

XP Pro doesn't reboot after setup has loaded the files

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Following an aborted hard disk cleanup that was taking forever, Windows wouldn't load and I had to attempt a repair. But whenever I try to launch the install with the XP CD-ROM I had used previously without problems, it asks the normal questions (recovery console or install, on which partition, using ntfs or not, etc..) and then loads the necessary files. Then it warns it will reboot in 15 seconds, and does so. However, when the PC reboots, Windows doesn't launch from the hard drive, and the setup doesn't resume : after the POST, the cursor blinks forever, and nothing happens, no matter what. I have put the HD first in the Bios boot order, removing the CD-rom just before the PC reboots, I removed all unnecessary devices and cards from the computer to leave one HD and one CR-ROM player only, and don't know what more I can do?

Why did it work before but no longer, and what can I do?
Thanks in advance.