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Apparently th TI chipset is the way to go.
I found this...
<http://www.provantage.com/siig-nn-e20012-s2~7SIFW010.htm>
It has mac drivers.
I don't own one myself, but it looks like it would do the job.
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one friends family has 6 macs, all purchased at different times in the past 15 months and none work the same. the only one that seems to be working best is the newest 24" imac. his quad core in the studio can only run logic pro 8 on 10.4...but definitely not 10.5. he of course is one of those who in spite of warnings not updates every time the pope sneezes.

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Yes the firewire chip set thing has been the only major thing to really happen lately.
Most anything else I seen has more to do with software and hardware people not getting their stuff
optimized for Leopard.

Especially the software side of things.

The Bootcamp side of things is having some issues with firewire on the new models I think
because of the TI chipset they use is a 400/800 combo chip.

Some of the BridgeCo chip based firewire audio devices will only work properly on the 800 port
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