

Compact Flash Card for Marantz Recorders

This document will help you choose a compact flash card for use with our Marantz audio recorders (PMD 660 and PMD 670).

Part I. – Choosing A Compact Flash Card

Our Marantz solid state audio recorders use compact flash media cards as the recording medium. Because we have a limited supply of these cards for checkout and must be returned with the recorder, we encourage students to purchase their own cards for audio recording. Below are specifications to keep in mind when purchasing a compact flash card for use with Marantz audio recorders.

COST: Expect to pay around \$30 for a 1GB or larger card. The best prices are usually found with online retailers. Make sure you purchase from a retailer with a good reputation.

SPEED: An average speed of 7MB per second or higher is required. Cards listed as 50x or higher will meet this requirement.

BRAND: Marantz officially recommends Lexar, Viking, Hitachi, IBM, and PNY. Sandisk and Kingston are also expected to be reliable. Other brands may be cheaper but may not perform reliably over time.

Part II. – Formatting Your Compact Flash Card

Your card will probably not come formatted to properly work in the recorder. It should be formatted in the recorder itself. Check out the manual for your recorder and follow the instructions to format the card.