

A.R.K. DRIVE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

*** PAY ATTENTION, TAKE YOUR TIME, AND FOCUS! ***

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY AND FOLLOW THEM EXACTLY,
OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE A.R.K. DATA!

- **This Personal Offer is extended to FLUENT ENGLISH speaking people ONLY!** I **DO NOT** speak any languages other than English. Therefore, I **MUST** limit this personal offer to those who speak **FLUENT ENGLISH** for the purpose of maintaining clear and precise communication on the part of both involved parties. **If you do NOT speak FLUENT ENGLISH, DO NOT attempt to follow through with these shipping instructions.** If you do, you do so at your own risk of loss of resources. I will **NOT** accommodate those who make mistakes due to language barrier problems.
- **I will assume NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER for your property during ANY part of the shipping process, in either direction. YOU and YOU ALONE assume ALL risk and responsibility for the shipping of your drive, NOT me.** If your drive is lost, stolen, or damaged in any way during the shipping process, I will not file any claims regarding your property, or interact with shipping carrier personnel for ANY reason.
- **The A.R.K. offer is NOT anonymous.** You **MUST** first completely fill in and submit the information form at <https://whatonearthishappening.com/ark> using your **real name** and **email address** or you are **NOT** eligible to receive the A.R.K. data. If you are paranoid about sending your real name and contact information, you should stop right now and fully accept that this offer is **NOT FOR YOU**.
- **I have extremely valid reasons for being so specific with these shipping instructions**, the foremost of which is to protect **your property**, so I ask you to be **respectful** of **my offer** and **my time**, and follow these directions precisely. **If you have any RESPECT whatsoever for ME and the WORK that I have already done, do NOT waste my time and yours by not taking this offer and these directions SERIOUSLY.**
- **These shipping instructions are NOT NEGOTIABLE in ANY way, for ANY reason.** This shipment system, when followed correctly, works perfectly for **me** and for **my schedule**. Do **NOT** write to me to ask if you can receive the A.R.K. via ANY other means other than those specified in the below instructions.
- If you request from me ANY alternative shipping arrangements, or ANY alternative A.R.K. data reception methods whatsoever, including BitTorrent or other internet data transfer methods, **THE A.R.K. OFFER WILL BE PERMANENTLY REVOKED FROM YOU**.
- If you do anything that I have specifically asked you **NOT** to do in the section labeled **"THINGS NOT TO DO"** in these instructions, **YOUR DRIVE WILL DEFINITELY BE SENT BACK TO YOU EMPTY!**
- **IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS COMPLYING WITH ANY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS. IF THAT IS THE CASE, DO NOT SEND YOUR DRIVE! THIS WILL CREATE PROBLEMS FOR ME, INTERFERE WITH MY WORK AND MY SCHEDULE, AND IS EXTREMELY DISRESPECTFUL! THESE INSTRUCTIONS STAND NO MATTER WHAT, AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON.**

THINGS YOU WILL NEED FOR THE A.R.K. OFFER:

- A good-quality, brand-name **external USB-3 storage drive (Solid State Drive is HIGHLY recommended)** with at least **2 TB** of storage space
- The **USB-3 cable** that came with the drive
- An appropriately-sized, good quality, **heavyweight cardboard shipping box**
- Good quality **bubble-wrap** for padding the shipping box
- A **pre-paid shipping label** from a private carrier service
- A **pre-paid return-trip shipping label** from a private carrier service
- **Customs declarations documents**, fully filled-out for initial shipping and return-trip shipping (if shipping from outside the USA)
- Your **requested personal information**, computer-printed on plain white paper, in a plain font
- A **personal donation, ONLY** in the form of **Cash, Personal Check, or Money Order in U.S. Dollars** in a separate, secure envelope
- The **A.R.K. Drive Shipping Checklist** (the last page of this document; DO **NOT** EXCLUDE THIS!)

SHIPPING DIRECTIONS:

1. Send me a good-quality, brand-name **USB-3 EXTERNAL STORAGE DRIVE** with at least **2 TB** (terabytes) of storage space.
 - **The drive you send MUST have the ability to be attached to a computer via USB-3 interface.**
 - You may send a standard **hard disk drive** (HDD) or a **solid state drive** (SSD), as long as the drive you send is an **external USB-3** drive. A **solid state drive** is **HIGHLY** recommended.
 - Include the **cable** that came with each storage drive you send. **DO NOT** assume that I already have a cable that will work with your drive.
 - **I will reformat (erase) ALL drives sent to me** to **exFAT** format to be cross-compatible with Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems.
 - **DO NOT** send a drive with **ANY** existing personal data on it.
2. Your drive **MUST** be sent between **YOUR HOME ADDRESS ONLY** and **my address** via a **PRIVATE INSURED CARRIER SERVICE**, such as UPS, FedEx, DHL, or a similar company for **both** shipping directions.
 - **I will NOT accept any packages sent via any country's Postal Service.**
 - You **MUST** use your **FULL NAME** and **HOME ADDRESS** for **BOTH** shipping directions.
 - **No COMPANY NAMES or ADDRESSES** (including carrier store addresses such as UPS Store, FedEx Store, etc.) may be used **in either shipping direction** on the package for **ANY** reason.
3. The external packaging for your entire shipment **MUST** be a good quality, appropriately-sized, well-padded **HEAVYWEIGHT CARDBOARD BOX**.
 - **Do NOT use a bag or envelope to ship your drive.**
 - Do **NOT** allow the shipping company representative to wrap your box in a shipping-carrier-provided bag or envelope for **ANY** reason.
 - Do **NOT** double-box your shipment. It is ok to include the drive's own packaging box.
 - Use an appropriately-sized box. This means do not ship a small storage drive in a huge box.
 - Use **ONLY** good-quality **BUBBLE-WRAP** to pad the inside of the shipping box.
 - Drives have arrived damaged in the past due to inadequate padding, so be sure to completely **FILL** all extra space inside the box with good-quality bubble wrap so that the drive is snug and does not shift around inside the box.
 - Do **NOT** put **ANY** amount of tape on the bubble wrap for **ANY** reason.
 - Seal the shipping box with **clear packing tape**. Do **NOT** use duct tape to seal the box.
4. **YOU** alone **MUST** pay for **BOTH** initial shipping **AND** return-trip shipping at the time of your initial shipment.
 - **If you can not obtain a RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING LABEL from a worker at your local carrier office, I highly suggest that you open an account with a carrier on their web site and print both initial-trip and return-trip shipping labels yourself.** This avoids having to deal with lazy, ignorant workers who don't want to do their job.
 - **DO NOT allow my own carrier account to be billed for either the initial-shipment or the return-shipment for ANY reason whatsoever!**

5. Attach your **initial shipping label** directly to the shipping box.
6. Include the **pre-paid RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING LABEL** inside the shipping box.
 - Make sure your **return-trip shipping label** has been printed properly, and is not faded, ripped, or otherwise damaged before sending it.
 - I will attach the return-trip shipping label to the **same box** for the return-shipment, so there is no need to double-box your shipment. It is ok to include the drive's own packaging box.
 - Inclusion of the return-trip shipping label allows **all** shipping, tracking, and insurance to be in **your** hands, and allows any insurance claims, should they be necessary, to be handled by **you**.
7. Keep a record of your initial shipping and return-trip shipping **TRACKING NUMBERS**.
 - **YOU ALONE are responsible for ALL package tracking. I do not keep ANY tracking numbers.**
8. If you live outside the United States, you will need to fill out the necessary **CUSTOMS DECLARATION DOCUMENTS** for initial shipping and return-trip shipping, and include the **return-trip customs documents** inside the shipping box.
9. Include your **full name, mailing address, phone number and email address**, computer-printed in a **plain font** on a piece of **plain white paper** inside the shipping package.
 - **Include ALL of the requested personal information.**
 - **DO NOT** hand-write this information **for any reason**. I ask this because people's handwriting is sometimes illegible.
 - If you don't own a printer, ask a local friend to print this information for you, or print this information at a local copy center.
10. Include a **personal donation for my time and effort ONLY** via the methods specified below in a separate secure envelope inside the shipping package.
 - **U.S. Dollars in Cash**
 - **Personal Check in U.S. Dollars** made payable to "**Mark Passio**"
 - **Money Order in U.S. Dollars** made payable to "**Mark Passio**"
 - **All donations are NON-REFUNDABLE once sent, even if you fail to follow instructions and a blank drive is returned to you.**
11. Print out the **A.R.K. Drive Checklist** (the last page of this document), check off each item on the checklist to ensure that you have followed all instructions, and include the checklist inside the shipping package.
 - If you don't own a printer, ask a local friend to print the checklist for you, or print the checklist at a local copy center.

THINGS NOT TO DO (AND WHY YOU SHOULDN'T DO THEM):

***** VERY IMPORTANT !!! READ THIS SECTION VERY CAREFULLY !!! *****

IF YOU DO ANYTHING THAT I HAVE SPECIFICALLY ASKED YOU NOT TO DO IN THIS SECTION, YOUR DRIVE WILL DEFINITELY BE SENT BACK TO YOU EMPTY!

1. **DO NOT** send to me:
 - an internal storage drive
 - a flash drive or “thumb” drive
 - a Network Attached Storage (NAS) device
 - an NVMe drive in an external enclosure
 - an external drive enclosure without a storage device
 - any storage drive which lacks a direct USB-3 interface
 - any drive with less than 2 TB of storage space.
2. **DO NOT** send a storage device that is a non-brand-name, generic piece of junk you found as a “great deal” on the internet.
 - Incredibly cheap internet “deals” on storage devices **ARE NOT REAL!** Don’t fall for such scams. Such drives are often total junk or even “fake” devices, and end up wasting my time when I try to copy the data to them.
 - If you think the **A.R.K.** is worth having, spend the money to buy a decent drive for it.
 - If you don’t have the money for a decent drive, **save the money** and buy a decent drive first.
 - If you are unsure what to buy, see my **recommendations** for storage devices below.
3. **DO NOT** forget to include the **USB-3 cable** that came with your drive.
4. **DO NOT** forget to include a **return-trip shipping label** inside the shipping box.
 - **If you can not obtain a RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING LABEL from a worker at your local carrier office, I highly suggest that you open an account with a carrier on their web site and print both initial shipping and return-trip shipping labels yourself.** This avoids having to deal with lazy, ignorant workers who don’t want to do their job.
5. **DO NOT** use any country’s Postal Service for initial shipping or return-trip shipping of your drive.
 - **ONLY** ship and return-ship your drive via a **private, insured carrier service**.
6. **DO NOT** have a drive shipped to me directly from a retail outlet or online store.
7. **DO NOT** ship or return-ship a drive to me from anywhere other than **YOUR HOME ADDRESS** using your **FULL NAME**.
 - **No COMPANY NAMES or ADDRESSES** (including carrier store addresses such as UPS Store, FedEx Store, etc.) may be used **in either shipping direction** on the package for **ANY** reason.
8. **DO NOT** ship the drive in a bag, envelope, or a cheap, flimsy, lightweight cardboard box for **any** reason.
 - **Drives have arrived damaged by shipping them this way.**

- The **EXTERNAL PACKAGING** for your entire shipment **MUST** be an appropriately-sized, good quality **heavyweight cardboard BOX**.

9. **DO NOT** double-box your shipment. It is ok to include the drive's own packaging box.

10. **DO NOT** ship your drive in a U.S. Postal Service box, such as a Priority Mail Box.

- This is confusing for other shipment companies, and they have asked me not use this kind of box.

11. **DO NOT** tape the outside of your box with duct tape.

- Use **ONLY** **clear packing tape** on the outside of your shipping box. Most private carriers will refuse to ship a box taped with duct tape.

12. **DO NOT** wrap the box in an external shipping bag for **any** reason.

- This often repeatedly shifts the weight of the box inside the bag during shipment and can damage the drive.
- When you drop off your box for shipment, **MAKE SURE** to tell the shipping representative **NOT** to wrap your box in an external shipping bag for **any** reason.
- **If I receive your drive in an external shipping bag or envelope FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, your drive will be sent back empty, even if YOU did not do this yourself!**

13. **DO NOT** use **ANY AMOUNT** of crumpled paper, **ANY AMOUNT** of styrofoam "popcorn" pieces, or **ANY OTHER** packing material other than good-quality **bubble wrap** for padding the shipping box.

- Such packing material may shift or deform, causing the drive to be damaged. You **MUST** use **ONLY** good quality **bubble wrap** to pad the shipping box.

14. **DO NOT** put **ANY** amount of tape on the bubble wrap padding your drive.

- This forces me to cut the bubble wrap with scissors or a razor blade and damages the bubble wrap for the return-trip shipment.

15. **DO NOT** send me a Waybill or Order Form for the return-trip shipment.

- You **MUST** include for the return-trip shipment a **SHIPPING LABEL which requires ZERO PROCESSING at a carrier office, and can be affixed to the box for IMMEDIATE return shipment.**
- Waybills and Order Forms require processing at a local carrier's office, which forces me to stand in long lines to have the shipments processed before sending, instead of simply dropping off at my local shipping center the many packages I receive.
- **MAKE SURE** to tell the shipping company representative that you do **NOT** want to send a Waybill or Order Form, and that you **MUST** include inside the box a **SHIPPING LABEL which requires ZERO PROCESSING at a carrier office** for the return-trip shipment.
- **If you can not obtain a RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING LABEL from a worker at your local carrier office, I highly suggest that you open an account with a carrier on their web site and print both initial shipping and return-trip shipping labels yourself.**

16. **DO NOT** allow my own carrier account to be billed for either the initial shipment or the return-trip shipment for ANY reason whatsoever!
17. **DO NOT** request signature confirmation for your package.
- This is unnecessary, and often **DELAYS** your package if I am not here to sign for it. If I miss your package because of this, I will **NOT** go to another location to pick up your package, and it will most likely be returned to you.
 - I have an **anti-theft container** at my property in which carriers may leave packages if I am not at home during time of delivery.
18. **DO NOT** allow the shipping company representative, or **anyone else**, to **pack, add to, subtract from,** or **seal** your shipping box for you.
- **YOU MUST** pack and seal the shipping box **YOURSELF** to ensure that it is packed and sealed properly.
19. **DO NOT** hand-write the personal information I have specifically requested that you **PRINT OUT** in a **plain font** on **plain white paper**.
20. **DO NOT** leave out any personal information I have specifically requested to be printed out. Include **ALL** the requested personal information.
21. **DO NOT** send non-U.S. currency for the personal donation if you live outside the United States.
- This means to send **ONLY U.S. Dollars**, whether your donation happens to be via **Cash, Personal Check, or Money Order**, and **DO NOT** send Euros, British Pounds, Canadian Dollars, or any other foreign currency.
22. **DO NOT** make your **personal donation** for my time and effort via:
- any online money/payment system whatsoever
 - MoneyGram (these are **NOT** Money Orders)
 - any cryptocurrency
 - any money-wiring system such as Western Union
 - Your **personal donation MUST ONLY** be made via **Cash, Personal Check, or Money Order** in **U.S. Dollars**.
23. If sending a Personal Check or Money Order for the **A.R.K.** donation, **DO NOT** sign your name in such a way that your signature obscures the routing numbers at the bottom of the personal check or money order.
- I deposit personal checks and money orders **digitally**. When these numbers are obscured, I cannot deposit them digitally, and must stand in long lines at my local financial institution to deposit them.

RECOMMENDED DRIVES:

Recommended **Solid State Drive** (click link below):

[SanDisk Extreme Portable SSD \(2TB, External USB 3.0 and USB-C\)](#)

(Solid State Drives are HIGHLY recommended,
as they are far less likely to sustain damage during transit.)

Recommended **Hard Disk Drive** (click link below):

[Western Digital Elements Portable Hard Drive \(2 TB, External USB 3.0\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO:

[Click here to watch a video about the A.R.K. and how to properly pack and ship it.](#)

IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS:

If you have any **questions** regarding the shipping instructions, you can write to me at ARK@WhatOnEarthIsHappening.com to request **clarification**.

TRIPLE-CHECK EVERYTHING BEFORE SHIPPING!

IF YOU HAD ANY PROBLEMS COMPLYING WITH ANY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS, DO NOT SEND YOUR DRIVE!

EVEN IF YOU TRIED YOUR VERY BEST, BUT STILL COULD NOT COMPLY WITH MY DIRECTIONS FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, IT DOES NOT MATTER! STILL, DO NOT SEND YOUR DRIVE UNLESS ALL DIRECTIONS ARE FOLLOWED!

SENDING A DRIVE TO ME WITHOUT FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL DEFINITELY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR ME, INTERFERE WITH MY WORK AND MY SCHEDULE, AND IS EXTREMELY DISRESPECTFUL!

I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO SEND YOU BACK A BLANK DRIVE, BUT I WILL DO JUST THAT IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS, SO PLEASE TRIPLE-CHECK EVERYTHING BEFORE SHIPPING!

MY SHIPPING ADDRESS:

ONLY IF you followed these instructions **EXACTLY**, send your drive to:

Mark Passio
2117 Barnwood Circle
West Norriton, PA 19403
USA

WHEN TO EXPECT YOUR A.R.K. DRIVE:

Your **A.R.K.** drive will be returned to you within **approximately 2 to 3 weeks**, depending upon shipping circumstances. If you do not receive your drive back after 3 weeks, please write to me at ARK@WhatOnEarthIsHappening.com.

A.R.K. DRIVE SHIPPING CHECKLIST

- ☐ I filled in and submitted the information form at <https://whatonearthishappening.com/ark> using my **real name** and **email address**.
- ☐ I have included a brand-name **EXTERNAL USB-3 DRIVE** with at least **2 TB** of storage space.
- ☐ I have included the **USB-3 CABLE** that came with my drive.
- ☐ I have shipped my package through a **PRIVATE CARRIER SERVICE**, **NOT** through any country's Postal Service.
- ☐ I used my **FULL NAME** and **HOME ADDRESS** for **BOTH** shipping directions.
- ☐ The **EXTERNAL PACKAGING** for my shipment is an appropriately-sized, good-quality **HEAVYWEIGHT CARDBOARD BOX**. I did **NOT** use a U.S. Postal Service shipping box. I did **NOT** ship my drive in any type of shipping bag or envelope for **ANY** reason.
- ☐ My shipping box is padded **ONLY** with good-quality **BUBBLE-WRAP**. I did **NOT** use **ANY** amount of crumpled paper, **ANY** amount of styrofoam "popcorn" pieces, or **ANY OTHER** packaging material other than good quality **bubble wrap** to pad my shipping box.
- ☐ I did **NOT** put any amount of tape on the bubble wrap padding my drive.
- ☐ I packed and sealed my shipping box **MYSELF**. I did **NOT** allow anyone else, including a shipping carrier representative, to pack or seal my shipping box for me. I did **NOT** seal my shipping box with duct tape.
- ☐ I have **PRE-PAID FOR SHIPPING AND RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING** at the time of my initial shipment. Mark's own carrier account was **NOT** billed for either shipping direction.
- ☐ I have included a **PRE-PAID RETURN-TRIP SHIPPING LABEL** from a private carrier service inside my shipping box. My return-trip shipping label is printed clearly and is not faded, ripped, or damaged.
- ☐ I did **NOT** send a Waybill or Order Form which requires processing at a carrier office for return-trip shipping.
- ☐ I did **NOT** request signature confirmation for the delivery of my package.
- ☐ If shipping from outside the United States, I have fully filled out and included the necessary return-trip **CUSTOMS DECLARATION DOCUMENTS** inside the shipping box.
- ☐ I have recorded and saved all **PACKAGE TRACKING INFORMATION** for both initial shipping and return-trip shipping. I understand that **I ALONE** am responsible for tracking my package in both shipping directions.
- ☐ I have included **ALL** of the **PERSONAL INFORMATION** requested, including my full name, mailing address, phone number and email address on a piece of **plain white paper**. The information is **computer-printed** in a **plain font**. It is **NOT** hand-written.
- ☐ I have included a **PERSONAL DONATION** via Cash, Personal Check, or Money Order in **U.S. Dollars** for Mark's time and effort in a separate secure envelope inside the shipping box. I did **NOT** send foreign (non-U.S.) currency. I did **NOT** send my donation via an online money system, MoneyGram, cryptocurrency, or money-wire transfer. If sending a Personal Check or Money Order for my donation, I did not obscure any routing numbers with my signature. I understand that my donation is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once it is sent, even if I fail to follow instructions and do not receive the **A.R.K.** data.