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Handling Mew Media
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DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIA

Media Format: Zip disk

Media Type: (Disk, tape or solid state): Disk

Date Introduced: (year) 1990, Syquest introduced the 40 MB 5.25" removable hard disk cartridge; by 1992 Syquest upgraded the disks to 44MB and 88MB 5.25"; in spring 1993 Syquest introduced the 3.5" disk at 105MB.

Dates in Use: (years): 1990 - present

Dimensions: 3.88" x 3.92" (9.7 cm x 9.8 cm)

Capacity: currently lomega offers 100, 250, 750 megabytes

Media Variations and/or Identifying Features: lomega REV 35GB disk

Common Manufacturers/Brands: lomega, Maxell, Fuji, Verbatim

Associated Hardware: (playback): lomega Zip100 MB, 250 MB, 750 MB drives

Associated Software: lomega Active Disk (software application that allows user to run the disks anywhere the disk is being used).

Primary Usage: Zip disks allow you to back up, transfer, secure and archive computer data. Enables user to transport large files and is portable. Can remove disk cartridge from drive and store in a secure place. Can also place a security password (password protection) on disk.

Risks: As disk sizes increase, zip drives that hold smaller formats will not read larger sized zip disks. There is a loss of compatibility. There are also issues regarding the potential loss of technical support for older zip disks.

Condition Assessment: TBD

Conservation Actions: Store disk properly in temperature controlled environments.

Resources:

Iomega website <http://www.iomega.com/zip/>

Lu, Cary. "Removable-drive wars flare. (SyQuest Technology, Iomega Corp developing new products to compete)," *Macworld*, July 1996.