

Re: [opensuse] Iomega Rev drive

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On Mon, 2007-04-23 at 12:02 +0200, Koenraad Lelong wrote:

Hi,

Is anyone using a Iomega Rev-drive (70GB native) ? I would like to use it as a backup device.

I briefly tested it on Suse (don't remember the version though) when I purchased an ATAPI one for a Windows machine, but it didn't work out of the box. Maybe it needs some tweaks or maybe recent Suse-versions work better. Or maybe the SATA version is better supported ?

Googling showed it should work, but I would like to hear some experiences.

We used REV drives and gave up. The REV is a DVD format device. So, adding things is not a simple directory task. It involves remaking parts of the disk image. There is a device driver for Linux. We got it to work. But the REV seemed unreliable. Our use was making back-ups from a Linux data collection system that would need to be accessed by either another Linux machine or a Windows machine. The unreliability was not specific to Linux. Our users reported problems between Windows machines. Another problem is speed. As in, there ain't any. Unmounting, which is when some disk-wide updates are probably done, could take 5 minutes, with the REV busy writing. I am not sure how well they survive disconnecting without proper unmounting.

If you have a choice, look for something else. Prior to the REV we used the Peerless. That worked great. So of course it was discontinued. We now use basic USB disks like LaCie or Maxtor. They may cost a bit more than a REV disk, but we reuse them as they are only for data transport. For backups, they are perhaps more than you want to pay. Depends on how important the data is.

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