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On Wed, Jun 27, 2007 at 08:19:05PM +1000, Norberto Meijome wrote:

On Wed, 27 Jun 2007 08:12:06 +0200
Roland Smith <rsmith@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Unfortunately I can't check the drives with smartctl; they produce an SCSI error. I'll try 'camcontrol defects', and see if that turns up anything.

Well, camcontrol didn't work either. :-(

possibly because of the USB enclosure.

I've had very mixed results with USB cases – some great, some dying for no reason, some working on and off. I would test the drive itself outside the USB enclosure (hopefully you have one that can be pulled apart) and see how that goes.

These ones are relatively easy to disassemble, luckily. I have two enclosures of the same brand, but the older (malfunctioning) one has both USB 2 and firewire connections, while the newer one just has a USB 2 connection. See

http://www.conceptronic.nl/site/desktopdefault.aspx?tabindex=0&tabid=200&Cat=60&grp=6010&ar=450&Prod_ID=

I'll disassemble the malfunctioning drive, put it in an old PC and run smartctl on it. Are there any other tests that might be worthwhile?

Roland

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