

Re: Can't reinstall my windows xp

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I really hope it's just I can't recognize the keys. I asked my wife to help me to put in the key and we have the same result. I tried another key on my another desktop and it can pass through. but I don't wanna install with that key since it's being used right now. Both copies are windows xp generic oem.

Both CDs are the same. COAs are the same color but different part number.

It's very weird that it just doesn't work.

R. McCarty;259040 Wrote:

Product Keys (Validation) are tied to the type of disk being used. It's possible you've got a mismatch between COA and disk you're using. Also, PIDs are very difficult to read and distinguish certain characters.

B and 8 are very similar, along with other characters that share some common shapes/sizes. I actually use an illuminated magnifying glass to transcribe PID codes. Even with that I'll occasionally misread Q/G & a few others. Newer Microsoft products use a different/better font on the "Don't Loose this Sticker" to help cut down on PID misinterpretation.

"tjj1" <computechsale@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:tjj1.2mqemz@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

My computer crashed and I am trying to reinstall my windows xp. but when I go through the installation procedure, it won't take the

key

on the
COA. It keeps saying "Product id invalid".
I can't even install the windows xp now.
anyone encounter similar problem before?
BTW, I am 100% sure both my CD and COA are genuine.
My last installation is about 4 years ago and it works fine.

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I really don't know why it suddenly stops working.
thanks if anyone can have some input

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