

Re: Power Inverters

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Clint Sharp <clint@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

Some of the Dell laptops can positively identify a genuine Dell PSU and won't charge if it isn't genuine. Dell put a silicon serial number IC inside the PSU which the laptop can read.

I thought Dell had stopped this BS [along with nonsense such as non-standard desktop power supply pinout], but in any case it's a reason to avoid Dell...

The cheap Targus unit that came with it will run the computer, but won't charge the battery (one of the reasons I got it so cheap).

It's fairly simple to add the serial number if you can find a defunct PSU (although a major reason for Dell adapters being faulty is that the serial number chip dies!) but genuine AC adaptors are pretty cheap on eBay.

How do you do this?

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& no one will talk to a host that's close.....[v].(301) 56-LINUX
Unless the host (that isn't close).....pob 1433
is busy, hung or dead.....20915-1433
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