Compatibility of FlashPoint ShareDrives

The FlashPoint ShareDrive is based on the USB OTG specifications. This specification does have certain limitations.   Our testing shows the FlashPoint ShareDrive is compatible with most USB pen drives, MP3 players (Flash memory based) and DSC (not in PTP mode). FlashPoint ShareDrive firmware can be upgraded when we discover any USB devices which are not compatible. Xmultiple does not provide a compatibility list due to the hundreds of products sold by thumbdrives and MP3 Player manufacturers. Xmultiple has tested most units in the marketplace with our firmware. The firmware in the ShareDrives can be easily upgraded by placing a new firmware version on an empty standard thumbdrive and inserting it into the FlashPoint ShareDrive. Then you turn on the FlashPoint ShareDrive power. There is no need to press the LOAD button for transfer. A user must simply do this process in the correct sequence. Plug the thumbdrive with the new firmware into the FlashPoint ShareDrive first and then turn on the power. This process will read and update the new firmware automatically. It is that easy, The user must make sure the ShareDrive is in a fully charged condition to avoid battery shortage while the firmware transferring is in process.

FlashPoint ShareDrives are compatible with devices which are USB peripherals with the standard USB device controller IC and operate under Windows XP, 2000, 98SE without any driver. However, if the plug-in USB device is a Hard Disk or micro drive, then there is one power issue to be solved before the ShareDrive can work with it. The power source of the FlashPoint Share Drive is a lower capacity and will not operate the mechanical device of the Hard Disk, therefore it does not operate with USB HD, even though the protocol is completely compatible. The power source of a Share Drive (HOST) is based on a Li-ion battery; unlike PC or NB (HOST) which have a switching power supply to provide enough power current for the USB Hard Disk.

PDA and smart phone with mini USB connectors. These two devices are not developed under Windows OS. Smart phone was designed with Windows CE or proprietary OS developed by Nokia. FlashPoint ShareDrive cannot communicate with such device. These devices operate as USB Host but not a Slave which is required for thumbdrives, MP3 Players and FlashPoint ShareDrives. PDA's are manufactured by many major companies using different operating systems.   The operating systems include Palm, Windows CE and Linux. All three OS require development of drivers for the Windows storage class system. FlashPoint ShareDrives will provide this driver in the future for the PDA.

PC Compatibility - Compatibility with desktop, laptops and other computer devices. -the FlashPoint ShareDrive will operate with a notebook, desktop or tablet with a USB port.

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