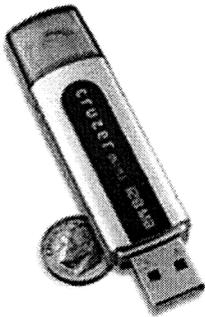


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## USB-Based Removable Storage Devices

**Background:** NASA Standard 2805G specifies the requirement to provide a small USB-based removable storage device of at least 128MB capacity in lieu of the 3.5" floppy disk drive. Much concern has been raised by the ODIN vendors regarding their responsibility for providing and replacing the USB removable storage devices, specifically in the case where devices are lost or stolen. A sample device is shown below:



(NASA Standard 2805G can be viewed at: <http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/LeadCenter/docs/2805/> )

**Determination and Guidance:** Effective with Quarter 20, the ODIN contractor shall provide 1 (one) conforming USB-based storage device to ODIN users at system hardware refresh or delivery of a new desktop seat. Should the device become lost, stolen, or damaged, it is the ODIN user's responsibility to procure a new device through the ODIN catalog, or otherwise in accordance with Center procedures. The ODIN Contractor shall replace all devices with manufacturer defects at no additional charge. To further clarify the responsibilities of the NASA ODIN contractors regarding this issue, it is recommended that the language that follows, or similar, be incorporated into new delivery orders:

"To the extent that the latest approved version of NASA Standard 2805 specifies USB-based storage devices, the Contractor shall provide one USB-based removable storage device per seat at time of refresh or delivery of new desktop seat. If the device should fail while under warranty, then it is the Contractor's responsibility to replace the failed device. If the device is lost, stolen, or otherwise damaged due to negligence, then it is the Government's responsibility to replace the device."

**Issued by:**

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