

LoqDrive 250 SPR

Version 1.4

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Price \$800

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We all know that carrying a laptop on business is risky. However, with the new breed of portable disk drives available we do have an alternative, and the choice to utilize a portable hard disk drive could prove a good one.



The LoqDrive 250 SPR not only comes with a storage space of 30Gb (also available as 10 and 40Gb), but it also provides a secure method of authentication for your users. The drive offers security and doesn't pose any software or installation problems for your users. With an admin-set user account, up to 100 employees can be authorized through fingerprint recognition, which means that the same device can be used time and time again. The recommended number is, however, 20 and the developer says if you want to stop others reading your files, then there's another LoqDrive feature to provide individual user privacy, or access to all files, although the administrator retains the privilege of being able to decrypt any file. All the user has to do is plug the USB cable into any computer, authenticate using the fingerprint and that's it - simple. This means that users don't have to carry a computer with them.

Weighing 1lb, the LoqDrive unit is encased in aluminum and the biometric fingerprint reader is covered to provide protection against accidental damage. No password is required and only the user's fingerprint will allow authentication, but if locked out, the administrator will be able to gain access.

Installation is only required for the administrator to set users. This relieves the end user from anything other than connecting and authenticating via the biometric fingerprint reader. The information that allows the user to authenticate is only on the LoqDrive, so the chances of unauthorized access are extremely low as the keys are held within and the data is encrypted. Should a user leave the company then the administrator can access the drive using a fingerprint and 32-character password set on installation. The password should be kept in a secure location, but if necessary, somewhere that can be accessed by a senior member of staff so that the device can be re-set other than by the administrator.

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Features	★★★★★
Ease of use	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★★
Support	★★★★★
Value for money	★★★★★
OVERALL RATING	★★★★★

FOR Mobile, secure and very easy for the user.

AGAINST A little heavier than some, but that little bit of extra weight is worth carrying.

VERDICT Reduces the need to carry a laptop and provides the user with a secure area for data, plugs into any computer with a USB port.

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