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## The i-FlashDrive

If you read my columns and reviews I am reasonably sure you like to share certain files that are on your computer, smartphone, or tablet with your friends or colleagues. The i-FlashDrive has been designed to allow these transfers to take place between Apple and android products directly without the need of a computer or Wi-Fi connection.

You just plug in one device at a time into the appropriate slot on the i-FlashDrive and transfer your files to and from the flash memory that is built into the unit. See photo 1. At first glance you might get the impression that you can plug your apple in one end and your android device in the other. **You can't do**



Photo 1

**that!** What you can do is plug the i-FlashDrive storage device into one product at a time and copy items in turn to the i-FlashDrive and then copy or paste them wherever you want the files to remain. You could just leave your files on the i-FlashDrive and use them in place, thereby removing them from your phone or tablet when you unplug the i-FlashDrive.

You first need to download the free i-FlashDrive app from the android or Apple online stores. To transfer files to or from your computer you need to connect Part A and Part B together. See photo 2.

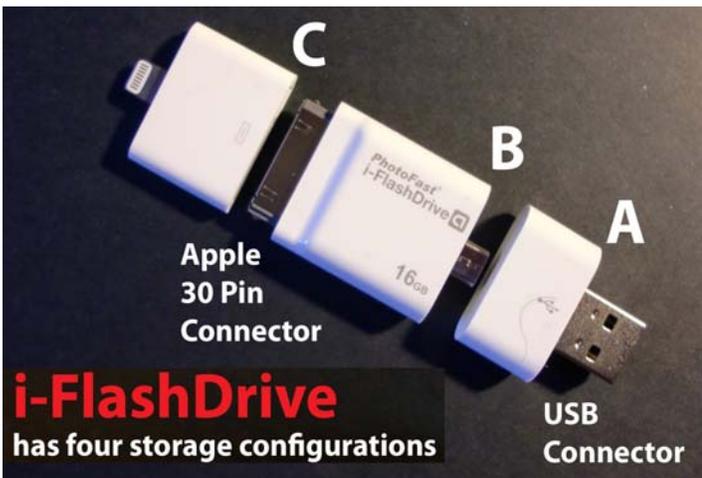


Photo 2

Part A is actually a USB to Micro adaptor. To copy or transfer files to your older Apple iPhone or Tablet you only need to connect Part B to your Apple device. To copy or transfer files to your Apple devices that have the lightning plug you need to use Part B and Part C. See photo 3.

### Reason to Drool

If you are a paranoid person who likes to keep the files you



Photo 3

transfer hardwired then this is the perfect product for you. It will let you carry your important files in an encrypted state on the small flash drive for use on Apple and Android products.

### Not So Cool

During testing I found it was necessary to take an iPhone and a Galaxy phone out of their cases. The thickness of their cases prevented the plug on the i-FlashDrive from entering far enough to make an electrical connection. If you own a Galaxy Note 3 it does not have a micro USB outlet so this device cannot be used with it without an adapter. You also need to be careful that you don't accidentally knock the appendage into something which could bend it and damage the i-FlashDrive and/or your phone or tablet.

### How i-FlashDrive for Android is different ?

It's the only flash-drive that is cross platforms



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