

## Re: serial number

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Bruce – thank for the tip about v6.1. A great Advisor improvement.

Bruce Chambers wrote:

> *Greetings --*

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> *The Windows 25-character Product Key (required to perform the  
> installation) is stored on the CD packaging on a bright orange sticker  
> that says "Do not lose this number." If it was an OEM (factory  
> installed) license, it's stored on a label that the PC manufacturer  
> affixed to the exterior of the PC case, or on the bottom of a laptop.*

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> *To recover a lost Product Key:*

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> *If your system still runs, you should be able to use Belarc  
> Advisor from [http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html) to find the  
> Product Key. (If you have a factory-installed OEM license, and  
> haven't since reinstalled the OS, the revealed Product Key is probably  
> of the drive image used at the factory and not \_your\_ specific Product  
> Key; therefore, it probably cannot be -- and definitely should not  
> be -- used for a re-installation.)*

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> *If it was a retail license and you have proof of purchase:*

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> *How to Replace Lost, Broken, or Missing Microsoft Software or Hardware*  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;326246>

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> *If it was an OEM license, you should contact whomever sold you the  
> OS; although very few manufacturers/vendors keep records of the  
> Product Keys they've sold, it's worth a try before you have to buy a  
> new license.*

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> *Bruce Chambers*

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> *Help us help you:*

> <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

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> <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>  
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> *You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on  
> having both at once. -- RAH*  
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> "mehrdad" <ioperators@yahoo.com> wrote in message  
> news:777501c43122\$e88a3fc0\$a401280a@phx.gbl...  
>  
>> *i want serial number of windows 2000 professional edition  
>>(with 3 service packs-2003 version)*  
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