

# Windows XP will not install

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I hope someone may be able to help with this problem.

I have a computer which was working properly. Unfortunately, it suffered an accident resulting in requiring a new motherboard.

On changing the motherboard, the hard disc would not take the repair facility on the xp cd. I took the decision to back the hard disc up (by using another computer) and formatting the disc.

However it refused to take the XP installation, continually locking.

I then tried to install XP using another computer and it worked. However it still would not work using the 'old' computer on which it is required. The nature of XP does not allow the operating system installed on one computer to be used on another.

I then formatted the disc using an ME start up disc. The computer continued to hang on trying to install windows XP. But I could install windows ME which I did. Windows XP installs perfectly.

I then tried to install XP as an update. The process starts up and then continues until installing files, when it either hangs on 69 minutes left (from an initial 82 mins) or the computer reboots. I tried copying the files onto an external hard drive but on the computer I want to install the files to, trying this fails during copying the folder i386 and the computer reboots. The files copy from another computer onto the external drive. The external hard drive files are all accessible from the computer I want to update without problems under Windows ME. However if I use the files from the XP disc which have been copied to the external drive, this causes the same problem.

The processor of the Motherboard is well suited to XP (AMD Sempron) and the motherboard is an AS Rock K8s8x. The hard drive is an IDE drive.

Any suggestions?

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