

Re: Replace Hard Drive After 3.5 Years?

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FYI

check the web there were 10" floppys but 8" were far more common both the websites below refer to the original 10" floppys, I don't think the memory is failing that bad just yet....but whats a couple of inches like NSM said it's a guy thing.....

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/compupedia129.html>

or <http://www.burlington.mec.edu/hs/helpdesk/hardware.htm>

here's a quote from one of the sites "A drive based on flexible media. The original floppy disks were 10 in. diameter. Later floppy drives were 5 1/4 in. in diameter. Both of these had flexible media and a flexible outer jacket. The current standard is a 3 1/2 inch floppy disk contained in a hard plastic case. Yet this not a hard drive. Its medium is still floppy. The current standard 3 1/2 floppy disk contains 1.44 MB of information. By default, the first floppy drive is designated A:"

they may come in all sizes but I still maintain if its important Do A Backup!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

cheers
chuck

"Attach bullseye here" <Plume@xxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:UV62e.40\\$bI3.15570@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:UV62e.40$bI3.15570@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
> "Vlad" <Bla@xxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:6vj541hhnejhkgkvs3pbub09fsgpce8d5@xxxxxxxxxxx
>> On Wed, 23 Mar 2005 21:45:16 -0500, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@xxxxxxxxxxx>
>> wrote:
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>>> James Sweet wrote:
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>>>> "Elle" <elle_navorski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>>> [news:E7G%d.1229\\$H06.793@xx](mailto:news:E7G%d.1229$H06.793@xx)
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>>>>> Is there an authoritative site on the web that discusses which
> computers
>>>>> have this hard drive memory threshold problem?

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>>>>Some specs:
>>>>Make: Gateway Essential 900C
>>>>CPU: Intel 900 Mhz Celeron
>>>>Original hard drive: 20 Gigabyte 5M Ultra ATA
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>>>>I have never gone over 10 Gigabytes of memory. I suppose because I
> don't
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>>>> do
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>>>>any serious graphics work or play video games. I use the computer
> mostly
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>>>> for
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>>>>word processing, spreadsheets, the internet, and faxing.
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>>>>This morning after making some calls and checking the internet a bit,
I
>>>>settled on a Seagate 80 Gigabyte Ultra ATA/100, 8 Mb cache, 7200 RPM
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>>>> drive,
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>>>>for \$90 at Best Buy.
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>>>>Coulda had a similar Western Digital for about \$70, but Seagate seems
> to
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>>>> get
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>>>>better reviews. Also, this Seagate hard drive has a 5-year warranty
> (whose
>>>>details I have not read yet).
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>>>>I can return it easily, should problems like the one you mentioned
> become
>>>>insurmountable.
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>>>>I won't get to installing it until tomorrow, at the earliest.
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>>>> There's no official database on it, but you have an OEM box so a
> call/email
>>>> to Gateway or look on their site for a BIOS update. Personally if in
> doubt I
>>>> would just check to see if there's a PCI slot free then pick up a new
>>>> interface card as they're not expensive. Get the largest drive you
can
> for

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>>> the \$, you can always transfer it to a newer faster machine later.
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>>> Also if you keep an eye out for killer deals it's not a bad idea to
get
> two
>>> drives and use one to backup the other.
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>>> Probably the best idea, and keep transferring the dat to new drives as
>>>you go.
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>>> For the original poster:
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>>> Don't make the mistake of thinking that archiving to CD's is any kind
>>>of archiving! If a person does a lot of research (to be sure to buy the
>>>correct ones and to learn the proper handling), never marks on the CD's
>>>ever,(store them in a jewel case and mark on that – go figure on what
to
>>>do if they get mixed up) stores them under ideal conditions, handles
>>>them only with gloves, and prays daily to the CD gods, they just
might
>>>last 10 years.
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>>> I've had a number of Archive CD's fail after a year. I now to backups
>>>to two separate Hard drives. One on the computer, and the other to a
>>>firewire drive.
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>>> – Mike –
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>> Creating an image (ghost) of your system drive is the way I have
>> resigned to do and as an external drive it can be used to back up
>> several computers.
>> Vlad
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> Until recently, I've gotten away with using a Conner Peripherals hard
drive
> of ~820 MB and even a 127MB drive from a PC/AT and the current stable is
2/3
> 1998 and before and includes ISA cards in some cases. I believe the high
> RPMs and increased stress brought along by improved storage technologies
> bring on an earlier demise. Few of my devices or cards are newer than 1999
> or 2000. I've never had a CD data backup fail. and I believe such problems
> are analogous to the CD rot troubles of the commercial audio industry. I
am
> certainly not so cavalier as to leave them out and about like some audio
CD
> consumers. I HAVE had CD failure and haven't gotten around to
investigating
> it with the mfg. That disc took about 8 years to fail also. Proper

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- > maintenance is always a good thing but proper selection of suitable
- > equipment seems more so.
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