



New Firmware Offers FireWire Booting

Apple has released new firmware updaters for the latest Macs which will allow them to boot from FireWire drives and improves USB booting. (The iBook firmware update does not offer FireWire booting since it has no FireWire port). The G4 firmware is only for G4s with the AGP graphics port. Other improvements are incorporated into the firmware. We advise caution when updating a G4 that has a 3rd party SCSI card: check to ensure compatibility before applying the update since there is no going back!

Power Mac G4 Firmware Update 2.4

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11699>

iMac Slot Loading Firmware Update 2.4

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11698>

PowerBook Firmware Update 2.4

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11701>

iBook Firmware Update 2.4

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11702>

FireWire 2.4

FireWire 2.4 improves FireWire performance and compatibility with the latest Macs.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11719>

AppleWorks 6.0.4

Apple continues to address issues in AppleWorks 6 with the new 6.0.4 update. This time it appears they got it right.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11700>

Adobe Illustrator 9

Adobe is now shipping Illustrator 9 with a full set of Internet/Flash tools as well as new transparency technology and productivity tools. Upgrade pricing is \$149 US for existing owners.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/illustrator/main.html>

Markzware FlightCheck 3.8.4

The latest version of FlightCheck is now 3.8.4.

<http://www.markzware.com/elements/data/download/flightcheck.html>

Iomega Disk Life Issues!

Precursor Systems has issued a service bulletin concerning the life expectancy of Iomega ZIP and JAZ removable cartridges. This bulletin is available to Precursor Support customers only and will be sent separately. You will want to read it!