

## Re: Battery failure

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OK, the problem now I think has to do with the CMOS. I changed the 3 volt battery and now isn't there a jumper on the motherboard that I can do something with to correct the problem? Or should I go into safe mode and run it that way or should I go into BIOS and configure something? Any help here will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
attilatrehun1

The manual will tell or show you where on the motherboard is the 2-pin CMOS header pins across which you short (using a jumper) to clear the CMOS table copy of the BIOS settings. While you might expect the 2-pin header to be near the battery, that isn't always true. I've seen mobos with the battery at the lower right of the mobo (as viewed when looking into the side panel with the case upright) and the 2-pin header at the backside about halfway up. There may even be a silkscreened label on the mobo that identifies the "Clear CMOS" header.

With the computer powered down AND its power cord yanked from the back, short the pins for a minute. Remove the jumper and reboot. The CMOS table will repopulate with the default BIOS settings. If you made any customization to the BIOS settings, you'll have to do them again.

Refreshing to see such a clear, concise mind, VanG; keep up the good work! Posters with your communications and people abilities are getting rare and it's great to see your capabilities at work.

Twayne