

# Re: Can XP be run from an alternate HD on a Vista PC?

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A mobo or system drive repair replacement (same product) is always OK, of course. However a non-repair replacement (replacement with a different product) accompanied by a system drive replacement probably won't be. It is at that point that, according to the activation FAQ, it becomes a new computer.

"Earle Horton" <earleh\_nospam\_@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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I have done motherboard, HD and other device replacement on OEM Edition XP computers. Sometimes it complains and asks if I want to "reactivate" XP. I click yes and never have had a problem. If you put your old HD with XP in a completely new computer, how does it know the difference between that and say a mobo replacement (which as far as I know is perfectly legit)?

Earle

"ZyRiX" <org@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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The statement about OEM OS is a little iffy according to Federal Court First-Sale Doctrine Covers Software to...

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"Colin Barnhorst" <c.barnhorst@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:259DBCF1-F2E2-4DEF-8B26-A4736F0955CB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

About the only thing in a computer capable of killing mobos is a defective or incorrect power supply. Have you checked it?

XP will not "just run" on the new machine by adding the hard drive. You will need to do a repair installation of XP before it will run on the new computer. Also, you will need to use a program like VistaBoot Pro (works on XP and Vista

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both) to set up the boot files correctly or you will only be able to boot into XP once you have run the repair install.