSD 850 PRO Samsung SSD 850 Samsung SSD 850 EVO(2.5", mSATA, M.2) Samsung SSD 840 PRO Samsung SSD 840 EVO(2.5", mSATA) Samsung SSD 840 Series Samsung SSD 830 Series Samsung SSD 750 EVO Samsung SSD 470 Series

*Some features may not be supported for all models.

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RAPID mode Requirements

Component	Requirements
Operating System	Windows 7 (32/64bit) Windows 8 & 8.1 (32/64bit) Windows 10 (32/64bit)
SSD	Samsung SSD 860 PRO Samsung SSD 860 EVO(2.5", mSATA, M.2) Samsung SSD 850 PRO Samsung SSD 850 EVO(2.5", mSATA, M.2), Samsung SSD 850 Samsung SSD 840 PRO Samsung SSD 840 EVO(2.5", mSATA), Samsung SSD 750 EVO
Processor	1GHz or faster
System memory(DRAM)	2GB RAM or more
Free Disk Space	Minimum 50MB
File System	NTFS

Driver Support

Chipset	Driver	Supported
Intel	Microsoft	Yes
	Intel	Yes
AMD	Microsoft	Yes
	AMD	Yes(With Latest Driver)
	NVIDIA	Yes

Precautions

- 1) Magician does not require Internet access to run. However, to get updates for the latest Firmware, Feature modules or application, internet connection is required.
- 2) If you delete some files of Magician without internet connection, some features like certification or configuration may not work properly and cause limitations in use of Magician.
- 3) The SSD should not be removed or disconnected while FW Update, Performance Optimization, Benchmarking, Secure Erase, Over Provisioning, Data Security or RAPID features are in progress. Doing so could result in data corruption.
- 4) All parallel operations should be terminated before executing the Performance Optimization or Benchmarking features.
- 5) Data corruption may result if the user terminates the Magician application abnormally while Benchmarking, FW Update, Secure Erase, Performance Optimization, Over Provisioning, Data Security or RAPID features are in progress.
- 6) There is always the risk of data loss when updating SSD firmware. It is imperative that the user backs up any important data before performing a firmware update.
- 7) Coach-mark is shown after module installation or update, but once the function performed, coach-mark will be removed and not shown.
- 8) If there are some system issues for Magician to perform functions, System Compatibility will provide guide to fix the issues.
- 9) If Samsung Magician is under a proxy network environment, it may not provide the full functionality such as firmware update.
- 10) In order for Samsung Magician to function properly, the time of the PC needs to be correctly set.

General Limitations

Overall

- 1) Magician Shows only supported features for the connected SSD. Appearing features may vary as (different) SSDs connected.
- 2) Magician does not work with SSDs connected via the SCSI controller interface.
- 3) Only MBR and GPT partition types are supported. Magician may not work with other partition types.
- 4) Magician shows only volumes mounted with letter.
- 5) Magician will not work on SSDs that are locked with a user password.
- 6) The user may need to manually refresh for Magician to accurately reflect all connected/removed disks.
- 7) RAID on mode in SATA configuration is not supported by Samsung Magician and USB bootable solution.
- 8) If you are using any custom storage driver, then Magician may not work properly. Please always use the latest storage driver or Microsoft driver.
- 9) In Windows 7, the Samsung NVMe Driver is required for Magician to fully support Samsung's NVMe device.
- 10) Some features which may be able to cause compatibility issue can be hidden or prohibited. Please check notices in System Compatibility.

Performance Benchmark

- 1) Benchmarking results are for a Queue Depth of 32.
- 2) The numbers of threads used for performance benchmark are: 1 for Sequential and 4 for Random for NVMe device; 1 for Sequential and 1 for Random for SATA device.
- 3) Benchmarking may not work with some removable storage devices.
- 4) Performance Benchmark may get timed-out on ASMedia controllers if the driver does not handle multi thread operations (IOs)

General Limitations

Firmware Update

- 1) PC will be shut down automatically after firmware update (Magician counts down 20 seconds before shutdown).
- 2) Firmware Update may fail on Samsung brand SSDs connected to AMD Controller. Please retry using default SATA AHCI controller (Microsoft drivers).

Performance Optimization

- 1) Performance Optimization supports only the NTFS file system.
- 2) Advanced Performance Optimization will take more time to complete. Performance improvement may depend on the user system environment, thus this process is recommended for the user who essentially needs performance optimization. Advanced Performance Optimization is only supported in Samsung SSD 840 EVO (2.5", mSATA) and 840 Series model.
- 3) Magician does not support TRIM operation for Standard Performance Optimization on Windows 8 and above, as they support native TRIM. Instead, Magician provide a link to Microsoft Drive Optimizer.
- 4) Windows may experience slow response while Advanced Performance Optimization is in progress, on ASUS Sabertooth 990FX system with AMD 1.2.1.269 driver.

Secure Erase & Linux Bootable Solution

- 1) While making a bootable solution for Secure Erase, please make sure the Device Manager window is closed.
- 2) In some of the PCs, Bootable Solution may not work properly as expected because of compatibility issue.
- 3) The Bootable solution is not compatible with pure SCSI or SATA NVIDIA/LSI/AMD chipset drivers.
- 4) AHCI or ATA mode must be enabled in the BIOS during PC boot up.
- 5) The Bootable solution may hang if the SSD is removed on PCs that do not support the hot plug feature (e.g. ICH5/6 chipsets).

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- 6) The Bootable solution will not work with devices attached via SATA 6Gbps (SATA III) operating in IDE mode.
- 7) Secure Erase may not work on systems where SECURITY FREEZE LOCK is issued by the BIOS.

Data Security

- 1) Class 0, TCG Opal and Encrypted Drive cannot be enabled simultaneously. Only one mode can be enabled at a time and all other modes must be disabled.
- 2) Security mode (Class 0, TCG/Opal or Encrypted Drive) must be disabled (unlocked) before removing and installing onto another PC.

Over Provisioning

- 1) Over Provisioning only supports NTFS and raw (Unformatted) partitions.
- 2) Over Provisioning does not support dynamic disks or disks that require 'Chkdsk' operation.
- 3) Magician cannot guarantee that Over Provisioning scans disk's partition layout properly, if partition information had been changed during scanning.
- 4) Over Provisioning may fail, even though enough free space is available, if your system suffers from cluster misalignment.
- 5) If user cannot span or shrink volume size through disk management of OS administration tool, it is possible not to work dynamic over-provisioning properly.
- 6) Windows 'Disk Partition Service' and 'Virtual disk Service' should not be disabled in order to perform Over Provisioning.
- 7) Over Provisioning can only be performed on the last accessible partition (NTFS or raw)

RAPID mode Limitations

- 1) RAPID mode accelerates only one SSD even though user has several Samsung SSDs (860 EVO, 860 PRO, 850 PRO, 850 EVO, 850, 750 EVO, 840 EVO, and 840 PRO regardless of form factor).
- 2) If there are two identical SSDs connected, RAPID mode may accelerate the incorrect SSD.
- 3) RAID Mode sets is not supported as an accelerated drive.
- 4) After uninstalling RAPID mode, if the system is restored to a prior state in which RAPID mode was installed, RAPID mode will be started in a disabled state.
- 5) NVIDIA Storage controller is not supported.
- 6) During RAPID mode Enable/Disable operation: Do not disconnect the target SSD, Do not kill the application.
- 7) If fast startup is enabled on windows 8, 8.1 and 10 machines, RAPID mode enable/disable requires system restart. Shutdown followed by turning-on the power will not activate RAPID mode enable/disable. By default fast startup is enabled.
- 8) Flush command of operating system and/or application may cause variation in performance when RAPID mode is enabled.
- 9) Sometimes on AMD PC with AMD and ASMedia storage controllers it was found that the IOs takes a longer time to complete. In such cases if Rapid was enabled, it may get automatically disabled due to such IO errors. It may display "Rapid is in inactive state". User has to reboot the PC to enable the Rapid back.
- 10) If multiple iterations of Read and Write are performed, RAPID mode may become inactive due to system internal errors on some of the AMD / ASMedia Controller or Driver.
- 11) RAPID mode can't be guaranteed on the target SSD with non-NTFS file system.
- 12) If user delete some files on RAPID folder, RAPID may not be uninstalled properly.

RAPID mode Limitations

13) If the `msiexec.exe` is either unstable or corrupted, RAPID mode enable fails with the error message “The Windows Installer service failed to start. Start the Windows Installer service manually, upgrade the Windows Installer service, and check if the last updated or installed program in Windows was successful. If the problem persists, contact the A/S center.”

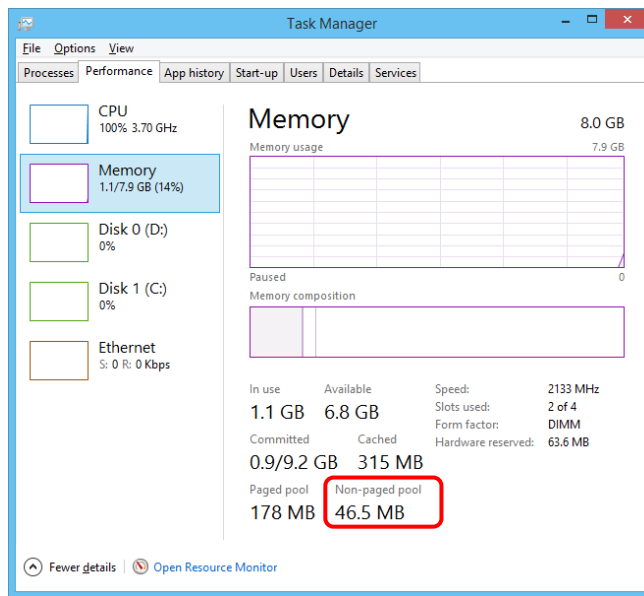
The issue can be fixed by:

- Unregister and reregister Windows Installer service / MSI service.
 - ♦ On the Start menu, click Run.
 - ♦ In the Open box, type “`msiexec /unreg`”. And then press ENTER.
 - ♦ On the Start menu, click Run
 - ♦ In the Open box, type “`msiexec /regserver`”. And then press ENTER.
 - ♦ Try enabling RAPID mode again.If RAPID mode does not enable, follow the steps below.
- Updating Windows Installer
 - ♦ If your Windows Installer is not the latest version, corrupted or `msiexec` is missing, please install the latest version of Windows Installer, then try enabling RAPID mode again.
- If none of the above procedures work, we recommend reinstalling Windows.

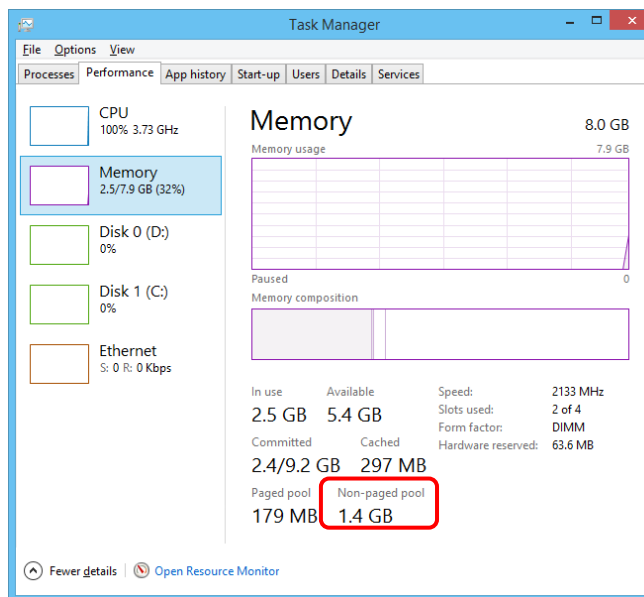
Operational Check of RAPID mode

RAPID mode starts its operation 45 seconds after OS booting. Please make sure the increased size of non-paged pool using “task manager → performance → memory tab” to ensure it is fully operational.

* Before RAPID mode enabling



* After RAPID mode enabling



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