

## Re: Disk I/O error 00008020 on install

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I can't speak of that particular error, but before doing anything else I would suggest you fire up fdisk and delete the existing partitions before attempting a clean install of windows 2k. There is not any need to use the MaxBlast software, unless you have an old system that doesn't support the 60G drive. But with an Athlon 1600 XP, your motherboard most likely supports it. You never know what those freaky special drivers will do to you, at the best it's got to slow it down some..

Also, double check your hard drive cabling, unplug it all and inspect the connectors carefully and make sure there are no bent pins. I have seen systems with a crushed pin from where the drive cable was forced in act fine until you try to install something.

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- > *I'm trying to install Win2K from the installation Cd on an*
- > *Athlon 1600 XP System I've put together with a Maxtor*
- > *DiamondMax Plus 9 60GB HDD. The HDD is jumpered as Primary*
- > *Master and formatted via MaxBlast3 for Win2K. The CD-ROM*
- > *drive shows up as Secondary Slave when the machine is*
- > *powered on.*
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- > *As soon as Win2K starts to load from the CD, I get the*
- > *Disk I/O error 00008020 with the message, "Failed to*
- > *arcread the boot partition to check for a signature."*
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- > *I'm not sure whether I've got a cabling/hardware*
- > *configuration problem or what, but this is the last time*
- > *I'll try to build my own system. At least not without*
- > *documentation.*
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- > *P.S. I've checked the KB and I've seen a similar problem*
- > *with an 00008001 error with a ZIP drive, but I don't have*
- > *one.*
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