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Thread: [Just bought a laptop on eBay](#)

sethwilliam - January 9, 2013, 10:50 pm

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?rew - January 9, 2013, 10:54 pm

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Do you have a copy of the OS you want?

If so I usually dban the hard drive let it wipe a few times (not necessary), then i install a fresh install of the OS. Then I install the drivers and set recovery point. Mostly set after that.

sethwilliam - January 9, 2013, 10:57 pm

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SHADOW REALM - January 10, 2013, 12:30 am

Do what krew said, there is no limit on how many times you can use the XP disc as far as i know.

I would tell you how to get the drivers but I'm on my iPad and the last couple of steps are hazy

SuaveSalmon - January 10, 2013, 12:33 am

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Just get the drivers on the website of the products website. Dell has all their drivers in a little area. Stick it on a USB, then get slim drivers :)

But dban it, or just pop in windows and hit format, the install :)

sethwilliam - January 10, 2013, 6:58 am

The laptop is a 2002 toshiba with windows xp where would the drivers be for that?

Oak? - January 10, 2013, 10:27 am

Just go to the Toshiba website click downloads and enter your pc model that you are buying. Download all the drivers for it.

Anakin™ - January 10, 2013, 11:14 am

I'd personally recommend you to install a new copy of Windows (or whatever OS you want) and download the drivers afterwards.

sethwilliam - January 10, 2013, 3:12 pm

Ok thx. Last question. The laptop comes with a wifi chip will that work after OS install or will I need drivers for that too? If I do need drivers for it how will I connect to the Internet to get them??? Thx

Anakin™ - January 10, 2013, 4:22 pm

To be sure, download the drivers' installer on an USB disk or any kind of memory device (except for your HDD obviously) prior to the system reinstall.

After you're done with reinstalling your OS, just install the drivers from there.

sethwilliam - January 10, 2013, 4:55 pm

Oh ok thx ill do that and post back here if I have any problems thx again

Oak? - January 11, 2013, 8:48 am

Good luck with everything, I hope it works out for you.

sethwilliam - January 11, 2013, 5:49 pm

Thx I just got it and its all fine restored to factory defaults and got the drivers. Thx for ur help

Executive - January 11, 2013, 6:10 pm

(Jan 10, 2013 12:14 PM)Anakin™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd personally recommend you to install a new copy of Windows (or whatever OS you want) and download the drivers afterwards. I would do this OP! what anakin said...Thanks anakin for writeing what i was going to write :)