

## WINDOWS XP CLEAN INSTALL

1. If you have not had Windows XP Home or Windows XP Pro installed, make sure the computer is ready for Windows XP.

Follow the appropriate link, especially #3 Upgrade Advisor:

[Windows XP Home Edition Upgrade Center](#)

[Windows XP Professional Upgrade Center](#)

2. Disconnect all peripherals (camera, printer, scanner, etc)

3. Disconnect any ZIP drive

4. Disconnect network/modem cable.

5. Go to BIOS and set CDROM as boot device before hard drive.

6. Insert Windows XP CD and reboot.

At "Press any key to boot to CDROM" quickly press a key and follow the prompts for a Clean installation:

[Windows XP Clean Install \(Interactive Setup\)](#)

If you are installing using Windows XP Upgrade, insert qualifying media in Step 4b.

Delete all partitions in step 5 of the above link if you desire to erase all data on the hard drive.

Partitioning and formatting will be done automatically.

All data will be destroyed, back-up important data first.

7. Enable or install firewall BEFORE connecting network cable.

[HOW TO: Enable or Disable Internet Connection Firewall in Windows XP](#)

8. Install [Service Pack 2](#) first and by itself.

Reboot

The Service Pack will take care of most of the updates.

Then install ALL Critical Updates (if any) no more than 3 at a time.

Start/All Programs/Windows Update

Reboot between each group.

9. After you are finished, you will need to load the appropriate drivers.

**If your computer was shipped with Windows XP, these procedures may or may not apply. Check your manual or contact the computer manufacturer for more details.**

Make sure your computer is [Safe and Secure](#) when you are finished.

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## WINDOWS REPAIR INSTALLATION

Disable ALL unnecessary applications before beginning including antivirus, spyware blockers download accelerators etc.

[How Do I Do a "Repair Installation"?](#)

[Windows Updates](#) will need to be reinstalled.

Data should be safe, back-up important data just in case.

Install [\*\*Service Pack 2\*\*](#) first and by itself.

Reboot

The Service Pack will take care of most of the updates.

Then install ALL Critical Updates (if any) no more than 3 at a time.

Start/All Programs/Windows Update

Reboot between each group.

Disconnect the network/modem cable before starting repair and do NOT reconnect the cable until repair is completed and firewall is installed/enabled.

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Make sure your computer is [Safe and Secure](#) when you are finished.

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