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WiebeTech Resolves Panther Compatibility Issue for FireWire 800 Drives with Firmware Updater Posted on Website

WICHITA, KS – October 31, 2003 – WiebeTech has posted a firmware updater for its FireWire 800 drives, including Fire800™ desktop drives and MicroGB+800™ pocket drives. The firmware updater is designed to run under OS X and resolves compatibility issues discovered with Apple's recent release of Panther (OS X 10.3).

The firmware updater is available from WiebeTech's website: www.wiebetech.com (Check the Tech Support section of the website.)

"It has been determined that this problem between Panther and FireWire 800 drives usually occurs in circumstances involving older, slower Macintosh computers where the FireWire 800 drive is attached to a FireWire 400 port on the computer, and the firmware level of the FireWire drive is 1.02," said James Wiebe, CEO of WiebeTech.

WiebeTech recommends that its FireWire 800 products (specifically, the Fire800 and MicroGB+800) be used only in conjunction with Panther after the firmware update has been applied to the drives. It is important that these products first be unmounted from the Panther system, then firmware updated on a Jaguar system (OS X 10.2.8 or lower) before re-attaching the drive to Panther.

As of October 31, WiebeTech is shipping all FireWire 800 products with this new firmware revision.

About WiebeTech

WiebeTech LLC was founded in July 2000 by James Wiebe and is focused on delivering the very finest storage technology for personal computing.

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