

Re: Can't Erase/Format CD-RW (WinXP Pro Sp2)

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The amount of time you spent writing about your problem with one CD-RW disk is worth more than the 50-75 cents it would cost you to toss the disk.

Just my opinion!

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Regards,

Richard Urban

aka Crusty (-: Old B@stard :-)

If you knew as much as you think you know,
You would realize that you don't know what you thought you knew!

"AA Smith" <SmithRMS@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> At present, the instructions found at Help in WinXP Pro SP2 read as
> follows:

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> To erase files from a CD rewritable disc: 1. Double-click the My Computer
> icon on your desktop.

> 2. In My Computer, right-click the CD recording drive, and then click
> Open. Windows displays a temporary storage area where files are held
> before they are copied to the CD. Files or folders that are located in the
> temporary storage area are listed in the Files Ready to Be Written to the
> CD box.

> 3. In the CD Writing Tasks pane, click Erase this CD-RW. The Welcome
> to the CD Writing Wizard dialog box is displayed. After you click Next,
> the Erasing the CD dialog box is displayed and the progress bar displays
> the progress of the process.

> 4. When the process is finished, you receive a message in the
> notification area and you can use the CD-RW disc. Note: Not all CDs are
> erasable. If the CD that you are using is not erasable, for example, then
> this feature is not available.

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- > However, when I carry out steps 1 & 2 above, no CD Writing Tasks pane is
- > present in the folder that's displayed. So, for now, I can't
- > erase/format the CD-RW.
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- > One thing that has probably contributed to this is the fact that I did
- > have Nero's InCD installed on this computer until I found that it does a
- > poor job of formatting the CD-RW. When formatted/erased many months
- > before I installed InCD, WinXP Pro formatted this particular CD with a 650
- > mb maximum capacity. However, InCD formatted it with a much smaller max.
- > capacity; specifically 540 mb. So, I uninstalled InCD & rebooted, but I
- > can't figure out how to format/erase this CD with WinXP Pro SP2.
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- > So, I'd very much appreciate your help.
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- > With kindest regards,
- >
- > Dick Smith
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• **References:**

- ◆ **[Can't Erase/Format CD-RW \(WinXP Pro Sp2\)](#)**
- ◆ *From:* AA Smith

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