

## Re: What IDE Drive for my 5 year old Dell8200

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Hi Anna  
Yes it is a Dimension8200

I asked Dell if it was 100GB in total and they said yes, I asked if i could use 2 of them and they said only 100GB in total.  
I am running XPSP2 and once if replace my Floppy Drive I will upgrade the Bios to A09 (latest on dell downloads).

If i was to put a large (say 160GB) disk in as a slave and it is recognised in the Bios and once formatted indicates about +150GB in My Computer then can I presume it is OK to use. I want to clone my existing 60GB disk to the new 160GB disk.

The RDRAM is great, never had a problem with it, have now got 1250MB installed but the P4 1.9GHz could do with being a bit faster as it's not as quick as it could be!!

Thanks  
Steve

I wouldn't trust Dell tech support. Get the model number of your motherboard and look up it's specs online direct from the manufacturer. My PC is 4+ years old and works just fine. I don't really have any speed issues, running an AMD Athlon 1 GHz with 512 MB RAM on a K7S5A MB with 2 hard drives, a 120GB and a 40GB. I don't believe I've done any BIOS updates. Both my hard drives are WD 7200, which I recommend if you're on a budget. If you feel a need for speed and have some extra cash, look into a Raptor drive.