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| My motherboard has failed in an hp tower. I have replaced
| the motherboard and processor and now XP does not function
| at all. It hangs on boot and goes no further. Is there a
| work around for this as my restore disks do not recognize
| this motherboard and processor. Please email me if you
| have a fix.
| Dave

Hi Dave –

You have a problem in that your original XP installation was "married" as an OEM release to the original hardware. Changing the motherboard and processor will cause it to no longer boot because XP's Hardware Abstraction Layer no longer matches your hardware.

The only way around your predicament: a new Retail Release (from Microsoft) of Windows XP, Home or Pro, either installed "Clean" (wiping out the contents of the partition where XP is installed) or, at a minimum, a "Repair" (where your applications and personal files and settings are retained).

Read around in this newsgroup for posts on how to perform a Repair Install.

Sorry for the bad news.

Jef