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ramonchiara wrote:

Hi again,

Yesterday, after some backups, I runned SeaTools.
It passed in the 90-second test, SMART and in other tests but failed in the full diagnostic.
It found 7 bad sectors.
In the report it said "The following sectors MAY be damage:

LBA: xxxxxxxxxxxx
STATUS: Write-reallocation SKIPPED
USAGE: Not Resolved

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Q1: Is this really a real problem?

Then I went to Disk Management (in Windows) / Error Checking / Search Bad Sector And Try To Fix

It did "something" and returned without a single report.
After this a format the partition with NTFS (it was a FAT32 before).
Q2: Is NTFS better than FAT32? Would it have helped in my case?

Well, that's all.

PS: Malke, no need to thanks.
I just thought that posting the result could help someone just as you are helping me!
Thank *you*!

My feeling about hard drives is if they fail any physical tests (which would include bad sectors), they should be replaced. They may not die for quite a while, but since you rely on your hard drive you want it to be as healthy as possible. There isn't any rush, but since you have a

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notebook and if it is still under warranty, I'd contact Toshiba tech support. No point in waiting until the warranty is expired!

If the machine isn't under warranty any more, you can always buy a notebook hard drive yourself. Naturally this would mean a clean install of Windows, so make sure you know how to restore the notebook to factory condition. If the notebook didn't come with a physical restore disk, see if there is a Toshiba utility to make one and/or check with Toshiba tech support about ordering restore disks so you don't have to buy a copy of Windows to put on your new drive.

And back up all your data regularly. :-)

Malke

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