

Re: 5 1/4 floppy?!

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I seem to recall that Windows 3.1 could handle this size floppy, but that was merely a shell on top of DOS. After you find the hardware, it should be mostly a matter of getting drivers that are compatible with the operating system.

You might try a school or library, but look in a town that is fairly poor, and so can not afford modern hardware.

Finally, some old, maybe free, version of LINUX might be able to handle such floppies. It might be worth a search or two. Here is one hit I got on "LINUX floppy 5 inch"
<http://www.debian.org/releases/slink/i386/ch-install-methods.en.html>

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Where to get old 5 1/4 (or 5 1/2) floppy drive? Which was the last Windows supporting those?

I have several diskettes with older programs and data that I'd like to read and transfer those to my new systems/other media.

My very old system (that has such a drive) is too rusty to work.

Marek Kalisz

PS. Some comp hacker told me that even military (which still operate many computers needing those drives and diskettes?) couldn't find a supplier to buy replacements...