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# **Apple 3.5 Drive: Description**

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TOPIC -----

This article describes the Apple 3.5 Drive.

DISCUSSION -----

The Apple 3.5 Drive adds 800K of data storage to the Apple IIGS, Macintosh 512K, Macintosh 512K Enhanced, Macintosh Plus, and Macintosh SE personal computers. The Apple 3.5 Drive uses 3.5-inch, 800K, double-sided disks.

#### Features

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- Over 5 times the storage capacity of 5.25-inch drives.
- Daisy-chaining capability (for Apple IIGS only). An additional port on the back of the unit allows you to connect another Apple 3.5 Drive or Apple 5.25 Drive directly. Up to three extra drives can be daisy-chained for a total of 3.2MB of external storage. (3.5 drives must come first in the chain.)
- In-use light that indicates when the drive is running.
- Direct connection to the Apple IIGS without an interface card.
- Platinum finish that matches the Apple IIGS, Macintosh Plus and Macintosh SE.

## Benefits

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- Multiple programs and increased data can be stored on a single disk;
  disk swapping is reduced.
- All ProDOS- or Pascal-based Apple II software can be run on 3.5-inch media.
- Users can load programs and retrieve data faster.
- For the Apple IIGS only, the Apple 3.5 Drive provides flexibility by allowing connection of up to three extra drives (3.5-inch or 5.25-inch) to the first drive; users can mix a 3.5-inch and 5.25-inch drive in the same system. (3.5 drives must come first in the chain.)

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