

■ Quick Guide: Checking, Testing, and Safely Removing a Disk from Terminal

1. Check Disk Size and Usage

Linux

```
df -h — Shows disk usage  
lsblk — Lists all disks and partitions
```

Windows

```
Get-PSDrive -PSProvider FileSystem
```

macOS

```
df -h  
diskutil list
```

2. Install Disk Test Tools (Linux)

Ubuntu / Debian / Mint

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install smartmontools hdparm
```

Fedora / CentOS / RHEL

```
sudo dnf install smartmontools hdparm
```

Arch / Manjaro

```
sudo pacman -S smartmontools hdparm
```

3. Test Disk Health

```
sudo smartctl -a /dev/sda  
sudo smartctl -t long /dev/sda
```

■ Look for: **SMART overall-health self-assessment test result: PASSED**

4. Test Disk Speed

```
sudo hdparm -Tt /dev/sda
```

Manual write test:

```
dd if=/dev/zero of=testfile bs=1G count=1 oflag=dsync  
rm testfile
```

5. Check and Repair Filesystem

```
sudo fsck -f /dev/sda1
```

■■ Do not run on a mounted root filesystem.

6. Safely Remove / Eject Disk

lsblk — Identify your disk
sudo umount /dev/sdb1 — Unmount
sudo umount -l /dev/sdb1 — Lazy unmount if busy
sudo udisksctl power-off -b /dev/sdb — Power off safely

■ Summary Table

Task	Command
Check space	df -h, lsblk
Install tools	sudo apt install smartmontools hdparm
Health test	sudo smartctl -a /dev/sda
Speed test	sudo hdparm -Tt /dev/sda
Filesystem check	sudo fsck -f /dev/sda1
Safe remove	sudo umount /dev/sdb1 && sudo udisksctl power-off -b /dev/sdb