

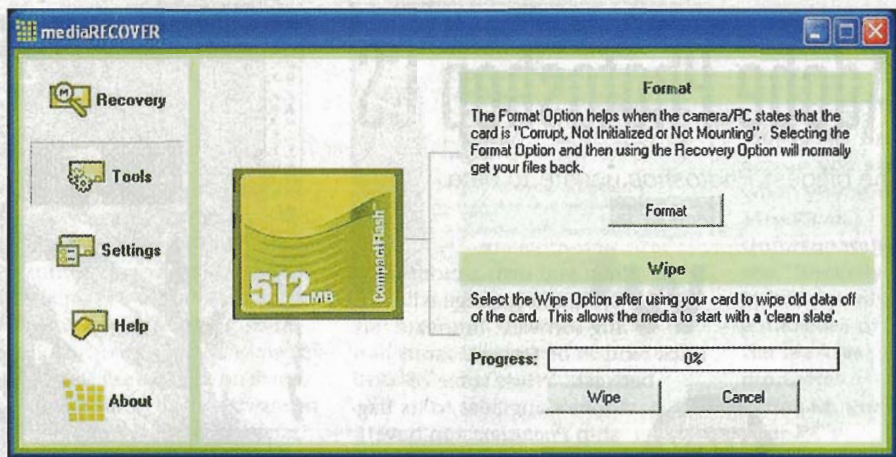
MediaRecover

Restart your heart and recover your photos with this recovery app

There is no more gut-wrenching feeling than the internal lurch that occurs when you accidentally hit the erase button on your digital camera before saving the images to your PC. Fortunately, *MediaRecover* can save the day in the event of such idiocy. By letting you easily recover data from formatted, erased, or corrupted memory cards and other smart media, this app can handle the majority of the devastating digital situations that cause your heart to stop beating.

In our tests, we easily recovered erased and formatted files from a card with 100 percent reliability when we attempted recovery immediately after the files on the card were erased or formatted. We also recovered some of our images after formatting and then writing additional images to the card. We did finally foil *MediaRecover* by ejecting and reinserting the card during a recovery effort. This scrambled the card's data permanently and consequently limited our recovery to just JPG file fragments. One nifty feature of *MediaRecover* is its ability to format a corrupt card. After formatting, you then run *MediaRecover* on the card and hopefully recover some or all of the files.

We like the simple-to-use interface and easy-to-comprehend explanations, but it would have been nice if the program could do a sector by sector scan



A quick format may let you recover some images from a corrupt memory card.

to search for lost images and perhaps even display them graphically. For 99 percent of situations, *MediaRecover* will do a fine job. For that tough—and usually critical—extra one percent, you're going to need the help of the data gods on your side.

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MAXIMUM PC VERDICT

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"Keep it simple, stupid"-interface does the job in 99 percent of cases.

- KODAK DISC CAMERA

Could use a few more hardcore features.

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