

RE: Help! HDD probs

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These signs indicate that the harddisk controller [the logics that form part of the drive] have been damaged.

You can try attaching this to another PC and transfer data if it is accessible [I doubt it very much], and if it doesn't work you can attempt to format it.

I would also suggest that any attempt to format the drive will not proceed successfully and that the drive will be rendered useless.

So if the data is valuable, just try the disk in another PC. If that other PC can't access the drive, then do a search for hard disk recovery services and find one near you. They will charge around US\$ 300 to recover any or all data from the drive [whatever is possible]. This will be better than losing valuable information.

Do not format the drive if you want the maximum recovery of data.

"Peter" wrote:

> *Hi,*
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> *Is it an external Hdd?*
> *If yes, have you tried to attach it to another PC?*
> *What is the file format, FAT32 or NTFS?*
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> *Peter*
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> *"steve williams" wrote:*
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>> *Hi, any help would be greatly appreciated, my new (full) 200GB hard drive*
>> *doesn't work after i restarted my pc. it was working fine before! we had a big*
>> *storm coming so i turned it off and unplugged it, storm passed, i turn it*
>> *back on again and it says it isn't formatted and now i have to format! :(i*
>> *don't want to waste 160 odd GB...*
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> > *Can anyone help? its a seagate i think. as i said, it was working fine and*
> > *then i shutdown, after restart it wants to format!*
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> > *thanks in advance*
> >
> > *steve*