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Ultraportable. Ultracapacity. Ultraquick.

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Thumb drives, U.S.B. keys, flash disks - call them what you will, there hasn't been much to get excited about in ultraportable storage. The Pocket Rocket, which is created and sold by Memina (www.memina.com), a Samsung affiliate, could change that. The device has a healthy storage capacity of up to two gigabytes (for \$204.99) and it transfers data at speeds faster than some CD-ROM drives.



If you've ever used a flash-card reader to pull large images out of a digital camera, you know how slow flash memory can be. The Pocket Rocket spits out information at 18 megabytes a second, double the speed of an average flash card, and improves the write speed by six megabytes a second. That means large files and images will transfer to and from this 2.5-inch long

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Later this month, Memina plans to release a four-gigabyte model with a read time of 30 megabytes a second. The device includes gold-plated U.S.B. plugs to ensure the accuracy of data transfers, and removable caps for protection from whatever else might be in your pocket.

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