

How to check if the hard drive is still usable?

Many people have the habit of reusing old hard drives of laptops or PCs. But whether that hard drive is still good enough to use or not, you need to check to know exactly!

Checking the health of an old hard drive will tell you exactly whether the hard drive is still usable or not. This seems simple and not too important, but for those who have a lot of data to preserve, it is extremely necessary. Saving a few hundred thousand to buy a hard drive sometimes brings many unpredictable consequences. There are many accountants, auditors, or many customers with important documents who panic when the hard drive fails and go to find data recovery centers. And of course, the price to recover data is not cheap at all. Therefore, checking the health of a hard drive to see if it is still usable or not is also quite important !!

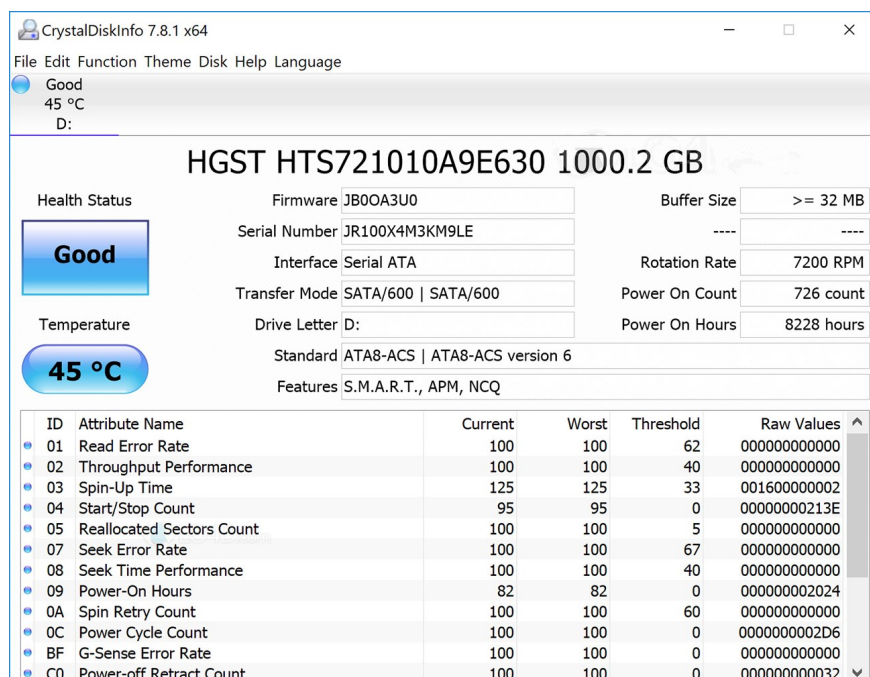
How to test hard drive?

Check hard drive status with CrystalDiskInfo software

CrystalDiskInfo is a fairly accurate and free hard drive health assessment software that helps you specifically check the current hard drive status. This is also the software used by many technicians when checking hardware, specifically the customer's hard drive. Even for a normal user, you can easily use CrystalDiskInfo software to check the status of your hard drive because this is a fairly simple and easy-to-use software.

You can download CrystalDiskInfo software [here](#)

After downloading and installing CrystalDiskInfo software, the only thing you have to do is select the exact hard drive you want to check. If you only use one hard drive, CrystalDiskInfo software will automatically score it in this step. If you use multiple hard drives, CrystalDiskInfo software will automatically evaluate the health of the system hard drive.



On the main interface of CrystalDiskInfo software you will see all the operating information of the HDD. In which:

Health Status (hard drive health status) will have the following forms:

1. **Good** (green background): hard drive is still good.
2. **Caution** (yellow background): The disc has a problem.
3. **Bad** (red background): The reading head or motor may be worn, the disc surface may be scratched, or multiple sectors may be damaged.
4. **Gray** (gray background): Status not determined


This is the most important information you need to pay attention to when checking the health of your hard drive. It is best to only continue using it when there is a Good message. As for the remaining yellow or red warnings, it is best not to continue using it.

How to check hard drive status right on Windows 10 without installing software

In addition to the software, you can also use **the Command Prompt code** to check the hard drive status by:

Step 1 : On Windows 10, click on the Windows icon, type **CMD** => press **Enter** .

Step 2 : Go to the **Command Prompt** window , type the command **wmic** => Press **Enter** . Then type the command **diskdrive get status** => press **Enter**. If your hard drive is working properly, the **OK** line will appear, but if there is no such line, you should repair your hard drive to keep your data safe.



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Command Prompt - wmic
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19044.2130]
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C:\Users\Hieu MKT>wmic
wmic:root\cli>diskdrive get status
Status
OK
OK
wmic:root\cli>_
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