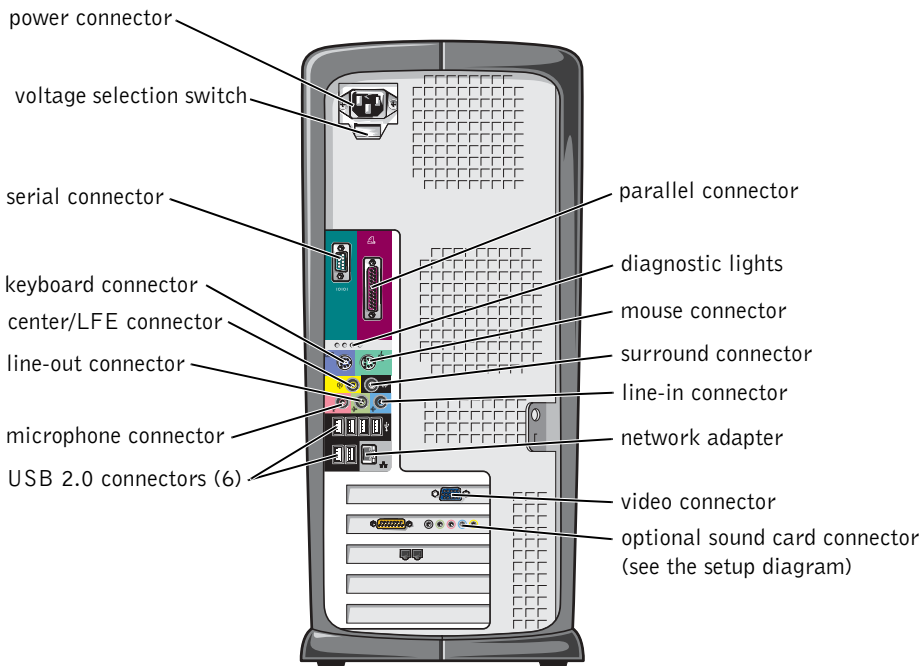
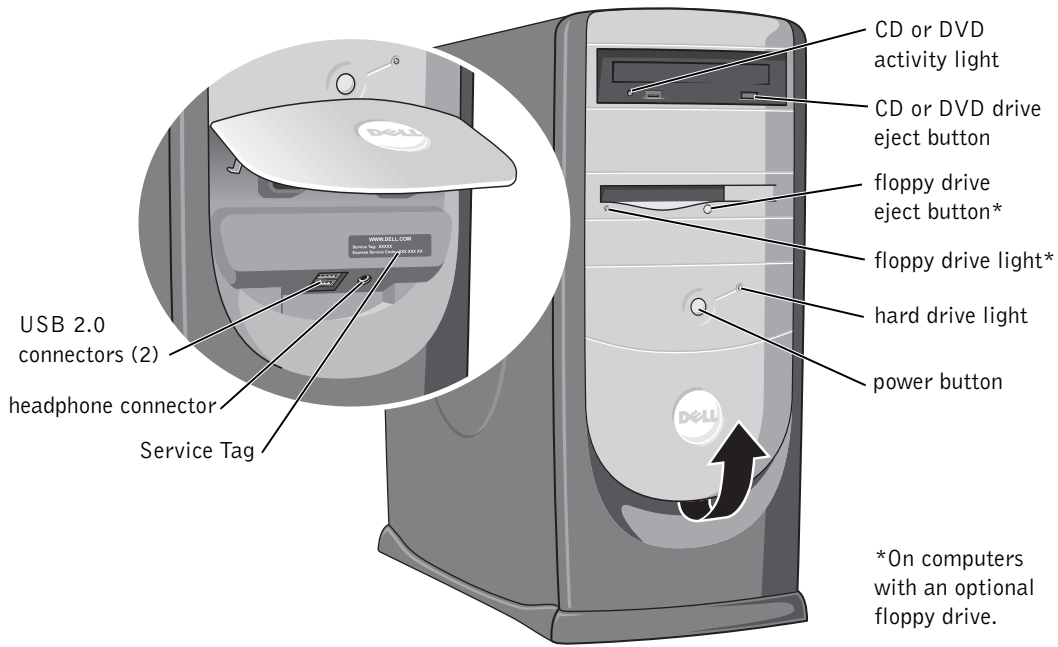


Dell™ Dimension™ 8300 Series



Notes, Notices, and Cautions



NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.



NOTICE: A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.



CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see the *Tell Me How* help file. To access help files, see page 32.

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CAUTION: Safety Instructions

Use the following safety guidelines to help ensure your own personal safety and to help protect your computer and working environment from potential damage.

SAFETY: General

- Do not attempt to service the computer yourself unless you are a trained service technician. Always follow installation instructions closely.
- To help prevent electric shock, plug the computer and device power cables into properly grounded electrical outlets. These cables are equipped with 3-prong plugs to help ensure proper grounding. Do not use adapter plugs or remove the grounding prong from a cable. If you must use an extension cable, use a 3-wire cable with properly grounded plugs.
- To help avoid the potential hazard of electric shock, do not use your computer during an electrical storm.
- To help avoid the potential hazard of electric shock, do not connect or disconnect any cables or perform maintenance or reconfiguration of this product during an electrical storm.
- If your computer includes a modem, the cable used with the modem should be manufactured with a minimum wire size of 26 American wire gauge (AWG) and an FCC-compliant RJ-11 modular plug.
- Before you clean your computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet. Clean your computer with a soft cloth dampened with water. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners, which may contain flammable substances.
- To help avoid possible damage to the system board, wait 5 seconds after turning off the computer before disconnecting a device from the computer.
- To avoid shorting out your computer when disconnecting a network cable, first unplug the cable from the network adapter on the back of your computer, and then from the network jack. When reconnecting a network cable to your computer, first plug the cable into the network jack, and then into the network adapter.
- To help protect your computer from sudden, transient increases and decreases in electrical power, use a surge suppressor, line conditioner, or uninterruptible power supply (UPS).
- Ensure that nothing rests on your computer's cables and that the cables are not located where they can be stepped on or tripped over.
- Do not push any objects into the openings of your computer. Doing so can cause fire or electric shock by shorting out interior components.
- Keep your computer away from radiators and heat sources. Also, do not block cooling vents. Avoid placing loose papers underneath your computer; do not place your computer in a closed-in wall unit or on a bed, sofa, or rug.



SAFETY: When Using Your Computer

As you use your computer, observe the following safe-handling guidelines.

⚠ CAUTION: Do not operate your computer with any cover(s) (including computer covers, bezels, filler brackets, front-panel inserts, and so on) removed.

- Your computer is equipped with one of the following:
 - A fixed-voltage power supply — Computers with a fixed-voltage power supply do not have a voltage selection switch on the back panel and operate at only one voltage (see the regulatory label on the outside of the computer for its operating voltage).
 - An auto-sensing voltage circuit — Computers with an auto-sensing voltage circuit do not have a voltage selection switch on the back panel and automatically detect the correct operating voltage.
 - A manual voltage selection switch — Computers with a voltage selection switch on the back panel must be manually set to operate at the correct operating voltage. Set the switch to the position that most closely matches the voltage used in your location.



➡ NOTICE: To help avoid damaging a computer with a manual voltage selection switch, set the switch for the voltage that most closely matches the AC power available in your location. For Japan, the voltage selection switch must be set to the 115-V position even though the AC power available in Japan is 100 V. Also, ensure that your monitor and attached devices are electrically rated to operate with the AC power available in your location.

- Before working inside the computer, unplug the computer to help prevent electric shock or system board damage. Certain system board components continue to receive power any time the computer is connected to AC power.

SAFETY: When Working Inside Your Computer

Before you open the computer cover, perform the following steps in the sequence indicated.

⚠ CAUTION: Do not attempt to service the computer yourself, except as explained in your online Dell™ documentation or in instructions otherwise provided to you by Dell. Always follow installation and service instructions closely.

➡ NOTICE: To help avoid possible damage to the system board, wait 5 seconds after turning off the computer before removing a component from the system board or disconnecting a device from the computer.

- 1 Perform an orderly computer shutdown using the operating system menu.
- 2 Turn off your computer and any devices connected to the computer.
- 3 Ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface on the chassis, such as the metal around the card-slot openings at the back of the computer, before touching anything inside your computer.

While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis to dissipate any static electricity that might harm internal components.

- 4 Disconnect your computer and devices, including the monitor, from their electrical outlets. Also, disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.

Doing so reduces the potential for personal injury or shock.

In addition, take note of these safety guidelines when appropriate:

- When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its strain-relief loop, not on the cable itself. Some cables have a connector with locking tabs; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before disconnecting the cable. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. Also, before you connect a cable, ensure that both connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.
- Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a microprocessor chip by its edges, not by its pins.



CAUTION: There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Do not dispose of the battery along with household waste. Contact your local waste disposal agency for the address of the nearest battery deposit site.

SAFETY: Protecting Against Electrostatic Discharge

Static electricity can harm delicate components inside your computer. To prevent static damage, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your computer's electronic components, such as the microprocessor. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer chassis.

As you continue to work inside the computer, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to remove any static charge your body may have accumulated.

You can also take the following steps to prevent damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD):

- Do not remove components from their antistatic packing material until you are ready to install the component in your computer. Just before unwrapping the antistatic packaging, discharge static electricity from your body.
- When transporting an electrostatic sensitive component, first place it in an antistatic container or packaging.
- Handle all electrostatic sensitive components in a static-safe area. If possible, use antistatic floor pads and workbench pads.

SAFETY: Ergonomic Computing Habits



CAUTION: Improper or prolonged keyboard use may result in injury.



CAUTION: Viewing the monitor screen for extended periods of time may result in eye strain.

For comfort and efficiency, observe the ergonomic guidelines in the *Tell Me How* help file when setting up and using your computer. To access the help file, see page 32.




SAFETY: Battery Disposal




Your computer uses a lithium coin-cell battery. The lithium coin-cell battery is a long-life battery, and it is very possible that you will never need to replace it. However, should you need to replace it, see page 110.

Do not dispose of the battery along with household waste. Contact your local waste disposal agency for the address of the nearest battery deposit site.

Finding Information for Your Computer

What are you looking for?	Find It Here
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A diagnostic program for my computer• Drivers for my computer• My computer documentation• My device documentation	<p>Resource CD</p>  <p>Documentation and drivers are already installed on your computer when shipped from Dell. You can use the CD to reinstall drivers (see page 62), run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 58), or access your documentation.</p> <p>Readme files may be included on your CD to provide last-minute updates about technical changes to your computer or advanced technical-reference material for experienced users or technicians.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to set up a printer• How to troubleshoot and solve problems• How to remove and install parts• How to contact Dell	<p>Owner's Manual</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to set up my computer	<p>Setup Diagram</p> 

What are you looking for?	Find It Here
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips on using Windows • How to clean my computer • How to use my mouse and keyboard 	<p>Tell Me How Help File</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support. 2 Click User and system guides and click User's guides. 3 Click Tell Me How.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express Service Code and Service Tag • Microsoft® Windows® License Label 	<p>Express Service Code and Product Key Label</p>  <p>These labels are located on your computer.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest drivers for my computer • Answers to technical service and support questions • Online discussions with other users and technical support • Documentation for my computer 	<p>Dell Support Website</p> <p>The Dell Support website provides several online tools, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions — Troubleshooting hints and tips, articles from technicians, and online courses • Community Forum — Online discussion with other Dell customers • Upgrades — Upgrade information for components, such as memory, the hard drive, and the operating system • Customer Care — Contact information, order status, warranty, and repair information • Downloads — Drivers, patches, and software updates • Reference — Computer documentation, product specifications, and white papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use Windows XP • Documentation for my computer • Documentation for devices (such as a modem) 	<p>Windows Help and Support Center</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support. 2 Type a word or phrase that describes your problem and click the arrow icon. 3 Click the topic that describes your problem. 4 Follow the instructions on the screen.

What are you looking for?

- How to reinstall my operating system

Find It Here**Operating System CD**

After you reinstall your operating system using the Operating System Reinstallation CD, use the ResourceCD to reinstall drivers for the devices that came with your computer.

The product key for your operating system is located on your computer.

SECTION 1

Setting Up and Using Your Computer

Setting Up a Printer

Transferring Information to a New Computer

Setting Up a Home and Office Network


Connecting to the Internet

Copying CDs and DVDs

Hyper-Threading

Turning Off Your Computer

Setting Up a Printer

 **NOTICE:** Complete the operating system setup before you connect a printer to the computer.

See the documentation that came with the printer for setup information, including how to:


- Obtain and install updated drivers.
- Connect the printer to the computer.
- Load paper and install the toner or ink cartridge.
- Contact the printer manufacturer for technical assistance.

Printer Cable

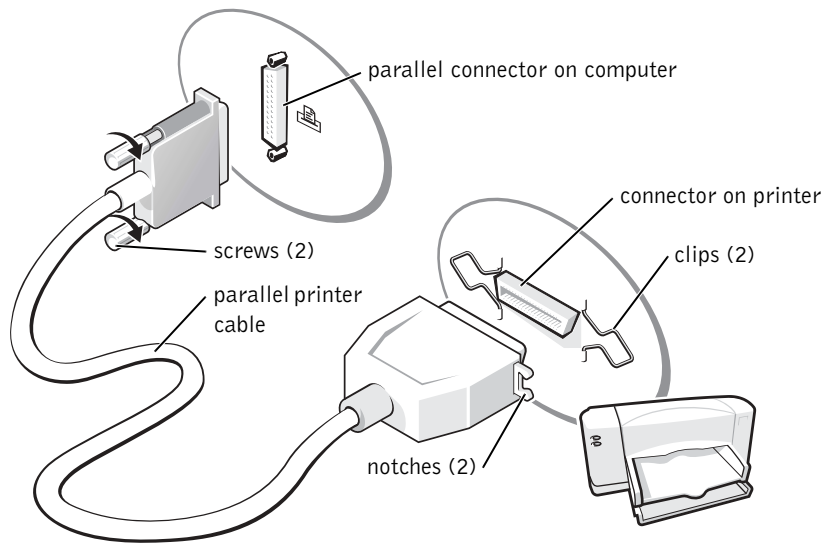
Your printer connects to your computer with either a USB cable or a parallel cable. Your printer may not come with a printer cable, so if you purchase a cable separately, ensure that it is compatible with your printer. If you purchased a printer cable at the same time you purchased your computer, the cable may arrive in the computer box.

Connecting a Parallel Printer

- 1 Complete the operating system setup, if you have not already done so.
- 2 Turn off the computer (see page 27).


 **NOTICE:** For best results, use a 3-m (10-ft) or shorter parallel cable.

- 3 Attach the parallel printer cable to the parallel connector on the computer and tighten the two screws. Attach the cable to the connector on the printer and snap the two clips into the two notches.



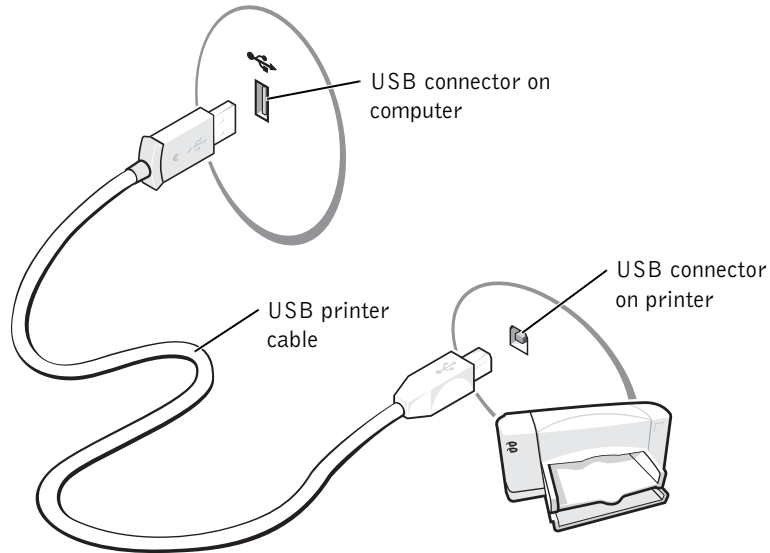
- 4 Turn on the printer and then turn on the computer. If the **Add New Hardware Wizard** window appears, click **Cancel**.
- 5 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.

Connecting a USB Printer

 **NOTE:** You can connect USB devices while the computer is turned on.

- 1 Complete the operating system setup if you have not already done so.
- 2 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.

- 3 Attach the USB printer cable to the USB connectors on the computer and the printer. The USB connectors fit only one way.



Transferring Information to a New Computer

The Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system provides a Files and Settings Transfer wizard to move data from the source computer to the new computer. You can move data such as:

- E-mails
- Toolbar settings
- Window sizes
- Internet bookmarks

You can transfer the data to the new computer over a network or serial connection, or you can store it on a removable medium, such as a writable CD or floppy disk.

To prepare the new computer for the file transfer:

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**System Tools**, and then click **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard**.
- 2 When the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen appears, click **Next**.
- 3 On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **New Computer** and click **Next**.
- 4 On the **Do you have a Windows XP CD?** screen, click **I will use the wizard from the Windows XP CD** and click **Next**.
- 5 When the **Now go to your old computer** screen appears, go to your old or source computer. *Do not* click **Next** at this time.

To copy data from the old computer:

- 1 On the old computer, insert the *Windows XP Operating System* CD.
- 2 On the **Welcome to Microsoft Windows XP** screen, click **Perform additional tasks**.
- 3 Under **What do you want to do?**, click **Transfer files and settings**.
- 4 On the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen, click **Next**.
- 5 On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **Old Computer** and click **Next**.
- 6 On the **Select a transfer method** screen, click the transfer method you prefer.
- 7 On the **What do you want to transfer?** screen, select the items you want to transfer and click **Next**.

After the information has been copied, the **Completing the Collection Phase** screen appears.

- 8 Click **Finish**.

To transfer data to the new computer:

- 1 On the **Now go to your old computer** screen on the new computer, click **Next**.
- 2 On the **Where are the files and settings?** screen, select the method you chose for transferring your settings and files and click **Next**.

The wizard reads the collected files and settings and applies them to your new computer.

When all of the settings and files have been applied, the **Finished** screen appears.


- 3 Click **Finished** and restart the new computer.

Setting Up a Home and Office Network


Connecting to a Network Adapter

Before you connect your computer to a network, the computer must have a network adapter installed and a network cable connected to it.

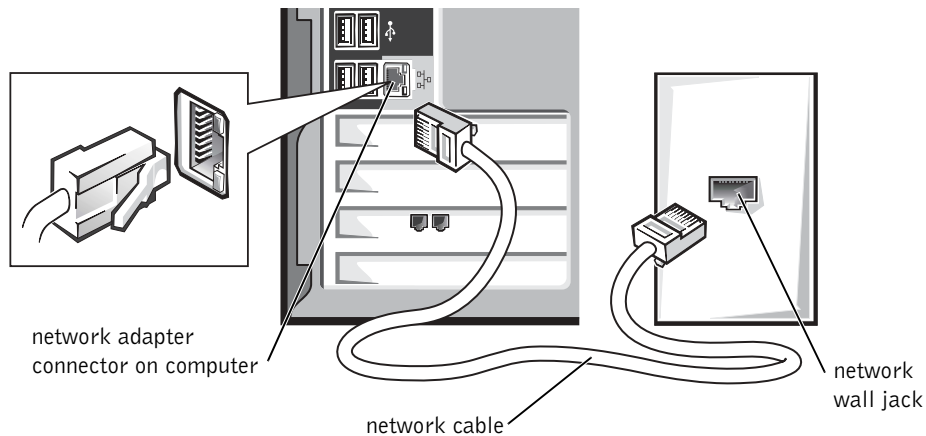
To connect a network cable:

 **NOTE:** Insert the cable until it clicks into place, and then gently pull it to ensure that it is secure.

- 1 Connect the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back of your computer.

 **NOTE:** Do not use a network cable with a telephone wall jack.

- 2 Connect the other end of the network cable to a network connection device, such as a network wall jack.




Network Setup Wizard

The Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system provides a Network Setup Wizard to guide you through the process of sharing files, printers, or an Internet connection between computers in a home or small office.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**Communications**, and then click **Network Setup Wizard**.
- 2 On the welcome screen, click **Next**.

3 Click **Checklist for creating a network**.

 **NOTE:** Selecting the connection method **This computer connects directly to the Internet** enables the integrated firewall provided with Windows XP.

4 Complete the checklist and required preparations.

5 Return to the Network Setup Wizard and follow the instructions on the screen.

Connecting to the Internet

 **NOTE:** ISPs and ISP offerings vary by country.

To connect to the Internet, you need a modem or network connection and an Internet service provider (ISP), such as AOL or MSN. Your ISP will offer one or more of the following Internet connection options:

- Dial-up connections that provide Internet access through a phone line. Dial-up connections are considerably slower than DSL and cable modem connections.
- DSL connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your existing phone line. With a DSL connection, you can access the Internet and use your phone on the same line simultaneously.
- Cable modem connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your local cable TV line.

If you are using a dial-up connection, connect a telephone line to the modem connector on your computer and to the telephone wall jack before you set up your Internet connection. If you are using a DSL or cable modem connection, contact your ISP for setup instructions.

Setting Up Your Internet Connection

To set up an AOL or MSN connection:

- 1** Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
- 2** Double-click the **MSN Explorer** or **AOL** icon on the Windows[®] desktop.
- 3** Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.

If you do not have an **MSN Explorer** or **AOL** icon on your desktop or if you want to set up an Internet connection with a different ISP:

- 1** Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
- 2** Click the **Start** button and click **Internet Explorer**.
The **New Connection Wizard** appears.
- 3** Click **Connect to the Internet**.
- 4** In the next window, click the appropriate option:
 - If you do not have an ISP and want to select one, click **Choose from a list of Internet service providers (ISPs)**.
 - If you have already obtained setup information from your ISP but you did not receive a setup CD, click **Set up my connection manually**.
 - If you have a CD, click **Use the CD I got from an ISP**.
- 5** Click **Next**.

If you selected **Set up my connection manually**, continue to step 6. Otherwise, follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.




NOTE: If you do not know which type of connection to select, contact your ISP.

- 6** Click the appropriate option under **How do you want to connect to the Internet?**, and then click **Next**.
- 7** Use the setup information provided by your ISP to complete the setup.

If you are having problems connecting to the Internet, see "E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems" on page 35. If you cannot connect to the Internet but have successfully connected in the past, the ISP might have a service outage. Contact your ISP to check the service status, or try connecting again later.


Copying CDs and DVDs


 **NOTE:** Ensure that you follow all copyright laws when you create CDs or DVDs.

This section applies only to computers that have a CD-R, CD-RW, DVD+RW, DVD+R, or DVD/CD-RW combo drive.

The following instructions show how to make an exact copy of a CD or DVD. You can also use Sonic RecordNow for other purposes, including creating CDs from audio files on your computer and creating MP3 CDs. For instructions, see the Sonic RecordNow documentation that came with your computer. Open Sonic RecordNow, click the question mark icon in the upper-right corner of the window, and then click **RecordNow Help** or **RecordNow Tutorial**.

How to Copy a CD or DVD

 **NOTE:** If you have a DVD/CD-RW combo drive and you experience recording problems, check for available software patches at the Sonic support website at support.sonic.com.

 **NOTE:** Most commercial DVDs have copyright protection and cannot be copied using Sonic RecordNow.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Sonic**→**RecordNow!**→**RecordNow!**.
- 2 Click either the audio tab or the data tab, depending on the kind of CD you are planning to copy.
- 3 Click **Exact Copy**.
- 4 To copy the CD or DVD:
 - *If you have one CD or DVD drive*, ensure that the settings are correct and click **Copy**. The computer reads your source CD or DVD and copies it to a temporary folder on your computer hard drive.
When prompted, insert a blank CD or DVD into the CD or DVD drive and click **OK**.
 - *If you have two CD or DVD drives*, select the drive into which you have inserted your source CD or DVD and click **Copy**. The computer copies the data on the CD or DVD to the blank CD or DVD.

Once you have finished copying the source CD or DVD, the CD or DVD that you have created automatically ejects.

Using Blank CD-Rs and CD-RWs

Your CD-RW drive can write to two different types of recording media—CD-Rs and CD-RWs. Use blank CD-Rs to record music or permanently store data files. After creating a CD-R, you cannot write to that CD-R again without changing your method of recording (see the Sonic documentation for more information). Use blank CD-RWs to write to CDs or to erase, rewrite, or update data on CDs.

Helpful Tips

- Use Microsoft® Windows® Explorer to drag and drop files to a CD-R or CD-RW only after you start Sonic RecordNow and open a RecordNow project.
- You must use CD-Rs to burn music CDs that you want to play in regular stereos. CD-RWs do not play in most home or car stereos.
- You cannot create audio DVDs with Sonic RecordNow.
- Music MP3 files can be played only on MP3 players or on computers that have MP3 software installed.
- Do not burn a blank CD-R or CD-RW to its maximum capacity; for example, do not copy a 650-MB file to a 650-MB blank CD. The CD-RW drive needs 1 or 2 MB of the blank CD to finalize the recording.
- Use a blank CD-RW to practice CD recording until you are familiar with CD recording techniques. If you make a mistake, you can erase the data on the CD-RW and try again. You can also use blank CD-RWs to test music file projects before you record the project permanently to a blank CD-R.
- See the Sonic support website at support.sonic.com for additional information.

Hyper-Threading


Hyper-Threading is an Intel® technology that can enhance overall computer performance by allowing one physical microprocessor to function as two logical microprocessors, capable of performing certain tasks simultaneously. It is recommended that you use the Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system because Windows XP is optimized to take advantage of Hyper-Threading technology. While many programs can benefit from Hyper-Threading, some programs have not been optimized for Hyper-Threading and may require an update from the software manufacturer. Contact the software manufacturer for updates and information about using Hyper-Threading with your software.

To determine if your computer is using Hyper-Threading technology:

- 1 Click the **Start** button, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties**.
- 2 Click **Hardware** and click **Device Manager**.
- 3 In the **Device Manager** window, click the plus (+) sign next to the processor type. If Hyper-Threading is enabled, the processor is listed twice.

You can enable or disable Hyper-Threading through the system setup program. For more information on accessing the system setup program, see page 107. For more information on Hyper-Threading, search the Knowledge Base on the Dell Support website at support.dell.com.

Turning Off Your Computer

 **NOTICE:** To avoid losing data, turn off your computer by performing a Microsoft® Windows® operating system shutdown, as described next, rather than by pressing the power button.

- 1 Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, click the **Start** button, and then click **Turn Off Computer**.
- 2 In the **Turn off computer** window, click **Turn off**.

The computer turns off after the shutdown process finishes.

SECTION 2

Solving Problems

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Drive Problems

E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems

Error Messages

General Problems

IEEE 1394 Device Problems

Keyboard Problems

Mouse Problems

Network Problems

Power Problems

Printer Problems

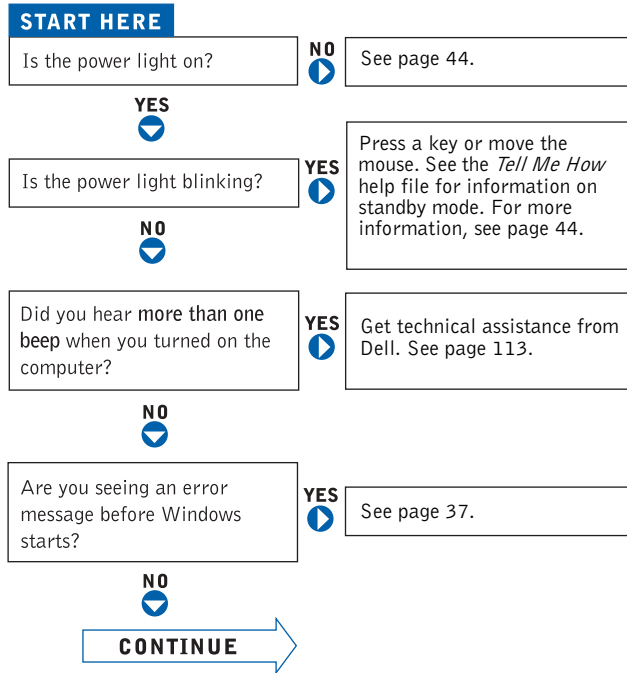
Scanner Problems

Sound and Speaker Problems

Video and Monitor Problems

Finding Solutions

Sometimes it's difficult to figure out where to go for answers. Use this chart to help you quickly find the answers to your questions.



<p>Are you having a problem with...</p> <p>NO</p>	▶	video or the monitor?	YES	▶	See page 50.
		sound or the speakers?	YES	▶	See page 48.
		the printer?	YES	▶	See page 46.
		the modem?	YES	▶	See page 35.
		the mouse?	YES	▶	See page 42.
		the keyboard?	YES	▶	See page 42.
		the hard drive or a disk drive?	YES	▶	See page 33.
		the network adapter?	YES	▶	See page 44.
		the scanner?	YES	▶	See page 47.
		Windows error messages?	YES	▶	See page 37.
		a program?	YES	▶	See page 38.
		the Internet?	YES	▶	See page 35.
		your e-mail?	YES	▶	See page 35.
	<p>Are you having some other type of problem?</p>	YES	▶		See page 38.

Finding Help Information

To ACCESS THE TELL ME HOW HELP FILE —


- 1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support.
- 2 Click User and system guides and click User's guides.
- 3 Click Tell Me How.


To ACCESS WINDOWS HELP —

- 1 Click the Start button and click Help and Support.
- 2 Type a word or phrase that describes your problem and click the arrow icon.
- 3 Click the topic that describes your problem.
- 4 Follow the instructions shown on the screen.

To LOCATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMPUTER — See page 13.

Battery Problems

 **CAUTION:** There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

REPLACE THE BATTERY — If you have to repeatedly reset time and date information after turning on the computer, or if an incorrect time or date displays during start-up, replace the battery (see page 110). If the battery still does not work properly, contact Dell (see page 113).

Drive Problems

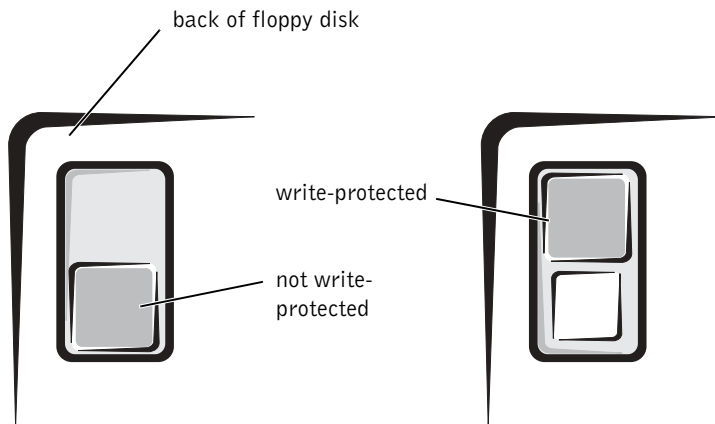
Floppy drive problems

ENSURE THAT WINDOWS® RECOGNIZES THE DRIVE — Click the Start button and click My Computer. If the floppy drive is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

TEST THE DRIVE —

- Insert another disk to eliminate the possibility that the original floppy disk is defective.
- Insert a bootable floppy disk and reboot the computer.


ENSURE THAT THE DISK IS NOT FULL OR WRITE-PROTECTED — Ensure that the disk has available space and that it is not write-protected (locked). See the following figure.



NOTICE: Do not attempt to clean drive heads with a swab. You may accidentally misalign the heads, which can render the drive inoperable.

CLEAN THE DRIVE — Use a commercially available cleaning kit.

CD drive problems

 **NOTE:** High-speed CD drive vibration is normal and may cause noise, which does not indicate a defect in the drive or the CD.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen.

- Ensure that the volume is turned up by clicking the slider and dragging it up.
- Ensure that the sound is not muted by clicking any boxes that are checked.

TEST THE DRIVE WITH ANOTHER CD — Insert another CD to eliminate the possibility that the original CD is defective.

CHECK THE SPEAKERS AND SUBWOOFER — See "Sound and Speaker Problems" on page 48.

ENSURE THAT WINDOWS RECOGNIZES THE DRIVE — Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**. If the CD drive is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.


CLEAN THE DISC — See the *Tell Me How* help file for instructions on cleaning your CDs. To access help files, see page 32.

Problems writing to a CD-RW drive

CLOSE OTHER PROGRAMS — The CD-RW drive must receive a steady stream of data when writing. If the stream is interrupted, an error occurs. Try closing all programs before writing to the CD-RW.

TURN OFF STANDBY MODE IN WINDOWS BEFORE WRITING TO A CD-RW DISC — For information on power conservation modes, see the *Tell Me How* help file or search for the keyword *standby* in Windows Help. To access help files, see page 32.

DVD drive problems

 **NOTE:** Because of different regions worldwide and different disc formats, not all DVD titles work in all DVD drives.

TEST THE DRIVE WITH ANOTHER DVD — Insert another DVD to eliminate the possibility that the original DVD is defective.

ENSURE THAT WINDOWS RECOGNIZES THE DRIVE — Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**. If the DVD drive is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

CLEAN THE DISC — See the *Tell Me How* help file for instructions on cleaning your DVDs. To access help files, see page 32.


CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

Hard drive problems

RUN CHECK DISK —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**.
- 2 Right-click the drive letter (local disk) that you want to scan for errors, and then click **Properties**.
- 3 Click the **Tools** tab.
- 4 Under **Error-checking**, click **Check Now**.
- 5 Click **Start**.

E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems

 **NOTE:** Connect the modem to an analog telephone jack only. The modem does not operate while it is connected to a digital telephone network.

CHECK THE TELEPHONE LINE CONNECTION — Verify that the telephone line is connected to the jack on the modem. (The jack has either a green label or a connector-shaped icon next to it.) Ensure that you hear a click when you insert the telephone line connector into the modem.

CHECK THE TELEPHONE JACK — Disconnect the telephone line from the modem and connect it to a telephone. Listen for a dial tone.

CONNECT THE MODEM DIRECTLY TO THE TELEPHONE WALL JACK — If you have other telephone devices sharing the line, such as an answering machine, fax machine, surge protector, or line splitter, then bypass them and use the telephone to connect the modem directly to the telephone wall jack.

USE A DIFFERENT TELEPHONE LINE — If you are using a line that is 3 m (10 ft) or more in length, try a shorter one.

RUN THE MODEM HELPER DIAGNOSTICS — Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**, and then click **Modem Helper**. Follow the instructions on the screen to identify and resolve modem problems. (Modem Helper is not available on all computers.)

VERIFY THAT THE MODEM IS COMMUNICATING WITH WINDOWS® —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
 - 2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
 - 3 Click **Phone and Modem Options**.
 - 4 Click the **Modems** tab.
 - 5 Click the COM port for your modem.
 - 6 Click **Properties**, click the **Diagnostics** tab, and then click **Query Modem** to verify that the modem is communicating with Windows.
- If all commands receive responses, the modem is operating properly.

TURN OFF CALL WAITING (CATCH-PHONE) — See your telephone directory for instructions on deactivating this feature. Then adjust the dial-up networking connection properties.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click **Phone and Modem Options**.
- 3 Click your connection type to highlight it.
- 4 Click the **Dialing Rules** tab and click **Edit**.
- 5 Click the **To Disable Call Waiting** box to place a checkmark in it.
- 6 Select the disable code from the drop-down menu (for example, *70).
- 7 Click **Apply** and click **OK**.

ENSURE THAT YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET — With the Outlook Express e-mail program open, click **File**. If **Work Offline** has a checkmark next to it, click the checkmark to remove it and connect to the Internet.

ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER — Contact an Internet service provider to subscribe.

CONTACT YOUR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER — Contact your Internet service provider for assistance.

Error Messages

If the message is not listed, see the documentation for the operating system or the program that was running when the message appeared.

A FILENAME CANNOT CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS: \ / : * ? " < > | — Do not use these characters in filenames.

A REQUIRED .DLL FILE WAS NOT FOUND — The program that you are trying to open is missing an essential file. To remove and then reinstall the program:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Add or Remove Programs**.
- 3 Select the program you want to remove.
- 4 Click the **Change or Remove Program** icon.
- 5 See the program documentation for installation instructions.

INSERT BOOTABLE MEDIA — The operating system is trying to boot to a nonbootable floppy disk or CD. Insert a bootable floppy disk or CD.

NON-SYSTEM DISK ERROR — A floppy disk is in the floppy drive. Remove the floppy disk and restart the computer.

NOT ENOUGH MEMORY OR RESOURCES. CLOSE SOME PROGRAMS AND TRY AGAIN —

You have too many programs open. Close all windows and open the program that you want to use. In some cases, you might have to restart your computer to restore computer resources. If so, run the program that you want to use first.

OPERATING SYSTEM NOT FOUND — Contact Dell (see page 113).

THE FILE BEING COPIED IS TOO LARGE FOR THE DESTINATION DRIVE — The file that you are trying to copy is too large to fit on the disk. Try copying the file to a blank disk or using a larger-capacity disk.

x:\ IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE DEVICE IS NOT READY — The floppy drive cannot read the disk. Insert a floppy disk into the drive and try again.

General Problems

The computer stops responding

TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If your computer locks up and you are unable to get a response by pressing a key on your keyboard or moving your mouse, press and hold the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Then press the power button again to turn on the computer. You might lose data if you are unable to perform an operating system shutdown.

A program stops responding

END THE PROGRAM —

- 1 Press <Ctrl><Shift><Esc> simultaneously.
- 2 Click **Applications**.
- 3 Click the program that is no longer responding.
- 4 Click **End Task**.

A program crashes repeatedly



NOTE: Software usually includes installation instructions in its documentation or on a floppy disk or CD.

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION — Many software manufacturers maintain websites with information that may help you solve the problem. Ensure that you properly installed and configured the program. If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

A program is designed for an earlier Microsoft® Windows® operating system

RUN THE PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY WIZARD —

Windows XP provides a Program Compatibility Wizard that configures a program so it runs in an environment similar to non-Windows XP operating system environments.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**, and then click **Program Compatibility Wizard**.
- 2 In the welcome screen, click **Next**.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen.

A solid blue screen appears

TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If the computer does not respond to a keystroke or a proper shutdown, press the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Press the power button again to restart the computer. The chkdsk program automatically runs during the start-up process. Follow the instructions on the screen.

Other software problems

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION OR CONTACT THE SOFTWARE MANUFACTURER FOR TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION

BACK UP YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY — If your computer has a CD-RW drive or a zip drive installed, see the drive's documentation for instructions.

ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT MADE AN ERROR WHILE ENTERING DATA — See the program documentation to ensure that the values or characters you are entering are valid.

CHECK FOR VIRUSES — Use a virus-scanning program to check the hard drive, floppy disks, or CDs.

RESTART THE COMPUTER — Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and then shut down your computer through the **Start** menu instead of by pressing the power button. Otherwise, you may lose data.

CHECK FOR COMPATIBILITY —

- Ensure that the program is compatible with the operating system installed on your computer and that your computer meets the minimum hardware requirements needed to run the software. See the software documentation for information.
- If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

ENSURE THAT YOU PROPERLY INSTALLED AND CONFIGURED THE PROGRAM — See the software documentation for information. If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

Other technical problems

GO TO THE DELL SUPPORT WEBSITE — Go to support.dell.com for help with general usage, installation, and troubleshooting questions. The support website offers several different tools to help you, such as Dell Forum—a chat room where you can communicate with other Dell customers about their computers and gain access to technical support through e-mail. See "Dell Support Website" on page 14 for more information about the website. See "Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)" on page 112 for a description of the hardware and software support provided by Dell.

CALL DELL — If you cannot solve your problem using the Dell Support website or e-mail service, call Dell for technical assistance (see page 112). See "Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)" on page 112 for a description of the hardware and software support provided by Dell.

General hardware problems

If your computer exhibits one or more of the following symptoms, a device conflict may exist:

- Your computer locks up, particularly while using a specific device.
- A recently added device does not work.
- A sound card emits noise or demonstrates other problems.


- Unintelligible characters print from the printer.
- The mouse pointer does not move or "stutters" when it moves.
- Messages appear stating that the computer is not operating at maximum performance.
- Errors occur and programs crash for no apparent reason.
- Nothing displays on the monitor.

REMOVE ANY RECENTLY ADDED HARDWARE TO SEE IF IT RESOLVES THE CONFLICT — If removing the hardware resolves the conflict, see the hardware documentation for configuration and troubleshooting instructions. If the problem persists, contact the hardware manufacturer for technical assistance.

CHECK YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION FOR ADDITIONAL TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION

CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

IEEE 1394 Device Problems

 **NOTE:** Check Windows Explorer to see if your device is listed as a drive.

CHECK THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE — Ensure that the IEEE 1394 device is properly inserted into the connector.

ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS® —

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.

2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.

If your IEEE 1394 device is listed, Windows recognizes the device.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL-PROVIDED IEEE 1394 DEVICE — Contact Dell (see page 113).

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN IEEE 1394 DEVICE NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer.

Keyboard Problems

RESTART THE COMPUTER —

- If the mouse is functioning, shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27). After the computer shuts down, press the power button to restart the computer.
- If the computer does not respond to a keystroke or the mouse, press the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Press the power button again to restart the computer.

CHECK THE KEYBOARD CABLE —

- Ensure that the keyboard cable is firmly connected to the computer.
- Shut down the computer (see page 27), reconnect the keyboard cable as shown on the *Start Here* setup diagram for your computer, and then restart the computer.
- Check the cable connector for bent or broken pins and for damaged or frayed cables. Straighten bent pins.
- Remove keyboard extension cables and connect the keyboard directly to the computer.

TEST THE KEYBOARD — Connect a properly working keyboard to the computer, and try using the keyboard. If the new keyboard works, the original keyboard is faulty.

CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

Mouse Problems

RESTART THE COMPUTER —

- 1 Simultaneously press <Ctrl><Esc> to display the **Start** menu.
- 2 Type u, press the keyboard arrow keys to highlight **Shut down** or **Turn Off**, and then press <Enter>.
- 3 After the computer turns off, press the power button to restart the computer.

IF YOU CONNECTED THE MOUSE BEFORE TURNING ON THE COMPUTER, RECONNECT THE MOUSE CABLE —

- 1 Simultaneously press <Ctrl><Esc> to display the **Start** menu.
- 2 Type **u**, press the keyboard arrow keys to highlight **Shut down** or **Turn Off**, and then press <Enter>.
- 3 After the computer turns off, reconnect the mouse cable as shown on the *Start Here* setup diagram for your computer.
- 4 Start the computer.

IF YOU CONNECTED THE MOUSE AFTER TURNING ON THE COMPUTER, REMOVE THE POWER CABLE, AND THEN RECONNECT THE MOUSE CABLE — If the mouse is connected after the power is turned on, the mouse appears to be nonfunctional. To make the mouse function properly:

- 1 While your computer is on, remove the power cable from the back of the computer.
- 2 Connect the mouse to the computer.
- 3 Reconnect the power cable.
- 4 Turn on your computer.

Pressing the power button does not clear the computer's settings and does not restore mouse functionality.

CHECK THE MOUSE CABLE —

- Check the cable connector for bent or broken pins and for damaged or frayed cables. Straighten bent pins.
- Ensure that the cable is firmly connected to the computer.

TEST THE MOUSE — Connect a properly working mouse to the computer, and try using the mouse. If the new mouse works, the original mouse was faulty.

CHECK THE MOUSE SETTINGS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- 2 Click **Mouse**.
- 3 Try adjusting the settings.

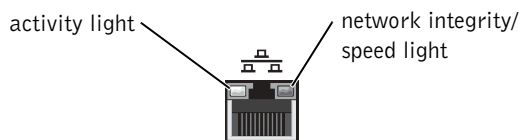
REINSTALL THE MOUSE DRIVER — See page 62.

CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

Network Problems

CHECK THE NETWORK CABLE CONNECTOR — Ensure that the network cable is connected as shown on page 22.

CHECK THE NETWORK LIGHTS ON THE BACK OF THE COMPUTER — No light indicates that no network communication exists. Replace the network cable.




RESTART THE COMPUTER AND TRY TO LOG ON TO THE NETWORK AGAIN

CHECK YOUR NETWORK SETTINGS — Contact your network administrator or the person who set up your network to verify that your network settings are correct and that the network is functioning.

CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

Power Problems

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

ADJUST THE POWER PROPERTIES — Your computer may be in standby or hibernate mode. For information on power conservation modes, see the *Tell Me How* help file, or search for the keyword *standby* or *hibernate* in Windows® Help. To access help files, see page 32.

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS GREEN AND THE COMPUTER IS NOT RESPONDING — See "Diagnostic Lights" on page 54.

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS BLINKING GREEN — The computer is in standby mode. Press a key on the keyboard or move the mouse to resume normal operation.

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS OFF — The computer is either turned off or is not receiving power.

- Reseat the power cable into both the power connector on the back of the computer and the electrical outlet.
- If the computer is plugged into a power strip, ensure that the power strip is plugged into an electrical outlet and that the power strip is turned on.
- Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.
- Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and power extension cables to verify that the computer turns on.
- Ensure that the main power cable is securely connected to the system board (see page 81).
- Ensure that the front panel cable is securely connected to the system board (see page 81).
- If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS AMBER AND GREEN — The computer is receiving electrical power, but an internal power problem might exist.

- Ensure that the microprocessor power cable is securely connected to the system board (see page 81)
- Remove and then reinstall the memory modules (see page 87).
- Remove and then reinstall any cards (see page 82).
- If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS STEADY AMBER — The computer is receiving electrical power, but an internal power problem might exist.

- Ensure that the microprocessor power cable is securely connected to the system board (see page 81).
- If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).

IF THE POWER LIGHT IS BLINKING AMBER — A device might be malfunctioning or incorrectly installed.

- Ensure that the microprocessor power cable is securely connected to the system board (see page 81).
- If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).

ELIMINATE INTERFERENCE — Electrical appliances on the same circuit or operating near the computer can cause interference. Other causes of interference are:

- Power extension cables
- Keyboard and mouse extension cables
- Too many devices on a power strip
- Multiple power strips connected to the same electrical outlet

Printer Problems



NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your printer, call the printer's manufacturer. See the printer documentation for the correct phone number.

CHECK THE PRINTER DOCUMENTATION — See the printer documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

ENSURE THAT THE PRINTER IS TURNED ON — See the printer documentation for power button information.

VERIFY THE PRINTER CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- See the printer documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the printer cables are securely connected to the printer and the computer (see page 18).

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

VERIFY THAT THE PRINTER IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS® —

- 1 Click the **Start** button.
- 2 Click **Control Panel**.
- 3 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- 4 Click **View installed printers or fax printers**.
If the printer is listed, right-click the printer icon.
- 5 Click **Properties**, and then select the **Ports** tab. For a parallel printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s)**: setting is **LPT1 (Printer Port)**. For a USB printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s)**: setting is **USB**.

REINSTALL THE PRINTER DRIVER — See the printer documentation for instructions.

Scanner Problems



NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your scanner, call the scanner's manufacturer. See the scanner documentation for the correct phone number.

CHECK THE SCANNER DOCUMENTATION — See the scanner documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

UNLOCK THE SCANNER — Ensure that your scanner is unlocked if it has a locking tab or button.

RESTART THE COMPUTER AND TRY THE SCANNER AGAIN

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- If your scanner has a power cable, ensure that the power cable is firmly connected to a working electrical outlet and that the scanner is turned on.
- Ensure that the scanner cable is firmly connected to the computer and to the scanner.

VERIFY THAT THE SCANNER IS RECOGNIZED BY MICROSOFT® WINDOWS® —


- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
- 3 Click **Scanners and Cameras**.

If your scanner is listed, Windows recognizes the scanner.

REINSTALL THE SCANNER DRIVER — See the scanner documentation for instructions.

Sound and Speaker Problems

No sound from speakers

 **NOTE:** The volume control in some MP3 players overrides the Windows® volume setting. If you have been listening to MP3 songs, ensure that you did not turn the player volume down or off.

CHECK THE SPEAKER CABLE CONNECTIONS — Ensure that the speakers are connected as shown on the setup diagram supplied with the speakers. If you purchased a sound card, ensure that the speakers are connected to the card.

ENSURE THAT THE SUBWOOFER AND THE SPEAKERS ARE TURNED ON — See the setup diagram supplied with the speakers. If your speakers have volume controls, adjust the volume, bass, or treble to eliminate distortion.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

DISCONNECT HEADPHONES FROM THE HEADPHONE CONNECTOR — Sound from the speakers is automatically disabled when headphones are connected to the computer's front-panel headphone connector.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

ENABLE DIGITAL MODE — Your speakers do not work if the CD drive is operating in analog mode. To enable digital mode:

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices**.
- 2 Click **Sounds and Audio Devices**.
- 3 Click the **Hardware** tab.
- 4 Double-click the name of your CD drive.
- 5 Click the **Properties** tab.
- 6 Check the **Enable digital CD audio for this CD-ROM device** box.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, or halogen lamps to check for interference.

RUN THE SPEAKER DIAGNOSTICS — Some speaker systems have self-diagnostics. See the speaker documentation for diagnostics instructions.

REINSTALL THE AUDIO (SOUND) DRIVER — See page 62.

CHECK FOR INTERRUPT REQUEST CONFLICTS — See page 65.

No sound from headphones

CHECK THE HEADPHONE CABLE CONNECTION — Ensure that the headphone cable is securely inserted into the headphone connector (see page 70).


DISABLE DIGITAL MODE — Your headphones do not work if the CD drive is operating in digital mode. To disable digital mode:

- 1 Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices**.
- 2 Click **Sounds and Audio Devices**.
- 3 Click the **Hardware** tab.
- 4 Double-click the name of your CD drive.
- 5 Click the **Properties** tab.
- 6 Uncheck the **Enable digital CD audio for this CD-ROM device** box.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

Video and Monitor Problems

If the screen is blank

 **NOTE:** See the monitor documentation for troubleshooting procedures.

CHECK THE MONITOR POWER LIGHT — If the power light is off, firmly press the button to ensure that the monitor is turned on. If the power light is lit or blinking, the monitor has power. If the power light is blinking, press a key on the keyboard or move the mouse.

CHECK THE MONITOR CABLE CONNECTION — Check the connector for bent or broken pins. (It is normal for monitor cable connectors to have missing pins.) Ensure that the video cable is connected as shown on the *Start Here* setup diagram for your computer.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

SWAP THE POWER CABLES — Swap the computer and monitor power cables to determine if the power cable is defective.

TEST THE VIDEO EXTENSION CABLE (IF USED) — If you are using a video extension cable and removing the cable solves the problem, the cable is defective.

TEST ANOTHER MONITOR — If another monitor is available, connect it to the computer.

CHECK THE DIAGNOSTIC LIGHTS — See page 54.

If the screen is difficult to read

CHECK THE MONITOR SETTINGS — See the monitor documentation for instructions on adjusting the contrast and brightness, demagnetizing (degaussing) the monitor, and running the monitor self-test.

MOVE THE SUBWOOFER AWAY FROM THE MONITOR — If your speaker system includes a subwoofer, ensure that the subwoofer is at least 60 cm (2 ft) away from the monitor.

MOVE THE MONITOR AWAY FROM EXTERNAL POWER SOURCES — Fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, and other electrical devices can cause the screen image to appear "shaky." Turn off nearby devices to check for interference.

ROTATE THE MONITOR TO FACE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION — Eliminate sunlight glare, which can cause poor picture quality.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS[®] DISPLAY SETTINGS —

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Appearance and Themes**.
- 3 Click **Display** and click the **Settings** tab.
- 4 Try different settings for **Screen resolution** and **Color quality**.

RESTORE THE RECOMMENDED SETTINGS — Restore the original resolution and refresh rate settings. See the *Tell Me How* help file for instructions. To access help files, see page 32.

SECTION 3

Advanced Troubleshooting

Diagnostic Lights

Dell Diagnostics

Drivers

Using Windows[®] System Restore

Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities



Reinstalling Microsoft[®] Windows[®] XP


Diagnostic Lights


To help you troubleshoot a problem, your computer is equipped with four lights on the back panel labeled "A," "B," "C," and "D" (see page 72). These lights can be yellow or green. When the computer starts normally, the lights flash. After the computer starts, all four lights will display solid green. If the computer malfunctions, the color and sequence of the lights identify the problem.






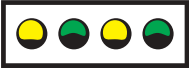

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.




Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
 A B C D	The computer is in a normal off condition or a possible pre-BIOS failure has occurred.	Verify that the computer is plugged into a working electrical outlet and that you have pressed the power button.
 A B C D	Memory modules are detected, but a memory failure has occurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have one memory module installed, reinstall it (see page 87) and restart the computer. • If you have two or more memory modules installed, remove the modules, reinstall one module (see page 87), and then restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, reinstall an additional module. Continue until you have identified a faulty module or reinstalled all modules without error. • If available, install properly working memory of the same type into your computer (see page 87). • If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).




 = yellow


 = green

 = off


Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
 <p>A B C D</p>  <p>A B C D</p>	<p>A possible expansion card failure has occurred.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Determine if a conflict exists by removing a card (not the video card) (see page 82) and then restarting the computer. 2 If the problem persists, reinstall the card that you removed, remove a different card, and then restart the computer. 3 Repeat this process for each card. If the computer starts normally, troubleshoot the last card removed from the computer for resource conflicts (see "Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities" on page 65). 4 If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).
 <p>A B C D</p>	<p>A possible video card failure has occurred.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the computer has a video card, remove the card and reinstall it (see page 91), and restart the computer. • If the problem still exists, install a video card that you know works and restart the computer. • If the problem persists or the computer has integrated video, contact Dell (see page 113).
 <p>A B C D</p>	<p>A possible floppy or hard drive failure has occurred.</p>	<p>Reseat all power and data cables and restart the computer.</p>


-  = **yellow**
-  = **green**
-  = **off**


Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
 <p>A B C D</p>	A possible USB failure has occurred.	Reinstall all USB devices, check cable connections, and then restart the computer.
 <p>A B C D</p>	No memory modules are detected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstall all memory modules (see page 87) and restart the computer. • To eliminate the possibility of a faulty memory connector, remove all memory modules (see page 87), reinstall one memory module (if the computer supports a single module), and then restart the computer. If the computer starts normally, move the memory module to a different connector and restart the computer. Continue until you have identified a faulty connector or reinstalled all modules without error.
 <p>A B C D</p>	Memory modules are detected, but a memory configuration or compatibility error exists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that there are no special memory module/memory connector placement requirements (see page 87). • Verify that the memory modules that you are installing are compatible with your computer (see page 87). • If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113).




 = **yellow**

 = **green**

 = **off**

Light Pattern	Problem Description	Suggested Resolution
 <p>A B C D</p>	Other failure has occurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the cables are properly connected from the hard drive, CD drive, and DVD drive to the system board (see page 81). • If the problem persists, contact Dell (see page 113). • If there is an error message on your screen identifying a problem with a device (such as the floppy drive or hard drive), check the device to make sure it is functioning properly. • The operating system is attempting to boot from a device (such as a floppy drive or hard drive); check system setup (see page 107) to make sure that the boot sequence is correct for the devices installed on your computer.

 <p>A B C D</p>	The computer is in a normal operating condition after POST.	None.
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-  = **yellow**
-  = **green**
-  = **off**

Dell Diagnostics

When to Use the Dell Diagnostics

If you experience a problem with your computer, perform the checks in "Solving Problems" (see page 29) and run the Dell Diagnostics before you contact Dell for technical assistance. Running the Dell Diagnostics may help you resolve the problem without contacting Dell. If you do contact Dell, the test results can provide important information for Dell's service and support personnel.

The Dell Diagnostics allows you to:

- Perform tests on one or all devices
- Select tests based on a symptom of the problem you are having
- Choose how many times a test is run
- Suspend testing if an error is detected
- Access help information that describes the tests and devices
- Receive status messages that tell you whether tests completed successfully
- Receive error messages if problems are detected

Starting the Dell Diagnostics



NOTICE: Use the Dell Diagnostics to test your Dell™ computer only. Using this program with other computers can result in error messages.

Start the Dell Diagnostics from either your hard drive (see page 58) or from the *Dell Dimension ResourceCD* (see page 59).

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From Your Hard Drive

- 1 Shut down (see page 27) and restart the computer.
- 2 When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F12> immediately.



NOTE: If you see a message stating that no diagnostics utility partition has been found, run the Dell Diagnostics from your ResourceCD (see page 59).

If you wait too long and the Microsoft® Windows® logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer through the **Start** menu and try again.

- 3 When the boot device list appears, highlight **Boot to Utility Partition** and press <Enter>.
- 4 When the Dell Diagnostics **Main Menu** appears, select the test you want to run (see page 60).

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From the ResourceCD

- 1 Insert the ResourceCD.
- 2 Shut down (see page 27) and restart the computer.

When the DELL logo appears, press <F12> immediately.

If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer through the **Start** menu and try again.



NOTE: This feature changes the boot sequence for one time only. On the next start-up, the computer boots according to the devices specified in the system setup program.

- 3 When the boot device list appears, highlight **IDE CD-ROM Device** and press <Enter>.
- 4 Select the **IDE CD-ROM Device** option from the CD boot menu.
- 5 Select the **Boot from CD-ROM** option from the menu that appears.
- 6 Type 1 to start the ResourceCD menu.
- 7 Type 2 to start the Dell Diagnostics.
- 8 Select **Run the 32 Bit Dell Diagnostics** from the numbered list. If multiple versions are listed, select the version appropriate for your computer.
- 9 When the Dell Diagnostics **Main Menu** appears, select the test you want to run (see page 60).

Dell Diagnostics Main Menu

- 1 After the Dell Diagnostics loads and the **Main Menu** screen appears, click the button for the option you want.



NOTE: The Service Tag for your computer is located at the top of each test screen.

Option	Function
Express Test	Performs a quick test of devices. This test typically takes 10 to 20 minutes and requires no interaction on your part. Run Express Test first to increase the possibility of tracing the problem quickly.
Extended Test	Performs a thorough check of devices. This test typically takes an hour or more and requires you to answer questions periodically.
Custom Test	Tests a specific device. You can customize the tests you want to run.
Symptom Tree	Lists the most common symptoms encountered and allows you to select a test based on the symptom of the problem you are having.

- 2 If a problem is encountered during a test, a message appears with an error code and a description of the problem. Write down the error code and problem description and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you cannot resolve the error condition, contact Dell (see page 113).

- 3 If you run a test from the **Custom Test** or **Symptom Tree** option, click the applicable tab described in the following table for more information.

Tab	Function
Results	Displays the results of the test and any error conditions encountered.
Errors	Displays error conditions encountered, error codes, and problem description.
Help	Describes the test and may indicate requirements for running the test.
Configuration	Displays your hardware configuration for the selected device. The Dell Diagnostics obtains configuration information for all devices from the system setup program, memory, and various internal tests, and it displays the information in the device list in the left pane of the screen. The device list may not display the names of all the components installed on your computer or all devices attached to your computer.
Parameters	Allows you to customize the test by changing the test settings.

- 4 When the tests are completed, if you are running the Dell Diagnostics from the ResourceCD, remove the CD.
- 5 Close the test screen to return to the **Main Menu** screen. To exit the Dell Diagnostics and restart the computer, close the **Main Menu** screen.

Drivers

What Is a Driver?

A driver is a program that controls a device such as a printer, mouse, or keyboard. All devices require a driver program.

A driver acts like a translator between the device and any other programs that use the device. Each device has its own set of specialized commands that only its driver recognizes.

Dell ships your computer to you with required drivers already installed—no further installation or configuration is needed.



NOTICE: The *Dell Dimension ResourceCD* may contain drivers for operating systems that are not on your computer. Ensure that you are installing software appropriate for your operating system.

Many drivers, such as the keyboard driver, come with your Microsoft® Windows® operating system. You may need to install drivers if you:

- Upgrade your operating system.
- Reinstall your operating system.
- Connect or install a new device.

Identifying Drivers

If you experience a problem with any device, identify whether the driver is the source of your problem and, if necessary, update the driver.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.

5 Click **Device Manager**.

6 Scroll down the list to see if any device has an exclamation point (a yellow circle with a [!]) on the device icon.

If an exclamation point is next to the device name, you may need to reinstall the driver or install a new driver (see page 62).

Reinstalling Drivers



NOTICE: The Dell Support website at support.dell.com and your *Dell Dimension ResourceCD* provide approved drivers for Dell™ computers. If you install drivers obtained from other sources, your computer might not work correctly.

Using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback

If a problem occurs on your computer after you install or update a driver, use Windows XP Device Driver Rollback to replace the driver with the previously installed version.

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.
- 5 Click **Device Manager**.
- 6 Right-click the device for which the new driver was installed and click **Properties**.
- 7 Click the **Drivers** tab.
- 8 Click **Roll Back Driver**.


If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore (see page 63) to return your computer to the operating state that existed before you installed the new driver.

Using the Dell Dimension ResourceCD

If using Device Driver Rollback or System Restore (see page 63) does not resolve the problem, then reinstall the driver from the ResourceCD.

- 1 With the Windows desktop displayed, insert the ResourceCD.
If this is your first time to use the ResourceCD, go to step 2. If not, go to step 5.
- 2 When the ResourceCD installation program starts, follow the prompts on the screen.

- 3 When the **InstallShield Wizard Complete** window appears, remove the ResourceCD and click **Finish** to restart the computer.
- 4 When you see the Windows desktop, reinsert the ResourceCD.
- 5 At the **Welcome Dell System Owner** screen, click **Next**.

 **NOTE:** The ResourceCD displays drivers only for hardware that came installed in your computer. If you installed additional hardware, the drivers for the new hardware might not be displayed by the ResourceCD. If those drivers are not displayed, exit the ResourceCD program. For drivers information, see the documentation that came with the device.

A message stating that the ResourceCD is detecting hardware in your computer appears.


The drivers that are used by your computer are automatically displayed in the **My Drivers—The ResourceCD has identified these components in your system** window.

- 6 Click the driver that you want to reinstall and follow the instructions on the screen.

If a particular driver is not listed, then that driver is not required by your operating system.

Using Windows[®] System Restore

The Microsoft[®] Windows XP operating system provides System Restore to allow you to return your computer to an earlier operating state (without affecting data files) if changes to the hardware, software, or other system settings have left the computer in an undesirable operating state. See the Windows Help and Support for information on using System Restore. To access the Windows Help and Support Center, see page 32.


 **NOTICE:** Make regular backups of your data files. System Restore does not monitor your data files or recover them.

Creating a Restore Point

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
- 2 Click **System Restore**.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen.

Restoring the Computer to an Earlier Operating State

If problems occur after you install a device driver, use Device Driver Rollback (see page 62) to resolve the problem. If that is unsuccessful, then use System Restore.

 **NOTICE:** Before you restore the computer to an earlier operating state, save and close any open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
- 2 Ensure that **Restore my computer to an earlier time** is selected and click **Next**.
- 3 Click a calendar date to which you want to restore your computer.

The **Select a Restore Point** screen provides a calendar that allows you to see and select restore points. All calendar dates with available restore points appear in bold.

- 4 Select a restore point and click **Next**.

If a calendar date has only one restore point, then that restore point is automatically selected. If two or more restore points are available, click the restore point that you prefer.


- 5 Click **Next**.

The **Restoration Complete** screen appears after System Restore finishes collecting data and then the computer restarts.

- 6 After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

To change the restore point, you can either repeat the steps using a different restore point, or you can undo the restoration.

Undoing the Last System Restore

 **NOTICE:** Before you undo the last system restore, save and close all open files and close all open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

- 1 Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**→**Accessories**→**System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
- 2 Click **Undo my last restoration** and click **Next**.
- 3 Click **Next**.

The **System Restore** screen appears and the computer restarts.

- 4 After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

Enabling System Restore

If you reinstall Windows XP with less than 200 MB of free hard-disk space available, System Restore is automatically disabled. To see if System Restore is enabled:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Performance and Maintenance**.
- 3 Click **System**.
- 4 Click the **System Restore** tab.
- 5 Ensure that **Turn off System Restore** is unchecked.

Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities

Windows XP IRQ conflicts occur if a device either is not detected during the operating system setup or is detected but incorrectly configured.

To check for conflicts on a computer running Windows XP:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
- 2 Click **Performance and Maintenance** and click **System**.
- 3 Click the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.
- 4 In the **Device Manager** list, check for conflicts with the other devices.

Conflicts are indicated by a yellow exclamation point (!) beside the conflicting device or a red x if the device has been disabled.

- 5 Double-click any conflict to display the **Properties** window.

If an IRQ conflict exists, the **Device** status area in the **Properties** window reports the cards or devices that share the device's IRQ.

- 6 Resolve conflicts by reconfiguring the devices or removing the devices from the **Device Manager**.

To use the Windows XP Hardware Troubleshooter:

- 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
- 2 Type `hardware troubleshooter` in the **Search** field and click the arrow to start the search.

- 3 Click **Hardware Troubleshooter** in the **Search Results** list.
- 4 In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and click **Next**.

Reinstalling Microsoft® Windows® XP

Before You Begin

If you are considering reinstalling the Windows XP operating system to correct a problem with a newly installed driver, first try using Windows XP (see page 62). If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore (see page 64) to return your operating system to the operating state it was in before you installed the new device driver.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Before performing the installation, back up all data files on your primary hard drive. For conventional hard drive configurations, the primary hard drive is the first drive detected by the computer.

To reinstall Windows XP, you need the following items:

- Dell™ *Operating System* CD
- Dell ResourceCD

- 📁 **NOTE:** The ResourceCD contains drivers that were installed during assembly of the computer. Use the ResourceCD to load any required drivers.

Reinstalling Windows XP

To reinstall Windows XP, perform all the steps in the following sections in the order in which they are listed.

The reinstallation process can take 1 to 2 hours to complete. After you reinstall the operating system, you must also reinstall the device drivers, virus protection program, and other software.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling Windows XP. The options can overwrite files and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, do not reinstall Windows XP unless a Dell technical support representative instructs you to do so.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To prevent conflicts with Windows XP, disable any virus protection software installed on your computer before you reinstall Windows XP. See the documentation that came with the software for instructions.

Booting From the Operating System CD

- 1 Save and close any open files and exit any open programs.
- 2 Insert the *Operating System* CD. Click **Exit** if **Install Windows XP** message appears.
- 3 Restart the computer.
- 4 Press <F12> immediately after the DELL™ logo appears.
If the operating system logo appears, wait until you see the Windows desktop, and then shut down the computer and try again.
- 5 Press the arrow keys to select **CD-ROM**, and press <Enter>.
- 6 When the **Press any key to boot from CD** message appears, press any key.

Windows XP Setup

- 1 When the **Windows XP Setup** screen appears, press <Enter> to select **To set up Windows now**.
- 2 Read the information on the **Microsoft Windows Licensing Agreement** screen, and press <F8> to accept the license agreement.
- 3 If your computer already has Windows XP installed and you want to recover your current Windows XP data, type **r** to select the repair option, and remove the CD.
- 4 If you want to install a new copy of Windows XP, press <Esc> to select that option.
- 5 Press <Enter> to select the highlighted partition (recommended), and follow the instructions on the screen.

The **Windows XP Setup** screen appears, and the operating system begins to copy files and install the devices. The computer automatically restarts multiple times.



NOTE: The time required to complete the setup depends on the size of the hard drive and the speed of your computer.



NOTICE: Do not press any key when the following message appears: **Press any key to boot from the CD**.

- 6 When the **Regional and Language Options** screen appears, select the settings for your location and click **Next**.
- 7 Enter your name and organization (optional) in the **Personalize Your Software** screen, and click **Next**.

- 8 *If you are reinstalling Windows XP Home Edition*, at the **What's your computer's name** window, enter a name for your computer (or accept the name provided) and click **Next**.
If you are reinstalling Windows XP Professional, at the **Computer Name and Administrator Password** window, enter a name for your computer (or accept the one provided) and a password, and click **Next**.

- 9 If the **Modem Dialing Information** screen appears, enter the requested information and click **Next**.

- 10 Enter the date, time, and time zone in the **Date and Time Settings** window, and click **Next**.

- 11 If the **Networking Settings** screen appears, click **Typical** and click **Next**.

- 12 If you are reinstalling Windows XP Professional and you are prompted to provide further information regarding your network configuration, enter your selections. If you are unsure of your settings, accept the default selections.

Windows XP installs the operating system components and configures the computer. The computer automatically restarts.



NOTICE: Do not press any key when the following message appears: **Press any key to boot from the CD.**

- 13 When the **Welcome to Microsoft** screen appears, click **Next**.

- 14 When the **How will this computer connect to the Internet?** message appears, click **Skip**.

- 15 When the **Ready to register with Microsoft?** screen appears, select **No, not at this time** and click **Next**.

- 16 When the **Who will use this computer?** screen appears, you can enter up to five users.

- 17 Click **Next**.

- 18 Click **Finish** to complete the setup, and remove the CD.

- 19 Reinstall the appropriate drivers with the ResourceCD.

- 20 Reinstall your virus protection software.

- 21 Reinstall your programs.



NOTE: To reinstall and activate your Microsoft Office or Microsoft Works Suite programs, you need the Product Key number located on the back of the Microsoft Office or Microsoft Works Suite CD sleeve.

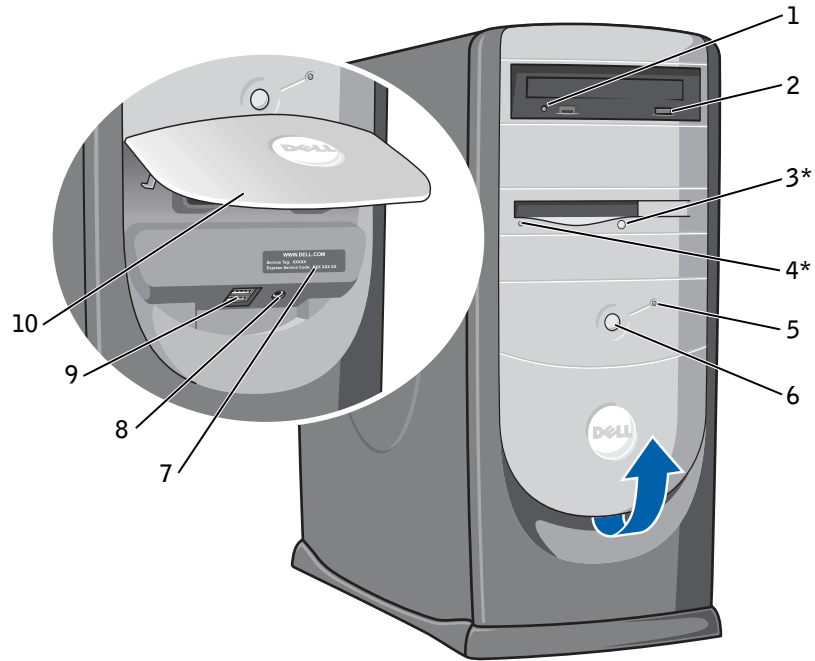
SECTION 4

Adding Parts


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Front and Back View of the Computer

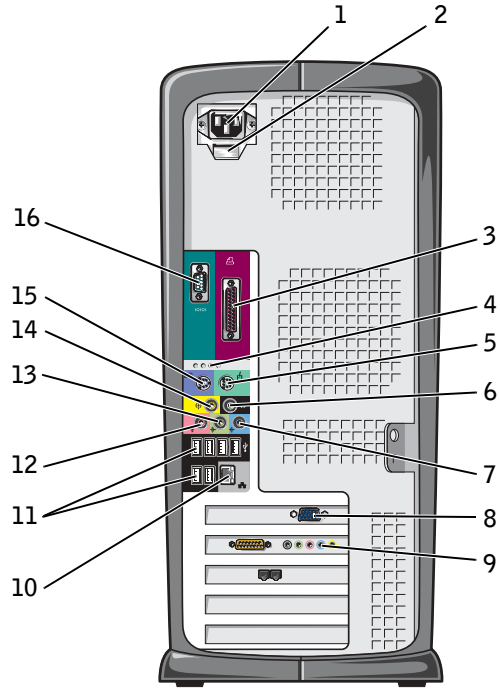
Front View



*On computers with an optional floppy drive.

1	CD or DVD drive activity light	The drive activity light is on when the computer reads data from the CD or DVD drive.
2	CD or DVD eject button	Press to eject your CD from the CD or DVD drive.
3	floppy-drive eject button	Press to eject a floppy disk from the floppy drive. (On computers with an optional floppy drive.)
4	floppy-drive light button	The floppy-drive light is on when the computer reads data from or writes data to the floppy drive. Wait until this light turns off before you remove the floppy disk from the drive. (On computers with an optional floppy drive.)
5	hard drive light	The hard-drive light is on when the computer reads data from or writes data to the hard drive. The light might also be on when devices such as your CD player are operating.
6	power button	Press this button to turn on the computer  NOTICE: To avoid losing data, do not use the power button to turn off the computer. Instead, perform a Microsoft® Windows® shutdown.
7	service tag	The tag is used to identify your computer when you access the Dell Support website or call technical support.
8	headphone connector	Attach headphones. Use the headphone connector to attach headphones and most kinds of speakers. You can then hear all of the sounds your computer emits, such as system beeps and CDs.
9	USB 2.0 connectors (2)	Use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras. It is recommended that you use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards.
10	front-panel door	Open the door to use the front-panel connectors.

Back View



1	power connector	Insert the power cable.
2	voltage selection switch (may not be available on all computers)	See the safety instructions on page 10 for more information.
3	parallel connector	Connect a parallel device, such as a printer, to the parallel connector. If you have a USB printer, plug it into a USB connector.
4	diagnostic lights (4)	Use the lights to help you troubleshoot a computer problem based on the diagnostic code. For more information, see page 54.
5	mouse connector	Plug a standard mouse into the green mouse connector. Turn off the computer and any attached devices before you connect a mouse to the computer. If you have a USB mouse, plug it into a USB connector.
6	surround connector	Use the black surround connector to attach multichannel-capable speakers. (On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.)
7	line-in connector	Use the blue line-in connector to attach a record/playback device such as a cassette player, CD player, or VCR. (On computers with a sound card, the line-in connector is on the card.)
8	video connector	Plug the cable from your monitor into the blue connector.
9	optional sound card connector	If you purchased the optional sound card, plug your sound equipment (speakers, a microphone, and so on) into the appropriate sound card connectors.
10	network adapter connector	<p>To attach your computer to a network or modem, connect one end of a network cable to either a network jack or your network device. Connect the other end of the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back panel of your computer. A click indicates that the network cable has been securely attached.</p> <p>On computers with a network connector card, use the connector on the card.</p> <p>It is recommended that you use Category 5 wiring and connectors for your network. If you must use Category 3 wiring, force the network speed to 10 Mbps to ensure reliable operation.</p>



network jack




modem jack

11	USB 2.0 connectors (6)	Use the back USB connectors for devices that typically remain connected, such as printers and keyboards. It is recommended that you use the front USB connectors for devices that you connect occasionally, such as joysticks or cameras.
12	microphone connector	Use the pink microphone connector to attach a personal computer microphone for voice or musical input into a sound or telephony program. (On computers with a sound card, the microphone connector is on the card.)
13	line-out connector	Use the green line-out connector to attach headphones and most speakers with integrated amplifiers. (On computers with a sound card, the line-out connector is on the card.)
14	center/LFE connector	Use the yellow center/Low-Frequency Effects (LFE) connector to attach your subwoofer. (On computers with a sound card, use the connector on the card.)
15	keyboard connector	If you have a standard keyboard, plug it into the purple keyboard connector. If you have a USB keyboard, plug it into a USB connector.
16	serial connector	Connect a serial device, such as a handheld device, to the serial port.

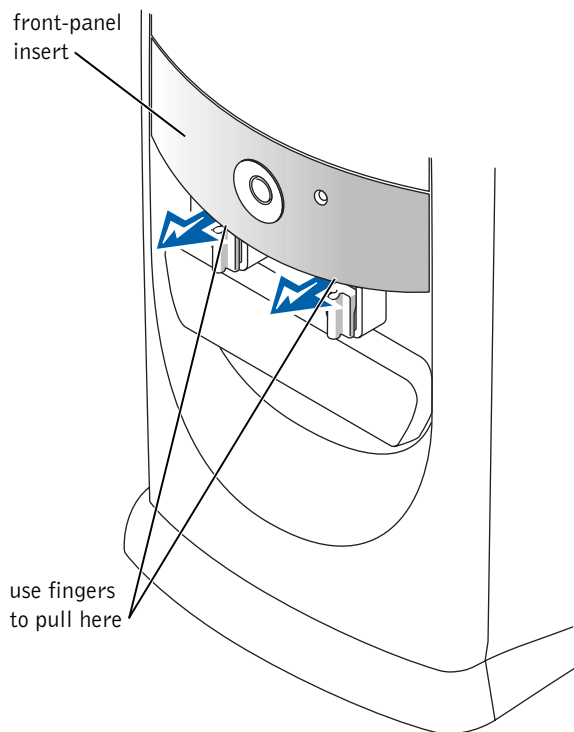
Reattaching the Front Door and Hinge Arms

To prevent damage to your computer, the front-panel door is designed to "break away" if it is lifted up too far. If the front-panel door is open and it is pushed inward too hard, the hinge arms may also break away (the hinge arms are loose when they are detached).

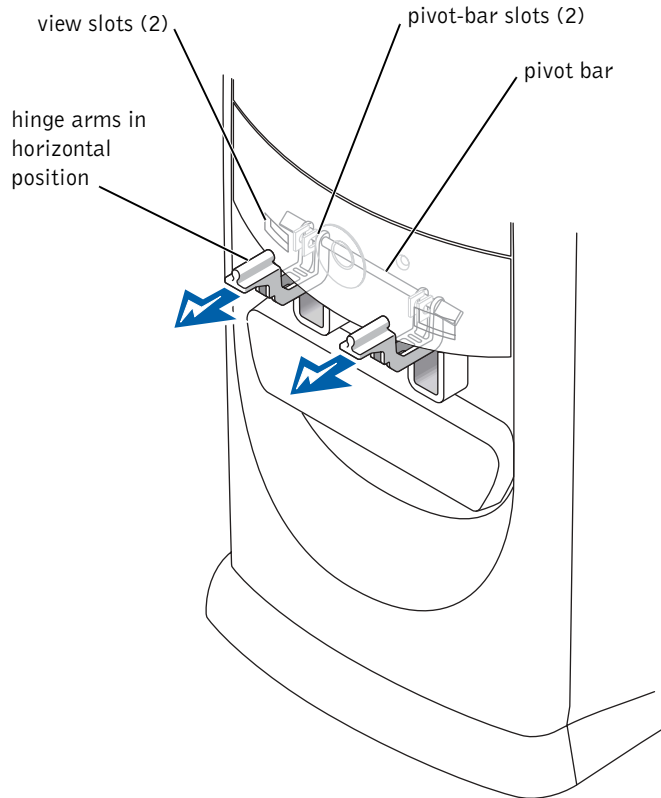
Reattaching the Hinge Arms

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Disconnect the computer power cable from the electrical outlet.
- 3 Remove the front-panel door by gently snapping it off the two hinge arms.
- 4 Remove the front-panel insert above the door bay area by pulling the bottom of the insert with your fingers.



- 5 Lift both hinge arms to the horizontal position.
- 6 Use the two view slots to align the pivot bar with the two pivot-bar slots.



NOTICE: Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate any static electricity that could harm internal components.

- 7 Pull the arms toward you until they snap into position.

If the hinge arms do not snap back into position on the first attempt, slightly reposition the arms and try again.

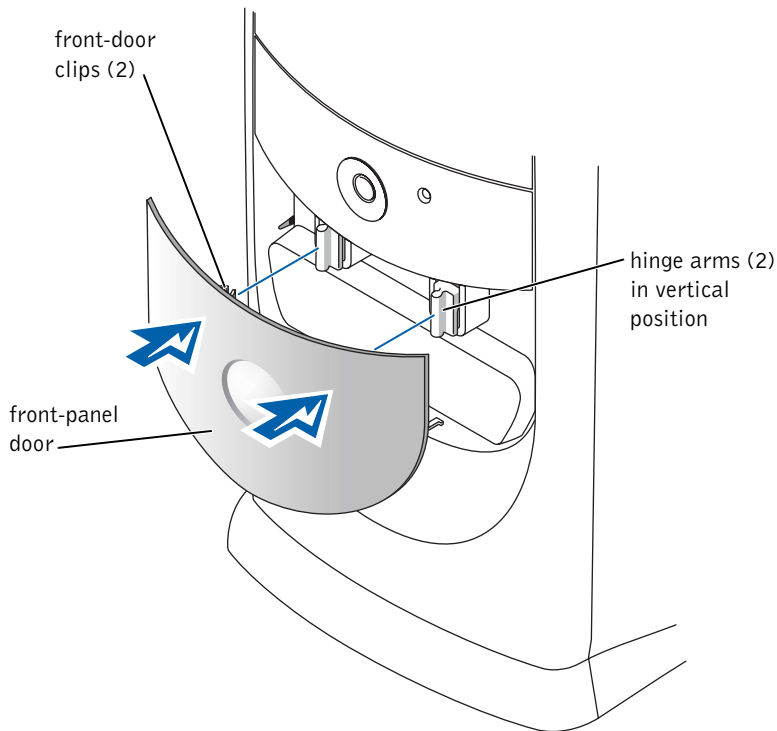
- 8 After the hinge arms snap into position, lower and raise the arms two or three times to properly seat them.

- 9 Reattach the front-panel insert.
- 10 Reconnect the computer power cable to the electrical outlet.
- 11 Reattach the front door.


Reattaching the Front Door

⚠ CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.


- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Disconnect the computer power cable from the electrical outlet.
- 3 Lower the hinge arms to the vertical position.
- 4 Align the two clips on the inside of the front door with the two hinge arms.
- 5 Press inward on the front door until it clips to both hinge arms.




Opening the Computer Cover


 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

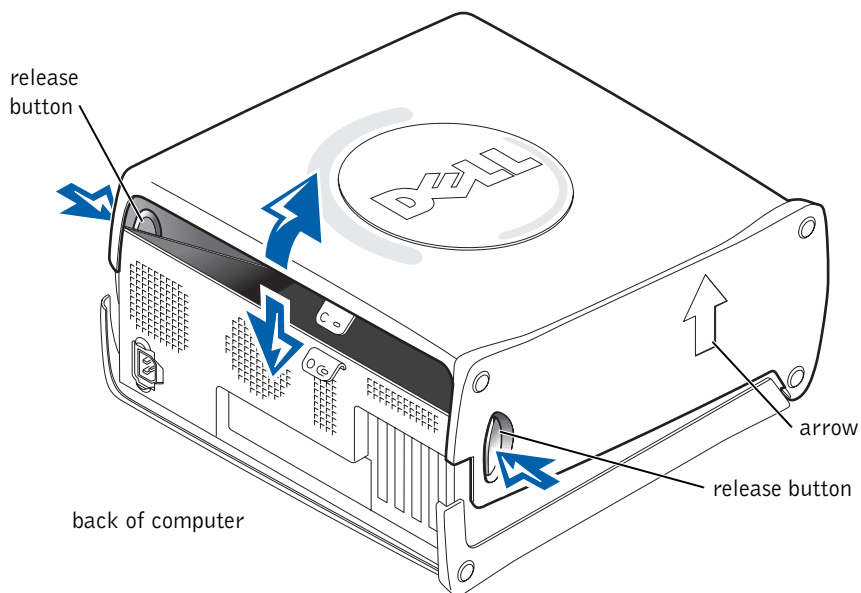
 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

 **NOTICE:** Ensure that sufficient space exists to support the open cover—at least 30 cm (1 ft) of desk top space.

- 5 Lay the computer on its side so that the arrow on the bottom of the computer points up.

6 Open the cover:

- a** Facing the back of the computer, press the release button on the right side of the computer with one hand while pulling up on the top of the cover with the other hand.
- b** Press the release button on the left side of the computer with one hand while pulling up on the top of the cover with the other hand.
- c** Hold the bottom of the computer with one hand, and then pull open the cover with the other hand.

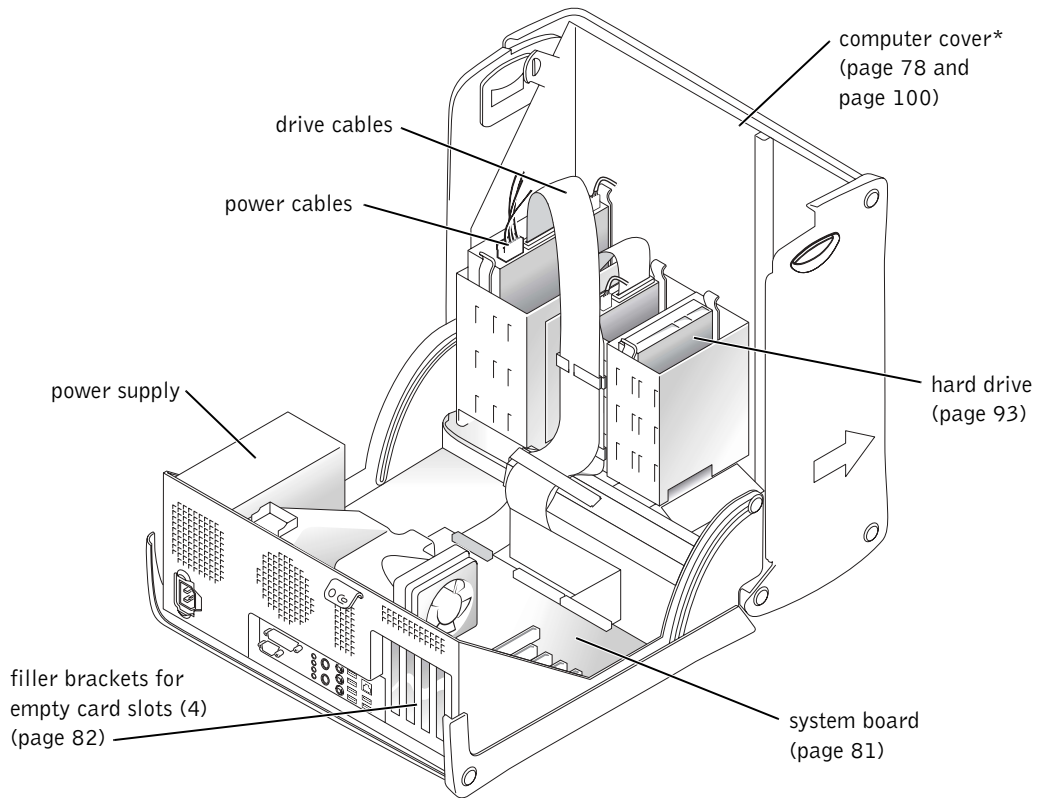


Looking Inside Your Computer

NOTE: The AGP card is removed from the following illustration to provide a better view of the inside of your computer.

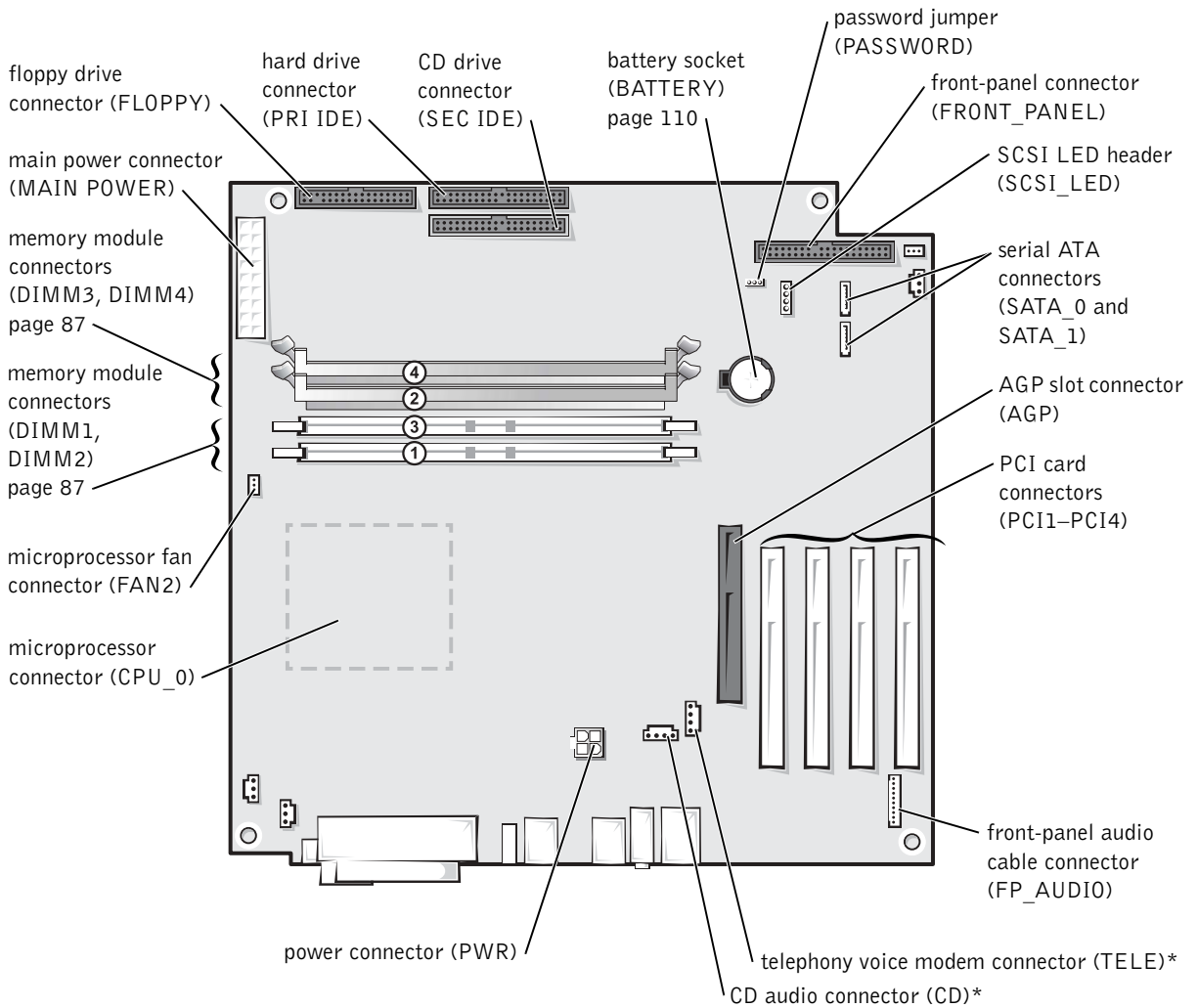
CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

NOTICE: Be careful when opening the computer cover to ensure that you do not inadvertently disconnect cables from the system board.



*Depending on the types of drives installed in your computer, the cover may not open as widely as shown in the figure.


System Board




back of computer

*On computers with optional integrated sound.

Installing and Removing Cards


 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.


Your Dell™ computer provides slots for up to four 32-bit, 33-MHz cards.

If you are installing or replacing a card, follow the procedures in the next section. If you are removing but not replacing a card, see "Removing a Card" on page 86.


Installing a Card

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 10.

- 1 If you are replacing a card, remove the current driver for the card from the operating system.
- 2 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 3 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.

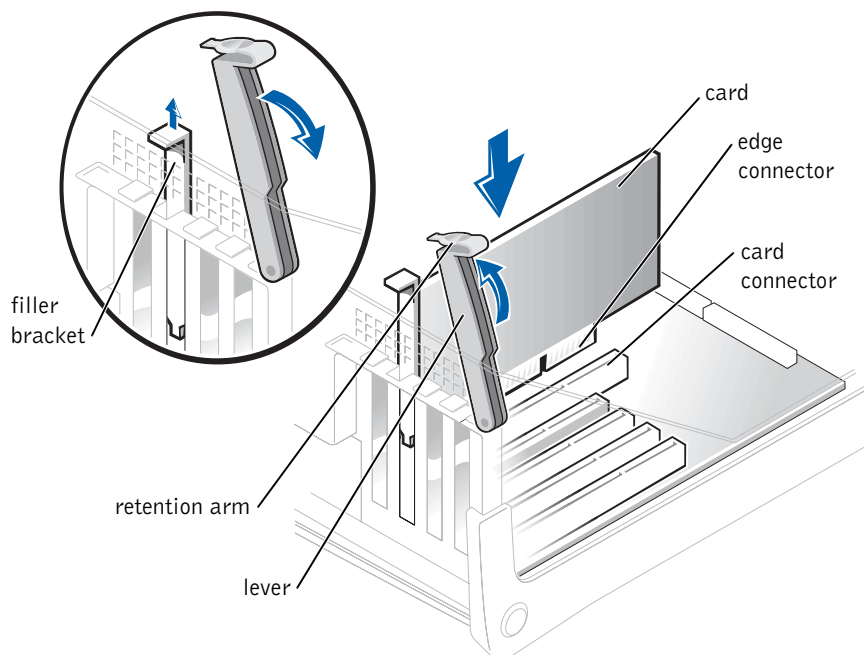
 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

- 4 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 5 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- 6 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

- 7 Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm.



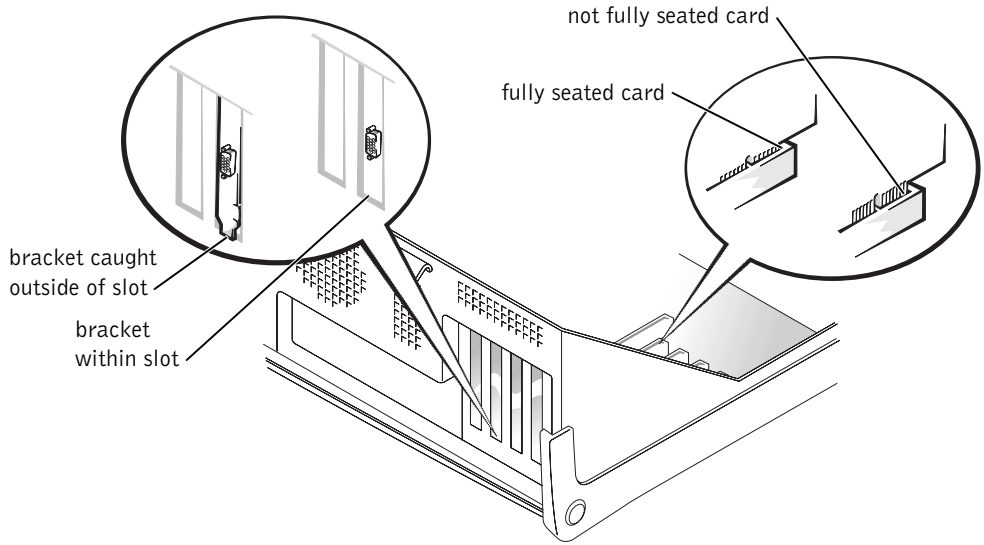
- 8 If you are installing a new card, remove the filler bracket to create a card-slot opening. Then continue with step 10.
- 9 If you are replacing a card that is already installed in the computer, remove the card. If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card. Grasp the card by its top corners, and ease it out of its connector.
- 10 Prepare the card for installation.

See the documentation that came with the card for information on configuring the card, making internal connections, or otherwise customizing it for your computer.

⚠ CAUTION: Some network adapters automatically start the computer when they are connected to a network. To guard against electrical shock, be sure to unplug your computer from its electrical outlet before installing any cards. Verify that the standby power light on the system board is off.

- 11 Place the card in the connector and press down firmly. Ensure that the card is fully seated in the slot.

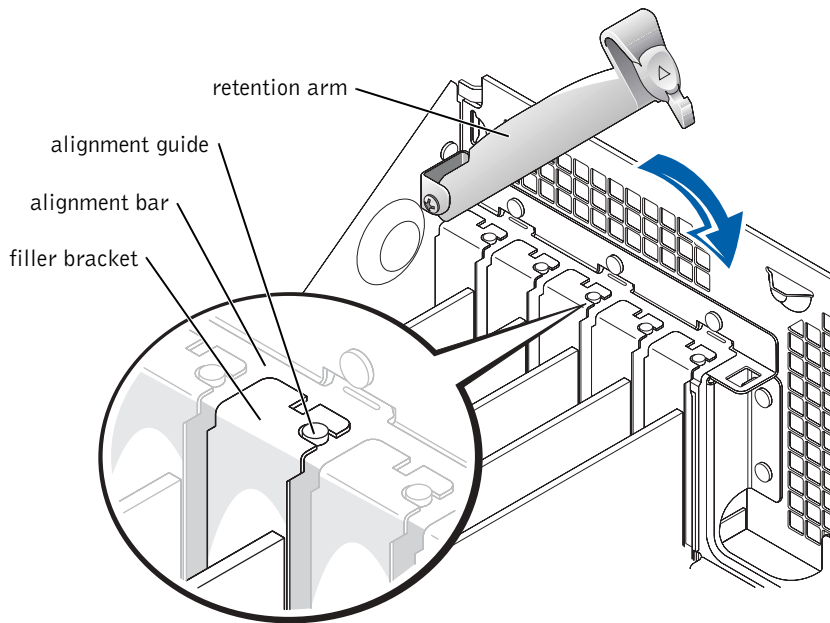
If the card is full-length, insert the end of the card into the card guide bracket as you lower the card toward its connector on the system board. Insert the card firmly into the card connector on the system board.



12 Before you lower the retention arm, ensure that:

- The tops of all cards and filler brackets are flush with the alignment bar.
- The notch in the top of the card or filler bracket fits around the alignment guide.

Press the arm into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.



NOTICE: Do not route card cables over or behind the cards. Cables routed over the cards can prevent the computer cover from closing properly or cause damage to the equipment.

13 Connect any cables that should be attached to the card.


See the documentation for the card for information about the card's cable connections.

NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.


14 Close the computer cover (see page 100), reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

15 Install any drivers required for the card as described in the card documentation.


Removing a Card

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.


- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- 5 Open the computer cover (see page 78).
- 6 Press the lever on the card retention arm and raise the retention arm (see page 82).
- 7 If necessary, disconnect any cables connected to the card.
- 8 Grasp the card by its top corners, and ease it out of its connector.
- 9 If you are removing the card permanently, install a filler bracket in the empty card-slot opening.

If you need a filler bracket, contact Dell (see page 113).


- 10 Lower the retention arm and press it into place, securing the card(s) in the computer.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.

- 11 Close the computer cover (see page 100), reconnect the computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 12 Remove the card's driver from the operating system.


Adding Memory

You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board. For information on the type of memory supported by your computer, see "Memory" on page 102.

 **NOTE:** DDR 333 memory operates at 320-MHz when used with an 800-MHz front-side bus.

DDR Memory Overview

DDR memory modules should be installed in *pairs of matched memory size*. This means that if you purchased your computer with 256 MB of memory installed and you want to add another 256 MB of memory, you must install it in the appropriate connector. If the DDR memory modules are not installed in matched pairs, the computer will continue to operate, but with a slight reduction in performance.

 **NOTE:** Always install DDR memory modules in the order indicated on the system board.

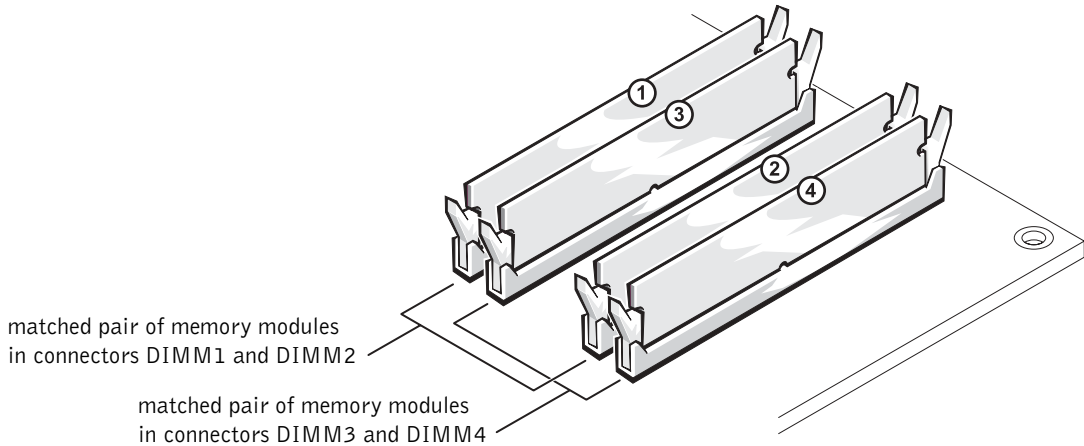
The recommended memory configurations are:

- A pair of matched memory modules installed in connectors DIMM1 and DIMM2
or
- A pair of matched memory modules installed in connectors DIMM1 and DIMM2 and another matched pair installed in connectors DIMM3 and DIMM4

Additional memory recommendations include:

- Do not install ECC memory modules.
- If you install mixed pairs PC2700 (DDR 333-MHz) and PC3200 (DDR 400-MHz) of memory modules, they function at the slowest speed of the modules you install.
- Be sure to install a single memory module in DIMM 1 or the connector closest to the processor before you install modules in the other connectors.

Memory Installation Guidelines



NOTICE: If you remove your original memory modules from the computer during a memory upgrade, keep them separate from any new modules that you may have, even if you purchased the new modules from Dell. You should install your original memory modules in pairs either in connectors DIMM1 and DIMM2 or connectors DIMM3 and DIMM4. If possible, *do not* pair an original memory module with a new memory module. Otherwise, your computer may not function at optimal performance.

NOTE: Memory purchased from Dell is covered under your computer warranty.

Addressing Memory with 4-GB Configurations

Your computer supports a maximum of 4 GB of memory when you use four 1-GB DIMMs. Current operating systems, such as Microsoft® Windows® XP, can only use a maximum of 4 GB of address space; however, the amount of memory available to the operating system is less than 4 GB. Certain components within the computer require address space in the 4-GB range. Any address space reserved for these components cannot be used by computer memory.

Installing Memory

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.

NOTICE: To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

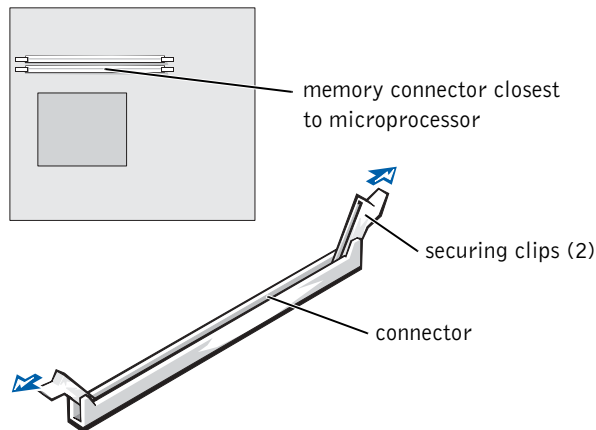
- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.



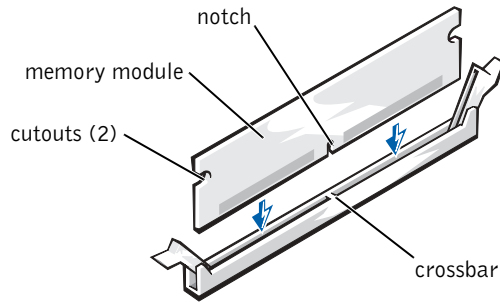
CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- 5 Open the computer cover (see page 78).
- 6 Lay the computer on its side so that the system board is on the bottom of the inside of the computer.
- 7 If necessary, remove a memory module:
 - a Press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.
 - b Grasp the module and pull up.

If the module is difficult to remove, gently ease the module back and forth to remove it from the connector.
- 8 To insert a module, press out the securing clip at each end of the memory module connector.



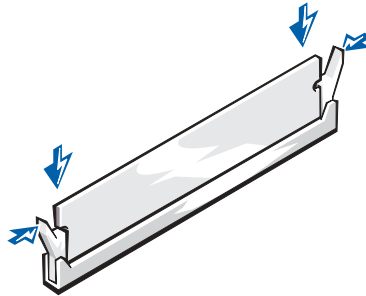
- 9 Align the notch on the bottom of the module with the crossbar in the connector.



- NOTICE:** To avoid breaking the memory module, do not press near the middle of the module.

- 10 Insert the module straight down into the connector, ensuring that it fits into the vertical guides at each end of the connector. Press firmly on the ends of the module until it snaps into place.

If you insert the module correctly, the securing clips snap into the cutouts at each end of the module.



- 11 Replace the computer cover (see page 100).

- NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.


- 12 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and then turn them on.


- 13 Click the **Start** button, right-click **My Computer**, and then click **Properties**.
- 14 Click the **General** tab.
- 15 To verify that the memory is installed correctly, check the amount of memory (RAM) listed.

Adding or Replacing the AGP Card

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

Your Dell™ computer provides a connector for an AGP card.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
 - 2 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.
-  **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.
- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
 - 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

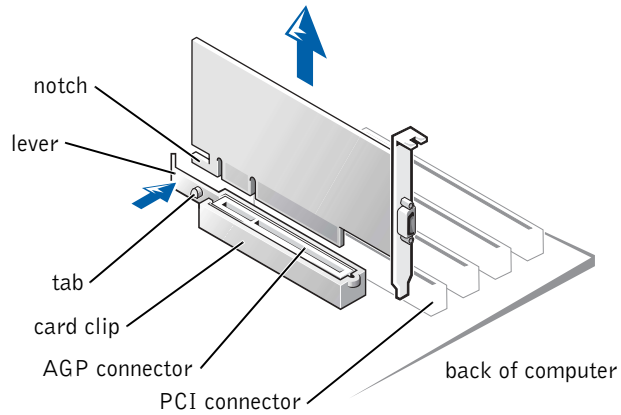
 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- 5 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

Removing an AGP Card

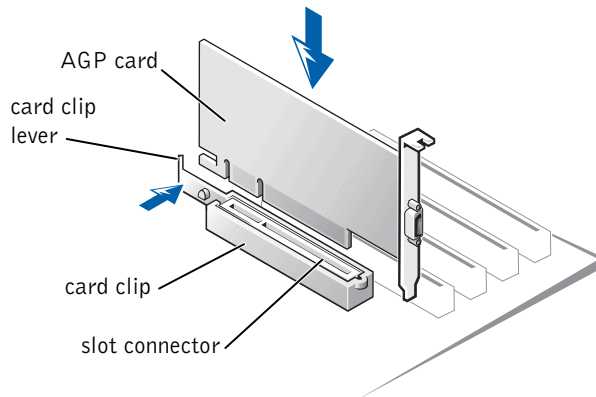
- 1 Remove the filler bracket by raising the hinged lever and sliding the bracket up.
- 2 Press the card lever toward the PCI connector.

- 3 Pull the card up and out of the card clip.




Installing an AGP Card

- 1 To add or replace the card, press the card lever toward the PCI connector and gently press the card into the AGP connector until it clicks into place.



- 2 Release the card lever, ensuring that the tab fits into the notch on the front end of the card.
- 3 Secure the card by lowering the hinged lever on the back panel.
- 4 Close the computer cover (see page 100).


5 Connect the monitor cable to the card's video connector.

 **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.

6 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

Adding a Second Hard Drive


 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the drive, do not set it on a hard surface. Instead, set the drive on a surface, such as a foam pad, that will sufficiently cushion it.

1 Check the documentation for the drive to verify that it is configured for your computer.


2 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).

3 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

4 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.

5 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.


 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

6 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

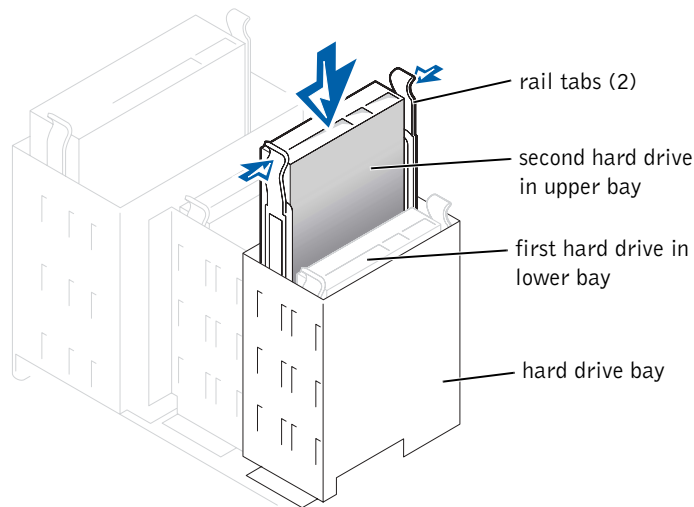
7 Remove the two green plastic rails from the inside of the hard-drive bay by gently pulling the rails up and out of the bay.

8 Attach the rails to the hard drive using the two screws attached to the rails.

Ensure that the rail tabs are positioned at the back of the hard drive.

 **NOTICE:** Do not install any drive into the lower hard-drive bay until you have removed the green drive rails from the inside of the hard-drive bay.

- 9 Remove the first hard drive from the upper bay and install it in the lower bay:
 - a Disconnect the power and the hard-drive cables from the back of the first hard drive.
 - b Press in the two green rail tabs and pull the first hard drive out of the upper bay.
 - c Gently slide the first hard drive into the lower bay until you hear a click.
 - d Reconnect the power and hard-drive cables to the back of the first hard drive.
- 10 Gently slide the new hard drive into the upper bay until you hear a click.

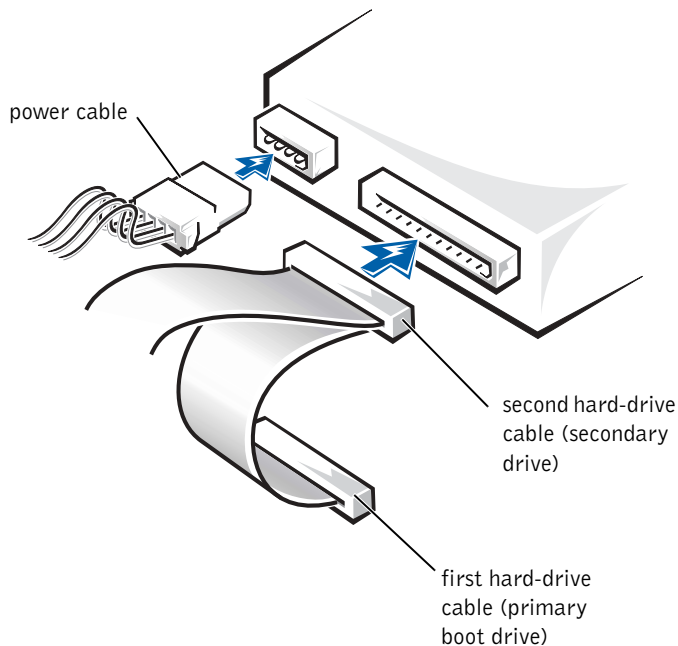


- 11 Connect a power cable to the drive.

NOTICE: Match the colored strip on the cable with pin 1 on the drive.

- 12 Locate the extra connector on the drive cable that is attached to your first hard drive and attach the connector to the second hard drive.

Your computer uses cable-select drive cables. This means that the device connected to the end connector of the drive cable is the master device and the device connected to the middle connector is the slave device. Be sure that the jumper setting on the new device is set for "cable select" (see the documentation that came with the drive for information).



- 13 Close the computer cover.

NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.

- 14 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 15 See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

Adding a Floppy Drive



CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

- 1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu (see page 27).
- 2 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.



NOTICE: To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

- 3 Disconnect any telephone or telecommunication lines from the computer.
- 4 Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets, and then press the power button to ground the system board.



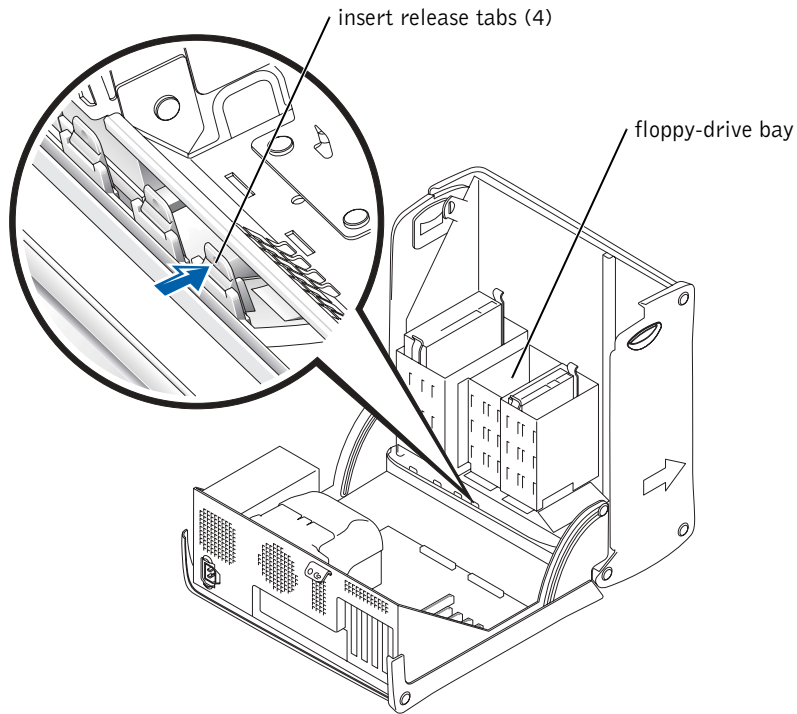
CAUTION: To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

- 5 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

Removing the Front-Panel Insert

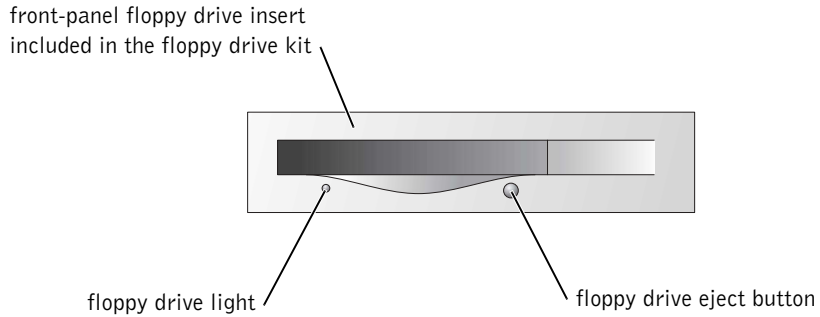
Remove the front-panel insert before you install the floppy drive:

- 1 Open the computer cover to a 90-degree angle (see page 78).
- 2 Locate the insert in front of the floppy-drive bay.
- 3 From inside the computer, push in the release tab of the insert.

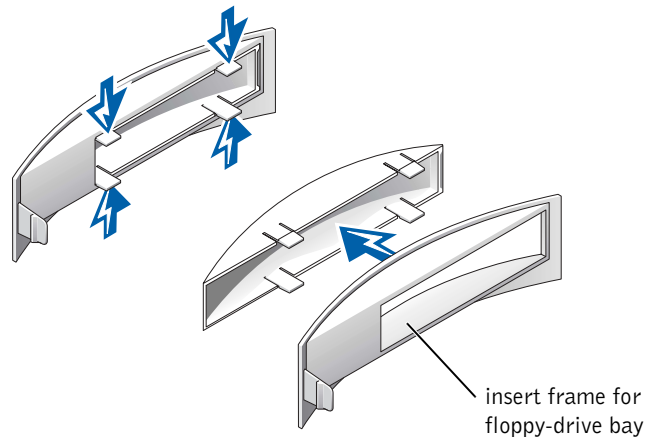


- 4 From outside the computer, pull the insert away from the computer's front panel.

- 5** If you purchased your floppy drive from Dell, you received a front-panel insert in your floppy drive kit. Proceed to step 6.



If you are installing a floppy drive that was not purchased from Dell, remove the insert from the insert frame by pressing on the four tabs.



- 6** If you purchased your floppy drive from Dell, attach the insert that you received in the floppy drive kit over the front of the drive bay. If you are installing a floppy drive that was not purchased from Dell, reattach the empty insert frame over the front of the drive bay.

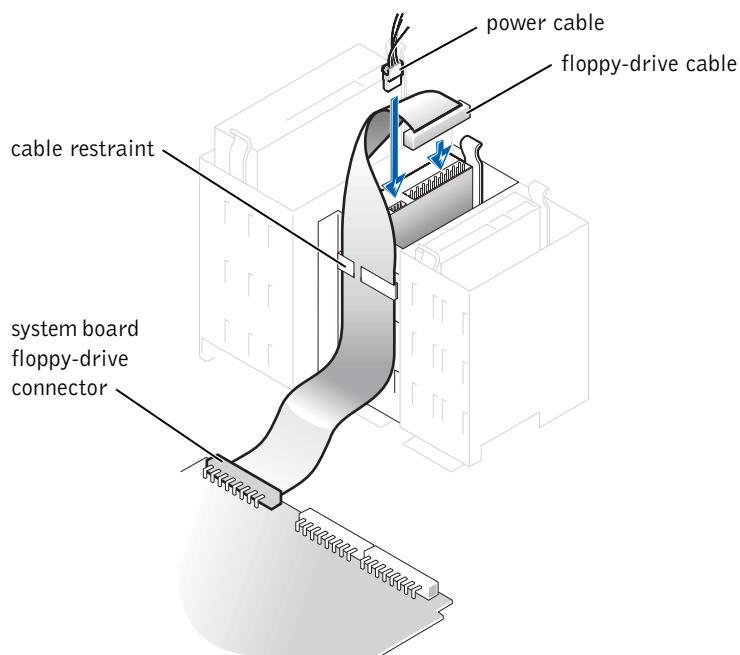
To attach either insert, face the front of the computer and slip the left side of the insert into the left side of the drive bay opening. Then, slightly press in the right-side insert release tab and gently push in the insert.

Installing a Floppy Drive

- 1 Gently slide the drive into place until the tabs securely click into position.
- 2 Attach the floppy-drive cable to the floppy drive and to the system board floppy-drive connector.

Ensure that you route the floppy-drive cable through the cable restraint located on the side of the floppy-drive bay.

- 3 Attach the floppy-drive power cable to the floppy drive.



- 4 Check all cable connections and fold cables out of the way to provide airflow for the fan and cooling vents.
- 5 Close the computer cover (see page 100).

NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.


- 6 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.
- 7 After you turn on your computer, press <F2> when you are prompted to enter setup mode.

- 8 Highlight **Drive Configuration** and press <Enter>.
- 9 Use the left and right arrows to change **Diskette Drive A** from **Not Installed** to **3.5 inch, 1.44MB**.
- 10 Press <Enter>.
- 11 Highlight **Integrated Devices (LegacySelect Options)** and press <Enter>.
- 12 Make sure that the **Diskette Interface** entry is set to **Auto**. If necessary, use the left and right arrows to set it to **Auto**.
- 13 Press <Enter>.
- 14 Press <Esc>.
- 15 Press <Enter> to save changes and exit.

The computer restarts.

See the documentation that came with the drive for instructions on installing any software required for drive operation.

Closing the Computer Cover

- 1 Ensure that all cables are connected, and fold cables out of the way.
Gently pull the power cables toward you so that they do not get caught underneath the drives.
 - 2 Ensure that no tools or extra parts are left inside the computer.
 - 3 Close the cover:
 - a Pivot the cover down.
 - b Press down on the right side of the cover until it closes.
 - c Press down on the left side of the cover until it closes.
 - d Ensure that both sides of the cover are locked. If not, repeat all of step 3.
-  **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.
- 4 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

SECTION 5

Appendix

Specifications

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Specifications

Microprocessor

Microprocessor type	Intel® Pentium® 4
L1 cache	8 KB
L2 cache	512-KB or 1-MB pipelined-burst, eight-way set associative, write-back SRAM
L3 cache	2 MB

NOTE: L3 cache is available only with the Intel Pentium 4 processor Extreme Edition supporting Hyper-Threading technology.

Memory

Type	DDR 333 or 400 (non-ECC)
Memory connectors	four
Memory capacities	128-, 256-, 512-MB, and 1-GB non-ECC
Minimum memory	256 MB
Maximum memory	4 GB
BIOS address	F8000h

Computer Information

System chip set	Intel 875P
DMA channels	eight
Interrupt levels	15
BIOS chip	4 Mb
NIC	integrated PCI Network Interface
System clock	533- or 800-MHz data rate

Video

Type	AGP 8X
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Audio

Type	Analog Devices AD1980 AC97 Codec
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NOTE: Present only on computers with integrated sound capabilities.

Expansion Bus

Bus types	PCI and AGP
Bus speed	PCI: 33 MHz AGP: 133 MHz
AGP	
connector	one
connector size	172 pins
connector data width (maximum)	32 bits
bus protocols	8x/4x/2x modes at 1.5 V
PCI	
connectors	four
connector size	120 pins
connector data width (maximum)	32 bits

Drives

Externally accessible	two 3.5-inch bays two 5.25-inch bays
Available devices	ATA-66 or ATA-100 Ultra DMA hard drive, serial ATA drive, CD drive, Zip drive, DVD drive, CD-RW drive, DVD/CD-RW combo drive, and DVD+RW drive
Internally accessible	two bays for 1-inch-high hard drives

Connectors

Externally accessible:

Serial	9-pin connector; 16550C-compatible
Parallel	25-hole connector (bidirectional)
Video	15-hole connector
Network Adapter	RJ45 connector
PS/2 (keyboard and mouse)	6-pin mini-DIN connector
USB	two front-panel and six back-panel USB 2.0-compliant connectors
5.1 Audio	five connectors for line-in, line-out, microphone, surround, and center/LFE channel; one front panel connector for headphones NOTE: Present only on computers with integrated sound capabilities.

System board connectors:

Primary IDE channel	40-pin connector on PCI local bus
Secondary IDE channel	40-pin connector on PCI local bus
Serial ATA drive	two 7-pin connectors
Floppy drive	34-pin connector
Telephony (ATAPI)	4-pin connector
CD Audio (ATAPI)	4-pin connector
Fan	3-pin connector

Controls and Lights

Power control	push button
Power light	green light on power button—blinking green in sleep states; solid green for power-on states
Hard-drive access light	green
Link integrity light (on integrated network adapter)	green light for 10-Mb operation; orange light for 100-Mb operation
Diagnostic code lights	four bicolor (amber and green) located on back panel

Power

DC power supply:

Wattage	250 W or 305 W
Heat dissipation	853 BTU (fully-loaded computer without monitor)
Voltage (see page 10 for important voltage setting information)	90 to 135 V at 50/60 Hz; 180 to 265 V at 50/60 Hz; 100 V at 50/60 Hz for Japanese computers
Backup battery	3-V CR2032 lithium coin cell

Physical

Height	42.5cm (16.7 inches)
Width	18.1 cm (7.13 inches)
Depth	44.7 cm (17.6 inches)
Weight	12.7 kg (28 lb)

Environmental

Temperature:

Operating	10° to 35° C (50° to 95° F) NOTE: At 35° C (95° F), the maximum operating altitude is 914 m (3000 ft).
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Storage	-40° to 65° C (-40° to 149° F)
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Relative humidity	20% to 80% (noncondensing)
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Maximum vibration:

Operating	0.25 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 1/2 octave/min
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Storage	0.5 G at 3 to 200 Hz at 1/2 octave/min
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Maximum shock:

Operating	bottom half-sine pulse with a change in velocity of 50.8 cm/sec (20 inches/sec)
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Storage	23-G faired-square wave with a velocity change of 508 cm/sec (200 inches/sec)
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Altitude:

Operating	-15.2 to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft) NOTE: At 35° C (95° F), the maximum operating altitude is 914 m (3000 ft).
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Storage	-15.2 to 10,670 m (-50 to 35,000 ft)
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Standard Settings

The system setup program contains the standard settings for your computer.

-  **NOTICE:** Unless you are an expert computer user, do not change the settings for this program. Certain changes might make your computer work incorrectly.

See the following figure for an example of the main program screen.

Dell - Dimension 8300			
Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor: <i>nnn</i> GHz		BIOS Version: <i>nnn</i>	
Level 2 Cache: <i>nnn</i> KB Integrated		Service Tag: <i>nnnnn</i>	
System Time 00:00:00 System Date DAY/MO/DATE/YR Drive Configuration <Enter> Boot Sequence <Enter> Memory Information <Enter> CPU Information <Enter> Integrated Devices (LegacySelect Options) <Enter> Power Management <Enter> System Security <Enter> Keyboard NumLock On Report Keyboard Errors Report Auto Power On Disabled Fast Boot On OS Install Mode Off IDE Hard Drive Acoustics Mode Bypass System Event Log <Enter> Asset Tag <i>nnnnn</i>			
↓↑	to select	SPACE, +, -	to change
		ESC	to exit
		F1	= Help

Viewing Settings

- 1 Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 2 When the blue DELL™ logo appears, press <F2> immediately.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft® Windows® desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

System Setup Screens

The system setup program screens display the current configuration information for your computer. Information on the screen is divided into five areas:

- Title — The box at the top of all screens that lists the computer name.
- Computer data — Two boxes below the title box that display your computer processor, L2 cache, service tag, and the version number of the BIOS.
- Options — A scrollable box listing options that define the configuration of your computer, including installed hardware, power conservation, and security features.

Fields to the right of the option titles contain settings or values. The fields that you can change appear bright on the screen. The fields that you cannot change (because they are set by the computer) appear less bright. When <Enter> appears to the right of an option title, press <Enter> to access a popup menu of additional options.

- Key functions — A line of boxes across the bottom of all screens that lists keys and their functions within system setup.
- Help — Press <F1> for information on the option that is selected (highlighted).

Boot Sequence

This feature allows you to change the boot sequence for devices.

Changing Boot Sequence for the Current Boot

You can use this feature, for example, to tell the computer to boot from the CD drive so that you can run the Dell Diagnostics on the ResourceCD, but you must set the computer to boot from the hard drive when the diagnostic tests are complete.

- 1 Turn on (or restart) your computer.
- 2 When **F2 = Setup**, **F12 = Boot Menu** appears in the upper-right corner of the screen, press <F12>.

If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft Windows desktop. Shut down your computer (see page 27) and try again.

The **Boot Device Menu** appears, listing all available boot devices. Each device has a number next to it.

- 3 At the bottom of the menu, enter the number of the device that is to be used for the current boot only.

Changing Boot Sequence for Future Boots


- 1 Enter the system setup program (see page 107).
- 2 Use the arrow keys to highlight the **Boot Sequence** menu option and press <Enter> to access the pop-up menu.




NOTE: Write down your current boot sequence in case you want to restore it.

- 3 Press the up-and down-arrow keys to move through the list of devices.
- 4 Press the spacebar to enable or disable a device (enabled devices have a checkmark).
- 5 Press plus(+) or minus (-) to move a selected device up or down the list.


Clearing Forgotten Passwords

 **CAUTION:** Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

If you forget your user or setup password, you cannot operate your computer or change settings in the system setup program until you clear the forgotten password(s).


 **NOTICE:** This process erases both the system and setup passwords.

1 Shut down the computer (see page 27).

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer, and then unplug it from the network wall jack.

2 Turn off any attached devices and disconnect them from their electrical outlets.

3 Disconnect the computer power cable from the wall outlet, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

 **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.


4 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

5 Locate jumper PSWD on the system board (see page 81) and remove the jumper plug.

6 Close the computer cover (see page 100), plug your computer into an electrical outlet, and turn on the computer.

The existing password(s) will be erased.


7 Shut down the computer (see page 27).

 **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer, and then unplug it from the network wall jack.


8 Turn off any attached devices and disconnect them from their electrical outlets.

9 Disconnect the computer power cable from the wall outlet, and then press the power button to ground the system board.

10 Open the computer cover (see page 78).


- 11 Reconnect the jumper plug to jumper PSWD (see page 81).
- 12 Close the computer cover (see page 100).
-  **NOTICE:** To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack, and then plug it into the computer.
- 13 Connect your computer and devices to their electrical outlets, and turn them on.
Turning on your computer with the PSWD jumper installed reenables the password feature.

Replacing the Battery



 **CAUTION:** Before you begin this procedure, follow the safety instructions on page 9.

A coin-cell battery maintains computer configuration, date, and time information. The battery can last several years.

If you have to repeatedly reset time and date information after turning on the computer, replace the battery.

 **CAUTION:** A new battery can explode if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To replace the battery:

- 1 Record all the screens in system setup (see page 106) so that you can restore the correct settings in step 12.
 - 2 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu.
 - 3 Ensure that your computer and attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your computer, turn them off now.
 -  **NOTICE:** To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer, and then unplug it from the network wall jack.
 - 4 Turn off any attached devices and disconnect them from their electrical outlets.
 - 5 Disconnect the computer power cable from the wall outlet, and then press the power button to ground the system board.
-  **CAUTION:** To guard against electrical shock, always unplug your computer from the electrical outlet before opening the cover.

6 Open the computer cover (see page 78).

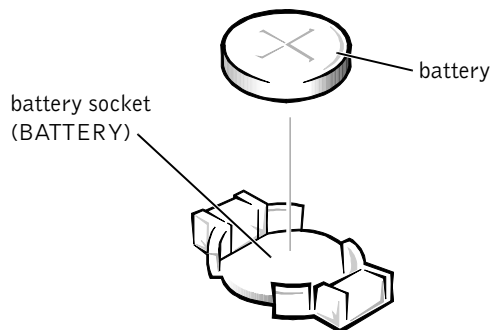
NOTICE: Before touching anything inside your computer, ground yourself by touching an unpainted metal surface, such as the metal at the back of the computer. While you work, periodically touch an unpainted metal surface to dissipate any static electricity that could harm internal components.

7 Locate the battery socket (see page 81).

NOTICE: If you pry the battery out of its socket with a blunt object, be careful not to touch the system board with the object. Ensure that the object is inserted between the battery and the socket before you attempt to pry out the battery. Otherwise, you may damage the system board by prying off the socket or by breaking circuit traces on the system board.

8 Remove the battery by carefully prying it out of its socket with your fingers or with a blunt, nonconducting object such as a plastic screwdriver.

9 Insert the new battery into the socket with the side labeled "+" facing up, and snap the battery into place.



10 Close the computer cover.

NOTICE: To connect a network cable, first plug the cable into the network wall jack and then plug it into the computer.

11 Connect your computer and devices to electrical outlets, and turn them on.

12 Enter system setup (see page 107) and restore the settings you recorded in step 1.

13 Properly dispose of the old battery (see page 11).

Dell Technical Support Policy (U.S. Only)

Technician-assisted technical support requires the cooperation and participation of the customer in the troubleshooting process and provides for restoration of the operating system, software programs, and hardware drivers to the original default configuration as shipped from Dell, as well as the verification of appropriate functionality of the computer and all Dell-installed hardware. In addition to this technician-assisted technical support, online technical support is available at support.dell.com. Additional technical support options may be available for purchase.

Dell provides limited technical support for the computer and any "Dell-installed" software and peripherals¹. Support for third-party software and peripherals is provided by the original manufacturer, including those purchased and/or installed through Dell Software and Peripherals, Readyware, and Custom Factory Integration².

¹ Repair services are provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of your limited warranty and any optional support service contract purchased with the computer.

² All Dell-standard components included in a Custom Factory Integration (CFI) project are covered by the standard Dell limited warranty for your computer. However, Dell also extends a parts replacement program to cover all nonstandard, third-party hardware components integrated through CFI for the duration of the computer's service contract.

Definition of "Dell-Installed" Software and Peripherals

Dell-installed software includes the operating system and some of the software program that is installed on the computer during the manufacturing process (Microsoft Office, Norton Antivirus, and so on).

Dell-installed peripherals include any internal expansion cards, or Dell-branded module bay or PC Card accessories. In addition, any Dell-branded monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, microphones for telephonic modems, docking stations/port replicators, networking products, and all associated cabling are included.

Definition of "Third-Party" Software and Peripherals

Third-party software and peripherals include any peripheral, accessory, or software program sold by Dell not under the Dell brand (printers, scanners, cameras, games, and so on). Support for all third-party software and peripherals is provided by the original manufacturer of the product.

Contacting Dell

To contact Dell electronically, you can access the following websites:

- www.dell.com
- support.dell.com (technical support)
- premiersupport.dell.com (technical support for educational, government, healthcare, and medium/large business customers, including Premier, Platinum, and Gold customers)

For specific web addresses for your country, find the appropriate country section in the table below.

NOTE: Toll-free numbers are for use within the country for which they are listed.

When you need to contact Dell, use the electronic addresses, telephone numbers, and codes provided in the following table. If you need assistance in determining which codes to use, contact a local or an international operator.

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Anguilla	General Support	toll-free: 800-335-0031
Antigua and Barbuda	General Support	1-800-805-5924
Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Website: www.dell.com.ar	
International Access Code: 00	Tech Support and Customer Care	toll-free: 0-800-444-0733
Country Code: 54	Sales	0-810-444-3355
City Code: 11	Tech Support Fax	11 4515 7139
	Customer Care Fax	11 4515 7138
Aruba	General Support	toll-free: 800-1578

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Australia (Sydney)	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: 0011	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 61	Home and Small Business	1-300-65-55-33
City Code: 2	Government and Business	toll-free: 1-800-633-559
	Preferred Accounts Division (PAD)	toll-free: 1-800-060-889
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1-800-819-339
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-385
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1-800-808-312
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-818-341
Austria (Vienna)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 900	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: 43	Home/Small Business Sales	0820 240 530 00
City Code: 1	Home/Small Business Fax	0820 240 530 49
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Customer Care	0820 240 530 16
	Home/Small Business Technical Support	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Technical Support	0660 8779
	Switchboard	0820 240 530 00
Bahamas	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6818
Barbados	General Support	1-800-534-3066
Belgium (Brussels)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: tech_be@dell.com	
Country Code: 32	E-mail for French Speaking Customers: support.euro.dell.com/be/fr/emaildell/	
City Code: 2	Technical Support	02 481 92 88
	Customer Care	02 481 91 19
	Corporate Sales	02 481 91 00
	Fax	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard	02 481 91 00
Bermuda	General Support	1-800-342-0671

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Bolivia	General Support	toll-free: 800-10-0238
Brazil	Website: www.dell.com/br	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Support, Technical Support	0800 90 3355
Country Code: 55	Tech Support Fax	51 481 5470
City Code: 51	Customer Care Fax	51 481 5480
	Sales	0800 90 3390
British Virgin Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6820
Brunei	Customer Technical Support (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4966
Country Code: 673	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4955
Canada (North York, Ontario)	Online Order Status: www.dell.ca/ostatus	
International Access Code: 011	AutoTech (automated technical support)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
	TechFax	toll-free: 1-800-950-1329
	Customer Care (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Customer Care (med./large business, government)	toll-free: 1-800-326-9463
	Technical Support (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Technical Support (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5757
	Sales (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5752
	Sales (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5755
	Spare Parts Sales & Extended Service Sales	1 866 440 3355
Cayman Islands	General Support	1-800-805-7541
Chile (Santiago)	Sales, Customer Support, and Technical Support	toll-free: 1230-020-4823
Country Code: 56		
City Code: 2		

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China (Xiamen) Country Code: 86 City Code: 592	Tech Support website: support.dell.com.cn Tech Support E-mail: cn_support@dell.com Tech Support Fax Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™) Technical Support (OptiPlex™, Latitude™, and Dell Precision™) Technical Support (servers and storage) Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, printers, switches, routers, and so on) Customer Experience Home and Small Business Preferred Accounts Division Large Corporate Accounts GCP Large Corporate Accounts Key Accounts Large Corporate Accounts North Large Corporate Accounts North Government and Education Large Corporate Accounts East Large Corporate Accounts East Government and Education Large Corporate Accounts Queue Team Large Corporate Accounts South Large Corporate Accounts West Large Corporate Accounts Spare Parts	818 1350 toll-free: 800 858 2969 toll-free: 800 858 0950 toll-free: 800 858 0960 toll-free: 800 858 2920 toll-free: 800 858 2060 toll-free: 800 858 2222 toll-free: 800 858 2557 toll-free: 800 858 2055 toll-free: 800 858 2628 toll-free: 800 858 2999 toll-free: 800 858 2955 toll-free: 800 858 2020 toll-free: 800 858 2669 toll-free: 800 858 2222 toll-free: 800 858 2355 toll-free: 800 858 2811 toll-free: 800 858 2621
Colombia	General Support	980-9-15-3978
Costa Rica	General Support	0800-012-0435

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Czech Republic (Prague)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: 420	Technical Support	02 2186 27 27
City Code: 2	Customer Care	02 2186 27 11
	Fax	02 2186 27 14
	TechFax	02 2186 27 28
	Switchboard	02 2186 27 11
Denmark (Copenhagen)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail Support (portable computers): den_nbk_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 45	E-mail Support (desktop computers): den_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers): Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	7023 0182
	Customer Care (Relational)	7023 0184
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	3287 5505
	Switchboard (Relational)	3287 1200
	Fax Switchboard (Relational)	3287 1201
	Switchboard (Home/Small Business)	3287 5000
	Fax Switchboard (Home/Small Business)	3287 5001
Dominica	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6821
Dominican Republic	General Support	1-800-148-0530
Ecuador	General Support	toll-free: 999-119
El Salvador	General Support	01-899-753-0777

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Finland (Helsinki)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 990	E-mail: fin_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 358	E-mail Support (servers):	
City Code: 9	Nordic_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	09 253 313 60
	Technical Support Fax	09 253 313 81
	Relational Customer Care	09 253 313 38
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	09 693 791 94
	Fax	09 253 313 99
	Switchboard	09 253 313 00
France (Paris) (Montpellier)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/fr/fr/emaildell/	
Country Code: 33	Home and Small Business	
City Codes: (1) (4)	Technical Support	0825 387 270
	Customer Care	0825 823 833
	Switchboard	0825 004 700
	Switchboard (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 00
	Sales	0825 004 700
	Fax	0825 004 701
	Fax (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 01
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	0825 004 719
	Customer Care	0825 338 339
	Switchboard	01 55 94 71 00
	Sales	01 55 94 71 00
	Fax	01 55 94 71 01

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Germany (Langen)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: 49	Technical Support	06103 766-7200
City Code: 6103	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0180-5-224400
	Global Segment Customer Care	06103 766-9570
	Preferred Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9420
	Large Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9560
	Public Accounts Customer Care	06103 766-9555
	Switchboard	06103 766-7000
Greece	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/gr/en/emailldell/	
Country Code: 30	Technical Support	080044149518
	Gold Technical Support	08844140083
	Switchboard	2108129800
	Sales	2108129800
	Fax	2108129812
Grenada	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
Guatemala	General Support	1-800-999-0136
Guyana	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609

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Hong Kong	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: 001	E-mail: ap_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 852	Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™)	2969 3189
	Technical Support (OptiPlex™, Latitude™, and Dell Precision™)	2969 3191
	Technical Support (PowerApp™, PowerEdge™, PowerConnect™, and PowerVault™)	2969 3196
	Gold Queue EEC Hotline	2969 3187
	Customer Advocacy	3416 0910
	Large Corporate Accounts	3416 0907
	Global Customer Programs	3416 0908
	Medium Business Division	3416 0912
	Home and Small Business Division	2969 3105
India	Technical Support	1600 33 8045
	Sales	1600 33 8044
Ireland (Cherrywood)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 16	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 353	Technical Support	1850 543 543
City Code: 1	U.K. Technical Support (dial within U.K. only)	0870 908 0800
	Home User Customer Care	01 204 4014
	Small Business Customer Care	01 204 4014
	U.K. Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	1850 200 982
	Corporate Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4499
	Ireland Sales	01 204 4444
	U.K. Sales (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4000
	Fax/SalesFax	01 204 0103
	Switchboard	01 204 4444

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Italy (Milan)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/it/it/emaildell/	
Country Code: 39	Home and Small Business	
City Code: 02	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
	Customer Care	02 696 821 14
	Fax	02 696 821 13
	Switchboard	02 696 821 12
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
	Customer Care	02 577 825 55
	Fax	02 575 035 30
	Switchboard	02 577 821
Jamaica	General Support (dial from within Jamaica only)	1-800-682-3639

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Japan (Kawasaki)	Website: support.jp.dell.com	
International Access Code: 001	Technical Support (servers)	toll-free: 0120-198-498
Country Code: 81	Technical Support outside of Japan (servers)	81-44-556-4162
City Code: 44	Technical Support (Dimension™ and Inspiron™)	toll-free: 0120-198-226
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dimension and Inspiron)	81-44-520-1435
	Technical Support (Dell Precision™, OptiPlex™, and Latitude™)	toll-free:0120-198-433
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	81-44-556-3894
	Technical Support (Axim™)	toll-free: 0120-981-690
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Axim)	81-44-556-3468
	Faxbox Service	044-556-3490
	24-Hour Automated Order Service	044-556-3801
	Customer Care	044-556-4240
	Business Sales Division (up to 400 employees)	044-556-1465
	Preferred Accounts Division Sales (over 400 employees)	044-556-3433
	Large Corporate Accounts Sales (over 3500 employees)	044-556-3430
	Public Sales (government agencies, educational institutions, and medical institutions)	044-556-1469
	Global Segment Japan	044-556-3469
	Individual User	044-556-1760
	Switchboard	044-556-4300
Korea (Seoul)	Technical Support	toll-free: 080-200-3800
International Access Code: 001	Sales	toll-free: 080-200-3600
Country Code: 82	Customer Service (Seoul, Korea)	toll-free: 080-200-3800
City Code: 2	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Fax	2194-6202
	Switchboard	2194-6000

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Latin America	Customer Technical Support (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4093
	Customer Service (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3619
	Fax (Technical Support and Customer Service) (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3883
	Sales (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4397
	SalesFax (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4600 or 512 728-3772
Luxembourg	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: tech_be@dell.com	
Country Code: 352	Technical Support (Brussels, Belgium)	3420808075
	Home/Small Business Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	toll-free: 080016884
	Corporate Sales (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00
	Customer Care (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 19
	Fax (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard (Brussels, Belgium)	02 481 91 00
Macao	Technical Support	toll-free: 0800 582
Country Code: 853	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 0800 581
Malaysia (Penang)	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 1 800 88 0193
International Access Code: 00		
Country Code: 60	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	toll-free: 1 800 88 1306
City Code: 4	Customer Service	04 633 4949
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 202
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 213

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Mexico	Customer Technical Support	001-877-384-8979
International Access Code: 00		or 001-877-269-3383
Country Code: 52	Sales	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
	Customer Service	001-877-384-8979
		or 001-877-269-3383
	Main	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
Montserrat	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6822
Netherlands Antilles	General Support	001-800-882-1519
Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail (Technical Support):	
Country Code: 31	(Enterprise): nl_server_support@dell.com	
City Code: 20	(Latitude): nl_latitude_support@dell.com	
	(Inspiron): nl_inspiron_support@dell.com	
	(Dimension): nl_dimension_support@dell.com	
	(OptiPlex): nl_optiplex_support@dell.com	
	(Dell Precision): nl_workstation_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	020 674 45 00
	Technical Support Fax	020 674 47 66
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	020 674 42 00
	Relational Customer Care	020 674 4325
	Home/Small Business Sales	020 674 55 00
	Relational Sales	020 674 50 00
	Home/Small Business Sales Fax	020 674 47 75
	Relational Sales Fax	020 674 47 50
	Switchboard	020 674 50 00
	Switchboard Fax	020 674 47 50

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New Zealand	E-mail (New Zealand): nz_tech_support@dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail (Australia): au_tech_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 64	Home and Small Business	0800 446 255
	Government and Business	0800 444 617
	Sales	0800 441 567
	Fax	0800 441 566
Nicaragua	General Support	001-800-220-1006
Norway (Lysaker)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail Support (portable computers):	
Country Code: 47	nor_nbk_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (desktop computers):	
	nor_support@dell.com	
	E-mail Support (servers):	
	nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	671 16882
	Relational Customer Care	671 17514
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	23162298
	Switchboard	671 16800
	Fax Switchboard	671 16865
Panama	General Support	001-800-507-0962
Peru	General Support	0800-50-669
Poland (Warsaw)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 011	E-mail: pl_support_tech@dell.com	
Country Code: 48	Customer Service Phone	57 95 700
City Code: 22	Customer Care	57 95 999
	Sales	57 95 999
	Customer Service Fax	57 95 806
	Reception Desk Fax	57 95 998
	Switchboard	57 95 999

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Portugal	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/pt/en/emailldell/	
Country Code: 351	Technical Support	707200149
	Customer Care	800 300 413
	Sales	800 300 410 or 800 300 411 or 800 300 412 or 21 422 07 10
	Fax	21 424 01 12
Puerto Rico	General Support	1-800-805-7545
St. Kitts and Nevis	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-441-4731
St. Lucia	General Support	1-800-882-1521
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609
Singapore (Singapore)	Technical Support	toll-free: 800 6011 051
International Access Code: 005	Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4949
Country Code: 65	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 054
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 800 6011 053
South Africa (Johannesburg)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 09/091	E-mail: dell_za_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 27	Technical Support	011 709 7710
City Code: 11	Customer Care	011 709 7707
	Sales	011 709 7700
	Fax	011 706 0495
	Switchboard	011 709 7700
Southeast Asian and Pacific Countries	Customer Technical Support, Customer Service, and Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4810

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Spain (Madrid)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: support.euro.dell.com/es/es/emaildell/	
Country Code: 34	Home and Small Business	
City Code: 91	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 118 540
	Sales	902 118 541
	Switchboard	902 118 541
	Fax	902 118 539
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 118 546
	Switchboard	91 722 92 00
	Fax	91 722 95 83
Sweden (Upplands Vasby)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	E-mail: swe_support@dell.com	
Country Code: 46	E-mail Support for Latitude and Inspiron: Swe-nbk_kats@dell.com	
City Code: 8	E-mail Support for OptiPlex: Swe_kats@dell.com	
	E-mail Support for Servers: Nordic_server_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support	08 590 05 199
	Relational Customer Care	08 590 05 642
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	08 587 70 527
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Support	20 140 14 44
	Fax Technical Support	08 590 05 594
	Sales	08 590 05 185

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Switzerland (Geneva) International Access Code: 00 Country Code: 41 City Code: 22	Website: support.euro.dell.com E-mail: swisstech@dell.com E-mail for French-speaking HSB and Corporate Customers: support.euro.dell.com/ch/fr/emaildell/ Technical Support (Home and Small Business) Technical Support (Corporate) Customer Care (Home and Small Business) Customer Care (Corporate) Fax Switchboard	0844 811 411 0844 822 844 0848 802 202 0848 821 721 022 799 01 90 022 799 01 01
Taiwan International Access Code: 002 Country Code: 886	Technical Support (portable and desktop computers) Technical Support (servers) Transaction Sales Corporate Sales	toll-free: 00801 86 1011 toll-free: 0080 60 1256 toll-free: 0080 651 228 toll-free: 0080 651 227
Thailand International Access Code: 001 Country Code: 66	Technical Support Customer Service (Penang, Malaysia) Sales	toll-free: 0880 060 07 604 633 4949 toll-free: 0880 060 09
Trinidad/Tobago	General Support	1-800-805-8035
Turks and Caicos Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
U.K. (Bracknell)	Website: support.euro.dell.com	
International Access Code: 00	Customer Care website: support.euro.dell.com/uk/en/ECare/Form/Home.asp	
Country Code: 44		
City Code: 1344	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
	Technical Support (Corporate/Preferred Accounts/PAD [1000+ employees])	0870 908 0500
	Technical Support (direct/PAD and general)	0870 908 0800
	Global Accounts Customer Care	01344 373 186
	Home and Small Business Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	01344 373 185
	Preferred Accounts (500–5000 employees) Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Central Government Customer Care	01344 373 193
	Local Government & Education Customer Care	01344 373 199
	Health Customer Care	01344 373 194
	Home and Small Business Sales	0870 907 4000
	Corporate/Public Sector Sales	01344 860 456
	Home and Small Business Fax	0870 907 4006
Uruguay	General Support	toll-free: 000-413-598-2521

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
U.S.A. (Austin, Texas)	Automated Order-Status Service	toll-free: 1-800-433-9014
International Access Code: 011 Country Code: 1	AutoTech (portable and desktop computers) Consumer (Home and Home Office) Technical Support Customer Service DellNet™ Service and Support	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362 toll-free: 1-800-624-9896 toll-free: 1-800-624-9897 toll-free: 1-877-Dellnet (1-877-335-5638)
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers Financial Services website: www.dellfinancialservices.com Financial Services (lease/loans) Financial Services (Dell Preferred Accounts [DPA])	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133 toll-free: 1-877-577-3355 toll-free: 1-800-283-2210
	Business Customer Service and Technical Support Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers Printers and Projectors Technical Support Public (government, education, and healthcare) Customer Service and Technical Support Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers Dell Sales	toll-free: 1-800-822-8965 toll-free: 1-800-695-8133 toll-free: 1-877-459-7298 toll-free: 1-800-456-3355 toll-free: 1-800-234-1490 toll-free: 1-800-289-3355 or toll-free: 1-800-879-3355
	Dell Outlet Store (Dell refurbished computers) Software and Peripherals Sales Spare Parts Sales Extended Service and Warranty Sales Fax Dell Services for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, or Speech-Impaired	toll-free: 1-888-798-7561 toll-free: 1-800-671-3355 toll-free: 1-800-357-3355 toll-free: 1-800-247-4618 toll-free: 1-800-727-8320 toll-free: 1-877-DELLTTY (1-877-335-5889)
U.S. Virgin Islands	General Support	1-877-673-3355
Venezuela	General Support	8001-3605

Regulatory Notices

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) is any signal or emission, radiated in free space or conducted along power or signal leads, that endangers the functioning of a radio navigation or other safety service or seriously degrades, obstructs, or repeatedly interrupts a licensed radio communications service. Radio communications services include but are not limited to AM/FM commercial broadcast, television, cellular services, radar, air-traffic control, pager, and Personal Communication Services (PCS). These licensed services, along with unintentional radiators such as digital devices, including computers, contribute to the electromagnetic environment.

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) is the ability of items of electronic equipment to function properly together in the electronic environment. While this computer has been designed and determined to be compliant with regulatory agency limits for EMI, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference with radio communications services, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, you are encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Relocate the computer with respect to the receiver.
- Move the computer away from the receiver.
- Plug the computer into a different outlet so that the computer and the receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary, consult a Dell Technical Support representative or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions.

For additional regulatory information, see the *Tell Me How* help file that accompanied your computer. To access the help file, see page 32.

NOM Information (Mexico Only)

The following information is provided on the device(s) described in this document in compliance with the requirements of the official Mexican standards (NOM):

Exporter:	Dell Inc. One Dell Way Round Rock, TX 78682
Importer:	Dell Computer de México, S.A. de C.V. Paseo de la Reforma 2620 - 11° Piso Col. Lomas Altas 11950 México, D.F.
Ship to:	Dell Computer de México, S.A. de C.V. Dell Computer de México, S.A. de C.V. al Cuidado de Kuehne & Nagel de México S. de R.L. Avenida Soles No. 55 Col. Peñon de los Baños 15520 México, D.F.
Model number:	DHM
Supply voltage:	115/230 VAC
Frequency:	60/50 Hz
Input current rating:	3,0/1,5 A

Limited Warranties

Dell-branded hardware products purchased in the U.S. or Canada come with either a 90-day, 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, or 4-year limited warranty. To determine which warranty came with your hardware product(s), see your packing slip or invoice. The following sections describe the limited warranties for the U.S., the limited warranties for Canada, the manufacturer guarantee for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Intel® Pentium® and Celeron® warranty for the U.S. and Canada.

Limited Warranty for Dell-Branded Hardware Products (U.S. Only)

What is covered by this limited warranty?

This limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in your—our end-user customer's—Dell-branded hardware products, including Dell-branded peripheral products.

What is not covered by this limited warranty?

This limited warranty does not cover:

- Software, including the operating system and software added to the Dell-branded hardware products through our factory-integration system, third-party software, or the reloading of software
- Non-Dell-branded and Solution Provider Direct products and accessories
- Problems that result from:
 - External causes such as accident, abuse, misuse, or problems with electrical power
 - Servicing not authorized by Dell
 - Usage that is not in accordance with product instructions
 - Failure to follow the product instructions or failure to perform preventive maintenance
 - Problems caused by using accessories, parts, or components not supplied by Dell
- Products with missing or altered Service Tags or serial numbers
- Products for which Dell has not received payment

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE (OR JURISDICTION TO JURISDICTION). DELL'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR MALFUNCTIONS AND DEFECTS IN HARDWARE IS LIMITED TO REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AS SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT. ALL EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES FOR THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE LIMITED IN TIME TO THE TERM OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY PERIOD REFLECTED ON YOUR PACKING SLIP OR INVOICE. NO WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WILL APPLY AFTER THE LIMITED WARRANTY PERIOD HAS EXPIRED. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THIS LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY BEYOND THE REMEDIES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR FOR CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY LIABILITY FOR THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS AGAINST YOU FOR DAMAGES, FOR PRODUCTS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR USE, OR FOR LOST DATA OR LOST SOFTWARE. OUR LIABILITY WILL BE NO MORE THAN THE AMOUNT YOU PAID FOR THE PRODUCT THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A CLAIM. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

How long does this limited warranty last?

This limited warranty lasts for the time period indicated on your packing slip or invoice, except for the following Dell-branded hardware:

- Portable computer batteries carry a 1-year limited warranty.
- Projector lamps carry a 90-day limited warranty.
- Memory carries a lifetime limited warranty.
- Monitors carry the longer of either a 3-year limited warranty or the remainder of the warranty for the Dell computer to which the monitor will be connected.
- Other add-on hardware carries the longer of either a 1-year limited warranty for new parts and a 90-day limited warranty for reconditioned parts or, for both new and reconditioned parts, the remainder of the warranty for the Dell computer on which such parts are installed.

The limited warranty on all Dell-branded products begins on the date of the packing slip or invoice. The warranty period is not extended if we repair or replace a warranted product or any parts. Dell may change the availability of limited warranties, at its discretion, but any changes will not be retroactive.

What do I do if I need warranty service?

Before the warranty expires, please call us at the relevant number listed in the following table. Please also have your Dell Service Tag or order number available.

Individual Home Consumers:	U.S. Only
Technical Support	1-800-624-9896
Customer Service	1-800-624-9897
Individual Home Consumers who purchased through an Employee Purchase Program:	
Technical Support and Customer Service	1-800-822-8965
Home and Small Business Commercial Customers:	
Technical Support and Customer Service	1-800-456-3355
Medium, Large, or Global Commercial Customers, Healthcare Customers, and Value-Added Resellers (VARs):	
Technical Support and Customer Service	1-800-822-8965
Government and Education Customers:	
Technical Support and Customer Service	1-800-234-1490
Dell-Branded Memory	1-888-363-5150

What will Dell do?

During the 90 days of the 90-day limited warranty and the first year of all other limited warranties: During the 90 days of the 90-day limited warranty and the first year of all other limited warranties, we will repair any Dell-branded hardware products returned to us that prove to be defective in materials or workmanship. If we are not able to repair the product, we will replace it with a comparable product that is new or refurbished.

When you contact us, we will issue a Return Material Authorization Number for you to include with your return. You must return the products to us in their original or equivalent packaging, prepay shipping charges, and insure the shipment or accept the risk if the product is lost or damaged in shipment. We will return the repaired or replacement products to you. We will pay to ship the repaired or replaced products to you if you use an address in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and territories). Otherwise, we will ship the product to you freight collect.

If we determine that the product is not covered under this warranty, we will notify you and inform you of service alternatives that are available to you on a fee basis.

NOTE: Before you ship the product(s) to us, make sure to back up the data on the hard drive(s) and any other storage device(s) in the product(s). Remove any confidential, proprietary, or personal information and removable media such as floppy disks, CDs, or PC Cards. We are not responsible for any of your confidential, proprietary, or personal information; lost or corrupted data; or damaged or lost removable media.

During the remaining years: For the remaining period of the limited warranty, we will replace any defective part with new or refurbished parts, if we agree that it needs to be replaced. When you contact us, we will require a valid credit card number at the time you request a replacement part, but we will not charge you for the replacement part as long as you return the original part to us within 30 days after we ship the replacement part to you. If we do not receive the original part within 30 days, we will charge to your credit card the then-current standard price for that part.

We will pay to ship the part to you if you use an address in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and territories). Otherwise, we will ship the part freight collect. We will also include a prepaid shipping container with each replacement part for your use in returning the replaced part to us.

NOTE: Before you replace parts, make sure to back up the data on the hard drive(s) and any other storage device(s) in the product(s). We are not responsible for lost or corrupted data.

What if I purchased a service contract?

If your service contract is with Dell, service will be provided to you under the terms of the service agreement. Please refer to that contract for details on how to obtain service.

If you purchased through us a service contract with one of our third-party service providers, please refer to that contract for details on how to obtain service.

How will you fix my product?

We use new and refurbished parts made by various manufacturers in performing warranty repairs and in building replacement parts and systems. Refurbished parts and systems are parts or systems that have been returned to Dell, some of which were never used by a customer. All parts and systems are inspected and tested for quality. Replacement parts and systems are covered for the remaining period of the limited warranty for the product you bought. Dell owns all parts removed from repaired products.

May I transfer the limited warranty?

Limited warranties on systems may be transferred if the current owner transfers ownership of the system and records the transfer with us. The limited warranty on Dell-branded memory may not be transferred. You may record your transfer by going to Dell's website:

- If you are an Individual Home Consumer, go to www.dell.com/us/en/dhs/topics/sbtopic_015_ccare.htm
- If you are a Home Office, Small, Medium, Large, or Global Commercial Customer, go to www.dell.com/us/en/biz/topics/sbtopic_ccare_nav_015_ccare.htm
- If you are a Government, Education, or Healthcare Customer, or an Individual Home Consumer who purchased through an Employee Purchase Program, go to www.dell.com/us/en/pub/topics/sbtopic_015_ccare.htm

If you do not have Internet access, call your customer care representative or call 1-800-624-9897.

Limited Warranty Terms for Dell-Branded Hardware Products (Canada Only)

What is covered by this limited warranty?

This limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in your—our end-user customer's—Dell-branded hardware products, including Dell-branded peripheral products.

What is not covered by this limited warranty?

This limited warranty does not cover:

- Software, including the operating system and software added to the Dell-branded hardware products through our factory-integration system, or the reloading of the software
- Non-Dell branded and Solution Provider Direct products and accessories
- Problems that result from:
 - External causes such as accident, abuse, misuse, or problems with electrical power
 - Servicing not authorized by Dell
 - Usage that is not in accordance with product instructions
 - Failure to follow the product instructions or failure to perform preventive maintenance
 - Problems caused by using accessories, parts, or components not supplied by Dell
- Products with missing or altered service tags or serial numbers
- Products for which Dell has not received payment

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM PROVINCE TO PROVINCE. DELL'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR MALFUNCTIONS AND DEFECTS IN PRODUCT IS LIMITED TO REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AS SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT, FOR THE TERM OF THE WARRANTY PERIOD REFLECTED ON YOUR INVOICE. EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT, DELL DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE. SOME PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS, OR LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY OR CONDITION LASTS. THEREFORE, THE FOREGOING EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY BEYOND THE REMEDIES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT OR FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY LIABILITY FOR THIRD PARTY CLAIMS AGAINST YOU FOR DAMAGES, FOR PRODUCTS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR USE, OR FOR LOST DATA OR LOST SOFTWARE. OUR LIABILITY WILL BE NO MORE THAN THE AMOUNT YOU PAID FOR THE PRODUCT THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A CLAIM. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE.

SOME PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

How long does this limited warranty last?

This limited warranty lasts for the time period indicated on your invoice, except that the limited warranty on Dell-branded batteries lasts only 1 year and the limited warranty on the lamps for Dell-branded projectors lasts only 90 days. The limited warranty begins on the date of the invoice. The warranty period is not extended if we repair or replace a warranted product or any parts. Dell may change the terms and availability of limited warranties, at its discretion, but any changes will not be retroactive (that is, the warranty terms in place at the time of purchase will apply to your purchase).

What do I do if I need warranty service?

Before the warranty expires, please call us at the relevant number listed in the following table. Please also have your Dell service tag number or order number available.

Individual Home Consumers; Home Office and Small Business Customers:	Canada Only
Technical Support and Customer Service	1-800-847-4096
Medium, Large, and Global Commercial Customers; Government, Education, and Healthcare Customers; and Value Added Resellers (VARs):	
Technical Support	1-800-387-5757
Customer Service	1-800-326-9463
Government or Education Customers, or Individual Home Consumers who purchased through an Employee Purchase Program:	
Technical Support	1-800-387-5757
Customer Service	1-800-326-9463 (Extension 8221 for Individual Consumers)
Dell-Branded Memory	1-888-363-5150

What will Dell do?

During the 90 days of the 90-day limited warranty and the first year of all other limited warranties: During the 90 days of the 90-day limited warranty and the first year of all other limited warranties, we will repair any Dell-branded hardware products returned to us that prove to be defective in materials or workmanship. If we are not able to repair the product, we will replace it with a comparable product that is new or refurbished.

When you contact us, we will issue a Return Material Authorization Number for you to include with your return. You must return the products to us in their original or equivalent packaging, prepay shipping charges, and insure the shipment or accept the risk if the product is lost or damaged in shipment. We will return the repaired or replacement products to you. We will pay to ship the repaired or replaced products to you if you use an address in Canada. Otherwise, we will ship the product to you freight collect.

If we determine that the problem is not covered under this warranty, we will notify you and inform you of service alternatives that are available to you on a fee basis.

NOTE: Before you ship the product(s) to us, make sure to back up the data on the hard drive(s) and any other storage device(s) in the product(s). Remove any confidential, proprietary or personal information, removable media, such as floppy disks, CDs, or PC Cards. We are not responsible for any of your confidential, proprietary or personal information; lost or corrupted data; or damaged or lost removable media.

During the remaining years following the first year of all limited warranties: We will replace any defective part with new or refurbished parts, if we agree that it needs to be replaced. When you contact us, we will require a valid credit card number at the time you request a replacement part, but we will not charge you for the replacement part as long as you return the original part to us within 30 days after we ship the replacement part to you. If we do not receive the original part within 30 days, we will charge to your credit card the then-current standard price for that part.

We will pay to ship the part to you if you use an address in Canada. Otherwise, we will ship the part freight collect. We will also include a prepaid shipping container with each replacement part for your use in returning the replaced part to us.

NOTE: Before you replace parts, make sure to back up the data on the hard drive(s) and any other storage device(s) in the product(s). We are not responsible for lost or corrupted data.

What if I purchased a service contract?

If your service contract is with Dell, service will be provided to you under the terms of the service contract. Please refer to that contract for details on how to obtain service. Dell's service contracts can be found online at www.dell.ca or by calling Customer Care at 1-800-847-4096. If you purchased through us a service contract with one of our third-party service providers, please refer to that contract (mailed to you with your packing slip or invoice) for details on how to obtain service.

How will you fix my product?

We use new and refurbished parts made by various manufacturers in performing warranty repairs and in building replacement parts and systems. Refurbished parts and systems are parts or systems that have been returned to Dell, some of which were never used by a customer. All parts and systems are inspected and tested for quality. Replacement parts and systems are covered for the remaining period of the limited warranty for the product you bought. Dell owns all parts removed from repaired products.

May I transfer the limited warranty?

Limited warranties on systems may be transferred if the current owner transfers ownership of the system and records the transfer with us. The limited warranty on Dell-branded memory may not be transferred. You may record your transfer by going to our website:

- For Canada-purchased computers (in-country transfers) and to transfer from one customer to another, go to www.dell.ca/ca/en/gen/topics/segtopic_ccare_nav_013_ccare.htm
- For out-of-country transfers (outside of the original country of purchase), go to www.dell.com/us/en/biz/topics/sbtopic_ccare_nav_016_ccare.htm

If you do not have Internet access, call Dell at 1-800-847-4096 (Home Consumer customers) or 1-800-326-9463 (Corporate Commercial or Government customers).

Dell Software and Peripherals (Canada Only)

Third-Party Software and Peripherals Products

Similar to other resellers of software and peripherals, Dell does not warrant third-party products. Third-party software and peripheral products are covered by the warranties provided by the original manufacturer or publisher only. Third-party manufacturer warranties vary from product to product. Consult your product documentation for specific warranty information. More information may also be available from the manufacturer or publisher.

While Dell offers a wide selection of software and peripheral products, we do not specifically test or guarantee that all of the products we offer work with any or all of the various models of Dell computers, nor do we test or guarantee all of the products we sell on the hundreds of different brands of computers available today. If you have questions about compatibility, we recommend and encourage you to contact the third-party software and peripheral product manufacturer or publisher directly.

Dell-Branded Peripheral Products

Dell does provide a limited warranty for new Dell-branded peripheral products (products for which Dell is listed as the manufacturer) such as monitors, batteries, memory, docking stations, and projectors. To determine which limited warranty applies to the product you purchased, see the Dell packing slip or invoice and/or the product documentation that accompanied your product. Descriptions of Dell's limited warranties are described in preceding sections.

1-Year End-User Manufacturer Guarantee (Latin America and the Caribbean Only)

Guarantee

Dell Computer Corporation ("Dell") warrants to the end user in accordance with the following provisions that its branded hardware products, purchased by the end user from a Dell company or an authorized Dell distributor in Latin America or the Caribbean, will be free from defects in materials, workmanship, and design affecting normal use, for a period of 1 year from the original purchase date. Products for which proper claims are made will, at Dell's option, be repaired or replaced at Dell's expense. Dell owns all parts removed from repaired products. Dell uses new and reconditioned parts made by various manufacturers in performing repairs and building replacement products.

Exclusions

This Guarantee does not apply to defects resulting from: improper or inadequate installation, use, or maintenance; actions or modifications by unauthorized third parties or the end user; accidental or willful damage; or normal wear and tear.

Making a Claim

Claims must be made in Latin America or the Caribbean by contacting the Dell point of sale within the guarantee period. The end user must always supply proof of purchase, indicating name and address of the seller, date of purchase, model and serial number, name and address of the customer, and details of symptoms and configuration at the time of malfunction, including peripherals and software used. Otherwise, Dell may refuse the guarantee claim. Upon diagnosis of a warranted defect, Dell will make arrangements and pay for ground freight and insurance to and from Dell's repair/replacement center. The end user must ensure that the defective product is available for collection properly packed in original or equally protective packaging together with the details listed above and the return number provided to the end user by Dell.

Limitation and Statutory Rights

Dell makes no other warranty, guarantee or like statement other than as explicitly stated above, and this Guarantee is given in place of all other guarantees whatsoever, to the fullest extent permitted by law. In the absence of applicable legislation, this Guarantee will be the end user's sole and exclusive remedy against Dell or any of its affiliates, and neither Dell nor any of its affiliates shall be liable for loss of profit or contracts, or any other indirect or consequential loss arising from negligence, breach of contract, or howsoever.

This Guarantee does not impair or affect mandatory statutory rights of the end user against and/or any rights resulting from other contracts concluded by the end user with Dell and/or any other seller.

Dell World Trade LP

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Providencia, Santiago - Chile

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Carrera 7 #115-33 Oficina 603
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11950 México, D.F.

Intel® Warranty Statement for Pentium® and Celeron® Processors Only (U.S. and Canada Only)

Intel's Three Year Limited Warranty

Limited Warranty

Intel warrants that its family of Pentium® and Celeron® processors, if properly used and installed, will be free from defects in materials and workmanship and will substantially conform to Intel's publicly available specifications for a period of three (3) years after the date the Pentium or Celeron processor was purchased (whether purchased separately or as part of a computer system).

If the Pentium or Celeron processor, which is the subject of this Limited Warranty, fails during the warranty period for reasons covered by this Limited Warranty, Intel, at its option, will:

- REPAIR the Pentium or Celeron processor by means of hardware and/or software; OR
- REPLACE the Pentium or Celeron processor with another Pentium or Celeron processor; OR
- If Intel is unable to repair or replace the particular Pentium or Celeron processor,
- REFUND the then-current value of the Pentium or Celeron processor.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, AND ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES THAT MAY EXIST UNDER STATE LAW, APPLY ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF THE PENTIUM OR CELERON PROCESSOR, OR PENTIUM OR CELERON PROCESSOR-BASED COMPUTER AND LAST ONLY FOR AS LONG AS SUCH PURCHASER CONTINUES TO OWN THE PROCESSOR.

Extent of Limited Warranty

Intel does not warrant that your Pentium or Celeron processor will be free from design defects or errors known as "errata." Current characterized errata are available upon request. This limited warranty is for purchasers in the United States and Canada only. The limited warranty does not cover any costs relating to removal or replacement of any Pentium or Celeron processors that are soldered or otherwise permanently affixed to your system's motherboard.

This limited warranty does not cover damages due to external causes, including accident, problems with electrical power, usage not in accordance with product instructions, misuse, neglect, alteration, repair, improper installation, or improper testing.

How to Obtain Warranty Service

To obtain warranty service for your Pentium or Celeron processor, you may contact your computer system manufacturer in accordance with its instructions, or you may contact Intel.

To request warranty service from Intel, you should call Intel at 1-800-628-8686 during the warranty period during normal business hours (Pacific Time), excluding holidays. Please be prepared to provide:

- (1) your name, address, and telephone numbers;
- (2) proof of purchase;
- (3) this Intel warranty card;
- (4) a description of the computer system including the brand and model; and
- (5) an explanation of the problem.

[Note: The Customer Service Representative may need additional information from you depending on the nature of the problem.]

The replacement processor is warranted under this written warranty and is subject to the same limitations and exclusions for the remainder of the original warranty period or one (1) year, whichever is longer.

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SOME LAWS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES SO THIS LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. IF THESE LAWS APPLY, THEN ALL EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIMITED WARRANTY PERIOD. NO WARRANTIES APPLY AFTER THAT PERIOD. SOME LAWS DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THIS LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

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