

## Re: Using USB storage

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To use as a backup device you need to format them to VMS format. Trust me that will wipe out any FAT, GPT or other data put down Windows. The most likely problem with the init is the disk is not returning geometry data. Some disk need to be spun up to do that others do not. My bet is this is one that does. The existing USB disk driver does not spin up the disk by default.

Here is a trick you can try. Do a mount/for this will probably fail in 20-30 seconds. Try it a couple of times in a row if the disk mounts, dismount it and then do the init and mount it again.

In a future after V8.3-1h1 release the USB disk driver will address this problem.

Understand that what you are doing is not supported and at the write speed you can get from USB 1.1 backing up a couple of giga-bytes of data takes a long time.

Forrest

Dean Woodward wrote:

I'm trying to set myself up to use external USB storage for system backups. Maybe I'm expecting a bit much, but in any case I'm floundering a bit here, so a couple questions.

I have the following:

- RX2620, running 8.3
- USB thumb drive (PNY brand, 2GB) and a
- I/O Magic USB disk enclosure holding a Western Digital WD400 "Caviar" IDE drive.

Question: To use the thumb drive, I seem to have to INITIALIZE it-correct?

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That part works. When I try to INIT the 40GB disk, it hangs; kill the process and it goes MWAIT; shortly after, the machine reboots. Nothing seems to get written to the HD– it's fine and works quite well from my PC. Should I remove the Windows partition first?