

External Hard Drives Presentation 1/9/09

Started by using Google. <http://tinyurl.com/874atm>

or

http://www.google.com/search?q=reviews+of+external+hard+drives&sourceid=navclient-ff&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1B3GGGL_enUS177US215

What is an external hard drive?

- Portable
- Small
- Often powered from USB port.
- Large capacity.

Uses:

- Drive image backup.
- Files backup.
- Extra storage for large files.
- Portability of data.

Decisions:

- Capacity.
- Physical size.
- Ease of use.
- Exterior color.

Software:

- May come with drive.
- Also available separately both free and for pay.

Prices:

- Continue to drop rapidly.
- Or, same price buys more capacity.

Where to buy:

- Return policies.
 - Costco is 90 days – no “restocking fee” and two years “concierge” support
 - Wal-Mart is 45 days – no “restocking fee”
 - Staples 14 days – no “restocking fee”
 - Best Buy has 15% restocking fee as does Target. In both cases tell them drive is defective and no fee. Best Buy waives fee if you buy something else, they do not want stuff “rented”
- Price – always look for sale items. Watch Sunday fliers.
- Selection. Does place have what you want?
- On-line can be good.
 - Amazon. Biggest, probably safest on-line.
 - Tiger Direct is big, good prices for sale items.
 - Ebay. Can be good and bad – depends on seller and your comfort level.

Some links:

Costco Support: <http://www.costco.com/Service/FeaturePage.aspx?ProductNo=11217032>

PC Magazine article on a drive: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2326192,00.asp>

Some reviews of drives:

<http://reviews.digitaltrends.com/subcategory/score-desc/108/hard-drive-external-reviews>

Free Software List: <http://www.thefreecountry.com/utilities/backupandimage.shtml>

Free program:

http://www.download.com/SyncBack/3000-2242_4-10413802.html?tag=mncol