

ADDENDUM TO THE MS-DOS 3.1 USER'S GUIDE

There is an error in the MS-DOS 3.2 version of FDISK.EXE that causes the program to partition a hard disk incorrectly. Using FDISK in the following manner will allow you to partition your hard disk correctly.

Partitioning the Hard Disk with FDISK

1. Place your MS-DOS diskette in the A: drive.
2. Turn on your computer. If it is already on, then reset it by pressing and holding the CTRL and ALT keys, then pressing the DEL key. Hold all three keys down for a moment, then release them.
3. Answer the TIME and DATE prompts.
4. At the A> prompt:

Type: *FDISK*
Press *ENTER*
5. The FDISK *Main Menu* will appear. It will look something like this:

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Fixed Disk Setup Program Version 0.01
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FDISK Options

Choose one of the following:

1. Create DOS Partition
2. Change Active Partition
3. Delete DOS Partition
4. Display Partition Data

Enter choice:[1]

2. Choose the default option *Create DOS Partition*:

Press *ENTER*

The following prompt will be displayed:

Create DOS Partition

Do you wish to use the entire fixed
disk for DOS (Y/N).....?[Y]

3. Answer no to this question:

Type: *N*

Press *ENTER*

The *Create DOS Partition Menu* will be displayed:

Create DOS Partition

No partitions defined.

Total disk space is nnn cylinders.
Maximum available space is nnn cylinders at 0.

Enter partition size.....:[nnn]

4. In the *Create DOS Partition Menu*, *nnn* represents the number of cylinders in your hard disk (the screen will actually display the number of cylinders). Enter as the partition size a value one less than the number of cylinders. For example, if your hard disk has 111 cylinders then the partition size you enter is 110. After you enter the partition size press *ENTER*.
5. After you enter the partition size you will be asked to type the cylinder number where you want the partition to begin:

Enter starting cylinder number.: [0]

Type: *1*

Press *ENTER*.

6. You will see the following message:

DOS partition created

7. Return to the FDISK options menu by pressing the ESC key.

CHANGING THE ACTIVE PARTITION

1. From the options menu select *Change Active Partition*:

Type: 2
Press *ENTER*

The *Change Active Partition Menu* will be displayed:

Change Active Partition

Partition	Status	Type	Start	End	Size
1	N	DOS	1	nnn	nnn

Total disk space is nnn cylinders.

Enter the number of the partition you
Want to make active.....[]

2. You wish to make the first (and only) partition active. So:

Type: 1
Press *ENTER*.

3. This concludes the partitioning procedure. Press ESC and return to the options menu.

4. Press ESC to exit FDISK. The computer will re-boot.