

## XP SP3

### Jmax's Opinion of SP3

The gurus at the VCC will tell you that you should download and install the SP3 for XP. But I've had so many people that ended up having to take their computer in to a computer shop for format & recovery to correct the problems caused them by Sp3 that I've continued to recommend not installing it. I suggest waiting until you buy a new computer and get one with SP3 installed.

I have not installed SP3. Microsoft tells you that SP3 installs all the missed updates and a few other little features. Since I install the regular updates except for IE7 and SP3, run anti-virus and anti-spyware, and my computer is humming, I don't figure those other little 'security' extras are worth the risk.

Also if you have ANY 'procured' Microsoft programs on your computer, SP3 is going to refuse to run correctly until you uninstall those and PURCHASE the legal copy of those programs. Quite frankly, I personally believe the main reason for Microsoft's SP3 is to detect those illegal copies of microsoft programs being used.

Here is one person's story after installing SP3.

Hi Maxine,

Since I mistakenly hit the download button to my Windows Update message a couple of weeks ago (which happened to be the SP3 installation update), none of my CD burning programs (Windows Media Player, Roxio, Nero, etc.) will copy audio CDs. However, I am able to burn photos and documents from my hard drive files to CDs and DVDs. None of my media software will allow me to rip music from my CDs to my hard drive either. So I called Dell (my computer is still under warranty) and after a couple of hours I was told that it's a "Windows problem" and that I will need to reinstall my XP operating system with SP3. Michael Ramesar, at MMD, also told me the same thing. I tried removing SP3, but once it is installed and messes up the system it doesn't do any good to remove it.

Another problem I have encountered since installing SP3, is that I am no longer able to copy and paste documents from Internet Explorer into MS Word documents. After highlighting the document to be copied and hitting Copy, and then clicking Paste on the MS Word, I receive the following message "There is insufficient memory or disk space. Close extra windows and save your work." This happens when there are no other windows open and even with paragraph sized documents.

Bottom line, don't install SP3 when your computer is operating satisfactorily. I believe you delivered this same message about a year ago. I actually didn't intend to, but I guess I got tired of SP3 always being included in the Windows automatic update notices of late and carelessly caused its installation. Bill Thuemmel

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