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Raidsonic IcyBox IB-285StU-B [Computer Shopper]

COMPANY: Raidsonic

PRICE: £14 inc VAT

RATING: **★★★★★**

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RaidSonic's latest hard disk enclosure allows you to use a 2½in SATA laptop hard disk as an external USB disk. The plain black enclosure is covered in black leather padding that looks like a wallet; there's even space to store your business cards. It looks classy and adds another layer of protection to your disk while in transit. The clasp doubles as an integrated USB cable, but a two-plug extension cable

is also included.

Fitting a disk isn't difficult, but it does require a steady hand, since the four small screws needed to hold the disk in place are easy to lose and a little tricky to screw into place. We fitted a 5,400rpm 320GB hard disk, and its file-copying performance was in line with what we'd expect from a portable USB hard disk.

Although the IcyBox IB-285StU-B could do with being a little easier to assemble, it's still one of the best 2½in hard disk enclosures we've seen. It's a bargain at just £14 including VAT.

By Alan Lu

SPECIFICATIONS:

Takes one 2½in SATA hard disk, USB Hi-Speed interface, 143x89x29mm, 160g

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