

Picture Rescue

EMERGENCY PHOTO-RECOVERY UTILITY

Under the right conditions, Prosoft's Picture Rescue can help you recover some of your photos from your camera's flash memory card after they've been lost during a freak hardware meltdown or an act of sheer knuckleheaded-ness.

Picture Rescue is darn simple to use. Its main window consists of three controls: a pull-down menu for media selection, an Erase button, and a Start button to initiate a scan. Connect your digital camera (or media card via card reader) to your Mac, and Picture Rescue automatically detects the cards. Next, choose a card and click Start. In mere minutes, thumbnails of your recoverable images appear in the Image Recovery Window. Select the photos you want and save them to your hard disk. Done.

Results vary.

There are, however, times when you can't recover a picture. For example, if you take twenty photos, erase your card, and then take another ten pics, Picture Rescue won't find the shots that have been overwritten. If you format your cards on your digital camera after each session, Picture Rescue may not find anything at all. For example, Olympus and Fuji cameras completely erase all data during a format, so there's no chance of recovering photos. We confirmed this on our trusty old Olympus C-211.



Deleted a pic you didn't mean to? Picture Rescue to the rescue!

The bottom line. Like a lot of emergency utilities, you'll consider Picture Rescue a godsend if and when you successfully use it. It's a bit pricey at \$60, but if you're able to recover at least a few precious photos, it'll be money well spent.—*Gil Loyola*



COMPANY: Prosoft Engineering

CONTACT: 925-426-6100,

www.prosofteng.com

PRICE: \$59.99

REQUIREMENTS:

Mac OS 10.2.3 or later

GOOD NEWS: Easy to use.

BAD NEWS: May not help in some cases. Pricey.

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AirPlay

FUNCTIONAL FM TRANSMITTER

We've found yet another FM transmitter for the iPod that we like: XtremeMac's AirPlay. We also liked Sonnet Technologies' PodFreq (Aug/04, p58) and Monster Cable's iCarPlay (Mar/05, p48). It's nice to know that there are real choices out there, especially since many other FM transmitters don't work well.

AirPlay plugs into the earphone jack of your iPod. Find an empty station on your radio, set the AirPlay to the same station, and you're good to go. AirPlay draws its power from your 'Pod,

It's small. It's cheap. It works. 'Nuff said.

which means your battery life shorten—but not by much.

The bottom line.

AirPlay doesn't let you save station settings. But hey, it's cheap and works just fine.

—*Roman Loyola*



COMPANY: XtremeMac

CONTACT: 954-385-9677,

www.xtrememac.com

PRICE: \$39.95

REQUIREMENTS: Third- or fourth-generation

iPod, iPod photo, or iPod mini

GOOD NEWS: Easy to use. Small.

BAD NEWS: No way to set station presets.

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H-D70 FlipUp

INEFFECTIVE SUNSHADE

Although Hoodman makes some great products, the H-D70 FlipUp—a sun visor and LCD protector for Nikon's D70 digital SLR—isn't one of them. Also available for Canon's EOS Digital Rebel, 20D, and 10D; Fuji's S2; and Nikon's D2Hx and D100; the FlipUp is intended to shade the D70's



Looks great. Too bad it doesn't work well.

LCD from sunlight, making it easier to read outdoors. In reality, the shading effect is minimal. The FlipUp protects the delicate LCD well, but so does the plastic shield provided by Nikon.

The bottom line. Stick with one of Hoodman's fully enclosed LCD hoods and magnifiers—they work great. The FlipUp, unfortunately, doesn't.—*Rik Myslewski*

COMPANY: Hoodman

CONTACT: 800-818-3946 or

310-222-8608, www.hoodmanusa.com

PRICE: \$29.95

REQUIREMENTS: Nikon D70

GOOD NEWS: Solidly built. Protects LCD.

BAD NEWS: Doesn't block much light.

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