

Re: Install Xp pro on second computer?

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Gordon wrote:

Ron Martell wrote:

"vernon" <there@there> wrote:

If the PC dies OR is put out of service, the actual license states clearly that it can be installed on another computer as long as one has the original computer cleared.

Only if the license is retail or volume license. OEM licenses are permanently locked to the first computer that they are installed on and cannot be legitimately transferred to another computer under any circumstances,

There is NO legal reason why an OEM version bought legitimately by a customer should not be transferred to another machine that is owned by the customer. The ONLY difference between OEM and Retail, legally, is that the OEM Vendor assumes responsibility for support of that copy, instead of MS. There is NO reason in law that that condition should prohibit the transfer of the software from one machine to another. That is all. MS cannot, and have not, ever, tried to enforce this ludicrous "condition" in a court of law. Anywhere. I wonder why? possibly because it actually might be construed as "unfair terms"?

You seem to be completely confused as to what is legitimately bought. You BUY the RIGHT to USE the operating system on the FIRST PC that it is installed on. Nothing more, nothing less. If you want to BUY the RIGHT to move it from PC to PC, you BUY a license for the Retail version.

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