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Same goes for building a PC - firewire needs to have a known working
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This isn't a unique slight of Apple - it's an issue with all manufacturers,
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Posted by Chris Ludwig on Sat, 10 Nov 2007 14:39:19 GMT

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rick wrote:
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> On 10 Nov 2007 06:45:24 +1000, "LaMont" <jjdpro@gmail.com> wrote:
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