

GCNLAB		These tiny devices offer speed, price, capacity and extras			MAKING THE GRADES	For details on how the lab grades products, go to www.gcn.com and enter I12 in the Quickfind box.
Product	USB Card	Kanguru Micro Drive 2.0	IG Store 'n' Go USB Drive	ClipDrive Bio		
Vendor	Freecom Technologies Inc. Berkeley, Calif. tel. 510-548-7681 www.freecom.com	Kanguru Solutions Millis, Mass. tel. 888-526-4878 www.kanguru.com	Verbatim Corp. Charlotte, N.C. tel. 704-547-6500 www.verbatim.com	Memory Experts International Irvine, Calif. tel. 888-422-6726 www.memoryexpertsinc.com		
Capacity	512M	1G	1G	1G		
Per-megabyte price in cents	20	31	34	49		
Time to transfer 191M over USB 1.1 port	3 minutes, 34 seconds	3 minutes, 27 seconds	3 minutes, 29 seconds	3 minutes, 41 seconds		
Reviewer's comments	Slipping 512M of data into your wallet with credit cards is handy. The drive had few flaws and was priced competitively: all around, a terrific product.	Even with the lowest price per meg of any 1G drive here, the unit included extras such as KanguruGuard, which can encrypt saved files.	Verbatim's portable storage entry held 1G in a form factor smaller than most 256M drives. It was priced well, too.	The ClipDrive Bio was expensive in actual price and price per megabyte. But it had something no other drive did: a biometric fingerprint reader to protect data. For ironclad security, it's worth the price.		
Price	\$104	\$319	\$349	\$476		
Overall grade	A REVIEWER'S CHOICE BANG FOR THE BUCK	A REVIEWER'S CHOICE	B+	B+		

GCNLAB		Compact keys unlock solutions to data storage problems			MAKING THE GRADES	For details on how the lab grades products, go to www.gcn.com and enter I12 in the Quickfind box.
Product	Mini 512M USB 2.0 Drive	RiData USB 2.0 Flash Drive	DataTraveler II	FM-10 Pro USB-2 Stick		
Vendor	Iomega Corp. San Diego tel. 858-314-7000 www.iomega.com	Advance Media Inc. Diamond Bar, Calif. tel. 909-861-2269 www.ritekusa.com	Kingston Technology Co. Inc. Fountain Valley, Calif. tel. 714-435-2600 www.kingston.com/usb	Freecom Technologies Inc. Berkeley, Calif. tel. 510-548-7681 www.freecom.com		
Capacity	512M	256M	256M	512M		
Per-megabyte price in cents	34	26	25	29		
Time to transfer 191M over USB 1.1 port	3 minutes, 31 seconds	3 minutes, 29 seconds	3 minutes, 43 seconds	4 minutes, 18 seconds		
Reviewer's comments	The Mini Drive was configurable online by downloading free software. This extra step might not please some users, whereas others will like the absence of software clutter.	Priced to sell, the RiData USB drive felt somewhat flimsy. On the plus side, the reverse switchblade design won't lose a drive cap.	A tad bit slower than most others, the DataTraveler II is a blank, plain-vanilla drive suitable for cheap, broad-based portable storage.	The only waterproof drive in the review (with cap closed); it's the perfect choice for rugged use. Slow transfers could hold it back in normal environments.		
Government price	\$179	\$69	\$64	\$152		
Overall grade	B	B-	B-	C+		