

## Re: Disc boot failure, after files deleted, please help

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Hello folks,

I'm a bit new to this, but after someone deleted some huge files off the hardrive, maybe more, when I boot up, just get disk boot failure and insert system disc message. Screen shows disk drive B none, prim master none, prim slave none. XP should still be active. What do I do? I have lots of holiday photos on this computer. thanks for any help.

Sorry, but the outlook is grim. It seems that your drives have vanished into thin air.

The first thing to do is determine that all of the drives are connected to the motherboard.

The second is to get into the BIOS to see what it sees, and especially what the boot order shows.

The BIOS looking for Drive B is quite strange because that letter usually points to a floppy disk.

Perhaps whoever worked on your machine did a few more things than just deleting some huge files.

Which files might that be anyway?

Jim

Thx, the machine is a Sony Desktop, VAIO

I don't know which HDD's it has, DRAM type says DDR SDRAM?

We got this in 2002, don't have the xp install disc, or can't find

I do have XP install discs for the HP laptop I'm working on, should I try to reload the desktop using these discs?

Had a bad virus, a friend "fixed" it.

The PCI device listing shows 10 controllers?

the keyboard and mouse are dead.

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any ideas? thanks