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What determines the unit numbers of external disk drives attached to an Amiga system? Is the drive unit number determined by the drive's position in the daisy chain, a switch inside the disk drive, or is it not currently possible to hook up two external 3.5" drives to an Amiga?

A related question: Can AmigaDOS format and access disks in the external 5.25" drive when it is attached to an Amiga, or is that product intended for use only with the MS-DOS emulator?

Until a good hard disk drive is available for the Amiga, developers could benefit by having more than two floppies on-line.

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The 1st external (3.5") floppy drive is powered from the amiga. The second and 3rd need their own power supplies. The drives sold by Commodore to date (again, as far as I know) do not have provisions for external power supplies. You would have to cobble something up. I believe the position in the daisy chain determines the drive number.

5.25" drives can (currently, V1.0, V1.1) only be used with the MS-DOS environment.

--BruceB
