



BUYING GUIDE External Hard Drives

Face it. Computer hard drives can fail. So be prepared to be unprepared; alleviate the risk of losing your valuable data in a disaster situation. Invest in an external hard drive and make regular backup rotations a routine. Look for features such as: bare metal recovery to point in time which allows the drive to recover the entire PC from the PC disk crash to a selected point in time and built-in continuous backup software which automatically makes a copy of your data anytime you modify a file and provides the option of syncing and backing up your files to a personal cloud. Always remember to store a copy of your backup in a secure, offsite location.

WHAT ARE YOUR BACKUP NEEDS?

TO BACK UP LARGE DATA

FILES—You'll benefit from speed and continuous automatic backup. For extra protection of your data, opt for AES encryption.

TO BACK UP MULTIPLE COMPUTERS

—Look for models that work with a wireless router, that recover data to another PC in case of PC losses, and that include built-in backup software.

TO TRANSFER FILES TO NEW COMPUTERS AND/OR TO NEW WINDOWS® OPERATING SYSTEMS

—Choose desktop or portable models with fast transfer speeds and plug-and-play setup.

TO TRANSPORT FILES WITHIN THE OFFICE OR TO ANOTHER LOCATION

—Look for a slim, rugged design with integrated USB cable or built-in USB 2.0 interface and plug-and-play convenience.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIZE

3.5" DESKTOP FOR MAXIMUM STORAGE—Most provide up to 2TB (some even more) of additional capacity. Though generally used for desktops and may require a separate power supply, these are still relatively lightweight and can be easily moved in order to share files within an office.

2.5" PORTABLE FOR MAXIMUM MOBILITY—They are extremely lightweight and ideal for transporting files easily wherever you go. They power directly from a USB port, hold up to 500GB of data and have the ability to transfer data quickly and efficiently.