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Western Digital starts shipping the WD Blue HDD and WD Black SSHD-- a pair of 2.5-inch drives just 5mm thick, a world first according to the company.



The current mobile storage standards stand at either 7mm or 9.5mm thickness.

Designed for slim devices and space-constrained environments, the drives deliver 500GB capacities with 400G (Blue) and 1000G (Black) non-operation shock specifications, Edge Card technology (including new small form factor SFF-8784 edge connector) and dual stage actuators.

WD gives no exact specs of the Black SSHD, but the Blue HDD features x1 500GB platter, 16GB DRAM cache and SATA-6Gbs/s interface within a stronger aluminium chassis.

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