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Stuck under stacks and stacks of data? One Zip™ 750 disk can replace 521 standard floppies. Which would you choose?

## 750 Mega Bite Zip Drive

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Zip disk started at 100 mega bites then went to 250 Mb, now they are 750 Mb. Where will they stop? With USB technology, 750Mb Zip drives are faster than ever before. They are an easy way to back up files and data. The advantages of Zip disks are many are easy to use in a Windows environment. All that needs to be done is to copy data to the Zip disk using My Computer or Windows Explorer, or on a Mac use the finder to copy and paste files to the Zip disk. Unlike CD burners Zip needs no special software, and there is no need to copy the data to a temporary file as Windows XP requires.



Zip disks are protected by a hard plastic case; which makes them virtually indestructible. CDs require the jewel case to protect them from getting scratches and become unusable. The one drawback to 750 Zip is few people own computers that are capable of reading them. One problem with 750 Zip disk is that there are few computers that have them at this time. But the technology is available today.

Speed of Zip drives is “comparable to 59x for these new drive under USB 2.0, which would translate to 7500 Kbps.” In other words, a file size of 620 Mb can be copied from a hard drive to a Zip disk

in 5 minutes (about 1900 Kbps). Copying data from a Zip to a hard drive takes about 2 minutes and 38 seconds, faster than most CD burners. USB 2.0 is required to achieve these data speeds.

The advantages of Zip drives far outweigh its drawbacks. For speed efficiency and convenience, compare to CD burners.

