

Solid state Swiss Army Knife can save digital lives

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Victorinox has pulled from its technology pocket a version of its vaunted Swiss Army knife equipped with a solid state drive capable of holding all of the digital data in a person's life.

A [USB drive](#) capable of holding as much as a terabyte of data is folded into a Swiss Army Knife being shown-off at the [Consumer Electronics Show](#) that officially opened its doors on Tuesday in Las Vegas.

"It fits in the palm of my hand," Victorinox spokeswoman Renee Hourigan said as she cupped in her palm a one-terabyte drive sheathed in the Switzerland-based company's iconic red casing.

"You can transfer everything to this and then throw your computer's [external hard drive](#) out the window," she quipped.

The terabyte-capacity version will be released globally by August and be priced at \$3,000 (US), according to Victorinox.

Drives come with red and black casings. The red one has a blade, scissors, and a nail file while the black one lacks those accessories in order to avoid clashing with air travel security rules.

Swiss Army Knife drives will also come with 64, 128, 256, or 512 gigabytes of memory and be priced from \$649 to \$1,999, according to Hourigan.

Victorinox's lineup includes a lightweight Slim 3.0 mini [Swiss Army Knife](#) memory stick boasted as being waterproof, shock resistant, and secure with 128 gigabytes of memory for \$399.

Knife parts and engineering come from Switzerland while the electronic components are made in California.

"We've had them go through the washer, the drier; run them over with cars and they still work," Hourigan said. "It's as high quality as it can be."

Slim knife drives self destruct if they sense hackers trying multiple passwords or other "brute force" attacks to break in.

"If it realizes there is software actively trying to get into it, it will destroy itself," Hourigan said. "It fries the chip with too much current under a brute force attack."

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