

Re: Bulk erase methods

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GregS wrote:

>I still sometimes have to erase a floppy to use it, if the format
>is not recognized by the computer.

I use floppies in my PC, my CP/M system and my Commodore.
Without a bulk erase, you get many, many errors.

>A standard hand held bulk eraser is what I use.

The ones for cassette tapes are a bit weak. The Radio
Shack videotape eraser is quite strong and very low priced.

>Still a somewhat time consuming process, as it takes several passes
>to do it.

Hold the eraser and the floppy as far away from each other
as your arms will reach. Turn on eraser. Bring them together,
taking at least 5 seconds to do so. Do one circular pass on
each side. Bring them arms-length apart again. Turn off the
eraser. Always move slowly, never more than one foot per second,
and never turn the eraser on or off while near the target.

>Is there still such a thing being sold?

Radio Shack. Videotape eraser. Works great. Cheap.

Also fun with CRT monitors (but *NOT* Trinitrons!
You can actually tangle the shadow mask wires!)

Even more fun with metal surfaces such as filing cabinets.
Makes a loud noise that is perfect for that special moment
when someone powers up newly built or repaired electronics.

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