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Thread: [How to remove Write Protection ?](#)

SunnyAkuma - January 6, 2014, 5:42 am

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Any suggestions?

Knautschtabak - January 6, 2014, 5:45 am

Have you tried these instructions:

<http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/how-to/storage/3456666/how-format-write-protected-flash-drive/>

Aura - January 6, 2014, 6:10 am

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SunnyAkuma - January 6, 2014, 12:33 pm

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I am getting this error when i try to format with Low Level Format software :/

Even the Low Level Format tool says the Disk is write Protected : /

What to do ??

desynk - January 6, 2014, 12:35 pm

As another user suggested, sometimes these memory cards have a switch you can toggle to enable/disable write access. Did you check for that?

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Crake - January 6, 2014, 12:43 pm

Have you tried wiping it using a linux box?

Aura - January 6, 2014, 12:44 pm

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If you have been infected with a virus, you should go get checked by a MRT member before doing anything else. Go post a thread in the MRT section with all the required informations (logs), that can be found here :

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3788670>