

Stellar Phoenix

Data Recovery Software Review



The switch over from film to digital has been the most interesting one, especially where photographers and videographers are not dependent on film to record data, which requires a lot of care and is quite expensive. Use of SD and CF cards has been a pleasant welcome to the fraternity with lesser production costs and gives them a room to fearlessly experiment and explore other techniques of shooting. However, most of us suffer from the underlying fear of losing data, caused due to accidental deletion or by corruption of the CF or SD card. This could be quite an ordeal, especially if the images or the video footage shot is exclusive. In times like these, data recovery software can be your saviour.

A host of solutions exist in the market today, which enables data recovery from various media (memory cards, external hard drives, internal hard drives etc.). We've used a few over the years, and very rarely have they recovered the full contents of our memory cards, without a few files being corrupt.

Stellar Phoenix Photo Recovery 6.0 is available as a small download (approx 10 MB) and costs ₹2400. It can be used to scan and recover lost/corrupt multimedia files. The application supports the creation of an image of the drive that you need to scan, allowing you to analyse that particular image at a later time.

Interface

The application has an easy-to-use interface, providing easy access to most of the important functions right from the main window. It provides you with options on the kind of data you're looking to recover. You can choose to recover photo, audio, and video files, create an image, and even resume the previous recovery session. Once open, the application lists all the drives connected to the PC and if you've connected a card (SD card, CF card etc.), it shows up as a new drive ready to be scanned. Advanced options allow you to specify the type of files to scan for, with the files being classified according to its corresponding media type. Upon completion, all the recoverable media is grouped by type and can be selected for saving.

Performance

As with most data recovery softwares, data can be recovered from the various media only if the accidentally deleted data hasn't been overwritten completely. Once overwritten completely, data cannot be recovered.

Stellar Phoenix Photo Recovery is primarily focused on image recovery, but it can also be used to recover audio and video files. It comes with support for about 18 image files, 21 audio files and 25 video file formats. We scanned