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PRODUCT REVIEW

SEAGATE BARRACUDA 72100.10 750GB HARD DRIVE

(courtesy of PC World Magazine)



The Barracuda 7200.10 750GB uses new technology to achieve 50 percent greater capacity--and top-flight performance--in our tests. Seagate's Barracuda 7200.10 750GB drive, the largest hard drive to date, sets new high-water marks for capacity, price, and performance. Its speed was especially notable on the PC World Test Center's write tests, where it came within a hair's breadth of matching Western Digital's swift 10,000-rpm **Raptor X**. The Barracuda 7200.10 drive that our test center evaluated has 16MB of cache and supports SATA-150 by default, out of the box. We tested it using SATA-300, which required a jumper-setting change. In our performance tests, the Barracuda 7200.10 750GB excelled across the spectrum. Among the bevy of 7200-rpm drives we've tested, it ranked first; and overall, it was bested only by the 10,000-rpm Raptor X. On our write tests, the new Seagate drive took just 2 minutes, 16 seconds to write a 3.06GB file of folders (a scant 2 seconds slower than the Raptor X), and 1 minute, 39 seconds to write a 3.06GB .zip file (a mark 3 seconds better than the Raptor X's). On a cost-per-gigabyte basis, your wallet won't take a huge hit, either: The SATA version of this drive will debut at \$590, which works out to \$0.79 per gigabyte.

Cost per Gigabyte: \$0.79 • **Drive size (GB):** 750 •
Interface: SATA-300 • **Speed (RPM):** 7200 • **Buffer Size (MB)** 16

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That's higher than the \$0.62 average cost of 7200-rpm drives, but it's below the usual \$1 per gigabyte we've seen in recent years when a new drive hits the market. The Seagate Barracuda 7200.10 750GB combines voluminous storage and high-end performance in a single drive. If you want high-capacity storage, this drive is your best bet: I'd rather use one drive--or two drives configured in a RAID array--than rely on a **multidrive terabyte RAID array**, many of which harness four or five drives together.

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Meetings are routinely held each third Wednesday of each month and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Locations vary between the Raddison Waikiki Hotel, the Fuji Service Center in Waipahu, and Studio III Photography in Honolulu.

**NOTICE: OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL
BE HELD AT 7:00 p.m., JANUARY 24, 2007, LOCATION TBD**

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