

Re: External hard drive recommendations?

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In article <uCUihzaRFHA.2384@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

Lil' Dave <spamyourself@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

>Would like to share with the group an experience. Bought an Acom Firewire
>enclosure w/HD. It worked fine for two months, then quit. Since it was the
>only firewire device I had, had nothing to compare operability with.

>Pulled the hard drive out of the enclosure and put it on the ide cable.

>Was recognized by onboard bios, but could do nothing with it. Looked at the
>mfrs label on this HD, didn't recognize the name. Put in a Western Digital
>drive, been working almost a year now without complaint.

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>The reason Firewire is supposed to be faster than USB 2.0 is that the
>communications protocol is built into the firmware, does not rely on the
>operating system. Less overhead for the operating system. The protocol
>uses both network and scsi commands. Thus, the reason I chose firewire.

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>I would go with a dual USB 2.0/Firewire drive from a famous HD manufacturer.

>If you don't have both USB 2.0 and Firewire, get a USB 2.0/Firewire card.

>Draw your own conclusions.

>"Stuart Reed" <sr@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>> I'm a non-techie and would like to have a user-friendly external hard
>drive

>> for back up purposes. Any suggestions gratefully receivedd

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>> TIA

>> Stuart Reed

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I'll only recommend an external USB/firewire disk and enclosure it's made by a name brand (ie Maxtor), it's not used full time (heat) and the owner has a strategy to deal with the possibility that it may die at any moment.

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Don't blame me. I voted for Gore.

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