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In article <170620051503330381%artie.m@xxxxxxxxxxx>, artie <artie.m@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> In article <gsm5b11u2mo2ok641hqu376mmfqh2bnk9v@xxxxxxxx>, martin
> griffith <martingriffith@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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>> 2 HD's dead this month, googleling for "Hard Drive Reliabilty" gives
>> zillions of pages of adverts saying how reliable Our HD's are. Even
>> tomshardware didnt go into it in detail
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>> What do you use?
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>> BTW I notice that my latest drive must not be exposed to more than
>> 350G's of shock. I'd accept 100G's if they lasted longer...
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> To make sure my hd's are dead, I usually use a 1/4" carbide-tipped
> drill bit. Put it in the drill press and punch through. That's large
> enough to pass a drywall screw, which I use to attach the offending
> device to a 4x4 in the garage.
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> The collection seems to have a large number of 2.5" IBM Travelstar
> devices, most from colleagues at work.
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> The prize of the collection is a prototype 10KRPM SCSI device, 3.5
> inch, full height. Sounded like a jet engine when it spun up. When it
> died, it sounded like a jet engine trying to digest a stepladder (or
> your choice of large undigestible object). That one took an extra long
> drywall screw.
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> Disk drives are like tires (or tyres, depending on which side of the
> Atlantic you're on). They **will** fail — it's just a matter of when,
> and how prepared you are when it happens.
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> Backups are your friend. I have a very, very scored 3.5 inch hd
> platter at work to which has been affixed a clock movement. Written on
> the platter is the question "Backed up recently?"

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The 20M external drive for my MacPlus failed after about 12 yrs. And that was when I moved it to the basement. I think it couldn't handle the shock. Believe or not, it hadn't been moved the whole time I used it. So far that was the only failure of a hard drive for me (knock on wood).

Al

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