

Often, laptop mechanical-drives are replaced by a 2.5-inch SATA retro-fit ssd that is the same size as mechanical-drive (and same size as item-B below). But for years, most newer laptops do not come with 2.5-inch SATA ssd, but instead often have a M.2-ssd, that look like item-A below.

A new 2.5-inch SSD might last 10 or even 20 years—long after the laptops are retired. If we remove the SSD when retiring the laptop, it would not be able to be used in any new laptops, like any chromebook, since the newer M.2-ssd is standard now, (not 2.5-inch SSD retro-fit models).

Click on links below (even if they are black, not blue) and they should open in your web-browser.

Note: For first 3 laptops, we actually used a Transcend 128GB M.2 ssd, but prices have dropped and this Kingston may be a better buy now:

480G SSDNOW A400 M.2 2280 SSD Kingston Part# SA400M8/480G

NOTE: Kingston lists above M.2-ssd as being compatible with for AEH-group's Alienware15 laptops (like serial HY55N32 circa 2012) at <https://www.kingston.com/unitedstates/us/memory/search?model=91967&devicetype=3&mfr=DEL&line=Alienware>

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