

# Western Digital Pushes the Hard Drive Performance Envelope Again With 120 GB Special Edition Model

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~ 8 MB Buffer EIDE Hard Drive Delivers  
Data to Users at Fastest Rates Available

Western Digital Corporation, a leader in personal computing storage, today announced the WD Caviar(TM) 120 GB Special Edition hard drive that uses an 8 MB buffer - the largest buffer available today in a 7,200 RPM desktop EIDE hard drive -- to deliver data to users at the fastest rates available.

The new WD Caviar hard drive combines the speed and performance of the previously announced WD Caviar 100 GB Special Edition 8 MB buffer with the massive capacity of 120 GB.

"This drive truly represents what can be achieved when speed and performance are combined with capacity -- the ability to handle users' most demanding applications such as digital video editing and commercial applications such as entry-level enterprise storage devices," said Rich Rutledge, vice president of marketing for Western Digital. "These greater capacity drives open the door for new types of usage that seemed far-fetched only a short time ago."

The WD Caviar 120 GB Special Edition 8 MB buffer hard drives provide a higher percentage of cache hits and significantly faster time to data than industry-standard 2 MB versions. The larger buffer improves performance because there is a reduction in the number of physical accesses to the disk. This allows data to stream from the disk uninterrupted by mechanical

operations. The 8 MB buffer can also offer an advantage in a server environment, where data typically is accessed across wider portions of the disks. With additional buffer resources, read and write commands are more quickly queued and served to the user.

"Western Digital is committed to delivering to our customers the most meaningful products and services in the industry," said Arif Shakeel, chief operating officer at Western Digital. "Our new Special Edition 8 MB buffer products are proof of the deep innovation and technical expertise that Western Digital is known for. We will continue to be benchmark-setters and promise our customers new, different and exciting applications for our high-quality drives."

This Special Edition drive is currently available via Western Digital's online store at [westerndigital.com](http://westerndigital.com) and through select WD channel partners.

#### About Western Digital

Western Digital, one of the storage industry's pioneers and long-time leaders, provides products and services for people and organizations that collect manage and use digital information. The Company's core business produces reliable, high-performance hard drives that keep users' data close-at-hand and secure from loss. Applying its data storage core competencies to emerging markets, Western Digital's new ventures Cameo Technologies, Keen Personal Media and SageTree meet the increasing demand for innovative information management solutions arising from the proliferation of Internet and broadband services.

Western Digital was founded in 1970. The Company's storage products are

marketed to leading systems manufacturers and selected resellers under the Western Digital brand name. Visit the Investor section of the Company's Web site (<http://www.westerndigital.com>) to access a variety of financial and investor information.

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