

Universal Drive Adapter perfect for computer user

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Don't let discarded hard drives go to waste.
USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter: Newer Tech (\$29.95); www.newertech.com.

Hard drives keep getting larger, but the demands for drive space continue to increase as well. Just ask those who are into digital photos and video.

The USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter can help.

The device allows users to connect a variety of hard drives (internal or external) to their computer. It works with 2.5-inch, 3.5-inch and 5.25-inch IDE/ATA and SATA drives.

Newer Tech calls the adapter the "Swiss Army knife" of disk connectivity.

The device offers USB 2.0 transfer speeds of 480 Mbps and is backward compatible with USB 1.1.

The package comes with the adapter, a USB cable, power adapter cable, power supply, serial ATA cable and IDE extension cable.

The drive adapter features LED lights to indicate the status of power, USB, IDE/ATA and SATA connections.

Using the adapter is straightforward and clearly described in the manual for each type of drive that one may use.

Affordable and flexible, the USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter will find a home with any computer user.



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Tech Talk

Cyborg 5.1 Headset: Saitek (\$79.95); www.saitekusa.com.

A headset joins Saitek's line of Cyborg gaming devices.

The headset promises to deliver true 5.1 surround sound.

It features inline volume/mute controls, an adjustable headband, detachable noise-canceling microphone and even its own hard carrying case.

Included is a 3.5mm jack so that the headphones can be used with portable devices like MP3 and CD players as well.

A Cyborg logo on the side of the headset lights up when they are in use.

The headset comes with a software installation disk. The software works with Windows XP and Vista.

Once the software is installed, it can be accessed through an icon on the bottom right side of the screen.

Users can select two speakers (simple stereo) or four to six speakers for 3.1 and 5.1 surround sound. Mixer and equalizer tabs allow users to change various settings.

There's even two demo games and a karaoke tab for those who feel like singing along.

Packed with features, the Cyborg 5.1 Headset hits the right notes.

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