

THIEF 3
Killer Review



SINGLES
The Sims Get Naked



FAR CRY
Tipped to Death

HOT HARDWARE!
DUAL-WIELD GPU
You're gonna need two video cards

PC PowerPlay

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Sam says you're in for a real surprise

MASSIVE E3 REPORT!



OVER 50

Restore-A-Disk

• Price: \$79.95 • Distributor: Disc Doctor • URL: www.diskdoctor.com.au



In a lot of ways, we're lucky enough to have 20/20 hindsight vision these days. MS-Word has an Undo, net browsers have a Back button, and VCRs have Rewind/Replay buttons. Unfortunately, there's no way to take back what happens when your toddler traipses around your ceramic tiled floor using your FarCry CDs as snow-shoes... well maybe there is.

This disk scratch repair unit is one of the most desirable of its kind to appear so far. It looks and operates more or less like a portable DVD player. After inserting an appropriate scrubbing wheel (clean, repair, or polish) and a little cutting compound, you merely drop in the Picasso'd CD, push a button, and let it hum. When it stops two minutes later, you eject the CD and check the results. The instructions

suggest starting with the medium 'repair' pads, and then moving to the stronger polish pads if your first attempt fails. Small circular markings do result. Giving it another go with the medium scrubbers tidies them up reasonably. In our tests, some of our harshest '2 bob jobs' couldn't be repaired, but most of the realistic scratches were remedied, even if not completely removed.

Interestingly, this is an Australian designed unit and it's great to see some locals making similar technology to what VideoEzy use to patch up their DVDs, available to the masses. And you needn't wait until disaster strikes to get some use out of it, as



it also has a 'clean' mode to take care of those rentals that someone used to clean their toenails and butter their toast with.

There's little bad to say about this unit. It won't heal the worst of scratches but light and medium come up fine. You should get 10-20

disks worth of repairs from the supplied pads, and \$14.95 will get you enough replacements to save about the same again. Oh, it also brought a hopelessly lost 'Pride and Prejudice' CD soundtrack back to life, but I'll try not to hold that against it.

Jason Brown

SPECIFICATIONS

- Repair fluid: Aluminium oxide
- Umm, that's about it really....

PCPP Score

Like carrying around a book of Resurrection +1.

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