

Review: SimpleTech Signature Mini Hard Drive

When it comes to school work on your computer, nothing is more important than safely saving and storing your data. I'm sure you have heard many horror stories (or maybe experienced them yourself) of students losing all their work because of hard drive failure. There are even stories out there of students going to far extremes to protect their work.

Here comes a product that will safely store all your important files and has a large enough capacity to store all of your music, photos and other media as well. Typical students opt for bargain thumb drives of 2-4 GB, but the problem with those is that they typically fill up fast and reach full capacity, forcing the user to get and carry around an additional thumb drive or delete past work/files that they may or may not need again.

Why not have in your possession a storage device that is lightweight and still has more than enough storage space for whatever you need? Enter the SimpleTech Signature Mini. A beautiful Black Cherry colored external hard drive with a whopping 320GB of storage space.

You don't need to be a tech genius to use this product. It is very simple to use...simply plug in the provided USB cord to a computer and you're ready to start transferring files. The device also includes software that will automatically backup your files.

The Signature Mini is available in 9 different colors with capacities of up to 500GB. Colors include the cleverly named "flavors" of blueberry, black cherry, kiwi, bubble gum, marshmallow, espresso, cool mint, ice, and cayenne.

Size and Portability

While yes the Signature Mini is technically "pocket-sized", it's not something you'd want to be carrying around with you all the time. But, it's lightweight design makes it easy and convenient for on the go, as it won't weigh down your backpack or messenger bag. The product is pretty durable, making it appear heavier than it is. You could drop this thing and not have to worry about damaging anything.

When the Signature Mini is placed in your pocket, it is noticeable, but doesn't get in the way when walking thanks to its smooth and lightweight design. It fits nicely in both the front and back pockets of your pants, but I personally preferred the front pocket, not only for comfort reasons, but also in case I forget it's there and decided to sit down. Because it is so lightweight, sometimes you may forget that it's actually in your pocket.

With its thin compact size, the Signature Mini can easily be hidden or stored away to wherever your liking.

Product Details

- Dimensions: 5.25" x 4.5" x 1.5".
- Weight: 5.8 ounces.
- Designed by Pininfarina, maker of Italian sports cars.
- USB 2.0 powered.
- Has a "Velvety" feel to it.

Pros

- 3 year warranty.
- Lightweight and Durable.
- More storage for your dollar.
- Easy to use.
- Stylish and elegant looking.
- Included software automatically backs up your files.

Cons

- Bulkier than your typical thumb drive.

Cost

The Signature Mini we reviewed (320GB Black Cherry) retails for \$109.99, but searching around, you can find it for under \$100. This is a fair deal on a cost per GB basis. You can't put a price on piece of mind knowing that all your data and files are safely backed up. Everyone needs some sort of portable storage device, so it may be worth it in the end to spend a little extra and get more bang for your buck. Stop wasting your time with 2-4 GB thumb drives.

Uses

The Signature Mini would be good for students and grads looking to store all their college digital files ranging from class assignments to their favorite MP3s. If you are doing a lot of work on different computers, the Signature Mini would be the ultimate storage device for easily being able to access all of your work by simply plugging the device into a USB port. With storage capacities ranging from 160GB to 500GB (160GB, 250GB, 320GB, 500GB), it should provide more than enough space to store just about anything.

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