

## Re: Hard Drive failure on bootup

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George wrote:

> *Hi,*  
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> *I have a message posted on July 7th at 9 pm looking for a*  
> *way to use SCANDISK or CHKDSK on a laptop hard drive with*  
> *a bad spot or two ... in the bootup area of Windows XP*  
> *Home Edition. Since my system won't boot from the hard*  
> *drive or from a CD (neither from the Thinkpad Recovery CD*  
> *nor from the Windows XP CD), I think I need to move to*  
> *the next level and consider using a floppy to run FDISK*  
> *and then reformat my hard drive. (The system IS backed*  
> *up ... yay.)*  
>  
> *Since there's no FDISK on my XP Pro desktop (from which I*  
> *created a StartUp disk), is my only option using a*  
> *Windows 98 version of FDISK and FORMAT?*  
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Frankly, if your system won't boot from the hard drive or the cd drive, something is seriously wrong with the hardware, probably the motherboard. Contact IBM Tech Support for help.

Malke

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