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## Toshiba Portable

## Your laptop's short on storage, and you need a booster you can toss in a bag and carry without concern? Buying a portable external solid-state drive (SSD) is the obvious solution. SSDs are by their nature rugged—their lack of moving platters makes them immune to data loss due to bumps and jostling—but the Toshiba Extreme Portable SSD takes that up a level. This drive resists dust, water, and shock. Easy to clip on to a backpack or a belt loop, this SSD is a good choice for hikers, outdoor photographers, and media workers seeking additional space for photos, videos, and other digital media shot on the spot. It's utilitarian and a little chunky, perhaps a bit too big to put on your keychain, but it's light. Plus, it's a relatively fast performer, and the rugged design doesn't add too much to the price.

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### SPEC DATA:

#### Type:

External

#### Storage Capacity (as Tested):

2 TB

#### Rotation Speed:

SSD

#### Ports:

USB-C