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SanDisk Connect Wireless Flash Drive

This new wireless flash drive definitely has major wow factors. It can wirelessly connect to eight devices at the same time. It lets you view or share files between your computer, iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire, Android smartphone or android tablet at the same time. It supports two way communications so you can wirelessly upload and/or download files to or from the SanDisk Connect at the same time. When you use it to stream videos your streaming is limited to three devices at the same time. It does all of this with a physical foot print no larger than your average USB flash drive. See photo 1.



The SanDisk Connect is prepackaged with an installed 16GB (\$ 49.99), 32GB (\$ 59.99), or 64GB (\$ 99.99), micro SD card. This card is removable so you can store different types of files on different cards and basically have unlimited storage capability. The supplied micro SD card contains an iOS and Android PDF user manual and supporting videos to help you become an expert user.

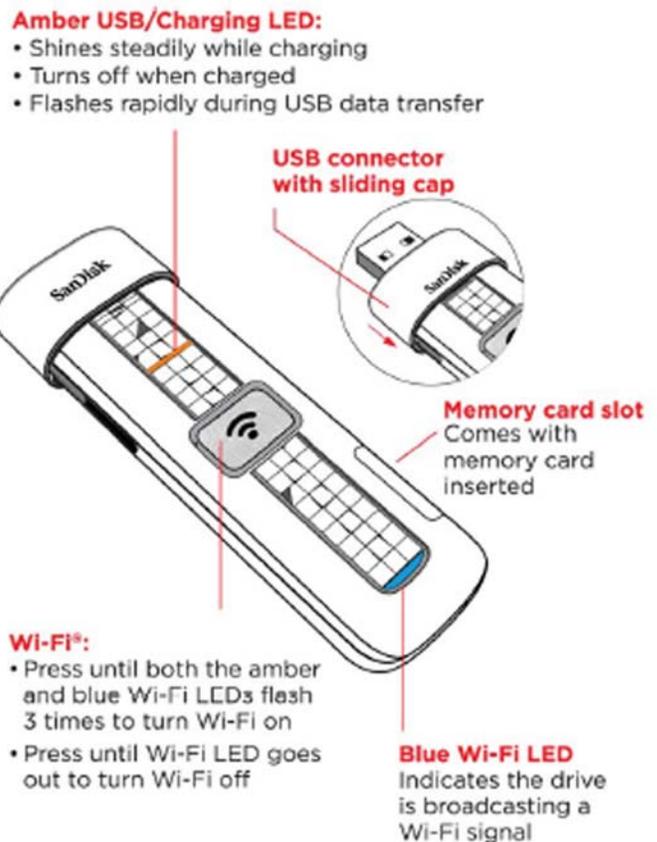
The first step to streaming everything is charging the Connect. You can plug it directly into your computer or plug it into a USB AC charging block. SanDisk doesn't supply a charging block with this product so you will have to purchase one or use the charging block that came with your smartphone or tablet.

To add files to the SanDisk Connect simply plug it into a USB port on your computer and copy or move files as if it was a standard flash drive. To use it with your smartphone or tablet you need to download the SanDisk free Wireless Flash Drive App from your mobile device's app store. See photo 2. The PDF manual shows you how to setup



standard Wi-Fi protection to prevent unauthorized access to your private SanDisk Connect network. The manual will also show you how to connect to the SanDisk Connect drive and also the internet using your preferred network at the same time.

With a full charge it will run for about 4 hours and its Wi-Fi is 802.11bb/g/m compatible. To test it I had it transmit movies to an Android tablet and android smartphone. At the same time I told it to download a third movie that I had placed on it from my computer. It took less than 10 minutes to transmit the 788.90 GB movie to a third smartphone.



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