

The Best SD Digital Cards

Today's multimedia phones and devices offer a robust platform to do what was unimaginable a few years ago. Ring tones, songs, photos and videos are easily created and shared with others. Unfortunately, these things require lots of memory space. Though the newest tools provide plenty of memory space for some people, you'll be surprised to discover how quickly that space runs out. But, there's an easy, cost-effective solution. SD digital cards can dramatically expand the amount of room available on your device, offering more space than you'll probably ever need. Below, we'll describe some tips you can use to choose the right memory card as well as a few of the strongest contenders that are currently on the market.

1. Tips for Choosing SD Digital Cards

First, you should know how much space you'll need. What sort of things are you planning to do with your device? Remember, videos require much more room than photos. Second, explore the market to see what's available. SD digital cards come in varying sizes. Some offer very little space (sufficient for most people). Others provide more space than you'll ever use. The amount of room on the cards is typically reflected in the price. For example, a 256MB memory card from Sandisk may retail for under \$20 while a 32GB card retails for nearly \$400.

Next, note the transfer rate and write speeds of the SD digital cards you're considering. Some are faster than others (and once again, it's usually reflected in the price). A Kingston 8GB card may offer speeds that make a 2GB card from Connect 3D seem slow by comparison. If you're on a tight budget and don't have the need for speed, you should consider slower memory cards.

2. Top SD Digital Cards

If you have the money available, consider purchasing a card from Sandisk, Kingston, or Transcend. The Transcend 8GB SDHC - Class 6 has a fantastic reputation amongst those who want tremendous space and speed. Similarly, the SanDisk 4GB Extreme III is known for its reliability and ultra fast writing speed and transfer rate. If your budget is a little lower and you'd like to best blend of space and speed for your money, consider Kingston's Ultimate SD card. It offers up to 2GB of space and has impressed critics with speeds that nearly match Sandisk's Extreme III line. Its comparatively-low price tag makes it a smart choice for the budget-conscious.

3. Shopping for SD Digital Cards

There's a memory card that matches every budget and every need. A Lexar 64MB Secure Digital card may not offer fast speeds or caverns of space, but it can be purchased for under \$10. By contrast, the Sandisk 32GB Ultra II SDHC High Performance card may put a \$400 dent in your budget, but can offer unparalleled speed and space from a company with a pristine reputation. When the time comes for you to choose from the variety of SD digital cards on the market, the right memory card at the right price will be waiting for you.

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