

Re: USB Hard Drive not accessible in Explorer

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First, make sure you have tried assigning the drive a letter in Disk Management (Right click on My Computer, click Manage, click Disk Management).

If this is a self made external hard drive, you can try taking it out of the case, connect it internally, then format it whatever you like and put it back in. If it was bought as an external, you should have some software that came with the drive that you can use to format it.

As for it not showing up in Explorer, that is usually a registry entry that is messed up. See if you can reformat it FAT32, then try assigning it a drive letter in Disk Management (Right click on My Computer, click Manage, click Disk Management).

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Swap gmail with name for email :)

sharon wrote:

> *Hello,*
> *This message is similar to the previous post about devices not showing up in*
> *Explorer, however I am not sure if it is really the same issue or not...*
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> *I have a USB Hard Drive that I recently reformatted using Partition Magic*
> *7.0. Before reformatting the drive, the file system was NTFS and the drive*
> *worked fine, however I formatted it because I would like to be able to plug*
> *it into my Mac so I changed it to FAT32. Now the drive will not work on*
> *either computer.*
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> *If I go to the Device Manager, the hard drive is listed there – however it*
> *does not show up in Explorer, so I can not read/write to it, nor can I*
> *reformat it back to NTFS because Partition Magic does not see the drive.*
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> *I'm not sure what to even search for to find help on this subject, so any*
> *advice would be greatly appreciated! Thanks very much!!*
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> *-sharon*