

## Re: CD Rom Drive Problem, More Info

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"Brad" <bpetria@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi,

See my original post below.

The only problem (major problem) with the CD Rom drive is the initial access when I first insert a data CD rom (or audio CD), even when laptop is on for awhile and warmed up. I have to insert it many times before I finally have access (if I am lucky). Note: Each time I insert the CD, the drive attempts to "read" it several times before it aborts. Once the CD is

"accessed", there are no more problems. I can leave the data CD in the drive

all day (laptop power stays on via AC) and never have trouble reading the CD.

The CD will stop spinning when not accessed, but it never has any trouble spinning up later so I can access data from the CD rom. Once I remove the CD

rom or power down the laptop, my trouble starts all over again. Note:

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happens with other data CD roms too. This is why I wondered if the problem is

reading the "initial" track, and maybe the head can't position itself properly on that track? I had removed and examined the drive (I am a TV service tech.) and I couldn't see any dirt or restrictions that may prevent

the head from reaching the "initial" position.

Thanks in advance, Brad

I take it the replies on the subject the last time you posted weren't worthy of consideration or a response? And the time before that, and the time before that...

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Buy a new CDRom, either from the manufacturer (not cheap) or used from eBay, or get an external USB one. My guess is the motor bearing lubrication has dried/gummed up, the laser is weak or dirty, or it's just generally past it.

If you've serviced it, ie cleaned it thoroughly, cleaned the laser lens, relubed the sled rails, pinions etc, and it still doesn't work, how do you expect to repair it? You can't get parts for these– the entire assembly must be replaced.

A friendly Usenet tip:

The more you keep posting about the same subject over and over, the less interest you will get from the group. Eventually you'll appear in people's killfiles.

Dave

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