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Thread: [These super cheap external drives are fake, right?](#)

Lindros - September 20, 2019, 11:27 pm

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James Burnham - September 20, 2019, 11:28 pm

No, that is their regular price.

Bear - September 20, 2019, 11:29 pm

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Linux X - September 20, 2019, 11:30 pm

Lol man this is HDD, not SSD drive. Its a normal price.

Spaark - September 20, 2019, 11:32 pm

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(Sep 20, 2019 11:32 PM)Spaark Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Crazy how cheap USB's are too. Unreal that we once spent 20\$ on a 4gb usb.

Yea before 10 years maybe xD

Lindros - September 20, 2019, 11:35 pm

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Shit, shows what I know.

I legit thought all you guys were trolling me for a second.

Blazin - September 20, 2019, 11:36 pm

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Vyrkfrir - September 20, 2019, 11:46 pm

Not necessarily fake, just bought a huge quantity for a lower price and a better rebate - thus passing savings into consumers.

Spaark - September 20, 2019, 11:47 pm

(Sep 20, 2019 11:39 PM)M0HX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thats true. I once was gonna buy "1tb" micro sd card but did a bit of research and its just 64gb modified to look like 1tb lol.

ended up buying samsung evo 32gb.. becareful there are many chinese knockoffs on the market. This happens a LOT in Asia.

My grandfather got scammed for an SD card years ago. I remember laughing about it with him wondering how he could've ever thought it was real.

Lindros - September 21, 2019, 1:13 am

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Vyrkfrir - September 21, 2019, 1:15 am

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Look at the read/write/rpm of the individual drives. There is a lot to compare spec wise depending what it needs to do.

Blazin - September 21, 2019, 1:23 am

(Sep 21, 2019 01:13 AM)ZietzSeV Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You think for photo/video storage ssd vs hdd is gonna make a huge difference?

SSD has superior read and write capabilities compared to a regular hd. Depends on what your doing with it. If your constantly moving video files around it could help and editing them. If your just storing a video/movie library and you want to save money I don't see why a regular hd would hurt. SSDS are getting pretty cheap so it depends if the price ratio is worth the speed read / write values to you. A lot of people and computer shops are starting to do away with the mechanical platter drives.

You can get a 1 tb ssd for about \$160 in my country. Or you can get a western digital mechanical drive 4 TB for like \$118.

Those are the two options I'd go with depending on what I needed it for.

BTW if you go with a mechanical drive please stay away from Seagate. They have the highest failure rates and the platters basically melt into the hard drive over time.

WD or Samsung make good stuff.

cryp - September 21, 2019, 4:19 am

These are external HDD's, you can probably even get them much cheaper.

This is where it will start to cost you: <https://www.newegg.com/External-SSDs/SubCategory/ID-2022>

Captain Pre - September 21, 2019, 4:25 am

Those prices looks normal to me.

Recently i got my PC From one of South India's Best Suppliers(I got their contact hoping for lower prices and i saved like \$200-300)

While talking to him, He was telling me How MLLIONS of Old/Thrown away And refurbished Hdd's are flooding the market for super cheap prices. He even showed me the peices (It was all brand new with the box.)

He said he is the only shop in the neighborhood to print "Refurbished" In the bill if someone buys it. While other sellers just sell it as usual telling it's a special discount or something.

StickTalk - September 21, 2019, 5:48 am

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Cooligan - September 21, 2019, 6:03 am

If it's from the official Walmart website then you have nothing to worry about, I highly doubt they would risk advertising something as a specific brand without it being that brand. The backlash they would face would be immense.

Though those prices are pretty cheap, could just be because you're purchasing from Walmart however.

Come to think of it I paid around \$300 for my 3TB external HD, but then again I purchased it from Best Buy so that could be the difference right there.

Ivex - September 21, 2019, 6:23 am

Yeah I remember when 1TB was like - woah crazy storage.

My old laptop was top of the range when I got it as a kid and that had 1 TB. Now it's just like meh. 1TB.

AYMG - September 21, 2019, 6:28 am

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StickTalk - September 21, 2019, 9:37 am

(Sep 21, 2019 05:58 AM)cryptoyalty Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The vendors are legit from what he linked, it's the official seagate and the likes.

I'm not saying its not legit, I just don't buy things like this online. I buy them in person so they don't get messed up when they're in transit.

ririki - September 21, 2019, 9:40 am

1GB is approximately 0.04 - 0.05 US\$

You can calculate it yourself.

Deany - September 21, 2019, 9:44 am

They are name brand but they're cheap because HDD space is cheaper than SSD space.

Lindros - September 21, 2019, 12:38 pm

(Sep 21, 2019 06:28 AM)AYMG Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) \$50 is their decent price, don't think they are fake though.

There was like \$15 dollar ones. I know the \$50 ones are legit. Some of them at HD 1tb "cases".

Rsynced - September 21, 2019, 1:19 pm

Dude they are real, platter based hard drives are considered old tech now a days since SSD"s are becoming affordable.

Torrent 0 - September 21, 2019, 1:20 pm

Normal price for disks, i bought mine for the same price (1 TB) but not in Walmart tho

BoysWhoCry - September 21, 2019, 1:25 pm

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Takehito Morokuzu - September 21, 2019, 3:01 pm

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Yeah i know the sellers on wish are booty

TheRecklessZebra - September 21, 2019, 7:07 pm

I have personally wonder the same thing, but if anything i would buy them from another vendor, or straight form the source.