

Re: Re-format external hard drive from FAT32 to NTFS

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"Those are my principles. If you don't like them I have others."
<funkyboa@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have bought an external USB hard drive and it is pre-formatted using the FAT32 system. I want to re-format it to the NTFS system. The manufacturer's website (iomega.com) gives 1 set of instructions in its FAQ section and another set of instructions in the online User's Manual and I don't know which to follow. Please help me choose the correct instructions.

Thank you.

Their instructions are as follows:

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How to format a FAT32 drive to an NTFS format in Windows 2000/XP

Warning: Formatting your drive will erase all data stored on the drive.

1. Click Start and then click Run.
2. Within the Open: box, type CMD and press the Enter key.
3. At the C:\ prompt, type FORMAT X: /FS:NTFS (where X: is the drive letter assigned to your Iomega Hard Drive or Peerless drive).
4. Press the Enter key.

User's Manual version:

The following instructions will format the drive as a single large volume with an NTFS file system. If you want to partition the drive, check Windows help for more information.

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1. Open Windows Disk Management (right click on My Computer, select Manage, and click on Disk Management).
2. Select the Iomega Hard Drive. Look for the drive letter assigned by Windows.
3. Delete the existing FAT32 partition.
4. The drive will now appear as Unallocated and the bar will be black. Right click on the black bar and select New Partition (Windows XP) or Create Partition (Windows 2000).
5. When the Partition Wizard opens, click Next.
6. Verify that the partition type is Primary Partition and click Next.
7. Leave the maximum disk space selected and click Next.
8. Assign the next drive letter available and click Next.
9. Click Next, then click Finish. The drive will be ready to use when the format completes.