

# Re: Pre Installed XP Home on HP Computer

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OEM users can not get Windows XP CDs from Microsoft at a "nominal charge". That option is only available for retail owners.

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<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar>

In memory of our dear friend, MVP Alex Nichol

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"T. Waters" <@\$%\$%#^@jdjgkl.com> wrote in message

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- > The trouble is, the Windows XP SP2 CD that you can get from Microsoft for
- > a
- > nominal charge cannot be used on your system. The version of Windows sold
- > on
- > Compaqs has been altered to be custom for Compaq hardware. If you were to
- > install a disk gotten directly from Microsoft onto your computer, you
- > would
- > not have an Activation Key, and after 30 days, you would not have an
- > operating system!
- > This is the dirty little secret behind OEM Windows computers, whether
- > bought
- > at Wal-Mart or more upscale venues.

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• **References:**

- ◆ ***Pre Installed XP Home on HP Computer***

◇ *From:* AllDave

- ◆ ***Re: Pre Installed XP Home on HP Computer***

◇ *From:* kurttrail

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