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Thread: [Lenovo Thinkpad can't save bios](#)

bob123123123 - April 9, 2024, 11:44 am

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Undead - April 10, 2024, 2:56 am

Any chance BitLocker is enabled on this laptop with TPM?

bob123123123 - April 10, 2024, 4:43 pm

Hi Undead. Yes I believe it is. How would bitlocker in windows on an M.2 drive prevent me from changing the bios on a laptop?

I started by removing the hard drive and putting my own in and of course it won't boot from it. Should I try modifying the bios with the original drive in it? Would that make a difference?

Undead - April 11, 2024, 1:35 am

On some older ThinkPads there was a way to short circuit the BIOS to reset passwords etc but I'm not sure if that can be done on newer models. I think you should search this issue with your laptop model.

mordock1998 - May 1, 2024, 8:49 am

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sounds like you're encountering a BIOS (or UEFI firmware) write protection feature, is designed to prevent unauthorized modifications to critical system settings, including Secure Boot to prevent tampering.

i guess u should check for BIOS update or reset BIOS settings: Some Lenovo laptops have a "Reset to Default" or "Factory Reset" option in the BIOS settings, try resetting the BIOS settings to default and then attempt to disable secure Boot again :)