

Recommended USB drives

If you use a cheap USB 2.0 drive, you will find that it will take many minutes to copy large files to the USB drive and it will also be slow to use and to boot from.

[SanDisk Extreme Pro USB SDCZ880](#) #Amazon ad link (don't buy the 'Go' version - it is slow!)

[Transcend JetFlash 920](#) #Amazon ad link

Note: If you buy a different USB drive, pay attention to the CrystalDiskMark Random **4KiB** I/O Read/Write benchmark figure. If this is below 1MB/s then avoid it like Covid! Beware of the quoted manufacturers Read/Write speeds which are for *synchronous transfers* and do not give the full picture! Some 'fast' USB Flash drives have very low 4KiB timings and these are *very slow* when used as a boot device or if you try to run Windows To Go or Linux directly from it!

