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USBKeys

Linksys Instant USB Disk

Linksys is known as one of the best manufacturers of networking equipment. But now the company has entered into the development of USB flash memory keys with its sleek Instant USB Disk, which comes with a convenient neck strap. \$39 (32MB); \$59 (64MB); \$99 (128MB).



Memorex USB ThumbDrive

Famous for its high-quality media, Memorex is new to the USB key market with its USB ThumbDrive. Memorex promises 512MB and 1GB versions later this year. \$59 (64MB); \$99 (128MB); \$179 (256MB).



SOYO Cig@r Pro

Well known for its motherboards, SOYO now offers the Cig@r Pro Flash Memory Drive, a translucent USB key that's sure to fit any budget. \$44 (32MB); \$59 (64MB); \$89 (128MB); \$149 (256MB).



Tweakmonster TX50 RAMdrive

Tweakmonster is a one-man company dedicated to providing really cool PC equipment. The Tweakmonster TX50 (distributed by HighSpeedPC.com) features a rugged outer shell and the biggest, brightest read/write activity LED you'll find on any flash memory device. \$39 (16MB); \$69 (64MB); \$99 (128MB); \$179 (256MB).



Viking USB Drive

There's nothing fancy about Viking's USB Drive, but by keeping its feature list slim and its capacity relatively low, Viking is able to offer this USB key in a very tiny package. \$16.69 (16MB); \$21.23 (32MB); \$31 (64MB); \$57 (128MB).



Wolverine Data Miniature Series

Whether you consider the remarkably low prices or the interchangeable translucent colored face plates to be the prime selling points of Wolverine Data's Miniature Series, the lineup stands out in the crowded USB key market. \$29 (32MB); \$49 (64MB); \$69 (128MB); \$129 (256MB).



MEMORY CARD READERS

Interactive Media KanguruMicro Drive+

The KanguruMicro Drive+ works just like the original KanguruMicro Drive, but in addition to an embedded flash memory chip, this model uses a removable MMC or SD card. \$39 (32MB); \$49 (64MB); \$79 (128MB); \$139 (256MB); \$279 (512MB).



SanDisk Cruzer

According to SanDisk, Cruzer is the first upgradeable, portable flash memory storage device. Instead of using an embedded memory chip, the stylish silver Cruzer features a removable Secure Digital (SD) card. \$49 (32MB); \$59 (64MB); \$89 (128MB); \$119 (256MB).



SimpleTech Bonzai USB Mini-Drive

SimpleTech's Bonzai is an incredibly tiny USB Flash drive with an SD card adapter included. When you're ready to upgrade this diminutive USB key, simply pop out the SD card and slide in a new one. \$59 (64MB); \$79 (128MB); \$169 (256MB); \$379 (512MB).



MUSIC AND MORE

AZIO MP306

The MP306 from AZIO is a thumb-sized MP3/WMA player that doubles as a USB flash memory key and voice recorder.



It features five equalizer settings and a 92 x 26-pixel blue LCD screen. \$79 (64MB); \$99 (128MB).

CompuCable Muzic Aera

The Muzic Aera from CompuCable isn't just a flash memory key. It's also a portable MP3 player and a digital voice recorder. It even includes an embedded LED flashlight. \$39 (32MB); \$59 (64MB); \$99 (128MB).



Creative NOMAD MuVo

Creative's NOMAD MuVo isn't just a USB key. It's also a portable MP3 player. The detachable drive plugs into your PC's USB port just like any other, but then snaps into the NOMAD to play MP3s and WMAs. \$99 (64MB); \$149 (128MB).



Philips Audio Key Ring

Philips' Audio Key Ring is a USB flash memory key that doubles as a portable MP3/WMA player. Plug it into one of your PC's USB ports, download your favorite tracks to it, and you're ready to listen to your music on the go. \$99 (64MB); \$129 (128MB).



Philips Photo Key Ring

If you think the audio version of the Philips' Key Ring is cool, check



Easy as USB

- Step 1.** Remove the cap from your drive and plug it into an available USB port on your laptop. Windows will automatically detect and install your device as a disk drive.
- Step 2.** Once the device is installed, a lettered drive will be assigned to it (in this case E:).
- Step 3.** Select the folder or file you would like to copy and select that option from the Edit menu.
- Step 4.** Once you've copied the desired data, select Paste from the Edit menu on the E: window and your files will be transferred.
- Step 5.** With your files located on the E drive, click on the left-facing arrow on the bottom of your screen to safely remove your disk.

out its Photo Key Ring. This tiny device lets you snap 1.3-mega-pixel digital photos and upload them to your PC simply by sliding it into a USB port. \$99 (64MB); \$129 (128MB).

SmartDisk Rover

SmartDisk is among the latest manufacturers to offer a combination USB flash memory key/portable MP3 player. Like the other MP3 players in this roundup, the Rover provides up to 12 hours of continuous audio playback from a single AAA battery. \$99 (64MB); \$149 (128MB).



SECURITY IS KEY

Aladdin Knowledge Systems eToken R2

After the initial software setup, no one can access your PC without inserting the 120-bit DES-X

encrypted eToken R2. When you're ready to use your PC, plug it into one of your PC's USB ports, and you're ready to go. A version without a Web sign-on utility is also available. \$49; \$64 with Web sign on utility.



Griffin Technologies SecuriKey Personal Edition

Griffin Technologies' SecuriKey Personal Edition is a PC authentication device. When you're ready to use your computer, insert the SecuriKey into one of its USB ports. When you need to leave your PC, slide it out and your system is inaccessible. \$149.

