

## Re: Promise Controller – Clunking Drive

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Regardless of the I/O controller it is connected to – if it is clunking, then something damaging is amiss – it could have been damaged when you changed it, you could have loaded the wrong promise controller drivers, you could have set the drives geometry incorrectly in the BIOS, the promise controller could have autodetected the incorrect drive and loaded the wrong geometry, or it could be ....

As has been stated, a clunking drive is a damaged drive, regardless of whether Win98 or WinXP finally boots and is able to use it – it is only a matter of time before it goes "poof".

But if you wish to be hard-headed and conceded, fine, be that way, when you loose what ever precise data you have on the drive, then it'll be one of those lessons learned from the "school of hard knocks".

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Star Fleet Admiral Q @ your service!

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"JohnB" <na@nospam.com> wrote in message

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> XP PRO was installed on a WD 13GB HDD, while the drive was connected to  
> an onboard controller. I loaded the Promise drivers, and moved the drive  
> to an Ultra133 TX2 Promise controller. The drive is shown in MODE 4 in  
> the controller BIOS. As soon as XP begins booting, the drive begins to  
> clunk, and clunks continuously. The OS is super slow-it could be the  
> drive is being turned off and on as it clunks.

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> Win98 runs fine on a separate partition on this drive.

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> To install XP Pro, I used partition magic to prepare for a new OS. I  
> believe I had the identical problem when installing XP on a clean drive  
> also.

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> I have tried Promise drivers .29, .39, .43, and the controller has  
> its latest BIOS.

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> There are many posts about this, see

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> "Promise controller damages Maxtor hard drive (?)"

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> in group:

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microsoft.public.windowsexp.general: Re: Promise Controller – Clunking Drive

> <http://groups-beta.google.com/group/comp.sys.ibm.pc.hardware.storage>  
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> but I am still looking for a possible solution.  
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> Thanks,  
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> John