

## Re: Removal of bad sectors marked by CHKDSK

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On Sat, 16 Oct 2004 12:49:05 -0700, "PCfixinman"  
<PCfixinman@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Hi Dave,

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>Thanks for the reply... The strange thing, is that the bad sectors were  
>fixed...Not only do they not show up, in any hdd software utility, but the  
>drive no longer is sluggish..

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>I know if I re-install XP pro, it will report 0 in bad sectors...

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>Do you know how I can remove what XP marked as bad, to see if it finds them  
>bad again?

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>so far, there have been no more going bad, I think this is due to those 2  
>having been fixed...

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>TIA,

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There's a legitimate reason for doing this.

I cloned a win2k partition that happened to have 2 bad clusters  
marked in the \$badclus database.

because the clone tool copied everything as is, the  
2 bad sectors showed up in the cloned win2k - purely  
as a result of the way it was copied.

Reinstall will get rid of it. The only other solution

I have seen was a Linux utility, believe it or not.

It involved creating a bootable linux cdrom.

This linux boots from the CD and that's the system.

No install is done to the harddrive. But once you have that,  
you can run a utility to "reset" the bad clusters.

I can't find the details (web page) at the moment, but if you're  
interested, I'll look for it.

Dave