

# Re: Canon EOS 300D, Rebel, CF Repair, Covington

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"W. Wat son" <[wolf\\_tracks@invalid.inv](mailto:wolf_tracks@invalid.inv)> wrote in  
news:28WHd.1317\$[27.651@newsread1.news.pas.earthlink.net](mailto:27.651@newsread1.news.pas.earthlink.net):

> *Thought I'd throw this into the thread while the link is still fresh*  
> *the trial is that it did recover the images, but if I really wanted*  
> *them, I would have to pay \$29.95 for the software. I expressed some*  
> *dismay at that approach to marketing, but see others have a similar*  
> *policy.*

Yeah, sure, I tried to contact Meade so they could lend me a RC for the comet, but they didn't :-)

Well, we tried the free trial approach and it just doesn't work. People recover their pics and never ever buy. Didn't prevent them from asking for support. In easy cases, most software will work. In difficult cases, we will almost always recover more (I'd hate to say always, but I am not aware of any standardized comparison we lost)

It should be noted that unlike some of our competitors, we do guarantee our preview 100% –

<http://www.datarescue.com/photorescue/lyingthumbnails.htm>

anyway, since our market is 80% professional photographers, \$30 is really nothing to them if it saves the bride...

> *I mused about why Canon and other camera mfgers didn't provide*  
> *it.*

Some do. They licensed it. But they don't advertise it much because they don't want to imply that their camera could lose pictures.

> *They have a software product called Image Restore for \$29.95 (phone*  
> *contact) and they also have the same product for free (got this from*  
> *an e-mail I sent them). Interesting marketing. From the descriptions,*  
> *I don't see any difference. Here's the link to the free version*  
> *<<http://outbox.lexarmedia.com/son-download042107/PcIR2.0.zip>>. It's*

If you have a Lexar card, that is again normal. They provide the software for free with some of their cards.

> *8Meg. It does work. Maybe it's better on Lexar cards. I have no idea.*

Nope. The only difference comes when some cards have specific problems and the manufacturer is able to reflash the firmware.

In any case, the biggest factor in card reliability is its build quality

<http://www.datarescue.com/laboratory/cfcompare/index.htm>

> *Well, it just finished my second attempt (without the thumbnail  
> checked), and looks like it delivered the goods. I don't think it  
> restored the images on the CF, but they are certainly on my HD.*

Check that all the images displayed as thumbnails are valid full size.

> *From the description of your initial problem (a simple user error) they should be, but you never know.*

Restoring on the CF is never a good idea as it would obviously overwrite the data on the card itself.

(OK, last post on this topic from me, I don't want to be accused of hyping – if anyone has questions/comments, they are welcome to mail me directly)