TECHTOOL PRO
VERSION 4

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What is it?

- Full-featured hardware & software diagnostic/repair utility for Mac OS X

- Made by Micromat, makers of Drive 10

What does it do?

- Everything Norton Utilities ever did, and much more (and much better).

    - Symantec just discontinued Norton Utilities for Macintosh.

    - Will continue to support current customers and release updates for 10.3, but will not update when 10.4 comes out.

What does it do?

- Tests nearly every hardware component of your Mac.

- Verifies and repairs file and volume structures.

- Surface-scans your entire HD.

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What does it do?

- Rebuilds disk directories

  - Not sure yet if it's comparable to DiskWarrior

- Defragments disks

  - Using the same tools as Drive 10

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What does it do?

- Creates a bootable partition ("eDrive") for emergencies.

- Recovers data

- Secure-deletes data

What does it do?

- Helps calibrate monitors and check LCDs for dead pixels.

- Helps check your Mac's audio output.

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What does it do?

- Can automatically test:

    - Disk directories

    - SMART diagnostics

- Can automatically back up disk directories to help recover deleted files.

- Alerts you via email if problems arise.

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What does it cost?

- $97.97 for new users

- $59.97 for upgrades from v. 2 or 3

- $59.97 for a Norton "cross-grade"

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System Requirements

- PowerPC G3 or better (Beige not supported)

- Mac OS X 10.2 or greater

- CD/DVD-ROM

- 256 MB RAM

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Demo...

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Conclusion

- No other app does what it does.

- eDrive & automatic diagnostics/alerts are really cool.

- Much more useful than Drive 10.

- Far better than Norton ever was.

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