

On Test

# Clickfree C2 320GB



Mark Pilkington looks at a way to take the pain out of backups

## Details

Price: £120  
Manufacturer: Clickfree  
Website: [www.clickfree.com](http://www.clickfree.com)  
Requires Spec: Windows XP/  
Vista/7, Mac OS X, USB drive

## Ratings

Quality: ★★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★★

Backups as easy as making toast

OVERALL  
**9**

**W**e all know how important it is to back up your files while you work, but we all know what a complete pain it is to do so. Luckily enough, the Clickfree C2 goes some way to alleviating the pain of backups, thanks to its built-in software and ease of use. Just as it says on the box, the Clickfree is designed to be as hands-free and automatic as possible, allowing you to concentrate on other matters as it saves your files in the background.

The important thing to remember here is that the software will only back up your files, not applications. Obviously it goes

► *The USB lead can be tucked away inside the drive until you need to use it. Most handy*

without saying that the backup process itself is quicker because of this, but should the worst happen and your computer dies a death on you, then you will need the original application programs to load on before you can use its associated files. Still, this won't be a problem for most people, and for the vast majority (and I include myself here) we will just be thankful for its one-click operability and faster than normal backup time.

If you happen to be an iPod or iPhone owner, the C2 also

includes the ability to save and transfer across your music collection over to your PC or Mac if you so wish. This is particularly reassuring if, like me, your original iPod is growing a tad old and you would like a source other than your PC to store your MP3s on.

Any file can be stored on the C2 of course, and the 320GB memory will ensure that the majority of users won't run out of memory anytime soon. Coming with its own cradle to stand on, you can also plug the drive into your PC or Mac directly should you wish.

In terms of its speed, I managed to back up almost 100GB in less than an hour. A couple of days later, I plugged it in again and the built-in software performed a scan of my computer to back up any freshly modified files. A neat touch, and one that saves having to perform a new backup every time you wish to use it.





Would I recommend the C2 then? Certainly. It's fast, not too expensive and is hard to fault. A larger capacity model is available should you need it, and for those on a budget a 250GB version is also available.

**mm** Mark Pilkington



▲ A tidy, neat design, and one that wouldn't look out of place on any desktop