

## Install Guide M.2 Solid State Drive

## Installation Instructions

- 1. Make sure you're working in a static-safe environment. Remove any plastic bags or papers from your work space.
- 2. Shut down your system. Once your system has been powered off, unplug the power cable, then remove the battery.
- 3. Hold the power button for 3–5 seconds to discharge residual electricity.
- 4. Remove your system's case cover. Refer to your owner's manual for how to do this.
- To protect your new M.2 SSD and internal components from static damage during the installation process, touch an unpainted metal surface on your computer's frame or wear an ESD wrist strap before handling the M.2 SSD or internal components.
- 6. Locate your computer's M.2 socket on the motherboard. Consult your owner's manual for the exact location.
- 7. Remove the existing M.2 SSD from the M.2 socket (if applicable). Refer to your owner's manual for how to safely remove the existing M.2 drive.
- 8. Insert your M.2 SSD into the M.2 socket according to the instructions in your system's owner's manual especially if the socket is hidden or not visible. Align the notches on the M.2 SSD with the ridges in the M.2 pocket, then insert. Do not force the connection.
- 9. To secure the M.2 drive, hold it along the side edges and lower it from the raised position until it sits on top of the support assembly. Then, while holding the M.2 SSD in position, insert screw into the support assembly, tightening as necessary to securely fasten the M.2 SSD in place. Do not overtighten the screw.
- Once your M.2 drive has been securely fastened, replace your system's case cover and reconnect the battery. Power on your system.
- 11. If you didn't migrate data from an existing drive, install operating system, drivers, utilities, and applications as needed. Installation is now complete.

## Helpful Diagrams for the Installation Process

