
Adaptec Toast 4.1.1

Adaptec has released upgrades for Toast 4 Deluxe and Toast 4 OEM (bundled with various CDRW drives). The updater offers many bug fixes, and now supports "Burn Proof" technology on compatible drives (such as the QPS –see below)

"Burn Proof" is a way of avoiding the dreaded Buffer Underrun message that leads to the production of coasters rather than usable CD-ROMs. Users of the QPS with Plextor mechanism, discussed below, have reported that it is now possible to safely burn CDs in the background.

<http://www.adaptec.com/support/advisor/cdrupdates/toast4.html>

QPS Offers 12X FireWire CDRW



QPS is now marketing a speedy CDRW with FireWire interface. Capable of burning CDs at 12X, Rewrites at 10X and Reads at 32X the new drive also offers "Burn Proof" technology (when used with Toast 4.1.1 –see above) that eliminates Buffer Underrun on fast burns and can allow the burning of CDs in the background while you work. The drive comes FireWire cable and a carry bag. Precursor is pleased to offer this excellent product for \$777.⁰⁰

(Precursor Price includes shipping and installation)

http://www.qps-inc.com/products/121032_CDRW.pdf

iBot: 1st FireWire Desktop Video Camera



Orange Micro –known for its SCSI and FireWire PCI cards– has announced iBot, the first desktop video camera with a FireWire interface. By using only half of the available 400 Mb/s FireWire bus the iBot can deliver 30 frames/second video at 640 x 480. This is virtually full screen compared to the postage stamp sized 30fps windows that current USB desktop video cameras are capable of. iBot will come in two models starting in October: one with microphone; the other without. Precursor will carry both iBots.

<http://www.orangemicro.com/ibot.html>

PowerBook Firmware 2.7

Apple has introduced a Firmware upgrade for its PowerBook computers that sport FireWire interfaces. This includes the very new iBook (FireWire) model introduced on Sept. 13. The new Firmware improves FireWire functionality.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11849>

Apple MRJ 2.2.3

Apple has continued to improve its Run Time JAVA solution (which can be used in conjunction with Microsoft Internet Explorer). The new version offers increased performance and stability.

<http://asu.info.apple.com/swupdates.nsf/artnum/n11572>



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