

I recently came across a very interesting page in which **John C. McCallum** has **collected a huge number of hard disk unit specs along with introduction year and price.** Beginning from 1956, with the 24" IBM sporting a hefty 3.75 MBytes (!) the list goes through time and megabytes up to a 2016-compliant 8TB unit.

I've [been writing in the past about how much storage has changed in the \(recent\) past](#), but is really overwhelming!

As an added feature, here comes a **single hard disk platter** from 1974 I've been recently given: as far as I've been able to investigate, it should be some 200 KBytes-per-side unit and the whole hard disk unit featured five of them - up to 2 Megabytes (!).

Measures 36 cm (diameter) and weighs in at 3 Kg... (around 1,18 ft and 6 pounds): you can look at the dwarfed Nokia E61 (which incidentally uses a 256 MB MicroSD)!



This a not-so-tiny **floptical disk** I recently spotted at a vintage computer event (thanks to friend Ezio Bagnis):

Hard Disk price from 1956 to 2016



You can find [the Hard disk original price table here](#).