

Re: PC still overheating???

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Hallo Joseph,

*>I've tried reinstalling the heat sink but to no avail. I
>noticed that a small amount of the compound on the
>underside of the heatsink has started to melt every so
>slightly. I'm not sure as to how the cpu should be in
>contact with the heatsink. On my heatsink there is a
>small square of the compound missing from the middle,
>where the raised section of the Athlon cpu touches the
>heatsink.*

That is normal. The surplus compound is driven away by the pressure of the heatsink on the CPU. The compound is only necessary to fill tiny cavities between the CPU and the heatsink.

>Should the cpu be in direct contact

No, usually not. Unless you have a heatsink with a chunk of soft metal on the underside.

>or should

>the compound be in-between.

Yes. You can buy compound in most computer stores. Note however that you only need a very small amount, the heat flow will be blocked by too much compound.

>Could it be the processor that is faulty?

I don't think so, a faulty processor usually keeps the computer from doing anything.

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