

What is a DVR Extender?

A DVR Extender is an external hard drive that plugs into the Cisco DVR to increase the overall storage capacity of that device.

Requirements:

- DVR Extender requires an eSATA port to connect to eSATA port on the Cisco digital box (requires eSATA cable).

Features/Benefits:

- Compatible with Cisco 9865 and Cisco 8642 digital boxes.
- Record and save even more of your favorite programs with additional storage capacity (DVR Extender storage capacity can vary depending on unit purchased).

Installing DVR Extender:

1. Verify and note recording capacity before DVR Extender is installed. Press List on remote control and view current recording space shown on bottom of screen.
2. Power off Cisco DVR. Turn off Cisco DVR by pressing Power button found on left, front face of unit.
3. Connect eSATA cable and power cords to DVR Extender.
4. Connect opposite ends to Cisco DVR and power outlet respectively.
5. Turn on Cisco DVR by pressing Power button found on left, front face of unit
6. Select Yes to format DVR Extender and confirm selection by also selecting Yes.
7. Device will take approximately 30 seconds to complete formatting.
 - If formatting fails, follow Format DVR Extender when formatting failed steps listed below.
 - If selected No, the DVR Extender will become non-responsive and will not be available for additional recording capacity.
8. Press List on remote control and view current recording space shown on bottom of screen. The recording capacity available should be more than noted in first step.

Disconnecting DVR Extender:

- The DVR Extender is intended to remain plugged in at all times. Unplugging DVR Extender could result in lost recordings.
- To prevent the loss of recordings (not guaranteed): 1) Power off DVR. 2) Unplug the power cord from the back of the DVR. 3) Disconnect the power cable and e-SATA cable from DVR Extender. 3) Reconnect the power cord from the back of the DVR.

Format DVR Extender when initial formatting failed:

- If formatting fails, the Cisco DVR has likely timed-out during the installation and will require a reboot. To reboot the Cisco DVR, follow these steps:
 1. Unplug the power cord from the back of the Cisco DVR.
 2. Disconnect the power cord and data cables from DVR Extender.
 3. Reconnect the power cord to the Cisco DVR.
 4. Wait 10-15 minutes as DVR reboots.
 5. Repeat installation steps 2 to 6.