

Re: Removal of bad sectors marked by CHKDSK

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Not always, but many times finding a few bad segments is the early sign of a hard drive going bad, and the problem will continue to get worse. As I said, that's not always the case, but if you have any critical data that is not backed up, you should seriously consider archiving that data to off disk storage now. How likely an indicator of pending hard drive failure is it when a few bad segments are found? In my experience, at least 9 out of 10 times the disk will soon fail completely.

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"PCfixinman" <PCfixinman@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:9D499017-8639-4FAB-8511

> 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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> PCFM

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> "David H. Lipman" wrote:

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>> Do Nothing. The OS should read/write in data areas around those marked bad.

>> The question is -- will the number of bad sectors increase ?

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>> Dave

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>> "PCfixinman" <PCfixinman@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

>> news:08EF6D16-E623-4DB0-B3B4-460D9235BDFC@microsoft.com...

>> | Hi,

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>> | I had 2 bad sectors, which were on a Seagate 2.5" HDD...
>> | Using the manufacturers software, I was able to repair these sectors...
>> | I used every other HDD manufacturers HDD software to check this disk, it is
>> | clean, with no bad sectors, not even, those CHKDSK marked...
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>> | What do I need to do, to remove these sectors marked as bad, in XP SP2 pro..
>> | DO I need to re-install the OS, or are they hidden somewhere, I can find &
>> | delete them...
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>> | They were marked:
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>> |     $badsect
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>> | Any Ideas?
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>> | thanks!
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>> | PCFM
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>> | One step closer to the edge...
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