

Re: How to prevent HD failure above 14,000 feet

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Peter,

from a search on Google:

have a look here <http://www.formation.com/specs.html>

Manual, page 8 states that it will operate upto 30,000ft:

<http://www.formation.com/images/ToughDisk%203500%20ATA%20User%20and%20Installation%20Manual%20Re>

good luck !
edwin.

"Peter" <peter@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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"Edwin vMierlo" <EdwinvMierlo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Other than that, as you have very specific requirements,
you could actually contact an OEM/manufacturer and see
if they have a solutions for you, or can build a solution for you.

They aren't very interested. I did phone them. They (Motion) do offer
a flash solution on the LS1600 model, but would not give any details.
(National Minimum Wage kind of issue).

Hardisk is probably only your first problem, next one will be cooling,
as the airpressure is lower, you might want to take that into account as
well.
just to ensure your components (cpu/bridge/graphics/etc) are not
overheating.

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That's a good point. However, the LS800 does handle overheating (which *is* a major problem with it, but that's another story) by first reducing display brightness and then shutting down. It pops up a message when it does the first one, and I don't get that when it fails.

Normally I deal with the heat issue by positioning it against an incoming air vent (which can be quite powerful) and that works perfectly. The altitude-correlated failure happens even with the unit being cool.