

Win XP Boot

Creating an XP boot disk is much more involved and so it is recommended that you have the RECOVERY Disks that came with your computer, or create a set of recovery disks and keep those in a safe place just in case a crash occurs and you have to reinstall the Operating System and the applications or do a full format and recovery. IF your XP will not power up so you can get to the Recovery disks stored in a partition of your hard drive, you're going to need something to power up.

If you did not receive Recovery Disks when you purchased your computer, then your Recovery disks are probably loaded onto your computer in a partition of your hard drive. Doubleclick MY COMPUTER to list all drives. You should see the C:\ drive and there should also be a drive (probably) F: (Recovery drive). In most cases when you setup a new computer that has the Recovery on a partition of the computer's hard drive, it will suggest that you Create a set of Recovery CDs which will then contain the files from the Recovery partition and that will perform a non-destructive recovery (reinstall the operating system without removing data or software that you've installed) or a destructive recovery (a format of the hard drive and then reinstall the operating system and factory installed software, removing all files including those you've created and the programs you've installed).

IMPORTANT: BEFORE you NEED recovery disks, is the time to either get them from the manufacturer of your computer, or create them per instructions by the manufacturer of your computer.

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