HARD DRIVE SPECS

If you want to buy a hard drive but are confused by all the specifications, remember that the key number is average access time. This is the time it takes from the issuance of a command to access a single sector to the time when the drive's head reaches the sector. But beware, some ads quote seek time that is not the appropriate measurement. Access time is seek time plus latency (the time it takes for the chosen sector to come around to be positioned under the read/write head).

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