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"Rahul" <rpnabar@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:be21928f-2fb4-41e2-a1c9-812808dc4ddb@xx
| On Apr 8, 12:53 am, "PA Bear [MS MVP]" <PABear...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:
| > Sometimes you get what you pay for. Return the battery to Kahlon for
| credit
| > (since it's guaranteed) then buy a new or reconditioned battery from
| Dell
| > instead.
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| Thank Robear! I think I'll return it to Kahlon. On second thoughts
| though, its Dell who's the bad guy here not Kahlon. I might just fight
| it out. Screw my depreciated 700\$! I'm installing Linux AND doing a
| BIOS upgrade. Let's see what I get. Either I end up with an expensive
| doorstop or I defeat Dell's monopolistic scheming!
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| Rahul

You assume way too much. Your problem is entirely with the vendor who supplied your battery.

As an owner of several Dells I can assure you that they will work with a (properly constructed) battery from any vendor.

Your assertion that the "if I added Samsung RAM, or a Segate(sic) HDD the BIOS would complain" is pure fantasy. I've upgraded all my Dells RAM and harddrives with third party hardware from New Egg et. al....

There is nothing special or proprietary about Dell computers that forces you to buy hardware from Dell. All your blathering about "Dell's monopolistic scheming." is crap you made up in your head with zero basis in fact.

If you spent a little time in the Dell Newsgroup you would be aware that it is common practice for people to buy baseline Dell systems on special and upgrade them with less expensive stuff from third party vendors.

If you want to buy a battery that will work for less than the price Dell charges try Pacific Battery.

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<http://www.pacificbattery.com/delle1505.html> for your model. Their service is good and they stand behind what they sell.

On the subject of assuming way too much. You said "I'll try the Dell forums too. Its just that I don't expect too much help from Dell since this might be counterproductive to their intentions." Dell Forums are user to user forums and an excellent source of information. They are moderated for TOS content but otherwise are not "run" by Dell.

BTW your problem certainty isn't operating system dependent, your computers charging hardware doesn't know or care what OS is installed in your computer or if in fact a harddrive is even present. A BIOS update that doesn't specifically address the problem you're having won't do the trick either.

There is a very good reason for the computers charger to have to properly identify the smart circuit inside the battery before it will be able to charge it. LiON batteries improperly handled make very potent incendiary devices. Your problem is entirely with the vendor who supplied your battery.