

Re: OEM XP and XP Pro

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Hello Phil,

Thank you for posting here.

I agree with the others comments. You can not put the XP Pro on the existing computer and put the XP Home on the new computer. When you purchase a new PC, it comes preinstalled with an operating system, such as Microsoft Windows, and may also have application software pre-installed. This software is referred to as Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) software.

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<http://www.tek-tips.com/gfaqs.cfm/pid/779/fid/4004>

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ALL OEM copies can only be installed "clean" (that is, the hard drive must be formatted before XP OEM can be installed).??They cannot be used to perform an upgrade of an existing Operating System so make sure you back up all necessary data and files BEFORE installing XP OEM, since the format of the Hard Drive will erase ALL data on it.

Three other issues that need to be emphasized about an OEM license:

1. You will receive no support from Microsoft.??You will be referred to the original OEM licensee.
2. You cannot upgrade the FULL OEM DSP version.??When longhorn or whatever appears this will not be a qualifying license.
3. Currently you can transfer (no, not two copies) a non-OEm license to a new machine.??You remove XP from the first machine and the license will transfer to the new machine.??You call Microsoft and they will issue you a new activation code.??You cannot do this with the OEM license.??It is for one machine only, the original machine.??You will not be issued an activation code for a new machine.

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For more information you may browse the following website:

Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Licensing

http://www.microsoft.com/indonesia/license/resources/oem_licensing.asp

Microsoft? Windows? XP Licensing in OEM and Volume Licensing

<http://a248.e.akamai.net/f/248/3214/1d/www.zones.com/images/pdf/WindowsXPLicensingPrimer.pdf>

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If anything is unclear or you have any other related information, please feel free to let me know. I am glad to be of assistance.

Thanks and regards,

Alex Zhang

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| Thanks for the straight talk. I assume that this is no differnt than
| if you blow out a mother board and then have to reload the OEM version
| of XP.

| Is this really any different than that ?????

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| On Fri, 5 Mar 2004 15:57:00 -0000, "Test Man" <testman@test.org>
| wrote:

| >Technically, the OEM states that the licence is tied to the particular
| >machine you got it with. So you can't move it. In reality, you should
| be
| >able to if you have an OEM disc and wipe the machine completely before
| doing
| >a clean install. If you are running a business where you have to audit
| all
| >your purchases, then I would advise that you don't do it.

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| >"Phil Cunundrum" <someone@somewhere.com> wrote in message
| >news:c47h4019cu005m4uiqt62cb14dlvqqbq3d@4ax.com...

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| >> I have a brand new computer I built.

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| >> I purchased OEM XP Pro with it. I have another computer with the OEM
| >> XP Home on it.

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| >> I want to put the XP Pro on the existing computer and put the XP Home
| >> on the new computer.

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|>> Is MicroSoft going to have a heart attack over this ? How do I get
|>> the old version activated on the new computer ?
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|>> Thanks
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