

Re: Win XP won't install

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Well, it could be your HDD.

If you have a Windows boot CD, you could try formatting the drive and / or doing a check disk.

Perhaps go to the drive manufacturers web site and look for any diagnostic tools. If it is a new drive, depending on where you live you may need to return it pronto if its faulty.

I see you have tried " failsafe defaults ". If prior to trying this you had any accelerated settings, corruptions may already have occurred. Did you have your DFI bios set to any accelerated setting? IE have you overclocked it? Some motherboard bios have a setting such as "Optimal" which may actually overclock the system mildly and / or tighten memory timings. Since your memory seems to test OK, such a setting could stuff things up. Some systems are very sensitive to even mild overclocking of any of the buses (EG AGP, PCI, FSB) – SATA especially.

At this point I would lean towards a duff drive...

– Tim

"Dean Weiss" <deanweis@telusplanet.net> wrote in message news:2bdf701c46831\$7d4226b0\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

> *Okay, now I know that the problem is most likely in the*
> *BIOS . I just hooked the HDD from my new comp into my old*
> *computer and set it as master. Then on my old comp I*
> *entered the BIOS and set it to boot from the CD drive. I*
> *put in the Win XP disc and restarted the computer. It*
> *worked like a charm, installed no problem. Then I shut*
> *down the old computer and removed the new HDD and*
> *reinstalled it in the new comp, set the BIOS to boot from*
> *the HDD and now I get this error message "DISK BOOT*
> *FAILURE, INSERT SYSTEM DISK AND PRESS ENTER". What the*
> *heck is going on? I've tried using the failsafe defaults*
> *in the BIOS and that won't work either. Somebody HELP!!!!*

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>>-----Original Message-----

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>>Okay, I've run Memtest86 overnight (all tests 2 passes)
>>and I have no errors or problems with my ram. What else
>>could be the problem. I should mention that yesterday
>>evening I tried installing the OS and got an error