

## Re: Dell OEM Windows XP

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- > Earlier this morning I posted a similar message in a different NG but
- > haven't received any replies. Maybe it wasn't the best group to post in;
- > so I thought I'd try here.
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- > I'm in the process of assembling everything I need for an socket 939
- > build. This morning I saw these OS CDs on Pricewatch, Amazon redirect and
- > elsewhere – sometimes as
- > HP/Compaq – for around \$50. These are presented as full OEM versions w/o
- > COA
- > but fully legitimate versions of Windows that can be used for a clean
- > install on any machine.
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- > Has anyone ever purchased one of these? Are they really legitimate? How do
- > these vendor's obtain these and sell them so cheap? I understand that
- > there
- > are no manuals, support, etc.. but are they still eligible for updates
- > under
- > MS new verification scheme?
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- > TIA,
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- > Wayne
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Considering that HP doesn't give theist customers full oem CDs with the computers, it makes it pretty obvious that the HP cads aren't "real." The Dells probably aren't going to be real either. And if either were real, you'd run into issues with activation, if not installation. Many oem cads are bios-locked, so they won't install on anything except the original motherboard.

Let's put it this way: it's a lot easier to silkscreen a manufacturer's logo onto a fake cd than it is to try to create a hologram like the ones on the generic oem cads (although I've seen some pretty good fakes).

The other problem is "without coal." Without that key, you aren't going to be able to install. Or are they saying the key is on the CD or something? Good luck with that. It may work when you install, but updates are another issue.

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• **References:**

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