Repairing disk errors on a USB flash stick in Windows 10

 Load the flash stick in the computer's USB port and find the drive icon:



If the stick is intended for use in the AFG1A20 emulator (an upgrade to the original floppy disk drive on a Pine G1), the total size <u>must</u> be 1.38 MB. If it is larger, typically in the GB range, the stick is not formatted properly for emulator usage and will not work in that device.

All other Pine compactors and the Pine AFDL1 Data Logger do not use the specially-formatted 1.38 MB sticks. Many off-the-shelf products are compatible with them. FAT32 with 4 KB cluster size is the recommended disk format.

Right-click on the drive icon and select
Properties from the drop-down menu:



3. This window will open:

🗢 PINE G1 (F:) Properties						
General Tools	5 Hardware	Sharing	ReadyBoost	Customize		
~	PINE G1					
Type: USB Drive						
File system: FAI						
Used space:		195,07	2 bytes 1	190 KB		
Free space:		1,262,59	2 bytes 1.	20 MB		
Capacity:		1,457,66	4 bytes 1.	38 MB	-	
0						
Drive F:					.	
	0	К	Cancel	Apply		

4. Select the Tools tab and select Check:



5. If this Tool is enabled on your PC (see * below), it may detect repairable errors:



Error Checking (PINE G1 (F:))	Error Checking (PINE G1 (F:))		
Your drive was successfully repaired	Your drive was successfully scanned		
The drive is ready to use.	Windows successfully scanned the drive. No errors were found.		
Close	Close		
Show Details	Or Show Details		

Older Windows have slightly different text and options, but procedures are similar. For example, XP has checkboxes to "Automatically fix file system errors" and "Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors". These boxes should be checked. In general, sticks that function properly on a PC should function in a compactor or Data Logger. (AFG1A20 sticks must be formatted properly.) If problems persist after the scan/repair procedure, try different flash sticks. While products provided by Pine are known to be compatible with each other, third-party items may not. Finally, it is also possible that your compactor's USB circuitry or Data Logger is faulty. Contact Pine's Help Desk for more assistance: 724.458.6393. *If Error Checking is disabled on your PC, contact your IT administrator or open a DOS command prompt and type **chkdsk :X /r** where X is the flash drive letter.