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Thread: [What is the oldest harddrive you have that is still running?](#)

Pimping - October 7, 2025, 9:19 pm

I thought of making this thread since i have a hard drive that was 15 years old and it seems to have died on me recently (which is expected for how old it is)

whats your oldest hard drive that is still running? if you could share hours that would be great. think mine had 70k-80k hours in it

Charlie Sheen - October 8, 2025, 2:20 am

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Mech - October 8, 2025, 6:10 am

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Bastille - October 8, 2025, 6:49 am

I don't use old hard drives because of the reliability, the oldest currently running is probably 5 years, but I have a bunch of hard drive I need to check, some of them are from the early 00s, crazy

The Joker - October 8, 2025, 9:35 am

I've got a couple of them lying around that hopefully still works. Oldest is one from around 2010.

Pimping - October 8, 2025, 9:04 pm

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Wow interesting

should do a SMART test on it and see if any bad blocks and how many hours it has

plops - October 8, 2025, 9:21 pm

My oldest drive is from 2015 (last touched). I am holding it it but I think its just movies like Tropic Thunder and Semi-Pro

Phantom_NiNja - October 8, 2025, 9:36 pm

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RangoWorld - October 9, 2025, 1:00 am

I have one from 15 years. But it's not actively in use (it works) because it's like 250GB.

Fun fact. I have another SSD that's active that actually once belonged to US CIA - Classified. I got it from a friend - don't know how he got it.

Pimping - October 9, 2025, 11:56 pm

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Jamika - October 10, 2025, 8:29 am

10 years old i think , bought it and still alive , full of my old work and outdated films and games

HerrWinston - October 10, 2025, 9:25 am

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If you have a few you dont need anymore and that work share with me lmao, I am in a big need of harddrives currently xD

For the thread, my oldest is about 9 years old, not too much looking at the numbers here but I love it, still running on this pc.

plops - October 10, 2025, 10:59 am

I have a couple that are lingering around since around 2012-2014. They still run if I spin them up. Not really sure why I still have them though lol

Phantom_NiNja - October 11, 2025, 11:33 am

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No, I own my own datacenter. It's only me and 10 people working it. I just check in and also host my own websites.

Yeah, I have a lot of supermicro nas servers. Right now buying servers and more hard drives and will transfer all data from the old servers

to the new ones and will than take the old servers home and use them as additional storage. I will eventually sell them in bulk to a broker company.

They auction them off. I do this every 5 to 10 years. It's a pain in the ass.

I got old hard drives from the 90s that no longer work and have old original drives called the floppy drives with both the small disks and the large film ones.

sharn - *October 11, 2025, 5:34 pm*

Just an old Seagate.

Slow and noisy, but alive.