

Re: XP – Invalid CD Key?

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Got mine this way also, my motherboard died a few weeks months ago, and I bought one and it came up ok. I still have CD cover with Key. I still have my e-mail from Microsoft when I got it.

Gary

"Jeff Givens" <jjgivensXX@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:10jgr1phg8pp1fh0mepfkqa95c6avculls@xxxxxxxxxxxx

>I have here XP pro, sp2. This was bought *directly* from Microsoft through
> MS Passport. It is a copy from the "Go Pro" promotion where for \$40 you
> got
> a full install of XP pro. The only difference is in the license in that it
> is non-transferrable.
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> It was bought over two years ago, installed and activated w/ no problems.
> Through several computers and some re-installs, always reactivated with no
> troubles. Getting updates always worked and when downloading some programs
> that MS wanted to check the validity of my Windows install, always passed
> the validation check. This CD has never left my house. I am the only
> person
> in the house who even thinks of installing software on a PC.
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> Suddenly, I was trying to download the latest version of the security
> baseline analyzer and it told me I failed the validity check (in IE). I
> played around a little bit but no luck. I then tried in Firefox and had to
> download a plugin. When this was done it too told me it failed. I then
> downloaded the standalone app to check all this and it returns w/ an
> "invalid PID". I played around a little more and then proceeded to contact
> MS about this (thankfully they have a link to take you to someone to work
> on this problem – apparently it is a common one?). The basic responses
> were
> to give a couple of things to check, blah blah. In IE all the activex
> stuff
> was working (MS has a link where you go through some test to check the
> functioning of the validation tool).
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> I then lost interest for a couple of hours and in the process rebooted at
> least once. I then tried again in IE and it magically worked, no problem.
> The Firefox route and standalone app still report an invalid key.
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> I reported this back to MS and hinted that something was going on on their
> end, reminding them that this copy was bought directly from MS; it doesn't
> get any more legit than that. Their response was to send me a link telling
> me how users who purchased counterfeit copies of Windows could get a free
> 'legit' copy if several steps were followed. The first of the steps is
> that, in IE, visit the URL to start the process. The first thing it does
> is
> check the validations and, you can guess by now, responds back that the
> program is only valid for those with invalid Windows keys (telling me that
> my copy is valid).
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> So I have an install purchased directly from MS, never a validity problem
> until recently, and then for only several hours. I have a MS person who,
> upon receiving my CD key, tells me I have a counterfeit copy, and finally
> the MS web site authenticating my copy and saying it is indeed legit.
> Couple that with a MS standalone app telling me I have an invalid copy.
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> Anyone else seen this? Can anyone offer a route of contact I can take
> short
> of calling and getting routed to a script reading person in India?
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> This is rather frustrating. Although everything is working ok, there is
> obviously something wrong on the MS end and I am worried about one day all
> of a sudden having troubles again. I was willing to play along the
> counterfeit route, if that meant them giving me a 'legit' key, after
> jumping through some hoops, but I can't even do that as MS automation is
> determining that I indeed have a valid install.
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> ugh.
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> JG... Jeff Givens
> <mailto:jgivensXX@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
>
> "My hovercraft is full of eels."

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