

UPDATE: Dead Laptop comes back to "Life" Mystery

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Hi,

Well it didn't last long, around 6 days, but this time it "died" while I was downloading. I will not spend any more time trying to fix this Compaq Presario 1200XL110. I removed the 3V RTC/CMOS battery, which I bought new. I check the voltage (2.98V).

Brad

On Wed, 23 Apr 2008 11:42:24 GMT, in sci.electronics.repair you wrote:

Hi,

I have a Compaq Presario 1200XL110 laptop (bought 2nd hand) with bad display (display "wires" disconnected). I used an external Monitor. I kept the laptop plugged into AC all the time and the battery installed. I had no problems the first few days. Note: the laptop was on from 7:30AM until around 5PM every day. Then one morning, I tried to turn it on, but absolutely nothing happened. The only indicator that was lit, which is always lit, is the plugged into AC indicator. Note: I am a TV, etc. (not computer) serviceman. I won't go into details of the tests I performed, which included testing the power switch.

I removed a dead (!) RTC/CMOS battery. Note: When the laptop "worked", there was no sign (loss of time/date) that the RTC/CMOS battery was going bad.

I put this laptop in a box (main battery removed). About 5 days later, I hooked it up to AC, but left the main battery out (RTC/CMOS battery removed). When I tried to turn it on, absolutely nothing happened so I put it back in the box (main battery removed).

Over a month later, I hooked up the laptop (main battery removed & no RTC battery). When I pressed the power button, it booted up!!!!!! I repeated shut down and power up. It boots up every time, although I see a warning message caused by no RTC/CMOS battery. I installed a new RTC/CMOS battery. I now use it on AC without the main battery installed. When I shut

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it down for the day, I remove AC power via the switch on the power strip.

Can someone explain this MYSTERY???

Thanks in advance, Brad

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