

Jellyfin Mini PC Buying Checklist

A practical checklist for choosing a quiet low-power mini PC for Jellyfin.

Core specs

- ☐ Intel 8th gen Core i3/i5 or newer is a sensible used baseline.
- ☐ Intel Quick Sync is useful if you expect transcoding.
- ☐ 8GB RAM is a minimum; 16GB is better for Docker, Proxmox, or extra services.
- ☐ Use an SSD for the operating system and Jellyfin metadata.

Connectivity and storage

- ☐ Use wired Gigabit Ethernet where possible.
- ☐ Check USB 3 ports if using external media drives.
- ☐ Confirm whether the mini PC has space for internal storage.
- ☐ Make sure the power adapter is included with used systems.

Buying checks

- ☐ Confirm the exact CPU model before buying.
- ☐ Check RAM and SSD are included or easy to upgrade.
- ☐ Avoid machines with locked-down BIOS settings if possible.
- ☐ Prioritise low idle power and quiet operation over headline CPU speed.

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