



# Identifying a Fake Flash Drive



## Check the Specs

Compare the advertised specifications with what is typical for genuine products. If a flash drive claims to offer an unusually large capacity for a very low price, it is likely fake.

## Examine the Physical Flash Drive

Look for signs of tampering or low-quality construction. Genuine high-capacity drives tend to have high-quality materials and consistent labeling.



## Look Over the Packaging

Counterfeit products might come in generic or poorly printed packaging, whereas authentic products typically come in professionally designed and printed packaging.

## Research the Seller

Check reviews and ratings for signs of recurring issues with fake products. Purchase from reputable sellers and avoid listings from unknown or dubious sources.

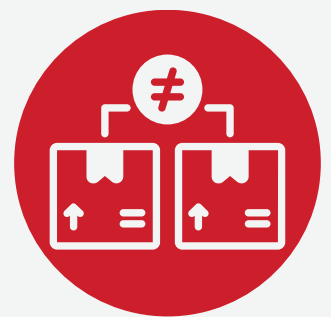


## Assess the Device

Check the flash drive's reported capacity. Check its reported capacity against its actual storage. Use diagnostic tools to understand if the drive is misreporting data.

## Inspect for Discrepancies

If there is no data on the device, attempt to reformat it and check for discrepancies. If the drive's storage suddenly decreases or there are errors not allowing the drive to format, it is likely fake.



**DriveSavers Data Recovery**

+1 (800) 440-1904 • [DriveSavers.com](http://DriveSavers.com)

Restoring Data and Peace of Mind Since 1985

240523sc