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**Kingston's Mobilelite Card Reader**

The new Kingston Mobilelite card reader isn't much larger than the average thumb drive. Its actual dimensions are 3 inches long, 1 1/8 inches wide, and 5/8 of an inch thick. But don't let its small size fool you. It can read 9 different flash memory cards.

On side A (see illustration) it supports SD/SDHC, MMC, MMC mobile, RS-MMC, and MMC plus.

On side B it supports micro SD, MMC micro, and mini SD.

The labeled illustration of sides A and B indicates:

- (1) the separate cover on each side
- (2) the different card slots on each side
- (3) the clever eject tabs found on each side that are used to eject inserted cards

To transfer files you just plug the Mobilelite card reader into a USB slot on your

computer. You then double click on the "My Computer" icon on your desktop. The Mobilelite card reader will



appear as three separate drives. Select the one with the data you want to download. Now select the material

that you want to copy and paste or drag and drop to your computer.

If you wish to copy material from three different sized memory cards to your computer at the same time. You just need to load the separate cards into their proper slots and then perform the transfer operation for each card one at a time. You can even transfer

files from one card to another or from your computer to the cards.



With its very small

footprint you can also use the card reader as a supersized thumb drive by leaving one of Kingston's newest 8 GB flash memory cards

inside the unit. Their 8 GB SD card can actually hold 1, 741 (8 megapixel) digital photos, or 5 1/2 hours of (MPEG 4) video.

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