



Instant Devices

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **USB KILLER DETECTOR**

#### **What is the use of this device?**

Device detects a USB Kill, which is a USB flash drive that converts the low voltage in a USB port into about 220 Volts, causing damage to hardware when connected into a USB port. Device works as a security layer to protect your computer/phones or any other device that has a USB port.

#### **Does this device require batteries?**

Yes, version 1 of this device requires the following battery:

<https://www.digikey.com/en/products/detail/sparkfun-electronics/PRT-13813/6605198>

<https://www.sparkfun.com/products/13813>

#### **Can I recharge batteries using device?**

Of course!

#### **Will a regular USB flash drive be damaged if connected to device?**

No, regular USB flash drives are not damaged.

USB Kill will still be functional after detection.

**Can this device be used as a middle point between USB flash drive and computer/phone?**

No, device will only show if USB flash drive inserted is a USB Kill. Data transference is not possible in any of these versions yet.

**How do I know if device is on, charging or if USB flash drive will damage my computer/phone?**

**Version 1**

Charging = yellow light turns on.

On (ready to detect) = green light.

USB Kill detected = red light turns on.

**Version 2**

Ready to detect = yellow light turns on.

USB Kill detected = red light turns on.

**How long does a battery charge last?**

This depends on the use. Regularly, a fully charged battery can last several days.

**How should I use this device?**

Insert USB flash drive into USB port and press switch. Repeat this step at least 2 times. Keep an eye on the red light for results because if red light turns on means that USB flash drive is a USB Kill.

### **Is there a limit in the number of times I can detect a USB Kill?**

Battery charge is the limitation on version 1.

A charge cable with electricity is the limitation on version 2.

### **Does this device have a case?**

There are 2 different cases available for version 1.

- Case 1: Internal Battery (non-removable).
  - A Nomex Sheet between battery and PCB is recommended
- Case 2: External Battery (removable).
  - This cable is recommended: <https://www.adafruit.com/product/1131>

There is 1 case for version 2 as this version does not use any battery.

### **What company and configuration do you recommend for 3D printing cases?**

We recommend using Sculpteo.

SLS (Plastic)

Nylon PA12 100-120μ (White)

Finish: Dyed Polished, Black

### **What weaknesses this device has?**

If a USB Kill is connected to micro-USB port (charging port), then device should be affected.

### **What charger do you recommend to charge device?**

Regular micro-USB phone chargers with an output of 5V/1A or also 5V/2A.

**What screws does cases of the devices use?**

Self-tapping M2x6 screws.

**Is there any troubleshooting guide?**

Yes, there is a troubleshooting guide for PCB assembly and quick testing.

**How is this device superior to competitors?**

Device can detect USB Kills without involving a valuable hardware in the process. Besides, device is small, portable and its use is straightforward. Device can be used at any time without many requirements, while obtaining results take seconds.