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Flash memory maker PQI takes advantage of Computex 2013 to reveal a bevy of storage products-- with devices ranging from tiny USB and micro-USB drives to NFC-enabled storage and microSD adapters.



Armed with Chip-on-Board 3.0 technology and dual micro-USB/USB connectors, the PQI Connect tiny (the size of a penny) storage device series is ideal for smartphones and tablets. It features a file system automatically categorised for syncing and sharing files (audio, video, photos) to Facebook and a design that sits flush when connected to ultrabooks and slim notebook PCs.

A further addition to the Connect series is the Connect 203-- a thumb drive with a microSD slot replacing built-in storage.

The Thunder 1 is the smallest bootable USB drive around armed with USB 3.0 and Windows 8 support (at least according to PQI) while the ThunderS501 is a credit card-sized drive with up to 1TB of storage.

The company also claims further security with the NFC flash drive. It demands connection with an NFC-enabled device (Android or Windows 8) to switch between full access, read-only, one-time access or hidden modes via app. Encryption takes place on the storage controller

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level, meaning one cannot format the drive unless it is either unlocked or physically destroyed.

The various PQI offerings mentioned above should be hitting the market by Q4 2013.

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